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Harrison qualifies

Farmington Harrison qualified for the Division II state golf tournament for the second year in a row Friday.

The Hawks finished third in the regional at Huron Meadows with a 316 team score. Dearborn Heights Crestwood was first (314) and Bloomfield Hills Lahser second (315). The top three teams in each regional advance to the state finals next weekend.

David Koch shot 73 to lead the Hawks. Chris Fitzgerald had 77, Matt Kjolhede 78, Eddie Bellamy 88 and Paul Mazanka 92.

Coaches needed

The Farmington Public School district is looking for the following coaches for the winter sports season: an assistant boys swimming coach, two assistant wrestling coaches and freshman, JV and varsity volleyball coaches.

Interested parties should send a letter of interest and resume to Ron Holland, 33000 Thomas, Farmington, MI, 48336 or a fax to (248) 474-3802.

No meet, again

The North Farmington girls swim team had a lot of practice time last week - more than it planned to have. For the second time in three days, the Raiders had a dual meet postponed Thursday, because the official didn't show up to run the meet.

North was scheduled to host Troy. There was no word on a new date for the meet.

Hockey programs

The first of two 10-week sessions for Suburban Hockey's Breakfast Club and Prime Time Program will start this month and continue through December. The second session runs January to March.

The programs will take place at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills. To register call Suburban Hockey at (248) 476-1600 or visit www.suburbanhockey.com on the Internet.

Baseball lessons

Midwest Baseball Academy, which operates a national network of hitting and pitching camps for players in grades 2 through 12, is entering the Michigan area with three sites: Waterford Mott High School, Adrian College and the University of Toledo. Registration is now under way at www.MidwestBaseballAcademy.com.

MBA's Spring Training 2003 provides young players with hitting and pitching training programs at indoor facilities. The training sessions include six weeks of instruction for \$95.

The session at Adrian College runs Jan. 12-Feb. 16, Toledo Jan. 18-Feb. 22 and Waterford Mott Feb. 9-March 16. Coaches at each site will include the school's respective coaching staff, plus high school and college coaches from the area.

Details and times for each site, as well as registration forms, are available online at the above site or by phoning 1-800-669-6323.

Hawks stun No. 1 Dragons in double OT

BY DANIEL STICKRAST
STAFF WRITER

It's not often Marcus Woods has to redeem himself. But the Farmington Harrison senior did in a major way Friday night.

Woods scored the winning touchdown in the second overtime, as the Hawks shocked top-ranked and host Lake Orion, 28-21, in an Oakland Activities Association Division I showdown.

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Woods was held to just 24 yards on four carries in the first half, and Harrison found itself in a 21-0 hole late in the third quarter with a struggling offense.

After a miraculous Harrison comeback, Woods fumbled on the first play of the first overtime. In the second OT, he

dove into the end zone from 3 yards for the winning TD, and Harrison's defense stopped the Dragons cold in their final possession.

Lake Orion senior Joel Malkasian fell out of bounds at the corner of the end zone on the final play of the second overtime on a fourth-and-25 play.

"My teammates and coaches just told me to go out there and do what I know how to do," Woods said. "We never gave up. This is the sweetest win because we

never had to work for something like this."

In his career, legendary Hawks coach John Herrington couldn't remember his team coming back from such a deficit against another powerhouse team.

"I honestly can't remember something like this, not to say it didn't happen," Herrington said. "Last week we were down 14-0 (to Rochester Adams), came

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Raiders roll over Eagles in 35-0 rout

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

After being idle for a week and learning it would have to forfeit a victory, the North Farmington football team was eager to play - and win - again Friday night.

The Raiders scored two quick touchdowns and proceeded to post a 35-0 rout of visiting Ferndale in the homecoming game at North.

"We won the toss and took the

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ball," Raiders coach Rich Burrell said. "The offense was chomping at the bit. They'd been waiting too long. They were fired up and ready to go."

North scored on its first two possessions, and quarterback Bryan Smith passed for both of them.

He hit Marcus McComb on the run down the middle of the field for a 41-yard touchdown less than three minutes into the game.

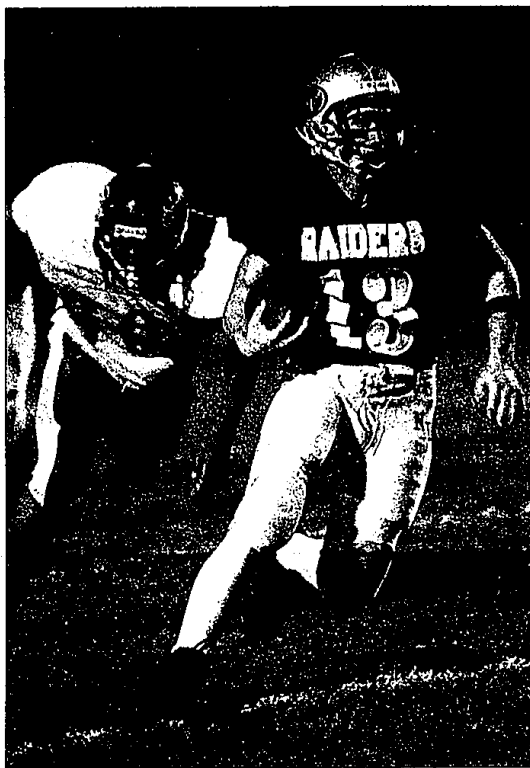
The Eagles were three-and-out, and the Raiders were moving again. Smith found Will Hathaway for a 20-yard gain that set up a 10-yard TD toss to Adam Veider.

