

FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Hawks win golf invite

Matt Lee brought Dave Hawthorne out of the archives.

Lee shot a two-under 69 Friday to tie Hawthorne's Farmington Harrison school record for a low round of golf while leading the Hawks to victory in the West Bloomfield Invitational.

Hawthorne's 69 came back in 1978. "He's one of the famous names in Harrison golf," Hawks coach Bill Spencer said after his team cruised to a 10-stroke victory over Waterford Kettering, 304-314.

Waterford Mott took third with a score of 316 at Kensington; Farmington was fifth at 333 and North Farmington 11th with a 344 total.

It was the second tournament of the season for the three Farmington schools. The Farmington Invitational, scheduled for Wednesday at Huron Meadows, was rained out. It's unlikely that meet will be rescheduled.

"We showed some of the potential we have; 304 is a good score any way you look at it," Spencer said after the West Bloomfield event. "It's a long season, but maybe we're showing a little bit of what we can do."

"I told our guys this is just the beginning of the season. But this was a good tourney, a good start for us."

"We've got a couple of tournaments under our belt, so now we move into the dual match season next week."

WEST BLOOMFIELD INVITATIONAL

Aug. 24 at Kensington Golf Course

Team results: 1. Farmington Harrison, 304; 2. Waterford Kettering, 314; 3. Waterford Mott, 316; 4. Farmington, 333; 11. North Farmington, 344.

Harrison scorers: Matt Lee, 69 (medalist); Chris Fitzgerald, 77; Danny Dalg, 78; David Koch, 80. Non-scorers: John Kluka, 84; Joey Graves, 90.

Farmington scorers: Bryan Proven, 77; Jeff Tosolan, 78; Drew Martens, 81; Mike Schuyler, 84. Non-scorers: Matt Ryder, 87; Keith Hay, 90.

North Farmington scorers: Bob Turkovich, 78; Brian Huber, 84; Justin Nye, Tony Rea, 86. Non-scorers: Vince McKee, 89; Adam Ambuster, 93.

Hawks pass with flying colors, 55-14

Drew Stanton and Agim Shabaj combined for a brilliant demonstration of the passing game Friday night as host Farmington Harrison kicked off a new football season with a 55-14 triumph over the Oxford Wildcats.

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Farmington Harrison's offensive performance Friday was a harbinger of what Michigan State University football fans might expect to see in the future.

It was certainly an indication of what opposing teams can expect from the Hawks this season.

The senior passing combination of quarterback Drew Stanton and flanker Agim Shabaj — both MSU recruits — had a record-setting night in Harrison's 55-14 victory over visiting Oxford.

Stanton set a school record with five touchdown passes — four going to

Shabaj, who set a single-game standard for yards receiving.

"I wasn't completely surprised by it," Hawks coach John Herrington said. "I've seen them for two years and know what they can do if the pass protection is good."

"They're All-America-caliber players. They're extremely talented and tough for teams to stop, but there will be a time they get stopped and we'll have to rely on (tailback) Marcus (Woods) or somebody else."

Stanton, who was 10-of-13 for 314 yards, connected with Shabaj for scoring plays covering 66, 63, 47 and 8 yards. He also threw a 43-yard TD pass to senior wide receiver Terrill Mayberry.

Stanton, who threw four touchdown passes in three games last year, had shared the record with Jeff Thorne, Mill Coleman and Dave Pesci.

"Five TDs was one of my goals this year," Stanton said. "I'm excited about it. There's been some good quarterbacks here in the past. Mill Coleman was here tonight and congratulated me."

Shabaj, who had eight catches for 259 yards, broke Bryan Wauldron's record of 205 yards and was one shy of matching Brian Smolinski's record of nine receptions.

"(Stanton) reminds me well and I read him well, so we pretty much know what each other is doing all the time," Shabaj said.

He added he didn't choose MSU solely to maintain the good karma he and Stanton share in the passing game.

"That's part of it, but I like MSU a lot," he said. "I want a good quarterback throwing to me."

The game began much differently than it ended as Oxford scored first and led 7-0 after executing a nine-play



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Ground gallop: Harrison tailback Marcus Woods turns the corner Friday against Oxford.

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Record-setting performance: Senior receiver Agim Shabaj caught eight passes for a record 259 yards Friday in Harrison's victory.

Falcons hope hard work produces payoff

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When he took charge of the Farmington High girls basketball program three years ago, coach Scott Lowe was looking for players who would work hard.

He wanted players who would commit to that not just during the season but between seasons as well.

