



Harrison quarterback Bruce Morrison (11) eludes North Farmington's Rich Nutter on the Silverdome's carpet. (Staff photos by Randall Lee Borst)

## Bean sparks Southfield, 28-6

By C.J. RISAK

One player — Vincent Bean — was the difference in the game.

Farmington held the once-beaten Southfield squad in check for most of Saturday's contest in the Pontiac Silverdome. All of the Southfield squad, except for Bean.

The senior wingback touched the ball on four offensive plays in the first half for the Blue Jays, gained 95 yards and scored two touchdowns to ignite Southfield to a 28-6 win.

"He's (Bean) a great ballplayer — super," Farmington coach Hal Beardsley said afterwards. "He's definitely the best player we've faced all year."

Bean scored on his first offensive play as he took a handoff on a wingback reverse and raced around his left end 44 yards for a touchdown. Ken Mignone booted the first of his four extra points, and with 5:09 remaining in the opening quarter, Southfield had a 7-0 lead.

But the Blue Jays were unable to pick up another first down until less than a minute was left in the half. On second down and one from the Farmington 45-yard line, with 13 seconds left in the half, Southfield quarterback Pat Charette lofted a 42-yard completion to Bean to the Farmington three.

ONLY FOUR seconds remained be-

fore intermission, but that's all the Jays needed. Bean darted through a big hole in the left side of Farmington's line for the score. Mignone kicked the extra point for a 14-0 Jay lead.

"That was the play of the game," Beardsley said of Bean's catch late in the half. The Falcons came back to score early in the third quarter, going 58 yards in seven plays on their first possession of the second half for the touchdown.

A 35-yard pass completion from Dave Schultz to Rick Curtis was the big gainer in the drive, and Schultz hit Dave Hall with a fourth-down pass from the three-yard line for the score. The extra point kick failed, leaving Farmington behind, 14-6.

Southfield's superior depth began to take its toll late in the third period. The Jays, who had four runners with 47 yards rushing or more, drove 89 yards in 13 plays, with Marc Burnis going the final three yards for the score and a 21-6 lead.

The Jays marched 74 yards for another touchdown late in the game, using 6:08 on the clock. Charette, playing with badly bruised ribs, hit Chris Lied-

er with a seven-yard scoring pass with 54 seconds remaining in the game for the insurance tally.

THE FALCONS had dominated the first half against the Jays, but failed to put any points on the board. Farmington marched from its 35-yard line to the Southfield 15 midway in the second quarter, but Mitch McMann picked off Mark Sardo's pass to stop the drive.

Sardo completed four of 10 passes in the first half for 38 yards and was intercepted once. Schultz, a senior who had been suffering from a bruised shoulder, replaced Sardo in the second half and hit on two of three tosses for 49 yards and a touchdown.

Charette completed five of 13 attempts for 74 yards for Southfield, one for a touchdown. Leading rushers for the Jays were Tom Longroy with 67 yards and Burnis with 66 yards, each carrying the ball nine times.

Curtis had 43 yards rushing in five attempts to lead the Falcons. The senior halfback also caught one pass for 35 yards and intercepted a pass.

Farmington, now 2-6 on the season, faces cross-town rival North Farmington Saturday at Farmington at 2 p.m.

## Grid season winds down

By C.J. RISAK

The trip to the Pontiac Silverdome proved profitable for only one of the three Farmington high schools.

Farmington was unable to match the firepower of Southfield, losing 28-6 in the opener in the Dome. In the second game, Farmington Harrison had a surprisingly easy time with North Farmington, handing the Raiders a 20-0 loss.

North's loss to Harrison was the worst inflicted on a Raider squad in three years. North looked flat against the Hawks and really never threatened to score.

Farmington dominated Southfield in the first half of their contest, running off 20 plays to 23 for the Blue Jays. But the Jays' big play offense scored twice in the half, and that doomed Farmington.

While the other two Farmington schools faltered, Harrison coach John Herrington's Hawks sparked. They got the big plays on offense and defense, didn't make any mistakes, and thoroughly dominated North in a game that should have been much closer than it was.

This week, Farmington takes on North while Harrison, still hoping for a state playoff berth, travels to Plymouth Salem. More than likely, it will be the last game of the season for all three schools.

NORTH — FARMINGTON

It seems a fitting way for both schools to end the season.

Neither has had a good year. North, with a 4-4 record, reached the low point of its season in its loss to Harrison. Injuries had hurt North in previous losses, and that was a problem again last Saturday.

Rich Nutter, normally a starter at halfback, saw little action at the position because of nagging injuries. With Greg Goldstein suffering through a sub-par performance at quarterback, the Raiders had little chance against Harrison.

The fact that North was favored to win the contest by several newspapers didn't help matters much. "I think that had a lot to do with it," Raider coach Ron Holland said after the loss.

Both the (Detroit) News and the Observer picked us to win. I think that gave them some incentive."

North's defense came up with some stallwart play in the second half against Harrison, but it was too late. Three first half touchdowns were more than North could overcome.

