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Hawks clinch another Western title

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It didn't take long for Farmington Hills Harrison to spoil Livonia Franklin's Homecoming Saturday.

Scoring on their first two plays from scrimmage, the Hawks sent an early message and then rolled to a 35-0 football win over the Patriots before a sun-drenched crowd at Franklin.

"I feel sad for the community and school, but I can't worry whether it's Homecoming or not," Franklin coach Armand Vigna said. "They're the better team, tougher, faster, and they executed better."

The Hawks, who clinched another Western Division (Western Lakes Activities Association) title with the win, probably never executed better than on the first play from scrimmage. Swingback Roy Granger took a counter hand-off from quarterback Plamen Magdevski and raced 78 yards through the Patriots secondary for an early 6-0 lead.

The play was inserted this week, designed to surprise opposing defenses.

"All week I was telling him (Harrison coach John Herrington) I was going to score," said Granger, who added a 5-yard score in the third quarter. "It got my confidence going."

It didn't get any better for the Patriots, who fumbled away their first play from scrimmage and then watched Harrison tailback Gary Devine gallop 14 yards for his first of three touchdowns and a 14-0 lead.

There was 9:45 left in the first quarter when Devine scored, proving this was the beginning of a long day for Franklin. The Patriots turned the ball over seven times in the game, and lost four fumbles in the third quarter, three of which led to short Harrison scoring drives.

The win improved the Hawks to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the Western Division. The Patriots, meanwhile, fell to 1-5 overall and 1-3 in the division. Mark Lebovitz made all five of Harrison's extra points.

"I asked John Herrington after the game, 'Didn't you get bored with all those short scoring drives?'" Vigna said. "And he said he was happy to receive them. That Devine, he's just a tough kid, elusive and quicker than anything we've got."

Playing on an ankle he sprained in the second quarter, Devine still rushed for 137 yards on 20 carries and scored on runs of 14, four and 10 yards. Devine, only 5-6 and 155 pounds, has now rushed for 905 yards and 15 touchdowns on the year.

The Hawks outgained the Patriots, 329-141, in total yardage, and picked up 16 first downs to nine by Franklin. Granger, who also caught a pass for 18 yards, rushed for 118 yards on eight carries.

Andy Smith and Stephen Timblin each intercepted a pass thrown by Franklin quarterback Mike Geiger, but Devine was the topic of conversation afterward.

"He fits right in with many of the great backs we've had and he's closest in similarity to Steve Sweeney (from the 1981 state champion team)," Herrington said. "He's very quick with a low center of gravity. He's a very, very tough runner, partly because he's hard to find."

Despite the injury, Devine plans to play the rest of the way, "unless I have a broken ankle."

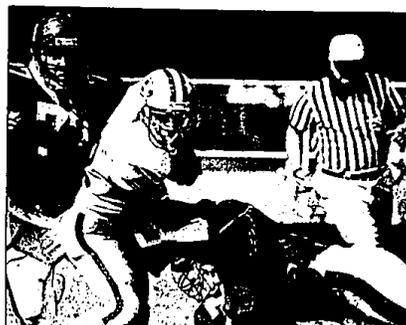
Geiger, a senior, was one of Franklin's few bright spots, completing six of 17 passes for 50 yards and gaining 31 yards on the ground. Five times, Geiger led Franklin beyond midfield, but the Patriots failed to capitalize.

Franklin's Bobby Johnson missed a 35-yard field goal wide right in the second quarter. The Patriots turned the ball over the first three times they touched the ball in the second half when Harrison turned the game into a rout.

Dan Quirolo, Steve Butcher, Mike Pesci, Todd Lytwyniuk and Greg Piscopink recovered fumbles for Harrison.