Lowe found some and now he believes the Falcons could be ready to reap the benefit as they try to improve a 6-15 record.

"This year we have kids who can

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actually square up and shoot the ball, and the reason is they put in the time in the off season," Lowe said. "It's starting to become important to them, and that's good for the program."

Lowe has emphasized what he calls the three Ds — desire, dedication and discipline, and he has held firm with that philosophy since he's been at Farmington.

"We don't always get the most talented kids," he said. "We pick kids who

are hard-nosed and will work hard. We'll sacrifice wins for better quality kids who will represent their team and school well."

Lowe hopes three years of that approach means the Falcons are a mature team that is ready to take another step forward.

"I'm not saying we're going to be world-beaters and win 15 games," Lowe said. "If we improve (the number of wins) a little bit, I'll be happy. We want to play good teams tough and compete."

The Falcons return all but two players. Danielle Lewis, who was one of the

team leaders, was the only senior on last year's team.

Lowe will build the 2001 ballclub around senior co-captains Randi Brown, a 6-6 guard, and Julie Kimmel, a 5-9 forward. Both are three-year starters.

Kimmel, an all-division player, led the Falcons in scoring and rebounding with an average of 12.1 and 14 per game, respectively.

"They were a legitimate 14 a game, too," Lowe said. "She really works around the boards and plays tough."

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Meteors win tourney

The Livonia Meteors, an under-9 boys soccer team, went undefeated at the Northwest Ohio Soccer Festival Aug. 18-19 in Maumee, Ohio.

The Meteors outscored their opponents, 17-3, defeating the Northville Sting, 4-2; Sylvania (Ohio) Pacesetter Black, 4-1; Maumee (Ohio) Express, 4-0; and Canton White Oaks, 6-0.

The team includes Andrew Clark, Patrick Colton, Nick Dunn, Scott Kilman, Ryan Mojsak, Andrew Pearson and Mark Wagner of Livonia, Kyle Cooper of Northville, Matthew DeLore of Farmington Hills, Zachary Lietz of Garden City, Jacob Monroe, Robert Parker, and Nick Wood of Westland and Daniel Theisen of Canton.

The team is coached by Mike Colton and Gordie Lietz, with assistance from Steve Cooper and Scott Wood. The team manager is Katie Wood, and the tournament coordinator is Mark Pearson.

The Livonia Meteor Soccer Club is a select travel program sponsored by the Livonia YMCA.

JCC triathlon planned

The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit will host the Triathlon for Hope to raise money for breast-cancer research Sunday, Oct. 14, at its West Bloomfield campus.

The triathlon will include a half hour each of running, swimming and biking. The event will take place in two sessions, the first 9-10:30 a.m. and the second 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A minimum of \$40 is required to participate. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. for Session I and 11 a.m. for II.

Participation is limited to 60. The registration deadline is Oct. 7. Those who register before the early-bird deadline of Sept. 30 will receive a \$5 discount. Checks should be made payable to City of Hope.

To register call Marni Stone at the JCC (248-432-6427) or Krysta Spann Ivey at City of Hope (1-800-732-7170).

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Coach Kristin Wright-Guinn accepted the fact last season would be (and was) a learning and growing experience for a young Farmington Hills Mercy girls basketball team.

With four sophomores and a junior in the starting lineup, the Marlins were 9-10 in the rugged Catholic League Central Division and 7-15 overall.

But a year later, with a more experienced team, Wright-Guinn is looking forward to the 2001 season and anticipating better results.

"We took our lumps last year," she said. "We're not starting at square one. We're starting with a foundation from last year, and it's going to be a more enjoyable season than it was last year."

"Our only problem will be consistency, because we have two seniors, nine juniors and one sophomore; so we're still quite young."

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The seniors are 5-9 forward Ashley Hambell, who is a returning starter, and 5-10 center Megan Garagiola, who will be counted on heavily for rebounding.

The four juniors who started are 5-6 Alexandria Marshall, 5-8 Deidre Jones, 5-7 Whitney Johnson and 6-3 center Tosan Kuykendall.

Jones, a small forward, and Marshall, a two guard who is an outstanding sprinter in track, were the leading scorers with eight to nine points per game.

The plan is for Kuykendall to grab the rebound, throw an outlet pass and let the other players use their speed in the open court.

"That's what we're hoping," Wright-Guinn said. "We're going to play a fast."

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Returning starter: Deidre Jones returns to the Mercy starting lineup for the 2001 basketball season. The Marlins start the season Tuesday at Detroit Benedictine.

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