

FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Athletes of the Month

The Farmington Public Schools Student Athletes of the Month for October are a pair of Harrison High School seniors: Christine Metry and Matt Lee.

Metry won a Division 2 regional championship in cross country and placed 71st in the state meet at Michigan International Speedway.

She also finished in the top 10 at every invitational and was among the top 20 runners in Oakland County.

Lee is a two-time state qualifier in golf. He was second in a Division 2 regional and ninth at the state meet.

He posted a dual-meet average of 35 and tournament average of 75. He made the all-state team and was twice named to the all-county and all-area teams. Lee also is a member of the unified Farmington hockey team.

CHRISTINE METRY, HARRISON
Grade-point average: 3.9; Favorite class: Biology 2; Favorite athlete: Steve Prefontaine; Future plans: Undecided; Role model: mother, Isobel Kesh; Interesting fact: Christine is an accomplished musician, playing the violin.

Quote from the athlete: "I enjoy both the mental and physical challenges of distance running." Metry said, "Being a distance runner (athlete) has helped me develop discipline and focus that I use in everyday life."

Quote from the coach: "Christine is an outstanding runner and student," Harrison's Mark Buback said. "She is one of the best I've ever coached."

MATT LEE, HARRISON
Grade-point average: 2.6; Favorite class: Algebra II; Favorite athlete: Steve Yzerman; Future plans: Play golf in college; Role model: Kenny Lee, brother.

Quote from the athlete: "If you work hard, you can't lose."

Quote from the coach: "Matt has developed into a leader who has shown by example what it takes to be one of the best high school golfers in the state of Michigan," Bill Spencer said. "He is the best golfer in the history of Harrison High School."

Holiday skating show

The Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club will have its 11th Annual Holiday Skating Show 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Thirty club members performing figure skating routines to various Christmas-themed songs to showcase their talents.

Skaters ranging in age from 5 to 15 also represent the club and arena at USFSA and ISI skating competitions, both individually and as a team.

The cost of admission is a can of food to be donated to a charity food drive.

Hockey skills clinics

Suburban Hockey will conduct clinics on Friday, Nov. 23, at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills and the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena.

The clinics are Learn to Stop (10:15-11:50 a.m.), Backward Skating (noon to 1:15 p.m.) and Shoot to Score (2:30-3:50 p.m.).

Players age 6 and older are welcome to sign up. Classes are limited to 32 participants. Players will be grouped according to skill and experience level. To register call Suburban Hockey at (248) 478-1600.

OCC women winners

Oakland Community College evened its record in women's basketball at 1-1 Tuesday by defeating Kellogg Community College, 70-44.

Ashlee Larsen scored 19 points and Debbie West 11 for the Lady Raiders. Kate Reed added eight, Tiffany Burt seven and Carrie Morrow six. Burt also had a team-high seven rebounds.

Megan Howley had 12 points for the visiting Bruins (1-1).

College cross country

The Oakland Community College men's cross country team finished 13th out of 21 teams at the NJCAA Division 2 nationals Nov. 10 in Lansing. OCC scored 348 points, well behind champion Rend Lake (Ill.) CC with 55.

Matt Haver finished 52nd to lead the Raiders with a time of 28:40. Forrest Patterson was 61st (29:00) and Kevin Breen 76th (29:41).

Sonja Shoudy was 30th (21:12) for the OCC women's team while Stephanie Morrison was 40th (21:31).

Senior Theresa Derwinski of Farmington was the No. 4 runner for the Oakland University women's cross country team at the Great Lakes regional Nov. 10 in Terre Haute, Ind. She was 166th overall with a time of 24:21.2.

Hawks top Trojans in state semifinal

Harrison to play in 15th title game against Fruitport

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Saginaw was the toughest, roughest, hardest-hitting football team of the 13 Farmington Harrison has played.

But it's a sure thing the Trojans hadn't seen a team like the Hawks either until the two unbeaten met in a Division 3 state semifinal Saturday.

Harrison's potent offense went to the right away, carved out a 24-0 halftime lead at Flint's Atwood Stadium and produced a 31-14 victory.

