Falcons, Hawks hope to finish on plus side of .500

Spring break came at just the right time for the Farmington High tennis team.

The Falcons opened the season with losses to Livonia Stevenson, and coach Keith Morrison hopes his team makes a guick huraround when play resumes broads.

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Farmington is coming off a solid 1997 campnign in which the Falcons finished third in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament. Farmington was above. Soul in dual meets. Several top players from that squad graduated, including No. 1 singles player Wado Clark and Scott May, a top doubles player. The Falcons will fill those voids with experienced players. Senior Daniel Odendaal move into the top singles position. A four-year player, he has numerous strengths on the court.

"He's strongest at the beginner.

Farmington will be young at third and fourth doubles.

Sophomore Dan Turkovich, who missed all of last season with an injury, and freshman Shamik Trivedi play No. 3.

"They've been a little nervous, but they can play," Morrison said. "I think they'll be a strong team in time.

Freshmen Homanth Srivivasi and Hirinder Gill are the No. 4 doubles players. Morrison said on Morison and Raj Bir also will work at that position.

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Like Farmington, the Hawks are off to a relatively slow start in the standings.
Harrison dropped its first two matches to Northville (8-0) and Birmingham Groves (7-1) but rebounded to beat Wostland, John Glenn (8-2).
First-year coach Carl Badyne is optimistic about his squad despite the 1-2 start.
"It has been a dream season so far," he said.
Badynee was referring to the attitudes of his players. He said the Hawks have displayed a solid work ethic, and parents have been very supportive, too.

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"I couldn't be in a better situation," Badynee said.

This season is his first as a varsity tennis coach. Badynee has coached volleyball at Taylor Kennedy and Southgate Acuines.

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He inherits a young Harrison squad. With just a handful of seniors, the Hawks, who tied for fifth place in the WLAA tournament, are dominated by sopho-

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The entire singles lineup is comprised of sophomores. Ryan Shado leads the pack.

He played top singles a year ago and looks much improved, according to Badynes. Shado is a year-round player with unlimited potential.

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"Ryan is one of the most intel-ligent players you'll see," Badynee said. "Everything revolves around his serve. When his serve is on, he's on." Shade is 2-1 thus far, having beaten players from Groves and

Glenn.
Rob Platt will work at No. 2 singles. Badynee described him as a tough competitor.
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"Rob has the desire to win more than anybody I know," Badynes said. "He doesn't expect to lose."

At third singles, Tim Kupferer gets the call. He's 1-2 but should be on the right side of .500 by

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"I think his win against John Glenn will give him some confidence," Badynee said.

The Hawks have had a revolving door at fourth singles. Ari Shwyder, Stan Lebedinski, Dan Price and Andrei Zrazium have all seen time there, but Badynee will likely go with Price the remainder of the season.

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Seniors Justin Barringer and Rob Gorayshi will play No.1 doubles. Gorayshi has played just one match thus far because of illness.
"I think they'll be better than 500," Badynee said.
Shwayder and Brent Taub will form the No. 2 doubles team. Badynee has used several combinations at the position with Shwayder and Taub grabbithe lone victory. Jeff Braun and Rahul Boinpally are the No. 3 doubles double double and the position with Shwayder and Taub grabbithe lone victory. Jeff Braun and Rahul Boinpally are the No. 3 doubles doubles.

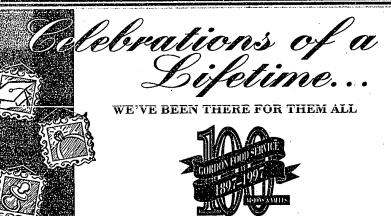
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"Well keep changing so we can get varsity letters for as many people as possible," he said.
Joe Takla, Rani Salloum, Ray Welch, Kevin Ziegler and David Marshall are among those whe will play No. 4 doubles.
Despite his enthusiasm, Badynee knows his team will not be able to compete with WIAA heavyweights Northville and North Farmington for the title. But, with a young squad full of talent, the future looks bright.

"We're a middle-of-the-pack team," he said. "But I'm hoping to finish above .500 and beat all of the teams at our level."



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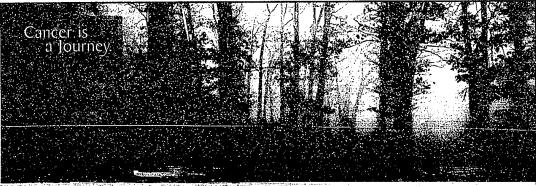
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Hawks' No. 1: Sophomore Ryan Shade has a full season of experience as the No. 1 singles player for the Harrison tennis team and was the runner-up in the Western Lakes Activi-tics Assign ties Association tourna-ment. Shade has a 2-1 record this year.



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