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Hall of Fame banquet

The Jewish Sports Hall of Fame will have its 10th annual induction banquet at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7.

James M. Kamman, Dr. Robert Luby and David Rott are the latest inductees, and Detroit radio host J.P. McCarthy also will be honored.

Kamman was a two-time Big Ten wrestling champion, Luby a Wayne State University football and track standout, and Rott a national amateur handball champion.

McCarthy will receive the organization's prestigious Alvin Foon Memorial Award for his long-time support of the Detroit Police Athletic League and other civic organizations.

A highlight of the evening will include appearances by members of the Red Wings, Pistons, Tigers and Lions. Guests will be able to bid on collectible sports items during a silent auction.

Proceeds from the banquet support the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame's various youth programs, including games for the developmentally disadvantaged and athletic scholarships for needy children to attend summer camp.

Tables can be reserved by calling Elaine Wolfson at (810) 788-0921. Individual tickets are \$100 for adults and \$50 for children.

Blazers state champs

The 78 Blazers girls under-17 soccer team, sponsored by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Soccer Club, won the Michigan State Cup with a 3-1 triumph over the Michigan Hawks.

On the strength of their crowning achievement, the Blazers will be called on to represent Michigan in the 14-state Midwest Regional Championships to be held in Minnesota in 1995.

Coached by Mary Kay Hussey and managed by Roger Cummings, team members included Michele Block, Ann Boyle, Sabina Carone, Katie Coris, Julie Cummings, Laura Fedirgo, Jessica Glazer, Laura Hanrahan, Misty Heath, Melissa Jannetta, Melanie Kemmerling, Meghan Kolbe, Sarah Lawlor, Meredith McMahon, Erin Meter, Marie Spaccarotella, Tamara Strong and Amanda Vogler.

Ocelots spike Windsor

The Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team improved to 24-13 overall with a 15-12, 15-3, 15-10 victory Thursday over visiting University of Windsor (Ontario).

Sophomore Shannon Gotschalk (Clinton) was SC's top hitter with 12 kills. She also added 10 digs.

Julie Campau, a sophomore from Livonia Churchill, added nine kills. Plymouth State's Janey Vian contributed six kills, four digs and two ace serves.

Other contributions came from freshman Ann Fabu (Harper Woods Regina), four kills and two digs; Janet Zabinik (Plymouth Canton), 29 assists; Vicki Rohoff (Wayne Memorial), two kills and one block; and Jannel Hemme (Livonia Ladywood), two kills and two blocks.

S'craft beats ex-coach

Well, Oakland University women's soccer coach Nick O'Shea really has no one to blame but himself for what happened to his team Wednesday.

The Lady Pioneers lost 3-2 — to Schoolcraft College, the team O'Shea was coaching until he was hired at OU last summer. Indeed, he was responsible for recruiting everyone on the SC squad.

In fact, it's possible to take that a step further: SC's current coach, Nikki Johnson, played for O'Shea at both Livonia Churchill and SC before going on to earn NAIA All-American status at Siena Heights.

The Ocelot victory was their second this season over their former coach's team. SC improved to 10-6-2.

The win did not come easily. Twice the Ocelots had to come from behind, trailing 1-0 at the half, Colleen Connell (from Plymouth Canton) tied it early in the second half. But they fell behind again and were still trailing with five minutes left.

That's when Andrea Zawislak (Churchill) popped one in to tie it at 2-2. And before O'Shea's struggling team could recover, Zawislak scored again two minutes later to give the Pioneers the win.

