

Next opponent: Thurston High

Injury-plagued Raiders rip Central, 21-7

By TOM BAER

This is supposed to be North Farmington's year in football.

North Farmington's football team was expected by several preseason forecasters to go undefeated and earn a berth in the post-season playoffs in November.

Injuries to several key personnel—including the team's top two quarterbacks—may have clouded those predictions a bit, but coach Ron Holland's Raiders can still boast of a 2-0 record so far, including a 21-7 victory over Wall Lake Central last Saturday at home.

"We have a good team, but we're going through a siege of injuries right now," Holland said. "I mean we're down to our third-string quarterback.

And we're a little inexperienced in the offensive and defensive lines. There are just a lot of things we're going to have to work on."

In Saturday's game, Central's Greg Miller got his team off to a quick start by running back the opening kickoff 94 yards for a thrilling touchdown. Central maintained the 7-0 lead for the rest of the first quarter, but then North put together three touchdowns drives.

North's Pat Collins ran for two touchdowns, and teammate Jeff Cohen added another on a short run. Rich Nutter made good on all three point-after kicks.

NORTH'S STRENGTH this season is in its speedy running backs, and that strength was showing against Central. Senior tailback Mike Miller gained

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114 yards in 20 carries. His 20-yard gain on a third-and-seven situation put the Raiders on the Central one-yard line before Collins scored his first TD in the second quarter.

North's best two quarterbacks, Ron Fredericks and Rich Burrell, were

the option play well. He's a good little runner and scrambler, and his passing is starting to come."

Holland also praised his offensive line—backers Dan Deacon and Kevin Dudes, guard Nutter and center Karl Hamina—for their efforts against Central.

"We gave the game ball to the offensive linemen, because they blocked so well," Holland said. "All of them played so well."

Defensively, linebackers Collins and Jeff Rantz were "all over the field" in Holland's words, and safety Jim Minn-hett intercepted a pass.

North plays next on Saturday (Sept. 23) at Redford Thurston in the Northwest Suburban League opener for both teams. Game time is 2 p.m. at Thurston, located on Schoolcraft Road

between Inkster and Beech-Daly. Thurston, since the dormant of the NSL, has recorded two-straight victories this season.

N. FARMINGTON 21-CENTRAL 7		WLC
First downs rushing	12	2
First downs passing	2	2
First downs penalty	1	0
Yards rushing	187	35
Yards passing	97	4
Fumbles	5-14	1-2
Fumbles—No. lost	0	0
Penalties—yards lost	4-50	2-20

N. FARMINGTON 21-CENTRAL 7

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 7

SCORING

CENTRAL—Greg Miller 94 kickoff return (kick)

NORTH FARMINGTON—Pat Collins 1 run (Rich Nutter kick)

NORTH FARMINGTON—Collins 1 run (Nutter kick)

NORTH FARMINGTON—Jeff Cohen 1 run (Nutter kick)

W. Bloomfield tops Farmington, 17-13

By C.J. RISAK

West Bloomfield quarterback Jay Sullivan fired a 64-yard touchdown pass to end Rob Depotter early in the fourth quarter, as the Lakers defeated Farmington 17-13 last Saturday.

The winning score came just after Farmington had regained the lead with an 85-yard drive late in the third quarter. During that drive, the Falcons converted three consecutive third down situations into first downs.

However, they were foiled in their bid to make it four straight, as they faced a fourth down and four at the West Bloomfield 37.

The Falcons elected to go for the first down, and junior quarterback Dave Schultz found end Doug Parker open over the middle. Parker made the reception and raced untouched into the end zone for the touchdown. The snap on the extra point attempt was bad, but the Falcons were on top, 13-10.

It took the Lakers only three plays to recapture the lead. Two running plays gained seven yards, and on third and three Sullivan hit Depotter with the game-winning pass.

"We were two evenly matched teams," West Bloomfield coach Dominic Livodoti said after the game. "We made a lot of changes after last week's game (West Bloomfield lost to Waterford, 12-7). Only four players maintained the same positions they were in during the first game.

"We made a lot of changes in the first two games to get ready for the league opener. We played better this week, but we still have a long way to go."

Farmington coach Hal Beardsley, apparently upset with his team's performance, refused to

comment on the game. Farmington is now 0-2 on the season.

The way the game opened, it looked as if Farmington might have everything going its way. Neither offense looked particularly effective early on, but the punting of Farmington's Chuck Cislo kept the Lakers bottled up in their own end of the field. A short West Bloomfield punt gave the Falcons the ball at the Laker 41.

Aided by a 15-yard personal foul penalty against West Bloomfield, the Falcons moved the ball down to the six.

