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Falcon gridders shutout Central, 10-0

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In a contest highlighted by turnovers, penalties and missed opportunities, Farmington managed to make fewer mistakes than Walled Lake Central to claim a 10-0 victory in both teams' Inter Lakes League (ILL) opener last Friday.

Neither team was impressive offensively. Walled Lake Central fumbled twice deep in its own territory early in the first half, the second one setting up Farmington's only touchdown of the game.

But the Falcons failed to cash in on several scoring chances in the first half. Tom Rogers recovered the first Central fumble at the Viking 37. Farmington drove down to the one-yard line,

where on fourth down a fumbled snap ruined any scoring chance.

Following a short Viking punt, Farmington drove right back into Central territory and managed to get to the six-yard line before the drive stalled.

This time, Falcon Coach Hal Beardsley called for the place kicking unit to try for a field goal. Kicker Greg Finlayson's attempt hit the crossbar and bounced out, foiling another Farmington scoring opportunity.

But Central came back with another fumble on its next play and Doug Parker recovered at the Viking 28. On the Falcon's first play, halfback John Karpach darted through the right side of the line for the touchdown. Finlayson's kick was good and Farmington had a 7-0 lead.

THE TOUCHDOWN, which came with 9:56 left in the first half, was all the scoring there was until midway through the final period. A Karpach interception set up a field goal by Finlayson and provided Farmington with its final points.

Farmington's defense did a superb job, allowing little yardage on the ground and picking off four Viking passes.

Central's offense showed some sparks of life, but the flashes were few and a turnover or mistake usually followed.

The Viking's best drive was in the second quarter. A first down indelible receiver penalty pushed Central back to its own 14, but quarterback Curt Burnstein completed a 25-yard pass to

Todd Flanery and a 30-yarder to Charlie Ginstler to move Central to the Farmington 22-yard line.

That's when the problems started for Central. A pass interference penalty on Farmington gave the Vikings a first down at the Falcon 10, but in the subsequent six plays, Central was called for illegal motion three times. In 15 plays during the drive, six penalties were called on the two teams, five against Central.

Things didn't get any better, for either team, in the second half. The game was tied in the first few minutes of the third quarter, when Central's Lenny Pasquale fumbled the second half kickoff and Jim Nuttall recovered for Farmington.

WITH A FIRST down at the Viking 26, Falcon quarterback Dave Schultz was sacked by Dave Milburn on first down, threw an incomplete pass on second down, then was sacked again, this time by Tony Norton, on third down. On fourth and 24, Dave Hall punted.

Farmington's defense bottled up Central's offense for most of the contest, allowing only 87 yards rushing on 32 carries. Jim Steiner led the tacklers with 11 solo hits. Parker and Rogers each recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass.

Central's offensive fortunes rose and fell on the arm of quarterback Burnstein. He completed six of 19 for 123 yards, but had four intercepted. The team's offensive star was end Flanery, who caught four passes for 87

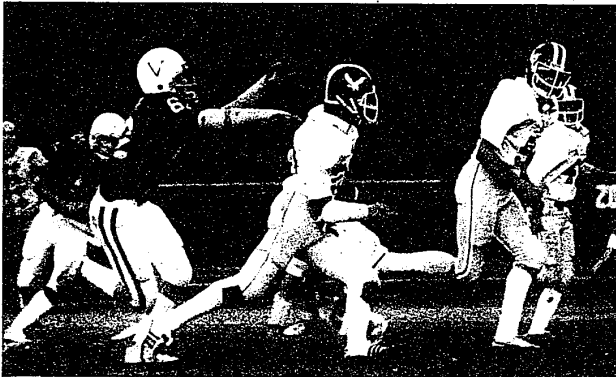
yards. Ginstler carried 20 times for 64 yards to lead the rushers.

Farmington was led offensively by Karpach, who, for the second week in a row, rushed for more than 100 yards. The senior halfback gained 101 yards on nine carries. Bob Bengt had 34 yards on 12 attempts, and Hall managed 30 yards on six tries.

