

North Farmington fans savor football victory



Scenes like these have provided an exciting season for football fans at North Farmington High School.

There's a peculiar kind of contagion hitting students and parents at North Farmington High School.

Even students who usually manage to ignore the fortunes of the school's football team have been bitten by the bug. Yes, even they have begun reeling off statistics and voicing the hope that their team can make it to the state championships.

The North Farmington Raiders have made it easier for their fans to root them on this season by presenting the school with a 9-0 record and a shot at the championship game in the Pontiac Silverdome.

But first the team must play Livonia Churchill this Saturday in the quarter finals.

In the meantime, however, even parents have joined in on the enthusiasm. When the Raiders, a group of seniors for girls who lead cheers for the football team, decorated halfback Rob Henderhan's house with toilet tissue and placards, his mother was thrilled.

Mrs. Vivian Henderhan kept the placards and paper used to decorate the outside of her home and put them in a scrap book she's making for her son.



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"We're quite excited," she said. "The team is a super bunch of guys."

Her son, a senior, began playing for the team this year.

WHEN THE HENDERHAN home is decorated by the Raiders, the girls are invited in for hot chocolate. The family even threw a sloppy joe party for the girls who root for their son.

Halfback Jim Minihmet's family joins in cheering him and his teammates on to victory.

"I'm tickled pink for him," Mrs. Linda Minihmet said. "The team thought they were out of it in the final game."

"I thought the heartbreak would be over. But I share my son's happiness that they're doing it," she said. "The team members have a lot of poise for their age."

Students join families in following the exploits of the team.

"I think it's great they're doing so well," said Sara Gorman, a junior. "They represent our school. Of (Continued on Page 8A)



An intense North Farmington Coach Ron Holland wears as his team wins another game. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Team physician is Raider super fan

Beneath the smiling, broad face, capped with a carefully groomed crop of silver hair, beats the heart and soul of a die-hard North Farmington High School football fan.

Since the mid-1960s, Dr. Murray Deighton has kept one eye on the game and another on the cuts, bruises and occasional broken bones of the North Farmington players.

For Deighton, it was love at first sight when he showed up for his first Raider game in 1967. Farmington School District athletic director Jack Cotton asked him to cover the game so a physician would be present.

"There were no team doctors then. We were just physicians covering the games," he said.

During his first North Farmington game, the Raiders beat Birmingham Groves, 7-6.

"No one knew who I was," Deighton said. "I just stood on the sidelines and watched."

The Raiders were winning 7-0 when Groves punted North Farmington into a hole on the five yard line. The Groves defense recovered a Raider fumble in the end zone on the ensuing play.

"The quarterback was crushed," Deighton recalls. "He was sobbing when he went to the sidelines. Then I saw Coach (Ron) Holland put his arm around the player and comfort him while yelling to the players to block the next kick."

"MURRAY SCHWEITZER blocked the kick and won the game," Deighton said.

Schweitzer later joined the Farmington Public Safety Department.

"After that game I knew I wanted to go to North Farmington," Deighton said. "I wanted my boys to play for Holland."

In 1965, Deighton moved his family from Farmington to Farmington Hills and proceeded to raise his own additions to the North Farmington team.

"Everything I really anticipated in the kids and the influence on my own youngsters is fulfilled. Holland is an outstanding coach," Deighton said.

Today, his love affair with the school continues.

In addition to son Tim, a senior who plays inside linebacker for the team, four other Deightons have played football for the Raiders.

The oldest son, now 25 and employed with the Ford Motor Co., played on the 1970 team that won the state championship. He joined the team between his junior and senior years, a decision that subjected him to some grueling training.

"Holland killed him but he made it," laughed Deighton, obviously a proud football father.

THEN CAME SON Bruce, now 23, who is now studying for his doctorate at Wayne State University.

Next son, Kevin, 21, was manager of the team. He's now a pre-med student at Hope College.

Last year, son Dan, 18, played for North. Now, he's a freshman at Michigan State University.

When Tim graduates, brother Ken, a sophomore at North and captain of the junior varsity football team will take his place.

In Woodcreek Elementary School, sixth grader Steve is looking forward to the day when he can play for Holland, according to Deighton.

Daughter Linda, 10, practices football cheers in the the family's living room.

Football is a family affair. Deighton's wife of 26 years, Audrey, is an avid football fan who never misses a varsity or junior varsity game.

"SHE HAS WASHED mounds of football clothes and jock straps. It's a nightly task during football season," Deighton said. "She has a great deal of patience."

Last Saturday was "Doc Deighton Day" at North Farmington. The team presented Deighton with a plaque for his years of service and support and they remembered Mrs. Deighton with a dozen red roses.

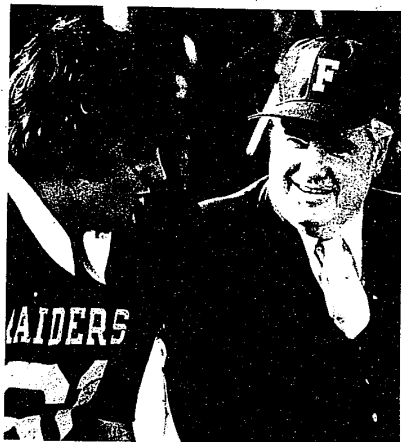
"I was touched," Deighton said. "They said a lot of things that made me bite my lip before I cried."

Holland has been asking Doc Deighton for years—before each game—whether his team was ready. On Saturday the players gave Deighton the answer to that question themselves.

"They each came up to me and shook hands and said, 'sir, we're ready,'" said Deighton.

"It's been a great privilege to have been associated with the men who've played on those teams through the years."

In return for giving his sons and (Continued on Page 8A)



Murray Deighton and son Tim, an inside line back for North Farmington, share a moment during a winning game.

