

# Churchill Checks Ecorse Threat To Win, 12-6

By ARTIE  
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, but then were checked by Ecorse in the final three minutes to win. The victory gave Churchill a 3-3 record, two wins, two losses and two ties.

Matter of fact, Ecorse scored what would have been the tying six-palmer with barely a minute to play when Halfback Cleophus 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 42.

The Eagles completed a pass from quarterback Tom Stedman to fullback Pat McInroy to the Churchill 33 but two more aerials missed connections and the ball went over to the

Chargers as the final whistle sounded.

ALTHOUGH THEY failed to score in the first half, the Chargers were in control of the game and thrice were deep in Ecorse territory, including a 10-yard run on the Ecorse 10 on a fumble, missing a field goal from the 17 and then completing a long pass from Brian Sherman to End Gary Warner that was caught beyond the end zone.

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It was an aerial from Sherman to Fullback Evan Smith to the Ecorse 2 late in the opening frame that gave Churchill its first opportunity. Smith picked up five at tackle. Jerry Olaje found an opening at right tackle but fumbled when tackled and Stroud recovered for Ecorse on the 10.

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down. Olaje 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 Croni intercepted for the Chargers on the second attempt and went all the way to the Ecorse 10 before being shoved out of bounds.

Smith and Olaje 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 and the ball went back to

Olaje on the pine. Ecorse took the second half kickoff to the 39. McKinney, George and Doug Gaines combined for a first down on the midfield stripe. Two plays netted nothing. Stroud, a big, raw, quarterback, kept the ball, sped 30 yards with some brilliant open field running for the touchdown. The try for two points failed but Ecorse was in front, 6-0.

Storily after, Croni punted to Bob Davis who fumbled and Warner recovered on the Ecorse 30 to pave the way for

the first Charger score.

THREE PLAYS picked up yards but interference was called on Ecorse on the 12. Olaje made five, Sherman four and Stroud carried to the Ecorse two. Smith found a big hole at the center and went in for the touchown. Sherman's try 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 the Chargers had the ball on the Ecorse 47.

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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 \$308,000.

WOLVERINE MADE a big

dent in the Windsor action but those close to the situation feel the story would change once it was Windsor-against-Jackson.

Such is far from the figures for nights Jackson handled a little bit of \$392,261 Saturday with a crowd of 5,771. Windsor had 5,718 and wagering was \$32,939.

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 \$280,000.

Sherman needed in End Gary Lierstein for seven. Churchill was offside and penalized five. Jack Hachigan circled end for seven. S. Sherman drove through center and fumbled down on the 33. Sherman hit Lierstein on a first down on the 17 and the fired-up Chargers were on their way.

Smith had nine in two thrusts. Sherman tried center for a half yard. On a third, Smith fumbled and fumbled down on the four. Smith tried guard for two and then Olaje plunged over for the go-ahead touchdown with 3:15 on the clock. Sherman's placement was wide but the Chargers had a 12-6 lead that held up.

Ecorse came back and actually scored as described earlier only to have a clipping penalty nullify the score. It took the Chargers to win their home season with a triumph that gave them a 5-3 mark with two games remaining.

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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 Witek)

## GC West Defense Clicks But Cherry Hill Triumphs

In defeat, there can be some pleasure for the coaching staff. Bob Drahmin 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 Drahmin 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 Simek, the season and Ken Stuypa siring, 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 tos by Gary Fielden finally

paid off in a 27-yard scoring play to Steve Jacuski.

Earlier on the drive Fielden had hit Kirk Lewis and John Murray.

West is 1-5 overall and while

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

"We finished away the ball three times," moaned coach Hal Beardsley. "I guess that tells our story as much as anything else."

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

Pontiac Northern bounced back on a 45-yard march with Dan Steinke 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 20 yards from the second half kickoff to go ahead, 15-6, but the Falcons retaliated with a drive of their own that carried 19 yards to the 10.

That evened the score at 15-15. Then two more touchdowns by Fielden put the game away.

BUT, REMINISCENT of the days when Bobby Layne would direct the Lions on winning marches in the fleetting seconds, Schrock took over and did the same for St. Agatha.

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for gains. Denny Blazek completed a cool and collected. That's the way quarterback Charles Schrock handled the St. Agatha football team Sunday.

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