

# Birmingham Groves blanks Rochester Adams

Birmingham Groves won its fourth straight game Friday night—but it wasn't easy.

The Falcons' Gary Hamming scored on a nine yard run with 3:29 remaining in the first quarter and Eric Naslund booted the extra point to give Groves a 7-0 lead.

But that's all they could muster against a stubborn Adams defense. The Falcons started several drives, but couldn't cash in on any of them during a game filled with penalties and mistakes.

Adams defense, led by

the inspired play of line-man Jack Lawless and Brian Murphy, gave up ground to Groves, who were rated 18th in the state by the Associated Press. But Adams kept coming up with the big play to thwart the Falcons' drives.

"We played a good football game, there's no doubt about it," Adams coach Joe Zelmanski said after the game. "We had a lot of injuries and we still played them even."

An injury to starting quarterback Tim Dillon was the one that hurt the

Highlanders the most. Craig Goniwecha started against Groves, but the Adams offense never provided much of a threat. The powerful Falcon defense, having allowed only one touchdown in four games and with three shutouts to its credit, didn't give up a first down to Adams until the third quarter.

Adams was never in Groves territory until only one minute remained in the game. That penetration was the Falcon 47, and the drive stalled two plays later when Goniwecha's

pass was intercepted by Bud Puscas.

"With our first string quarterback hurt, it took a lot of our consistency away," Zelmanski said. "It's hard for a guy (Goniwecha) to become a starting quarterback in a week."

Groves coach Bill Rankin, whose team last week defeated Royal Oak Dondora in a game that many predicted would be for the league championship, wasn't pleased with his team's performance.

"Everything was bad," Rankin said after the game. "We were locked out of the locker rooms before the game and at halftime, the officials had more yards than either team (in penalties assessed), and everybody performed badly—including the coaches."

"The only thing I'm happy with is that we won."

The Falcons did indeed take themselves out of several scoring opportunities with penalties. Bill Eberhart and Hamming broke some long runs and Groves was inside the Adams 20 on four different occasions, but penalties and some fine plays by the Highlander defense kept them from scoring.

The most frustrating drive of the night for the Falcons came in the fourth quarter. Starting at their own 40, Groves drove down to the Adams 18, largely on

some clutch runs by Eberhart, who converted a third down and seven and a fourth down and four into first downs. But a holding penalty and a clipping call against the Falcons found them back at their own 48 with a third down and 41.

But, even though Groves didn't score, the drive ate up almost eight minutes of the final quarter. With under four minutes left in the game, Adams tried to move the ball through the air, but Goniwecha's third down pass was picked off by Groves' Tom Shelly.

But the Falcons weren't through yet.

With just a minute and a half left in the game, Groves fumbled the ball away to Adams, setting up their final drive of the night. The Highlanders did manage a first down, but Puscas' interception ended any upset hopes.

Eberhart was the leading ball carrier in the game, gaining 93 yards in 16 carries. Hamming contributed 87 yards in 17 attempts.

Next week, Groves will entertain Troy Athens.

"If we play like this next week, we'll get blown out," Rankin said. Game time Friday is 8 p.m.

Adams has another tough one this Friday, as they travel to Dondora, the team picked to win the league before Groves knocked them off.

"I think we have a really good football team," Zelmanski said. "Some Groves people are convinced of that—now comes Dondora."

MARK FENTRESS opened the scoring for Country Day when he ran two yards for a touchdown in the second quarter. Brad Touma kicked the extra point.

After receiving the second half this time he raced 85 yards with the kickoff return. Touma's extra point kick was blocked.

## Harrison tops Western, 20-13

Jim Miller gained 102 yards in 12 carries and scored a touchdown on a short run to help Farmington Harrison defeat Walled Lake Western, 20-13, last Friday in a Western Six League football game at Walled Lake Central's field.

The win boosted Harrison to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Six.

Harrison scored twice in the second quarter with Jeff Higgins running nine yards for one TD, and Jon Branchau grabbing a nine-yard pass from quarterback Drew Norton for another. Peter Lundberg, a foreign-exchange student from Sweden, made good on two of three extra-point kicks.

Harrison's defense limited Western to 102 yards on the ground and 89 more through the air. Tackles Bob McFarland and Mark Heppard recorded 10

and nine solo tackles, respectively. Harrison plays next on Saturday (Oct. 7) at home against Livonia Churchill. Game time is 2 p.m.

**HARRISON-WESTERN**

	HHS	WLV
First downs rushing	10	8
First downs passing	1	2
First downs penalty	1	0
Yards rushing	196	102
Yards passing	54	20
Passes completed	6-10	1-13
Passes intercepted	0-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards lost	6-28	10-140
Fumbles-Yards lost	0-0	2-20
<b>HARRISON</b>	20	13
<b>WESTERN</b>	13	20

**SCORING**

HARRISON—Jeff Higgins 9 yard kick (4).

HARRISON—Jon Branchau 9 pass from Drew Norton (Peter Lundberg kick).

HARRISON—Jim Miller 1 run (Lundberg kick).

## Charger netters triumph

Southfield-Lathrup lost the top singles matches, but still managed a 5-2 victory over Farmington Harrison last Thursday in a non-league girls' tennis meet on Harrison's courts.

In No. 1 singles, Lathrup's Yael Schlick lost to Nancy Green, 6-0, 6-0. Harrison's Rhonda took Ronda Barak, 6-2, 7-5, in the No. 2 singles match. Lathrup's No. 1 doubles team of Laura Williams and Sherry Smythe bested Liz Kavieff and Dee Duncan, 6-3, 6-0.

On Wednesday (Oct. 4), Lathrup has a 4 p.m. meet with Troy Athens at home.

In another girls' tennis meet last Thursday, Southfield High won its first of the season with a 4-3 showing against Hazel Park in the Southeastern Michigan Association.

Three-setters in No. 1 and 2 doubles decided the meet. In the top doubles match, Southfield's Jill Sol and Judy Angsten topped Linda Barletta and Helen Christian, 6-7, 6-3, 7-5. Robin Greenberg and Heidi Dichenford beat Sharon Thomas and Sheila

Thomas, 6-1, 6-7, 6-1, at No. 2 doubles.

Southfield will host the SMA League Meet on Thursday (Oct. 5). Competition begins at 8 a.m.

**LATHRUP-HARRISON**

SINGLES—Nancy Green (Harrison) defeated Yael Schlick, 6-0, 6-0; Rhonda Vernon (H) defeated Ronda Barak, 6-2, 7-5; Julie Buch (Southfield-Lathrup) defeated Bob Brown, 7-5, 6-1; Judy Wiseman (SL) defeated Joanne Gorte, 6-3, 6-0.

DOUBLES—Laura Williams and Sherry Smythe (SL) defeated Liz Kavieff and Dee Duncan, 6-3, 6-0; Helen Greenberg and Heidi Dichenford (SL) defeated Linda Barletta and Helen Christian, 6-7, 6-3, 7-5; Robin Greenberg and Heidi Dichenford (SL) defeated Sharon Thomas and Sheila Thomas, 6-1, 6-7, 6-1; Jackie Miglia and Joanne Smith (H) defeated Cathy Kohn and Lori Lacey, 7-5, 7-4.

**SOUTHFIELD-HAZEL PARK**

SINGLES—Diane Wojewicz (Hazel Park) defeated Betty Angsten, 6-1, 6-4; Tanya Newman (Southfield) defeated Debbie Beckwith, 6-0, 6-2; Dana Wojewicz (H) defeated Gwen Thompson, 6-2, 7-4; Patty O'Connell (H) defeated Sharon Lacey, 6-0, 6-2.

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