

Sturtz, Hakala return

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The catcher suffered a dislocated left shoulder twice while playing hockey last winter, and he won't be ready to play until the end of April, according to Horwitz. Hakala hit .231 but was reliable in key situations.

"He's a good catcher if we can get him healthy," he said. "He was a better ballplayer than his average indicates. He was real good at coming through with the key hit."

In the meantime, senior Mark Dorfman, who played outfield on the JV team, will replace Hakala behind the plate.

THE RAIDERS graduated their top three pitchers, Rick Bachner, Andy Drake and Bob Bullock, and anyone Horwitz puts on the mound will be untested at the varsity level.

The top pitchers appear to be junior right-hander Paul Anders, who played two years on the JV, and sophomore left-hander Andrew Mar-golic.

"(Anders) is going to have to learn quick and find out he can't do all himself," Horwitz said. "Margolic is a good kid of ours and throws pretty good. We're going to have to give him a shot. I think he can do it."

Other pitchers are seniors Jack Herberholz and Tim McEvily, junior Jeff Reje and sophomore Chris White, who will be the starting shortstop. Horwitz calls Herberholz a "fantastic ballplayer," but he has never played at North. He has transferred back and forth from Redford Central Central and has never been eligible.

Senior Steve Fitzpatrick will start at first base, and junior T.J. Orman, who will bat in the lead-off spot, at second base. Both are moving up from the JV.

Horwitz has high expectations for White, who also starred in football and basketball for North.

"I THINK he's going to be one of the premier shortstops in the league," Horwitz said. "He's just an excellent athlete."

"He was good enough to play varsity last year, but we had so many seniors."

Third base was still a question mark last week, with either Reje or junior Del Turken likely to get the starting job.

Herberholz will start in left field, and junior Mike Colline is the top right fielder.

"People who don't know Jack are going to find out who he is," Horwitz said. "They already know Joe. Both are good defensive ballplayers."

North also will depend on the hitting of senior Craig Gareczynski, who suffered a dislocated shoulder in football. He will be the designated hitter and also can play the outfield.

The Hawks open with a



RANDY BORSITZ/staff photographer

Bonnie Allen returns after a year of varsity competition and will be a utility player for the Falcons, who expect to have a good hitting team.

Former Falcon guides team

By Steve Kowaleksi
staff writer

Doug Button, a 1982 graduate of Farmington High, returns to his former school this spring as coach of the boys tennis team.

Button is an assistant professional at the Farmington Tennis Club, is excited about guiding his alma mater.

Button, who has coached several adult travel teams, played one collegiate year at Palm Beach Junior College in Florida. He replaced Bill Wahlsdorf.

"High school tennis is a lot more competitive," Button said. "There are a lot of good kids here who have great attitudes. You've got to tell them what you expect and usually I can get it from them. If I can't, you shouldn't coach."

ALTHOUGH BUTTON has no high school coaching experience, he believes he is well-qualified for the post.

"I can give a lot of motivation and spirit," he said. "There's talent on the team, but I compared it to other schools, which I think is better. We need more motivation. Most guys who come to Farmington (High) are seasonal players, meaning they play tennis only in the spring. I'm looking to change that."

Farmington lost three of its four singles players, including No. 1 player Jim Vanderhill. Button must also adjust to the competition at doubles play, where matches can be won or lost.

The top returnee is senior Scott Hawkins, a No. 2 doubles performer a year ago, who has earned the No. 1

Hard-hitting Falcons aim for better defense

By Steve Kowaleksi
staff writer

If Farmington High can pick up the softball as well as it can hit, the Falcons might have an exciting 1989 season ahead of them.

Farmington batted about .270 as a team last year but committed 93 errors, and that's one of the reasons the Falcons finished 5-10 overall.

Coach Rich Roy hopes Farmington can improve its won-lost record, and that means improvement in the field.

"Last year we hit the ball fairly well, and we always want to improve on that," Roy said. "Defensively, we've got to get better. We'd like to shoot for zero errors. If we could cut our errors in half, that would be decent."

Farmington hosts Novi in a double-header today, so Roy might find out immediately if the fielding has improved. He already knows the Falcons swing mighty sticks, and no one swings a bat harder on the senior side than Melissa Tisdale, a first-team All-Observer performer in 1988.

TISDALE BATTED .378 with four home runs and 25 RBI and will return to the No. 3 spot in the Falcons order. Other starters returning include infielder Michelle Miller, who batted .284 last year, and senior first baseman Kristen Kristen, a .255 hitter.

Senior Lisa Rockafellow also returns to the pitching mound, but she might be more valuable at the plate where she hit .342 with 13 RBI. She was 3-12 as a pitcher, and Roy expects better numbers on the mound. If Rockafellow gets the ball over the plate, Farmington will hold its own.

"We'll score some runs," Roy said. "We've got the 2

(Miller), 3 (Tisdale) and 4 (Rockafellow) hitters back and the attitude seems good."

"I kind of forced Lisa into pitching a year ago, and she volunteered to pitch because we were weak there. She sacrificed herself for the team. She's worked on throwing it. She's been throwing inside the last couple months."

