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Selzer sizzles as Chargers fizzle

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What's the difference between Alka-Selzer and Scott Selzer? One causes headaches while the other causes touchdowns.

Just ask the Southfield-Lathrup football team.

The Chargers scored a heavy dose of the former to stop the non-stop pain inflicted by the latter Saturday afternoon in the season-opening football game.

Selzer — Scott, that is — ran amok in helping to stake North Farmington to a satisfying 21-7 victory. The 5-foot, 10-inch, 165-pound senior gained 234 yards on 29 carries and scored all three Raiders touchdowns.

It was an outstanding opening-day performance by the dashing Raider tailback. And it was even more incredible considering Lathrup came into the game knowing all about Selzer's all-star credentials.

"We knew about Selzer and we tried to key him and get to the ball right away, but we didn't do it," said Lathrup coach Bob Marten. "We heard he was hurt. We saw him in the 4-way (swarming) and he's a good, strong runner."

"We've got a young linebacking crew and we just missed a few today," he said. "But Selzer's a nice runner and he'll be tough to stop."

SELZER, WHO had 130 yards in the first half, including a slick 61-yard first quarter run on a quick-

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pitch left, scored his team's initial touchdown of the season on a 22-yard run early in the second quarter. Chad Henry kicked the extra point and North led 7-0.

Lathrup tied the game midway through the second quarter when quarterback Doug Klocko capped a fine drive with a 1-yard sneak. The 11-play, 72-yard scoring march featured a bold 26-yard fourth-down pass play from Klocko to halfback Matt Talcott cutting across the middle.

The half ended in a 7-all draw. But Selzer sizzled in the second half with a pair of touchdown runs from 24- and 20-yards out in the third and fourth quarters, respectively, to give North the edge.

"You can see out there that he can get hot two, three or four times and he just bounces off people," said North Farmington coach Jim O'Leary about his prized running back. "He's strong and he has outstanding speed."

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run says a lot about Selzer's ability to run," he said.

A KEY PART of the game for Lathrup was a third-quarter interception.

After North had scored to take a 14-7 lead, the Chargers assembled another good-looking drive and took the ball down to the Raider 24-yard line. However, Klocko's pass over the middle was picked off and it proved to be Lathrup's last effective drive of the afternoon.

"We missed the coverage on that play and threw it right to their man," said Marten. "That play hurt because it gave them the momentum."

"We just made some big mistakes at some big times and that was the difference in the game," he said.

Lathrup, which had eight players out of the lineup because of "attitude problems," had 181 total yards, including a team-high 64 by junior halfback Leodis Willey. Klocko completed 8 of 21 passes for 87 yards.

Lathrup's Eric Stokes had two interceptions while teammate Lem Barney added one.

North Farmington had 345 yards total offense — all via rushing. Senior Brad Demeter had 54 yards as the Raiders' second leading rusher behind Selzer.

Even if they are, bring out the Alka-Seltzer.



RICK SMITH/staff photographer

North Farmington's Scott Selzer (26) scored three touchdowns and was a big pain to the Lathrup defense.

What a start!

West Bloomfield surprises Harrison

West Bloomfield's 28-27 overtime upset Friday of Farmington Harrison may have surprised many observers.

But not coach John Herrington. After having watched West Bloomfield's preseason scrimmage, Herrington harped all last week about the Lakers' vast improvement from last year. It was as if he could sense what was coming.

The Lakers, who had lost four straight season-openers to Harrison by a lopsided 122-11 margin — including the last two games via shut-out, snapped the losing skid when Tim Montgomery provided the winning margin by booting the decisive extra point.

The victory was not only significant because the Lakers beat a perennial state power, but it also proved to be a big morale booster. The triumph now equals West Bloomfield's entire victory output of 1985.

"It was definitely a good win for the kids," said West Bloomfield coach Dominic Livedoti. "It's a hell of a way to open the season. We feel really good about it."

The Lakers scored first when Dan Shrewsbury capped a 95-yard drive on their opening possession by toss-

ing an 8-yard touchdown pass to Dan Bolk. The drive consumed over 10 minutes.

Harrison, which won the state Class B championship in 1981 after losing the season-opener to West Bloomfield, countered right away as Scott Bissell scored on a 6-yard run to tie the score at 7-all.

The Hawks had a late first-half drive interrupted when West Bloomfield's Chris Alexander intercepted a pass.

Harrison took 13-7 lead in the third quarter on Bissell's 2-yard run. Shrewsbury then scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak and the extra point made it a 14-13 game for West Bloomfield as the third quarter ended.

Both teams scored in the fourth quarter.

Harrison struck first to make it 21-14 with 2:30 left on a 1-yard run by Bissell. West Bloomfield tied the game with just 30 seconds remaining on Shrewsbury's 2-yard run and Montgomery's PAT.

