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## Harrison stomps Lakers in opener

Deja vu? The West Bloomfield football team may be experiencing that phenomenon after suffering its third straight opening day defeat to Farmington Harrison Friday night, 42-0.

Believe it or not, the Hawks started slowly.

"They were jamming us up pretty good and (quarterback Vince) Enright was a little tight and overthrowing people," said Harrison coach John Herrington.

But, senior All-American John Miller started finding holes. He scored on touchdown runs of 1 and 2 yards to put the Hawks up 14-0.

Then came the backbreaker. Enright, with 30 seconds left in the first

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half, connected with wide receiver Brian Smolinski for a 53-yard touchdown pass. That made it 21-0 and the Hawks never looked back.

ENRIGHT FINISHED with 8 of 15

passes for 116 yards. Smolinski caught five for 106 yards.

Miller, carrying the ball just four times in the second half, gained 133 yards on the night in 23 carries. He added a 10-yard TD run in the second half. Miller gained 130 yards against the Lakers last year.

Mark Mecklenberg added a TD on a short run for Hawks.

Defensively, the Hawks kept the Lakers under 100 yards total offense.

Herrington ordered linebacker Todd Marshall and linemen Todd Delella and Ben Chen for anchoring the defense.

"Overall, we were very pleased with the performance. Miller ran well. Enright looked good and so did Smolinski. It was a nice win," Herrington said.

## Falcon front line enjoys feast at Jays' expense

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Craig Petersmark, Mike Pyrala, Steve Meech, John Turcotte, Tom Mitchell and Ab Hazen.

Give those men credit for Farmington High's 14-13 football victory against Southfield Saturday afternoon.

In a game reminiscent of the old Big 10 clashes — run, run, run — the Falcons large and well-conditioned offensive line completely dominated the Southfield defensive line.

"We kind of figured we could control the ball," said Farmington coach Don Kulick. "But, we just mistaked ourselves to death. We could have scored 28 points on them today if we'd have

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cut out those dippy-do mistakes."

Control the ball the Falcons did.

They amassed 450 yards rushing on the day, getting good production from seven ball carriers. Steve Gucciardo led the ground assault with 68. Dwayne Krafft rambled for 46, Bruce Kelsey 42, and Chris Green and Jim Zang, 35 each.

TORIN DORN established himself as one of the more dangerous backs in the area. The Southfield speedster gained

109 in 14 carries, electrifying the many spectators at the Farmington field with his 55-yard touchdown jaunt on the Jays' first offensive play of the game.

After that, however, the Farmington defense held down Southfield's running game. Again, the Falcons were able to control the line. Southfield had just eight first downs on the day to Farmington's 20.

"We never were able to get into our game," Southfield coach Cal Fletcher said. "They (Farmington) moved the ball against us better than I thought they would. They definitely controlled the line."

Despite the lopsided statistics, Farmington could never pull away from the Jays. Farmington's mistakes and penalties were as much responsible for that as were the Jays.

The Falcons drove deep inside Jay territory four times in the ball game and came up empty. Once they were stopped on downs inside the 2. Twice penalties forced them to try long field-goal attempts of 31 and 47 yards, both barely missed by talented Falcon kicker Bruce Krafft. The fourth time, a fumble stalled the drive.

The Blue Jays also had their chances, especially late in the game.

Farmington assumed a 14-7 lead on a 21-yard scoring pass from quarterback Chris Green to Hazen, and a 3-yard run by Green in the fourth quarter. Krafft nailed both extra points.

THERE WERE more than eight minutes left in the game after Green's score.

The Jays wasted no time coming back. Quarterback J. Jewett hooked up with 6-4, 250-pound light-end Ronald Austin on a pretty 46-yard scoring strike.

Instead of kicking the tying extra point, Fletcher opted for the two-point conversion. It failed, keeping Farmington up 14-13 with better than seven minutes left.

"That coach has got a lot of class," said Kulick of Fletcher. "He didn't want an overtime game. He figured his team wouldn't be able to last."

