

3 up 3 down: NSL kicks off '83 at Dome

Goss leads North to victory

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Garden City, Westland John Glenn and North Farmington have the early jump in the Northwest Suburban League football race after Saturday's triple-header before a sparse turnout at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Here is a summary of league openers:

NORTH FARMINGTON 32 REDFORD THURSTON 0

Whatever the North Farmington football team had for breakfast last Friday morning must have been mighty potent.

The Raiders played Saturday like the Raider team most experts picked to win the Northwest Suburban League title. They completely dominated the hapless Thurston Eagles in a game that was every bit as lopsided as the score would suggest.

"It took these five weeks for the players and coaches to adjust to each other," said first-year Raider coach Jim O'Leary. "We sat down and had a long talk about team unity last week. Then we had a special team breakfast on Friday."

"We started the season too cocky. I think the kids were waiting for Ron Holland to walk back onto the field. I let them know that I was the coach now and I would be for some time."

The Raiders responded in a big way. Thurston could manage just 60 yards total offense against the charged up Raider defense. Only nine of the yards were gained via the run.

North got a spectacular performance from senior running back Ken Goss. Hampered in the first two games by a bad ankle, Goss broke loose for 113 yards in just 14 carries. He also scored two touchdowns, and he played all of one half and just one play of the other.

That lone second-half play was a 61-yard touchdown jump. It came on North's first play from scrimmage in the second half.

Goss scored North's first TD in the first quarter, capping a 33-yard drive with a 15-yard run.

Raider quarterback Eric Engel, who has been the subject of criticism for his play in the first two games, looked sharp completing four of five passes for 54 yards. The only pass he didn't complete was intercepted.

Engel scored North's second TD on a 1-yard scamper around left end. The score was set up by an 11-yard, third-and-1 run by Goss.

Tom Spahn scored North's third TD on a 5-yard run. A circus catch of an Engel pass by Mark Carrier, good for 33 yards, set up the score. Carrier made the catch as he was falling backwards after two Thurston defenders had tipped the pass.

Spahn kicked the extra point and the first half ended with North on top, 19-0. After Goss's long TD run to start the second half, O'Leary played his second and third teams. Pat Gallina scored North's final touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard drive. Spahn added his second point after.

It was an especially rough afternoon for Thurston quarterback Hafiz Kostegian. The North defenders were in his face and on his back all day. He was sacked for losses six times.

"The way we played today, we would have beaten anybody," O'Leary said. Maybe what the Raiders ate Friday morning was the breakfast of champions.

GARDEN CITY 20 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 14

Mark Hebestreit returned a kick-off 80 yards for the winning touchdown with only 3:18 remaining to give the Cougars their first victory of the season against the defending league champs.

Both teams are now 1-2 overall. The junior halfback found a friendly wall of blockers down the right sideline and picked his way through a host of Patriot tacklers to score the game-winning.

Senior quarterback John Romano also had a big day, throwing for two

TDs and 188 yards, completing 13 of 24 passes.

"It was a super game for us," said GC coach Dean Shipman. "We knew we would have to go over the top or around them because Franklin is a lot bigger than we are. We knew we couldn't go in the middle."

Franklin, thwarted earlier when two TD runs were called back because of penalties, finally tied the score at 14-14 with 3:59 in the game on a Randy Hurst one-yard plunge followed by a successful Rob Drabicki two-point conversion pass to Marshall Kleven. (Hurst finished with 125 yards in 23 carries).

The Patriots scored at the outset of the second quarter on a one-yard sneak by Drabicki, capping an 11-play, 77-yard drive.

But Romano put the Cougars on the board when he found David Lee alone in the end zone for a 25-yard scoring TD.

With the score tied 6-6 at the half, GC came out passing in the third quarter, taking the lead on a Romano 44-yard bomb to Mike Roffi, who made a spectacular grab. Roffi's brother Mark then faked a two-point attempt and passed for two points, making the count 14-6 in GC's favor.