Roy needs to find replacements for five graduated seniors, including Kelli Koss. He has a talented group of players off the 1988 junior varsity team to choose from along with a transfer from Livonia Franklin, Jennifer McGlinch.

MARY BRISH AND Jennifer Curtis, who shared catcher duties on the junior varsity might do the same on the varsity until someone outshines the other. Other standouts off the JV team include shortstop Liza Raffle, Bonnie Wheells and Kim Owczaryk.

McGlinch is a shortstop who played JV for Franklin, a counterpart of Farmington's in the Western Lakes Activities Association, last year.

Holdovers from Farmington's varsity unit include third baseman Marcy Hall, who was injured most of last spring, and utility player Brian Alford.

Farmington plays in the Lakes Division of the WLAA, and Roy knows what to expect from other teams.

"The game Plymouth Salem will be tough in our division, and (Westland) John Glenn is always good," he said. "We can compete. I think we should be able to."

Marlins expect to contend

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BESIDES LOSING three quarters of their infield — first baseman Muffy McWood and shortstop Kristin Orlandini — to graduation, the Marlins also must replace catcher Nicki Fraser, who was on the all-Observer second team along with McKenna, Orlandini and Viall.

Sophomore Kim Reichard played varsity ball last year and was groomed for the position. While she must replace "a great varsity catcher," the fact the 5-foot-8 Reichard is six inches taller than Fraser should make a difference, according to Brown.

"She can cover the plate a little bit more," she said. "Nicki tended to be run over by a lot of runners, and I don't think Kim will be."

Joining Sayers and Albrecht in the outfield will be either junior Amiee Cox, who played JV ball, or freshman Marcy Eastman. Cox's effectiveness is reduced by weak knees, but she is a good fielder and has a consistent arm. Brown said, adding Eastman has obvious potential. Marcy's 14-year-old sister, Kristin, is also a good fielder, along with Amiee Miller and Jenny Shallal and sophomore Maurea Phenix and MaryBeth Meagan.

"We have a lot of young kids who are filling some major spots, but I have a lot of confidence in them," Brown said. "I feel real good about this team and its attitude. I feel all 14 want to be there and want to play."

CITY OF FARMINGTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY COUNCIL

The Council of the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, will meet at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 1989, in the Council Chambers at 23500 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, to hear all interested persons on the request from Vicki A. Palmer and Elayne D. Chaffin for a Special Exception Permit to operate a day care center at 33419 Grand River with the CBD Central Business District.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views at the above time and place, or submit written comment to the office of the City Clerk prior to the Public Hearing. Any other information desired regarding the above is available at the office of the City Clerk.

JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Campbell at 8:00 a.m. on April 3, 1989, in Council Chambers, 23500 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

ATTENDANCE: Campbell, Hartschoor, Richardson, Richardson, and others.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Deadman, Director Lauboff, Director Billing, City Attorney Donohoe, Admin. Assistant Schultz, City Clerk Bushey.

Minutes of the previous meeting of March 20, 1989, were approved as written.

Minutes of other Boards were received and/or filed.

Council approved the request of the owner of the Boulevard Cafe for outside seating along Grand River.

Council approved the request of County Commissioner Wolf to use space in City Hall on the first Saturday of every month.

Council accepted, with regret, the resignation of Merrill Miller from the Downtown Development Authority.

Council granted a parade permit to South Farmington Baseball, Inc. for Opening Day, May 13, 1989.

Ordinances for Sign Variances for 33409-33475 and 3316-33238 Grand River were granted for 120 days.

Council adopted a resolution allowing the Solid Waste Consortium to file a grant application for Michigan Quality of Life funding.

Council tabled discussion of an amendment to the City Sidewalk Improvement Fund to add a new fund for the sidewalk.

Council reviewed the City Manager's progress report on Orchard Lake Road Improvements.

Council introduced Ordinance No. C-581-90 to amend Traffic Control Orders, Parking Regulations on Grand River and Farmington Road.

Council accepted the following bid for the 1989-90 school year:

• Bid for a new roof at \$10,400 from Great Lakes Coating

• Bid for a new roof at \$5,500 from Great Lakes Coating

Council authorized the following payments for City Hall entry projects:

\$3,999 to Glaco Corporation

\$3,990 to Special Fabricators, Inc.

There were no public comments.

Council deferred action on appointments to Boards and Committees.

Council received and filed the General Fund and 47th District Court financial reports for the eight months ended February 28, 1989.

Monthly bills were approved for payment.

Council approved the City's request to proceed with certain court action.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk

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clarification

A story about the Farmington Hills Harrison began the 1989 girls soccer season Friday with a 1-1 tie in non-conference play at Novi.

The Hawks are hoping sophomore Lisa Vosler, a transfer from Birmingham, will give them some much-needed offensive punch this year, and she scored their only goal in the opener.

She scored at the 10-minute mark of the first half following a corner kick by freshman Nikki Stratton.

"She's our scorer," said Harrison coach Glenn Bruehman of Vosler.

ARNOLD T. CAMPBELL, Mayor Pro-Tem
JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk

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