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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Vardar national champion

The Vardar under-14 boys soccer team won the national indoor championship March 12 in Atlanta, Ga.

Vardar advanced to the quarterfinals with wins over Datagraphic Dynamo (6-2), Gino Schiraldi Pizza (3-1) and a forfeit by Champion. Vardar eliminated defending champion Udinese of Kansas City in the quarterfinal game.

In the semifinal, Vardar defeated Post 38 Spirit of Baltimore 9-2 and played a near-perfect game in the final to beat the Blitz Magic of Syracuse 7-3.

Two Vardar players made the all-tournament team: Tony Mouchouls and Chris Curry, who was named the most valuable player in the tournament. Mouchouls also received an award for scoring the most tournament goals.

Vardar team members are Jason Alexander, Southfield; Curry, Canton; Tracy Dowe, Bloomfield Hills; Ryan Gibbs, Washington Township; Chris Glime, Beverly Hills; Jim Kowalski, Rochester Hills; John Mack, Shelby Township; Kyle Marshall, Farmington; Mouchouls, Belleville; Sammy Pirante, Dearborn Heights; Wayne Thomas, Macomb Township; John U'Ren, Troy; and Corey Woolfolk, Ann Arbor.

Distance runners figure prominently in the Harrison and Farmington High plans for the upcoming boys track season.

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Farmington Hills Harrison expects to remain one of the top Western Lakes Activities Association teams in boys track.

The Hawks fared the best of any Observersland school in the WLAA meet, finishing third behind champion Northville and Walled Lake West.

Harrison lost some fine athletes, including star sprinters Roy Granger and Duante Anderson, but has enough returning talent to keep expectations high.

"We think we've got a lot of different tools, and the kids want to do well," said first-year coach John Reed, who switched roles with former head coach John Schumacher.

"It's a matter of putting it all together. We have to sort out a lot of things as far as who goes where, but we feel we have everything in place to have a good season."

One of the team's top athletes is senior Marc Ferguson, an all-around athlete who is the best high jumper (6-2) and long jumper (18-11). He's also a sprinter and will help in the short relays.

The Hawks were WLAA champions in the 400 relay with Granger and Anderson, who also won league titles in the 100 and 200 dashes, respectively.

But the sprints will remain a team strength with the return of sophomores Scott Gurke and Gil Chavez and four additions: senior Don Bryant, sophomores Ashen Allos and Kevin Bryant and freshman Jason Granger. Most run the 100 and 200, and Reed is looking for help in the 400.

"We have a large group of sprinters and a lot of new faces," Reed said. "On a given day, anybody can run for us."

Reed believes the hurdles are Harrison's strongest events. That's largely due to Don Bryant, who helps offset the loss of Steve Bruni to graduation. The Hawks also have senior Mark Springer and sophomores Jason Ryman and Dave Bjorkland.

"They were good last year and we expect them to be better," said Reed of the sophomores.

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## Falcons in need of game experience

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As the snow melts, the grass isn't the only thing in Farmington turning green.

Farmington girls soccer coach Cathy Cole-Kanaman believes her spring-time color as her squad prepares for the upcoming season.

"We know we're green but it's going to be fun watching us turn ripe," she said.

Cole-Kanaman enters her fourth season as Farmington coach and hopes to return to championship form. The Falcons won Lakes Division titles in 1989-90 and the Western Lakes Activities Association crown in 1990.

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The Hatfields and the McCoy's of girls soccer will be at it once again this spring in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

In fact, some things never change. The Western Division of the WLAA figures to be a scrap between defending champion Plymouth Canton, Northville, and Livonia Churchill.

Meanwhile, Lakes Division champion Livonia Stevenson, hard-hit by graduation losses, will be hard-pressed to fend off perennial state bower Plymouth Salem.

Canton lost four starters off last year's 18-1-2 team which reached the state Class A championship game before losing to Rochester Adams, 1-0.

