

# Hawk kicker boots Central

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Dave Blackmer, a Farmington Harrison senior who counts place kicking among his many football skills, put his foot squarely into any hopes Walled Lake Central may have had about upsetting the powerful Hawks this season.

The 5-foot-10, 180-pound Blackmer, who earned the state high school field goal record with the 55-yarder he kicked last season, made good on kicks of 28, 33 and 47 yards and an extra point Friday night as the Hawks downed Central, 16-0, in the Western Lakes Activities Association-Western Division contest.

The victory, which put Harrison at 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the conference, didn't come as easily as it may have appeared, according to Hawk coach John Herrington.

"Central was extremely tough," he said. "They hit us real hard and we had trouble moving the ball. But our defense played great. This was one of our best defensive games of the season."

Blackmer, who runs from the upback position and plays a rugged defensive linebacker, got the Hawks on the board with a 28-yard field goal in the first quarter.

HARRISON'S OTHER offensive weapon, sophomore fullback John Miller, ran five yards for the game's only touchdown, and Blackmer added the extra point. Halftime score: Harrison 10, Central 0.

Blackmer hit on the 33-yarder in the third quarter and then tied his season record with the 47-yard kick in the fourth. The other 47-yard field goal came at home back on Sept. 25.

Miller, who holds the ball on Blackmer's kicks and also handles the team's punting, gained 128 yards on 21 carries. Harrison rushed for 137 yards to Central's 88. Hawk quarterback Ken Kish completed five of 14 passes for 73 yards. Central's passing game amounted to 68 yards.

The 6-1, 180-pound Miller came up with an interception from his safety position, and Blackmer was credited with five solo tackles and three assists. Tim Smigielski, a 195-pound senior tackle, was another defensive standout with eight solos and four assists.

Harrison plays next on Friday, Oct. 22, at Livonia Churchill. The game has a 7:30 start. If the Hawks win that game, they'll play powerful Plymouth Salem in a "position game," matching the champions of the Lakes and Western divisions of the WLA, on Oct. 30, a Saturday, at home.

# Stevenson keeps Falcons winless

Fullback Mike Arakelian's one-yard fourth-quarter drive to give Livonia Stevenson a 7-0 Western Lakes Activities Association (WLA) grid triumph Friday night over winless Farmington.

The Spartans made the march despite two costly penalties.

Stevenson is now 3-3 overall and 2-2 in league play.

Farmington was held to just 81 yards on the ground and two yards in the air. "We've been playing good defense all year long," said Stevenson coach Jack Reardon. "That's been our salvation."

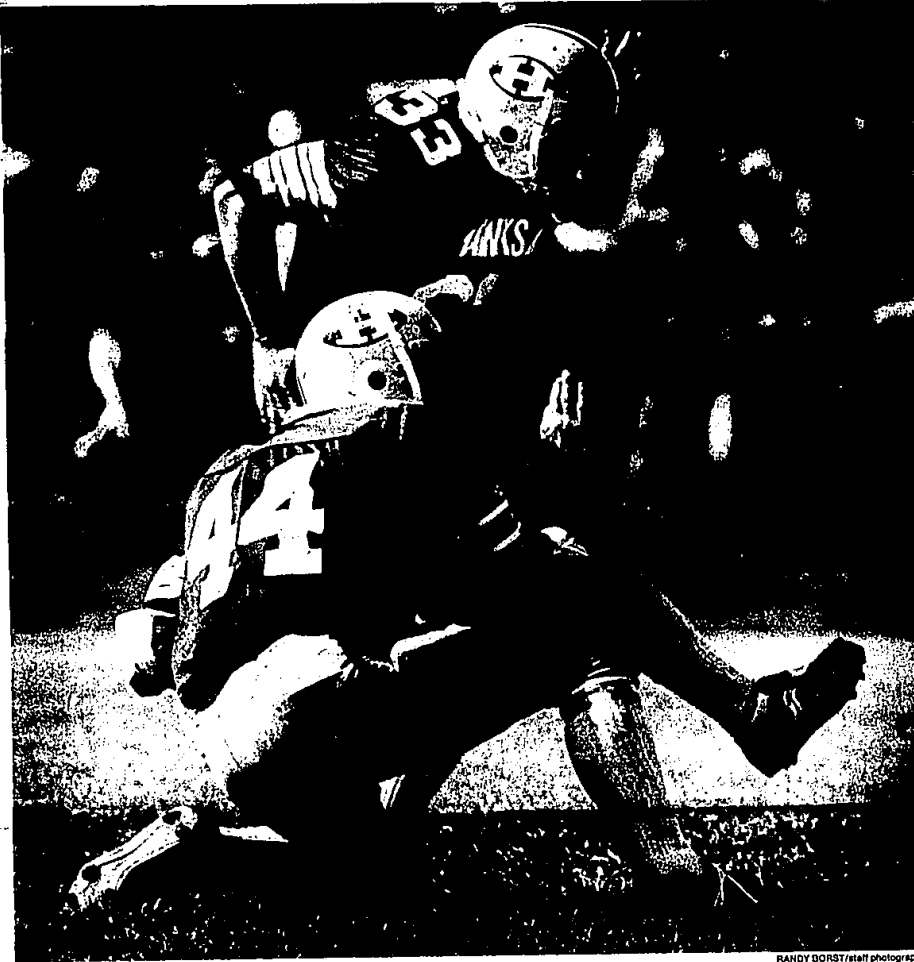
Stevenson's defensive corps — Brian Young, senior, and Tom Brzezinski, senior, all tackles; Tom Brzezinski and Arakelian, linebackers, and Mike Hauser and Bob Brown, defensive ends.