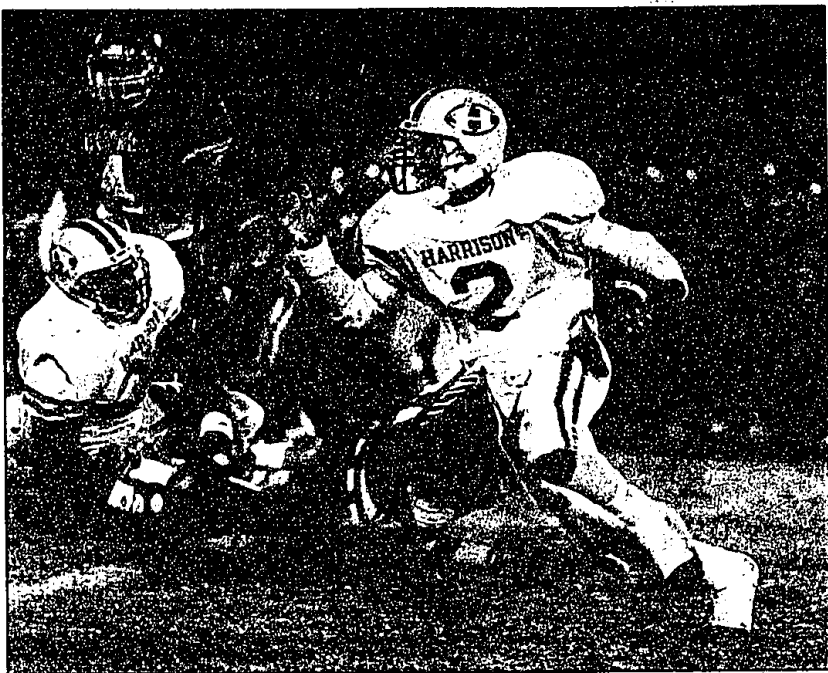
Warriors capture title

The Lutheran High Westland girls cross country team captured by second-place finisher Jodi Werman, recently captured the team championship at the Whitmore Lake Invitational.

The Warriors led the 12-team field with 68 points, followed by East Jackson (81), Whitmore Lake (83), Grass Lake (115) and Southfield Christian (141).

Whitmore Lake's April Jackson was first in the 5,000-meter race in 20 minutes, 12 seconds. Werman, a sophomore, was clocked in 20:21.

Other finalists for Lutheran Westland include junior Kate Sornett, eighth (21:20); senior Amy Eberhardt, ninth (21:24); freshman Deb Ungar, 12th (21:26); and junior Jill Gerlach, 34th (22:56).



Away he goes: Jason Granger showed his sprinter's speed and fancy moves Friday by rushing for 220 yards and two touchdowns. He had 195 yards, including an 88-yard scoring run, in the first half of Harrison's 42-0 win over Oxford. Teammate Nick Williams delivers a back-ground block.

Hawks blitz Wildcats in rematch



Farmington Hills Harrison finished the regular season with its eighth straight football victory Friday, rolling over unbeaten Oxford by the surprisingly one-sided score of 42-0.

BY DAN O'MEARA
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The rematch was somewhat like the first Farmington Hills Harrison-Oxford football game.

Yes, there was a lot of offense and a lot of points scored, but there was one major difference. OK, two.

One team had most of the offense and all the points Friday, and Harrison won the game this time by the stunning score of 42-0 over host Oxford.

The Hawks, who were upset 48-38 in the Class BB semifinals four years ago, gave the Wildcats their first regular-season defeat since 1989. Both teams are 8-1.

"I thought it would be a tougher

game," Harrison coach John Herrington said, "but our speed and offensive ability took them out of it and they had to leave their game plan."

Oxford, let's face it, lost a lot of players and isn't the same team as 1990, but we did what we had to do this year."

Harrison rolled up 350 total yards, most of it (285) coming on the ground. Junior tailback Jason Granger rushed for 220 yards and two touchdowns on just 14 carries.

Sophomore quarterback Kevin Bambenek attempted just six passes, but he completed five and two went for touchdowns to seniors Kevin Bryant and Dave Hensel.

Senior fullback Nick Williams add-

ed 69 yards rushing and one TD on 10 carries.

"That was an old-fashioned butt whipping," Oxford coach Bud Rowley said. "They did everything right. They came to play, and we didn't answer the call. I wish them the best, and Oxford has to regroup."

Both teams had already qualified for the playoffs. Harrison, ranked No. 2 in Class A, will likely be host for a first-round game Saturday. The Wildcats are rated No. 3 in Class BB.

"We had a real hard victory last week against a big team (Livonia Stevenson); this week we had a real good game, and now we're ready for the playoffs," Harrison said. "I think we played as well as we can tonight."

The Hawks were reeling early as Oxford drove to the Harrison 17-yard line with the opening kickoff, using nearly eight minutes.

Fullback Eric Raab, who had 88 yards on 15 rushes, gained most of

the yards on quick hitters into the line off the option. But the Harrison defense held, and Bryant blocked Matt Green's 39-yard field goal attempt.

The Hawks cut through the Oxford defense, with Granger getting most of the yards and the touchdown on a 17-yard run. Kyle Vessell kicked the first of six points for a 7-0 lead late in the first quarter.

Harrison got the ball at the Oxford 42 after a punt, and Williams powered into the end zone eight plays later from a yard away.

The Wildcats fumbled a lateral, and Harrison got the ball again at the Oxford 32. On first down, Bryant made a diving catch between two defenders at the goal line for another TD.

Oxford drove the Harrison 3, but quarterback Mike Hendrix was

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Falcons complete winning season, 28-3

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Performing the ritual of winners, Farmington players symbolically stamped the 1994 football season a success Saturday.

