

Play-off-bound Raiders rip Farmington, 55-0

By TOM BAER

Jerome Rivers. Remember that name.

Years from now, if someone asks you how North Farmington made the 1978 Class A state football playoffs, you can mention that name.

Rivers, a Detroit Northern tailback, ran for a touchdown to lead his team past Detroit Northwestern, 8-0, in overtime last Saturday at Wayne State University.

Northern's victory eliminated North-western from playoff contention, and allowed North Farmington to qualify as a representative of Region 3. Had Northwestern won, North Farmington would have been eliminated.

But now, unbeaten North Farmington will face Livonia Churchill, the other qualifier from Region 3, in the playoff quarterfinal at Berkley High next Friday night or Saturday afternoon.

Except for the complicated playoff qualifying system, which gives con-tending teams points for their oppo-nents' success, North wouldn't have needed the boost from Detroit Northern.

Coach Ron Holland's Raiders have

rise victories and a Northwest Subur-

ban League championship to show for

their efforts this season.

North, which has been ranked No. 2

behind Birmingham Brother Rice in

most Class A polls, finished off its

regular season by trouncing city-rival

Farmington High, 55-0, last Saturday

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afternoon before a large crowd at North.

NORTH SCORED on its first four drives of the game. On its next drive, North fumbled away the ball only to get it back on a pass interception and march in for another TD. North led, 42-0, by halftime.

Jeff Cohen, a 6-foot, 190-pound senior tailback, had a field day against Farmington. He scored on runs of seven, eight, four, 17 and 57 yards. Pat Collins, another senior tailback, scored on a 12-yard run. Dan Deacon, a 196-pound senior tackle, blocked a Farmington punt and pounced on the ball in the endzone for yet another touchdown.

With the second-and-third stringers playing in the fourth quarter, North scored again on an eight-yard option pass play from Clay Morrison to Bob Fritz.

Rich Nuter kicked all four extra points he attempted, and Tim Quinn made good on two of his three PATs.

Paul George kicked the point after Fritz' TD.

North gained 256 yards on the ground, while holding Farmington to a minus 24.

Farmington ended its season at 1-8.

N. FARMINGTON 55-FARMINGTON 0

	NP	FHS
First downs rushing	7	2
First downs passing	1	2
First downs penalty	0	2
Yards rushing	256	minus 24
Yards passing	24	46
Passes	2-11	3-15
Punts-average	4-28	8-31.6
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-yards lost	8-70	2-20
NO. FARMINGTON	28	14
FARMINGTON HIGH	9	8

SCORING

NORTH—Jeff Cohen 7 run (Rich Nuter kick).
NORTH—Cohen 1 run (Nuter kick).
NORTH—Cohen 4 run (Nuter kick).
NORTH—Pat Collins 12 run (Nuter kick).
NORTH—Cohen 17 run (Tim Quinn kick).
NORTH—Dan Deacon 12 run (Nuter punt in end zone).
NORTH—Cohen 57 run (Nuter kick).
NORTH—Bob Fritz 8 pass from Clay Morrison (Paul George kick).

Salem humbles Hawks

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

Plymouth Salem finished a highly successful 9-1 football season with a sound 35-7 thrashing of Farmington Harrison Sunday afternoon at the Hawks' gridiron.

The Rocks, coached by Tom Moshimer, scored on their first two possessions of the game and dominated in every statistic enroute to the 29-point victory.

For Harrison, runners-up in the Western Six League, it was its fourth defeat of the season. The Hawks' 5-4 record included three defeats from playoff-bound teams and another to the once-beaten Rocks, however.

Salem's 8-1 record was marred only by a five-point setback to playoff-

bound Trenton. The Rocks finished in second place in the Suburban Eight League.

After the Rocks opened up a quick 14-0 lead, Harrison recovered a Salem fumble to start the second quarter. The Hawks capitalized on the Rock mistake with its only impressive drive of the afternoon, scoring a touchdown to cut the margin to 14-7.

Salem dominated the rest of the way, though, scoring in the last minute of the first half to make it 20-7. The Rocks scored two more times in the second half but it wasn't for three more turnovers, the margin of victory may have been greater.

"I don't like all those turnovers," said Moshimer. "We don't like to make mistakes."

"But we tried to have fun. We thought we could win before the ball game but they're (Harrison) a decent team. Going into the game they lost to three undefeated teams. They came after us."

Hawk mentor John Herrington was pleased with his team's second quarter performance but was disappointed in the Hawks' overall play.

"We looked poor," Herrington said. "If you don't tackle against Salem's wishbone."

"The only time we played inspired ball was in the second quarter. I was disappointed we didn't hit well."

"You're never pleased with only five victories but considering the talent we had and our schedule it wasn't bad. The kids tried and that's what counts."



North Farmington coach Ron Holland ponders a perfect season. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Mercy tankers triumph

By TOM BAER

W. BLOOMFIELD-FARMINGTON

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy boosted its girls' swimming record to 10-0 last Thursday, with a 102-70 victory over non-league Grrosse Pointe North.

Mercy, which won seven of the 11 events, had double winners in Sue MacMillan and Betsy Leahy. MacMillan won the 100-yard breaststroke (1:11.5) and the 200-yard freestyle (2:03.2). Leahy took the 50 freestyle (2:25.4) and the 100 freestyle (5:55.5).

Ann MacIntyre, a Mercy freshman, won the 500 freestyle in 5:42.7, and teammate Sue Miller won the 100 backstroke in 1:04.7.

Mercy swims next on Tuesday at home against Grrosse Pointe Star of the Sea. The Catholic League contest begins at 6:30 p.m.

N. FARMINGTON-FRANKLIN

Maureen Jewell, Britta Nielsen and Debbie Houser each won two individual events in North Farmington's 101-71 win over Livonia Franklin last Thursday in a Northwest Suburban League meet in North's pool.

Jewell won the 200 free (2:03.0) and the 100 butterfly (1:23.0). Nielsen won the 200 individual medley (2:24.9) and the 100 backstroke (1:14.3), and Houser won the 50 free (2:26.6) and the 100 free (5:58.8).

Franklin's Ruth Weedman won the 100 breaststroke in 1:21.4, and also swam on the 200 medley relay (with Kathy Rosemeade, Sandy Boranski and Sharon Taronina), which won in 2:14.6.

Earlier last week, West Bloomfield stopped North, 100-70. Jewell won the 100 fly in 1:01.4.

North, now 6-6 overall and 5-1 in the NSL, swims on Tuesday at Westland John Glenn. The meet has a 7 p.m. start.



Farmington's Nancy Dahlstrom swims in the 500 freestyle. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

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