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**Bryant named MVP**

Senior Ricky Bryant was named the most valuable player on the 1998 Farmington Harrison football team, which finished 13-0 and repeated as Class A state champion.

That and other awards were presented Sunday during the team's annual post-season banquet at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills.

Bryant, the only four-year starter in school history, ended his prep career as Harrison's all-time leading receiver and holds school records for career receptions, yardage and touchdowns.

He has visited Michigan State and plans visits to Wisconsin and Purdue. He also is considering Michigan and Northwestern.

Harrison coach John Herrington called Bryant "the next Anthony Carter. I think some day he'll be sitting at the table with John Miller and Mill Coleman," said Herrington, referring to the former Harrison greats who were guest speakers at the banquet.

The other awards and their recipients were: BOTR of the Year (best of the rest on the scout team), junior Ryan Lukas; Scholar-Athlete, seniors Brett Foster and Dave Pesci; Spirit Award, senior Blake Besky; Most Improved Player, seniors Steve Migliore, Dario Otero and Matt Turney; Stick Award, senior Mike Hoad; Special Teams Player, senior Joe Ghannam; Block of Granite, Foster; Outstanding Lineman, senior Bryan McGhee; Best Back, Pesci.

Harrison was the highest-scoring team in the state with 530 points and was ranked 19th nationally by USA Today.

"This was a goal-oriented, stay-hungry team that was dedicated to defending its state championship," Herrington said.

**Whalers stay on track**

Not that they're in any trouble, but Plymouth Whalers coach Pete DeBoer isn't one to allow his team to rest on their collective laurels.

Not if there's a path open to improvement.

The Whalers won twice last weekend, following a lackluster 4-3 win over host Sault Ste. Marie Friday with a decisive 7-2 triumph against the Erie Otters Saturday at Compuware Arena. The victories improved Plymouth's Ontario Hockey League record to 24-4-2, first in the West Division.

But keeping the Whalers on track won't be easy, not with defencemen Paul Mara and Nik Taelos and forwards David Legwand and Harold Druken leaving to try out for their respective countries in the World Junior Championships.

In an effort to keep the Whalers in high gear, DeBoer traded a 1999 fourth-round draft choice to the Brampton Battalion for defenceman Mark McMahon. McMahon is a 6-foot-2 overage player (he's 20); his procurement allows Plymouth to fill its overage allotment of three.

McMahon started the season playing for the Florida Everblades in the East Coast Hockey League. He had one goal and four assists in 13 games. Last year, as a member of the Kitchener Rangers, McMahon enjoyed his best season of junior hockey, collecting 12 goals and 38 assists. He also had 175 penalty minutes in 61 games.

A fifth-round selection of the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes, McMahon joins Rick Smith and Troy Smith as the Whalers' overage players.

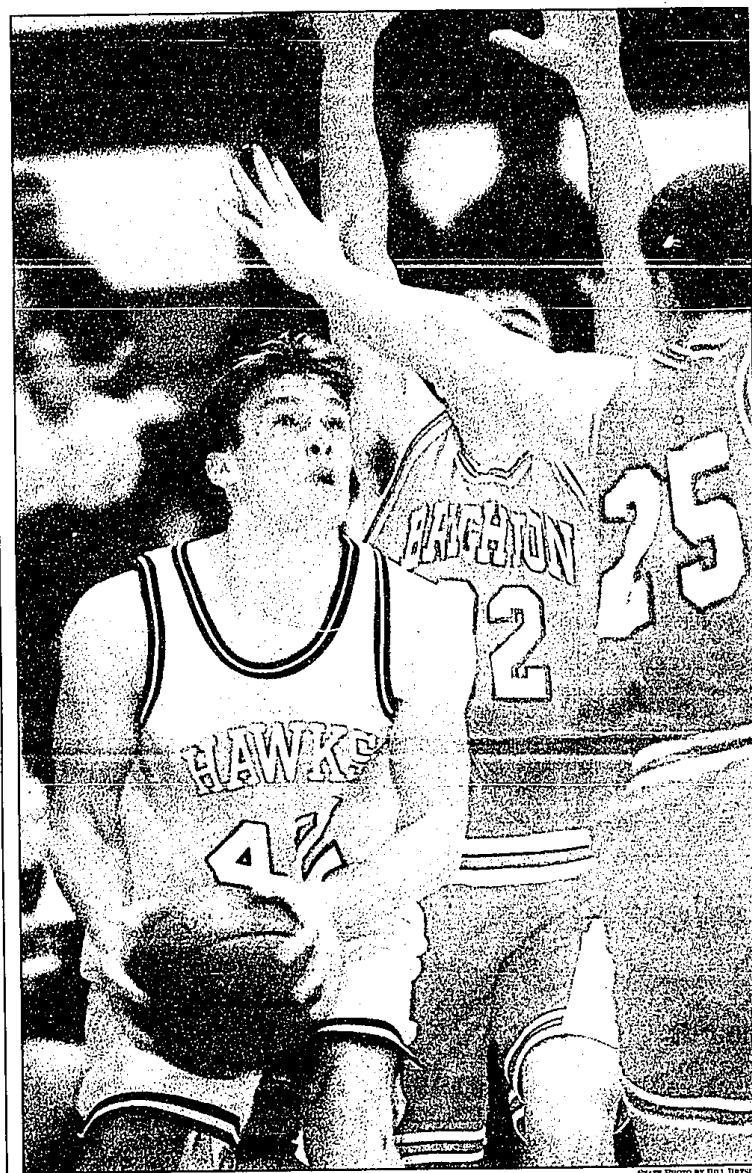
Against the Erie Otters, Plymouth scored four unanswered goals in the second period to break open a tie game. Rick Smith accounted for two Whaler goals, with Jamie Lalonde, Damian Surma, Druken, Legwand and Kyle Chapman also getting goals.

