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Harrison's Evans also in state meet

Falcons advance to finals

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Farmington High continued its excellent cross country season by finishing second in the Class A regional tournament last Saturday morning at Cass Benton Park near Northville.

As a result of that performance coach Gerald Young's entire Farmington team will advance to the Class A state finals next Saturday (Nov. 6) at Indian Trails Country Club near Grand Rapids. The top three teams in the regional advance to the state finals along with the top 10 finishers in the individual race if they're not already members of the three best squads.

Farmington Harrison's Mark Evans also earned a place in the state meet by finishing fifth in the regional individual race with a 15:43 clocking.

Farmington, which recently won its third straight Inter Lakes League cross country title, grabbed regional runnerup honors by scoring 128 team points 23 more than first place Garden City East. Livonia Stevenson was third with 138 points and Livonia Churchill and Westland John Glenn tied for fourth with 151 each.

Churchill's Vic Wielecha covered the three-mile course in 15:33.0 to win the individual race. Stevenson's Bill Wilkie was second in 15:33.5, and Mike Mayes of Walled Lake Western took third in 15:37.

FARMINGTON'S HAROLD Rutila (above), finished fourth in 15:39. Other Falcon runners included Stuart Glatfelter (seventh place in 15:46), Hugh Ledlein (15th in 15:56), Pete Nuttall (41st), Paul McKinnon (62nd), Dave Otto (65th) and Terry Inch (94th).

"We had three kids (Rutila, Glatfelter and Ledlein) right up there," Young said. "We had trouble with our fourth and fifth runners and that's what kept us from winning the regional. You gotta have five guys.

"But our kids ran well, and we're happy we're going to state. Our top three men have been running well all year. They've really been dependable. Harold has a good chance to make all state, which is the first 15 runners in the state meet. The other two have outside chances to make all-state."

Farmington's finish in the regional was made even more impressive by the many strong teams in the field.

"There were six or seven good teams in our regional," Young said. "You take teams like Churchill, John Glenn and Northville, and I'm sure they all could have qualified easier in another regional. We just had a good group of teams, and it's too bad that more couldn't get out (qualify) of it.

"Cass Benton is a tough, hilly course, so maybe the times weren't as good as in some of the other regionals. But there were 60 kids under 17 minutes, and that's the most I can ever remember in one multi-school meet at Cass Benton. Also there were 10 runners (including Farmington's top three) under 16 minutes, and that's pretty darn good on that course."

FARMINGTON HARRISON hasn't won a dual meet this season but at least Evans, the Hawks' best runner, will be at the state meet because of his fifth-place showing at the regional.

"Evans is a very talented runner," said Harrison coach Jack Inch, whose son, Terry, is on the Farmington High squad. "I think that Mark is as good as anyone there. He had a good run, a nice run, but it was no better than I expected of him."

Harrison's next-best man was Charlie Rogers, who finished 54th. As a team, Harrison finished 16th with 431 points.

North Farmington finished 14th with 383 points. North's best runner was Paul Welch, a sophomore, who finished 41st in 16:41. Teammates Mike Spengler and Dave Koscielniak followed in 16:45 (47th place) and 16:48 (51st place) respectively.

North's Dave Good, who had been an outstanding runner earlier in the season, didn't run in the regional because of a leg injury.

"It was a good regional with six of the best teams in the state," said North Farmington coach Ed Davis. "There were some of the most balanced teams I've ever seen."

Two other area teams, Southfield-Lathrup and Southfield High, also ran in the Cass Benton regional. Lathrup finished 12th with 367 points, and Southfield was last in the 23-team field with 623. No runners from either school qualified for the state meet.

Regional summary

CLASS A REGIONAL—AT CASS BENTON PARK

TEAM FINISH—1, Garden City East, 100 points. 2, Farmington High, 128. 3, Livonia Stevenson, 138. 4, tie, Livonia Churchill and Westland John Glenn, 151 each. 6, Northville High, 180. 6, Livonia Frank, 180. 224. 7, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 229. 8, Walled Lake Western, 246. 9, Walled Lake Central, 282. 10, Redford Thurston, 298. 11, Detroit Bishop Borgess, 318. 12, Garden City West, 300. 13, Southfield-Lathrup, 367. 14, North Farmington, 383. 15, Livonia Bentley, 398. 16, Farmington Harrison, 431. 17, Plymouth Salem, 441. 18, Ann Arbor Huron, 448. 19, Detroit Cadieux Central, 449. 20, Plymouth Canton, 540. 21, Redford Union, 556. 22, Southfield High, 623.

INDIVIDUAL RACE

1, Vic Wielecha (Churchill), 15:33.0. 2, Bill Wilkie (Harrison), 15:33.5. 3, Mike Mayes (Walled Lake Western), 15:37. 4, Harold Rutila (Farmington High), 15:39. 5, Mark Evans (Harrison), 15:43. 6, John Yuhn (Western), 15:43. 7, Stuart Glatfelter (Farmington High), 15:46. 8, Tobin Jones (Churchill), 15:49. 9, Bob Gould (Northville), 15:51. 10, Hugh Ledlein (Farmington High), 15:56. 11, Tim Thewes (Bishop Borgess), 15:56. 12, Jim Dyke (Garden City East), 15:57. 13, Dan Turner (Western), 15:58. 14, Jeff Perrine (Garden City East), 16:00. 15, Scott Kleban (Plymouth Salem), 16:07. 16, Don Walsur (Northville), 16:07.5. 17, Mark Boyd (Garden City West), 16:08. 18, Bill Murphy (Plymouth Canton), 16:10. 19, Ted Unold (John Glenn), 16:13. 20, Glenn George (Franklin), 16:16. 21, Doug Verbeck (Bentley), 16:16. 22, Kevin Kline (Garden City East), 16:17.5. 23, Tom Jones (Western), 16:18. 24, George Hudock (Franklin), 16:19. 25, Kurt Crestal (John Glenn), 16:20. 26, Lyle Reitman (Stevenson), 16:20. 27, Larry King (Southfield-Lathrup), 16:25.

