

East quarterbacks effective in All-Stars' win

Kish leads air assault

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KEN KISH WASN'T at all sure what to make of his day. It seemed like he played well, leading the East All-Star team on two long scoring drives. But, there was that fumble and those interceptions. And his body was really sore from all those hits he endured.

Yet, the man who quarterbacked Farmington Harrison to their second straight state championship last year passed for 191 yards in Saturday's Michigan High School All-Star football game — 46 yards more than the West team gained in total offense.

Kish should have known he was destined for a strange day. When he woke up Saturday morning he discovered that one of his contact lenses was missing. He tore apart his dorm room searching for it. After an hour he gave up the search and went to breakfast.

AT THE BIG BOY restaurant in East Lansing, en route to the stadium where he and his East teammates would be playing football in less than three hours, Kish played a video game, ate a light breakfast and confronted the prospects of playing quarterback with just one good eye.

"I can still play. I've played without my contacts before," he said, not removing his attention from the video game.

At the restaurant with Kish was his high school teammate Dave Blackmer, Jeff Galt from Catholic Central and their girlfriends and families. The conversation centered around the pizza the night before and Kish's lost contact lens.

Mrs. Blackmer went back to Kish's dorm room after breakfast. Laying atop several days worth of garbage, she found Kish's shrunken lens. After a careful cleaning and a half-hour in boiling water, the lens was ready for Kish's eye.

The day did not go much smoother for the handsome, 6-foot-1, 180-pound quarterback who will take his talents to the campus of Albion College this fall.

WITH HIS TEAM leading 7-3, Kish entered the game at the start of the second quarter. On his second play from scrimmage he hit end Terry Allen of Rochester Adams right in the hands with a pass which Allen promptly dropped.

On the next play Kish hit Kevin Krussman with a beautiful pass over the middle good for 15 yards and a first down. Two plays later, Kish fumbled the snap and the West recovered.



Ken Kish, the quarterback who led the Harrison Hawks to a state championship last year, sets to pass in Saturday's High School All-Star game. Kish threw for 191 yards and two touchdowns to lead the East to victory.

The East defense forced the West to punt and on the very first play from scrimmage, Kish threw an interception. Luckily, the West defender was cited for pass interference and Kish got a reprieve.

Kish made the most of his second chance. After getting sacked, he completed a clutch third-and-13 pass to Dan Glidden for a 22-yard gain. Then on third and four, he hit Glidden again, this time for 39 yards and a touchdown.

De La Salle linebacker Jerry McCabe picked off a pass with a little over a minute left in the half and the East was again knocking at the door. But, Kish threw a pass right into the arms of West defensive back Brad Johnson. This time there was no interference called.

"IT FELT LIKE it was the first scrimmage of the year," Kish said after the game. "I was just trying to get the knots out. I wanted just to go out there and do the best I could."

In the third quarter, Kish dropped back to pass nine times and was sacked five times for a net loss of 58 yards. But, on the ninth try, on a third-and-21 play, he dropped back to pass and heaved one some 45 yards down field. The ball finally came down in the arms

of Glidden, again, and the speedster from Owen-Gage finished off the 89-yard scoring play.

Kish ended the day with six completions in 14 attempts with two TD passes, one interception and a bunch of bruises. Kish's passes accounted for 191 of the East's 274 total yards.

IN THE PRESS box, handing out programs to members of the media, was Kish's high school coach John Herrington. Herrington was proud of his quarterback. In fact, he was proud of both his players in the game, Kish and Blackmer.

"I was real proud of them. Harrison accounted for 18 of the East's points. You can look at it that way," he said.

In leading the 1982 Harrison Hawks to a 12-0 state championship season, Kish passed for 1,195 yards, becoming the school's all-time passing leader. In the championship game at the Silverdome, Kish set a record by completing 15 passes for 207 yards against Fordson.

"KEN is a good, intelligent quarterback that has improved every year," said Herrington. "He's a real class person. An 'A' student and a great leader."

Franklin's Popp exits as winner

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IT WAS A long, emotional handshake. The coach was saying farewell to his quarterback and leader of his team. The quarterback, who had thrown for more than 2,300 yards in two seasons, just played his final game for his coach.

"Good luck, kid," said the coach. The quarterback nodded. The two stared at each other, their eyes transmitting a mutual feeling of respect.

