

Farmington falls, 21-0

Falcon fumbles assist Lakers

By JOHN BOZZO

A little rattle-dazzle and some heads-up defense football lined West Bloomfield to its second straight shutout victory of the football season in a 21-0 triumph Saturday at Farmington.

Laker defensesmen intercepted four Farmington passes, including the first three attempts, recovered five fumbles and used a fake punt and fake field goal in handing Farmington its second loss.

"I think it was evident today that our defense has some stickers' hard-hating players," said West Bloomfield coach Dominic Livodi. "I'm pleased with the way we hit. I'm not sure that all those fumbles were caused by us. Their ineptness gave us the football."

"We're still not all pleased with our offense," Livodi said. "Our big play was the fake punt."

Farmington assistant coach Dave Caherian was amazed that West Bloomfield players recovered all five Farmington fumbles and that the Lakers were alert enough to recover all four of their own fumbles.

"WE GOT BEAT!" Caherian said. "We really got beat. Our moves didn't beat West Bloomfield is a good team. Their line is so big and experienced."

West Bloomfield's first touchdown was set up early in the first quarter when Joe Sevak hit Farmington quarterback Randy Meier as he was throwing and Pete Fletcher intercepted the ball at the Falcon 46 yard line.

It took the Lakers 10 plays to drive the 46 yards for a touchdown, with Brian Casman scoring from the one yard line.

Both teams battled without score for the rest of the first half. Neither team mounted much of an offense, although Farmington once had good field position after returning a punt to the West Bloomfield 39 yard line.

The drive ended two plays later when West Bloomfield's Brian VanGorder knocked the ball away from Farmington's Rob Patrick and Mike Blanny covered the loose ball for the Lakers.

After halftime, the Lakers took the kickoff and drove 43 yards in 12 plays for a touchdown. Joe Capaldi capped the drive with a four-yard plunge. The big play in the drive came on a fourth down and 10 at the Farmington 13 yard line. Capaldi lined up as if to kick a field goal, with Gavan Goodrich ready to spot the ball when Goodrich received the snap from center, he stood up and lared a 15-yard pass to Eric Olson for the first down.

ANOTHER FARMINGTON fumble this one recovered by Brian VanGorder, started the Lakers on another touchdown drive at the Farmington 41 yard line. After

failing to gain one yard in three attempts, the Lakers were faced with another fourth and 10. This time, Kere Mulholland lined up to punt, but instead he took the ball and raced another end for an 11 yard gain and the first down.

Six plays later, Capaldi leaped into the end zone from the one yard line for the final touchdown of the game. Mike Epstein was one of the blockers leading the way for Capaldi. Following the touchdown, Capaldi booted his third extra point of the day.

West Bloomfield had 116 yards total offense: 83 rushing and 33 passing. Capaldi led the ground attack with 43 yards. Kevin Kowalski was one of seven in the passing department for 16 yards, and Goodrich was one of two to lead a second late field goal in the fourth quarter, for 17 yards.

Farmington managed only 77 yards rushing and 27 yards passing for a total offense of 104. Patrick was the leading ground gainer with 31 yards. Randy Meier threw all the Farmington passes, completing three of 15 attempts.

Brian VanGorder led the Laker defense with 11 tackles and one fumble recovery. Mark Hall had six tackles, while Mulholland, Dave Ramsey, Sevak, Steve Peterson and Gavan Goodrich each had four tackles.

PETE FLETCHER and Mulholland grabbed an interception and Kowalski snaggged two Farmington passes. Brian and Bob VanGorder, Mike Blanny, Mulholland and Peterson each recovered one Farmington fumble.