Stuart Glatfelter of Farmington High runs to a seventh-place finish in the individual race of the Class A regional cross country tournament, held last Saturday at Cass Benton Park. Glatfelter was one of three Farmington runners to finish in the top 10 as Farmington finished second in the 23-team field. The entire Falcon squad will advance to the Class A state finals next Saturday. (Photo by Fred Hopkins)

Raiders blank Thurston, 20-0

North QB shines in victory

"We played a lousy football game," commented Redford Thurston coach Don Riehl about his team's play last weekend against North Farmington. Though not outplayed, the Eagles ended up on the short end of a 20-0 score.

As so often has happened in the past, mistakes from costly fumbles to painful interceptions, repeatedly stymied any offensive punch Thurston could muster.

First quarter action saw both teams struggling to gain momentum in the grinding pit of the battlefield. Finally, late in the quarter, the Raiders struck.

After recovering an Eagle fumble near midfield, North Farmington drove down to the Thurston eight-yard line. From there, Bob Miller got the call and charged ahead off tackle for the touchdown. Tim Quinn kicked the extra point.

In the second quarter, both teams again pushed and shoved each other up and down the field, but neither could put the pigskin in the endzone.

North Farmington took charge in the third quarter and bullied its way through the Thurston defense. Again, it was Miller who scored. This time, he dove in from three yards out. The extra point kick failed.

Midway in the final quarter of play, North Farmington scored once more to cap off the game. This time, the Raiders used a strong passing attack to outwit the Thurston defense. Finally, quarterback Mike Thomas tossed an 11-yard pass to Greg Hughes, who scored. Thomas also kicked the extra point.

"We threw the ball pretty well, and that set up good field position for us," said North Farmington coach Ron Holland.

The Eagles' offense gained a total of 174 yards on the ground and in the air. Craig Schauder lead the ground attack with 64 yards in 13 carries.

"We didn't play with any enthusiasm," Riehl said after the game. He also felt mistakes ruined his team's chances.

As for the Raiders' offense, it gained a total of 180 yards, just six more than Thurston. Miller led the attack with 60 yards in 17 carries.

Next week Thurston takes on unbeaten Livonia Stevenson at home. Game time is 2 p.m. North Farmington plays its arch rival, Farmington Harrison next Saturday. The game is at Harrison at 2 p.m.

SCORING

North Farmington—Bob Miller 8 run (Tim Quinn kick).
North Farmington—Miller 3 run (kick failed).
North Farmington—Greg Hughes 11 pass from Mike Thomas (Thomas kick).

NORTH FARMINGTON—THURSTON

	NF	THS
First downs rushing	5	6
First downs passing	3	1
First downs penalty	1	1
Yards rushing	96	87
Yards passing	75	33
Passes completed	7-11-1	3-8-1
Punts—average	3-39	5-34
Fumbles—No. lost	1-1	3-2
Penalties—yards lost	3-25	4-30
NORTH FARMINGTON	6 7 6 7	—26
THURSTON HIGH	0 0 0 0	—0

North Farmington's Jeff Cohen (white uniform) finds himself in heavy traffic as he carries the ball against Thurston last Saturday. North defeated Thurston, 20-0.

Stein Haus touch team wins FARC grid crown

Stein Haus, the champion of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission Men's Touch Football League, has earned the right to represent the area in the Michigan Touch Football State Tournament Nov. 13-14 in Grand Rapids.

Stein Haus and Novi Drugs proved to the strongest teams in the eight-team Farmington league. Both squads finished the regular season with 6-0-1 records, making it necessary for a playoff game to be held. Stein Haus won the league championship by beating Novi Drugs, 27-13, on Oct. 31.

Novi Drugs took a 13-0 lead after one quarter as quarterback Roy Coomer threw a pair of touchdown passes. Stein Haus closed the gap to 13-7 in the second quarter as Mike Wilson passed to Jim Acetelli for a touchdown. Stein Haus came up with another TD in the second quarter as Wilson passed to Steve Smith. The scoring play gave the winners a one-point (14-13) lead at halftime.

Wilson threw for two more touchdowns in the second half to seal Novi Drugs' fate. One scoring pass went to Don McDonald, the other found Miles Kearney.

Stein Haus will play the winner of the Milan-Bay City game on Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. at Grand Rapids' Belknap Field. The championship game is scheduled for the following night at 7 p.m.

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	W	L	T
Stein Haus	6	1	1
Novi Drugs	6	1	1
Fisher's Sporting Goods	5	2	0
Unmentionables	5	2	0
Mark's Pizza	3	4	0
Golden Platter	1	6	0
Fred's Disco	1	6	0
F.R.A.	0	7	0

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF GAME—Stein Haus 27, Novi Drugs 13. RESULTS (OCT. 31)—Stein Haus 14, F.R.A. 0. Novi Drugs 26, Mark's Pizza 12. Fisher's Sporting Goods 20, Fred's Disco 20. Unmentionables 22, Golden Platter 20.

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