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## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Two aces on same day

Most golfers play for years and never have a hole-in-one to brag about, but Patrick Hickey of Farmington is no longer in that category.

Hickey, who has played golf for 30 years, can brag now. In fact, he can double that boast.

The 47-year-old manufacturer's representative shot two hole-in-ones during the same round of golf Monday at The Links of Novi.

Participating in an outing for the Autism Society of Michigan, Hickey's first hole-in-one occurred on the 200-yard No. 8 East hole.

The elation from that accomplishment and the adrenaline has barely subsided when the golf gods looked favorably on Hickey again.

He recorded his second ace on the 149-yard No. 3 South hole.

Hickey, a six handicap, used a five wood to shoot his first hole-in-one and a nine iron for the second. The ball was a Titleist in each case.

• Alan Allmon, 16, of Farmington Hills shot a hole-in-one Aug. 4 at Glen Oaks Golf Course. He used a five iron to ace the 147-yard 18th hole. He has been playing golf for seven years, and it was his first hole-in-one.

### Two aces in one week

Mark Holowicki of Farmington Hills, the son of Madonna University men's basketball coach Bernie Holowicki, carded a pair of hole-in-ones in the same week.

Holowicki, who carries a three handicap, carded his first ace Aug. 6 on the 168-yard, No. 4 hole at Washtenaw Country Club. He used a seven iron. Holowicki shot 34 for nine holes.

Just a week later on Aug. 13, playing in the Tom Herzog Memorial Scramble at the Links of Whitmore Lake, Holowicki aced the 162-yard, No. 14 hole using an eight iron.

And for good measure, the banker from Birmingham used a sand wedge from 110 yards out to eagle the No. 16 at Washtenaw (where he's a member).

### Women's golf results

Carolyn Benninger (Northville) shot an 81 to take first flight low gross honors Friday in the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop at Rolling Meadows.

Diane Wazney (Dearborn) was runner-up with an 85.

Dolly Vettese (Northville) and Jan Antieu (Brighton) carded 85, 89, respectively, to take low net honors in the first flight.

In the second flight, Mary Gene Stefancak (Dearborn) and Mary Ann Kraft (Dearborn Heights) each shot 94 to share low gross honors. Bernice Evans (Franklin) and Jinny Valentine (Dearborn) tied for second with 101.

Mary Cunningham (Westland) and Lori Wilson (Livonia) each had 60 to tie for second flight low net. Doty Cody (Farmington Hills) was runner-up with a 68.

### Hockey officials meet

USA Hockey District IV will hold a referee training seminar for first- and second-year officials from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

The seminar is geared toward improving basic officiating skills. Participants will receive classroom as well as on-ice instruction during game conditions. This seminar is not a requirement to become a USA hockey official.

Pre-registration is mandatory for the first 50 applicants, along with a \$5. If interested, call (734) 421-4468 or e-mail craig@calthorn.com.

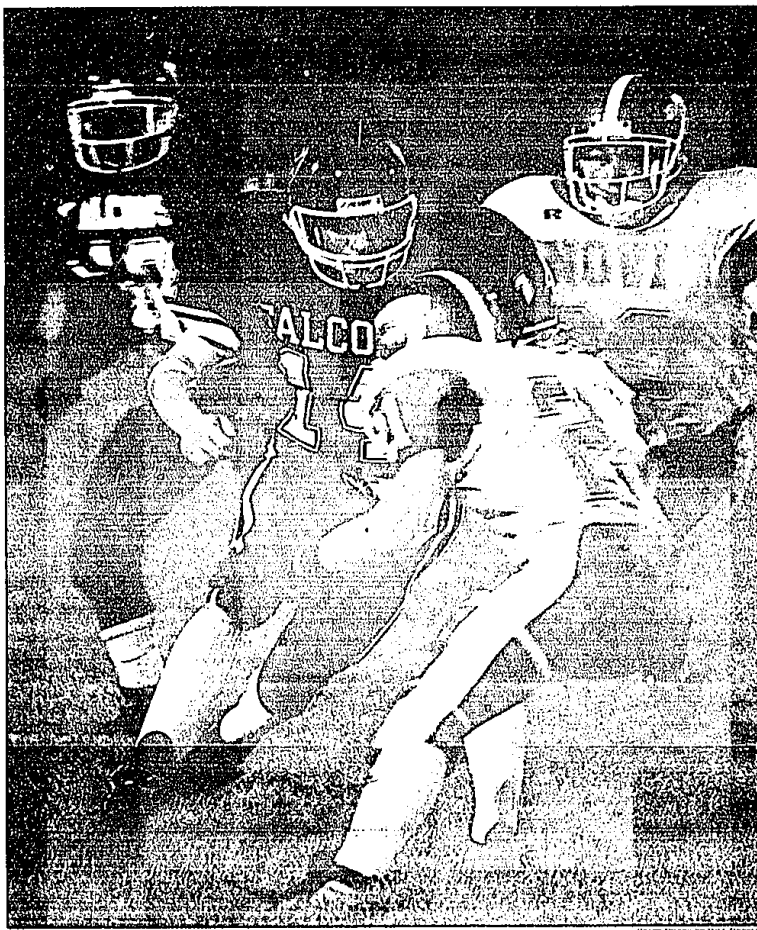
### More goalies needed

The Farmington Hills Adult Hockey Association is in need of goalies for its 40-and-over age division. Any interested goalies should contact Ray Kilmars at (734) 453-4670 by Wednesday, Sept. 1.

The 44-game regular season starts Tuesday, Sept. 7. Games will be played at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena and the Suburban Training Center.

