# **SPORTS**

### Brady wins skins game

armington Hills golf pro Steve Brady was the big winner in the Eighth Annual Ameri-tech Showdown at Garland Resort last

weekend.
Brady won skins on the second and 16th holes
to take home \$13,000 of the \$27,000 overall purse.
Buddy Whitten (Grand Rapids) earned \$8,000,
Michael Erickson (Birmlagham) \$4,000 and Brent
Veonstra (Ypsilanti) \$2,000.

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The biggest skin was the \$11,000 par-four 16th hole. Brady put his drive in the fairway and his second shot 10 feet from the cup. After watching the others putt past the hole, Brady sank his putt

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Brady's first \$2,000 skin occurred when he fired his third shot six feet from the pin and putted out on the par-five, 563-yard second hele. Including his Michigan PGA Champlonship win at Garland earlier in the week, Brady carned \$25,000 during the week.

The skins format encourages bold shot making as the golfers go for the pin to win a skin and pick up the prize money on each hole. Prize money is carried over to the next hole if there is a tie for low score on any hole.

## Raiders win '93 opener

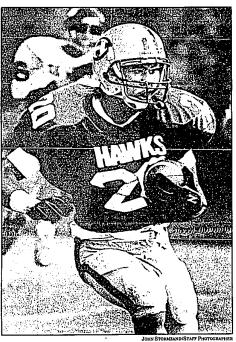
orth Farmington opened its soccer season Monday with a 4-1 victory over visiting Redford Union as four different players scored for the Ralders.

Junior Joe Zima began the scoring at the 10-minute mark of the first half as he headed in a cross from Dennis Rica. The Panthers tied the gome at 1-1, but North countered with two goals before the half ended.

Senior Darnes Brucksieker scored an unassisted goal, which proved to be the winner. Senior Denny Blandemer made (t 3-1 on an unassisted breaksway, Junior Cory Mosher's goal was the only score of the second half.

"For a first game, I was satisfied with the performance of the entire team, and it looks like we are ready for the season," North coach Kris Golezyk said.

## Hawks anticipate '93 grid revival



Ready reserve: Junior Kevin Bryant became the starting tail-back for Harrison when senior Scott Gurke was injured.



Farmington Hills Harrison expects a return to its usual gridiron success this year after a subpar 4-5 season. The Hawks have to overcome the loss of Scott Gurke to injury, but they have two good tallbacks in reserve.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STATE WEITER

The Farmington Hills Harrison football team's objective is simple and clear Get it back in '93.

The Hawks hope to be championship contenders once again following an uncharacteristic 4-5 season.

It marked the first losing record in 20 years for Harrison and only the second in school history. The Hawks hadn't lost more than two regular-season games since 1978.

"I think we'll definitely rebound," coach John Herrington said. "I don't know how good the record will be, but I know we'll be competitive. Even last year all our games were close, so hopefully we can turn that around."

Harrison, which has 21 seniors as opposed to 10 last year, began with 11 returning starters from a team that might have just as easily had a winning season.

The Hawks lost two games by a field goal and four by less than a touchdown on sverage. Furthermore, a 21-7 loss to lesgue champion Walled Lake Western was close until the fourth quarter.

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Walled Lake Western was close until the fourth quarter.
"The players have a good attitude, but they did last year, too," said Herrington, who begins his 23rd season with a 193-47-1 record. "They are more experienced. They aralious to get the season started and show what they can do."
Harrison was dealt a major setback, however, in the presenson when senior tailback Scott Gurke (6-1, 197) suffered a season-ending knee injury. He tore ligaments while making a cut during a serimmage and had surgery last week.
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and three touchdowns, was to be Harrison's top player and a bonafide college prospect, according to Herrington. He was supposed to start at defensive end, also.

"He's been in the program four
years and had been building up to
this season," Herrington said. "We
thought with he and Nick Williams
we had a real powerful backfield, but
now we have to make some changes.
"But I'm more disappointed for
him. A college scholarship will be
hard to come by. He had an outstanding junior year and maybe someone
will take note of that."

Junior Kowin Bryant, who was to
start at split end and be the backup
for Gurke, will be the starting tailback now. He rushed for 213 yards
and two TDs.

Bryant is not as strong but is quick
and has good moves, Herrington said.
Fortunately for the Hawks, they are
deep at tailback with sophomore Keyin Granger (6-7, 135) in reserve.
Harrison returns junior Nick Willams (6-2, 230) at fullback. He was
second in rushing with 444 yards and
led the Hawks with five rushing TDs.
Williams is rated one of the top 50
underclassemen in the country by
Street and Smith.

"I told Nick It's just a magazine article, and he has to pröve it on the
field," Herrington said. "If he becomes highly motivated, he has ail
the potential to be an outstanding
player.

Senic De Peaci (6-2, 176) is a comverted end who will play quarterback.
He completed four or 13 passes for 67
yards in a limited role, but Herringvaries in a limited role, but Herringvaries in a limited role, but Herring-

## New Farmington mentor gets chance to mold team

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITED

Lauri Niskanen remembers when he used to watch the Farm-ington football team practice from his former residence near the high

Now he conducts practice.
"I remember sitting out there, watching them practice and thinking maybe one day the opportunity would present itself,"

portunity would please, and it just wasn't what I wanted. You only come around once in this life and you might as well enjoy what you're doing."

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The 49-year-old Niskanen, who
returned to coaching four years
ago and teaches at Dunckel Middle School, takes over a struggling
program and a team that was 1-8 program and a team that was 1-8 last year.

But many expect the Falcons,

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with a 40-man roster and some quality players returning, to be

with a 40-man roster and some quality players returning, to be improved.

"In high school sports, you're going to have cycles," Niskanen said. "You're going to get players and (then) be down awhile. But I don't think you stay down forever. You're going to get good kids, and they need to be conched."

Farmington has seniors and good players at the skill positions in quarterback Mike Tokar (6-3, 188), wide receiver Stan Lewis (6-2, 172) and flanker Harvey Hicks (6-8, 148).

Sophomore Tim Strett (6-10, 50), and the context of th

(6-8, 148).

Sophomoro Tim Streit (6-10, 165) played quarterback in the four-way scrimmage when Tokar was hurt, and junior Ken Johnson (6-0, 172) is another capable re-

Niskanen believes Tokar and Lewis are legitimate college pros-pects and will showcase their skills in the pro I formation using two wideouts.

wo wideouts.
"Because of the ability Toker has to throw the ball and Stan Lewis and Harvey Hicks to catch it, we're going to throw it." he said. "We will have the ability to stretch the field and, by the use of motion, see how the defense adjusts.

justs.
"I think Tokar is an outstanding quarterback. He has the size and can see because of his height. Lewis has great hands. I coached in college, and he can play."
A team must still be able to run the football, Niskanen said. The Falcone have young but experienced backs in junior fullback Ryan Lewis (6-0, 189) and junior

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Backup QB: Sophomore Tim Streit, who hands the ball to Mike Prough, filled in for injured quarterback Mike Tokar during preseason scrimmages.

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