

## FALCONS

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level." Henry Ford (5-3) was the Public School League champion last year; however, the Trojans began this season with a younger, inexperienced team.

But coach Mike Marshall's ballclub won its final two games to qualify for post-season action for the fifth straight year and 14th time overall.

"I know Henry Ford is typically the premier program in the PSL," Bechtel said. "Coach Marshall does a great job over there. They have some fantastic athletes and they're well drilled."

"In some ways, Ford is similar to a lot of teams we've played, certainly in terms of speed. I'm not sure we can play with them, but we're going to find out. We're looking forward to the opportunity."

Farmington faced Ford twice in the summer passing league, but Bechtel said that's a whole other ballgame and not worth a comparison.

He has seen the complete Ford team on film, however.

"They like to run the full-back, counters and reverses and, frankly, they're pretty effective at throwing the football," Bechtel said.

"One receiver (Jeremy Orr) has great speed. He runs 10.8 in the hundred and was fourth in the state in the 200; so he's a talented kid."

"The fullback looks like he's 6-2 and 240, and he's a fine player. The quarterback can throw the ball. He's a big, strong kid, and he can snap that thing. He can throw it 50 yards easily. They like to go down field."

"They use a lot of one-back sets. When they get behind, they're in the shotgun and throwing the ball all over. We charted them throwing the ball half the time."

"They have pretty good size. They're not 290 across the



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WR/DB Mike Kish(23) eludes a Ferndale player.

front or anything. It's hard to say, seeing them on film, but my guess is they're 6-2, 220 lbs."

Bechtel hopes for better weather than last Friday when rain turned the field into a mess. Dry, solid ground will help the Farmington defense, he said.

"Our defensive line is as quick as any around," Bechtel said. "If we catch them in a muddy environment, it's going to be a disadvantage again for us."

"We rely on the quickness of our down kids, and that disappears in mud. (The Trojans have) made plays all year with their big backs. I'm hoping we don't get that kind of environment again."

Farmington is making its second playoff appearance and hopes to have a successful run

as it did in 1999.

In that year, the Falcons averaged an earlier loss to Novi, beat a tough Garden City team in overtime to win a district and lost a close regional game to the University of Detroit-Jesuit.

"The team we had three years ago was a little different in terms of overall experience," Bechtel said. "That was a senior-dominated team with a majority of those guys starting on the varsity for three years."

"This team has a lot of the same characteristics in terms of playing good defense. They have a few special teams talents, and offensively, has more capabilities than we haven't quite exploited yet."

The loss to North marked the first time, other than 12 seconds in the Oak Park game, Farmington had been behind

all season.

The Falcons have to avoid turnovers and limit penalties, which hurt them against the Raiders, if they are to beat the Trojans.

"We need to have zero turnovers and three or less penalties," Bechtel said. "If those things happen, we're going to be in the football game."

"We need to prevent the big play. We've been good at that all year. We need to create a couple turnovers whether they come on an interception, blocked punts or fumbles. If we can get that, then we have a chance to play with these people."

"The key is how focused we are to play and how prepared our kids are. We anticipate we will be."

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## HAWKS

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ing factor to try to beat a team that beat us."

But first things first, and that means preparing for a first-time meeting with the Huskies, who finished in a three-way tie for third place in the OAA Division II with a 4-3 record. The Hawks are Division I tri-champions with Lake Orion and Adams at 6-1 each.

"They have some good athletes," Herrington said. "They have good size and they're fast. At one time they were playing very good defense. At the end of the season, they didn't play quite as well."

Northern's defense, nicknamed the Red Storm, allowed just seven points in its first four games and 65 in the last five. The Huskies started the season 5-0 but lost three of the final four games.

"They run a split-back offense," Herrington said. "They like to run the ball off tackle, and they can throw deep. Their receivers are fast and we have to make sure they don't beat us deep."

"But I think their strength is more on defense. They have good speed and size on defense. They bring their outside backers hard; they put on a big pass rush."

"If Marcus (Woods) is able to break through when they do blitz, we'll be in good shape. And Cha-Cha (Charles Pickett) is playing great the last couple weeks now that he's healthy, and he adds another dimension to our offense."

The play of senior quarterback Jake Ghannam was instrumental in Harrison's strong finish in the regular season. He is 60-of-116 passing for 1,019 yards and 11 touchdowns with only four interceptions.

"His improvement, starting with the Lake Orion game, was a big factor in the way we moved the ball," Herrington said.

