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Alumni soccer event

Farmington High School invites former soccer players to join its Second Annual Alumni Soccer Challenge in conjunction with the FHS Soccer Backers homecoming weekend.

All former players (men and women, varsity and JV) are asked to arrive at the soccer field between 4 and 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16.

Teams will be chosen for 10-minute games against current FHS players. All-star alumni teams will be chosen for 20-minute games from 6 p.m. until dark. The FHS coaches will serve as referees.

The Soccer Backers also will sponsor a tailgate party before the homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 17.

The party will feature a soccer-kick dunk tank for everyone's enjoyment. Bring your own tailgate items or purchase subs and pop at the party.

The festivities start immediately after the parade in the school parking lot.

Lightning wins title

Deepak Shivraman coached the Rochester Lightning under-19 girls soccer team to the championship of the Oakland University Soccer Classic.

Shivraman also is the coach at Farmington Hills Mercy. Two of his Mercy players, Marie Lenz and Erin Cain, are members of the team.

The Lightning defeated the Brighton Eclipse in the final, 1-0. The Lightning scored 19 goals and didn't allow any.

The other team members are Jenni Gatt and Kelly Doman, Country Day; Kelly Beacom, Avondale; Sandy Candella, Jackie Flumerfelt, Leah Masternick and Erica Williams, Rochester Adams; Becca Doigan and Heather Pederson, West Bloomfield; Kristie King and Lauren Thompson, Lake Orion; Arya McCumber, Rochester; Emily Yatake, Birmingham Seaholm; and Kim Hartman, Utica Eisenhower.

Athletes of the Week

Jessica Regentin (Walled Lake) and Ken Majestic (Rochester Hills) were named Oakland Community College Athletes of the Week.

Regentin, a middle blocker and outside hitter on the volleyball team, had 110 kills, seven set assists, nine service aces, 37 digs, five solo blocks and 15 blocks assists.

She also hit .339 for the week as the Lady Raiders went 3-4 and tied for third place in the Muskegon CC Volleyball Classic last weekend.

OCC lost to Grand Rapids (15-11, 16-11) and Muskegon (15-10, 10-16, 4-16) Friday night. On Saturday, the Lady Raiders defeated Lansing (16-9, 15-5) and the Alma College JV (15-9, 16-4) before bowing to Muskegon in the semifinals (16-14, 13-16, 12-16).

Majeske, a forward on the soccer team, had two goals against Rochester College, giving her four for the season. OCC defeated the Warriors, 4-3.

Macomb edges OCC

Macomb defeated Oakland Community College in men's soccer Monday, 1-0. Mario D'Aristotle scored the only goal in the 50th minute.

The loss drops OCC to 2-2 while Macomb improved to 7-3. Josh Steaban (Waterford Mott) turned away 10 of 11 shots for the Raiders.

Marlins 3-0 in duals

Farmington Hills Mercy ran its record to 3-0 in Catholic League cross country meets Tuesday with a 15-50 victory over Riverview Gabriel Richard.

The Marlins were led by sophomore Sarah Polletta, who finished in 21:28 at Cass Benton Park.

She was followed in order by senior Erin Thomas (21:48), freshman Val Burniski (23:03), freshman Natalie Lowman (23:14), senior Becky Phelps (23:21), senior Christina Andrioli (23:31) and junior Andrea Milan (23:34).

"The first two girls ran well, but the next five have to run a lot closer," Mercy coach Gary Servalis said. "We have to cut the gap between first and fifth in half. We have to get it under a minute if we can."

On Saturday, at the Shamrock Invitational, three Mercy girls earned medals by finishing in the top 40. Thomas was eighth, Polletta 12th and Burniski 38th.

Falcons gain respect in victory



Farmington High followed up its 2-2 tie with Plymouth Canton last week by knocking off Western Lakes Activities Association power Livonia Churchill on Monday, 2-1. It was the eighth win of the season for the Falcons.