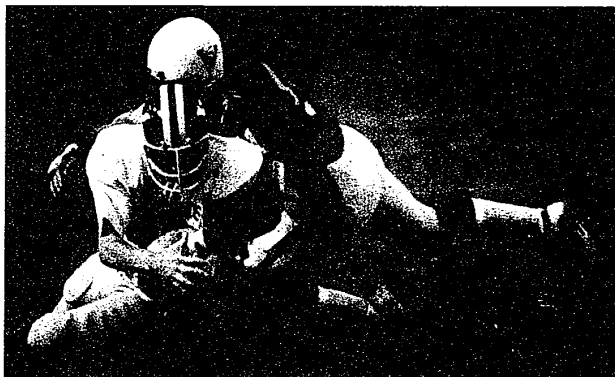
Schultz completed five of 19 tosses for 77 yards and had one intercepted. Farmington outgained Central, 241-210.

Central had seven turnovers in the contest and the Falcons three.

Farmington, 1-2 overall and 1-0 in the ILL, hosts Milford Lakeshore Saturday, while Central, 1-2 overall and 0-1 in the ILL, travels to Waterford Friday.



Halfback John Karpach (center, in white) escapes the grasp of would-be-tackler Jerry Dunnigan of Central (62). (Staff photos by Randy Borst)



Central's Brad Payne (dark jersey) makes the tackle on Farmington receiver Doug Parker.

North pounds East

Garden City East had the edge going into last Friday's game against North Farmington. Undefeated, the Panthers were coming off a big win against Romulus, and they were playing the defending Northwest Suburban League champion on their own field.

Unfortunately, it didn't help. North dominated the clash both offensively and defensively, making few mistakes as it methodically rolled over the East team, 25-0, in the NSL season opener for both squads.

North handled East with ease, running up an 18-0 score at the half, with the second team adding another score in the fourth period.

Quarterback Greg Goldstein led the offensive attack for the Raiders, throwing for 133 yards and rushing for 71. Goldstein enjoyed one of his best games, completing 11 of 19 passes, throwing for one touchdown and running for another.

The Raiders got on the board early,

as Goldstein plunged in for the score from one yard out. Extra points were about the only problem North had, as the Raiders converted only one of four.

North's two touchdowns in the second quarter finished East. Rich Nutter scored the first on a one-yard bolt midway through the period. The Raiders tried for a two-point conversion but the attempt failed, leaving North ahead, 12-0.

THE BACKBREAKER FOR East came in the closing seconds of the first half. With only 15 seconds remaining on the clock, Goldstein unleashed a 43-yard pass to end Clay Morrison for a touchdown. Another two-point conversion attempt failed, but North had a commanding 18-0 lead at the intermission.

East's offense, which gained 316 yards in its 46-13 win over Romulus, never fired against North. The Panthers managed only four first downs and

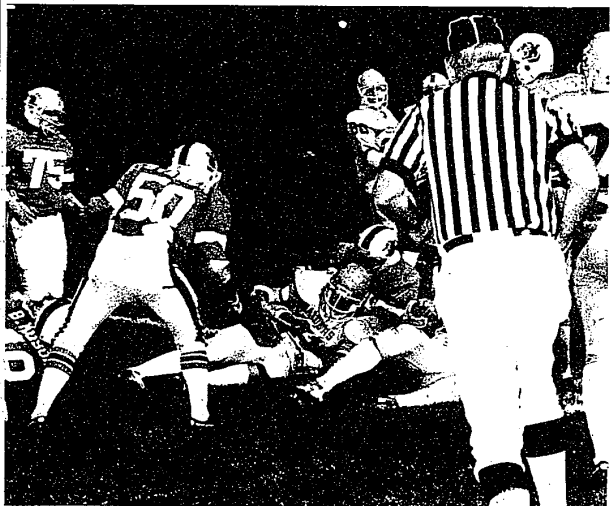
63 yards rushing. Billy Orr, who had three touchdowns passes against Romulus, completed four of 13 against the Raiders for only 19 yards. He was intercepted once.

North wrapped up the scoring in the fourth quarter, as reserve running back Rick Roth scored from one yard out. Steve Magyar booted the extra point, making the final score 25-0.

Goldstein was the offensive leader with 204 yards. He carried the ball eight times for 71 yards. North runners were led by Dan Cohen, who ground out 91 yards on 14 attempts. Morrison caught three Goldstein aerials for 65 yards.

Tracey Bonner was the leading ball-carrier for East, gaining 44 yards on 10 tries.

North, 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the NSL, opens its home season Saturday at 2 p.m. against Redford Thurston. East travels to Livonia Franklin for a 2 p.m. contest Saturday.



North's Dan Cohen ran through several would-be Garden City East tacklers before he was finally brought down. (Staff photo by Art Emanuele)



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