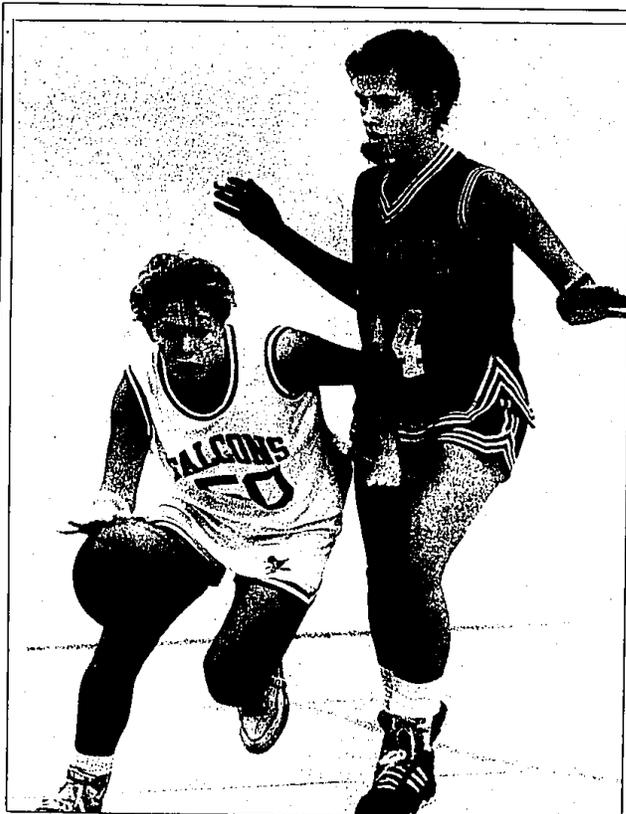
"In all my days, I've never seen as many, and so consecutively," said Vigna.

Vigna had praise for Kirk Evans, an offensive guard and defensive tackle, who played over an injured leg.



SHARON LEWELUX/staff photographer

Gary Devine (with ball), who gained 137 yards and scored three touchdowns for Farmington Hills Harrison, avoids a tackle Saturday by Franklin's Bobby Johnson (right).



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Daniella Salyer (left), of Farmington, drives around Walled Lake Central's Karyn Kostowski Thursday in the Falcons Lakes Division 68-

51 girls basketball loss. Shelly Gaul led Farmington with 14 points.

Vikes' reserves drill Farmington

By Bill Parker
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President Bush isn't the only one receiving support from his reserves.

When Walled Lake Central's basketball team ran into foul trouble Thursday at Farmington, Central coach Ken Butler called on his reserves and the Viking bench responded.

Central, which trailed 30-29 at halftime, took control of the contest in the second half, outscoring Farmington 39-21 enroute to a 68-51 Western Lakes Activities Association victory. Central's bench scored 18 of those 39 points while Farmington's bench was scoreless in the game.

The win improved Central's record to 6-4 overall and 3-2 in the WLA while Farmington slipped to 1-10 and 0-5.

"I've said it before, but those girls (reserves) got some quality playing time in early in the season and its paying off now," said Butler. "Our bench held us up tonight when we got into (foul) trouble. (Corie) Cassinski, Sereno, (Stacie) Burnett and (Kim) Dickson all came off the bench and all absolutely did a nice job for us."

WITH CENTRAL HOLDING a slim 39-35 lead midway through the third quarter, Farmington got an apparent break when Central's third starter went to the bench with her fourth foul.

But Central's Brandy Sereno came off the bench with 12 points, three steals and an assist in the next 10 minutes to help keep Central's lead intact.

Sereno, a senior guard, scored the final eight points of an 11-4 Viking run as Central surged ahead 50-39 by the end of the third quarter.

Sereno opened the fourth with a



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Salyers defends an unidentified Central player during the loss, which dropped Farmington to 1-10 overall and 0-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

layup and a pair of steals as the Vikings scored six unanswered points to take a 56-39 lead. Junior Kim Kobus returned an offensive rebound to the basket and sophomore Cindy Muha drove the lane for an easy layup to cap the run.

Five players scored for Central down the stretch as the Vikings maintained the lead until the final buzzer.

FARMINGTON TOOK advantage of some cold shooting by Central early in the contest.

Farmington's Shelly Gaul scored five of her 14 points in the first quarter and teammate Kim Owezczak dumped in four of her 12 points. Tammy Allen aced both ends of a two-shot foul with no time on the clock as the first quar-

ter ended tied at 12-12.

Jenny Czach scored five of her 12 points to lead Central, which hit just 3-of-21 shots from the floor in the first quarter.

"Farmington worked very hard," Butler said. "They were coming off a real close 47-40 loss to (Livonia) Franklin, which is undefeated (10-0 overall and 5-0 WLA). I think they had a carry over from that. They had their confidence built up."

