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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Hawks win swim debut

Three double winners led Farmington Hills Harrison to a 96-89 victory in the Hawks' first swim meet Thursday at Novi.

Senior Veronica Forberger and sophomores Jenny Domino and Dana Dixon all won two races and were part of winning relay teams.

The meet came down to the last event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. The foursome of Lisa Schaner, Forberger, Domino and Dixon took first with a time of 4:10.2 and clinched first for the Hawks.

Forberger took first in the 50 (27.0) and 100 freestyles (59.1). Domino claimed the 200 (2:12.1) and 500 (5:49.2), while Dixon won the individual medley (2:32.7) and the breaststroke (1:16.4).

Lisa Tomle, Cassie O'Sullivan, Schaner and Forberger teamed to win the medley relay in 2:06.8.

O'Sullivan, Dixon, Domino and Nicole Lazon also took first in the 200 freestyle in 1:54.7.

"We were a little rusty, but all were still good first-meet swimmers," Harrison coach Mark Holdridge said.

### North swimmers coast

North Farmington won every event Thursday and dominated host Redford Union 153-29 in the first girls swim meet of the fall season.

Sherri Richardson and Shannon O'Brien won two events each, and both were on two winning relay teams.

O'Brien won the individual medley (2:23.64) and butterfly (1:06.04), and Richardson was first in the 200 and 500 freestyles with respective times of 2:06.92 and 5:51.73.

Other North winners were Amy Finkel in the 50 freestyle (26.88); Mandy Terrell, diving (238.80); Becky Ashburn, 100 freestyle (59.45); Erica Vincent, backstroke (1:14.35); and Carrie Worthen, breaststroke (1:15.22).

Vincent, O'Brien, Worthen and Finkel won the medley relay in 2:02.97. Ashburn, Stephanie Cohen, Julie Knoche and Richardson comprised the winning 200 freestyle team (1:52.2), and the 400 freestyle unit (4:02.21) consisted of O'Brien, Richardson, Ashburn and Worthen.

### Falcons win boys dual

Farmington whipped Livonia Churchill 18-43 in its first boys cross country dual meet Thursday at Oakland Community College.

The Falcons lost 27-29 in the girls race, however.

Dave Clinard of Farmington ran away with individual honors, finishing more than a minute ahead of teammate Tom May with a 17:51 time. May was second (19:03). Trip Adams fourth (19:24), John Lane fifth (19:24) and Mike Langdon sixth (20:24).

Steve DeLara was the top Churchill runner, placing third at 19:16.

Farmington's Dana Gohn finished first in the girls race at 21:51, but the Chargers got the next three places.

Sara Lindsey was fifth (23:51) and Kerri Lowry sixth (24:10) for the Falcons. Kris Brazin (22:21), Tracy Parker (23:15) and Carol McCoy (23:34) paced Churchill.

### Raiders overcome Mott

North Farmington proved it's not a one-person team Thursday by defeating host Waterford Mott 57-54 in girls basketball.

After three quarters, junior forward Carey Perkins had made seven of eight shots and had 17 points and led her team back into the game. Mott led 42-41 entering the fourth quarter.

But early in the fourth, Perkins fell and suffered a possible concussion. The loss of Perkins didn't slow down the Raiders, who took command and won going away.

"When Carey went down, the team stepped up, stayed focused and pulled the game out," North coach Lance Davis said. "It was good to see. It was a tremendous win. We got big plays from players off the bench and from our starters."

Junior forward Kerry Richards, in particular, stepped up and converted eight of 12 free throws in the fourth quarter.

A driving layup by freshman guard Shannon McCoy and two Richards free throws put North up by six with 17 seconds remaining.

McCoy added 11 points for the Raiders (3-1), who also got eight from Renee Dolak. Freshman Carrie May ripped down 10 rebounds. Angie Godzinski paced Mott (3-2) with 14 points.

"We won the other night but committed 28 turnovers," Davis said. "It's possible to play bad and still win. But tonight we played to our potential, and we can be happy with our win."

### Falcons unbeaten in golf

Farmington High is undefeated in four boys golf dual meets after Friday's 199-217 win over Westland John Glenn at San Marino Golf Course.