Farmington's defense was equally as effective for three quarters against Southfield, with the exception of two plays.

Those plays were both provided by Vincent Bean, who raced 44 yards on a wingback reverse for one Southfield touchdown and caught a 42-yard pass that set up another.

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# SPORTS

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## So easy! Hawks cruise past grid rival

By C.J. RISAK

It should never have been so easy. Farmington Harrison's defense frustrated North Farmington at every turn and the Hawk offense came up with big plays to score three unanswered touchdowns in a 20-0 win over their cross-town rivals in the Pontiac Silverdome Saturday.

The game was typical for the Harrison defense, as North moved the ball on short drives, but the Hawks consistently came up with the big play to stop the Raiders.

Harrison's offense used the big play with success as well. Reggie Upshaw, normally a flanker but used as a halfback in the game by Hawk coach John Herrington, took a handoff and raced 77 yards for a first-quarter touchdown.

Greg Mehall booted the first of his two extra points to give Harrison a 7-0 lead.

North coach Ron Holland tried everything to get his team going, including three fake punts during the course of the game (two succeeded). But the Raiders failed to sustain a drive, the deepest ending at the Hawk 31.

"WE JUST couldn't get anything going," Holland said after the loss, the worst inflicted on North in three years. "We threw everything we had at them, but they shoved it back down us."

Harrison scored two more touchdowns in the half. The first was the result of a 75-yard, 20-play drive and included three passes from Morrison to split end Dave Prestel and a 19-yard completion to Jeff Hagan.

Morrison hit Prestel with a 13-yard completion with second down and 19 yards to go from North's 49. Later in the drive, with the ball at North's six on a fourth and one, Morrison hit Prestel for two yards and a first down.

The final completion came three

plays later, as Prestel gathered in a three-yard scoring loss. Mehall missed the placekick, leaving the score at 13-0.

The final score came after Harrison's Bruce Yeager picked off North quarterback Greg Goldstein's attempted screen pass at the North 38 and returned it 18 yards to the North 20. Two plays gained one yard, then Morrison scrambled on a third down pass play and sprinted into the end zone.

MEHALL CONNECTED for the point after to give Harrison its final point, making it 20-0.

North held Harrison to three first downs in the second half, but Harrison's pass defense was just as tough, limiting Goldstein to only 10 completions in 28 attempts for 65 yards. He was intercepted three times.

"They (North) hurt us bad on first down," Herrington said. "They were getting four and five yards."

"But our secondary was just super. Our secondary hasn't really been tested in the last two or three games. I thought (Steve) Twigg played a super game. He was hurt all week."

"We haven't beaten them in two years. It's just a great rivalry."

North had a slight advantage in total yards (195 to 189), but the three interceptions killed the Raiders. Rick Roth was North's leading ballcarrier, with 76 yards on 10 attempts.

Upshaw led Harrison with 103 yards in 12 carries. Morrison completed five of 11 passes for 38 yards and one touchdown and lugged the ball six times for 44 yards and another score. North limited Ken Kopko, Harrison's leading rusher, to 30 yards on 11 attempts.

Harrison, 7-1 on the season, faces Plymouth Salem at Salem Friday at 8 p.m. North travels to Farmington for a contest Saturday at 2 p.m.



Southfield's Vincent Bean (dark uniform) looks for a pass while Farmington's Dave Hall (left) and Rick Curtis defend.

## Mercy runners advance to state

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy's cross country team, with five runners finishing in the top 32, took third place with 108 points last Saturday in the state Class A girls' regional at Cass Benton Park near Northville.

The third-place finish qualifies Mercy's entire team for the Class A girls' cross country finals next Saturday morning at Fallowood Shores Golf Course near Howell.

In the boys' cross country regional, held at the same site last Saturday, only one local runner — Farmington High's John Murphy — qualified for the boys' state meet set for noon Saturday at Fallowood Shores.

Murphy, a senior, qualified for state

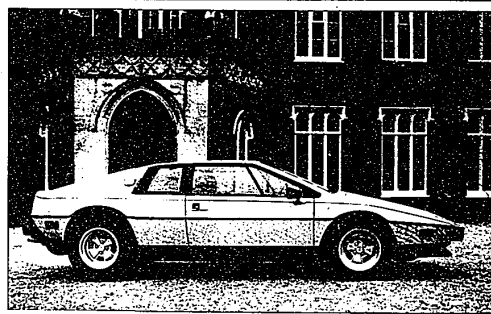
by finishing among the top 15 runners who are not already part of the top three qualifying teams. He finished seventh with a time of 15:55.

In the girls' regional, Mercy was led by the Sullivan and Brown sister combinations. The two pair of sisters were the top four finishers for coach Bob Kirkland's Mercy team.

Micha Sullivan placed eighth with a 19:47 clocking. Rocky Brown took 14th place (20:09). Curran Sullivan 24th (20:31), and Amy Brown 31st (21:01).

Cathy McDonough was the final runner for Mercy, finishing 32nd with a time of 21:02.

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