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# Sports

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## Sidelines

### Flyers tryouts

Tryouts for the unified Farmington Flyers high school varsity hockey team will take place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

The times are 4-5:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday. There is no fee to participate in the tryout.

Ninth through 12th graders at Farmington's three public high schools are eligible. For more information call coach Mark Vellucci at (248) 730-2233.

### Whalers lose

The Plymouth Whalers managed to overcome an early 2-0 deficit, but they could not sustain the momentum into overtime, losing to the Belleville Bulls, 3-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The result left the Whalers at 6-3-1 on the season. Belleville is 8-3-0-1.

Matt Stajan's deflection of a Michael Knight shot went over Plymouth goal Paul Brew's shoulder for the game-winner with just 1:10 left in overtime. Rane Carnegie also assisted.

First-period goals by Jordan Watson and Carnegie, the latter on the power play, gave the Bulls a 2-0 lead after one period.

The Whalers trimmed that to 2-1 when John Mitchell converted a pass from Jonas Fiedler at 1:18 of the second period. John Vigilante also assisted.

At the 7:03 mark of the third period, Ryan Ramsay one-timed a shot into the net, the goal resulting from a Chad LaRose centering pass after LaRose beat a defender to the puck. Karl Stewart also assisted. Drew stopped 18 of 21 shots on goal. Belleville's Michael Mole made 25 saves on 27 shots.

### Whalers trade

The Plymouth Whalers announced they obtained goalie Jeff Weber from the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds for future considerations Thursday.

Weber played for the Erie Otters last season before being traded to the Greyhounds.

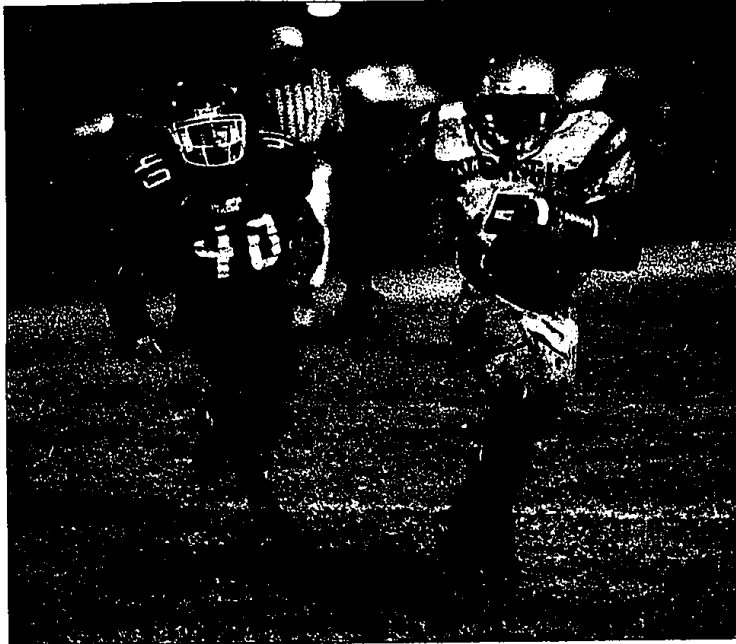
He started four games last season with a 2-1-0 record, posting a 4.21 goals-against average.

### Selection Sunday

The announcement of the 256 schools qualifying for the high school football playoffs and first-round playings will be announced at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. The Selection Sunday Show, a 30-minute program, will be televised on FOX Sports Net.

The program will be hosted by John Keating and Matt Shepard.

For the first time in the 27-year history of the playoffs, all three Farmington schools have qualified in the same year and will be competing next weekend.



BILL BRZESKI/OSHSERVER

North Farmington's Marcus Thornton picked up key yardage in the second half Friday night at Farmington. The Raiders won the OAA Division III showdown to gain a share of the championship, 7-0. Thornton is pursued by Farmington's Chad Burns.

## Raiders topple Falcons, share title

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

On a night when throwing the football was not an easy option, North Farmington's ability to execute the forward pass proved decisive Friday.