The Falcons are 1-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Jason Buha shot a one-under par 35 to lead the Falcons. Senior Peter True also broke 40, coming home with a 39, while teammate Dan Hryczek followed with a 41. Sophomore Derek Nelson and junior Mike Kovach each finished with 42s.

The Falcons on Thursday beat Northville 206-217. Buha led the Falcons with 37 and True was second with 39. Hryczek shot a 41, which at the time was his season low score.

## Chiefs deny Marlins tourney 3-peat



BY DAN O'MEARA  
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Plymouth Canton won its second Mercy Hoops Classic championship Saturday night, relying on aggressive defense to stop host Farmington Hills Mercy 47-30 in the final.

The Chiefs (6-0) mixed a full-court press with a tight half-court defense to strangle the Mercy offense, forcing the Marlins to make 34 turnovers and shoot 27 percent.

"I thought our kids really got after it defensively," Canton coach Bob Blohm said, "and I thought we rebounded the ball well. We emphasize the three things you need to be successful: great team defense, offense and defensive rebounding, and good ball handling."

Canton, which previously won in 1988 and has been the runner-up once and consolation winner three times since first playing in 1987, didn't have a good night on offense, either.

"It's more important to be five-player oriented on defense than it is offense," Blohm said. "You can do something offensively that involves one or two players, but defensively you need all five to be focused."

The Chiefs held Mercy (4-2) to just nine field goals and 33 attempts. The Marlins committed 26 turnovers and were 4-of-16 from the field in the middle quarters when Canton turned a five-point lead into a 35-16 margin.

"We came up with some loose balls and rebounds early, and the conversion rate was just nil," Mercy coach Larry Baker said. "There were some reasons for it. It wasn't just our ineffectiveness. They jammed us up pretty good."

"I think we played defense well enough to make it a game if we had scored more. We weren't prepared for

the physical and aggressive game they jumped us with."

"I told my players 'That's why we play these games, because you'll see that kind of intensity in the league this season.'"

Amy Westerhold scored all six of her points in the first quarter, including the last two baskets to give Canton an 11-5 lead. The Chiefs scored 13 unanswered points, including the first nine of the second period.

Canton's 20-7 advantage was actually a commanding lead in a game in which the points didn't come easily given the tough defense played by both teams.

Kelly Holmes, a senior post player, scored 15 points to lead Canton and was the only player to reach double figures. Stephanie Gray and Erica Anderson had seven apiece, and Christie Saffron also had six.

"We're starting to get some (offensive) movement and, if other teams are going to double and triple Stephanie, there are others who are going to step up," Blohm said. "I like it balanced. You become more dangerous when everyone has a hand in what's going on."

Katie Heffernan's seven points was tops for Mercy. Dana Wade and Julie Angell finished with six each.

Blohm used two post players the whole game to counter Mercy's trio of Angell, Wade and Marshelle Brooks.

"I thought our smaller group did OK, and we had a good three-player rotation in the post," Blohm said.

Kim Knuth, who scored 43 points in two games, posted 20 Saturday to lead St. Joseph to the consolation title, 60-40 over St. Clair, Gray, Angell, St. Joseph's Andi Bloodworth and St. Clair's Alicia Kollmorgen were named to the all-tournament team, also.



Chiefs heroine, Zendre Simmons, reaching a loose ball before Courtney Anderson, made the winning basket Thursday in Mercy's semifinal win. See story on Page 2C.

## North runs over, and through, Canton

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Okay, it's way too early to start talking about North Farmington's football playoff chances — even after Saturday's 35-14 trouncing of Plymouth Canton at North. Raider coach Jim O'Leary just laughs off such queries.

"We've got to get better defensively, especially in the secondary," insists O'Leary. How much better? "A lot better. If we improve our secondary, we'll be a good football team."

Canton coach Bob Khoele isn't so particular. And playoffs are the furthest thing from his mind — his team is 0-2 and he knows why.

"Our defense . . ." he muttered as he left the North field Saturday. "Football is defense. Sure, we made mistakes on offense, we fumbled the ball away and

had that bad snap. But if we stop them it's still 0-0."

