

Trenton Stops Bentley On Desperation Pass, 13-12

Quarterback Pat Whaley and Halfback Don Voakes, who have been big guns for Trenton High's footballers for two years combined Friday to turn the annual homecoming into a happy affair with a touchdown and conversion in the fading minutes of play for a 13-12 victory over Livonia Bentley.

It was the fifth straight triumph for the Trojans and ended an unbeaten string for the Livonians. More than that it

practically clinched the 1969 Suburban Six League crown for Trenton.

It was a sad ending for Bentley which saw a 12-6 lead turned into a one point defeat with only 2:48 showing on the clock.

THE VICTORY APPEARED safe enough when Gary Bentley punted to the Trojan 38 with 3:18 to play. The field was muddy, the ball was slippery and it appeared almost impossible to make up 62 yards in that

short time.

Whaley handed off to Voakes and he was stopped at right tackle.

Then on the next play, Whaley dropped back, shook off two Bentley tacklers and then fired a high, looping, wobbly pass downfield towards Voakes who seemed pinned in by two Bentley defenders.

But Voakes shook loose in some miraculous manner, grabbed the ball, stepped out of the

defenders' arms and sped the remaining 32 yards for the tying touchdown.

Whaley carefully dried off his kicking shoe prior to trying for the all important extra point by placement, Trenton rooters went wild as the ball went through the uprights to make the score 13-12.

Bentley received the kickoff and tried four passes, none of which even got into the air as hard charging Trojan linemen

downed the passer for a loss each time. As the final whistle sounded, Trenton had the ball on the Bentley 18.

IT WAS A STRANGE but exciting contest all the way with an unusual situation setting up a Bentley touchdown with less than a minute and a half played. The opening kickoff went to Trenton's John Choate who took two steps and then collapsed. The ball was within a foot of his outstretched hand but he

never budged once he fell to the ground. Choate, the team's leading ground gainer, returned a knee and passed out from the pain. He never returned to the game.

Bentley Tackle Denny King fell on the ball on the Trenton 9 and the Bulldogs were in striking distance on the first scrimmage play. Fullback Mike Day and Halfback Dave Rice placed the ball on the goal line in two thrusts and then Quarterback

Bob Walden went over for the score. Rice slipped on the try for a two point conversion but Bentley held a 6-0 lead with 10:35 on the clock.

TRENTON CAME driving back with a sustained 60 yard march climaxed with Halfback Bob Menna plunging over from the one foot line. Bentley's forward wall put up a stubborn fight with the ball on the Livonia eight but finally gave in the six pointer.

Fullback John Foote drove for the first down on the eight. Then it was a grinding job. Voakes picked up a yard at right tackle. Menna tried the same spot for four and Foote moved to the one foot line. Menna just did get across on a drive around right end. Whaley's placement was wide and the score was 6-6 as the quarter ended.

The Bulldogs received a break late in the third quarter and it ended with a touchdown in the first minute of the fourth period. Whaley fumbled on fourth down and End Joe Grace recovered for Trenton on the Bentley 43 but the ball went over to the Bulldogs.

WALDEN WHIPPED a long pass to Rice for 19 yards to the Trenton 38. Walden tossed another aerial and End Gordon Harrison made a spectacular catch on the Trenton 13. Walden skirted end for six. Rice and Bill Wenson carried to the Trenton four and then Walden drove through center for a first

down play and missed and Bentley had possession again on the Trenton 48. Walden made three at right end and then tried a play through center, fumbling and recovering but suffering a wrist injury and left the game. Two plays later Bentley punted to the Trenton 38 with the results described above that brought victory.

Trenton had a decided edge in the statistics, rolling up a total of 301 yards to 59 for the Livonians.

Trenton travels to Belleville Friday for another Suburban Six test and Bentley entertains the improving Redford Union Panthers in the annual homecoming game.



ALL READY to catch a pass that never arrives is Halfback Jim Whaley of Garden City West. Guard Mike Sharpe, of Cherry Hill, moved back fast enough to bat down the ball. Cherry Hill missed West to spoil its homecoming celebration.

(Observer photo by Craig Gaffield).

Our Sports Editor Hops Around State

And that we have . . . from Detroit to Grand Rapids to Detroit to Saginaw . . . to Coldwater . . . to Toledo . . . and thank all the good people who have made it possible for Michigan to boast the super highway system that it does.

