

Playoff picture grim for Raider gridders

By TOM BAER

North Farmington's post-season football fate may be sealed about two hours before it takes the field for its regular-season finale next Saturday afternoon.

North Farmington, unbeaten through eight games this season, is contending for a place in the state Class A playoffs as a member of Region 3. Livonia Churchill and Detroit Northwestern are also contenders in Region 3. The top two teams in each of the state's four Class A regions will advance to the playoffs.

Unbeaten Churchill can grab a playoff spot if it can defeat once-beaten Livonia Stevenson next Friday night. Of much more importance to North Farmington will be the Northwestern-Detroit Northern game, set for 10 a.m. Saturday at Wayne State University. A victory for unbeaten Northwestern would ensure it of a playoff berth.

North Farmington will close out its regular season at home at 2 p.m. Saturday against Farmington High, which has won only one game in eight outings.

Captain Ron Holland's North squad took another step toward an unbeaten season last Saturday, when it took a surprisingly easy 35-0 victory from city-rival Farmington Harrison. Harrison, which fell to 5-3, had been

expected to give the Raiders a battle. North, however, dominated every phase of the game, rushing for 205 yards and passing for 177, while holding Harrison to 79 on the ground and none through the air.

JEFF COHEN, North's speedy tailback, scored three touchdowns, two coming on short runs, another on a 15-yard pass play from quarterback Ron Fredericks.

Fredericks, who had missed the first six games this season because of an injury suffered in a pre-season scrimmage, also threw a 21-yard TD pass to end Ron Nutter. No. 2 QB Rich Burrell, who was injured in the same scrimmage, was healthy against Harrison, hitting Tom Herrington with a 26-yard scoring pass.

"For the past couple of weeks, Fredericks has been working awfully hard to regain his starting position," Holland said. "He's been throwing real well in practice. We've been spending a lot of time with all our quarterbacks on the running and the passing games."

North's passing game was impressive—10 completions in 17 attempts with one fumble and interception.

Harrison's passing game provided one yard—0 for 10 with three key interceptions. Interceptions by Nutter

and Jim Minihmetti set up North touchdowns. Coach Ralph Temby's alert Raider defense was led by junior tackle George Hotteker, who was awarded the game helmet for his outstanding play.

Mike Miller, another North tailback, led all rushers with 104 yards in 19 carries. Harrison's Dave Turnquist, who had been averaging more than 80 yards a game at tailback, gained only 29 yards in seven tries against North. Harrison ends its season next Saturday at home against once-beaten Plymouth Salem. Game time is 2 p.m.

NO. FARMINGTON 35-HARRISON 0

First downs rushing	NP	105
First downs passing	8	4
First downs penalty	2	0
Yards rushing	205	79
Yards passing	177	0
Passes—average	10-171	9-102
Penalties—average	1-41	3-35
Penalties—yards lost	5-45	5-41.5

NO. FARMINGTON 7-15-8-15

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SCORING

NO. FARMINGTON—Ron Nutter 21 pass from Ron Fredericks (Rich Nutter kick).

NO. FARMINGTON—Jeff Cohen 3 run (Rich Nutter kick).

NO. FARMINGTON—Cohen 1 run (Greg Giddens run).

NO. FARMINGTON—Cohen 18 pass from Fredericks (Rich Nutter kick).

NO. FARMINGTON—Tom Herrington 28 pass from Ron Burrell (Rich Nutter kick).



North Farmington's Jeff Chen drives Harrison's Dave Turnquist back with a solid hit during last Saturday's game, won by North Farmington, 35-0. (Photo by Harry Mauthe)

Lathrup harriers advance to state championships

By TOM BAER

Southfield-Lathrup's boys' cross country team has a date on a golf course next Saturday morning.

Lathrup, the Metro Suburban Association cross country champion, finished third in the Class A regional at Royal Oak Kimball last Saturday. As a result of that showing, the Lathrup team will advance to the Class A finals Saturday at Paulwood Shores Golf

Club near Brighton.

The top three teams from each regional, plus the 10 fastest runners who are not already part of the top three teams, will qualify for the state finals. Host Kimball won the regional with 67 points, and Royal Oak Dondero was second with 85.

"I think we ran a little under what we were hoping to run," said Lathrup coach Gerald Minewasser. "Dondero (like Lathrup, a member of the MSA) ran better than they'd run all year. That's OK. We'll save it for next Saturday."

Lathrup's best finish came from Andy Kratsur, who took 14th place with a time of 15:44. Teammate Bob Harding was a step behind, taking 15th in 15:46. Other Lathrup runners: John

Middlebrook (20th in 15:57), Tim Johnson (21st, 15:57) and Dave Foley (24th, 16:04).

"Those five guys were within about 20 seconds of each other, and that's what we wanted," Minewasser said. Southfield High, which finished eighth in the regional with 226 points, had a qualifier in John Yucas. He ran a 15:54 for 18th place, the last qualifying spot.

Charles Broski of Hazel Park won the Class A race in 14:58. Brian Fergu-

son of Dondero was second in 15:06, and Steve Orlando of Kimball took third in 15:09.

A REGIONAL for girls was held last Saturday at Kimball. One Lathrup girl, Kim Rosensteel, qualified for next Saturday's state finals at Haslett High School near Lansing. Rosensteel qualified with a time of 19:20, good for 17th place. Lathrup's team finished 12th with 332 points. Southfield High also has a girls'

cross country team, but it was ineligible to compete in the regional. One Southfield girl, Jennifer Worby, broke her ankle in a previous meet, leaving the Blue Jays with only four runners.

Rochester High won the regional with 67 points. Brighton was second with 90, and Farmington Our Lady of Mercy was third with 116. Susan Brown of Brighton set a course record of 17:50 in winning the individual race. In the Class D regional, also held at

Kimball last Saturday, Southfield Christian finished fourth with 85 points. Under the format, the entire Christian boys' team will qualify for the Class D state meet next Saturday at Paulwood Shores.

In the Class D individual race, Christian's Bob Kuntzman finished 11th in 17:19, and teammate Don Gibson landed 13th in 17:20. Other Christian runners: Scott Ourland (16th), Todd Vestevich (22nd) and Dan Staples (23rd).

Farmington Hills football standings

Following are the win-loss records of the teams in the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department's Men's Touch Football League. Standings reflect games played through Oct. 29.

MEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE

STANDINGS—A.J. Assembly, 109 win-loss record; Haddonfield, 51; FRA, 73; Donkey's Pub & Club, 55; Lake Forest Homes, 53; Indiana, 44; Lehigh Real Estate, 44; No Name II, 37; Dog House Acres, 37.

RECENT GAMES (OCT. 29)—Lake Forest Homes & No Name II 6; A.J. Assembly 28; Haddonfield 14; A.J. Assembly 20; Indiana 8; Donkey's Pub & Club 8; Dog House Acres 8; Lake Forest Homes 30; Indiana 6.

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