

Defense Steals Honors In Romp By Franklin

Take a bow, those who form the defensive unit of Franklin High's football team. Franklin remains unbeaten winners in three straight, because the defense "stole" the honors in Saturday's 26-8 victory over Oak Park.

After the offensive accounted for the Livonia's first touchdown, the defense showed it could get some points, too. And did.

What's more, the defense turned in such a spectacular

job that when the final statistics were posted, Oak Park showed a total offense gain of only 56 yards—47 yards passing and nine-strive rushing.

"You can't say enough about the way our defense played," happy Coach George Lovich of Franklin declares.

THERE WERE special salutes for Charles Brooks, Don Opland, Mike Jimmet and Scott Louie, who led thavicious Franklin defenders.

Meantime, fullback Dan Thorpe had himself another fine afternoon carrying the ball. He ran for 114 yards in 13 carries as Franklin rushed for 136 all afternoon.

In passing Franklin clicked for 130 yards as three quarterbacks found their targets. Frank Kasparek hit four times, Don McAdams three and Tom Waking two.

The scoring began for Franklin when Frank Kasparek rifled a 22-yard pass to Terry

Harris for the six points to cap a march of 63 yards in which Thorpe gained most of the yards.

FROM THEN on it was the Franklin defense.

Rob Holland's worth-intercepted a pass and dashed 33 yards to score.

Next it was Opland who knocked down an attempted Oak Park pass in the end zone and fell on it for a touchdown.

Finally, came the play of

plays. Dave Smith scooped up an Oak Park fumble on the Parkers 34. He ran down to the five where he was tackled hard and the ball was jarred loose.

But Smith knew how to fumble the ball. It booted it forward into the end zone right to Ken Kasparek, Frank's brother, and when Ken covered the ball, Franklin had its final touchdown.

A fumble led to the only Oak Park touchdown.



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1st Defeat East Gains Sweet Revenge; Handed Borgess Beats Riverview --- And How!

After winning two straight, the football fortunes of Bishop Borgess went into reverse Saturday night.

The result was St. Francis Cabrini bounced in with a 26-0 victory.

Cabrini took charge quickly, built up a 19-0 halftime lead and then staved off a third-period threat by Borgess, which was playing without three injured starters.

What a victory can do! It can ease the pain of so much that has happened — like Riverview High beating Garden City East for 13 straight years in football.

And the last three years the scores had been 26-6, 26-0 and 40-0.

This time, the experts said it would be Riverview, the defending state Class B champs again. Riverview had won twice in previous action, East had lost twice.

You could just see it right off the bat the way we hit harder. We made the big plays...like those fourth- and -two situations."

The offense, of course, got the big headlines, but it was the defense which had to thrill the East coach. Players like Gary Lyman, Rick Orlandoni, Jerry Wright and Jerry Mason all did a tremendous job in containing the vaunted Riverview attack.

then Shafer slipped a short pass to Alex Patterson for the counter.

Riverview bounced back with a 34-yard touchdown in the third period when Don Sable pumped one to Jerry Bodd to reduce the East lead to 14-0.

BUT IN the fourth period, Bob Kleinbrook drove in from the 2 as East marched 37 yards

in 12 plays and that wrapped up the game.

East rushed for 147 yards and picked up 104 more passing for 251 in net yardage.

In contrast, Riverview was held to 42 yards rushing and 69 yards passing. That added up to 111 yards.

Any wonder, East Coach Humphreys raved over his defeat!

Quarterback Art Pomeranski and Dennis Koltmnick led a series of option runs that enabled Borgess to reach the Cabrini 3-yard line in the third period.

The Borgess was throttled—and its best hope of the game was over.

With Jim Kosteva leading the way, Franklin had no trouble winning over John Glenn, 17-12, in a Northwest Suburban League cross country meet.

John Dawe and Nob Yuhass, of Franklin, were second and

third, respectively.

