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## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Falcons win golf meet

Farmington won the city tri-meet in boys golf Wednesday with a 200 team score at Glen Oaks Golf Course. The Falcons finished four strokes ahead of Farmington Harrison (204) and six ahead of North Farmington (206).

The medalist was North's Derek Spicer, who shot a one-over-par 37. Senior Dan Kimmel and Brian Proven, a freshman playing in his first varsity contest, shot 38 apiece to lead Farmington.

Also scoring for the Falcons were Chris Katcherian and Ian Pardonette with 41 each and Sam Kremer with 42. John Knight was next at 43. Matt Lee and Kevin Geary shot rounds of 40 for Harrison, Kenny Lee and Brian Grohman 41, Chris Scott and Mike Palmer 42.

Mike Patterson was second for the Raiders at 40, Mark Isler shot 42, Mike Barnett 43, Brady Dwyer and Brandon Finkel 44.

### Raiders earn medals

North Farmington's Kori Rothman and Karen Beckli were medal winners in cross country Sept. 19 at the Walled Lake Western Invitational.

Rothman finished in 13th place (23:10) and Beckli was 14th (23:13). The top 20 runners received medals.

Both girls competed in the junior-senior race. The Raiders were fifth with 153 points behind North Farmington, South Lyon (76), Northville (84) and Western (141).

"Karen had a great week, workout-wise and in races Thursday and Saturday," North coach Bill Pinnell said. "She's ahead of where she was last year, and Kori has been solid for us all year."

"Both are going to improve as the season progresses. Kori was hurt at this time last year, so she's ahead of where she was, also."

Also running for North were Cristina Buzintan, 34th (24:50); Emily Stockton, 44th (25:13); and Amy Newman, 48th (25:41).

### Hockey boosters meet

The Farmington Schools Hockey Booster Club will have its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, in the Farmington High cafeteria.

The group's objective is to aid in the implementation and funding of the new unified high school hockey team. As a pay-to-participate sport, the initial cost for equipment will be extensive. Other expenses will include team transportation, game officials and ice time.

Assistance is needed in many areas, including fund-raising and working at home games. Immediate assistance is needed in the preparation of a program book to be sold at home games. The first home game will be Nov. 17.

Area merchants and businesses that would like to advertise in the program book could call Dennis Patterson at (248) 653-8119.

### Raiders down Warriors

Kevin Majeske (Lutheran Northwest) and Scott Stevens scored two goals each Thursday as the Oakland Community College men's soccer team defeated Rochester College, 4-3. Irvin Meran (Troy Athens) had two assists for the Raiders, who are 2-1.

### CCC loses in 5 games

Oakland Community College (8-8) went the full five games with Rochester College (8-5) in women's volleyball Thursday but was on the losing end of a 15-12, 15-5, 9-15, 9-15, 15-12 match score.

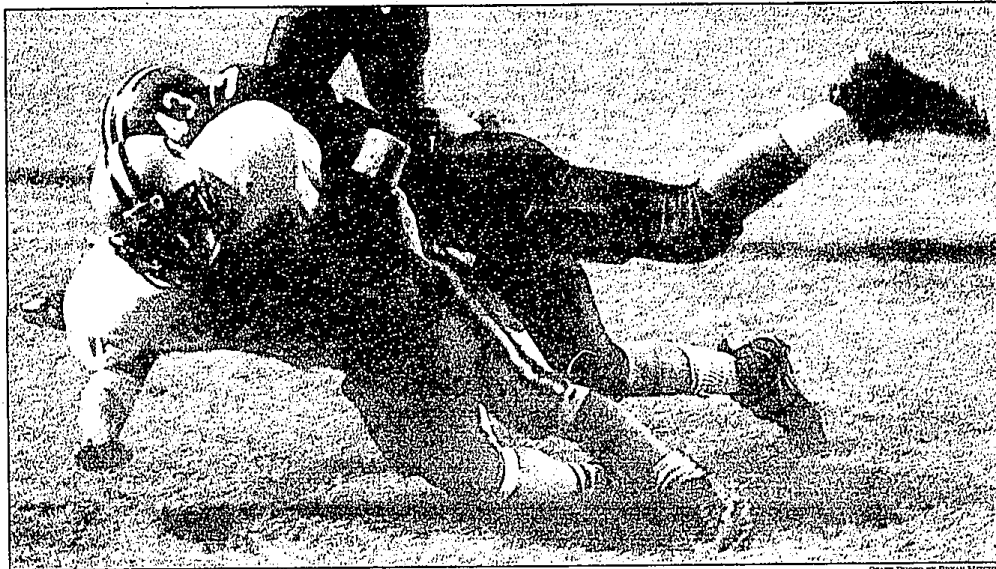
CCC's Jessica Regentin (Walled Lake) set a school record with 26 kills and 12 digs. Brynn Allyn (Clarkston) had 15 kills and 18 digs.

