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hopefully we'll win."

### Parents get involved

Parents from the two schools also got into the act.

"It's enjoyable," said Farmington High parent Fred Sewell. "A lot of the students went to the same elementary and middle schools. . . There is a rivalry. . . but it's much more of a fun rivalry."

Describing the get-together as a battle for yearlong bragging rights was North parent Tom Callahan, whose son Josh plays for the Raiders.

"These two schools seem to be closer (than Farmington Harrison)," Callahan said. "I don't know any parents from Farmington (High), but it'd be nice to see the kids accomplish something."

Kathy Lukas, whose son Ben is a FHS sophomore and varsity football player, called it "friendly competition" between the schools and nothing more.

"My son went to Dunkel (Middle School), and part of the kids went here (FHS) and part of the kids went there (North)," Lukas said.

Although some tried to downplay the rivalry between the two high schools, Irv Horwitz, a long-

time assistant football coach for North, wasn't fooled.

"A lot of these kids played against each other in middle school, elementary school, Little League in the summer," Horwitz said, as the teams were going through practice drills before the contest. "They know each other. . . It's a fantastic rivalry."

"... We have a little anger on the field, but it's a good, hard-hitting rivalry. I don't think it's a hateful rivalry."

Before the game, Jen Fitzgerald was in an unusual quandary. Her father was a teacher at North Farmington and now she teaches Spanish at FHS.

"I've got some brown and gold blood in me," said Fitzgerald, referring to her connection to North. "And I've got some green and gold blood in me (as a Harrison grad). But now, I've got a whole lot of blue and white. Now, I have more blue and white in me than anything else."

### Game time

Who knows, maybe she silently switched allegiances after seeing how the game quickly turned in the favor of North. The match started out as a close, hard-

ting affair; it soon deteriorated into a game with an obvious outcome, largely due to the offensive and defensive performance of senior Kirk Moundros. North won easily, 21-0.

Raider dominance made the day very sweet for North Farmington senior Jim Berry, who was so revved up to see his team pounce on the rival Falcons that he skipped the Michigan-Iowa game. And yes, he had tickets.

"They were doing a lot of trash talking, so we gotta shut them up," said Berry with a hungry grin, meeting North classmates at halftime - with the Raiders already well on their way to victory. "They thought they were going to run all over us. But our defense is awesome."

The comments made by Berry's friends, however, were more indicative of the spirit of the afternoon.

"It's always fun to play somebody in your city," said North sophomore Tara Grider. "We're rivals."



Cheers: North Farmington fans show their spirit.

Holly Stockton, also a 10th-grader at North, called the contest a "pretty big game for us. . . We know a lot of people at Farmington (High)."

Despite the score, the contest prompted an almost call-and-response between the jammed home bleachers on one side of the gridiron and the half-filled North stands on the other side. Good tackles and first-down runs lifted fans off of their bleacher benches, with some often ringing cow bells or flapping pompons in the breeze. (North's brown and gold pompons were much more

visible than FHS's during this particular game.)

### Halftime was Melissa's

There also were dazzling cheerleading squads, with halftime belonging to Farmington High, specifically to fallen classmate Melissa Garr.

The marching band's halftime performance was a musical tribute to Melissa, who is recovering from a deep coma in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Following the tribute, flowers and a giant get-well card were presented from the band to Melissa's mom, Susan Garr.

## Finance exec a 'sub' at North

Students of North Farmington High School came upon a familiar "substitute teacher" last Wednesday, Oct. 16. It was World Wide Financial President Andy Jacob, known for his high-energy ads on television.

Jacob walked the advanced marketing students in teacher Cathy Cunningham's first period class through the business practices which have helped to reinforce his own success.

He also addressed such issues as innovation, personnel and winning attitude and their importance to successful marketing.

While most of Jacob's presentation focused on how to market a product or service, his emphasis was on the lifetime of opportunities facing the senior class.

"It is exciting to stand before a group of young people at the threshold of their lives and say, 'You can be anything you want and anyone who tells you different is wrong! You can do it all!'" Jacob said.

Student Julie Bean said the guest speaker "got everyone's attention right at the beginning and we were talking about it long after he was done."

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