There's no need any more for staying home when within a few hours you can visit the beauty spots of our wonderful state up north and still not spend a night in a strange bed or hotel.

Also, what a time of the year to go places! Warm up the buggy. You won't regret it.

WHO SAYS PARENTS aren't interested in the welfare of teenagers?

Al Wiebeck tells us steps are underway to form a Thurston High Dads' Booster Club to help promote athletic teams in the South Redford School district.

The organizational meeting is set for this coming Tuesday at the Thurston High.

"We want all fathers of children in South Redford's secondary school system to attend," Wiebeck is saying.

"It strikes us that we can make some contributions which will help the sports program at the high school," he continued. "What's more, we feel that it's important that the parents show that they care and have an interest in athletics and other functions carried on in the school."

Wiebeck and his friends have a great idea.

Too often, our youngsters come home baffled that we don't seem to care what's going on in their lives . . . personally and in school.

Maybe that explains why there's so much talk nowadays about "the big generation gap."

NOTE WHERE North Farmington cracked the State Class A ratings in the Free Press and the Associated Press.

Unless the Raiders take an about face you can look for them making the first 10 in the News and United Press-International within the next week.

Believe us, Joe Falls' interests in North Farmington have nothing to do with Hal Schram picking the Raiders . . . but we've never seen a major paper sports editor and columnist who was so enthusiastic over a prep team as Joe is over North Farmington.

He was saying the other afternoon:

"Our school (meaning North Farmington) has some problems. But from what I can see, the kids who are on the football and other athletic teams are not the ones who are creating the headaches for administrators, teachers and parents."

Most people who are close to the school situation everywhere would have to agree with Joe Falls.

ON THE SUBJECT of North Farmington, this could be the "last" big year for the Raiders, at least for a while.

With the opening of the new Harrison High next fall, the student body and even some of the faculty are due for a split.

But if precedent means anything, it won't mean that the Raiders will stay down very long.

We remember when Franklin opened up in Livonia. They said Bentley would slip. If Bentley slipped, it wasn't for over a year.

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9th-Hilbilly, Jenavan, Barataria Pass

WINNERS

Coach Vern Gale's five Wayne State University football teams have won four season-opening games, including the last three in a row.

RUSH RECORD

The oldest single-game record still in the Wayne State University football books is the mark of 32 rushing attempts credited to Nick Cherup in a 1941 contest.

ON THE SIDE

Wayne State University trainer Bob White is also secretary of the Michigan Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Inc.

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Fast Start Fails For Churchill

For a few minutes it looked like Livonia Churchill was headed for a big upset.

From the opening kickoff, the Livonians had marched 65 yards, scored and taken a 6-0

lead against Ypsilanti Central, a school with seniors while Churchill still is fielding a team minus 12th graders.

But the joy for the Churchill team was short-lived. Back came



MICHIGAN COACH Bo Schembechler was a bit disturbed over a ruling by the officials and is shown making his thoughts known during the Purdue game Saturday. The Wolverines shocked the Boiler-makers with a stunning victory.

(Observer photo by Harry Mauthe).

Central with a rush and when the evening's festivities ended, Churchill left the field a 35-6 loser.

"They just overwhelmed us," said losing Coach Ken Kaestner and the score, plus the statistics proved Kaestner's point.

Ypsilanti mustered 22 first downs to Churchill's eight. On the ground, Ypsilanti piled for 361 yards to Churchill's 103. In the air, it was 142 for Central, 42 for the losers.

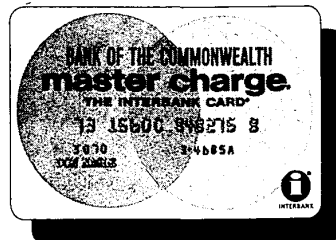
QUARTERBACK Keith Armstrong was the big noise for Churchill in its biggest moment of joy.

He carried the ball for gains of 16 and seven yards and then passed to Jack Harchigan for 14 yards in setting Churchill up on the Ypsilanti 15. From there, Armstrong failed to one man, kept the ball himself and went in for the touchdown.

The passing of Fred Trosko, whose dad once coached at Eastern Michigan University and also was a former college star himself, and the running of Rufus Powell proved too much for Churchill.

Young Trosko flipped twice to Gary Bickley for touchdowns while Powell ran for tallies on gallops of 36 and 17 yards.

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