

# Holland's 100th grid win a real thriller

By JOHN BOZZO

Tim Quinn booted a 33-yard field goal in overtime as North Farmington destroyed 10th-rated Bloomfield Hills Lahser 94, giving Raider coach Ron Holland the 100th victory of his career Saturday at North Farmington.



A Raider jars Lahser quarterback Rick Cunningham.

"We don't have much of an offense," Holland said. "Our defense did the job for us. We were just alert."

After trailing for much of the game following a three-yard Rob Casalou run around left end in the second quarter, North knotted the score at six points with a 15-yard pass from Mike Thomas to Paul Patek in the fourth quarter, sending the game into overtime.

Lahser opted to go on defense first after winning the coin toss. At first, the strategy worked as the Knights pushed North back from the 10-yard line with tackles by Steve Knudson and Chip Abbondi behind the Raider line of scrimmage.

**AFTER FAILING** to score in the first three plays, Quinn kicked a 33-yard field goal. Earlier in the game, he had missed a 33-yard field goal and an extra point attempt.

Lahser took the ball at the 10 and gained a quick four-yard run on Rob Casalou, but was stopped with two incomplete Rick Cunningham passes. Chip Abbondi missed a 15-yard field goal attempt and the game was over. Abbondi had missed a 33-yard field goal and an extra point kick earlier in the game.

"You have to give North Farmington credit," Lahser coach Ted Guhard said. "They lost last week and won a close game the prior week. They never gave up, they never quit."

We chose defense because we have a lot of confidence in our defense," added Guhard, whose Knights had won two 33-0 victories before falling to North Farmington. That was the only touchdown scored against us all season. What do you say to a bunch of kids like that? "I'll just tell them to keep their heads up and we'll be ready Friday night."

Besides the touchdown, Lahser had marched to within scoring distance twice in the first half. Paul Patek, Robert Miller and Quinn made tackles in the Lahser backfield to stall one drive which ended in a missed field goal. The other drive ended on fourth and goal to go at the two-yard line when North's Steve Harris forced a Chip Abbondi fumble and Patek recovered the ball for Raiders.

"AT HALFTIME, we were confident," Holland said. "We felt that if we can stop a team as good as they are—if we can

take that, then we can take anything that they can give."

Holland gave credit for the winning field goal to Greg Hughes, the holder.

Greg Hughes is a great holder, Hughes made the great play. There was a hup pass from center. He went up in the air and brought it down where Quinn booted it."

North Farmington had only 78 yards total offense during the game, 30 rushing and 48 passing. Meanwhile, Lahser piled up 254 yards with 138 rushing and 116 passing.

Abbondi gained 83 yards rushing and Cunningham was seven for 21 for 112 yards passing. Knudson completed one pass for four yards.

Defensively, North Farmington had a number of standouts. Thomas led the tackle charts with 13, followed closely by Robert Miller with 12 tackles. Ron Fredricks had nine, Bill Kass eight, and Mark Thompson five.

Chris Rantz blocked a Lahser punt. Greg Miller recovered a fumble, and Fredricks intercepted a Cunningham pass.

John Eisenstein led the Lahser tacklers with 12, followed by Tim Meland with nine and Terry Elk with eight. John Prepecek, John Adair, Dave Mayo and Larry Vardon each had five tackles. Bob Hahn recovered a fumble.

North Farmington will play host to Livonia Franklin in a Northwest Suburban League game at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at North Farmington. Lahser will host Southfield-Lathrup in a Metro Suburban Association game at 6 p.m. Friday at Lahser.

N Farmington-93 Lahser		RP	BE
First downs rushing	7	2	2
First downs passing	1	1	1
First downs penalty	1	1	1
Yards rushing	138	30	116
Yards passing	48	112	112
Passes completed	14-22	11-21	11-21
Yards per pass	3.4	5.3	5.3
Fumbles—No. recovered	1-1	1-1	1-1
Penalties—No. yards	6-77	3-23	3-23
North Farmington	254	78	78
Southfield 93 Lahser	0	0	0

Scoring  
Lahser—Rob Casalou 3 run (open field); North Farmington—Paul Patek 15 pass from Mike Thomas (1st 3d); North Farmington—Tim Quinn 33 field goal in overtime.