Coach Lauri Niskanen got the water bucket dumped over his head as time was running out on a 28-3 victory over Lakeland and the school's best campaign in a decade.

The Falcons finished 6-3 — their first winning season since 1984, when they had the same record.

"We've come a long way," Niskanen said. "I think we gained peoples' respect. I think now they know who Farmington is, and when they come to play us they have to play 48 minutes."

"Two years ago we won one game;

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we doubled it last year. Six of the seven we lost we were in it to the end. This year we were able to turn it around and be on the plus side. We tripled it and now we have to take it to the next level."

But there was a bittersweet aspect to the end of the season. Two overtime defeats and a 7-0 loss to Livonia Stevenson stood between the Falcons and an unbeaten season and playoff berth.

"It feels good, but then again it's depressing," senior fullback Ryan Lewis said. "We've come so close; we

could be 8-1; we should be going to the playoffs. We turned it around and had some fun."

"It's so hard to walk off the field," senior tackle Corey Noble said. "Three years went by really fast."

"I think we should have gone farther, but a few small mistakes became big mistakes. We wanted to go out in a big game, not a little game."

As a testimony to how successful a year it was for the Falcons, junior tailback Jake Sikosky became the school's single-season rushing leader Saturday.

He finished the game with an even 200 yards — most of it coming in the first half, when he scored four touchdowns — and the season with 1,183. The old record belonged to Chris Marting, who had 989 three years ago.

Blocking for him most of the season were Noble, Adam Tanislian, Pat Seremet, Curt Katala, Pete Moceri, Dave Dilworth and Lewis.

"Thanks to the line, I did really well, especially in this game," Sikosky said, adding he plans to break the record next year.

"We wish we would've went to the playoffs. But we still feel good about the season, and next year we're going to do really well, too. Everyone had a better attitude and wanted to win — and it showed."

The Falcons scored in just five plays after the opening kickoff and led 7-0 over Lakeland (0-9). Sikosky dashed 25 yards around left end for the first TD.

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Mercy gains berth in Catholic League semis

Farmington Hills Mercy advanced to the second round of the Catholic League playoffs with a 53-41 defeat of host Riverview Gabriel Richard in girls basketball Thursday.

The Marlinas (10-7) will play Dearborn Divine Child in the first game of a semifinal doubleheader 8 p.m. Wednesday at Schoolcraft College. Redford Bishop Burgess faces Madison Heights Bishop Foley in the second game at 7:30 p.m.

Mercy had one of its most balanced scoring attacks of the season as seniors Amanda Northcross and Holly Taylor came off the bench to score nine points apiece.

Senior Felicia Brooks netted 12 points to lead the Marlinas, and seniors Misti Ruddock and Julie Angell added eight each.

Northcross and Taylor combined for 13 of the team's 18 points in the second quarter when Mercy overcame an early deficit to lead 35-24 at halftime. The Marlinas led 37-33 going into the fourth per-

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iod and iced the victory with a 18-8 margin in the final eight minutes.

"(Richard) never let us get ahead by more than 10; they had us well scouted," Mercy coach Larry Baker said. "We were fortunate to control the ball at the end. It was a nice challenge. They were ready for us."

Freshman point guard Carissa Gitsch scored 16 points and junior forward Julie Caraselli 10 for Richard (10-6).

STEVENSON 47, FARMINGTON 30. The host Spartans clinched the sixth seed in the upcoming Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs a victory Thursday over Farmington.

Stevenson is 9-7 overall and 6-5 in the WLA. The Spartans will travel this Thursday to No. 3 seed Salem in the first round of the eight-team tournament.

Senior guard Jill VanTien led the winners with 15 points and seven rebounds. Senior forward AnnaMarie Aquino chipped in with 10 points, eight rebounds and four assists. Stevenson made 10 of 19 free throws (53 percent). Farmington's Andrea Salyer led all scorers with 16 points. The Falcons, who couldn't overcome a 19-11 halftime deficit, made 14 of 21 free throws on the night (67 percent).

GLASS 54, NORTH 51: Westland John Glenn pulled off a mild surprise Thursday, beating visiting North Farmington in a WLA encounter behind junior forward Jami Grigal's 18 points.

Glenn is now 4-15 overall and 3-8 in the WLA. With the loss, North falls to the No. 8 seed in the WLA playoffs. The Raiders will open Wednesday at No. 1 seed Walled Lake Central.

Junior guards Rochelle Harris and Katy Duncan added 17 and 11 points, respectively, for the Rockets, who outscored North 20-9 in the decisive final period.

"North led by as much as 10, but we didn't lose our composure," Glenn coach Pat Bennett said. "We were much

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