

Plymouth Defense Stills Farmington; Wins, 20-7

There's an old axiom in football -- "a team's defense is its best offense."

All of which helps to tell the story of Plymouth High's 20-7 victory over Farmington in the final tuneup game before each enters league play -- Plymouth against Trenton Friday in the Suburban Six League and Farmington against new Southfield Lathrup in the Inter-lakes.

The Plymouth defense didn't give Farmington much of a chance to do anything.

Farmington had the ball for only 32 plays in the game, which is less than half the average number for a team.

The final statistics told the story, too. Plymouth gained 176 yards on the ground to 35 in the air. Farmington made 95 rushing and 57 passing.

THE BIG RUNNER for the fast-improving Plymouth team was Bob Thornbladh. Here's what this junior back did:

1. Scored two touchdowns.

2. Accounted for 116 of the 176 yards that Plymouth garnered on the ground.

"What a workhorse he was," said Coach Tom Moshimer of Plymouth. "He did everything, but bring out the water bucket."

But Moshimer was just as excited about the Rocks' defense, which was sparked by Marty Rossow, a linebacker.



DENNIS URBAN (83), of St. Agatha, is hauled down attempting to catch an aerial in the game against Ypsilanti St. John. The officials immediately ruled pass interference.

Ladies Clash In Saturday's DRC Feature

The rich Milette stakes, at a mile and a furlong, will highlight Saturday's 10-race card at the Detroit Race Course.

Top fillies and mares in the midwest are expected to go after the \$30,000 Added purse. While the field won't be set until 48 hours in advance, the outstanding *Prejudice*, Gay *Sallorlette* and *Teaser* are expected to ship in.

Local stars such as *Chenille* and *Miss Ribot* will head the home-based fillies going after the rich purse. *Stash It Away* may come in from Chicago while *Sales Day* is an other outside possibility.

Saturday's racing card will cap the ninth week of racing at the Livonia track. Five weeks remain.

CYD'S ROMAN, a three-year-old bay colt owned by the T.D. Buhl estate, paid \$28.20, \$19.40 and \$9.80 across the board to win the Detroit Race Course's \$15,000 Added Beau Prince Handicap over a heavy track.

The 13-1 shot was five lengths in front of *Charger* at the end of the mile and a sixteenth. Mr. Quillo was third. *Charger* paid \$7.80 and \$5.20 while Mr. Quillo was worth \$5.

The heavily favored *Foreign Comet* and *American Tiger* were not close.

The Twin Double combination of 7-1-1-1 paid one winner \$17,383.80. It was set up by *Windy Road* (\$36.40), winner of the eighth race. The winner wished to remain unidentified.

Naturalists Available For Talks

Huron - Clinton Metropolitan Authority naturalists are available this winter season for lectures to Observers' school assemblies each school day from Friday, Nov. 4, through Tuesday, March 25, 1969.

Naturalists from Kensington or Stony Creek Metropolitan Parks will visit the schools for only one-half day, but will provide up to three lectures during a visit accompanied by slides or films. The illustrated lectures concern various wildlife which inhabit the woods, fields and water areas in southeastern Michigan and are available by advance appointment only.

Two 30-minute programs are designed for youngsters from Kindergarten through the second grade, while the other four 45-minute programs are beneficial to boys and girls in grades three through twelve.

The lectures are entitled "Wading in a Pond," "From Nature's Nursery," "Out of an Egg," "Six-Legged Animals," "Predators and Prey," and "Around the Corner."

Contact the Nature Program Services, Huron - Clinton Metropolitan Authority, 1750 Guardian Building, Detroit, Mich. 48226, or phone 961-5865 for information.

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NORTH FARMINGTON'S Dave Thomas is all alone as he takes a pass and heads for yardage in the game against Kettering. The nearest defender is yards away at the left.

Pistons, Bullets To Match Stars

Two of the most brilliant and exciting players to enter the National Basketball Association in recent years will oppose head-on Thursday when the Detroit Pistons and Baltimore Bullets lift their exhibition-schedule lid at Clarkson High School near Pontiac at 8 p.m.