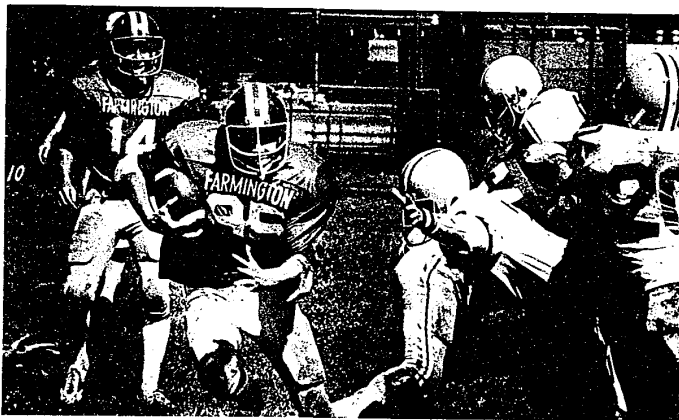
A third down pass failed, and fourth down field goal attempt was good. However, the Lakers were penalized for roughing the kicker and the Falcons had new life with a first and goal at the three.

Cislo took it in on the first play, and Farmington was in front, 7-0.

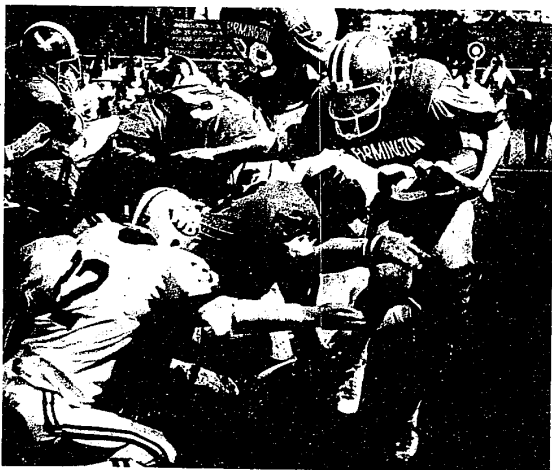
Things began to look even brighter for Farmington when West Bloomfield fumbled away the ensuing kickoff and Jim Romano recovered for the Falcons at the Laker 35. But Farmington couldn't move the ball, and Cislo punted, putting the ball out of bounds at the West Bloomfield five yard line.

Sullivan and halfback Jeff Cox took over from there, as the momentum swung to West Bloomfield. Sullivan hit Depotter with a 15-yard completion, and Cox added a gain of 26 yards to move the ball to the West Bloomfield 42. From there, Cox again broke loose, as he reversed his field and raced 42 yards for the score. Joe Griffen booted the extra point, and the score was tied, 7-7.

Farmington will have their league opener next at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lakeland. West Bloomfield will travel to Kettering for their first league encounter Friday night at 8 p.m.



A West Bloomfield defender takes a shot at Farmington's Chuck Cislo (with ball) during last Saturday's game.



Farmington's Doug Eby (21) moves against West Bloomfield. (Staff photo by Harry Maubach)

Farmington runners 3d in Schoolcraft Invitational

Farmington High, with three juniors and a sophomore in the lineup, compiled 138 team points and finished third in the 18-team field at the Schoolcraft College Invitational cross country meet last Saturday at Cass Benton Park in Northville Township.

"I was really pleased with my kids," said Farmington coach Gerald Young. "I hadn't expected them to be up that far this soon. They're a young and inexperienced bunch, but they definitely do have some potential."

First across the line for Farmington was junior John Murphy, who finished sixth in 16:28 over the hilly, three-mile course. Juniors Eric Leidein and Steve Medols finished 18th (17:06) and 31st (17:30), respectively, for Farmington. Mike Jurina, a senior, was 33rd in 17:32, and sophomore Kevin Kangas was 50th in 18:01.

North Farmington, which finished eighth with 211 points, had a third-place showing from senior Paul Welch, who logged a time of 16:13. Other

North runners: Gregg Rapp (18th in 17:03), Jeff Temple (30th, 17:29), Joe Phillips (72nd, 18:28) and Barry Miller (90th, 18:54).

Farmington Harrison finished seventh in the team standings with 225 points. Johan Engholm led Harrison with a 15th-place finish and a time of 16:57. Charlie Rogers of Harrison landed 20th in 17:11, and teammates Dave Tremonti and Brian Anderson placed 73rd (18:29) and 89th (19:53), respectively.

Northville won the team title, scoring 54 points. Wayne Memorial was second with 106, and Redford Bishop Burgess took fourth with 142. Doug Tolson of Wayne Memorial won the race in 15:28, and Northville's Lenn Turnbull followed in 16:03.

A separate race was held for girl cross country runners. Redford Union topped the team standings with 32 points. Livonia Stevenson followed with 41, and Livonia Ladywood had 77. Posting the best girls' time was Wendy Tipton of Stevenson, 19:46.

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