Harrison took first possession in overtime and Bissell scored again on a fourth-down play. West Bloomfield also scored on fourth down as Shrewsbury went over from 1 yard out. The difference was Montgom-

ery's successful Laker PAT while the Hawks failed on their attempt. John Bichel led the Laker rushing attack with 91 yards while Bolk caught five passes for 121 yards. Harrison had 314 total yards to West Bloomfield's 281.

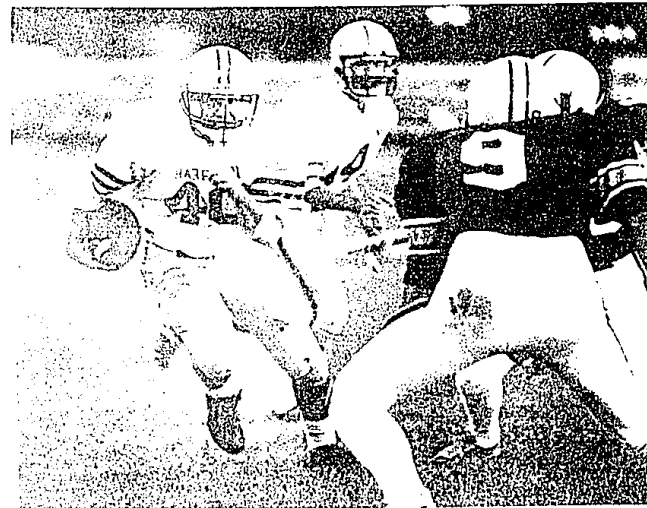
COUNTRY DAY 29, ROBICHAUD 0: Country Day won its 10th straight regular-season game Friday afternoon in Dearborn Heights.

The Yellow Jackets, who won nine straight games last year before falling to Detroit St. Martin de Porres in the state playoff tournament, had a 22-0 halftime lead and coasted in the second half.

Brian Stephens, a senior tailback and potential All-State candidate, scored CDP's first touchdowns of the season on a 2-yard run in the first quarter and a 34-yard run in the second quarters.

Country Day quarterback Charles Johnson tossed a 10-yard pass to Chris Glinski with 35 seconds left in the second quarter. Johnson capped the scoring with a 30-yard, fourth-quarter pass to Steve Mann.

Country Day compiled 275 total yards while holding the Bulldogs to 88.



MINDY SAUNDERS/staff photographer

Scott Bissell (20) had a good night for Harrison in a losing effort.

Jays clip Falcons

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Southfield varsity football coach Cal Fletcher isn't a greedy man.

But Saturday afternoon at Farmington High School he accepted what the Falcons had to offer.

Holding a narrow 3-0 lead with just over eight minutes remaining in the game, Farmington was set to punt when a low snap enabled the Jays to gang tackle punter Joe Johnson at his own 20-yard line.

Southfield took possession of the ball and moved 20 yards in six plays, finally scoring on a seven-yard pass from quarterback Robert Ziegler to wide receiver Hank Moulder.

The PAT was good and Southfield held on to win the game 7-3.

"We'll take them any way we can get them," said Fletcher. "It wasn't pretty but we'll take it. I felt that if we could hold them down we'd do OK. I thought we'd move the ball better too, but their defense was really impressive. That bad snap was definitely the turning point in the game. I think it was the first time we were in their territory all afternoon."

FARMINGTON GOT OFF to a good start as it scored on the opening drive of the ball game. The Falcons munched 52 yards in 10 plays and capped the drive with a 25-yard field goal by Andrew Boden. But offensively that's all they could come up

with.

"Offensively we moved the ball pretty good but we couldn't get a key play," said Farmington head coach Dave Catherman. "I had a feeling our tailback, Eric (Green), would break one but he just couldn't quite get free. I thought our defense played very well. Our secondary is all brand new. They were tested and they got lucky a couple times but then (Southfield) finally found our weakness."

Between the opening drive field goal and the fourth quarter touchdown the game was a hard-fought defensive battle.

Total offense for both teams was just 312 yards.

Farmington, led by Green who gained 96 yards on 27 carries, rushed for 112 yards and passed for 29. Between starter Drew MacDougall and reliever Steele Perrett the Falcons completed five passes in 13 attempts.

SOUTHFIELD WAS limited to 56 yards on the ground but the aerial attack of Ziegler kept the Blue Jays in the game. Ziegler completed 11 of 22 passes for 122 yards, including one touchdown and two interceptions.

Moulder had four receptions for 33 yards and one touchdown. Robert Johnson snared four Ziegler passes for 68 yards and Ron Mirns hauled in three passes for 21 yards.



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