No. 1 Stevenson overcomes North goalie's effort

North Farmington senior goalkeeper Alex Labyansky held top-ranked Livonia Stevenson at bay for 55 minutes Wednesday, but the Spartans eventually broke through for a 3-0 victory in a Division I district semitinal soccer game. Stevenson (17-1-1) will met Northiylle (125-52) for the district crown 5:30 p.m. Friday at North Farmington. The Spartans won the first meeting between the two teams in late September, 2-0. Greg Lechowicz soored the game-winner for visiting Stevenson with an assist from Nik Djokie Wednesday. Brady Crosby added his 30th of the season on Djokie's 15th assist of the year. Djokie then notched his 19th of the year on a penalty kiek after Paul Johnson was brought down in the box.

Lubyansky made 22 stops, including an earlier penalty

kick. The goal by Djokic was only the second penalty kick allowed by Lubyansky in his high school career.

high school career.
This kid is amazing," North This kid is amazing," North coach Ron Meteyer said of Lubyansky, "It's too bad we couldn't have ridden his courage all the way through that game.

"The Spartans) were just a little too much for us, but Alex hayed an outstanding game. He probably played his best in his last."

Goalkeeper Mike Maciolek turned in the shutout for Stevenson.

"We had quite a few good opportunities, but their keeper Clubyansky) played a strong

"We man quarter
opportunities, but their keepe
(Lubyansky) played a strong
game and made a lot of big
saves," Stevenson coach Lars
Richters said.
The Raiders finished their

Season with a 12-6-2 record.

To be honest, when you play Stevenson, there are few strategies one can approach the game with. Meteyer said.

They have such overwhelming talent. Delay and denial is about your best hope and to the shout your best hope and to the strain of the first half on a goal by Greg Pekarsky and assist from Scott Moscow. Pekarsky beat two defenders of goal. We tried to find a weakness to exploit and couldrift find one. Eventually, they were us down.

We're a good team, but they're a much better team and deserved to go on."

BAINDED REFEAT WARRIORS

RAIDERS DEFEAT WARRIORS

The Raiders won their post-season opener Monday by defeating host Walled Lake

The score stayed 1-1 until 10:28 remained in the game when Pekarsky was pulled down in the box, resulting in a nepalty kink

penalty kick.
Matt Holland put the shot high to the left corner, giving the Western keeper little chance to make the save.
"I was saying to the kids, 'It'll be a close game; don't take

these guys for granted,"
Metsper said. "Playoff games
bring out the best in teams. In
this case, Western played a very
spiled games. Western played a very
spiled and did a good job, Cuther
than the one goal, we didn't
give the many opportunities.

Use afterne pamely kick,
Western cam does to getting
the tying goal again. On a high
cross from the right side,
Lubyansky Jumped and tipped
the ball aside.
Defenders Jon Young, Steve
Denton, Feter Galophin and
Tom Phillips played a key role
in securing the win, according

to Meteyer
"They held us in there at the
end and solidified the win," he
said. "They deserve a lot of
credit."

FORDSON 1, REDFORD CC O: Calholic Central controlled the flow, but Dearborn Fordson controlled the scoreboard as the Fractors look a 1-0 win in the Division I district opener

Monday. The reverse attacking and kept most of the first market attacking and kept most of the first market and CC ceath Like North and to that the half to that but couldn't get the ball through. Once there got the least they kind of packed in lockmarket.

The only goal of the quant came from Asia laid in the 20th monitor, giving the Waston Like fast district with it Z years. It was the last of the control o

quit."
Harrison, which had a 3-1 halftime lead
plays Dearborn Divine Child, a 4-0 winnel
Tuesday over Redford Union, in the secon
round of the distikt fournement at 7 today a
Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

SOCCER

Juncaj said. "We played some of the best teams in the state, and we were able to compete and wim most of the games. This game tonight is a tough loss to follow that."

Juncaj said he thought his team was flat and didn't play well Monday, attributing it to playing several big games in the last week and overconfidence.

dence.

"I think fatigue did play a role here," he said. "I also believe some of our guys started looking past this game. They were thinking about facing (No. 1-ranked Livonia)

ing (No. 1-ranked Livenia)
Stevenson, probably.
"This was a pretty good
team we played tonight. They
came out hard and we weren't
ready. We didn't take
Northville seriously and paid
for it."

for it."

The Mustangs pressed the attack early and nearly had the first goal six minutes into

the contest.

On a header off a long free kick, Farmington goalle Andrew Martin reacted quickly to tip the ball over the top of the net.

The Falcons regrouped and outplayed the Mustangs in the first half, taking a 1-0 lead on a hard shot by Joe Russo with just 45 seconds left. Opposing goalle Steve Besk got a hand on it, but the ball was moving too fast for him to stop.