Friday's game at Sault Ste. Marie was somewhat controversial, with Greyhounds coach Dave Cameron lambasting the officials and blaming them for the defeat. A penalty situation with 7:20 left in the game, and the Whalers leading 3-2, resulted in Plymouth getting a two-man advantage. Shaun Fisher scored 51 seconds into the penalty to provide the Whalers with a two-goal cushion.

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Hawks take bite out of Bulldogs



Hoop action: Farmington Harrison junior Nick Hall prepares to make a move to the basket, but Brighton defenders Dustin Johnston and Dave Pearson (25) have plans to stop him.

Farmington Harrison had balanced scoring Tuesday, led by senior Lemar Wilson, to defeat Brighton in a boys basketball game, 71-62.

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For a team still trying to put the pieces together, Farmington Harrison looked pretty darn good in only its second boys basketball game Tuesday.

Senior Lemar Wilson provided the early spark with his scoring touch, and the Hawks never trailed on route to a 71-62 win over visiting Brighton.

Harrison is behind most teams due to the extended football season, and the basic goal for coach Mike Teachman's team is being more consistent. Nonetheless, the Hawks are 2-0 with one more game to be played in December.

"We're going to be a good basketball team," Teachman said. "With our schedule — 17 games after Christmas — it has to start the first week in January, and consistency is going to be the key."

At times you could see what we're capable of doing. But other times we made really poor decisions, too."

The Hawks made it look so easy, maybe too easy, according to Teachman, in the first quarter when Wilson fueled a 25-point charge with 11 of his own. They also gave up 19, however.

Wilson, who finished with a game-high 17 points, made three of Harrison's first four baskets and accounted for nine of the first 11 points with three triples.

The Bulldogs (1-2) shot an impressive 78 percent from the floor (7-of-9) in the opening period, but the Hawks put up 24 attempts and connected on 11.

"We were not prepared for (Wilson's) three-point shooting ability," Brighton coach Dan Christner said. "We didn't think they would pressure us out on the floor the way they did, either. They didn't do that last year."

"We were prepared for a sagging man (defense) or 2-3 zone. Fortunately, the first two games we played against aggressive man-to-man games, so it wasn't like we hadn't seen that."

"But we weren't prepared for that from this team, and we would've had a different kid guarding (Wilson) if we had known what he could do."

The Bulldogs didn't repeat the mistake of leaving Wilson open on the perimeter after that, but there was plenty of help from his teammates.

Teachman rotated 11 players from the late first quarter on, and Harrison tallied 71 points with just two players in double figures.

Senior Andrew Burt scored 13, junior Nick Hall nine, senior Matt Reed eight, senior Dave Pesci seven and senior Ricky Bryant six. Senior Zach Burton and junior Joe Hundley added four each and junior Brian Nelson three.

Junior Dan Clothier led the Bulldogs with 13 points; junior Dave Nowak scored 12, senior Dustin Johnston 11 and senior Dave Pearson nine.

