FHS tumbles

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

Farmington, which possesses what must be one of the state a longest losing streaks, spent almost three quarters of the game ahead of or tied with the Bentiey 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, feuling Falcon hopes that the streak would stop here.

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"We were very, very flat coming out," said Bentley coach Steve Naumcheff, "and Farmington came out and played well. "Farmington's a 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

North blitzes Thurston

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

play for a touchdown. Zang's extra-point kick was blocked, however. Beniley tied the game at 13 when tailback Keith Percin, a brusing runner who ended up with 136 yards on 27 car-who ended up with 136 yards on 27 car-baries made good on the extra point. The drive, 58 yards on 10 plays, was aided by a costly Falcon personal foul occality.

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

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

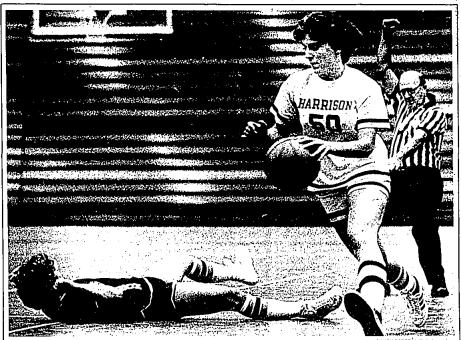
BENTLEY STAYED on the ground for most of the game, running 55 min-ing plays and gaining 292 yards. The Bulldogs passed for 23 yards and the one TD. Farmington rushed for 93 yards and passed for 113 more.

Farmington is missing some key players because injuries. They include running back Brian Louier (proken an-kle), tackle Pete Brown (knee prob-lems), guard Bob Reetz (hand), tackle Mike Thompson (foot), center Tim Yauch (knee), running back Handy Good (foot) and tackle Gordon Rivers (elbow).

Farmington has a WLAA "position" game at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at Livonia Churchill. Benliey, now 4-3 overall and 4-1 in the league, plays Walled Lake Western on Friday.

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

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



Getting a whistle

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

his arm and points to Stevenson's fallen Dhana Ponners. Short accred 12 points to help Harrison prevail, 85-82, in overtime, A story on the game is on page 2.

Dream game coming up



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

The maintenance people at Farmington Harrison High School had better drag out the auxiliary bleachers and look for some additional parking

big bleachers and look for some additional parking speakers and look for some additional parking speakers are speakers. There's going to be a crowd around that football rield Saturday affectnoon.

Just about everything — an unbeaten season, a league title and a possible borth in the state post-season playoffs — will be at stake when two of the area's top pre-football teams, Harrison and Plymouth Salem, clash in the Western Lakes Activities Association "position" game at 2 p.m., Saturday, Harrison, the champion of the new league's Western Division, cruised to its seventh-straight triumph this season with a \$5.0 smothering of Livenia Churchill Friday.

Salem, the top team in the loop's Lakes Division, kept pace with a 12.7 win over Walled Lake Central. Salem is also unbeaten through seven games that the sale of t

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Coach John Herrington's Harrison team jumped to a 14-0 lead after the opening quarter. Jim Adams grabbed a six-yard scoring pass from quarterback Ken Kish, and tallback John Miller ran six yards for another touchdown. Dave Blackmer made good on the lirst two of his five extra-point kicks of the wieth.

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In the second quarter, Adams anagged another touchdown pass from Kikh, the play covering 44 yards. Miller, a sophomore who gained 116 yards on 15 carries, ran 57 yards on an off-tackle play for another TD, and Steve Hoskins went one yard for the final score.

Blackmer, an outstanding linebacker on defense, was given credit for eight solo tackles and of the state of the second paged six solo tackles, and safety Chris Thompson had six solos and three assists.

assists. Harrison rushed for 138 yards and passed for 99

more.
Harrison, which has recorded four shutouts this season, has scored 182 points and allowed just 28.
Salem's wishbone offense has produced 151 points and its defense has given up 39.

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 victroy over Garden City in a Northwest Suburban League meet at Oakland Community Col-lege's Orchard Ridge campus in Farming-ton Hills.

ton Hills.

'Hobart covered the 5,000-meter course in 16:02, and teammate Chris Walker was timed in 16:57 for second place. Garden City runners Holman and Anderson finished third and fourth with Identical times of 16:55, and North's Chris Walker took fifth with a 17:28.

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

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

the Western Lakes Activities Conference at Harrison.
Eaker's time of 18:23 was good for first place. Canton's Tim Collins and Todd Gattono filled the next two places with times of 16:37 and 16:45, respectively. Harrison's Don Lacey landed fourth (16:58), and Canton's Mitch Hall placed filth (16:58).
In the girls' meet, Canton won, 33-32, 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 Wil-liams (21:11) and Harrison's Kristin Dobb

(21:11) and narrison's Kristin Book (21:23).

The WLAA cross country meet is sched-uled for Tuesday afternoon at Cass Benton Park near Northville. Harrison and Farm-ington 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 (18:13), Farmington's Lenny Pitcel (16:36), Salem's Scott Steiner (16:42), Salem's Skip Whittaker (16:50) and Farmington's Bryan Lawton (16:51).

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