"If you can't play defense, what can you play in football?"

Good question. Khoele only wishes he had an answer.

The Chiefs were unable to cope with North's running game, from start to finish. On their first series, the Raiders got 62 yards for a touchdown.

Canton never caught up.

A promising opening drive ended in disappointment for the Chiefs. After twice converting on fourth down to reach North's 21, Lenny Gardner fumbled and the Raiders' Mike Corridore recovered.

A seven-play drive covering 58 yards at the start of the second quarter gave North its second TD. Todd Anderson

did most of the damage, carrying for 34 yards — the last 10 for the score.

Canton did close to within 14-6 with a well-executed 69-yard drive midway through the second quarter. Shankle completed three key passes in the sequence: 21 and 11 yards to Tim Morris and, on third down, an 8-yarder to Justin Buchhop for the TD.

But North marched right back. The Raiders were 74 yards in eight plays, with Chuba rushing for 38 yards and Anderson 21. Chuba got the TD on a 9-yard run with 43 seconds left in the half to make it 21-6 at the break.

Canton's fortunes — or misfortunes — did not change course in the second half. On their opening possession, Shankle was sacked on fourth down and the Raiders took over at their own 37.

On second down, Anderson swept

through left tackle and raced 58 yards to the end zone.

On their next possession, the Chiefs added to their miseries with a punt snap well over Kozil's head. He fell on the ball at the 11, but North was in the end zone again in two plays, this time Dana Darnell scoring on a 5-yard run to make it 35-6.

Canton got a second TD with another strong drive, this one guided by quarterback Scott Valmont. The Chiefs went 80 yards in 14 plays, with Valmont gaining 43 of them. His 1-yard sneak with 1:14 left, and Ryan Ostach's two-point run, made it 35-14.

Anderson gained 133 yards on 15 carries (scoring twice) and Chuba added 102 more on six attempts (also scoring twice).

## Hawks capitalize on Salem miscues

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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Farmington Hills Harrison overcame its share of setbacks Friday night, capitalizing on plenty of Plymouth Salem mistakes to post an unexpectedly one-sided victory, 22-0.

The Hawks turned three Salem turnovers into first-half touchdowns and made the halftime score stand. Overall, the Rocks lost six fumbles and had a pass intercepted.

Harrison was dealt a serious blow when quarterback Jeff Cialo injured a shoulder early in the game but before he had thrown a 49-yard TD pass to Keye Smith on the previous series.

"He threw a pass, got tackled after he threw it and fell down on it," Harrison coach John Herrington said, adding Cialo couldn't lift his shoulder. "The doctor thinks it might not be too serious."

Smith took over at quarterback until late in the game and guided Harrison to two more scores.

"I thought (Smith) did a terrific job, because we didn't even practice him at quarterback," Herrington said. "He's our best athlete so he was the one I went with."

"I didn't want to put pressure on the young quarterbacks when the game was close. But it takes away from our pass-

ing attack because he's our best receiver."

Harrison is 2-0 and, despite the injury to Cialo, looks like a stronger team than most preseason assessments predicted. The Hawks, who beat Dearborn Divine Child in overtime the first week, have won 19 consecutive regular-season games and 15 straight overall.

"We'll really have to suck it up (with-out Cialo), and the guys will have to step it up another notch with their play," Herrington said. "We have two tough games coming in the division, and it's a tough time to have an injury."

Harrison plays Livonia Franklin (2-0) later this week and division favorite Valled Lake Western after that.

"I'll tell you now: Don't be surprised if they win the next two," Salem coach Tom Moshier said, adding Harrison was "just a little bit different team" than Trenton, which Salem (1-1) defeated 27-6.

"If we had played with any consistency and aggressiveness, we could have played with them, but we didn't."

Salem's troubles began after recovering a Harrison fumble on the first possession. The Rocks fumbled on second down, and Cialo passed to Smith on the next play.

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Harrison hero: Senior Keye Smith caught a 49-yard touchdown pass and played quarterback after Jeff Cialo got hurt Friday in the 22-0 win.