The second quarter was a parade of free throws as the Hawks made 16 of 16 to extend their lead to 44-31 at halftime. In contrast to the first quarter, Harrison made just four field goals and

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Trojans rally to down Vikings in OT

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They found themselves in literally in dire straights. But somehow Livonia Clarenceville pulled out its first boys basketball victory of the season, a 70-66 overtime victory Tuesday over visiting Detroit Urban Lutheran.

"We're a really young team and at times we show our inexperience," said first-year Clarenceville coach Bill Dyer. "But we seemed to be more calm in overtime. We made the right plays and the right cuts. And we played better defense."

The Trojans squandered 49-41 lead after three quarters and trailed by as many as six before rallying during the final two minutes of regulation to knot the score at 64-64.

Clarenceville then outscored Urban Lutheran 6-2 in the overtime.

Sophomore Scott Wion, a 6-foot-4 center, scored 17 of his game-high 26 points during the final 12 minutes of play, including four in the overtime.

His shot inside got Clarenceville off to a good start during the four-minute extra session. (Wion also grabbed seven rebounds.)

"We just executed better in overtime and it started with an easy layup," Dyer said. "It sure is nice to get a win, especially at home and before Christmas. The kids came through. They've been practicing hard."

Rick Burack, a 6-4 junior, added 12 points and 11 rebounds. Senior guard John Wallace contributed 11 points, while junior Scott Carr scored nine.

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"We felt if our guards could handle the ball and get Burack and Wion the ball, then we'd score," Dyer said. "They (Vikings) were a quick team, but we're going to play man-to-man because that's the only way we're going to get better."

Clarenceville led 16-7 after one quarter, but Urban pulled to within two at intermission, 30-28. The Trojans went up by eight after 24 minutes of play with a 19-13 run.

"They're post play was great, they dominated us in the post," Urban Lutheran second-year coach Scott Erdman said. "We ran the ball very well tonight and I thought they had a hard time matching up with our quickness."

"Their inside game versus our quickness made it a good matchup."

The Vikings (1-2) clawed back to take the lead in the fourth quarter behind the scoring of senior point-guard Alan Tinsley and senior Aaron Adams.

Tinsley and Adams finished with 23 and 22 points, respectively, while junior forward Jason Lewis chipped in 10.

Clarenceville shot accurately both from the field (31 of 48) and the free throw line (11 of 14).

Sophomore guard Matt Mikel led the Falcons with 16 points; sophomore forward Jeremy Mares scored 12, junior center Brian Milus 11 and junior guard C.J. Whitfield 10.

"We needed a win, we wanted this one," Farmington coach Denny Mikel said, adding the Falcons jumped in front of the Barons early and coasted. "Things went well for us."

Farmington (1-1) bolted to an 18-8 lead after one quarter and outscored Andover in the second, 25-17. The Falcons extended their lead to 63-38 at the end of three quarters before being outscored by eight in the finale.

Steve Kipela scored 10 points to lead the Barons (0-3).

**SOUTH LYON 60, N. FARMINGTON 43:** The Lions rallied in the second half Tuesday to erase a 25-21 halftime deficit and defeat the visiting Raiders.

South Lyon's Gary Neighbors scored 13 points in each half and finished with a game-high 26. Junior Emir Medunjanin led North Farmington (1-1) with 20 points. Junior Adrian Bridges and senior Albert Deljosevic added eight points apiece.

The Lions outscored the Raiders 15-8 in the third quarter, taking a 36-33 lead, and 14-10 in the fourth.

**CATHOLIC CENTRAL 64, A.A. HURON 59:** Junior forward Matt Loidas led three players in double figures with 17 points Tuesday as the Shamrocks rallied from a 51-40 deficit after three quarters to win a non-league game at Ann Arbor Huron. Catholic Central (2-0) outscored the River Rats (1-2) in the fourth quarter, 18-8.

Loidas swatted 10 rebounds to go with his game-high scoring total. Senior Dan Jess added 16 points and junior Red Sparks contributed 15. Senior Dave Lusky hauled down 12 rebounds.

Huron was led by senior guard Derek Givard with 13 points and senior forward Andrew Walton with 22.

The teams were tied 17-17 after one quarter before Huron outscored the River Rats, 20-14, in the second quarter to enjoy a 37-31 halftime lead.

**FARMINGTON 77, ANDOVER 60:** Four players scored in double figures Tuesday to lead Farmington High to its victory over host Bloomfield Hills Andover.