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Sidelines

Field hockey

Senior Krystal Truax tallied a pair of goals, including the game-winner Wednesday, as Livonia Ladywood squeaked past host Farmington Hills Mercy in a girls' field hockey match, 2-1.

Senior Megan Brake assisted on both goals for the Blazers, now 4-2-1 overall. Dana Slah had the lone goal for the Marlins, who fell to 0-7-0.

College golf

Albion Junior Lindsey Densmore (Farmington/Farmington Hills Mercy) is 10th among Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association women's golfers in stroke average. Densmore is averaging 88.5 strokes a round.

Falcons win

Led by Keith Hay's 74, Farmington's boys golf team cruised to a first-place finish at the Oakland Activities Association Division III tournament at Oakland University on Thursday.

"It was another great win," said Farmington coach Dennis Zaleski.

"The boys have been working on their games over the last few weeks. It was a tough course and they played smart golf. I think we are peaking at the right time."

Hay's 74 was good enough for second over all, while Mike Schuyler was fourth with an 80. Joe Stefan was fifth with an 82 and Brad Cregar was eighth with an 85. Adam Ellis had a 92 and Jason Welsh carded a 96.

The Falcons shot a 321 overall, while Rochester Stoney Creek was second with a 336, Royal Oak Dondero was third with 344, Royal Oak Kimball was fourth with 348, North Farmington was fifth with 349, Berkeley was sixth with 357 and Ferndale was seventh at 426.

Taormina wins

Livonian Shella Taormina captured her second International Triathlon Union World Cup Series race Sept. 22 in Nice, France.

Taormina, a Stevenson High graduate and former University of Georgia All-America swimmer, covered the 15-kilometer swim on the Mediterranean Sea in 18 minutes, 43 seconds; the 41.2K bike in 1:07:05; and the 10K run in 35:20 finishing in 2:02:04 to win the \$8,100 first-place prize money.

The race drew a total of 58 elite pro competitors, including American Siri Lindley, ranked No. 1 in the world.

Brazil's Carla Moreno was runner-up in 2:02:30 and Great Britain's Michelle Dillon took third in 2:02:49.

Taormina is a 1996 Olympic gold medalist (women's 4 x 800-meter freestyle relay) and sixth place finisher in the 2000 Sydney Olympics (women's triathlon).

Ranked among the top five in the latest ITU World Cup rankings, Taormina will compete in the ITU World Championships, Nov. 9, in Cancun, Mexico.

Harrison, Raiders improve to 4-1 with wins

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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The only score of the game proved to be the right one for North Farmington on Friday night as the Raiders used a 6-0 win over Berkley to start the season 4-1 for the first time since 1991.

North's touchdown came in the second quarter as quarterback Bryan Smith capped a seven-play, 80-yard drive by hitting Marcus McComb on a 21-yard scoring pass.

FOOTBALL

What hurt both teams was turnovers. North turned the ball over five times, while Berkley gave up the ball four times. Six penalties didn't help the Raiders get on the scoreboard either.

"Every win is a good one," said North coach Rich Burrell. "It wasn't pretty, but we'll take it. We had no problems moving the ball, and had some good drives. We just couldn't come away with a lot of

points."

The Raiders did outgain the Bears, 254-160, and had 117 rushing and 137 passing as Smith completed 13-of-24. Marcus Thornton led the ground game with 68 yards on 14 carries, while McComb caught five passes for 67 yards and Will Hadaway added three more receptions for 50 yards.

"They had a great little quarterback," said Burrell. "He was really dangerous. I'm proud of our kids effort. They bent a little, but didn't break. Offensively, we'd

move the ball and something would happen. Our opening drive went for 70 yards and we came away with nothing."

"But this is a good feeling. They've been waiting a long time for this. They're fired up."

Hawks cruise, 49-7

Harrison tuned up for its toughest stretch of the season on Friday with an easy win at Troy Athens, 47-6.

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North still perfect

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

Don't get the Farmington coaching staff wrong.

They couldn't be prouder that their team is 5-0 for the first time since 1966 and has the chance to be the first football team in school history to start 6-0 with a win next week at Pontiac Central.

FOOTBALL

"But I don't want them looking backward," said Falcons coach John Bechtel after his team beat Ferndale on Friday night, 41-13. "I don't want them to feel like they are carrying the past. They shouldn't be paying attention to past records. So far we've done a good job at keeping their heads in this and we need to continue that."

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ERIC BRONSON | OBSERVER

Farmington's Ben Burshee blocks a second-quarter extra point try from Ferndale's Jeff Currier.

Doubles wins lead Farmington netters

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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TENNIS

A 3-1 advantage in doubles proved to be the difference on Thursday, as host Farmington came through with a 5-3 win over Birmingham Groves in their last home match of the year.

"Our doubles teams really showed up for this match," said Falcons' coach Carl Badynee. "They played some great games

and were able to get the job done when we needed it."

The Falcons (6-4-1) won two singles matches with Brittany Nuccielli at No. 2 and Kristie Boskey at No. 3.

"Kristie continues to play excellent tennis as well as Brittany," said Badynee.

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"They have remained steady all season and it was no surprise to me that they would make the most of their last matches on the FHS courts."

Badynee also had praise for Reeni Surma, still battling an injury at No. 1 singles, and Ellie Harding at No. 2 doubles.

"Reeni is still not playing 100 percent but wants to see her senior year through

Harrison fights back for 54-49 victory

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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A big second quarter put Bloomfield Hills Lahser on top at halftime.

A bigger third quarter put Harrison on top for good.

The 17-6 advantage in the third period allowed the Hawks to overcome a 27-27 halftime lead to earn a 54-49 win at Lahser.

BASKETBALL

"We found a combination that played well together," said Harrison coach Pete Mantyla. "In our last two league games, we played well enough to win defensively, but we couldn't score. In this game, in the second half, we started making our shots. We found a group we stuck with in the second half. The seven girls played really well."

The Condenti sisters - Kayla, Maggie and Jessica - all had a big hand in the win as Kayla scored 11 of her 16 points in the second half, while Maggie had

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Lahser stops North, 3-1

Matt Holland scored the lone goal for North Farmington on Thursday as the Raiders dropped a 3-1 decision to Bloomfield Hills Lahser for the Raiders' first loss of the season.

SOCCER

"We seemed half a step behind a lot of times," said North coach Ron Meteyer. "We didn't win too many 50-50 balls. We were over thinking too many times, we held onto the ball too long."

North and Lahser both moved to 6-1-1 in Division III in the Oakland Activities Association, while the Raiders dropped to 8-1-1 overall.

"You know you aren't going to go the whole season without losing," said Meteyer. "We just have to get it out of our

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North Farmington's Matt Holland scored the Raiders' lone goal in a 3-1 loss to Lahser on Thursday night.

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