### Grid section on web

In case you missed the Observer High School Football Preview edition, readers can access the guide online at <http://observer-ecentric.com/waygrid99/grid.html>.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRADLEY

**Offensive leader:** Senior quarterback Grant Weber directed the Farmington offense to a pair of touchdowns Friday. He also started on defense and blocked a punt in the team's 20-17 defeat.

## Loss spoils Falcon debut

The first football game played at night, under artificial lighting, at Farmington High School ended in a 20-17 loss to Novi. There will be more coverage of the event in the Thursday edition of the Farmington Observer.

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Farmington High School had new lights, a big crowd and plenty of enthusiasm for a historic night of football Friday.

The only thing missing was a victory. Novi quarterback Mitch Maier saw to that, rushing for 156 yards and the winning touchdown as the Wildcats spoiled Farmington's much-anticipated

season opener — the first ever played under lights, 20-17.

The Falcons, ranked 10th best in the state in the preseason, had trouble stopping Novi's option attack, especially the quarterback draw by Maier.

On 15 carries, he had most of his team's 258-yard rushing total, and he completed five of 11 passes for another 39 yards.

"That's one of the best offensive football teams in Oakland County," Farm-

ington coach John Bechtel said, adding the Wildcats created seams for the option with their wide splits and formations.

"They gave us a different look than we had seen in the scrimmage or last year. They stretched quality (Farmington) people out and kept us off the dime."

"We won't see a team, other than maybe Plymouth Salem, that will spread us out in terms of the option like they did."

Despite Novi's proficiency, the Falcons were still in the game all the way, unlike last year.

Senior quarterback Grant Weber scored both Farmington touchdowns, running 75 yards for the first after

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## Defending champs ready for '99 tipoff

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The core of Farmington Harrison's girls basketball team is centered around six returning players, but coach Pete Mantyla is also looking for contributions from a number of varsity newcomers.

The Hawks, who wore 14-7 last year and Western Lakes Activities Association co-champions in the regular season, have some experience but only two seniors on their roster.

"I'm really excited for this group," Mantyla said. "They have a great opportunity, especially the younger girls in the program."

"The past couple years it's been hard to come in and play a lot as an underclassman. We've graduated two very strong senior classes the last two years."

The Hawks lost center Charlotte

### BASKETBALL

Blasfield, Ari and Ali Ault, Cierra Colbert and Sarah Greene to graduation, as well as senior guard Cassio Jensen, who is going to devote herself to a promising future in golf.

Harrison returns its leading scorer, 5-6 junior wing Kelly Taylor, who averaged just under 12 points per game. She also led the team in steals and was second in rebounding.

"Kelly will run the point sometimes, and we'll use her as a post every once in a while; she's very versatile," Mantyla said.

"She can penetrate and score, hit the pull-up jumper, post up and score or score from the perimeter, and there aren't many players who can do all four."

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## Lessway FG lifts Raiders

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It was more than just the start of a new football season at North Farmington Friday.

Besides being the first night game ever played under lights, it marked a new beginning for the Raiders, who put last year's winless season behind them.

After squandering a 28-7 lead, North rallied to edge visiting Roseville, 31-30, when senior Zach Lessway kicked a 30-yard field goal with 20 seconds left.

### FOOTBALL

It marked the first time the Raiders, who had one official victory last year by way of forfeit, won on the field since the final game of 1997.

"This is great; it gets the monkey off our backs," second-year North coach Rich Burrell said, adding he and his players were "ecstatic, just ecstatic" with the victory.

"Our saying this year is 'Refuse to lose! If it's meant to be, let it begin with me.' I thought the kids lived up to our theme."

"A lot of key players made some key plays. At crunch time, they really came through."

With Roseville leading 30-28 with 2½ minutes left, it appeared North's hopes for victory had faded when the East Siders intercepted a pass in their end zone.

But the Wildcats fumbled on third down, and senior Ron Chika recovered for the Raiders at the Roseville 20-yard line.

North ran three plays and turned to Lessway on fourth down. The kick was partially blocked but still made it through the uprights, putting the Raiders on top again, 31-30.

The game had an ominous start for North as the Roseville receiver ran the opening kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown and a quick, 7-0 lead.

The Raiders answered later in the first quarter when junior quarterback Blair Weiss passed 10 yards to senior Brian Lafer for a touchdown. Lessway's extra point tied the score.

Weiss, who came out late for the team and wasn't on the preseason roster, proved to be a more-than-capable replacement for returning starter Eric Wilder, who is injured.

"Eric hurt his shoulder the first day of hitting and hasn't been able to throw yet," Burrell said.

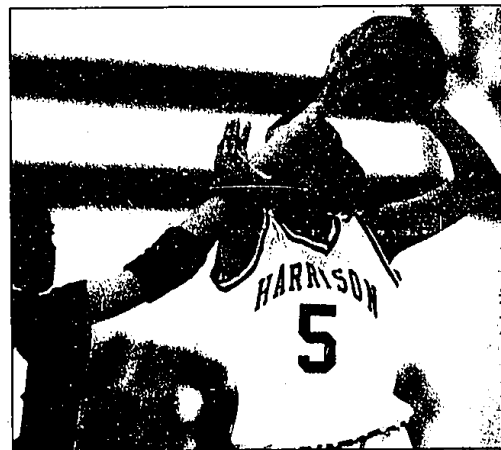
"Blair was screwing around at practice; I saw him launch it 60 yards in the air, and I thought 'holy cow.' We made Blair a quarterback real quick!"

"I thought he did a great job for having only 10 days of practice."

The Raiders took a 14-7 lead into halftime after Weiss threw a screen pass to his brother, senior Todd Weiss, who turned it into a 25-yard touchdown. Lessway added the PAT.

North increased its lead with two

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**Loading scorer:** Kelly Taylor led Harrison in scoring last season as a sophomore and is one of the team's key returning players.