Jennifer O'Connor (Redford) had 31 set assists and 19 digs. Sarah Farlow had 23 set assists; Andrea Jones had nine kills and 13 digs.

### NFWB softball tryouts

Tryouts for the NFWB 16-and-under girls in softball will be held from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, and Sunday, Oct. 11, at North Farmington High School.

Tryouts for the 18-and-under team will be noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at North Farmington. For more information call Rob Schrock at (248) 471-3086.



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**Touchdown play:** Senior Blake Boesky is tackled by Franklin's Joe Meier but not before scoring a touchdown on a pass reception from quarterback Dave Pesci in undefeated Harrison's 41-6 victory. The Hawks have a big game Saturday with Walled Lake Western.

## Hawks rout Patriots for 4th win

**Farmington Harrison allowed its first points of the football season Friday, but it hardly mattered in the final tally. The Hawks routed to their fourth straight win, 41-6 over Livonia Franklin.**

Farmington Harrison tuned up for its showdown Saturday with Walled Lake Western by crunching its fourth straight victory of the 1998 football season.

The Hawks racked up 384 yards in total offense but allowed their first touchdown of the season Friday in a 41-6 victory at Livonia Franklin.

Harrison improved to 4-0 overall and 2-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. Franklin is winless in four starts.

The Hawks scored three times in the opening quarter — Dave Pesci on a 3-yard scoring pass to Blake Boesky; Pesci again on a 36-yard TD pass to Mike Head; and Kevin Woods on a 50-yard run. Joe Ghannam converted all

three extra points.

Pesci tossed his third TD pass of the night in the second quarter, a 29-yarder to Ricky Bryant.

Pesci completed seven of 14 passes for 155 yards, while Franklin quarterback Joe Ruggiero hit 14 of 36 passes for 107 yards.

Bryant then returned the second-half kickoff 87 yards for a score, and Matt Reed capped the Harrison scoring with a 42-yard run in the third quarter.

Reed led all rushers with 127 yards in eight carries, while Woods added 69 on seven attempts.

"I was impressed with Harrison's execution and aggressiveness," Franklin coach Rick Lee said. "We moved the chains some tonight (13 first

downs). It was our best effort of the year."

Franklin's Jeff Job, who rushed for 55 yards in 17 carries, scored the first points of the season against Harrison with a 6-yard TD run in the final quarter.

There was only one turnover in the game when Franklin's Vic Matta recovered a Harrison fumble.

The Hawks can now focus on their big game with the Warriors (4-0, 2-0), one that will undoubtedly again decide the Western Division title. Kickoff is 1 p.m. Saturday at Harrison.

### Spartans outshoot Raiders

Livonia Stevenson and North Farmington had back-to-back kickoff returns for touchdowns to start their game Friday, and that was just the start of the offensive fireworks, especially by the Spartans.

Stevenson won the Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division encounter, 42-22, after totaling 359

total yards and scoring 35 unanswered points to erase an early 14-7 deficit.

The win improves Stevenson to 2-2 overall, 1-1 in the division, heading into a major test Friday at Westland John Glenn.

North, which had 241 total yards, including 176 through the air, fell to 1-3 overall, 0-2 in the Lakes.

The Spartans had 11 first downs to eight for the Raiders.

Mike McClain returned the opening kickoff 85 yards, and the first of Dan West's six extra points made the score 7-0 for the Spartans.

Before the Stevenson crowd could return to their seats, North's Todd Weiss ran back the ensuing kickoff for a score. Brian Watha's extra point tied the score at 7-7.

"He's a good runner and we didn't wrap him up," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "He beat the contain guy and he was gone."

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## Harrison halts Stevenson win streak

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Ali Ault and Emily Jackson were lighting up the scoreboard again Thursday, and that meant Farmington Harrison was headed for another girls basketball victory.

