

## FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Whalers whip Colts

The Barrie Colts were ahead of the Ontario Hockey League's hottest team, the Plymouth Whalers, Saturday at Compuware Arena — but for less than a minute.

Barrie scored first, getting a goal from Scott Cameron at 13:43 of the first period. But the Whalers answered with three power-play goals and rolled to a 5-1 victory.

The win, their seventh in a row, made the Whalers 9-1 — best in the OHL.

Harold Druken led Plymouth with two goals, his first coming 56 seconds after Cameron's goal. Nik Tachon and Andy Colagiaco added three assists each, with Paul Mura getting a goal and two assists. David Logwood and Tomas Valtanen also scored goals.

### Marlins clinch title

Farmington Hills Mercy captured the Catholic League dual-meet championship in girls' cross country for the eighth consecutive year Tuesday.

The Marlins finished 6-0 in dual meets after running past Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 19-44.

Sophomore Sarah Polletta led the Marlins with a first-place time of 20:13. Senior Erin Thomas was third (20:25), freshman Val Burniski fourth (21:25), senior Susan Agacinski fifth (21:33), senior Christina Andriola sixth (22:03), freshman Natalie Lowman seventh (22:04) and junior Alyssa Burniski eighth (22:18).

In the Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Invitational, Polletta finished ninth (20:06) and earned a medal Saturday at Buhr Park in Ann Arbor.

### Raiders 7th at invite

North Farmington finished seventh out of 14 teams Saturday in the Division II girls' cross country race at the Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Invitational.

The Raiders had 183 team points. The top six teams were Northville (65), Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Durand, Milan, Clawson and Livonia Ladywood. Farmington Harrison was 14th.

Holly Stockton equaled her best time of the season (22:21) and finished 23rd for the Raiders.

Karen Bockli was 25th (22:32), Kori Rothman 33rd (22:52), Amanda Dobkowski 49th (23:14), Kristen Stamboulis 53rd (23:49) and Mone Grawal 69th (24:18).

In the JV race, three North girls received ribbons, which went to the top 20. Nina Bianchi was fifth (25:02), Kara Artinian 12th (25:59) and Erika Jacquin 17th (26:20).

### Swimmer sets records

Farmington Hills Mercy had some outstanding swimmers Saturday in the annual Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet.

Amy McCullough set two varsity records while finishing second in the 200-yard freestyle (1:52.59) and the 500 freestyle (4:57.6).

Erin Downs had the team's lone first place in the butterfly (59.70).

Elizabeth Posvar also was second in two events — the 50 freestyle (24.77) and the 100 freestyle (53.41).

Kristin Loridas was seventh (5:16.86) and Elizabeth MacDonald eighth (5:18.11) in the 500 freestyle. Kelly Carlin was eighth in the backstroke (1:03.22).

The Marlins also won two relays. McCullough, Posvar and Carlin were teamed with Downs in the medley relay (1:52.21) and with Loridas in the 400 freestyle (3:37.17).

Downs, Katie Matous, MacDonald and Loridas were fifth in the 200 freestyle relay (1:43.02).

### Howell edges Harrison

Farmington Harrison's Taylor Goad had four first places and Lindsey Fetters three as the Hawks lost a close meet Tuesday with Howell at North Farmington, 98-86.

Goad won the 200-yard freestyle (2:10.23) and butterfly (1:07.44). Fetters took first place in the IM (2:16.1) and breaststroke (1:10.86).

Other Harrison winners were Julie Kluka in the 100 freestyle (57.07) and Laura Uridge in the 500 freestyle (5:05.23).

Goad, Kluka and Regina Bander combined with Uridge to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:52.32) and with Fetters to win the 400 relay (4:05.44).

## Old foes meet again in grid final



From 1985 to 1993, Farmington Harrison and Westland John Glenn played six times in the Western Lakes championship football game, but Saturday will be the first time in five years they've met with a league title at stake.

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There was a time when Farmington Harrison and Westland John Glenn used to decide the Western Lakes Activities Association football championship every year.

It's been four years since they've even played each other and five years since they last met in the WLAA title game.

But the teams will renew their rivalry Saturday when they meet for the seventh time to determine who is the 1998 king of the gridiron.

"The last couple years (Walled Lake) Western has gotten to be our biggest rival, and we haven't played Glenn," Harrison coach John Herrington said.

"There's a lot of emotion in (the Western game), but playing for the league championship is going to be the same thing."

"Glenn has a stable coaching staff,

and we know they'll be prepared. They have a tradition of being in the playoffs like us almost every year, and they have a tradition of playing in a lot of big games."

Both teams are 7-0 overall, having finished 5-0 in their respective WLAA divisions. Harrison, which holds a 4-2 lead in the championship series, is ranked No. 1 in Class A; Glenn is No. 6 in AA.