The quarterback finally broke away. Suddenly he turned. "Hey, we went out winners."

"That's right," yelled the coach. "We went out winners."

THE COACH WAS Livonia Franklin

head coach Armand Vigna. The quarterback was Richard Popp who led the Patriots to an 8-1 season last year. The scene was the Spartan Stadium locker room. Vigna and Popp were members of the East All-Star team that won the annual High School All-Star football game, 24-10, last Saturday.

Popp played a fine game at quarterback for the East, though his steady performance was overshadowed by the brilliance of the East's other quarterback, Ken Kish.

The true value of Richard Popp to the East team was not visible to the 5,708 fans at Spartan Stadium. For sure he played a steady game, completing two of six passes for 72 yards and engineering the East's first scoring drive.

However, his coaches and teammates will tell you that Popp's true

value was displayed during the practice week.

"RICHARD is a winner, a leader," said Vigna. "He really unifies a team. He brings them together. He did that during this past week. He's a character, a real fun kid, and he has no ego. He's no prima donna. He just has a style of leadership that brings everyone together."

He looks more like a fullback or an offensive lineman than a quarterback. His 5-foot-10, 185-pound frame had a few of the East and West all-stars wondering how Popp was chosen to play in the game.

"A kid made a comment during the week, I can't remember exactly what he said. It was something to the effect of, 'that fat little kid can't play quarterback,'" Vigna said.

By the end of the week, Popp had made believers out of all his doubters.

"My goals were not to throw any interceptions and also, I wanted to make the linemen feel that, hey, they're the guys who make the team. Without a line nothing happens. If you're going to write something, write that. Without a line nothing happens," Popp said.

POPP IS A very gifted athlete. Besides being an outstanding quarterback (his 2,300 career yards passing, 147 career completions and 24 touchdowns passes are all state records), Popp is a standout performer in baseball. His .452 batting average last season was tops in western Wayne County. As a junior he was the team's MVP and last year he was named team captain.

Vigna calls Popp the "most productive" quarterback he's ever coached. Popp's statistics clearly tell why. In leading the Patriots to the Northwest Suburban League title last year, Popp completed 91 of 191 passes for 1,460 yards and 15 TDs.

The irony of Popp's school and state records is that he wasn't even supposed to play in his junior year. Vigna initiated a brand-new pass-oriented offense at Franklin in 1981 designed to take advantage of Chris Panzo's strong arm. In the first game that season, Panzo broke his arm and an emergency call went out to Popp.

Popp responded by breaking the school's passing record gaining more than 800 yards. The team was 5-4 that year.

In the all-star game Popp didn't get much of a chance to shine. He got the East off and running in the first quarter hitting Rochester Adams' end Terry Allen on a beautiful 43-yard pass play.



Franklin's Richard Popp looks for a receiver. Popp completed two of six passes on the day good for 72 yards. He engineered the East's first scoring drive.

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To allow the County of Oakland, Michigan, to receive written and/or oral comments relating to PROPOSED USES OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations (93 C.F.R.31) Title 31 - Money and Finance Chapter 1 - Monetary Offices, Department of the Treasury Part 51 - Fiscal Assistance to State and Local Governments Subpart B No. 51.13 - Proposed Use Hearings

The COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE will hold a Public Hearing at which local citizens and groups can present written and/or verbal comments on how they think the County's Allocation of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds should be spent.

Date: Wednesday, August 24, 1983
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Commissioner's Conference Room
Oakland County Courthouse
1200 N. Telegraph
Pontiac, Michigan 48053

All interested persons and groups, including senior citizens and senior citizens' groups, are encouraged to participate by submitting written and/or oral proposals as to the most appropriate use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

DANIEL T. MURPHY, Executive,
Oakland County, Michigan

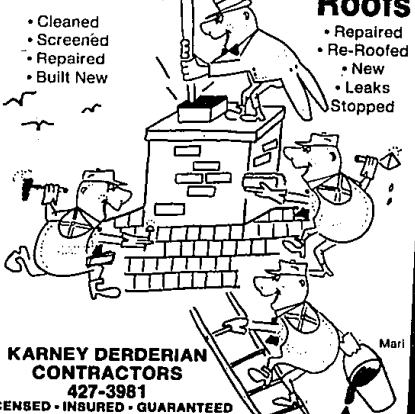
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