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Sidelines

Boys golf finals

Farmington Harrison's David Koch shot a second-day round of 80 (38-42) Saturday in the Division II boys state golf tournament at Forest Akers East in East Lansing. He finished with a two-day total of 158.

Koch and teammate Chris Fitzgerald were named to the Oakland Activities Association all-Division II team.

The Division II individual state champion was Caylor's Adam Miller with a 144 (73-71). The cutoff to be in the top 10 was 150.

Redford-Detroit Catholic Central finished seventh in the Division I boys golf state final Saturday at The Emerald in St. Johns.

Novi edged Ann Arbor Pioneer for the team title, 616-617. Traverse City Central had 632; three teams were tied at 633, and CC finished at 636.

"Some teams passed us on the second day by a couple of strokes, but our goal was just getting to the second day itself," CC coach Bill Hayes said. "Really, what difference is there between second and seventh?"

Tristan Lester led CC with a two-day total of 154 (75-79), putting him in a tie for 11th place overall. Chris Elison shot 161. Jimmy Burns 162, Adam Houge 166 and Jack Kelly 169. East Kentwood's Matt Harmon was the individual winner at 146 (68-78).

Wayne's World
Sophomore kicker Stephen Wayne (Farmington) scored a career-best 10 points in Wayne State University's 34-31 football victory over host Michigan Tech Saturday.

Wayne kicked two field goals and was 4-of-4 on extra points. His second field goal, from 38 yards, hit the crossbar and bounced over, giving the Warriors a 34-31 lead midway through the fourth quarter.

Michael Griffin (Farmington) had three receptions for 30 yards, including a 19-yard touchdown catch to open the game's scoring.

The Warriors snapped a two-game losing streak with the win.

Shaw update
Penn State University freshman running back Tim Shaw (Livonia Clarenceville) had one catch for 19 yards and five carries for 24 yards in the Military Lions' 49-0 homecoming football victory Saturday over Northwestern.

Shaw, also a member of the special teams, came up with one solo tackle, which pinned Northwestern back on its own 5-yard line in the first half.

Selection Sunday
The announcement of the 256 schools qualifying for the Michigan High School Athletic Association football playoffs and first-round pairings will be announced at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. The Selection Sunday Show, a 30-minute program carrying the first announcement of qualifiers and pairings, will be televised on FOX Sports Net. The MHSAA will produce the program, hosted by John Keating and Matt Shepard.

Falcons, Raiders to battle for OAA crown

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

In the four-decades-old rivalry, it's doubtful a Farmington-North Farmington football game meant as much and had as much appeal as the one that will be played Friday night.

The prize to be won is the Oakland Activities Association Division III championship when the crosstown rivals meet

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at Farmington High School. The Falcons (8-0) have the potential for their first unbeaten regular season since the late 1950s riding on the outcome, too.

"It's going to be a big evening in our community," Farmington coach John Bechtel said. "There's going to be a big

crowd there. It's what high school football is all about."

The Falcons lead the division with a 5-0 record and can win the title outright with one more victory.

The Raiders (5-2) also would have been 5-0 if not for having to forfeit a win over Rochester Stony Creek. But they can still gain a share of the championship at 4-1.

"This is a great opportunity," North

coach Rich Burrell said. "It's going to be an awesome night of high school football. It's what every coach and player plays for. You can't ask for anything more."

Although Farmington has scored 92 points more than North, their scores against division opponents are very similar. The personnel on each side is comparable, and both rely heavily on stingy defenses.

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Farmington senior defender Chris McDonnell wins a foot race to the ball Monday night during a Division I district tournament soccer game at Northville. The season ended for the Falcons following a shootout and a 2-1 defeat.



A disappointed group of Farmington soccer players line up for the post-game handshake after losing a district tournament game Monday.

Farmington hopes dashed by 2-1 loss

BY DAN O'MEARA
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It was certainly a heartbreaking finish for the Farmington soccer team, which had a fine regular

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season and high hopes for the post-season. The Falcons had an all-100-short stay in the state tournament, losing in a shootout Monday to host Northville on the first night of district play, 2-1.

The Mustangs, runners-up in the Western Lakes Activities Association, advanced with an 11-5-3 record to meet Livonia Churchill in the second round of the Division I district Wednesday.

Farmington, the second-place team in the Oakland Activities Association Division I, ended its season at 14-5-1.

"We had a great season," Falcons coach Luke

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North girl wins state tennis title

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Sophomore Kelly Davis won the Division II championship at No. 3 singles and led North Farmington to a fourth-place team finish in the girls state tournament Saturday.