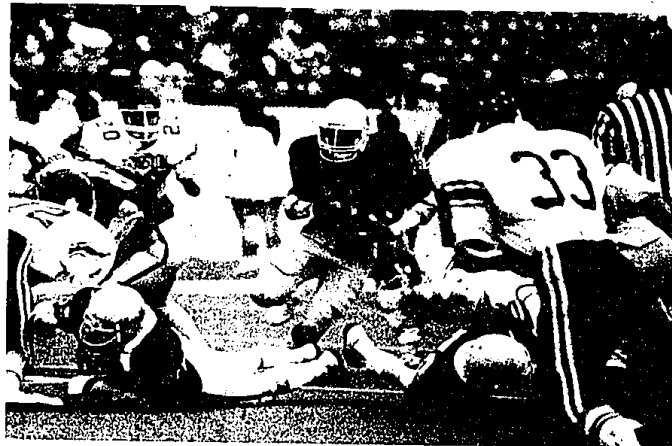
"They (GC) seemed to get tougher and gain more confidence in the second half after the long TD pass," said Franklin coach Armando Vigna. "Even then, I thought we had the play covered well, but their kid made a perfect throw."

The GC scoring play came after Hurst had run 44 yards for an apparent TD, which was immediately nullified because of a holding call.

"That really hurt us and it shouldn't have," Vigna said. "We should have been able to overcome that. The offense was sluggish and the offensive line did not do the job for us."

Romano's favorite targets were Roffi, who caught five passes for 107 yards, and Jeff Shroat, who grabbed five for 48.

"John's a three-year starter with a pretty fair arm," Shipman said. "Our offensive line gave him great protection and we have a fleet of receivers



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Suburban League contest. North's Goss ran for 113 yards on the day.

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WGLD JOHN GLENN 20 REDFORD UNION 12

Tony Boles showed why he's not on the JV football team anymore.

The sophomore transfer from Livonia Churchill, making his first varsity appearance ever, rushed for 141 yards on 24 carries and one TD to give Glenn a come-from-behind win over winless RU.

Glenn trailed 12-7 at halftime, but came out fired up in the third quarter behind the running of Boles. The speedy tailback sparked the winning TD drive, rushing for 73 yards in eight carries.

Quarterback Doug Corbell, filling in ably for starter Jeff Hawley after he was shaken up in the first half, passed

six yards to tight end Jeff Meixner for the go-ahead TD with 8:12 to play in the period.

After a Ron Taig interception of an RU pass, senior Craig Thornton then put the game away with 44-yard TD burst up the middle with 2:26 left to play, sending the Rocket fans into orbit.

"We played much better in the second half," said Glenn coach Chuck Gordon. "Corbell's fine and we're solid with him in there. He's a heck of a leader."

And with the emergence of Boles, Glenn (2-1) appears to be a serious contender for the league title.

"Tony moved in and we heard great things about him," Gordon explained. "But we didn't bring him up right away because it was a matter of evaluation."

"But I think he gives us a dimension now that we haven't had before."

After recovering a first quarter fumble,

RU came out with its steam-roller attack.

It was the Bob Macek Express with the senior running back carrying the ball 11 of the 13 plays to set up the first TD. He capped a 46-yard drive with a four-yard dash at 8:49 of the quarter.

Glenn, however, came right back with Boles going 13 yards for the score. Thornton set up the TD when he picked off a Rick Holme pass at the RU 29. Chris Piazza's extra point put Glenn on top, 7-6.

But Keith Manus, throwing a pass from the backfield, hit Don Angel with a 31-yard TD pass with 5:03 to play in the half, making it 12-7. The score was set up when Gino Picano recovered a Boles fumble at the Glenn 34.

"Our defense played all right, but in the first half we gave them tremendous field position and that really put us in a bind," Gordon said.

Miller, Hawks blank Northville for 26th win

It was the John Miller show again for Farmington Harrison.

Miller gained 108 of the Hawks' 181 total yards in 24 carries and scored all three touchdowns in Harrison's 20-0 win over previously undefeated Northville. The win was Harrison's 26th in a row.

"Northville played a good game," Herrington said. "They are a tough team. And there are a lot of things we are going to have to work on this week."