Stevenson's Mark Muehlen and Brzezinski each came up with interceptions.

Muehlen was the game's leading ball carrier with 130 yards in 26 attempts.

The Spartans had 186 yards rushing and 85 passing. Junior quarterback Dan Gilmartin connected on eight of 16 passes. He was intercepted on one.

Tom York scored Stevenson's other point when he kicked the conversion.



RANDY DORST/Staff photographer

Farmington Harrison's Dave Blackmer kicked three field goals and an extra point from John Miller's hold Friday to help the Hawks handle Walled Lake Central.

# Raiders hand Holland 150th coaching win

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**One-Five-Oh! One-five-oh!**  
Those words, chanted over and over by a deliriously happy bunch of football players, echoed off the yellow-painted walls of North Farmington High School's locker room Saturday afternoon.

North's Raiders had good reason to celebrate. For one thing, they'd just gladdened their homecoming proceedings by bouncing Garden City, 29-6, in a Northwest Suburban League game. For another, in winning, they'd presented head coach Ron Holland, in his 24th

season at North, with his 150th coaching victory.

Holland and the Raiders broke Saturday's victory represents a comeback that'll lead to a winning season. The Raiders led to tough teams like Livonia Franklin, Westland John Glenn, Plymouth Salem and Walled Lake Central, while beating Redford Union and Garden City. But the road ahead looks easier.

"We feel we'll be facing teams we can play with from here on out," Holland said after the Garden City game. **NORTH CAME OUT** roaring against Garden City. The Raiders scored on three of their first four possessions in

the first half and built up 15-0 lead at intermission.

On its first possession, North ended a 53-yard, nine-play drive with a 14-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Matt Shepard to junior end Scott Draper. The point-after kick failed, but the rout was on.

Garden City's next offensive series ended when running back John Flannery dropped a pass behind the line of scrimmage and the fumble was recovered by North's Jeff Kirkendall on the GC 29. Eight plays later, workhorse fullback Ken Goss ran two yards for the touchdown. A pass for the points was no good.

North had to punt away the next time it had the ball. But its following drive went to the Garden City 16 and ended in a 33-yard field goal by Junior Tom Spahn.

"Things continued to go well for the Raiders after the halftime homecoming festivities. Garden City took the kickoff, couldn't move and punted away. North got good field position at the GC 40 and, two plays later, Shepard ran 38 yards on an option play for a touchdown. Spahn tacked the extra point.

Linebacker Phil Salinas intercepted a Garden City pass and ran it back to the Cougar 28 to set up North's last

touchdown, a 14-yard run by senior Dan Schafer. Jim McLean made good on the extra point.

**SUBSTITUTE QB** Alan Stuppra came off the bench to get Garden City's passing game going in the fourth quarter. Stuppra guided GC on its lone touchdown drive, completing a 29-yard gain to Craig Bishop at the North 46 and then hitting Tom Ferrell with a three-yard scoring pass. The Cougars' conversion pass attempt failed.

Garden City had another scoring chance when Jay Mesner recovered

North fumble on the Raider 27. The Cougars moved to the one, but the ball went over on downs.

Garden City's running game went nowhere — only 24 yards, according to North's stats — and its passing attack amounted to 108 yards. North rushed for 178 yards and passed for 116. Goss, a 200-pound junior, gained 84 yards on 24 carries.