The Chiefs, coached by Don Smith, boast 14 returnees including All-Area goalie Jori Welchans and All-Area



Veteran trackman: Senior Marc Ferguson is one of the leading athletes on the Harrison track team, competing in the sprints and jumping events.

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It will probably take Farmington awhile to ripen because of the loss of six starters from a 7-4-2 team. Three graduated and three moved from the district.

The player most sorely missed will be all-area forward Susan Gibson. The 17-goal scorer is now the starting sweeper on the Michigan State University women's soccer team.

Also lost to graduation were defender Julie Dugan and forward Kim Poyik (seven goals). Forward Jessica Vitik and defenders Alice Crawford and Julie Haight didn't return to the team.

The Falcons will rely on a mix of seniors, juniors and freshmen. Senior co-captains Michelle Lorenz and Francine Karim will supply the lead-

ership. Lorenz (four goals/five assists) will play midfield, and Karim will move from defense to forward.

"Everyone must get acclimated to working together as a team," Cole-Kanaman said. "Last year we had one or two girls who did most of the scoring, but we will have to learn to share the responsibility this season. We're really stressing the team aspect."

Senior forwards Jill McClusky (two/four) and Kiran Aurora also will see a considerable amount of playing time.

Juniors Maggie Frump (two/two) and Eunia Lee will start at halfback and forward, sophomores Jamie Pawloski and Krisy Mahon (two/three) at halfback and defender.

"I am looking for Krisy to control

our defense," Cole-Kanaman said.

Other juniors include forward Sarah Weber and midfielders Laura McWilliam and Amanda Lachman. Sophomores Erin Kenney, Cory Kemple and Beth Chambers will play defense.

Sophomores Sarah Green and Jessica Guibord will split the goalkeeping duties. Green, who will start the season in net, recorded three shutouts and a 1.60 goals-against-average. Guibord had one shutout.

"I hope we play consistently and continue to improve each game so we will be ready for the state tournament," Cole-Kanaman said. Farmington opens its season on Monday, April 6, at Northville.

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## WLAA division races have familiar look

### College hoops, hockey

Sophomore Susie Atchinson of Plymouth received the University of Notre Dame women's basketball team's positive mental attitude award.

Atchinson, who played at Farmington Hills Mercy High School, was a first-year player who appeared in 12 games for the Fighting Irish. She made two three-point field goals and scored seven points in a game against Duquesne.

Notre Dame was 15-12 overall and 11-5 in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference.

Dave Green of Farmington Hills plays for the Clarkson University hockey team, which won the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament.

The Golden Knights were one of 12 teams selected for the NCAA Division I tournament for the fourth consecutive year. Clarkson was 20-9-5 overall going into a quarterfinal game Friday against Minnesota in Worcester, Mass.

### Ladbroke cancels twice

Ladbroke DRC canceled its thoroughbred racing programs Wednesday and Thursday, March 24-26 because of unsafe conditions.

The track surface, which absorbed considerable amounts of moisture because of rain and snow during recent weeks, worsened by sudden warmer temperatures and subsequent thaw.

Ladbroke DRC was also forced to cancel racing on Sunday, March 14 because of cold temperatures and high winds.

Officials are uncertain if or when any of the missed dates will be made up.

Shelby Carey to a knee injury.

Kris Goff, a first-team All-Area senior midfielder, is the team's top returnee.

Salem coach Ken Johnson also is high on freshman defender Marie Hoff, who reminds some of former Salem all-stater Jill Estey.

Farmington, another Lakes Division contender, lost All-Area forward Sue Gibson (MSU), forward Kim Poyik, and defender Julie Dugan to graduation.

The Falcons, however, return junior midfielder Michelle Lorenz, a second-team All-Area pick.

Livonia Ladywood, meanwhile, should challenge for the Catholic League title. Defending champion Farmington Hills Mercy, led by senior defender Beth Ziobro, will also be in the race once again.