

Stevenson topples Franklin

Capitalizing on repeated Livonia Franklin mistakes—fumbles and interceptions—Livonia Stevenson ripped its non-league city rival last weekend in a football game, 35-7.

The Patriots presented Stevenson with good field position throughout the contest by losing four fumbles and throwing two pass interceptions.

Franklin, ironically, started the game as if it intended to bite the Spartans right off the field.

Jerry Gfor ran 70 yards up the middle on a trap play on the first play from scrimmage for a TD. Don Boka kicked the extra point.

Everything was downhill for the Patriots after that.

Following a turnover that put the Spartans in business at Franklin's 29 yard line, Jim Recker caught a nine-yard pass from Dave Hall for Stevenson's first touchdown.

Jim Gemuend kicked the extra point, his first of five without a miss during the afternoon.

Franklin coughed up the ball at its 26 yard line later in the first period and the Spartans made short order of scoring again. Hall ran five yards for the TD.

Stevenson made it 21-7 early in the second period when Gemuend capped a 53-yard drive by plowing into the endzone from two yards out.

The Spartans ran to advance on 31

yards for their fourth TD of the first half after the Patriots made another ball-handling fumble.

Hall produced the points with a 14-yard run.

A 40-yard pass from Hall to Rick Knudt in the fourth quarter concluded the scoring.

The statistics indicated Stevenson's domination of the proceedings. The Spartans had 69 offensive plays to 32 for Franklin and had possession of the ball 34 of the 48 minutes.

Stevenson compiled 342 yards—214 rushing and 128 through the air. Franklin countered with only 120 yards—52 on the ground and 28 through the air.

Tom Smith was the Spartans' leading ground-gainer with 67 yards on 12 carries.

Recker caught three of Hall's passes and intercepted two of the Patriots'.

"We have a lot of improvement to make in a lot of areas," said Franklin coach Armando Vigna. "We're giving up easy points."

"They beat the daylight out of us. You can't keep giving up the ball deep in your own territory. Our tackling was terrible, atrocious."

Stevenson coach Jack Reardon singled out the defensive play of Mike Shamskey, Rich Parks, Steve White, Tom Smith and Mike Cosgrove.

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Catholic Central shuts out Ypsilanti

Using an outstanding defense and a grinding offense, Detroit Catholic Central blasted non-league opponent Ypsilanti last weekend, 21-0.

The Shamrocks held Ypsilanti to just 62 yards total offense and forced three turnovers. It was CC's second shut out in as many tries this year.

Offensively, the Shamrocks tallied 309 yards—all of which came on the ground. CC tried just one pass during the contest and it fell incomplete.

Randy Larsen was the big story for the Shamrocks. He ran for 194 yards on 15 carries. The 200-pound tailback also scored two touchdowns. Fullback Dave Elwell rushed for 74 yards.

The Shamrocks drove down the field 83 yards in just seven plays during their first possession of the game for a touchdown.

Larsen capped the drive with a 39-yard run around right end and by several would-be tacklers. Chuck Maizama kicked the extra point.

Midway through the second period, CC took possession of the ball at its own 18-yard line and charged down the field once again. The drive covered 82 yards in nine plays.

Junior quarterback Mike Lewis capped the drive with a one-yard drive. The extra point kick was good and at halftime the Shamrocks were out in front, 14-0.

After a scoreless third quarter, Ypsilanti began to move the football down the field. Lewis, however, stopped the drive with an interception.

Larsen followed the interception with a 59-yard touchdown run. The play was a counter with Larsen running against the grain. The extra point

kick was good and CC won, 21-0.

"The key to the game was the kid's intensity. It was one of the more outstanding games in the last couple of years," said the Shamrocks' coach Thomas Mach. "I was surprised at the excellence of our execution both blocking and running. It was a welcome surprise, though."

"Our kids love a challenge of this type. Ypsilanti was favored to beat us and the kids knew that but they didn't back off for one minute," continued the coach. "Our defense also did a fine job."

THURSTON-OAK PARK

Oak Park scored the first and last touchdowns of the game last weekend, but in between, Redford Thurston produced a pair of TDs and a field goal to record an 18-14 non-conference football win.

The victory marks the first time Thurston has won two in a row since 1969.

The Eagles chalked up their first 11 points during the last three minutes of the second quarter. Mike Fitzsimmons capped a 70-yard drive with a quarterback sneak from the one yard line.

On the conversion attempt, Willie Gibson, the holder for the PAT kick, completed a pass to Harry Dodier during a broken play for two points.

Shawn Salisbury caught two passes during the march-one of 34 yards and the other for 22.

John Klopick booted a 30-yard field goal with one second remaining in the first half to give Thurston an 11-8 intermission advantage.

The Eagles extended their lead to 18-

8 with just under two minutes left in the contest on a six-yard off-tackle run by Jeff Wanduy and Klopick's extra-point kick.

Oak Park, with the help of two 15-yard penalties, scored the game's final points with only 18 seconds left.

Thurston gained 103 yards on the ground and 103 through the air for a net offense of 206 yards. Craig Schauder carried eight times for 53 yards.

The Eagles were also penalized 100 yards.

"We didn't play a very good game," said Thurston coach Don Riehl. "I think the kids were looking ahead to North Farmington. We were lucky to win."

"Overall, we played very poorly. A couple played pretty well—Shawn Salisbury caught four passes for 66 yards and had one interception," Riehl continued.

"Jeff Stankiewicz, an offensive lineman, and Bob Livingston, a defensive lineman, also played pretty well."

And what about the game at 2 p.m. Saturday with undefeated North Farmington at Thurston?

"I don't think they're invincible," said Riehl. "The game will be played at our place and I personally feel it's going to be a great football game."

GLENN-NORTHVILLE

A 19-yard field goal by Kal Deluca with only 18 seconds remaining broke a 6-6 tie and gave Westland John Glenn a 9-6 triumph last weekend over Northville in a non-league football matchup.

The Rockets started the winning drive from their own 17 yard line mid-

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Northville's only points came on a three-yard jaunt by Dan Davis midway through the second period. The Mustangs galloped 70 yards after receiving a Glenn punt. The PAT attempt was unsuccessful.

Although the score was close, the Rockets had a big advantage in the statistical battle. Glenn totaled 279 yards to 113 for Northville.

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