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## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Lessway makes record run

John Lessway's second collegiate rushing attempt was one for the record books Saturday. The freshman fullback sprinted 97 yards for a touchdown in Albion College's 26-0 football victory over host Wabash in Crawfordsville, Ind.

The run tied a school record for the longest run from scrimmage and capped the scoring.

Lessway, an All-Observer linbacker at North Farmington High School last year, rushed for 3 yards on his first carry and had his first 100-yard rushing game as a college player.

Handing the ball to Lessway was junior Joe Pesci, a former Harrison High quarterback.

Sophomore Scott Gurke, also of Farmington Hills and Harrison High, is in his second year as a starting defensive end for the Broncos (2-0), who defeated Tiffin University 35-7 on Sept. 14.

### Falcons ground Rockets

Farmington's boys soccer team swamped Westland John Glenn 8-0 Monday to improve to 2-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Tim Rais scored four goals and Brad Gerwatowski two, while Randy Sage and Ethan Smith scored one apiece.

Paul Mitchell made six saves for the shutout, and his teammates recorded 17 shots.

The Falcons are now 4-4-1 overall and 2-2 in the league.

"We had a very solid game," coach Luke Juncaj said. "We played well in back and distributed the ball very well."

"We attacked and had a lot of scoring chances. And we were able to finish on a lot of those scoring chances."

The score was 6-0 by halftime. Phil Wantin recorded three assists, Sage had two, Tim Rice, Justin and Gerwatowski had one assist each.

### Ault leads Chippewas

Sophomore setter Amanda Ault of Farmington Hills (Harrison High School) played a major role in Central Michigan University winning its Mid-American Conference volleyball opener Sept. 20.

Ault recorded 50 set assists and nine digs as the Chippewas defeated Eastern Michigan in straight games, 15-10, 15-7, 15-3.

Ault is averaging 13 assists and 2.6 digs per game this season. She has a .227 hitting percentage and 14 total blocks. Ault is eighth on the CMU all-time career set assists list with 500.

"Amanda is making better decisions as the year progresses," CMU coach Terrie Robbie said. "Coming into the season, who we would have at setter was a question mark, but she has shown us we made the right choice. She is setting the right people and doing an excellent job at it."

The Chippewas, who are 8-3 overall, play their first home match Friday against Bowling Green.

### Vikings lose grid game

Eight turnovers proved costly for the North Farmington-West Bloomfield Vikings varsity football team Sunday.

The Plymouth Steelers defeated the Vikings 21-0, giving NFWB its first loss after two victories to start the season.

Aaron Diamonds' interception on the first play from scrimmage gave NFWB an early boost, but the Vikings were unable to capitalize.

The Vikings, who were limited to 23 yards of offense, play host to the Redford Rangers (2-0-1) on Sunday at North Farmington.

### Harrison wins tri-match

Farmington Harrison edged city rival Farmington High by two strokes Tuesday to win a triangular boys golf match that included Plymouth Canton.

The Hawks shot 219 at San Marino Golf Course, the Falcons 215 and the Chiefs 228. The match counted as a Western Division dual for Harrison, 2-3 in the Western Lakes.

Farmington's Derek Fox shot 40 to win medalist honors.

Just three strokes separated Harrison's top five golfers. Adam Tandon shot 41, Jeff Boxman 42, Brian Grohman 43, Dave Bozak 43 and Chad Hines 44.

Also scoring for the Falcons were Pat Hickley (41), Tim Fluter (44), Jeff Thomas (45) and John Knight (45).

Canton's Ben Tucker shot 43, Derek Lineberry 44, Matt Roehl 45 and Brendan Wheeler 46 and Matt Heiss 50.

### North golfers win by 1

North Farmington edged Livonia Franklin by one stroke Tuesday at Glen Oaks Golf Course, 210-211.

The Raiders had just four strokes separating their top five. The Patriots had a pair of 39s from Tony Fotiv and John Knebaugh, but seven strokes was the difference between their five.

Senior Andrew Wantuck and freshman Derek Spicer shot 40 for North (2-2), senior Nick Pfeiffer 42, senior Chris Reading and sophomore Brandon Finkel 44.

Franklin's C.J. Bando finished with 42, Mark Priebe 44 and Ryan Weakley 47.

The weather was nice, but was a bit windy and that made the course a little more challenging," North coach Daryl Case said.

### Duel in the pool



City rivals meet: Kristen Burke of North Farmington captured first place in the 100-yard butterfly Tuesday in a dual meet with visiting Farmington Harrison. The Raiders didn't have many victories but still managed to win the meet because of their depth. See the related story on Page 5C.

## Falcons rally to win in OT



After a not-so-great first half Tuesday, the Farmington High girls basketball team came to life in the second, forced an overtime period and defeated host Redford Union in non-league play.

Farmington High made a second-half comeback Tuesday in girls basketball and rallied to defeat host Redford Union in overtime, 43-38.

