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## Athletes of the Month

Junior cross country runner Susan Barrows of North Farmington and senior quarterback Drew Stanton of Farmington Harrison are the September honorees in the inaugural Student Athletes of the Month program for Farmington Public Schools.

Barrows, the top runner for the Raiders' girls cross country squad, is undefeated in dual meets this season. She was the Brother Rice Division I champion, was second at the Catholic Central Invitational and third at the Huron Invitational. She was also City Champion.

"Susan is an excellent student and a hard worker," said her coach, Bill Pinnell. "This summer she has put in around 500 miles.

"Her dedication and determination are paying off for her. Susan has had a lot of success this season and will continue to do so."

Stanton had 51 September completions for the undefeated and top-rated Hawks at a 68 percent rate. He threw for 1,247 yards and 17 touchdowns.

"Drew has great savvy," said his coach, John Herrington. "He is a great team leader and is unflappable."

## SUSAN BARROWS

Junior, North Farmington  
Cross Country

• Favorite Classes: Anatomy and Physiology

• Grade point average: 4.0

• Favorite Athlete: Dathan Ritzenheim

Rockford High School cross country and track star.

• Favorite Quote: "Aim for the moon. If you miss, you'll land in the stars."

• Role Model: Her father.

• Ambition: Plans to enter college as a pre-med major with the hope of becoming a pediatrician.

## DREW STANTON

Senior, Farmington Harrison  
Football

• Favorite Class: Ceramics

• Grade point average: 3.4

• Favorite Athlete: Doug Flutie, quarterback, San Diego Chargers

• On the role of athletics: "How you approach sports is how you approach life. Finding success in one lends itself to success in the other."

• Role Models: Brother Ben and father.

• Ambition: Drew has a full football scholarship to Michigan State University, where he plans to study physical therapy.

Other September nominees: Matt Leo and David Koch, Harrison golf; Brittany Nuccitelli, Farmington tennis; Brian Johns, North Farmington football; Michael Leach and Jeffrey Sumner, North Farmington soccer; Maggie Condoni, Harrison basketball.

## Adams helps RPI

Senior Kate Adams (Farmington) placed fifth overall for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the 6K run with a time of 18:39 at the UCAA Championships Sept. 29.

Rensselaer finished third overall and will compete at the Albany Invitational at Saratoga Springs on Oct. 20.

## Breakfast finishing

Suburban Hockey's popular Breakfast Club and Prime Time hockey programs for adult players have limited enrollment space remaining.

Two 10-week sessions (Oct.-Dec. and Jan.-Mar.) of the Breakfast Club will be held at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills. Dearborn Ice Skating Center, Novi Ice Arena and the Onyx Rochester Hills Ice Arena.

An Advanced Program will also be offered at the Suburban Training Center on Thursday mornings along with Tuesday evening sessions of the Prime Time Program at the STC and the Onyx.

Goals of the programs are to improve players' knowledge and enjoyment of the game, teach new drills, conditioning, and build confidence while developing skating and puck-handling skills.

Former professional and collegiate players are among the coaches.

For more information, call (248) 478-1600 or visit [www.suburbanhockey.com](http://www.suburbanhockey.com).

## Good day for cross country races

The Farmington girls cross-country team got its finishing kick off to a good start.

The Falcons took both parts of a three-team meet Thursday, defeating North Farmington, 24-31, and Plymouth Salem, 28-29. Salem swamped North Farmington, 29-37.

"The girls were real excited about the fact they beat both teams," said Kim Sturm, acting coach of the Lady Falcons. "A lot of the girls, when they went through their splits (times), were about on what they should have been."

"Toward the end, they gutted it out. They do a lot of hill work and that shows at Cass Benton. They came in real strong."

Although North Farmington had the individual winner in Nicole Moundros (20:15), Farmington had the next two finishers: Claire Casplicki (20:42) and Rachel Button (20:43). Kristen Balla and Megan Annarino were also in the top 10.

(See list of top individual finishers on Page B3.)

"Some of the girls ran their personal bests on the season," Sturm said, "but nothing extremely big. Enough — four of the five — ran some of their better times, and that makes a difference."

"The girls were really excited, really excited. They were especially happy because Salem is kind of a rival."

North Farmington's top runner, Susan Barrows, set out the race to tend to a possible stress fracture. She hopes to be able to return by the Regionals, if not the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

"Moundros ran a very strong race," said her coach, Bill Pinnell. "That was one of her better times. She really looked strong in the race."

"Katie Milan, Anne Lieberman, Kelly Kuo and Amy Miller all ran their personal bests of the season. Overall, I thought the girls ran really well."

Their times were good, they just came up on the short end. Timewise, I couldn't have asked for better performances."

In the boys half of the meet, Farmington defeated North Farmington, 25-32, and Salem beat both Farmington and North Farmington, 27-28 and 27-30, respectively.

"I was kind of looking forward to this race for a couple of different reasons," Farmington boys cross-country coach Chip Bridges said. "No. 1, they are two teams we know well."

"We got to go to cross-country camp with Salem before the season, so the kids got to now each other. They were excited to race."

"No. 2, North is one of our cross-town rivals. And third, the last couple of weeks we haven't run as well as we think we could. We were looking forward to this race to kind of get us going."



They're off: The runners fan out at the start of the girl's half of Thursday's cross-country meet involving Farmington, North Farmington and Plymouth Salem.

again, got us reinvigorated.

"We wanted to make this a positive meet to make a march towards the end of the season."

Salem didn't run four of its top people, two of whom would have been contenders for first place or the top five.

The Rocks' Chris Vranak took first overall with a clocking of 17:11. Farmington's Ryan Kiblawi (17:25) was second and Ben Gannon of North Farmington (17:30) took third. Falcons and Raiders took places 4-7 also.