"This is why you play," Glenn coach Chuck Gordon said. "You want to play in big games, and you want to do your best. Here we are and we have a chance."

A big concern for the Rockets is trying to contain Harrison's prolific, quick-strike offense, which has scored more than 300 points and is averaging

44.14 per game.

"They're very explosive on offense and (Ricky) Bryant is an outstanding receiver," Gordon said. "But you can't just completely focus on Bryant, because you'd better account for (Andre) Davis and (Mike) Hand is excellent, also."

"You have to keep them from getting these big plays they get every week. Nobody has done it yet, so that's a tough task and a tall order."

Bryant, who has 28 receptions for 602 yards and 10 touchdowns, is close to breaking several career records for a Michigan high school player.

He needs just 73 receiving yards and three TD catches to surpass Tim Steele (Sterling Heights Stevenson) in the for-

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### District soccer tournament



STAFF PHOTO BY DILL BARRIS

Raiders rout RU: North Farmington senior Justin Street uses his body to control the ball and keep it away from Redford Union's Kirk Pinho in a Division II tournament game Monday. The Raiders won 8-1 to advance to the second round Wednesday. See stories on Page C3.

## Falcons in final after OT victory

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In four years of playing varsity soccer together at Farmington High School, Tim Falcon usually has been the one setting up fellow senior Tim Rais to score goals.

But it was the other way around Wednesday as Falcon scored the winning goal, with an assist from Rais, to finish an incredible comeback by the Falcons in a district tournament game.

Farmington rallied from a three-goal deficit to earn a 4-3, double-overtime victory over visiting Dearborn Heights Crestwood in a Division II contest.

"I saw the whole season, all four years of my high school career, flash before me," said Rais, who scored two goals, as did Falcon. "We just didn't give up."

### BOYS SOCCER

"I was afraid we weren't going to make it, but we picked our heads up and battled back," said Falcon, who scored the game-winner with 2:58 remaining in the second 15-minute overtime period.

The game would have been decided by penalty kicks if neither team had scored before time expired.

The Falcons (11-5-3) worked the ball up the left sideline, with David Tweedy passing to Rais, who carried it into Crestwood territory and crossed it to Falcon on the far post.

After seeing his team frustrated on many second-half scoring chances, Falcon timed the play just right and banged a header into the opposing net.

"I saw Timmy going down the line, and I saw him beat two or three guys," Falcon said. "I knew the ball was coming, and I just waited on the back door."

Rais executed coach Luke Juncja's plan to attack from the flank in the second half instead of going at the crowded center of the Crestwood defense.

"I just took it down to the corner,

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## Harrison cruises to 5th consecutive win

### BASKETBALL

Farmington Harrison kept pace with the other league leaders in girls' basketball Tuesday with a 62-27 victory at Westland John Glenn.

The Hawks remain tied for first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association with Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton. All three teams are 7-1 with three games left.

All-Ault named Harrison with 14 points, Kelly Taylor added 12 and Ciera Colbert chipped in nine as the Hawks improved to 10-4 overall.

Senior center Charlotte Blashfield led the Hawks with 10 rebounds, and Colbert also helped in that department with seven.

It was the third straight game Harri-

son has played (and won) without senior guard Ari Ault, who suffered strained knee ligaments early in an Oct. 13 game with North Farmington.

"It's hard to lose a four-year starter, but we're going day by day without her and trying to fit all the pieces together," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said. "She worked so hard and it's difficult for her to sit on the sideline now."

"Kelly Taylor has become the point guard in her absence and has done really well. I know that's not what she prefers, but she's doing it for the good of the team."

Mantyla said Ault is out indefinitely but hopes to have her back in the lineup before the end of the season.

The Rockets, who are 7-6 overall and 4-4 in the WLAA, got seven points apiece from LaToya Chandler and Samantha Crews.

The Hawks were ahead 17-6 after one period and 32-13 at the half. They held a 16-3 margin in the third period.

Harrison hit six three-point shots in the game, as well as many shots that were just shy of the three-point line.

The Hawks, who have won five straight games and nine of their last 10, finish the league schedule against Livonia Franklin, Farmington and Walled Lake Western.

NORTHVILLE 49, N. FARMINGTON 40: The Raiders had sophomore Samantha McComb back in the lineup Tuesday, but her 20 points couldn't stop the visiting Mustangs from taking home a victory.

Senior Katie Vitalec added 10 points for the Raiders and junior Brittany Vitalec six.

McComb, who sank three triples, also had six blocks, six rebounds and two assists. Katie Vitalec had 10 rebounds and three steals.

Northville held a 36-34 lead after three quarters and outscored North in the fourth period, 12-6. The Mustangs led at halftime, 22-19.

Kelly Anderson scored 15 points, Janet Hesse eight and Mary Tanski seven for Northville.

"We played hard but missed a ton of shots," North coach Linda Perkins said, adding the

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