Maureen Carolan's three-point field goal put the Falcons within two, 35-33, late in the fourth quarter, and Amanda Porter sank two free throws to send the game into overtime.

Farmington outscored Redford Union 8-3 in overtime, making six of eight free throws. Porter and Angi Newman had three points apiece in the extra session.

"In the first half, we obviously had trouble putting the ball in the basket," Farmington coach John Verdura said, "but we were getting good looks at the basket. We weren't rebounding or defending well, either."

"In the second half, we did all three much better. Offensively, we finished a few shots, our confidence grew, and we were fortunate to catch them in overtime."

Porter scored a game-high 21 points and led Farmington with 10 rebounds. Newman added 10 points.

Emily Engelman's free throws in overtime gave the Falcons a five-point lead with 10 seconds remaining.

"That allowed us to relax on defense and let the clock run out," Verdura said, adding a three could have tied the game, otherwise.

Kasie Mathona scored 14 points for RU, Kristin Switalaki nine, Jenny Saal and Shannon Bjerke seven apiece. Saal also had 10 rebounds and Bjerke nine.

The Panthers (5-3) led most of the game and were ahead 17-9 at halftime, but the Falcons (3-5) cut the lead to 23-21 after three quarters and outscored RU in the second half 26-18.

Farmington made 14 of 20 free throws, RU nine of 21. Porter was 7-of-12 at the line and 6-of-6 in the fourth quarter.

Tuesday with a 37-25 victory over visiting Harper Woods.

With the victory, the Trojans improved to 2-5 overall and 1-3 in the conference.

The Pioneers proved to be what Clarencville needed as they converted only five of 20 free throws and to dropped to 0-6 and 0-4.

Rachel Sundberg, a freshman point guard, played a strong game, scoring a game-high 15 points. Freshman forward Tanya Sines added eight for the Trojans. Junior center Michelle Berg and freshman guard Rachel Korenny chipped in six points apiece.

Clarencville led 12-8 after the first quarter, 18-13 at halftime and 24-17 after three quarters.

"Rachel is beginning to accept her responsibility and is responding by scoring points for us," Clarencville coach Bob Wolf said.

CLARENCVILLE 37, HARPER WOODS 25: Clarencville won its first game of the season in the Metro Conference

## Marlins tumble in league debut

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For the Redford Bishop Borgess girls basketball team, Tuesday's game against visiting Farmington Hills Mercy was a case of Simple Simon.

With no starter taller than 5-foot-8, Mercy had its hands full against Borgess' frontlines that features Ayisha Smith and Candice Finley.

That left Borgess sophomore guard Tiffany Simon free to score a career-high 18 points and lead the Spartans to a 53-36 victory in the Catholic League Central Division opener for both teams.

### BASKETBALL

Simon scored 10 during the second quarter when the Spartans outscored the Marlins 18-8 to open a 33-12 halftime lead. Simon made seven of 10 shots, many set up by the passing of point guard Christina "Peaches" Anderson.

"I just hustle; Peaches gives me the ball and I lay it up; that's it," said Simon. "I have to give credit to her. She's a little Penny (Anfernee Hardaway)."

The win was the fourth straight for the Spartans after three losses to start the season. The near future looks even better for the Spartans, who are ready to add 6-foot junior forward Koren Merchant.

Merchant, whose move to West Virginia with her family never materialized, returned to school in time to remain eligible.

"We're starting to get our heads back into it; back to our usual selves at practice, busting our butts," said Smith, who had 19 points and five

rebounds. "Tiffany is my sophomore dog. She's got her form down and everything. Now we've got to get Koren in the weight room, busting her butt."

Sophomore guard Jessie Brennan scored a team-high 17 points on 6-of-10 shooting for Mercy, which fell to 4-2 overall. Mercy senior forward MaryJane Valade had a hard-earned nine points before fouling out with 3:54 remaining.

Mercy coach Larry Baker was pleased with the way the Marlins started the second half as they outscored the Spartans 16-8 in the third quarter to cut the deficit to 41-28.

An 8-0 Mercy run, that included four points by Brennan and two each from Kluska and Ashley Schumacher, cut the Borgess lead to 37-26 midway through the third. The Marlins had an opportunity to get the deficit under 10, but consecutive three-point opportunities by Jena Kluska and Brennan rimmed out.

Borgess began the fourth quarter on a 6-0 run, started by an off-balance one-handed shot in the lane by Sharmaine Drake, to get the lead to 47-28.

The Marlins committed 11 turnovers in the second half after suffering through 21 in the first two quarters.

The Spartans finished with 25 turnovers against the Marlins' full-court pressure but were able to make more than half of their shots (21-of-41) to Mercy's 12-of-22.

Mercy had been idle the previous 12 days since last playing Sept. 12 against Flint Southwestern.

Baker probably had his mind on his mind a lot longer than that after the game, 41



Looking for the hoop: Regina Respert positions herself for an attempted layup, but Mercy's MaryJane Valade blocks the way. Jena Kluska trails on the play.