ALLEN, A SOPHOMORE, caught fire for the Falcons in the second quarter, scoring 13 of Farmington's 18 points.

"(Allen) has been coming on in the last few games," said Farmington coach Diana Fair. "She had a back injury early and she's just finding her groove. She's becoming a little more seasoned as a player. It's just a matter of her getting a little experience."

Karyn Koslowski carried the load in the second quarter for Central, which couldn't shake the cold and hit just 6-of-19 shots from the floor. Kostowski, a senior, scored 10 of her team-high 19 points including the first eight of the quarter for Central.

The first half ended with Farmington holding a 30-29 lead.

"I've come over here with some great tears and never done well in this gym," admitted Butler. "It's very hard to play here. It's hard to see the basket."

Allen led scorers with 21 points for Farmington.

Kobus added 10 for Central and Muha chipped in with seven.

Central faces a tough schedule this week, traveling to Franklin on Tuesday and hosting Westland John Glenn on Thursday.

Falcons outduel Central in Lakes encounter, 3-1

Three different players scored Wednesday as host Farmington turned back Walled Lake Central, 3-1, in a Western Lakes Activities Association boys soccer game.

The Falcons are 3-6-1 overall. Rob Cook, Chris Wiljansen and Hans Tonnis each scored goals for Farmington — all coming in the first half.

Wiljansen also contributed an assist along with Brian Afferbaugh.

STEVENSON J. HARRISON 0: State-ranked Livonia Stevenson (8-0-1) got a tougher-than-expected battle Wednesday from visiting Farmington Harrison (2-5-1).

Travis Roy scored the game-winner in the second half from Rob Haar to gain the victory. Stevenson outshot the Hawks, 35-5. Goalie Scott Plagenhoef made five saves to post the shutout.

REDFORD CC 5, NOTRE DAME 0: Kerry Zavagnin scored five of the Shamrocks' five first-half goals to lead Redford Catholic Central (9-2-2) to an easy 5-0 victory Friday at Bell Creek Park.

CC is now 6-1 in the Central Division of the Catholic League. The Shamrocks can gain a share of the title with a win Tuesday against first-place Warren DeLaSalle (4 p.m. at Mascum Community College). Brendan Sullivan, Anthony Verrino and Mike Duffy also added goals for the winners. Goalkeeper Jeff Sawicki recorded the shutout for the Shamrocks, who played their reserves the second half.

On Wednesday, Zavagnin scored twice and had one assist in a 3-1 triumph over rival Birmingham Brother Rice. It was CC's second win over the Warriors this year.

Freshman Rich Walosz added a goal and an assist, while Matt Macchini turned in a sterling performance defensively.



JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer

Jayson Tucker (left) of Farmington dribbles the ball around Walled Lake Central's John Truskowski during Wednesday's soccer encounter.

Marlins remain unbeaten in '90

Farmington Hills Mercy opened its Catholic-League Central Division swimming season Wednesday with an impressive, 59-34, win over visiting Birmingham Marian.

The Marlins won eight of the 12 events, including a state cut time of 1:58.51 in the 200-yard medley relay, swam by Jenny McCombs, Andrea Hoeflein, Linda Goldstein and Michelle McCaffrey.

The win keeps Mercy undefeated in three dual meets.

"Winning our first home meet, with plenty of parent and student support is a good feeling," Mercy coach Terri Eudy-Teeters said. "There are six weeks left in the season and we saw some good times tonight."

Co-Captain and senior Polly Tenuta and Hoeflein, a freshman, turned

in personal best-time efforts in the 200 IM. Hoeflein placed first at 2:24.23 and Tenuta second in 2:27.13.

McCaffrey, the Marlins other co-captain and senior, shared two firsts, going 25.41 in the 50 freestyle and 57.85 in the 100 freestyle. In the 500 freestyle, Erica Smith went 5:32.86 for first while Heather Noll placed second with a personal best of 5:54.31. Michelle Welch took second in the 100 butterfly (1:08.89) and Pat Cahill was second in the 100 backstroke (1:10.49).

The Marlins freestyle relay of Welch, Noll, Colleen Kelly, and Michelle Giza placed second in 4:14.83. Mercy swims against host Madison Heights Bishop Foley next Tuesday.

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