"Jake always had a strong arm but now he's picking up the secondary receiver and showing a lot of poise in the pocket."

After losing to Adams, the Hawks rallied to beat top-ranked Lake Orion in double overtime and finished with solid wins over Clarkston and West Bloomfield.

"I think we have momentum," Herrington said. "We haven't had a game when we've had all our kids back from injury. We're getting close to that point now."

"The offense has been in high gear. We still have some lapses on defense and have to improve if we're going to compete with the best teams."

"As you get into the tournament, every game is going to be tough, and weather obviously plays a part. I think it's rained the last four Friday nights, so maybe we'll have a little more luck Saturday."

The Hawks hope to have end Daniel Ayorinde, halfback Fermon Tate and tackle Justin Perkey back on defense this week from injuries. Pickett is fully recovered from a sprained ankle.

**WOODS TOPS LIST:** Senior tailback Marcus Woods moved past the legendary John Miller to become Harrison's all-time leading rusher Friday with 292 yards on 25 carries against West Bloomfield.

Woods has 4,628 yards and Miller, who played at Michigan State and in the professional ranks, has 4,493.

"It's a tremendous achievement because the record has been there since 1984," Herrington said. "He may have played more games but has less carries. He got the ball eight to 10 times a game last year, and he'd be out because we had teams merited."

"This year it's more like 20 times a game. He's done a great job. They've all keyed on him and he's still rushed for 1400 yards. It's a great accomplishment, considering all the fine tailbacks we had at Harrison, and he's at the top of the list."

What's ironic is he wouldn't have played that much as a sophomore except Chris Robinson got hurt. He actually started a year earlier than we had anticipated."

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## SPORTS ROUNDP

## 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.

**MBAs 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.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The City of Livonia Parks and Recreation Department is holding a registration for returning teams for its men's basketball league at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, at Parks and Recreation

office, located at 33000 Civic Center Drive in City Hall.

League play begins the week of Jan. 2, 2003. The cost is \$350 per team (plus officials fees per game).

A manager's meeting for new and returning teams will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, in Meeting Room A at the Civic Center Library, located on Five Mile Road just east of City Hall.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.



## CITY OF FARMINGTON

## GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

## TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WARD #1 (PRECINCTS NOS. 1-6):

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a General Election will be held in: THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2002.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN 7 O'CLOCK A.M. UNTIL 8 O'CLOCK P.M. AT THE POLLING PLACES LISTED BELOW:  
Precinct #1 - Farmington City Hall..... 23600 Liberty Street  
Precinct #2 - Farmington Training Center..... 33000 Thomas Street  
Precinct #3 - Farmington Senior High School..... 32000 Shiloh Avenue  
Precinct #4 - Flinders Elementary School..... 32600 Flinders Street  
Precinct #5 - Longene Elementary School..... 34850 Arundel  
Precinct #6 - Farmington Training Center..... 33000 Thomas Street

For the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

**STATE** Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Two Members of the State Board of Education, Two Members of the Board of Regents of University of Michigan, Two Members of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, and Two Members of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University.

**CONGRESSIONAL** United States Senator, Representative in Congress.

**COUNTY JUDICIAL** County Commissioner, Two Justices of the Supreme Court, Three Judges of the Court of Appeals - 2nd District, Six Judges of the Circuit Court, Judge of the Circuit Court (PARTIAL TERM), Two Judges of the Circuit Court (NEW JUDGESHIP), Judge of the Probate Court, Judge of the Probate Court (PARTIAL TERM), Judge of the District Court (NON-INCUMBENT POSITION - 47th District).

FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

**STATE PROPOSAL 02-1**  
A referendum on Public Act 289 of 2001 - An Act to amend certain sections of Michigan Election Law.

**STATE PROPOSAL 02-2**  
A Proposal to authorize Bonds for Sewage Treatment Works Projects, Storm Water Projects and Water Pollution Projects.

**STATE PROPOSAL 02-3**  
A Proposal to amend the State Constitution to grant State Classified Employees the Constitutional right to collective bargaining with binding arbitration.

**STATE PROPOSAL 02-4**  
A proposed Constitutional amendment to reallocate the "Tobacco Settlement Revenue" received by the State from cigarette manufacturers.

**COUNTY PROPOSAL K**  
Metropolitan Arts and Culture Council - Arts, Parks, and Kids Millage Proposal - County of Oakland and County of Wayne.

