

Cross country from D1

The Raiders also return seniors Andy Karl, Greg Seaman, Yancy Brandvain, Oz Pearlman and Fritz Schultes and sophomore Alec Tomasini.

"Karl was on varsity at times, Seaman, too," Welch said. "I'm sure at times this year they'll be there, but we have a lot of new faces I'm hoping will be able to help us."

The list of newcomers includes sophomores Ethan Goodman and Andrew Smith, juniors Jimmy Lala and Isaac Kaufman and freshmen Ian Brandvain, Joe Karl and Mike Weininger.

"We're still a young team with little varsity-level experience," Welch said, "but the guys have been working hard and are starting to show signs of progress."

"I'm looking forward to this year. I think we could have a decent squad and fare well in the conference."

The Raiders start with a quad meet Thursday at Walled Lake Central that will include Plymouth Canton and Livonia Churchill.

Farmington High

Couch Chip Bridges is pleased with the addition of sophomore and first-year runner Pat Lockhart, who was on the soccer team last year.

"He's definitely been the most consistent guy so far," Bridges said, adding Lockhart ran a couple cross country meets at the end of last year and did a nice job in track before getting hurt.

Lockhart could be the No. 1 runner when the season starts, but Farmington returns juniors Brian Atkins, Andrew Kenerson, Aaron Scheidies and Chris Nagrant with varsity experience.

The Falcons, who were 1-5 in duals, have no seniors on the team.

Sophomores Brian Gligio, Sharnik Trevedi, Raji Bedi, Mike McKurvey and Hemanth Srinivas also return but didn't letter last year. Bridges said freshman Tom Eason has looked good in early practices.

Scheidies and Nagrant are in the top three, and Kenerson, Atkins and Gligio are likely choices to round out the varsity lineup for the start of the season.

"We're looking to improve on last year's results," Bridges said. "We've improved our No. 1 position over last year, but our second, third, fourth and fifth guys need to get better. Patrick gives us more consistency, but we need to get the other guys in a little tighter, closer to Patrick."

"We need to have more consistent performances from those guys. We're working on what it means to be focused and to support each other. Those are the improvements we're trying to make."

The Falcons start the season Thursday with a quad meet at Willis Park and will run against Walled Lake Western, Westland

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John Reed
Farmington Harrison coach

John Glenn and Harrison.

"Salem and Central are far and away the top two teams in our league," Bridges said. "After that, listening to the coaches, everybody seems to be inexperienced, so it will be interesting to see how it all shakes out."

"We're hoping to find a spot in there, but right now we really need to work on consistency."

Farmington Harrison

Junior Tony Ward finished last season as Harrison's top runner and returns along with seniors Ben Ilmer, Ryan Sharpe, Brian Franco and Greg Brooks and juniors Caleb Smith, Eric Oswald and twins Jason and Justin Shaffer.

"He's motivated and wants to make it to state," coach John Reed said of Ward. "I think his goal is to qualify for state and move up to the top 15 in the conference. I'd really like to see him have a great season, and I think he's ready to do that."

Ward will be challenged for the team's top spot by junior Jason Scarbrough, a first-year cross country runner who had a good track season running middle distance last spring.

"We have two good front-runners in Jason and Tony with a bunch of kids behind them who are going to get better," Reed said.

