

## Harrison nips North on late TD

# Hawks meet Rocks in showdown finale



North Farmington's Bill Nowland (63) snags Harrison's Dave Thorne during last Saturday's intracity game

By TOM BAER

Seldom is the season's final football game usually reserved for nonleague, intricately contested — very important.

But next Saturday's clash between Farmington Harrison and Plymouth Salem is certainly the exception. Both squads will carry unbeaten records into the game, which begins at 2 p.m. at Harrison, and the outcome could determine which school ends up No. 1 in the state's ranking.

Harrison, which defeated city-foe North Farmington 21-14 last Saturday, is 8-0. The Hawks had little trouble winning the Western Six championship.

Salem, coached by Tom Mosher, has recorded impressive victories over Trenton and Redford Union on its way to the championship of the Suburban Eight League.

"Salem has a tremendous offense," said Harrison coach John Herrington, who has seen three Rock games this season. "They run the wishbone, the best high school wishbone I've ever seen."

HARRISON'S victory over North Farmington was a real thriller right up until the last 23 seconds when Hawk tailback Dave Thorne scored the winning touchdown on a three-yard "blast play."

Coach Ron Holland's North Farmington squad may have lost out on the Northwest Suburban League title, but the Raiders came back to prove they're still one of the toughest teams around.

North scored on the third play from scrimmage. On a third-and-three situation, quarterback Tom Moore connected with end Mike Soldan for a 68-yard scoring play.

"We didn't know Soldan was so fast," Herrington said. "Our defense was thinking run, and it was a pass."

Harrison evened the game at seven-all in the second quarter when QB Sam Pink passed to

Craig Valassis for a 38-yard touchdown. The game remained knotted until the fourth quarter when Moore, whose 13 completions accounted for 232 yards, hit Dave Marchiori with a TD toss.

On the following kickoff, Thorne raced 67 yards to set up Harrison's tying touchdown, a three-yard run by Pink.

Harrison got a big break later on a bad North punt. The ball landed at midfield and then took a Hawk bounce back to the Raider 41. The Hawks started their final drive with 2:04 left, and the march ended with Thorne's winning TD.

Harrison praised North's defense, which limited 155 yards rushing and 87 passing. The Raiders stopped Harrison's passing game and its off-tackle drives.

"They do such a good job coaching over there (NFHS)," he said. "They take away your bread and butter, so you better be prepared to do something else."

Bob Miller was Harrison's leading rusher with 69 yards in 11 carries. Bob Patek led North with 41 yards in 12 tries.

North Farmington ends its season at home next Saturday against Farmington High. Game time is 2 p.m.

### Thorne's blast

	HHS	NFHS
First downs rushing	8	4
First downs passing	5	8
First downs penalty	0	0
Yards rushing*	155	78
Yards passing	87	232
Passes completed	7-14	12-23
Punts - average	42-5	3-40
Fumbles - No. recovered	1-0	2-0
Penalties - yards lost	1-0	2-10
Farmington Harrison	0 7 0 14-21	
North Farmington	7 0 0 7-14	

Scoring

North Farmington — Mike Soldan 68 pass from Tom Moore (Jeff Lemberg kick)  
Harrison — Craig Valassis 38 pass from Sam Pink (Paul Rogind kick)  
North Farmington — Dave Marchiori 21 pass from Moore (Lemberg kick)  
Harrison — Pink 4 run (Rogind kick)  
Harrison — Dave Thorne 3 run (Rogind kick)

## Area individuals also shine

# Falcon runners 9th at state

By TOM BAER

Farmington High's cross country team found itself in exclusive company at the state tournament last Saturday at Grand Blanc Golf and Country Club.

Farmington scored 251 points and finished ninth in the Class A team race. Flint Northern won with 74 points. Runner up St. Joseph had 104.

Five runners scored for Farmington. Al VanMeter finished 25th (15:45), Stuart Glatfelter was 37th (16:00), Arno Sist was 53rd (16:15), Larry Otto was 61st and Mike Glatfelter was 76th. Farmington, coached by Gerald Young, won its regional to qualify for the state team race.

"Our goal was to finish in the top 10 (at the state meet)," Young said. "We know we're not among the best teams in the state, but we felt we could finish in the top 10. We knew we were going to have to hustle to do that. We're a good team, a strong team, but we're not among the great ones."

"We can't compete against a Flint Northern or a St. Joseph. We're just not in that class."

A separate race was held for runners whose teams didn't finish first or second in their regions. To qualify, the runners had to finish in the top 10 at the regionals.

Southfield-Lathrup's John Harding, a senior, finished 12th in the individual race with a 15:29 clocking. Another Lathrup runner, senior Steve Fox, finished 61st in 16:30.

Southfield High's Scott Stone, a junior, finished 16th in 15:33. Stone has been a bright spot in an otherwise dismal season for Southfield coach Chuck Balog.

"He (Stone) missed getting a medal by one place," Balog said. "That was his one disappointment. It was an excellent run — 16th place in the state. That's nice for a fellow in his first year of running."

North Farmington qualified one runner for the individual race. Sophomore Dave Good finished 57th in 16:04.