THE INSIDE * ANGLE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mickey Mouse.

Both branches of the Farmington Community Library are honoring Mickey's 50th birthday with a special open program Nov. 18. The party will feature cartoon characters in films for all elementary age children. Special "mouse" refreshments will be served. The Farmington branch, on Liberty, will present this program from 10:30-11:30 a.m., while the Hills branch, on Twelve Mile, will have its party from 2-3 p.m. Children are invited to wear the Mickey Mouse t-shirt or Mickey Mouse hats for the celebration.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will

conduct a panel on alcoholism from 12:30-5 p.m. tomorrow in room 144 of Madonna College, 36600 Schoolcraft. A question and answer period and two films will be part of the session.

SOROPTIMISTS of Farmington, have

come up with a super idea we think should be taken note of by other service groups in town. The club "adopted" Whitehall Nursing Home some time ago to give help when needed. In planning for a Christmas party for the residents, the idea of giving small trinket-type gifts was scotched in favor of giving one substantial gift. The gift will be an original painting to brighten up the home, purchased at the Farmington Artists fall exhibit during the weekend of Nov. 17-19. The gift does double duty, supporting our local artists and, at the same time, giving all persons at Whitehall a thing of beauty.

A THANK YOU concert for persons

contributing to the Tag Day fundraising effort, will be given at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Farmington High School. Those attending will be entertained by the concert, stage, symphony and marching bands from all three Farmington area high schools.

A CANCER card party luncheon will be held

at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30, by the Brodhead Farmington Hills VFW auxiliary. Donation is \$2.50 a table. The post is located at 23444 Orchard Lake.

SINGING OUT with the Alton College

Choir this year will be Catherine Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bennett, 21205 Rokenwood, Farmington. The choir will give several performances during the year, including a week-long concert tour in the Cleveland and Chicago areas.

FEEL LIKE A GOOD run? You can join

the Jewish Community Center's Runners Club at 9 a.m. Nov. 12. Veterans and beginners, alike, are invited to run from one to six miles on the scenic route north of the community center. Also on Nov. 12, Robert McOmber, the winner of the Detroit Free Press International Run, will be the guest speaker after the run. McOmber also won the 1977

Motor City Marathon. For further information, contact John Croll at 661-1000, ext. 182.

CHOLESTEROL STUDY. The

University of Minnesota is recruiting volunteers who have had only one heart attack in the past 36 months to participate in a national cholesterol study. The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute study is being conducted at three medical centers, including the University, to determine whether lowering blood cholesterol levels will help prevent heart attacks. Participants should be between the ages of 30 and 59. For further information, persons may call the University of Minnesota Hyperlipidemia Study collect at 612-376-4991.

INTERPRETING IN a deaf and blind

setting will be the theme of a workshop at Madonna College, 36600 Schoolcraft, on Nov. 17-18. In the science lecture hall, room 144, Friday's session will be from 7-10 p.m. and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. The seminar will focus on the techniques and responsibilities of interpreting for deaf and blind persons. Arthur Roehrig, director of deaf and blind programs and services at Gallaudet College, will lead the discussions and interpreters will be provided. Registration will be conducted prior to the workshop from 6-7 p.m. The seminar may be taken for credit or non-credit at \$42.

GREETING SANTA. As hard as it may

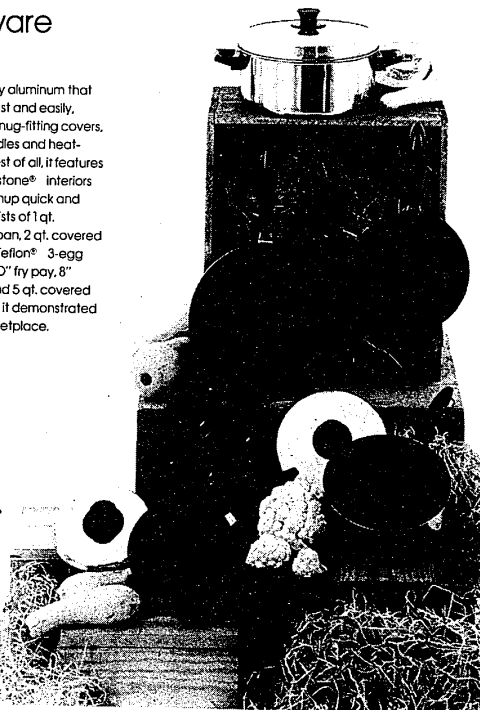
be to believe it, Santa will soon be visiting us. To make it easier all around, the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) will offer train and bus service to J.L. Hudson Thanksgiving Day Parade, on Nov. 23. Traindeer No. 1 will leave Pontiac at 7:45 a.m. and arrive at Detroit's Renaissance Center at 9 a.m. It will stop at Bloomfield Hills at 8 a.m., Birmingham at 8:10 a.m. and at Royal Oak at 8:25 a.m. It will depart from Renaissance Center at 11:30 a.m. and arrive in Pontiac at 12:35 p.m. Traindeer No. 2 will leave Pontiac at 8:15 a.m. and arrive at the Renaissance at 9:30 a.m., with stops in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Royal Oak. Round trip adult and children's tickets for the SEMTA Traindeer are available for \$2 each at the Hudson ticket outlets at the Pontiac Mall and Oakland Mall, the Royal Oak Greyhound terminal at 202 Sherman, the SEMTA train station at Renaissance Center and the SEMTA main office on the 18th floor of the Detroit Bank and Trust Building at Fort and Washington. All tickets will be sold in advance and will not be available on Nov. 23. Tickets may be purchased in advance by mail, with check or money order payable to SEMTA. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mail orders should be mailed to SEMTA traindeer, 211 Fort, Suite 150, Detroit 48225.

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