Harrison's defense was its usual stingy self, allowing Northville just 117 total yards. Northville's deepest penetration was to the Hawks' 35-yard line.

HARRISON OPENED the scoring in the first quarter with Miller romping in from the 5-yard line. Bill Wood missed the point after.

That 6-0 score stood up until early in the fourth quarter. Miller capped another scoring drive with a 1-yard run. The Hawks elected to go for two, and quarterback Scott Gilinski connected with end Bob Waszczenki.

Gilinski completed three of seven passes, all three to Waszczenki, for 28 yards.

Miller finished off the scoring with 5:25 left, he rambled in from the two. The point after, kicked from 30 yards out after a penalty, was missed by George Sarcevic.

Harrison will be home Saturday to take on Walled Lake Western.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 13 FARMINGTON 7 (three overtimes)

Falcon coach Don Kuick blew up at his team after this heartbreaking loss. He felt his team should have won this game.

Afterwards he regretted doing it. "I really blew my cool. Things go

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Farmington football coach

wrong, you know, like they did tonight, it's frustrating. I apologized to them after. We've got to be able to take this stuff. We've got to be able to come back and we are going to have to do it together," he said.



Western scored first in the third quarter, then the Falcons tied it on a 37-yard, Tim Berry to Brian Loofer pass. Bruce Kratt added the point after.

The teams played to a standstill the rest of the way.

IN THE FIRST overtime, Farmington won the toss and elected to play defense. Western started at the 10-yard line and in three plays, found themselves back 30 yards.

The Falcons took over and moved to the 4. Kratt was summoned to try a field goal, but a lineman moved too soon causing a 5-yard penalty. The next snap was over the holder's head and the Falcons were suddenly out of range.

Farmington got the ball first in the second overtime, but they fumbled it away on the first play. Western could

do no better. On a third down play, Farmington's Steve Gucciardo picked off a pass and ran it back some 55 yards before he was downed.

WESTERN SCORED the eventual winning TD on the first play of the third overtime on Steve Craig's 10-yard run, but missed the point after. Farmington could not score in their possession.

"The defense played well at times tonight," Kuick said. "At times we make some great plays. We have these little surges. So you know the potential is there. But, the name of the game is not to make mistakes. This game was a comedy of errors."

Gucciardo gained 59 yards rushing and Jim Laird ran for 55. Berry completed five of 14 passes for 119 yards. Farmington's record falls to 1-2.

Slims tourney draws top names

By Brad Emons
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The Junior League of Birmingham is hosting its 13th professional women's tennis tournament in Detroit and for a change it was not your typical Virginia Slims pickings.

Snubbed by the game's top players the past few years, the Junior League of Birmingham has renewed optimism about this year's tournament, held in the fall for the first time instead of the winter. The \$150,000 event, featuring Chris Evert-Lloyd and local sensation Lisa Bonder, is Oct. 9-9 at Cobo Arena.

As an added bonus, area tennis fans can watch a qualifying tournament Friday through Sunday at the Beverly Hills Racquet Club in Birmingham, featuring 32 aspiring pros contesting for four spots in the main draw of the Virginia Slims of Detroit event.

The Southeastern Michigan Tennis Association (SEMATA) was given one spot in the qualifying field. Chris Gilles, a promising 17-year-old junior from Plymouth, will play at noon Friday against an opponent yet to be determined.

GROSSE POINTE'S Susan Mascarin and Kalamazoo's Sherry Acker are other possible qualifiers.

Qualifying play runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The public is

invited and there is no admission.

Through the past tournament efforts of the Junior League, approximately \$1 million has been raised for various community service projects.

But despite the Northville efforts, some members of the Junior League were perplexed with the lack of response from the game's stars, who pulled out of the Detroit spot for various reasons.

"I think everybody is very enthusiastic about it now," said tournament director Joan Stanton. "We're pleased to have Chris and she's a good ticket seller. It's a shot in the arm."

"Things have picked up. There's a lot more interest with the change in the calendar. I think we'll have more of a pop-in crowd than we had before. People are more likely to come down here more in the fall than in the winter because of the weather."