He was probably right. Farmington was clearly the better-conditioned team.

The Jays had two more cracks at the Falcons and none before it was over. By virtue of a bad punt, they got the ball inside the Falcon 25 with 3:35 to play. But, Melvin Peoples, with open field in front of him, dropped the ball and Farmington's Bob Kaminski recovered.

The Jays got it back at the Falcon 48 with under two minutes to play, but Dwayne Krafft picked off Jewett's pass. It was the second Falcon interception, the other by Brian Lessor.

Jewett, though, had a strong game, completing 5 of 9 passes for 133 yards and a TD.

Austin picked off a pass for the Jays. The win for the Falcons' coaches was an opening victory in a row against Plymouth.



North's Scott Knoll was a workhorse in the late last Friday. He gained 90 yards and helped set up stages of the Raiders' 29-20 victory over Salem two touchdowns.

## On the muscle Raiders' power surge proves fatal to Salem in 29-20 thriller

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What an opener! The rest of the 1984 football season will be hard-pressed to match this season-opener for action, intensity and drama.

The North Farmington Raiders sent the home fans away dejected by outlasting Plymouth Salem, 29-20, Friday night.

In the first half alone, 325 yards were gained through the air — 163 by Salem. There were touchdown scores of 64, 73, 80 and 80 yards. There was a safety. There was a bit of everything.

With the score tied 13-13 in the third quarter, North punted the ball to Salem's Craig Morton. Morton, who was electrifying all night, grabbed the ball at his own 10-yard line and darted up the far sidelines, flashing his 4.5-in-the-40 speed, 90 yards for a TD.

IT WAS Morton's third TD of the night — all of them of the scintillating variety. He scored on touchdown passes of 80 and 64 yards in the first half. On the 64-yard TD, he had to come back to grab quarterback Steve Sobolich's pass. He spun away from one tackler, cut across the grain toward the right sideline, then reversed his field, cut back across to the left side of the field and snuck into the endzone untouched — an amazing run.

Morton accounted for 255 of Salem's 343 total yards — including the punt return — and 18 of the Rocks' 20 points.

So, how did they lose?

"Our kids showed a heck of a lot of poise tonight," said North coach Jim O'Leary, who got a victory ride on his players' shoulders afterward. "They really came back hard. They've got to learn how to win, and they made a good start here tonight."

The Raiders, bigger and deeper.

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than the Rocks, began to wear down Salem inside in the fourth quarter. After falling behind 20-13 on Morton's punt return, North decided to start jamming the ball up the middle.

"Salem took away our passing game with the blitz in the second half," said O'Leary. Indeed they did. North had 162 yards passing in the first half and zero in the second.

"AND WE couldn't run outside," O'Leary continued. "So, we just decided to spread our offensive line and bust it up the middle."

After Salem missed on a 30-yard field goal attempt, North took over on its own 20 with 11:47 to play in the game. With bruising fullback Scott Knoll doing much of the work, the Raiders marched 80 yards in 12 plays. Brian Hood scored the TD, a 1-yard punt, but Knoll gained 47 of the 80 yards all on dives over right tackle.

Then came heartbreak for Salem.

With 2:40 to play, Salem was forced to punt deep in its own zone. Punter Steve Potoczak lined up at the very back of the endzone to receive the snap. Prior to the snap, however, he stepped back out of bounds. He caught the snap out of bounds and was flagged for a safety — giving North two points and the ball back.

North took the kick and marched it right back into the endzone. Hood again scored — it was his third TD of the game — from 12 yards out.

"We're going to be all right," said Salem coach Tom Moschler, who was very pleased with his team's performance. "I was so damn proud of these kids at halftime I couldn't believe it. This game could've been a rout."

AND IT LOOKED like it would be a rout early on. North quarterback Eric Engel picked apart the Salem defense like a seasoned pro in the first half. He completed his first eight passes, for 162 yards, and one touchdown.

In the Raiders' first possession, Engel hit Kurt Gawley twice, good for 21 yards, then connected with Buddy Pope for 26 yards to the Rocks' one, where Hood scored the first of his three TDs.

