

Sorrows' Power Overwhelms St. James

My revenge is sweet... especially if it means a championship.
 Just ask the Our Lady of Sorrows football players.
 Ask their coach, Bob Kelly.
 Ask any of their fans.
 A year ago, St. James of Ferndale rocked Sor-

rows in a game which decided the Northwest Division crown in the Catholic League.

SUNDAY, IT WAS Sorrows vs. St. James in another "winner-take-all" battle. Each team came into the game with spotless 6-0 records.
 But it emerged as a mismatch. Sorrows took the

lead early and went on to roll up a 28-3 victory, thus smashing a 20-game unbeaten streak that St. James had compiled over the last two years in twice taking the overall second division crown along with the Northwest flags.

For Sorrows it meant the first divisional title since 1965 and the first since Kelly became the football coach a year ago.

Now it means that Sorrows enters the semifinals of Second Division championship play, facing St. Clements of Centerline at St. Clements Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Mark Thibodeau, playing what Kelly called "his most brilliant game" of the season, passed for two touchdowns and one conversion to share honors with Dan Feiten in engineering what the experts called an upset triumph for Sorrows.

AFTER ST. JAMES kicked off and recovered the ball, Sorrows arose and Thibodeau intercepted his seventh pass of the season to get the ball back for Sorrows.

Then Sorrows pushed St. James way back and finally when St. James failed on a fourth and three situation from its own 18, Sorrows got the ball again and Roy Dudas slammed over from the 4 for the touchdown.

A fumble recovery by Chris Centers on the St. James 38 paved the way for the final TD with just six seconds to go. After Thibodeau ran 33 yards on a quarterback sneak, Mark Hattil ran four more yards then Thibodeau passed to Hurst for the TD.

Sorrows totaled 212 yards rushing and 58 passing as Thibodeau hit on seven of 12 passes.



WIDE OPEN to receive a pass from Mark Thibodeau (11) in the end zone is Sorrows' Dan Feiten (41) as the Farmington team halted unbeaten Ferndale St. James, 28-3. It was the seventh straight victory for the Lancers and clinched the division Catholic League title. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

Observer Prep Grid Ratings

| | W | L | T |
|------------------------|---|---|---|
| 1. North Farmington | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 2. Brother Rice | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| 3. Garden City East | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. Southfield Lathrup | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| 5. Our Lady of Sorrows | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| 6. Franklin | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| 7. Farmington | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| 8. Southfield | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| 9. Redford Union | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| 10. St. Agatha | 3 | 2 | 1 |

SORROWS SCORED early after Newt Hurst recovered a fumble on the St. James 20 in the first period. A few plays later Feiten went over from the two and Thibodeau passed to Feiten for the two-point conversion that made it 8-0.

Only 26 seconds remained in the first half when Thibodeau passed 16 yards into the end zone to Jim Harte who pulled the ball away from two would-be defenders to put Sorrows into a 14-0 lead.

There was no scoring in the third period, but in the fourth, St. James struck on a 46-yard pass to Dave Johnson and added a two-point conversion to pull within six points (14-8) of a tie.
 But Sorrows wasn't to be denied in this one.

Raiders Loose 53-Point Barrage To Rout Parkers

By WYLIE GERDES

Memo:
 To: North Farmington Raiders
 From: Ron Holland, coach.
 Re: How to score 53 points in one half of football.
 Oak Park's hapless football team probably knows the rest of the memo as they lived through a nightmare Saturday afternoon. North Farmington, the top ranked team in Observerland, massacred the Oak Park Redskins 53-0.

The unbeaten Raiders opened the slaughter with one of Ron Holland's teams trademarks - a perfect punt return.
THIS TIME it was Rich Herpich who took an Oak Park punt on his own 25 and sailed along the left sideline for a touchdown with less than two minutes gone in the game. Craig Gow delivered a crushing block along the sideline to take care of the last-Oak Park defender.

The action was just beginning, however, as the scoreboard and the North Farmington cheerleaders, who ring a bell for each Raider point, could hardly keep up with the high-scoring Raiders.

After taking another punt on his own 49, Mike Gow ran an option for 28 yards, then quarterback Drew Mahalic hit Mike Collar on a 35-yard pass for the second touchdown. Mahalic carried for a two point conversion and a 15-0 lead with less than eight minutes gone in the first quarter.

Mike Gow was the big man on the next scoring drive. He returned an Oak Park punt from the North Farmington 44 to the Oak Park 23.

After Mahalic hit Collar for 13 yards, he flipped to Gow for

a nine-yard touchdown play and a 21-0 margin.
 On the next series, Rick Paelling picked off a Shelby Solomon pass and ran 66 yards for a touchdown. Mahalic scored on a keeper for another two points and a 29-0 edge.

Grid Schedules

- FRIDAY**
- Bentley at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
 - Thurston at Redford Union, 8 p.m.
 - Lutheran West at Garden City East, 7:30 p.m.
 - Garden City West at Crestwood, 7:30 p.m.
 - Farmington Harrison at Oak Park, 3:30 p.m.
 - North Farmington at Saginaw MacArthur, 7:30 p.m.
 - Annapolis at Glenn, 8 p.m.
 - Brighton at Clarencville, 8 p.m.
 - Walled Lake Central at Plymouth, 8 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- Southfield at Farmington, 2 p.m.
 - Churchill at Franklin, 2 p.m.
- SUNDAY**
- Our Lady of Sorrows at Center Line St. Clements, 2:30 p.m.
 - St. Agatha at Marine City Holy Cross.

Probably the only real drive came on the next series. From the Raider 44, Mahalic hit end Jim White for another two-point conversion and the bell-ringing cheerleaders were getting a little arm weary.

The Raiders showed no signs of letting up, though, as Mike Gow carried 11 yards for a touchdown with 57 seconds left in the half.

Mahalic again ran for two points and the stage was set for the score which broke the North Farmington school scoring record.

CRAIG GOW, gobbled up an Oak Park pass on the Oak Park 49 and sprinted for the Raiders final touchdown with only 13 seconds remaining in the first half. Mahalic scored a two point conversion to break the old team scoring record by one point.

Oak Park, 1-5, this year, was held to no first-downs in the first half and 33 yards total offense.

The Raiders had only six first downs, and 152 total yards in scoring their 53 points.

Oak Park's score came in the third quarter when quarterback Jerry Moss hit end David Kaplan with a 15 yard touchdown pass.



LEADING PARADE as he speeds for the goal line is North Farmington's Mike Gow. There are six Oak Park players in hot pursuit but none was able to catch the Raider star. North scored 53 points in the first half to record their seventh triumph. (Photo by Warren Bopp)

Sacred Heart Nips Borgess, Wins Title

Bishop Borgess turned in a fine football performance Sunday, but it went for naught.
 Dearborn Sacred Heart edged Borgess, 14-7, to capture the West Side-First Division title for the third straight year in the Catholic League.

Borgess went ahead in the second period on a 20-yard pass from Mike Sharen to Jim Koltunich before Pat Uetz hooked up on a 65-yard pass to Mickey DeGullini for the winning touchdown.
 Another pass had produced the first Sacred Heart TD.

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