

Churchill Checks Ecorse Threat To Win, 12-6

By ARTEE
A high school has to have graduates to stage a homecoming — so in absence of alumni, Churchill High held a fall festival celebration complete with a parade of floats, a queen and a very satisfying victory over Ecorse in the final home game of the season.

The Chargers tallied with 3:15 remaining in the game to go ahead 12-6 and then barely checked an Ecorse surge in the final three minutes to win. The victory gave Churchill a 2-2-2 record, two wins, two losses and two ties.

Matter of fact, Ecorse scored what would have been the tying six-pointer with barely a minute to play when Halfback Cleophas George broke loose around left end, shook off two tacklers and raced into the end zone. But the play was nullified by a clipping penalty that moved the ball back to the Churchill 14.

The Eagles completed a pass from Quarterback Larry Stroud to Fullback Enrico McKinney to the Churchill 33 but two more aerials missed connections and the ball went over to the Chargers as the final whistle sounded.



MOST FRUSTRATING moment for Churchill End Gary Warner who takes this pass for what appears to be a touchdown in the game against Ecorse. But he was out of the end zone by inches and the play went for naught. Churchill won, 12-6. (Observer photo by Vince Witke)

GC West Defense Clicks But Cherry Hill Triumphs

In defeat, there can be some pleasure for the coaching staff. Bob Draheim and his staff at Garden City West were pleased Saturday, even though their team bowed, 12-6, to Cherry Hill.

It was the defensive showing that West put on that brought some smiles to Draheim and his aides.

EXCEPT FOR two first half touchdowns, which resulted from long runs on options, West shut off Cherry Hill the rest of the way.

But the injury-riddled West offense, hard hit by Jim Sims out for the season and Ken Suppra ailing, too, wasn't able to do much running.

As a result West had to count on passing for the most part and finally a series of tosses by Gary Fielden finally

Agatha Comeback Beats Wayne, 19-14

Just like the professionals...cool and collected. That's the way quarterback Charles Schreck handled the St. Agatha football team Sunday.

St. Agatha had fallen behind against Wayne St. Mary's, 14-13.

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It was an aerial from Sherman to Fullback Evan Smith to the Ecorse 21 late in the opening frame that gave Churchill its first opportunity. Smith picked up at tackle, Jerry Oljace found an opening at right tackle but fumbled when tackled and Stroud recovered for Ecorse on the 10.

Elvin Reed punted out on the Ecorse 45 and the Chargers started another march early in the second period.

Oljace picked up eight and Smith reared to the 33 for a first down. Oljace and Smith had another first down on the 22 in three plays. The drive stalled and Sherman tried a field goal from the 17 but it was wide.

Ecorse took to the air and Mick Cron intercepted for the Chargers on the second attempt and went all the way to the Ecorse 15 before being shoved out of bounds.

Smith and Oljace had six yards in two thrusts. A pass fell short and then Sherman whipped a long one to Warner who caught it over the end zone line and the ball went back to Ecorse on the nine.

Ecorse took the second half kickoff to the 39. McKinney, George and Doug Gaines combined for a first down on the 12. Oljace made five, Sherman four and Smith carried to the Ecorse two. Smith found a big hole at the center and went in for the touchdown. Sherman's kick was wide but the score was tied 6-6 going into the final quarter.

Midway through the period, Ecorse was called for roughing the kicker on a Cron punt and Warner recovered the ball on the Ecorse 47.

Fumble On One Costly To Falcons

When you fail to score from the one-yard line because you fumble the ball away, it really hurts.

Ask Farmington High ... or the Chicago Bears.

Both suffered the same misfortune over the weekend. Both wound up a loser.

In the case of Farmington it was by the narrow score of 15-14 to Pontiac Northern and it was a most costly reversal.

THE SETBACK washed out the Falcons' hopes for perhaps winning the Inter-Lakes League race which ends this week.

It was Farmington's second loss against as many wins and now there's no chance of the Falcons' catching Southfield Lathrup, which has won three and tied one in the league.

Pontiac Northern, 3-1 in the league, has a chance to finish on top by winning Friday if Lathrup is beaten by Stevenson.

"We fumbled away the ball three times," moaned coach Hal Beardsley. "I guess that tells our story as much as any other day."

PONTIAC NORTHERN never trailed, taking an early lead of 8-0 with a long march and two-point conversion in the first period.

The Falcons bounced back on a 45-yard march with Dan Steinko going the final three yards. But a bid to tie the game failed and the Falcons trailed, 8-6 at the half.

Pontiac Northern marched 60 yards from the second half kickoff to go ahead, 15-6, but the Falcons retaliated with a drive of their own that carried 70 yards on the passing of Nat Durham to John Fleming and Lennie Perkins and the running of Steinko and Doug Carvell.

A 12-yard toss to Perkins produced the touchdown and ten, a toss to Fleming netted a two-point conversion.

BUT FARMINGTON still trailed by a point and that point turned out to be very significant at the end.

The Falcons reached the Northern 30 in the final moments, but lost the ball on the ground.

Farmington had 14 yards.

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Jackson Winning \$\$ Battle

The battle to keep American dollars in the United States instead of going across the Detroit River to Windsor finds the Jackson-at-Northville harness racing meeting with a decided edge after 10 nights.

A year ago, the Northville meeting, which started in November and continued to the end of the year, wound up with a nightly average mutual handle of \$208,000.

WOLVERINE MADE a big dent in the Windsor action but those close to the situation felt the story would change once it was Windsor-against-Jackson.

Such is far from the figures for 10 nights. Jackson handled an all-time high of \$392,264 Saturday with a crowd of 5,771. Windsor had \$,718 and wagering was 327,939.

Jackson has beat Windsor in handle on each of the 10 programs with attendance about the same. After 10 nights, Jackson boasts a nightly average handle of more than \$390,000.

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