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# FHS tumbles

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Winless Farmington lived up to its "first-half ballclub" image Saturday in its 34-13 football loss to Livonia Bentley in a Western Lakes Activities Association contest on Falcon turf.

Farmington, which possesses what must be one of the state's longest losing streaks, spent almost three quarters of the game ahead of or tied with the Bentley Bulldogs only to come out on the short end of another final score.

The loss is the seventh in a row for the 1982 Falcons and the school's 17-straight over the last three seasons. A Farmington team last won a varsity football game in October of 1980.

But Farmington, with its passing game clicking, scored on its first possession on a 19-yard pass from quarterback Paul Wenson to end Dan Zang. Zang then kicked the extra point, fueling Falcon hopes that the streak would stop here.

"We were very, very flat coming out," said Bentley coach Steve Naumcheff, "and Farmington came out and played well." Farmington's first-half ballclub, has been all year. Look at the way they gave (Plymouth) Salem fits in the first half."

On its first possession, Bentley drove 69 yards in 15 plays for its first touchdown, which came on a nine-yard pass from QB Steve Gregor to Jim Schramm. Chad Darke's point-after-kick was wide, and the Falcons kept the lead.

FARMINGTON WIDENED its lead in the second quarter when tailback Jeff O'Malley ran 34 yards on a draw

play for a touchdown. Zang's extra-point kick was blocked, however.

Bentley tied the game at 13 when tailback Keith Percin, a bruising runner who ended up with 136 yards on 27 carries, scored from three yards out and Darke made good on the extra point. The drive, 53 yards on 10 plays, was aided by a costly Falcon personal foul penalty.

After intermission, Bentley staged another long drive — 63 yards on 14 plays — which resulted in a short TD run by fullback Steve Sapiezna and another PAT by Darke.

Bentley added a couple of insurance touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Percin dashed 41 yards for one of them, and Eric Tower went three yards for the other. Darke was good on both extra point tries.

BENTLEY STAYED on the ground for most of the game, running 58 rushing plays and gaining 222 yards. "The Bulldogs passed for 23 yards and the one TD. Farmington rushed for 93 yards and passed for 113 more.

Farmington is missing some key players because of injuries. They include running back Brian Lozier (broken ankle), tackle Pete Brown (knee problems), guard Bob Reetz (hand), tackle Mike Thompson (foot), center Tim Yanch (knee), running back Randy Good (foot) and tackle Gordon Rivers (elbow).

Farmington has a WLAA "position" game at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at Livonia Churchill. Bentley, now 4-5 overall and 4-1 in the league, plays Walled Lake Western on Friday.

## North blitzes Thurston

Quarterback Matt Shepard ran for two touchdowns and passed 10 yards to Mike Girolami for another Saturday to lead North Farmington's 40-0 whipping of Winless Redford Thurston in Northwest Suburban League football. North is 3-4 overall and 3-2 in conference play.

Dan Schaffer ran 75 yards for another North touchdown. Ken Goss got another on a two-yard run and Todd Schultz went three yards for yet another score. Tom Spain and Jim McLean each kicked two extra points.

North plays next on Friday at Southfield-Lathrup. Game time is 8 p.m.

## Dream game coming up



RANDY BOST/Staff photographer

Harrison's Gordie Dawson carried the ball in a recent game.

## North runs past Garden City

Brian Hobart was first across the finish line Thursday to lead his North Farmington cross country team to a 21-35 victory over Garden City in a Northwest Suburban League meet at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.

Hobart covered the 5,000-meter course in 16:02, and teammate Chris Walker was timed in 16:37 for second place. Garden City runners Holman and Anderson finished third and fourth with identical times of 16:56, and North's Chris Walker took fifth with a 17:22.

North, now 3-2 in the league and 5-2 overall, will run in the Northwest Suburban League meet Tuesday at 4 p.m. at San

Marino Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

HARRISON'S MIKE Eaker won the battle, but his team lost the boys' cross country war to Plymouth Canton, 23-34, Thursday in the Western Lakes Activities Conference at Harrison.

Eaker's time of 16:23 was good for first place. Canton's Tim Collins and Todd Gatto-ni filled the next two places with times of 16:37 and 16:45, respectively. Harrison's Don Lacey landed fourth (16:59), and Canton's Mike Hall placed fifth (16:58).

In the girls' meet, Canton won, 23-32. Kelly Murphy of Canton won the race in 19:14, and Harrison's Laurie Runk was second in 19:48. Rest of the field: Canton's

Maureen Brophy (20:21), Canton's Ida Williams (21:11) and Harrison's Kristin Dobb (21:23).

The WLAA cross country meet is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon at Cass Benton Park near Northville. Harrison and Farmington will participate.

FARMINGTON FELL to 1-6 this season after its 21-39 loss to Plymouth Salem in the WLAA Thursday.

The first five Salem's Frank Brosnan (16:13), Farmington's Lenny Picec (16:36), Salem's Scott Steiner (16:42), Salem's Skip Whitaker (16:50) and Farmington's Bryan Lawton (16:51).



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## Getting a whistle

Farmington Harrison's Alice Short (50) was the recipient of the referee's whistle Thursday during the Hawks' girls' basketball game against Livonia Stevenson. The ref in the background raises

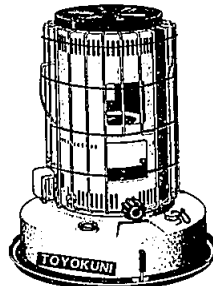
his arm and points to Stevenson's fallen Dhana Ponnars. Short scored 12 points to help Harrison prevail, 65-62, in overtime. A story on the game is on page 2.

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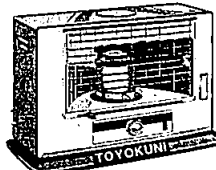
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