Jackson and Ault combined for 32 points as the host Hawks ended Livonia Stevenson's six-game winning streak while extending theirs to three, 51-27.

Jackson scored a game-high 18 points and Ault 14. Each player made four three-point baskets, combining for all but one of Harrison's nine. Senior Ari Ault added seven points, including the other triple.

In two previous wins over Walled Lake Central and Brighton, Jackson

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and Ali Ault combined for 26 points in both games.

"We knew coming in (the Hawks) were three-point shooters," Stevenson coach Wayne Henry said. "Obviously, we didn't do a good job of stopping them."

"We tried a couple defenses and everything we did was back on our heels. When we were at their end, we let them dictate what they wanted to do."

"They have girls who can drive the court and shoot the three. When you can put four girls on the court who can do those two things, you can break defenses down, especially if it's an

inexperienced defense."

Jackson made two threes to end the first quarter with Harrison ahead, 11-7. The Hawks (4-3) made a decisive move in the second period, scoring the first 12 points and taking a 29-11 lead into halftime.

Ault and Jackson had two threes apiece in the second quarter as Harrison made seven of 12 field-goal attempts.

"I've been pleased with way the girls have played," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said. "I thought we took good shots. Sometimes we rebounded better on offense than defense. We chased down some long rebounds and had a lot of second and third shots."

"We shoot a lot of threes, but we still mix it up. What has helped is Ali, Kelly

(Taylor) and Emily attacking the basket."

Lindsay Gussick led the Spartans with 11 points. Stephanie Dulk added nine, Cassis Ehlenko and Cheryl Fox combined for the other seven. Taylor tossed in six points for the Hawks.

Stevenson (6-2) got within 15 points early in the third quarter, 31-16, but Harrison went on a 13-1 run and led 44-20 with eight minutes remaining.

"They're a little more experienced than us, even though they lost two great players (Amy Robie and Mahogany Fletcher) last year," Henry said. "Because of all the experience, they're going to be a little more poised on the court."

"We were 6-1 but really hadn't

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## Negoshian back on N. Farmington bench

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Who says you can't go home again? Tom Negoshian is, for his second stint as North Farmington varsity boys basketball coach.

Negoshian, 61, spent the last five seasons as an assistant at Walled Lake Central, coaching and watching his sons, Ryan and Todd, during their varsity years there.

When Brian Swinehart, who replaced him at North, was promoted to Farmington Public Schools athletic director a month ago, Negoshian was approached about taking his old job again.

The timing couldn't have been better since Todd graduated in June, but Negoshian wants to follow his career at Cornerstone College in Grand Rapids, too.

"It really worked out," Negoshian said, adding he never intended on coming back. "I just didn't know where I could go and feel comfortable being there. I was pretty content and committed to watching Todd."

"When something was first said to me, I got ahold of Todd's schedule and saw there was only one conflict out of 30 games."

Negoshian also wanted Pete Mantyla, the Farmington Harrison girls varsity coach, to be his assistant coach. Negoshian has been Mantyla's assistant for five years, too. Tim Carruthers will coach the JV team and Jeff Simpson the freshmen.

"Pete said he'd be glad to be my assistant and it worked out great," Negoshian said. "I'd also like to thank (Central coach) Steve Emert from the bottom of my heart for giving me the opportunity he did. This was not planned; it just worked out."

After being on the same bench for five seasons, Negoshian and Emert will be on opposite sides of the table.

"We had a great rivalry before, and I'm sure it will be again," Negoshian said.

Negoshian, who has been with Farmington Public Schools for 29 years and teaches physical education

at Warner Middle School, is happy to back with the Raiders.

"We have a great community, a great school and outstanding support," Negoshian said, adding he has already met with the team.

"I don't want to make a big deal out of it. I'm coming back to coach where I coached. If not for my sons at Walled Lake Central, I'd probably still be there. I wasn't going to miss my boys playing. I saw all the fun North Farmington parents had and the lifelong friends they made. By going to the Walled Lake Central games, the same thing happened for me and my wife."

"My family has been very supportive. We talked about it and even Todd said 'Dad, that's where you belong.'"

Negoshian recalled how his boys, assistant coach Greg Cnpling's two sons and JV coach Denny Mikel's son, Matt, served as the team's ball boys.

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