"For a sophomore, we thought that was a good performance," said North Farmington coach Ed Davis. "There weren't many sophomores there to start with."

Midland High's Jeff Randolph turned in the top time (14:16.8) in the individual race. Highland Park's Sam James was second in 14:58.

Royal Oak Shrine won the Class B team race, scoring 85 points. Class B competition was held at Charlotte.

### Team Finish — Class A

Flint Northern 74 points, St. Joseph 104, Warren Cousino 116, Portage Northern 156, Grosse Pointe North 168, Jackson High 182, Dearborn Edsel Ford 180, Birmingham Brother Rice 221, Farmington High 251, Pontiac Central 254, Alpena High 276, Tempest Bedford 284, Warren Fitzgerald 291, Wayne Memorial 319, Grand Ledge 341, Redford Union 344, Detroit Catholic Central 349.

### Individual Race

Jeff Randolph, Midland High, 14:16.8; Sam James, Highland Park, 14:58; Tony Badalamenti, St. Clair Shores Lakeshore, 15:09.5.

15:09: Jim Grabowski, West Bloomfield; 15:12: Tim Cummins, Harper Woods Notre Dame; 15:13: Dan Zentner, Howell High; 15:15: Brad Goke, Mount Clemens; 15:16: Crouse; 15:26: Art Kitzel, Garden City East; 15:26.5: Mark Olson, Royal Oak Kimball; 15:28: John Harding, Southfield-Lathrup; 15:29: Bill Spencer, Grosse Pointe South; 15:29.5.

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## Berkley tops Southfield

# Mercy win too easy?

By TOM BAER

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy had it easy — perhaps too easy — in the opening round of the Catholic League Girls' basketball playoffs.

Mercy routed Dearborn Sacred Heart, 70-19, last Sunday at Bishop Borgess. The Mercy squad isn't doing itself any good by playing such weak teams, according to coach Rose Swidzinski.

"It was kind of sad," she said. "This wasn't a very exciting game. It was a real mismatch, and we'd be better off with some competition in the playoffs."

Mercy led 24-0 after the first quarter, and then stretched its lead to 34-8 at halftime. The starting five played only the first

quarter. Four Mercy girls finished in double figures. Mary Ann Thompson scored 14 points. Judeen Bartos, Mary Lou Masko and Katy Harte each had 10. Jean Otto and Karen Gilhooly each had eight.

Miss Masko had eight rebounds and caused five turnovers. Miss Thompson grabbed eight rebounds and accounted for four steals.

Mercy plays next against Center Line St. Clement in a tournament game on Friday (Nov. 8) at 8 p.m. at St. Clement. St. Clement nipped St. Mary of Redford, 35-34, in first-round action.

Mercy finished its season with an 8-0 record in the Northwest AA League, and a 9-1 overall mark. The only loss came against Detroit

Dominican, last year's state champion.

"We'll meet them (Dominican) again in the semifinals this season," Miss Swidzinski said.

Berkley-Southfield  
Berkley High's sister act — Bonnie and Betsy Flowers — each scored 17 points to lead the Beavers past Southfield High, 57-34, in Southeastern Michigan Association girls' basketball game last week.

Southfield, which is now 5-5, had 13 points from Pam Styles and nine points from Libby Vander. "It was better than the first time we played Berkley," said Southfield coach Sheri Gordon. "We played a better game all around."

Southfield plays next at Hazel Park on Thursday (Nov. 7), and then ends its season at home against Ferndale on Nov. 14. Both games begin at 6 p.m.

## On the line

Offensive tackle Matt Hoppler, a 1974 graduate of Southfield-Lathrup High, was named Michigan Tech's Lineman of the Week for his play in the Huskies' 76-28 win over visiting Southwest Minnesota State Nov. 2. Hoppler has earned the award twice this season. The Huskies seek their first perfect season since 1948 this Saturday when they host Ferris State.

## Sports coming up

Football  
Friday (Nov. 8) Southfield-Lathrup at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lahser roads, 8 p.m.  
Saturday (Nov. 9) Plymouth Salem at Farmington Lathrup, 2595 Twelve Mile Road, 2 p.m.  
Saturday (Nov. 9) Farmington High at North Farmington, 32900 Thirteen Mile Road, 2 p.m.  
Reserve Football  
Thursday (Nov. 7) Royal Oak Kimball at Southfield-Lathrup, 19301 Twelve Mile Road, 7 p.m.  
Girls' Swimming  
Thursday (Nov. 7) Southfield-Lathrup at Oak Park High, 13100 Oak Park Blvd., 4 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday (Nov. 8-9) Farmington Our Lady of Mercy in Catholic League girls' swimming finals, Schoolcraft College, 1849 Haggerty Road, Livonia, 10 a.m.  
Girls' Basketball  
Thursday (Nov. 7) Bloomfield Hills Lahser at Southfield-Lathrup, 19301 Twelve Mile Road, 6:30 p.m.  
Friday (Nov. 8) Farmington Our Lady of Mercy at Center Line St. Clement in Catholic League playoffs, Engleman near Van Dyke, 8 p.m.