## Garage sale to help banquet

The Varady Mothers of North Farmington High School will hold a garage and bake sale Thursday and Friday at the Sankampa residence, 29637 Colony Circle, Farmington Hills. The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Proceeds will be used to fund this year's North Farmington football banquet.



A happy North Farmington squad carries coach Ron Holland off the field after the Raiders' 9-0 overtime victory over Lahser.

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# SPORTS

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## Bowden held to 102 yards

# Harrison jolts Churchill

By TOM BAER

Farmington Harrison defeated Livonia Churchill 21-6 in a Western Six League football game last Saturday. That was expected.

But coach Ken Kaestner's Churchill squad distinguished itself by being the first team to keep Harrison's powerful Mike Bowden out of the endzone this season.

Bowden, a 6-1, 195-pound senior tailback, went wild in Harrison's first two games. He ran for a total of 460 yards and 33 touchdowns as the Hawks defeated Farmington High (28-0) and crushed Farmington Groves (40-0) in non-league games. Bowden had a good day — 102 yards in 22 carries — against Churchill, but nothing like his first two.

"We were happy to win," said Harrison coach John Herrington, whose team used a passing attack to beat Churchill. "Churchill was well prepared. We knew they would be."

As the statistics showed, Churchill's defense didn't stop Bowden, but it slowed him down and halted his scoring spree.

"They stopped our offensive plays, which have given Mike so much yardage," Herrington said. "They took their halfback and put him right up in the off-tackle hole that, in doing that, they gave up something on the pass in, and that's how we finally won."

"We tried to go outside to our fullback (John Payne) and that didn't work, either. I found the thing to do was to go outside with our quarterback, Jeff Thorne, and throw the ball a lot. We ended up throwing for two touchdowns."

CHURCHILL OPENED the scoring when Ed Watkins, the team's leading ground gainer with 102 yards in seven carries, scooped 64 yards for a touchdown on the second play of the game. Churchill's PAT kick was wide.

Harrison's Thorne ran two yards for a touchdown in the second quarter, and then displayed his passing arm in the third. Thorne, one of the team's smallest players at 5-10 and 150 pounds, tossed 23 yards to Fred Barch for a TD before hitting Bert Barch with a 63-yard scoring pass. Bret Hornover kicked extra points on all three touchdowns.

Thorne completed just three of 11 passes in the game for 76 yards. The Hawks gained 152 yards on the ground. Churchill logged 103 yards on the ground and 36 through four pass completions.

Over the years, Harrison and Churchill have developed an intense football rivalry. Their games with each other are usually exciting. Last season, for example, Churchill defeated Harrison, 23-10, in a game which decided the WSL championship.

Herrington and Kaestner have been close friends since the mid 1960s when they both were assistant coaches at North Farmington High. Herrington coached the NHS reserve team, and Kaestner was a line coach.

"We've been friends for quite awhile," Herrington said. "When I was playing basketball at Waterford High, Ken used to come by and scout for us for Pontiac Central, where he was a student teacher."

"But that close friendship doesn't make the rivalry between Churchill and Harrison," Herrington said. "What heightens the rivalry is the fact that we've both had good football teams in the league. We both started with new schools, and we've always had great games with each other."

BOTH SQUADS play next Friday night. Harrison has what should be an easy game at Plymouth Canton, and Churchill faces rugged Northville High on the Mustangs' turf. Both games begin at 8 p.m.

On the following Friday (Oct. 15), Harrison plays at Northville in what should be the biggest game of the season for the Hawks.

"Northville is undefeated and really looks tough this year," Herrington said. "Their offense is supposed to be great this season. It should be a great game over there. I've heard that the whole town of Northville is going to be there."

Harrison-Churchill		RB	LC
First downs rushing	12	1	1
First downs passing	3	1	1
First downs penalty	1	1	1
Yards rushing	316	113	113
Yards passing	42	103	103
Passes completed	12-16	4-10	4-10
Fumbles—No. recovered	1-1	1-1	1-1
Harrison	460	103	103
Livonia Churchill	0	0	0

Scoring  
Churchill—Watkins 64 run (kick); Harrison—Fred Barch 23 pass from Thorne (Hornover kick); Harrison—Bret Barch 63 pass from Thorne (Hornover kick).



Harrison's Mike Bowden (with ball) lunges into a Livonia Churchill defender during last Saturday's game.

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