Kyle Lambert kicked both extra points, and it was 14-0 with four minutes to play in the opening quarter.

The kids were antsy from the layoff," Burrell said. "It was good to regroup and heal. After two weeks without a game, they were ready to go. They were focused and determined."

The Raiders mixed the pass and

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BOB BRASLER/OBSERVER

Three of North Farmington quarterback Bryan Smith's five pass completions went for touchdowns Friday night against Ferndale.

Undefeated Farmington goes to 7-0

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Farmington High School had no trouble preserving its unbeaten record in football Friday night.

The Falcons rolled to their seventh consecutive victory at Rochester Stony Creek, 49-0.

"We played well tonight," Farmington coach John Bechtel said. "We know Stony Creek is down. We just took care of business, and it was over."

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The Falcons are 5-0 in the Oakland Activities Association Division III with one division game remaining Oct. 25 with North Farmington.

Farmington scored three touchdowns in each of the first two quarters and led 42-0 at halftime. Eric Halberstadt, Brad Walsh and Philip Champion had 1-yard TD runs in the first quarter. In the second, Joe Green ran 9 yards for a TD. Matt Corrigan passed 11 yards to Sherman Taylor for another score and Mike Murphy sprinted 62 yards to pay dirt.

Steve Gray capped the scoring in the fourth quarter with a 17-yard run. Jeff Durow kicked four extra points and Kacey Lopata three.

Farmington amassed 447 yards in total offense while holding Stony Creek to 71. Halberstadt, who missed most of the season with a broken foot, rushed for 96 yards on 10 carries.

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Girl griddler hits pay dirt for East

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Danielle Klavons was born on Super Bowl Sunday 12 years ago, so maybe football was destined to be a part of her future.

The seventh grader is a member of the East Middle School team and the only girl playing the game at that level in Farmington Hills.

That in itself is an achievement requiring courage, but Klavons has done more than just show up for practice every day.

In a recent game against neighboring Power Middle School, she not only scored a touchdown - a feat few if any girls have done at any level - but ran 60 yards to reach the end zone.

With her team losing 20-6 at Power on Sept. 19, Klavons got a chance to play when coach Brian Toth put her into the game.

"I was playing fullback and the tailback got hurt," she said. "So they put me at tailback, and coach decided to give me the ball."

"When I didn't see anybody in front of me, I thought I was going the wrong way. There was nobody in front of me, and I just kept run-



BOB BRASLER/OBSERVER

East Middle School seventh grader Danielle Klavons is the only girl on the school's football team. She ran 60 yards for a touchdown in a recent game.

ning as fast as I could." Klavons was more than a little

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anxious when she learned she was going to get the ball.

"I was so nervous, I kept wiping my hands off on my pants, because I was so afraid I was going to fumble the ball," she said.

"I thought I was going to get tackled. It was like everything was in slow motion. Everyone kept holding everyone down, so I could get through. It was a huge hole, and I sprinted right through it."

It was the first game in which Klavons played and the first time she carried the ball. Power eventually won, 20-12, but East was 2-1 going into its fourth game last week.

Klavons and a friend, Erin Theisen, had planned last spring to go out for football since they met the weight requirement.

"We were talking about it during softball season," Klavons said. "She hurt her knee, so she didn't, but she told me to go on and do it; so I did."

Klavons believes her classmates

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North girls win regional again

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

North Farmington was a repeat champion in the Division II girls regional tennis tournament hosted by Farmington High Friday.

The Raiders produced winners at six of the eight flights and finished with 27 team points.

North advances to the state meet next weekend in Holland along with runner-up Farmington, which qualified for the second year in a row.

TENNIS

"(The Raiders) came out and played very well," North coach Mark Shenton said. "We have a lot of seniors on this team who wanted to go out with another regional championship and they performed very well."

North's Emily Jaffe, Amy Berke and Kelly Davis won the Nos. 1-3 singles titles, respectively, and Samantha Kelman was the runner-up at No. 4. The Raiders also won at Nos. 1, 2 and 4 doubles.

"Our singles lineup has been our strength, and we had some great performances today," Shenton said. "Our doubles teams played well, too."

"We've been stressing that how well we do here and

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