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Falcons win title

Farmington High won the Oakland Activities Association Division III championship in boys golf, finishing with an 8-1 record in dual matches.

The Falcons won their last division contest Thursday, 154-169, over host Berkeley at Rackham Hills Golf Course.

Keith Hay shot an even-par 36 to lead Farmington to its 12th victory in 13 matches. Mike Schuyler and Andrew Bernicki provided solid support with a pair of 39s, and Adam Ellis completed a very good team score with a round of 40. Brad Cregar added a 42.

"(The win) is great momentum for the regional on Friday at Mystic Creek in Millford," Farmington coach Dennis Zaleski said. "The way the boys are playing they can match up to the competition."

Hawks win finale

Farmington Harrison won its final dual match of the 2002 boys golf season Wednesday by defeating Troy Athens, 155-161.

Harrison's Chris Fitzgerald was the match medalist with a nine-hole round of 37 at San Marino Golf Course.

Matt Hjeltness and Ian Chernoby shot a pair of 38s for the host Hawks, and Eddie Bellamy completed the team score with a 42. David Koch added a 43 and Paul Mazanka a 45.

The Hawks finish with a 3-3 record in the Oakland Activities Association Division II and an overall mark of 4-3.

Jeff Hamel and Chris Killian shot 39 each to lead the Red Hawks (1-4, 3-5).

Ocelots win

Three players reached double figures in kills as Schoolcraft College's volleyball team swept past host Oakland CC Wednesday, 30-17, 30-5, 30-19.

Kerstin Marshall (Livonia Franklin) had a team-best 14 kills. Katrina Napier and Holly Soldenski had 10 each. The Ocelots are 11-0 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference and 25-9 overall.

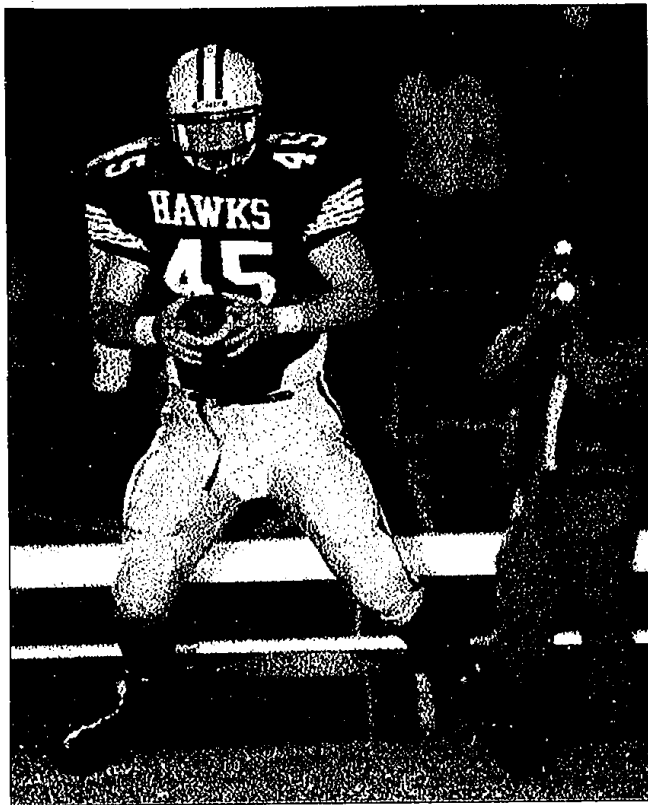
Top player

Compware forward Matt Rutkowski was named the North American Hockey League's player of the month after scoring three goals and adding 13 assists in nine games.

A Ferris State University recruit, Rutkowski led Compware, the defending Junior A Gold Cup national champion, to an 8-1-1 start. Rutkowski leads the NAHL in scoring (26 points) and assists (13) and is tied for first in game-winning goals (two).

College golf

Albion College junior Lindsey Bensmore of Farmington (Mercy High School) is ranked eighth among women golfers in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association with an 85.3 stroke average. Bensmore shot an 86 to help Albion to a runner-up finish in a MIAA jamboree hosted by Hope College at Winding Creek Golf Course Sept. 28.



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Harrison tight end Kyle Taylor catches a pass from Jake Gannam and turns to run, completing a 44-yard play for Harrison's first touchdown Friday. Harrison lost the game, however, to Rochester Adams, 28-21.

Late TD lifts Highlanders over Hawks

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Rochester Adams conceded three touchdowns and the lead in little more than three minutes in the second half of a football game Friday night at Farmington Harrison.

But the undefeated Highlanders rallied for two scores late in the fourth quarter and pulled out a 28-21 victory over the Hawks.