Northville almost got the tying goal with 14 minutes remaining in the second half when Andy Fielhauer sent a shot over the Farmington net.

With 10:13 to play in regulation, the Mustangs tied it with a penalty kick by Pat Kelleher, who was given a yellow card for excessive celebration and was ejected in overtime when he received a second.

After 80 minutes of regulation time, the teams played two 15-minute overtimes which us second overtime,

Farmington had two good chances on shots by Matt Okopny and Matt Konopinski, but the first was a bit too high and the other was deflected by

Besk.
But then it appeared the
Falcons had been awarded a
penalty kick at the end of the
second overtime. Konopinsk
was fouled as he entered the
Northville box just as the
clock hit triple zero.
However, the referee ruled
time had expired and the foul
occurred outside the penalty
area.

occurred outside the penalty area.

There was something that wasn't right, Juncel said.
(The referce) was extremely inconsistent. He called a PK for us; then he changes his call. I've never seen anything like that in soccer.

I think the coaches of the other team were telling him what to do and he responded to what they wanted him to do.

In the five-shot shootou

do."
In the five-shot shootout,
Farmington had the lead initially when Northville's second
shooter missed and Okopny,
Kacey Lopata and Konopinski
made three in a row.



Farmington senior Matt Okopny pre-pares to take the ball away from a Northville opponent in district action

But Besk stopped shots by Aaron Helisek and Russo, while Ben Sherman and Besk made theirs, giving Northville

a 4-3 edge.
"You could say Steve Besk single-handedly won the game," Northville coach Henry Klimes said. "He made two big saves and then he buried

one.
"It was a big win, but you hate to see it come down to (a shootout). It came down to which team was lucky. You need some luck in that situation.

which team was necky, but need some back in that situation.

"I've been on the other side. A lot of boys are hurting right now, but they shouldn't be ashamed of losing the game. Juncaj said he thought the Falcons took control of the game and outplayed the Mustangs in the overtimes.

"The PK the ref called probably would have been the wift or us," he said. Then he decided maybe it wasn't a good idea to call one. It was very strange. It was one of those nights when nothing went our way."

went our way."

The ending was especially difficult since the Falcons had expected to be in Division II, but an error in the school's enrollment count put the team in Division I. The

Falcons were state runners-up in Division II last year.

"This is one of the toughest districts in the state," Juncaj said. "If we had been in the division where we should've been, it would've been a totally different ballgame. No one would've come close to even being able to compete with us."

us." Farmington beat a lot of Farmington beat a lot of tough teams in the OAA,* Klimes said. "Luke has done a great job over there. Their record shows how strong they played i . the OAA. "What a battle! What a bat-tle it was!"

FARMINGTON 2, TROY 2: Matt Doppy scored both goals for the Falcons in their final regular-season game Saturday on the Troy Althens field. Joe Russo and Matt Konopinski had one

assist each.
Farmington had a 2-0 lead with six minutes left. But goalle Andrew Martin had to leave the game at that point fol-towing a collision in the box. Martin returned a couple minutes later with the score 2-1, but "him com-

"Freedom, Liberty and Justice For All"

....Would mean nothing without the dedication of our Veteran's.....those brave men & women who make those words our reality!



VETERANS DAY • NOV. 11TH

This Veteran's Day, we will honor those brave individuals who have represented this country so well in their time of service, with a special section in The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in both Oakland and

The deadline is November 4th and there are 2 ad sizes to choose from

_1x2=\$25.00 or 2x2=\$50.00

So send in a photo, your message, a stamped self addressed envelope for returned photos, your name and day time phone number and a check to:

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 Attn: Dylan Bawulski or call:

1-800-879-SELL



Make your home look as good as this rate.



Stretch your home improvement dollar with one of the best Home Equity rates around.

With the attractive rate on a Standard Federal Home Equity Line of Credit, you can get a handsome sum for home improvements, without the unsightly interest charges of high-rate credit card bills. Our Home Equity Line offers other benefits as well, including no points or closing costs, possible tax deductions," and easy access to your funds simply by writing a check. So beautify your home and your loan. Visit any Standard Federal location, call 1-877-732-8240, or apply online at standardfederalbank.com. Standard Federal Bank. A new way to get there."

The Annual Percentage Rule (APR) is based on the Prime Rule. Prime is the highest Prime Rule as published in the "Money Rules" section of The Wall Street Journal on the last publishing day of the calendar month immediately preceding the billing tycls. On August 30, 2002, Prime was 4.73% and the APR on Standard Referral forms Equity Line of Credit products varied between 4,00% and 7.73%, September on your approved commitment amount an extra extra

Standard Federal Bank Member ARN AMRO Group



Standard