

# Franklin gridders slip by

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Livonia Franklin's offensive unit controlled the ball most of the game, but it was the Patriots' defense that set up the winning points Friday during Franklin's 12-7 victory over Garden City East.

And, it was the defensive unit that swarmed over East quarterback Rick Belcher at the Franklin 12 yard line on the final play of the game to preserve the victory.

The win was the first of the season for the Patriots.

John Waling scored the winning points for the Patriots at 7:10 of the fourth quarter with a seven-yard run over right tackle.

Franklin needed only four plays to move the ball 18 yards after Ron LaMou pounced on a ball fumbled by Harry Yee.

UP UNTIL that late touchdown, it appeared that the Panthers would hold on for the victory even though they got off only 23 offensive plays to that point.

East scored the first points of the game on a one-yard sneak by Belcher. The play capped a 57-yard drive. Tracy Bonner set up the touchdown with a 31-yard run.

The 5-6 halfback actually was stopped at the line of scrimmage, but he bounced off a wall of tacklers, broke to the outside and ran down to the one-yard line before he was tackled.

Rich Galan kicked the point-after-touchdown.

Franklin took the ensuing kickoff and marched 78 yards in 16 plays for its first touchdown.

Chris Panz threw a 13-yard pass to Mike Antal for the score. A 23-yard pass completion from Panz to Tom Pollard was the key play of the drive.

BILL CHECK appeared to have kicked the extra point, but missed on a subsequent try after the Patriots were penalized for illegal procedure.

The two teams battled in the bitter cold without scoring through the second half until Franklin capitalized on its break.

Even after the Patriots scored, East did not fold.

The Panthers started from their 22 yard line and moved to Franklin's 15 before losing the ball on downs with two seconds left.

A 22-yard gain by Bonner on a reverse, a 10-yard run by Belcher and a 12-yard pass from Bonner to Belcher and a personal-foul penalty against Franklin kept East's hopes alive during its final march.

However, it was not to be. An incomplete pass and three sacks ended the Panthers' hopes during the final minute.

BELCHER SUSTAINED what appeared to be a muscle pull in a leg when hit on the final play of the game. The severity was not known immediately after the game.

"I thought it was a helluva ball game," said Armand Vigna, coach of the Patriots. "I thought the defense played very well, especially the defensive backs."

Pollard intercepted three passes.

"With six minutes to go (and Franklin still trailing), I thought we had it," Vigna said. "The defense made the big play (forcing the fumble). We blitzed them."

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A new contender in the race to be rated the highest-scoring house along the western suburban front came to the fore during the past week.

The new contender, Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington, boasted six series above 700 and a perfect game in the bargain. And all the hotly pin spillings were done in the Masters League.

The perfect game was the work of Mike Lucente, a 176-average bowler, who linked games of 192, 300 and 224 for 716. That was only the beginning.

Before the league scores were posted, Rich McCarty had a 760 with games of 256, 257 and 247 to take top honors. Right behind him came Hal Stokes with 750. Ken Kossick with 747 that included a 277 game. Ron Le Chevalier with a 268 in 750 and Bob Shonce with 720.

DRAKESHIRE was not alone in producing high counts. Wonderland, one of the high-scoring houses each year, produced two barrier-breaking totals when John Wodarski fashioned a 752 on games of 250, 237 and 267. And Jack Born, one of the area's veterans, showed he hasn't lost his ability by linking counts of 278, 231 and 265 for 714.

Along with these individual totals, the Press-Form team turned in a 3285 count to pace the classic. This was mainly due to an opening 1177. On the women's side, Barb Turner was high with a consistent series of 202, 203 and 205 for 608.

NO WEEK would be complete without a 700 series at Westland Bowl, and sure enough Phil Kupras

came through with a 715. He opened with 196, followed with 286 and closed with 233 for 715.

It also was a big week for Cyndi Edwards, the young scouter at Westland Bowl. She rolled a 633 to pace the invitational doubles and then came back to show the way in the ladies classic with a 250 in 643.

Trailing right behind her in the classic were Ruth Worley with a high game of 241 and Judy Wilson with games of 201 and 211 for 593.

THERE WAS a triple tie for high game honors in the ladies major league at Beech Lanes. This unusual happening came about when Terry Grant, Bev Schiff and Bev Reinhold each posted a 225. Terry didn't have to share the honors for high series of the night when she registered a 633.

DENNIS FRAZER used a 264 game to post a 634 and take scoring honors in the Great Scott league at Woodland Lanes. He had a big edge on his rivals as Jim Considine had a 605 and Roger Dennis a 600.

On the women's division of the Great Scott league, Debbie Cummings, a 132-average bowler, had a 235 game, and Jenny St. Charles, with a 155 average, had 244 in 578.

ALONG THE tenpin front, Eric Tenden was high man in the Moose league at Garden Lanes with a 635. This was seven pins better than Ron Braelean and 11 pins better than Mickey Carvegea, who landed third with 624. Scores took a big drop in the Business and Industrial league at Plaza Lanes when Tom Hislop was high with 569.

## National ranking for OU kickers

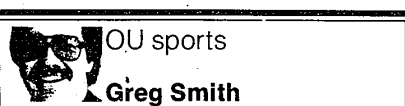
Oakland University's soccer team has broken into the national limelight. The Pioneers grabbed one first-place vote and leaped into ninth place in the weekly NCAA Division II national soccer poll. Oakland was the only other team besides top-ranked Lock Haven (Pa.) to receive a first-place vote from the 24-member voting committee.

The national attention was mainly the result of two recent outings. The OU booters upset the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, 3-2 in overtime, and

narrowly lost to NCAA Division I powerhouse University of Evansville.

Freshman forward Morris Lupence, who is scoring goals at a record pace, continues to lead the team in scoring with 10 goals and five assists in 10 games. Last year sophomore Dandy Oskey led Oakland in scoring with four goals and five assists through 18 games.

Goalie Mark Hamilton, a junior transfer student, has also been a steady performer. Half of Oakland's 10 wins



have been shutouts (over Wooster College, Ohio University, the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University and Indiana State University (Evansville, Ind.) registered by Hamilton.

against Grand Valley after winning 11 of their first 12 matches. Rochester resident Nancy Golding and Wiecha are 4-1 at No. one doubles, while Wroblewski and freshman Karen White have the same record at No. two doubles. Jordan and freshman Leslie Monk are 3-2 at No. three doubles.

### TENNIS

Oakland's three-match winning streak to start the year was abruptly halted by GLIAC foe Ferris State College and Grand Valley College recently.

Three of Oakland's outstanding players so far have been juniors: Barb Wroblewski and Karen Jordan, along with freshman Kelli Jordan. Wroblewski is undefeated at No. three singles with a 5-0 mark, winning 58 of 77 games for a 75.3 average. Both Wiecha and Jordan have lost once in five matches. The three OU doubles teams all lost

### CROSS COUNTRY

Oakland took 16th place in the recent 25-team University of Wisconsin-Parkside Invitational.

Transfer student Kevin Hanson ran the five-mile course in a time of 27:29. Hanson transferred from Central Michigan University.

Other Pioneer runners who placed were senior captain Steve Swarts, sophomore Dave Schepke, senior Tom Brown and junior Mark Carter. The Oakland cross country team is coached by Steve Hebold.

## Seniors get in on the fun

First it was the Olympics, then it was the Special Olympics and then the Junior Olympics.

Well, you can get enough of a good thing. The first Senior Olympics will be Oct. 19 at the Pontiac Silverdome. There is no entry fee. All participants — entry is limited to those 60 years old

and older — will receive a free lunch and T-shirt.

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