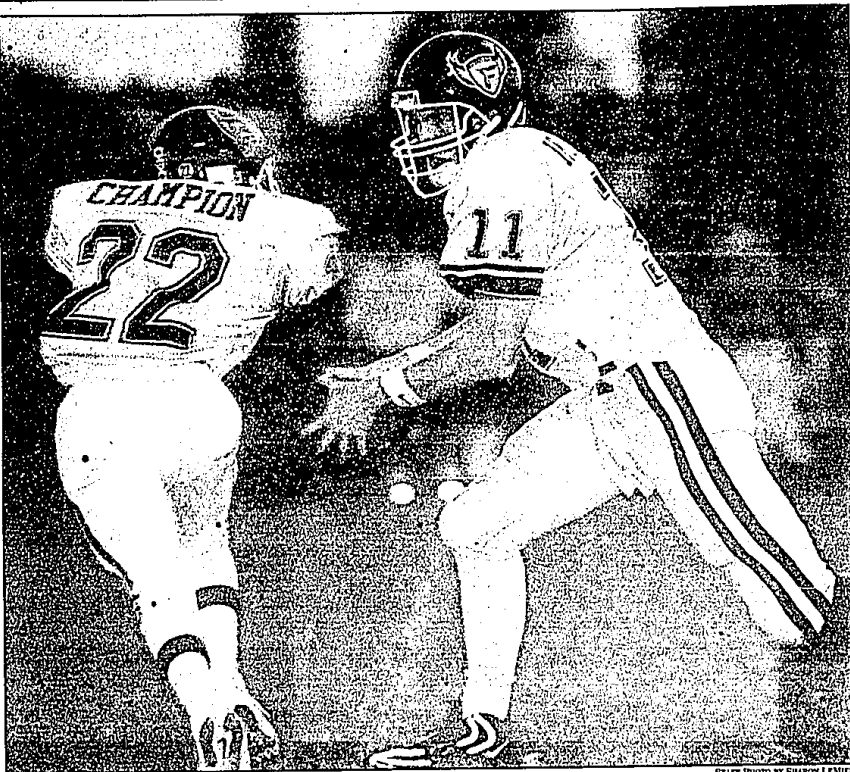
He believes some of the other new runners could contribute right away, too. The group includes sophomore John Rauch and freshmen Greg Ardisana, Dan Lee, Steve Sargold and Jim Darnell.

"Three could be in the top seven after the first meet, which is a good sign for the future, which means we're only going to get better," Reed said.

"It's the best group of new guys coming in that I've had in 3-4 years. If we can keep these guys together, we might be two seasons away from being good like we used to be."

The Hawks, who were winless in six dual meets, begin the season Thursday in the same quad meet hosted by Walled Lake Western.

"I think we're going to be a little bit better than we were at the bottom, and we're trying to work our way up."



Backfield in motion: Farmington quarterback Scott Kneller fakes a handoff to halfback Robert Champion in the season opener Friday at Novi. The Wildcats capitalized on Farmington's mistakes for a 38-7 victory.

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the Farmington 7 after the blocked punt but settled for a 20-yard field goal by Chris Christoff, who also booted five extra points.

"We pride ourselves on not turning the ball over and we had two picked off," Bechtel said. "That opened the flood gates, and we couldn't shut it off."

"We got out of our game plan so darn early. It wasn't our plan to open up and throw all over the place."

Bechtel said the Falcons, who were outgained 141-15 in the first half, were still upbeat at halftime.

"They were disgusted but they weren't ready to go home," he

said. "I told the kids I take responsibility for everything that goes bad in the program. I apologized to them at halftime."

"We probably put too high expectations on the kids, and they didn't perform in the first half. I do believe we'll be successful and maybe it's a maturation process. Maybe we pushed them too much mentally, and it got away from us."

The Falcons showed they still had some fight by taking the second-half kickoff and driving 79 yards for their only touchdown.

Farmington controlled the ball for nearly eight minutes and 16 plays during the drive. Scott Rycerz, who carried six times for

29 yards after Mark Ostach got hurt, scored on a 7-yard run and Stephen Wayne added the PAT.

Nov's Cervi finished the scoring early in the fourth quarter when he broke loose up the middle for a 64-yard touchdown run.

"Sometimes you have to be careful (in assessing your team after an easy, opening win)," Osborne said, "but nothing builds success like success. We're taking it and we're going to enjoy it. We think we beat a good team."