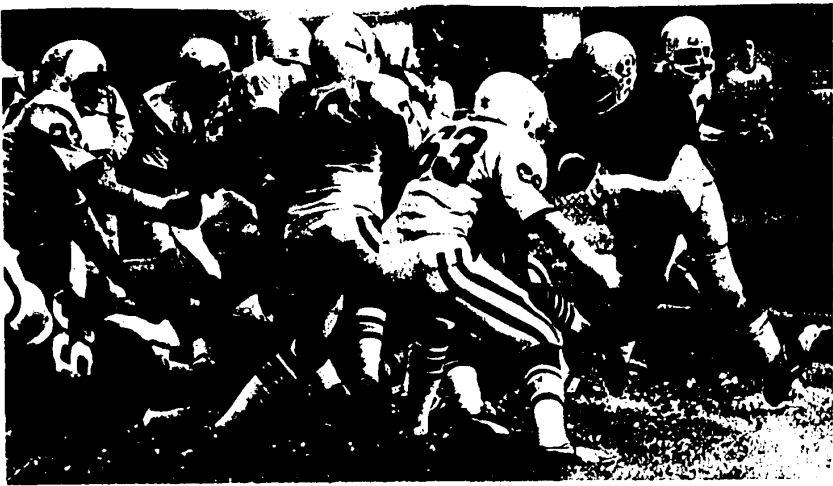
Chuck Cuslo led the Falcon defense with six tackles, while teammates Steve Russell, Joe Brown and Dean Schuts each had five. Dan Jameson intercepted a West Bloomfield pass at the goal line, stopping another scoring threat.

West Bloomfield travels to Clarkston for its first Greater Oakland Activities League game, 8 p.m. Friday, while Farmington hosts Waterford 7:30 p.m. Saturday in their homecoming game.

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W. Bloomfield - Farmington		F.C. PHS	
First downs rushing	2	0	0
First downs passing	0	0	0
First downs penalty	0	0	0
Yards rushing	134	106	0
Yards passing	33	27	0
Passes	31/51	21/34	0
Yards-per-pass	4.3	7.9	0
Fumbles-recovered	5/6	2/2	0
Punts-average	42/61	62/77	0
Passes-yards lost	15/0	15/0	0
West Bloomfield	2	0	0
Farmington	0	0	0

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First downs rushing	0	0	0
First downs passing	0	0	0
First downs penalty	0	0	0
Yards rushing	0	0	0
Yards passing	0	0	0
Passes	0/0	0/0	0
Fumbles-recovered	0/0	0/0	0
Punts-average	0/0	0/0	0
Passes-yards lost	0/0	0/0	0
West Bloomfield	0	0	0
Farmington	0	0	0



North's Bob Miller (with ball) found the going rough against the likes of Central's Dan Bukoski (83) and Kevin Hysell (78). (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Raiders face rugged Lahser

N. Farmington 'horsed out'

By TOM BAER

If North Farmington's football players felt overpowered by Walled Lake Central last Saturday, then they'd better get used to that feeling. It'll be around for at least another week.

Central defeated North Farmington, 14-0, in a rugged non-league game last Saturday, and things aren't going to get any easier for coach Ron Holland's Raiders.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser, which has looked very strong in defeating Walled Lake Western and Birmingham Seaholm by identical 20-0 scores, invades North for another non-league at 2 p.m. next Saturday, Oct. 2.

"Central was a very seasoned team on the line, and it looks like Lahser will be the same way," said Holland, whose team opened its season with a 13-4 victory over Portac Northern before losing to Central.

"Lahser is very big, both offensively and defensively," Holland said. "They have a kid who's 6-4 and 235-pounds playing tackle. I don't have a kid over 180 pounds on my team."

In the Central-North Farmington game, the winners dominated every aspect of the game except for the passing statistics and the penalties. North gained 97 yards in five pass completions, and wasn't charged with a penalty.

"That was one of the few bright spots for us," Holland joked. "We're a clean ball club. But it was a very physical game. We just got horsed out. Central was too big, too strong and too experienced for us."

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Seek to end Marty Ruedl in the second quarter. In the fourth quarter, North fumbled on its six-yard line to give Central another chance. Doug Martel ran two yards for the TD on the next play. Ruedl kicked both extra points.

Central piled up 148 yards in total offense, including 111 on the ground. Jeff Moser was Central's leading rusher with 32 yards in 14 carries. Steek rushed for 29 yards.

North dominated the passing statistics, gaining 97 yards to Central's 27. "Late in the game, we were running a hurry-up offense and completing some passes against them," Holland said. "If he continues to do as many things as well as he's doing them now, he tackles well. He's a very skilled athlete. He catches and kicks very well."

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West Bloomfield's Kelly Nell (22) fumbles during the Lakers' game at Farmington last Saturday. West Bloomfield made up for that mistake and went on to defeat Farmington, 21-0, in the non-league game. (Staff photo by Tom Baer)