Farmington High is proving it can play with the elite boys soccer teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Falcons, coming off a 2-2 draw with Plymouth Canton on Sept. 23, pulled off a 2-1 win Monday at state-ranked Livonia Churchill.

Tim Rais tallied the game-winning goal with only a minute to play on an assist from Karl Loppata.

Rais taking a long ball, beat two Churchill defenders and went one-on-one to push a shot past the Charger goalkeeper.

The Falcons, aiming to earn a top 10 statewide ranking in Division II, are 8-3-2 overall. The loss dropped Churchill, a Division I team, to 8-2-2.

"It was our best game of the year, a total team effort," Farmington coach Luke Juneja said. "We played hard. It was a huge win for us. We're playing excellent soccer right now, and we hope to keep it going."

George Kilbas notched his 23rd goal of the year to open the scoring for Churchill. Tim Kaminski drew the

assist. But Farmington countered on Stephen Wayne's goal with just 60 seconds left in the half on an assist from Rais.

"Rais is so tough to mark because he's so fast," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "We pressured them the last six or seven minutes and we had some good shots, but then they countered the long ball to Rais."

"We had our opportunities, but they outworked us."

Farmington goalkeeper Matt Gasparotto made 18 saves. The Falcons, meanwhile, took 21 shots.

Raiders romp in 8-1 victory

North Farmington coach Ron Meteyer used the opportunity Monday to experiment with his lineup and was pleased with the results.

The Raiders produced an 8-1 victory over visiting Walled Lake Central as Brian Horr and Justin Street scored three goals apiece.

Meteyer moved Horr from midfield to forward "to develop his scoring ability," because leading scorers Street and Craig Hearn are seniors.

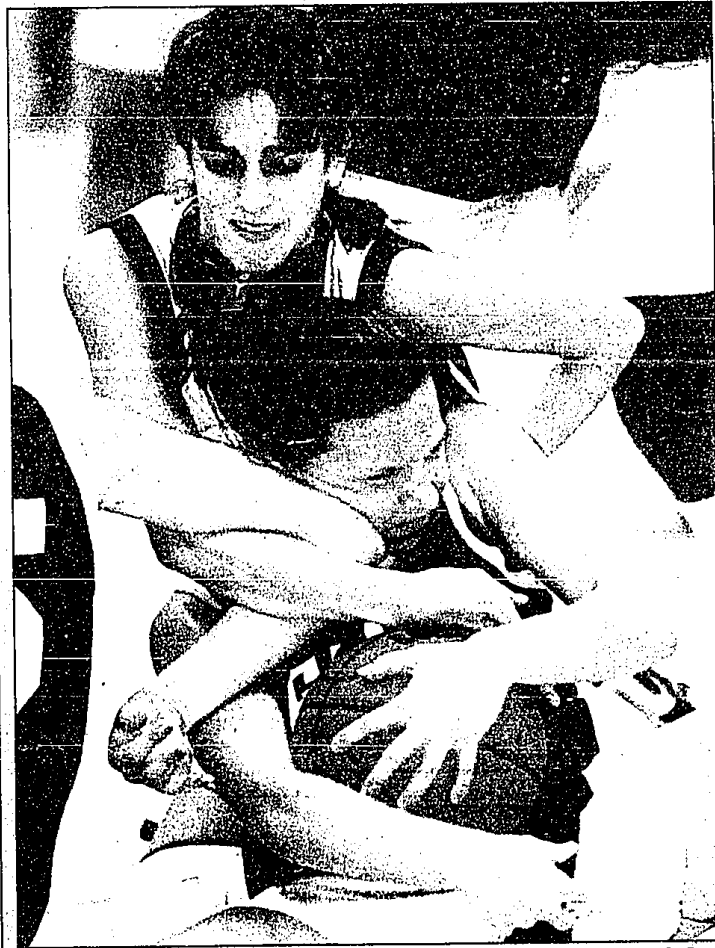
Hearn had two goals and two assists, raising his team-high total to 32 goals. Street, who was moved back to midfield, had one assist.