On the final play of the first quarter, Engel lofted another bomb to Pope, this time good for 73 yards and a score.

But, Salem came right back. On the Rocks' first play after Pope's TD, Sobolich, who was 5 for 9 and 170 yards on the day, hit Morton for an 80-yard score. And the fight was on.

"Two long passes and a punt return," sighed O'Leary afterward.

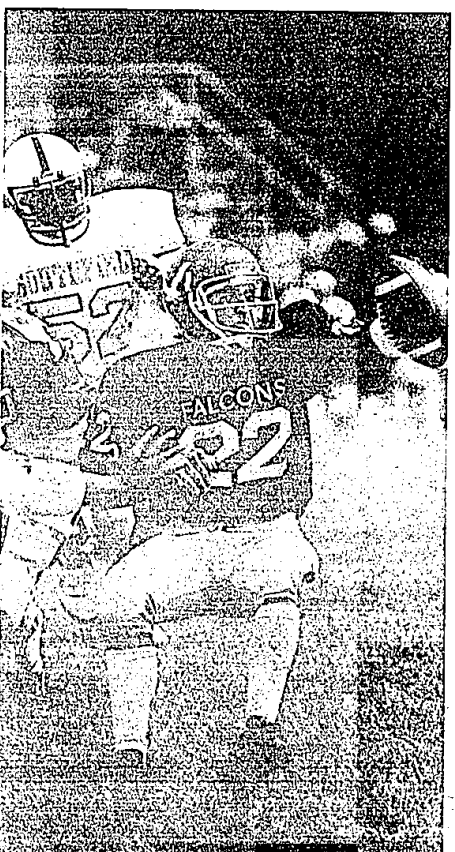
"Man, I was in shock. That No. 93 (Morton) is a great player."

THE HEROS for North were many. Defensively, and on the offensive line, Troy Hiner, Paul Alati, Mark Anders and Joe Sakotakis were outstanding. Knoll carried the ball 15 times for 90 yards and he was popping people on defense. Hood played a strong two-way game as well, gaining 87 yards in 20 carries. Engel finished 8-for-13 and 162 yards. Chris Christman and Pat Gallina each had an interception.

For Salem, Marc Cygan was outstanding up front until he went down with a leg injury in the third quarter. Jon Wade was also a tough two-way performer for Salem inside. And, of course, Sobolich and Morton.

For two teams that were supposed to be down this season, they put on one heckuva show.

"We used to have a motto back on the farm in Dundee," Moschler said after the game. "Success lies not in never failing. But in rising every time you fall. We'll come back."



Falcon quarterback Chris Green had a big afternoon, throwing a 21-yard TD pass to Ab Hazen and scoring another on a 3-yard run in Farmington's 14-13 victory Saturday against Southfield.

## Falcons' Bailey busts school record

Farmington senior Mark Bailey fired a two-under par 23 at Brax Burn Golf Course last Wednesday to lead the Falcons to Plymouth Salem 19-11B.

Bailey's blistering round eclipses a 16-year record at Farmington. Bob Chapman shot 4-34 at Brax Burn in 1970.

Godie Wright took a 39 and Keith Alkins a 40 at Farmington. Tom Waling (41) and Bruce Blumens (44) rounded out the Falcons' top five.

For Salem, Mike Grogan scored 30.

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Jeff Speaks 49, Jim Horabacher 41, and Dan Statko, 44. Doug Solo and Bob Schwandner scored 54.

It was the first match of the season.

The Falcons will play a pair of matches this week at Goshen Glen — Monday against Walling Lake Western and Wednesday

and Wednesday against Farmington Harrison.

Salem plays Monday at Livonia Science, Tuesday and Wednesday home against Plymouth and Walling Lake Central.

DOLE CHAIRS: Please call to the results of your matches. The phone numbers are 861-3260 before 8:30 p.m., and 861-3211 after 8:30 p.m. The best time to call is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, nights. Do not call on