Adams is 4-0 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I and 6-0 overall. Harrison dips to 4-1 and 4-2.

"I think we lost our edge a little bit," Adams coach Jim DeJaeger said, regarding the second half. "Maybe we got a little too cocky. I don't know."

FOOTBALL

"But the kids decided they were going to come back and play. They can be very determined when they want to be. That was the kids; it wasn't coaching."

Fullback Mike LePage's 5-yard run for a touchdown with 14 seconds remaining in the game and his fourth extra-point kick gave the Highlanders the victory in the first meeting between the two programs.

It capped a four-play, 39-yard drive following a short Harrison punt that began with 2:02 to play. LePage, who rushed for 86 yards on 16 carries overall, rambled 28 yards earlier in the drive to the Harrison 7.

The Highlanders scored the tying touchdown after a string of three straight penalties against the Hawks.

On third-and-5 at its 39, Harrison was penalized for delay of game. The Hawks drew penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct on third down and a personal foul on the punt.

It added up to give Adams the ball at the Harrison

PLEASE SEE HIGHLANDER, C4

Raiders gain soccer draw with Maples

BY DAN O'MEARA
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North Farmington put a stop to its two-game losing streak Thursday in boys soccer, but the Raiders weren't exactly celebrating afterward.

The reason was North didn't win the game either. Instead, the Raiders settled for a 1-1 tie at Birmingham Seaholm.

SOCCER

North coach Ron Meteyer said his players had some difficulty adjusting to the speed with which the ball bounced off the artificial surface.

The Raiders had just one shot on goal in the first half; the Maples had two but put one in the net nine minutes into the game.

North had a lot more attempts in the second half, outshooting Seaholm 8-2, but was able to hit the target just once.

Ten minutes into the second half, Matt Holland chased the ball into the corner, got the rebound off an opposing player's shin guard following a slide tackle and fired a shot from 20 yards for the North score. Gareth Lewis and Steven Denton assisted on the play.

The Raiders had two breakaways in the last three minutes but were unable to score the tiebreaker. "We made some big adjustments in our lineup," Meteyer said. "We really shook things up in the second half and it showed."

"We played a much more spirited game and got back to taking con-

PLEASE SEE RAIDERS, C4

Team effort leads to Harrison victory

BY DAN O'MEARA
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BASKETBALL

North Farmington's objective was to stop the Condeni sisters and challenge other members of the Farmington Harrison girls basketball team to step forward Thursday.

The Raiders were fairly successful in their first priority: unfortunately for them, the Hawks were all too accommodating in the second.

Brittney Lacy, Katie Ross and Kristen Termes combined for 22 points as host

Harrison claimed a 40-28 victory in an Oakland Activities Association crossover contest.

In the first meeting between the teams Sept. 10, Maggie and Jessica Condeni totaled 33 points to lead the Hawk to a 45-27 win.

Maggie Condeni, who scored 20 points in that game, was the high scorer again Thursday with 14 points, but it was the contribution of the aforementioned

trio that put Harrison over the top.

Lacy had nine points, Ross seven and Termes six. Each had a three-point field goal, as did Karen Termes.

"That's what we wanted to do - force other kids to step up for Harrison," North coach Tim Carruthers said. "We wanted to contest the (three-point) shots better. To their credit, those kids knocked the shots down, and we couldn't answer at the other end."

"Our goal, as it is in every game, was to keep them to 40 points, but that wasn't enough. We were successful

in one respect, but they're a very well-rounded team. So the other kids were able to beat us."

Harrison's lead was 12-7 midway in the second quarter when Lacy started an 11-2 run to end the first half by hitting an outside shot.

Maggie Condeni scored on a putback, Karen Termes and Ross hit threes and Lacy added a free throw to give the Hawks a 14-point lead at halftime.

Despite forcing North into 10 turnovers and having

PLEASE SEE HARRISON, C3

Hills fire fighters softball team are national champs

Denny Hughes, Mike Kish and Chuck Dexter of the Farmington Hills Fire Department are members of the national champion Detroit Metro Fire Fighters softball team.

SOFTBALL

The fire fighters won the national tournament last month in Baltimore, Md. The event was sponsored by the Prince George's County Professional Fire Fighters and raised more than \$100,000 in the fight against muscular dystrophy.

Hughes, the team's player-manager, watched

PLEASE SEE FIRE FIGHTERS, C2



Farmington Hills fire fighters Denny Hughes (left) and Mike Kish are members of the Detroit Metro Fire Fighters softball team that won the fire fighters national championship tournament last month. Hughes doubles as team manager, and Kish also serves as a player-coach.

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