For the Pistons it'll be Dave Bing, the rookie-of-the-year in the NBA and the team's scoring champ in 1966-67. Bing then went on to gain All-Star acclaim last season as he became the first guard in 20 years to lead the NBA scoring.

Wearing a Baltimore uniform will be Earl (the Pearl) Monroe who was hailed as last season's No. 1 rookie in the NBA.

"It's amazing what these two men can do on the basketball floor," declared Donnis Bulgher who is starting his second full season as coach of the Pistons.

"They're not only great scorers, but each is a great ball handler and a marvelous passer. They truly are dream players."

BING AVERAGED 20 points and 27.1 points in his first two seasons with the Pistons. Monroe pumped in 1991 points for a 24.3 point average in his first campaign with the Bullets.

To make Monroe's achievements all the more remarkable, he averaged better than 32 points per game in the last six weeks of the season after he "found" himself with the Bullets.

The game at Clarkson will feature additional All-Stars -- players like Dave DeBusschere, Eddie Miles and Happy Hairston of the Pistons and Ray Scott, Gus Johnson and Kevin Loughery of the Bullets.

Both teams also have plucked some bright new faces. Detroit will be introducing for the first time centers Otto Moore and Rich Hemann while the Baltimore rookie contingent is topped by Westley Unseld from Louisville, recognized with Elvin Hayes from Houston as the two top graduating college cagers last summer.

BUTCHER IS EXPECTED to start Hairston and DeBusschere at forwards, with Jim Fox at center and Bing and Miles at guards unless DeBusschere's sore ankle forces him to take it easy for a few more days.

If DeBusschere's playtime is reduced, Terry Dischinger, the ex-Purdue All American, and sophomore Sonny Dove are destined to get in considerable work at the forward slots.

Baltimore's starting five likely will be comprised of veterans Johnson and Scott up front with Leroy Ellis at center while Monroe and Loughery works the guards. Unseld is being groomed to play both center and forward for the Bullets.

THE GAME at Clarkson will kick off an 11-game tuneup program for the Pistons.

They'll swing east to meet Philadelphia once and New York and Baltimore twice each before returning to their "home" territory for their final five exhibitions.

Raiders Lose 2 In Win

To win and lose at the same time sounds paradoxical.

It happened to North Farmington Saturday as the Raiders remained unbeaten by downing Kettering, 13-0.

The Raiders now stand with a victory and a tie as they prepare to host Groves Saturday afternoon in their Northwest Suburban League opener.

Saturday's losses came in the injury department. Quarterback Bob Hughes suffered a dislocated shoulder in the first quarter.

He was followed to the sidelines by tackle Doug Payne with a fractured ankle.

Neither is expected to play again this season.

"WE'RE FORTUNATE at quarterback that Steve White stepped in to do such a good job for us," explained Coach Ron Holland.

White hit on five of nine passes after taking over and fired to John Thomas for the first North Farmington touchdown in the second quarter.

The other North Farmington score came on a 65-yard run by Mike Gow, a sophomore who has cracked the Raiders' lineup in a big way.

Gow carried the ball eight times and gained 78 yards as his mates piled up 200 yards on the ground to a mere 50 for Kettering which made only one serious threat -- reaching the Raiders' four in the late stages of the game.

BUT THE ONRUSHING North Farmington defenders forced Kettering into a fumble and quickly the Raiders had the ball back.

Churchill Whipped In Opener

Better days are ahead for Churchill High, Livonia's new senior high football team.

It was just a starter Friday night and Churchill with only 10th graders in its lineup suffered a 39-6 lopsided defeat against Novi, fielding 11th and 12th graders, along with sophomores.

"We had our problems getting started," said Coach Ken Kaetsner.

"They had us 26-0 at the half, but thereafter we played much better," the coach explained.

Just give us a few more games under our belts and we'll be playing very creditable football," the coach declared.

and accounted for the only Churchill touchdown when he slammed over from the two-yard line.

The drive culminated a march of 60 yards in which the running



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