Then came Terry Marchand (G), Adolph Zwik (F), Dave Buckman (F), Bob Stracka (G), Kurt Steinhauer (F), Dave Yancey (G) and Tom Morris (G). It was Franklin's third victory in four meets.

EAST DROVE 49 yards in 13 plays for its first touchdown with Lyman, the fullback, going the final yard.

Touchdown No. 2 came shortly afterward. This one covered 59 yards and required only nine plays.

But a big pass from Rod Shafer to Dave Mack covered 45 yards to the Riverview 2 and

Physical conditioning is important in sports. Very important.

But perhaps even more important is mental attitude as General Manager Jim Campbell was saying the other afternoon in trying to explain what went wrong with his Tigers and why the New York Mets won the National League-East pennant.

"Other teams had more talent than the Mets," Campbell was saying, "but the Mets wanted to win more. And the Tigers had so much ability, too, but maybe they weren't as anxious to win as they were a year before."

The matter of mental attitude is an issue that deeply concerns every sports manager and coach.

Take virtually every high school football coach in Observerland. Many spend more time during the week — after the season has begun — working on their charges' mental approach than they do on tackling, blocking, etc.

Take the team that was a loser the year before or for a couple of years. It gets into a losing mood and it reflects right down the list of players.

Somewhat, the necessary confidence a team or an athlete must have isn't there. A bad break comes up . . . and the players say to themselves: "Well, it's the same old story. It's just not in the cards for us to be a winner."

Michigan State ranks seventh in all-time NCAA team championships with a total of 15 national titles.

SO, THE COACH'S GREATEST job is to become a morale builder. He must stress the necessity of changing one's approach to the game . . . to get the feeling out there that you "CAN" win.

Once you win, things seem to fall in line. Remember the New York Yankees and the Green Bay Packers in their finest hours.

Look at Bentley High in football, where the school has built up a winning tradition. It helps that the players know that "we're winners . . . we're champs."

When it comes to the Detroit Lions, this is the major job confronting Coach Joe Schmidt and his staff: "Get the Lions to realize that they no longer are a weak sister."

Up around Marysville and Port Huron the past week or so we have noted how Coaches Bill Gadsby of the Red Wings and Bill van Breda Kolf of the Pistons have followed the same line.

Both find themselves with losers . . . or teams which didn't win last season or for a few seasons.

Each coach has a different approach to building confidence. Some storm with eagerness. Others use the soft-soap approach.

Mind you, it doesn't come easy. Sometimes it takes a couple of seasons. Sometimes a coach never accomplishes the job . . . so he gets boot ed out and he's replaced by somebody else.

THE MENTAL APPROACH is important in everything we do.

To the youngster in school, it's vital if he or she is to make any progress.

To the adult, working at any job — from digging ditches to cleaning the house to being the president of a major concern — if you don't approach the job with a certain interest, with a certain confidence, with a desire to do the best you can — you're in trouble.

Big trouble!

But, getting back to sports, van Breda Kolf of the Pistons was passing along some good advice:

"You've got to think, think, think . . . you have to know what you're doing. I don't care how much physical ability you boast, you'll never be a star unless you THINK, THINK, THINK."

Maybe this explains why a team can look so bad one day and then so good the next . . . They've built themselves up mentally for the one game . . . and maybe relaxed the next without realizing it.

We have even found it important in refereeing and umpiring. You must build yourself up for the business at hand . . . The first time you take it easy, you muff a call and a manager or player or coach gets on you.

In our umpiring experience, we at times have relished beefs from the sidelines . . . a storming manager or player . . . or fans yelling at what you're doing.

Such yells have perked us up . . . instilled new hustle into us . . . and made us work just a little harder.

Little wonder the spoken word is so important in sports and often is the paramount factor in who wins . . . and who loses.

ROBBIE ADAMS, 5, has a "P" on his chest because he's for the Plymouth Rocks. But despite all the help he gave the cheerleaders, his team lost to Livonia Bentley last Friday night. (Observer photo)

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