"He's the kind of player who can come up from midfield and take advantage of players not marking him," Meteyer said of Street.

The Raiders tried a lot of things on defense, he added, giving added playing time to Tim McIntosh and letting Eric Phillips play stopper.

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Marlins battle rival Blazers



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Blazers edge Marlins: Farmington Hills Mercy's Carrie Brankiewicz (foreground) struggles to protect the basketball Tuesday from the reaches of Livonia Ladywood opponent Kristen Barnes. The Blazers topped the Marlins, 46-44, when Michelle Harakas made two free throws with 11 seconds left. See Page C2 for the Mercy-Ladywood story and reports on other games.

Warriors are No. 1 in county

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Brother Rice's golf team was awarded the state's No. 1 ranking (Division I) over the weekend. On Monday, the Warriors proved they are well deserving of such lofty status.

Coach Jim Rademacher's squad went out and shot a record-setting 299 to capture the Oakland County Division I boys golf tournament played in near-perfect conditions at the Pontiac Country Club. The Warriors captured their seventh county title by breaking the previous mark of 302 they set back in 1981.

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"We got ranked number one even though we had hardly played," said Rademacher, whose team last earned County honors in 1995. "I think some of the other teams ahead of us at the time did not do as well as they could have and we moved up. We didn't know whether or not (the number-one ranking) was deserved."

"We ended up winning the East Lansing Invitational over the weekend and there were a bunch of good teams up there," he said. "And (the county tourney) was a big win for us coming off that tournament on Saturday. It's been a good three days for us."

Bloomfield Hills' Cranbrook Kingswood, The Eccentric tournament champions and one of the state's top Division II teams, placed second with a formidable 307. Troy was third at 310, followed by Rochester Adams (311), Waterford Kettering (318) and West Bloomfield and Orchard Lake St. Mary's (323). Clatskanie (325, Troy Athens (325) and Milford (326) rounded out the top 10.

The Warriors, undefeated in five dual meets, were led individually by seniors Brent Borio and Justin Sokol.

Borio was tourney medalist with an even-par 72 that included birdies on three of the final six holes. His performance was even more incredible considering he began his round with three bogeys.

Sokol, match medalist at the Eccentric tournament, carded a one-over par 73. He won medalist honors at the East Lansing Invitational.

"That's quite a one-two punch for us," said Rademacher. "Brent has been on

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Hawks, Warriors to clash in big game

BY DAN O'MEARA
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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Coach John Herrington hasn't had any trouble motivating his Farmington Harrison football players this week. The same goes for coach Chuck App and his team at Walled Lake Western.

Both know what's at stake Saturday when Western visits Harrison for an important divisional contest.

As it has the last two years, the game will most likely determine who wins the Western Division and plays for the league title in late October.

When you consider both ballclubs are 4-0 and state-ranked, have merited their first four opponents and average better than 40 points per game, the 1998 meeting has big game stamped on it.

"It's been a pretty intense week at practice," Herrington said. "Everybody is focused and the whole practice situation is different from other weeks."

"We try to stay focused every week, but you can see the difference in the kids. They listen and ask questions. They know what it means. We don't have to do much motivation here."

The Warriors gave App his 100th career victory last week, and this will be the last time he coaches against Herrington since he plans to retire at the end of the season.

"I don't know about my last game; it's just going to be fun," App said. "I can't wait to get there Saturday. This is going to be the measure. We're going to

find out how good we are.

"I'm anticipating two really good football teams going at it with the intensity of playoff time."

With the playoffs in mind, App added the Warriors probably need to win since there are a number of unbeaten teams in their Class AA region.

"We also want to take the championship back," he said. "We have the feeling nobody will beat Western two years in a row. That's what Harrison thought last year, and that's what we're going for."

Both teams feature explosive offenses with plenty of speed and a number of players who can make the big play.

All four backs in Western's wing-T offense are dangerous ballcarriers, and the Warriors average 11

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