"At camp," Bridges said, "(Salem was) a lot better than us. But I felt we'd closed the gap the first couple of weeks of the season. We both kind of got hurt, so we were looking to see where we stand up to those guys."

"I felt we gave them a good struggle. I was disappointed we didn't win. But it was close and we competed really well. It was a good meet, we can take a lot of positives away from it. We're working towards the conference meet now."

Another motivator for Farmington was to show that its loss in the city meet to North Farmington was something that could just as easily have gone the other way.

"That meet did not go the way that we hoped," Bridges said. "We were anxious to run North Farmington in this meet, for our own confidence and self-esteem."

"And to let those guys know that the city meet was an aberration, not typical of our team. We were happy we were able to defeat North and run the way we did against them."

Coach Paul Welch of North Farmington felt "my guys ran pretty well, actually. Ben Gannon had a very good race. And Jeff Mataya (17:38) was pretty solid."

"Eugene Furman had a little problem with his thigh. But he still ran well — just not as good as he could have."

"We're still looking for a fourth and fifth kid. Dan Carlson (18:37) has improved, but we still need to get him under 18 minutes for us to be effective."

A freshman, James Laidis (19:20) ran real well. He brought a lot off his previous best. And a junior, David Maysel (19:24) lowered his personal record by quite a bit. Oren Brandvain ran by 19:27.

The conference and division is pretty tough this year. We've had a lot of close meets."



In stride: North Farmington's Nicole Moundros looks to be comfortably in front Thursday at Cass Benton on her way to a first-place finish in a three-way girls cross-country meet.

Hawks thunder to win;  
Raiders edged by theft

The skies supplied the rain; Farmington Harrison took care of the lightning.

Harrison unleashed its quick-strike offense Friday night in a 24-7 routing of visiting Livonia Franklin in a Western Lakes Activities Association game.

The win set up a crossover showdown this Friday at Westland John Glenn between the Rockets and Hawks for the WLA title.

The steady day long rain may have waned out a segment of the game, but it didn't slow the Hawks' football team down one cent.

Quarterback Drew Stanton bolted 45 yards to the end zone on Harrison's second play from scrimmage, with Mike Kloosterman giving Harrison a 7-0 lead on the extra point.

On the Hawks' next play from scrimmage, Marcus Woods flew 64 yards for a touchdown and a 14-0 lead following Kloosterman's kick.

Franklin ran three plays and punted — right to Agim Shabaj, who jetted 48 yards with the ball on a third Harrison touchdown on the extra point.

The Patriots (2-5, 1-4) notched their first first down of the game but then Terrill Mayberry intercepted a pass and made it 27-0 with a 66-yard interception return. The kick failed.

## PREP FOOTBALL

The score went to 39-0, triggering a running clock for the second half, after Dave Condeni caught a 30-yard TD pass from Stanton and Woods scooted 28 yards for a touchdown on the first play after junior linebacker Eric Thompson recovered a Patriots' fumble.

Harrison (7-0, 5-0) moved 54 yards in five plays on the first series of the third quarter, with Shabaj taking a 15-yard scoring pass from Stanton.

It was this kind of night for the Hawks: Shabaj fumbled the conversion snap but picked it up and ran it in for two points.

Franklin finally scored with three minutes left in the game. Senior fullback Ryan Allen of Franklin went into the end zone from the one, the 13th play of a 61-yard all-rushing drive.

Andy Siefert kicked the extra point.

The scoring came to an end on the last play of the game when Harrison junior tailback Charles Pickett posted a 41-yard touchdown run. Jake Ghanam kicked the extra point.

Woods wound up 6-for-117 rushing

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## Spirit of giving

A team of young travel hockey players has made a major decision — to donate some of the money it raised for new equipment and ice time to the fund for families of rescue workers who lost their lives in New York on Sept. 11.

The Farmington Peeeweewee Flames hockey team for 11-12 year olds will present a check for at least \$250 to an officer of the Farmington Hills Fire Department at the team's 8:30 p.m. game Tuesday, Oct. 9 at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

"The team had a golf outing fundraiser on Sept. 23 to raise money for more tournaments, to pay for ice time and buy new equipment," team manager Pam George said. "They talked about donating a portion to the families of the victims."

"They contacted the Farmington Hills Fire Department and they'll be at Tuesday's game to accept a check from the boys on the ice."

The 16-player Peeeweewee Flames had a practice scheduled for Sept. 11 but discovered the arena, which runs nearly year-round without a letup, was closed and dark when they arrived for their workout.

The squad's staff players and families debated whether to participate in a tournament scheduled Sept. 14 in Toronto and finally decided to

honor their commitment. They dropped the tournament opener but swept the next four games against Canadian rivals to win the title.

The team lost its opener to Newmarket, 3-2, but rebounded to win consecutive shutouts on Sept. 15 — 4-0 from Richmond Hill and 5-0 against Malton. The Flames trounced Newmarket, 4-1, in a rematch in the semifinals on Sept. 16 and defeated New Tecumseth, 2-1, in overtime for the championship.

It took the team three hours to cross the Bluewater Bridge between Sarnia and Port Huron on its way home.

The experience prompted the squad to decide to donate a portion of its golf outing fundraiser to the surviving families of the firefighters who died in the tragedy.

Team members include goalies Devon Carr and Joe Burgio; defenseman Steve Brennehan, T. J. LeBlanc, Dominic Nuccitelli, Kyle Drumheller and Daniel Stanisz; plus forwards Andy Hall, David Learner, Josh McMullan, Mitch Canty, Kyle George, Ben Shields, Michael O'Neill, A. J. Jenks and Daniel Darow.

The team is coached by Joe Hall with assistants Jimmie Allon, Tim Stanisz and Pete Nuccitelli.

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