ANDREA JAEGER won the last Detroit tournament, sponsored at the time by Avon, back in February of 1982. The lack of a big-name field and a crippling blizzard during the middle of the tournament cut the attendance somewhat.

The 17-year-old Bonder, a native of Saline, made quite a stir in the tennis world recently when she upset Lloyd. Kathy Horvath and Jaeger in route to a \$40,000 payday at a Tokyo event. The addition of U.S. Jay Court runner-up Zina Garrison, Wendy Turn-

bull, Hana Mandlikova, Sylvia Hanika and longtime Detroit favorite Rosie Casals makes this year's field more attractive.

The Junior League recently suffered a minor setback when top 10'er Pam Shriver, who made a commitment to Detroit in August, pulled out because of an injury.

Although Martina Navratilova, the current queen of women's tennis, will not be here, two wild card spots are being left open for the main draw.

The restricted wild card berth is being left open for Jaeger or a previous Grand Slam winner, while the other is up to the discretion of the tournament organizers.

TAKING a cue from the Michigan Panthers, the Junior League and the Greater Oldsmobile Dealers of Detroit have put together some attractive ticket packages.

Fans can attend Monday's all-day session for only \$1. A two-for-one package is offered Wednesday, Oct. 5. Special discounts are available to groups (25 or more), youth (18 and under) and senior citizens (65 and over).

Tickets are on sale at the Joe Louis Arena Box Office, CTC outlets, and Junior League Office, 123 W. Brown, Birmingham.

For additional information, call 646-0448.

Forever unbeaten?

Mercy's win streak on the line

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Could this be the year Farmington Hills RU Lady's Mercy swim team finally loses a dual meet?

"It's a matter of mathematics," said Mercy coach De Loris Yager. "I'm sure we're going to lose one sooner or later. Probably this year, I don't know. (Bloomfield Hills) Marian is awfully good this year. They are our best rival."

In the 20 years Yager has coached at the 20 years Yager has coached at the Marlinas, they have won more than 300 dual meets. They have never lost a dual meet to a public or private school. Nor have they failed to win the Catholic League title in those 20 years.

"Well, when you have girls coming to a private school who show up at 5 a.m. every day and swim for two hours before school, then come back and swim for two or three hours in the afternoon after school, obviously, these are dedicated people. And when they work that hard, they are bound to be good. Yager said.

MERCY WON THE very first girls swimming state championship. That

swimming

was in 1972. Mercy has not won a state championship since.

"It's very difficult to win state championships. It's different. You have to have very, very good swimmers to win at the state. Whereas, in league play, you can get by with decent swimmers and overall team depth," said Yager.

The 1983 version of the Mercy swim team looks every bit as good as the Mercy teams of the past 20 years. They tested competitive waters for the first time Sept. 17, and took second at the Grosse Pointe Invitational Relays.

"We usually win there, but they changed it this year to relays," Yager said.

Mercy's top two swimmers from a year ago, junior Brita Brooks and senior Sue Herzog, are returning. Both placed high in the state meet last year.

Junior Matt Lee Konezal and team captain Nancy Nehr also return.

Yager has been most impressed with her freshman class this year, especially Janice Whinter.

"SHE IS AN outstanding swimmer. She will be an IM (individual medley swimmer)," Yager said.

Four other freshman figure heavily into Yager's plans: Suzie Knipper, backstroke and freestyle; Angela Harrison, breaststroke and butterfly; Pat McCarthy, butterfly; and Leslie Hankins, breaststroke and freestyle.

Maureen Kelly, a junior first-year swimmer, has looked quick in the sprints for Mercy.

About the only area of uncertainty is diving. Even there, Yager has gotten a pleasant surprise. Junior Sheila Mulhern, a first-year diver, has performed very well. Yager said. Senior Angela Cleaver and juniors Elizabeth Faber and Mary Beth Manion have some varsity experience and should contribute.

When asked how good her team will be this season, Yager said, "I don't know. Why don't you ask me after Monday?"

Monday, Mercy opens its 1983 dual-meet season at home against Bishop Gallagher.