

Bowden's rampage lifts Hawks past Falcons

By TOM BAER
Farmington Harrison's football statu-
tion had a slight problem following the

Hawks' 28-20 victory over district rival
Farmington High School last Saturday af-
ternoon.

It seems that a sports reporter, sitting in
his office at an afternoon daily newspaper,
refused to believe the statistician's infor-

mation concerning a certain Harrison run-
ning back. But a phone call to Harrison
coach John Herrington quickly cleared
things up.

Mike Bowden did indeed gain 262 yards
in 37 carries against Farmington. The 6-1,
195-pound senior tailback also scored three
touchdowns on runs of five, six and three
yards to help his team win its opener be-
fore a large crowd at Harrison.

Bowden, who gained 940 yards in nine
games last year, was expected to be the
Hawks' main man on offense. But 382
yards on 37 carries in one game... that's
a fantastic day.

"Bowden's not a fancy runner," Herrington
said. "He doesn't really put on that
many moves. He just runs hard. He has
great balance and lots of determination.
He's really not that big. We weighed him
today (last Monday) and he's down to 184
pounds — not that huge, really."

Herrington was quick to credit Harrison's
offensive line. It made Bowden's
rampage possible.

"WE HAD AN all-veteran offensive line,
plus backup John Payne, leading the way
for him," Herrington said. "They did a tremen-
dous job of blocking for him. All of the
lineemen, every one of them, did a great
job. I couldn't single one out, although we
ran over tackle Matt McCarthy's side a
lot. He did a great job."

Farmington coach Hal Beardsley also
was impressed with Bowden.

"He's extremely hard to stop," Beards-
ley said. "We looked at our movies, and
we hit him. We hit him behind the line of
scrums and everywhere else."

"But he's like a bull in a china cabinet.
He took the whole china cabinet with
him."

Harrison quarterback Jeff Thorne com-
pleted a 22-yard pass to Chuck Roberts to
set up Bowden's first TD, a live-yard dash

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early in the first quarter. Farmington's
Bob Patrick, the Falcons' leading ground
gainer with 72 yards in seven carries, an-
swered with a 34-yard touchdown run in
the same quarter.

Harrison's next scoring drive resulted in
a six-yard touchdown run by Bowden.
Farmington's Kim Waskie, a 195-pound ju-
nior fullback, scored on a one-yard run in
the second quarter. Harrison led 14-12 at
halftime.

In the second half, Payne and Bowden
scored touchdowns on runs of one and
three yards respectively. Farmington
scored another TD in the fourth quarter
when Chuck Cato grabbed a pass from
Meyer and raced 22 yards.

HARRISON HAD four scoring opportu-
nities and was successful on each one.
Farmington also had four chances and con-
verted three. Harrison's kicker, Brett
Homoc, made good on all four PAT tries.
Farmington missed on two conversion at-
tempts before Meyer passed to Kevin Delp
for a two-pointer after the last touchdown.
Harrison gained 280 yards on the ground,
32 more through the air on Thorne's line

pass completion. Farmington rushed for
161 yards on the ground and completed 90
through the air. Meyer completed eight of
17 passes and threw two interceptions.

Neither coach was pleased with his de-
fense.

Harrison's Herrington: "We were very
disappointed with our defense. We felt that
if we're going to be a contender for the
league title, we're going to have to get bet-
ter on defense. Sooner or later, we're
going to get stopped offensively. All good
teams get stopped sooner or later."

Farmington's Beardsley: "We had some
mental breakdowns and we weren't aggres-
sive enough on defense. We didn't do our
job at tackling. That's something we're
going to have to work on this week."

Farmington tackle Pete Ponder was
taken to Providence Hospital after the
game, suffering from "complete heat ex-
haustion and a slight concussion," accord-
ing to Beardsley. Ponder, a 6-1, 195-
pound senior, was injured during Farm-
ington's successful two-point conversion
midway through the last quarter. He was
treated on the field by Beardsley and Dr.
Edwin Blumberg, the team doctor.

After the game, he was taken to Provi-
dence Hospital. He was released Saturday
night.

A neurologist checked him out and said
he had a couple of bruises on his head, but
that it was 90 percent heat exhaustion."

Beardsley said.
Harrison plays next on Friday (Sept. 24)
at Birmingham Groves. The non-league
game begins at 8 p.m. Farmington plays
at home on Saturday (Sept. 25) against
non-league West Bloomfield. Game time is
2 p.m.

Harrison—Farmington	HHS	FHS
First downs rushing	17	7
First downs passing	1	4
First downs penalty	1	1
Yards rushing	299	161
Yards passing	32	90
Yards average	140	112
Plays	279	426
Penalties—yards lost	140	130
Fumbles—recovered	6	13
Harrison	18	8
Farmington	8	0

Scoring
Harrison—Mike Bowden 3 runs, Brett Homoc
kicks.
Farmington—Bob Patrick 2 runs, Chuck Cato
kicks.
Harrison—Bowden 4 runs, Homoc
kicks.
Farmington—Kim Waskie 1 run, Chuck Cato
kicks.
Harrison—John Payne 3 runs, Homoc
kicks.
Farmington—Chuck Cato 22 pass from Meyer
deep pass from Meyer.

Coach John Herrington watches his Harrison team win.



Harrison's Mike Bowden (with ball) escapes from Farmington's Dean Schultz (60) during last Saturday's football game on Harrison's field. Bowden, a senior tailback, proved to be an explosive runner, gaining 262 yards in 37 carries and scoring three of the Hawks' touchdowns. Harrison won the non-leaguer, 28-20. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

N. Farmington netters whip Waterford Mott

The girls' tennis teams from North Farmington and Southfield Lathrup both re-
corded shutouts in meets played last Mon-
day. North defeated non-league Waterford
Mott 7-0 while Lathrup dominated dis-
trict rival Southfield High by a similar
score.

Lathrup followed the lead in the first two
sets, 6-0 and 6-0. In the third set, Nancy Glen
defeated Marie Brown 6-2, 6-4. Leslie Sil-
berg stopped Nancy Trafletian 6-0, 6-3 in
No. 2 singles. The victory lifted Lathrup to
2-1 this season. The Chargers have beaten
Farmington-Harrison (4-3) and lost to
North Farmington (4-3) and Birmingham
Seaford (5-2) in recent meets.

"We're pretty inconsistent," said Lathrup
coach Ed Watts. "We come up with
good matches and winning matches. We
have matches that give us confidence and
matches that destroy the confidence."

Last Friday against Southfield was a
destroyer. Today against Southfield was
a good one. Leslie Silberg beating Nancy
Trafletian as bad as she did was a real
highlight. So was Nancy Glen's victory
over Marie Brown.

Coach Norm Staniszevski's North
Farmington team lifted its record to 4-0
with the victory over Matt. North has also
beaten Lathrup (4-3), Lavonia Stevenson
(4-2), and Lavonia Franklin (6-1).

North's Blosslyn Pann has sparked at
No. 1 singles. Against Matt, she trounced
Barb Burton 6-0, 6-2. Against Stevenson,
Pann stopped Chris With 6-2, 7-5. Her
only loss this season came against Lathrup
where Glen won, 6-4, 6-2.

Farmington-Harrison, coached by Bernie
Goldstein, is 2-1 this season, losing only to
Lathrup. In that meet, Harrison's Janice
Lukawski defeated Glen 6-4, 7-5 in No.
1 singles. Harrison's Emily Burke defeated
Silberg 6-4, 6-1 in No. 2 singles.

Tennis summaries

Lathrup-Southfield

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