County Treasurer's Statement as required by Act No. 62 of the Public Acts of 1993 as amended.

I, C. Hugh Dahany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of September 24, 2002 the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the County of Oakland, is as follows:

Local Unit	Voted Increase	Years Increase Effective
County of Oakland	.25	2002 to 2011 incl.
Oakland Community College	1.00	Unlimited
	.80	2002 to 2011 incl.
County School District of Oakland County	.50	Unlimited
	.50	Unlimited
	.75	Unlimited
	1.1704	Unlimited
	.2578	Unlimited
City of Farmington	.80	2002 to 2008 incl.
Farmington Public Schools	18.00	2002 to 2008 incl.

**NOTICE - ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS**  
The last day to request an Absent Voter Ballot for mailing for the General Election of Tuesday, November 5, 2002 is until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 2, 2002. The City Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, November 2, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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GENERAL ELECTION  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the Qualified Electors:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENERAL ELECTION will be held in the CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, Precincts No. 1-27, County of OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN on

TUESDAY, November 5, 2002 AT THE PLACES AS INDICATED BELOW:

- Precinct 1 - Fairview School
- Precinct 2 - North Farmington High School
- Precinct 3 - Forest Elementary School
- Precinct 4 - Faith Covenant Church
- Precinct 5 - Grace Chapel Church
- Precinct 6 - North Congregational Church
- Precinct 7 - Hope Lutheran Church
- Precinct 8 - Fire Station #4
- Precinct 9 - Dunckel Middle School
- Precinct 10 - Kenbrook Elementary School
- Precinct 11 - Highmower Community Campus
- Precinct 12 - Woodcreek Elementary School
- Precinct 13 - Farmington Hills Activities Center
- Precinct 14 - Alameda School
- Precinct 15 - First Presbyterian Church
- Precinct 16 - Hillside Elementary School
- Precinct 17 - Grace Chapel Church
- Precinct 18 - East Middle School
- Precinct 19 - St. Alexander's Church
- Precinct 20 - William Grace Elementary School
- Precinct 21 - Langdon Elementary School
- Precinct 22 - Finnish Center
- Precinct 23 - Finnish Center
- Precinct 24 - Power Middle School
- Precinct 25 - Gill Elementary School
- Precinct 26 - St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- Precinct 27 - St. Alexander's Church

ALL OF THE ABOVE POLLING PLACES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO VOTERS WHO ARE HANDICAPPED.

An elector who is blind, disabled or unable to read or write may be assisted with his or her ballot by any person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer of an officer or agent of a union to which the voter belongs.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICIPATION POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

**STATE** Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Two Members of the State Board of Education, Two Members of the Board of Regents of University of Michigan, Two Members of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, and Two Members of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University.

**CONGRESSIONAL** United States Senator Representative in Congress-9th District

**LEGISLATIVE** State Senator - 14th District Representative in State Legislature - 37th District

**COUNTY** County Commissioner - 14th and 15th

Districts AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

Two Justices of the Supreme Court, Three Judges of the Court of Appeals - 2nd District, Six Judges of the 6th Circuit Court, Judge of the 6th Circuit Court (PARTIAL TERM), Two Judges of the 6th Circuit Court (NEW JUDGESHIP), Judge of the Probate Court (PARTIAL TERM), Judge of the 47th District Court.

AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

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A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 289 OF 2001 - AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW

**STATE PROPOSAL 02-2**  
A PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE BONDS FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS PROJECTS, STORM WATER PROJECTS AND WATER POLLUTION PROJECTS

**STATE PROPOSAL 02-3**  
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO GRANT STATE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH BINDING ARBITRATION.

**STATE PROPOSAL 02-4**  
A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REALLOCATE THE "TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUE" RECEIVED BY THE STATE FROM CIGARETTE MANUFACTURERS

**COUNTY PROPOSAL K**  
METROPOLITAN ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL - ARTS, PARKS, AND KIDS MILLAGE PROPOSAL - COUNTY OF OAKLAND AND COUNTY OF WAYNE.

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	18.00	1996 to 2005 inclusive (Non-Homestead)
Farmington Public Schools	18.00	2002 to 2006 inclusive
Walley Lake Schools	18.00	1996 to 2005 inclusive (Non-Homestead)
	4.30	1996 to 2005 inclusive

THE POLLS of said election will be open, at 7 o'clock a.m. and remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

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KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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