FOOTBALL

"They're hard to defend," Saginaw coach Don Durrett said. "They had a solid game plan. That's the best team I've seen in a lot of years. They have a quality program; you can see that."

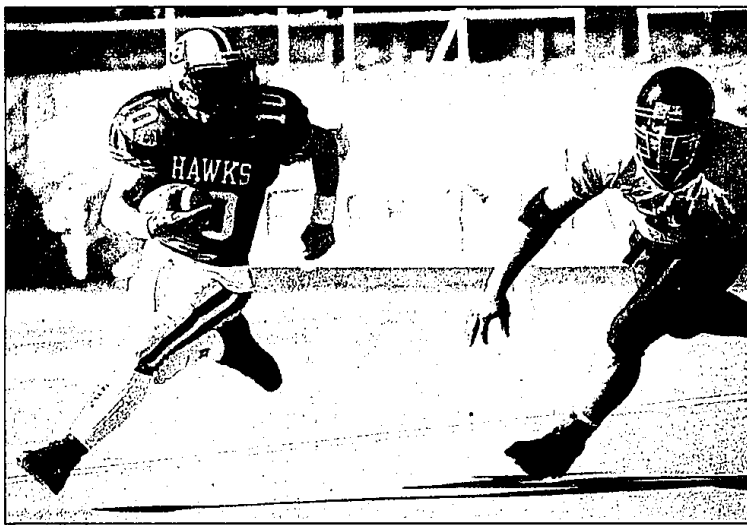
Drew Stanton passed to Agim Shabaji for two touchdowns, Marcus Woods rushed for two and senior Mike Kloosterman kicked a 32-yard field goal as well as four extra points.

Harrison's defense kept Saginaw's rushing attack in check for the most part, too, holding the Trojans to 74 of their 178 total in the first half. Jerome Jackson, who ran for 419 yards the previous week, finished with 63 yards on 11 carries.

The Hawks (13-0) scored on the opening possession of the game, using half the first quarter on a drive that ended with an 13-yard, Stanton-to-Shabaji pass.

"That was real important, because they were very physical," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "They really bring the lumber."

"When we got the lead, that made them go to the pass, and that was to our advantage because they were pounding it up in there. Their line is as



Hawks win 35th in row: Harrison senior receiver Agim Shabaji runs away from a Saginaw defender in a Division 3 semifinal Saturday in Flint. He caught two TD passes and made two interceptions.

big as a college team."

Harrison intercepted three of Saginaw quarterback Kirk Carruth's 20 passes and four overall when Jackson tried a halfback pass.

Kloosterman made the score 10-0 early in the second quarter, and the Trojans turned the ball over on their next two possessions when Shabaji and Terrill Mayberry intercepted Carruth.

The Hawks had two scary moments in the first half when Woods and Stanton were knocked out of the game temporarily — Woods with a leg injury and Stanton after being hit in the head

while being sacked. The injuries didn't appear to be serious, as both players returned later.

"The doctor said (Stanton) was fine," Herrington said. "We wouldn't have played him if he wasn't. We'll be banged up Monday. I'm glad we're playing Saturday instead of Friday."

Harrison will make its 15th appearance in the state finals with the chance to win a record 12th championship when it plays Fruitport (13-0) for the Division 3 title at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Pontiac Silverdome.

With Stanton on the bench, the

Hawks called on Woods, who carried five straight plays for 38 yards and a TD after Mayberry's pick.

Woods, who had 109 yards on 25 attempts, ran 6 yards on a pitchout and hit the left pylon for the TD with 5:27 left in the half. Kloosterman's PAT made it 17-0.

Stanton returned on the next Harrison possession and led the Hawks on a 49-yard, six-play scoring drive.

The Hawks spread the field and used their speed on the flanks as Stanton

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Clarenceville whips Capac to reach final

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It's been over 25 years since a Livonia school has played for a state football championship.

And now Clarenceville will try and duplicate what Franklin did in 1975 — win a state title.