It'll be Garden City's homecoming next Friday night, and powerful Livonia Franklin will provide the opposition. North plays next at Redford Thurston next Saturday afternoon.

# Mercy sails to 11th cage win

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy capitalized on the strong play of three sophomores Thursday night to defeat Harper Woods Regina, 62-50, in Catholic League divisional play.

The Regina loss was its first in league play, and third of the season against eight wins. Our Lady of Mercy remained undefeated with an 11-0 overall mark and a 4-0 league ledger.

Sophomores Amy DeMattia, Annette Ruggiero and Mary Rosowski played key roles in the win. DeMattia came off the bench and scored 15 points with 11 rebounds, Rosowski scored 11 points and Ruggiero scored 10 points with seven assists.

Regina led 14-11 after one quarter, but Mercy outscored the Satellittes 21-9 in the second quarter.

Mercy, which allowed the most points this year with 50 against Regina, host Marian Tuesday. Coach Larry Baker is hoping his team will play better defense against the Mustangs.

**FARMINGTON** HARRISON on the strength of Sue Ferguson's 24 points, blasted Livonia Churchill, 46-29, Thursday to improve its overall record to 10-2.

"She (Ferguson) is getting some marvelous feeds from Alice Short," Harrison coach Dave Bloom said. "Sue has been getting some good baseline shots."

Harrison led 13-7 after one quarter, 13-7 after one quarter, 17-12 at the half and 27-19 going into the final eight minutes.

Tuesday, Harrison is home for a game against Livonia Stevenson.

**NORTH FARMINGTON** passed its Northwest Suburban League girls' basketball test with flying colors Thursday. The Raiders (8-3) ripped previously unbeaten Garden City, 47-35.

forward, scored 15 of her game-high 17-point in the first half and pulled down 11 rebounds. Teammate Amy Austin contributed 11 points.

Tammy Naramore scored 11 points and Angie Maggioncalda had 10 for Garden City, now 8-1.

North's junior varsity team, which had won 36 straight games, was beaten by Garden City, 35-23.

**FARMINGTON, WINLESS** in 12 starts, dropped a 62-24 decision to Walled Lake Central Thursday.

Linda Barbrick scored nine points for Farmington. Karen Lamb and Sheri Stroks combined for 35 Walled Lake Central points. Farmington plays next at Plymouth Salem on Tuesday night.

**LUTHERAN NORTHWEST** of Farmington was beaten by Southfield Christian, 50-24, Thursday in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. The Farmington school owns a 3-3 league record and a 6-3 overall mark.

Laura Gehel led Northwest with eight points. Kim Raymond, Elizabeth Allebbeth and Mychelle Paul each scored 10 for Christian, now 6-0 in the league and 10-2 overall.

Northwest plays next on Tuesday at home against Detroit Bethesda. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

# FHS golfers soar

Farmington finished second with 320 strokes in Friday's state Class A regional golf tournament at Burroughs Farms Golf Course in Brighton. That showing qualified Farmington for the Class A state meet Oct. 23 at Forest Acres Golf Club in East Lansing.

Farmington's Evan DeWitt was medalist with a 3-over-par 73. Farmington's other scorers: Rick Fries (77), Mark Bailey (82) and David Said (88). Ann Arbor Pioneer won the regional with 317 strokes, Detroit Catholic Central was third with 322, and Brighton took fourth with 323.

213 Northwest Suburban League golf victory over Garden City last week at Westland Municipal Golf Course.

The victory left the Raiders with a 9-1 NSL mark and a 10-2 overall record.

West Pummill of Garden City shot a 39, and North's Jim Kallajian carded a 40. Garden City's Dave Sobiechowski shot a 41, North's Rob Lynch had a 42, and North's Lance Mack had a 43.

Earlier last week, North overcame Westland John Glenn 197-233 in an NSL meet at Gowen Glen. North's scorers: Zuckerman (even-par 35), Kallajian (38), Growney (39) and Mike Sternfeld (42).

North plays next in the NSL meet Monday afternoon at Kensington Golf Course.

Margie Lee, North's 5-foot-7 senior



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IN A RECENT dual meet, Eric Zuckerman was medalist with a 3-over-par 37 and John Growney was second with a 39 to pace North Farmington's 304-

North Farmington's Amy Austin scored 11 points in the Raiders' girls' basketball victory over Garden City Thursday.