

Falcons earn chance at state title

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For most of the first half Wednesday night, Farmington soccer players and fans must have wondered if they were witnessing a replay of last year's state semifinal game.

SOCCER

Farmington coach Luke Juncaj said, "Most of the boys were on the team last year, and they didn't want to lose again. They wanted a victory, and it showed in the way they played tonight."

"It's certainly going to be a great game. A lot of people are excited about this, and we're going to give it our best effort." There was some doubt Wednesday whether or not the Falcons would get there.

His players, instead of being shaken, appeared to be more motivated. "The boys kept going, and I knew it was only a matter of time before we got a goal," Juncaj said.



PAUL BEAUDRY

Don't be down if you did your best

You've got to get yourself together. You've got stuck in a moment. And now you can't get out of it.

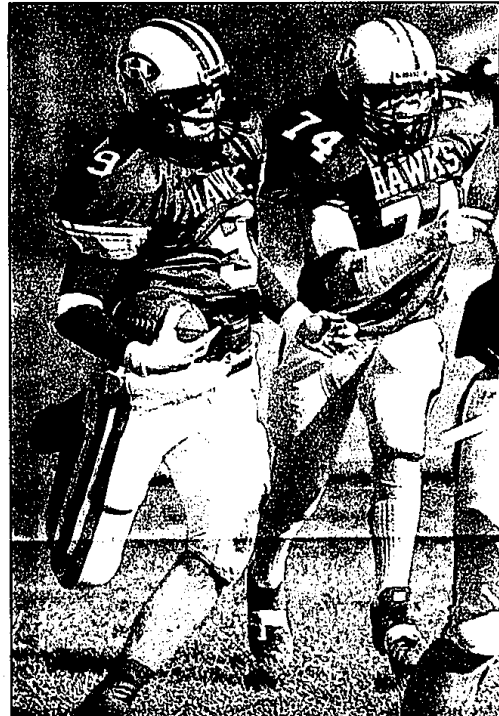
Harrison nets district crown with 42-6 rout

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Was it just another day at the office for the undefeated and all-world Farmington Harrison football team?

FOOTBALL

"There's no shame in losing to Harrison," Bulldogs coach Brad Bush said. "I feel we're as good as anybody else in the state. We just can't play with Harrison, as (Westland) John Glenn, (Plymouth) Canton and Walled Lake Western found out."



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Run to daylight: Harrison's Drew Stanton runs for a 37-yard gain Saturday with blocking assistance from guard Pat Corcoran.

A small contribution from Zack Miller - next possession, and Chelsea (10-1) made another push - 31 yards in eight plays to the Hawk 18.

"We have to shore up the pass defense," Herrington said. "Allen Park has a good passing game, and I'm very concerned about them throwing the ball over the place."

Hawks clash with Jaguars in 3rd round

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Allen Park has had another fine football season, as in its tradition. One might even argue the Jaguars have overachieved by winning a share of the Mega Conference Red Division title in their first year at that level.

Shamrocks best in state again, earn 4th championship overall

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The mantra that Redford Catholic Central cross country coach Tony Magni has preached to his team all year was that a team is as only good as its fourth and fifth runners.

CROSS COUNTRY

"I knew we'd have two in the top 10 and that Kyle Jekot would make the top 30," said Magni. "I told the other four runners on our team that two of them would have to step up and they did."

Western Lakes swim finals



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Double winner: North Farmington senior Lindsay McErlan won the 1M and backstroke Saturday in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet. See results D5.



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Team effort: That's what was required for Catholic Central to win a state title.

FRIDAY GAME Redford Catholic Central (8-3) at Westland John Glenn (9-2), 7 p.m.: Himmler, have to think about this for a while. I don't think Monroe coach Ralph Carducci's entire post-game tradition from Friday night will come true. After his team's loss to John Glenn, Carducci - first to his team, then to three reporters - predicted a CC win over the Rockets.