Novi had 203 of its 221 yards on the ground as Cervi rushed for 95 and Mitch Maier 51. Rycerz gained 75 yards on 10 carries, Ostach 54 on 15 and Robert

Champion 26 on 11. Farmington quarterback Scott Kneller was 3-of-11 passing for 14 yards. The Falcons had 150 total yards.

"Novi got after us and played with great emotion," Bechtel said. "They did a good job preparing for the wing-T, maybe because they run it themselves and have been defending against it for a long time with South Lyon."

"I built up the expectations for this team to other people at our school and the parents group, and I don't want them to give up on us. If it takes us a week, two weeks or more, we're going to keep fighting and do it right."

Trojans start with 12-6 win over Cranes

Walter Ragland and Tim Shaw combined to give Livonia Clarenceville something it hasn't had in at least five years — a season-opening victory.

Ragland scored two touchdowns while Shaw rushed for 107 yards and intercepted a pass Friday night to lead Clarenceville to a 12-6 Metro Conference victory over visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Ragland finished with 56

yards on the ground on 20 attempts; Shaw carried the ball 12 times.

Quarterback John Wallace was also on target, completing 5-of-8 passes for 100 yards.

Ragland scored on a 1-yard run in the second quarter, capping a 70-yard drive and giving Clarenceville a 6-0 lead at half-

time.

The Trojans increased their lead to 12-0 on a 4-yard Ragland run in the third period. It came after Josh Rose recovered a Cranbrook fumble at midfield.

Clarenceville twice tried two-point conversions, missing both.

Cranbrook scored on a 18-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Clak ended with 332 yards on 11 carries while Short gained 49 on 12. Lincoln Park ran 41 times for 245 yards.

Chris Thomas recovered one Lincoln Park fumble for Franklin.

The Patriots ran 28 times for 84 yards and sophomore Jon Ruggiero threw 19 times, completing six for 42 yards. He was intercepted three times.

Franklin made 12 first downs to 13 for Lincoln Park. The Patriots also lost one fumble.

BELEVILLE 16, SALEM 6: The Rocks can take something besides a touchdown from their first football game: the knowledge they might not be half bad if it can just eliminate the mistakes.

Salem turned the ball over five times Friday, and the host Tigers turned the mistakes into a 16-0 victory.

The Rocks scored the only points of the second half but they came too late.

Fullback Eric Peterson plunged a yard with 3:38 to play, and the two-point pass attempt failed. Salem's Matt Fair rushed eight times for 39 yards. He also had 110 passing yards on 7-for-19 throwing but had three interceptions.

JOHN GLENN 24, COOLEY 0: Three touchdowns by senior back Reggie Spearman and a strong defense were all the visiting Rockets needed Friday night to rout host Detroit Cooley in their mutual season opener.

Spearman scored on a 1-yard run in the first quarter, then tallied from 8- and 10-yards out in the second as Westland John Glenn rolled to a 21-0 halftime lead.

He was the only player in the first half to touch the ball.

The Cardinals notched their lone touchdown in the third period with the Rockets ringing up a 28-yard field goal by Jeremy Cotaque in the fourth to close out the scoring.

Spearman finished with 199 yards on 31 carries. John Glenn limited Cooley to just 88 yards total offense in the game.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
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OAKLAND COUNTY
31655 ELEVEN MILE ROAD
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Bransbury Ridge Sanitary Sewer Improvement Special Assessment Roll No. C-2927 in the amount of \$238,600.00 for the construction of Sanitary Sewer Improvements in said City to be located as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Quaker Valley Road	Lyncroft	Just West of Bransbury Ridge
Bransbury Ridge	Quaker Valley Rd.	Northerly Terminus

has been filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:	\$238,600.00
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	100.00%
TOTAL COST TO DISTRICT:	\$238,600.00
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$ 17,655.70

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chamber, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan on the 14th day of September, 1998 at 7:30 o'clock P.M., to review said Special Assessment Roll and to hear any objections thereto.

Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to present the special assessment, or may present the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal on or after the date of the special assessment within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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