The Raiders also had the runners-up at Nos. 1 and 2 singles in junior Emily Jaffe and senior Amy Berke, respectively.

TENNIS

Farmington Hills Mercy, led by senior Angela Kaza and sophomore Kall Blanchard, was fifth in the Division I event.

Blanchard was second at No. 3 singles, and Kaza was a semifinalist at No. 2.

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern won the Division II title at Holland with 31 points. Okemos had 30, Birmingham Marian 23 and North 18.

The Raiders were fourth last year, too. Farmington was eighth in the 24-team field with 11 points.

"Going into it, we knew we had some strong flights, especially in singles but, to stay in the top five, it was going to have to be a total team effort," North coach Mark Shenton. "The team responded very positively and performed well."

Davis was the top seed at No. 3 singles and showed why. In four matches, she never allowed more than four points in any one set.

Her toughest match was in the second round in which she defeated Kalamazoo Central's Mauri Davies, 6-4, 6-3.

Davis beat Bloomfield Hills Lahser's Janiece Lehmann in the quarterfinals, 6-1, 6-2; Forest Hills Northern's Stacey Morris in the semifinals, 6-3, 6-1; and Birmingham Seaholm's Brittany Jackson in the final, 6-4, 6-0.

"She came in as the No. 1 seed and definitely proved that's where she should have been," Shenton said.

"When she started the quarterfinal

PLEASE SEE TENNIS, D6

Raiders, Hawks have successful dual-meet efforts

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

North Farmington won 10 events and improved its record to 4-3 in dual meets Tuesday with a non-league victory over visiting Livonia Churchill in girls swimming.

Valencia Smith and Lindsey Legacki had four first places each, including two apiece in individual events.

Legacki won the 200-yard individual medley (2:22.22) and the butterfly (1:03.73). Smith was first in the 50 freestyle (26.03) and the 100 freestyle (56.24).

Smith and Legacki combined with Kristi Bendick and Catherine Munaco to win the 400 freestyle relay (3:56.58).

The Raiders won the medley relay in which the foursome of Angela Hanks, Kristen Wolff, Smith and Jessica Sapick

finished in 1:58.83. Legacki anchored a North win in the 200 freestyle relay, following Lauren Sundquist, Sapick and Munaco into the pool for a 1:49.92 time.

North's Jodi Orloff won the diving competition with 133.40 points. Beth Danielewicz and Wolff were winners in the backstroke and breaststroke with respective times of 1:05.53 and 1:12.34.

The Raiders had second-place efforts from Catherine Munaco in the 200 freestyle, 2:13.72; Lauren Givens, 200 IM, 2:32.23; Sundquist, 100 freestyle, 1:00.91; Hanks, backstroke, 1:07.40; and Lisa Buch, breaststroke, 1:24.00.

Danielewicz, Givens, Katie Purcell and Carrie Gabriel combined the runner-up relay team in the 200 medley (2:08.76),

and Kristina Navas, Chris Gabriel, Lindsey Scher and Gabriel took second place in the 500 freestyle (1:55.18). "I thought we had some pretty good swims tonight," North coach Pat Duthie said, adding it was Senior Night. "It was the last home dual meet of the year, so it was nice to send them off with a win."

"We had a nice meet, a lot of pretty decent swimmers. Our diver had her best score. Everybody did a nice job, and we had some fun tonight."

HAWKS WIN LAST DUAL

Farmington Harrison concluded its dual-meet season Tuesday with a 129-61 victory over Royal Oak Dendero at Farmington High School.

Kim Nordhoff, Liz Steiber and Katie Steff swam personal bests while winning the 200-yard freestyle (2:11.52), the indi-

vidual medley (2:34.46) and the 100 freestyle (57.90).

Steff also won the 50 freestyle (28.03), Steiber the backstroke (1:10.31) and Nordhoff the 500 freestyle (5:51.28).

Jakki Waldecker took first place in the breaststroke (1:14.97) and anchored a Harrison victory in the medley relay, which included Steiber, Jessi Waldecker and Steff. The Hawks had a 2:06.01 time.

Harrison won both freestyle relays, too. Jakki Waldecker, Nordhoff, Beth Leeb and Stephanie Wegener combined for a time of 1:55.66 in the 200.

Caitlin Chamberlin was the anchor swimmer in the 400. Steff, Nordhoff, Leeb and Chamberlin posted a winning time of 4:16.39.

Leeb had two second-place swims in the 200 freestyle (2:13.96) and the 500 (5:55.99).

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