The Trojans were hitting on all cylinders on a sparkling, sunny Saturday November afternoon on the green, synthetic surface at Birmingham Groves, routing Capac in the Division 5 state semifinal, 46-10.

Clarenceville will face Jackson Lumen Christi in a battle of 13-0 teams. Game time is 5 p.m. this Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome. Lumen Christi won the other semifinal against Boyne City, 46-0.

Capac's defense had no answers for the running back tandem of Tim Shaw and Steve Meadows. The two combined for 392 of Clarenceville's 493 yards.

After losing last year to Schoolcraft in 2000 Division 5 semifinals, Clarenceville came into this final four matchup with added determination.

"The boys played very well," Clarenceville coach Greg Hudkins said.

"Last year we were kind of in uncharted waters, but this time I think we were even more prepared and knew what to expect. The kids this time were

just not satisfied with being in the semifinals.

"And I think they had trouble matching up with our athleticism."

Clarenceville took the opening kickoff and marched 69 yards in seven plays capped by Tim Shaw's 10-yard TD run followed by Pete Shaw's extra point for a 7-0 lead.

On Capac's first possession, quarterback Tim Lewis connected with receiver Luke Stuever on a 26-yard pass to midfield, but Stuever was stripped of the ball by Meadows and Jeff Fioretti pounced on the loose ball at the Clarenceville 37.

Anthony Jordan then picked off a Pete Shaw pass, but the Chiefs could not take advantage of the turnover.

It was all Clarenceville from that point as the Trojans built a 33-3 halftime lead.

Tim Shaw, the 6-foot-2, 220-pound senior who finished with 211 yards on 15 carries on the day, got a great block from the 6-1, 205-pound Meadows and raced 90 yards for a TD to make it 14-0.

Capac's Christian Meers then countered with a 34-yard field goal with 22

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Trojans going to the Dome: Clarenceville's Glenn Garratt uses his 6-foot-5 height to his advantage to make an interception.

Flyers make successful debut with 5-1 victory

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Neither Redford Unified nor Farmington Unified returned a lot of hockey players this season.

But Farmington showed its newcomers might be a little stronger at Redford Ice Arena on Thursday night as the Flyers popped RU, 5-1, in the opening game of the RU Invitational.

"We only had five people back, so I wasn't sure what to expect," said Farmington coach Mike Harris. "You could definitely tell it was the first game. Both (teams) can play a lot better, and I'm sure we will. But we got some good goaltending, and our forwards were jumping."

Farmington played Troy in the tourney final on Saturday afternoon, while RU faced off against Canton in the consolation game.

"They were just better than we were," said RU

coach Bill McSweeney. "They were stronger and played harder. They played more physical and controlled play. Our inexperience showed a little."

Actually, RU came out and scored right off the bat as David Hillson's shot from the point deflected off a Farmington stick and found its way past goalie Aaron Allor for a 1-0 lead just 14 seconds into the game. Erik Wurm and Nick Gestler assisted.

But after that, it was all Farmington. First, Brian Baran stole the puck in his own zone, tipped it to Brad Heraghty at the blue line, skated in and slipped the puck past RU goalie Dennison Sowders — tying the score at 1-1 with 3:06 gone.

The Flyers controlled the play — albeit sloppy play — for the bulk of the period. It finally paid off with four seconds left in the stanza as Brett Laird found a

gap between the post and Sowders' elbow for a 2-1 lead. Heraghty and Matt Lee assisted.

"They were able to force their way into scoring chances," said McSweeney. "And they didn't let us get scoring chances after that. It's the name of the game."

It was 3-1 late in the second period as Mike Hand tapped in the puck, which had slipped behind Sowders on a pass from Laird — with Hay getting the other assist.

Hay made it 4-1 with 2:38 gone in the final period, beating Sowders on the glove side with Ramsey and Hand assisting. Then Laird got his second goal with 4:53 to play, with Lee and Louie Powell assisting.

"RU did play hard," said Harris. "We scouted them against Franklin and they gave a much better game than we prepared for. RU made us work hard."

Sowders was credited with 46 saves. Allor and R.J. Ulrich, who played the final 4:59, combined for 25.

HOCKEY