Bryan Smith's 20-yard touchdown toss to Marcus McComb and Kyle Lambert's extra point gave the Raiders a 7-0 victory in a ninth-week showdown at Farmington High.

It was the biggest win in coach Rich

Burrell's five years at North, and it gave the 6-2 Raiders a share of the Oakland Activities Association Division III championship.

It's the first for the Raiders since they won the 1991 Lakes Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

North also dealt 8-1 Farmington its

first defeat. Both teams finish with 5-1 records in the division.

"There's no doubt this is a very big win for us," Burrell said, adding the Raiders used their underdog status for motivation.

"We had nothing to lose. We played with reckless abandon, and it happened to work out for us. We're just happy to win a tough ballgame."

On a wet and cold night, with a

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### FOOTBALL

## Farmington girls complete winning dual-meet season

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

The Farmington High girls swim team defeated Royal Oak Dondero, 113-72, Thursday to complete a perfect dual-meet season in Division III of the Oakland Activities Association. The Falcons finish with an overall record of 8-1-2.

Farmington's Ayumi Ueda was a double winner Thursday in the 200-yard individual medley (2:25.84) and the backstroke (1:05.72).

### SWIMMING

She also teamed up with Katie Fleck, Jenny Hand and Erin Lennon to give the Falcons first place in the 400 freestyle relay (4:03.88).

Fleck won the 200 freestyle (2:04.93). Jarah Hargit diving (149.6 points), Tammy Cavicholi the butterfly (1:13.98) and Chrissy Fleck the 500 freestyle (5:38.38).

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## Harrison was in the game until late vs. Divine Child

Farmington Harrison's soccer season ended Thursday with a 3-1 loss to Dearborn Divine Child in a Division district tournament semifinal game.

The Hawks won their second game of the season Tuesday in a first-round district game against Redford Thurston, 11-2.

Senior captains Dustin Babler, Brett Laird and Eric White had hat-tricks for the Hawks. Senior Kurtis Lovio and junior Greg Gaynor added individual tallies.

"It was a great victory for us, because it made us realize what we are capable of, especially for our younger players," Harrison coach Tim Russell said. "As has been the case all sea-

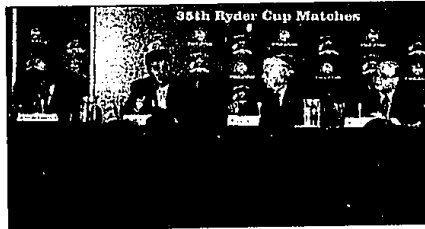
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son, our upperclassmen led the way with spectacular efforts.

"The victory gave us a great deal of confidence going into the Divine Child game. As great as our win over Thurston was, I was more impressed with our efforts versus Divine Child."

The teams were tied, 1-1, late in the game Thursday, but the Falcons scored twice in the final five minutes to win. Laird scored on a

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JERRY JOHNSON/OSHSERVER

(From left) Gov. John Engler, 2004 Ryder Cup captain Hal Sutton, PGA President Jack Connelly and General Chairman Bob Gagliotti of the Ryder Cup were on hand Thursday for a press conference at Oakland Hills Country Club. The 35th Ryder Cup Matches will be held in two years at Oakland Hills.

## Captain Hal to guide U.S. Ryder Cup team

BY MARTY BUCKNER  
STAFF WRITER

With the 35th Ryder Cup Matches slated for 2004, Oakland Hills Country Club has reached new heights on hosting major tournaments. Ryder Cup captain Hal Sutton hopes the U.S. team can reach that same level when the competition begins.

Oakland Hills is continuously in the rotation for the nation's championship golf tournaments. The Bloomfield Township-based country

club has hosted six U.S. Opens, two PGA championships and two U.S. Senior Opens.

Now its resume will be spotted with the prestigious Ryder Cup, a tournament that is becoming one of the most important and significant events in golf.

"We have hosted all those major tournaments and the one we were missing was the Ryder Cup," said

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