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## Raiders bumped from Lakes race

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Plymouth Salem coach Tom Moshimer figured the advantage belonged to the Raiders when Friday's homecoming game with North Farmington went into overtime.

The reason for his confidence was a Salem offense that outgined the Raiders 233-92 but had been frustrated by its own mistakes and a solid North defense.

Moshimer's faith was rewarded as senior Ryan Johnson rushed for both touchdowns to lift the unbeaten Rocks past North 21-18 in double overtime.

"We were happy," said Moshimer of taking the offensively-weak Raiders into overtime. "Once we tied it up, I thought we'd win it in regulation, but they're a great defensive football team."

The victory sets up a showdown for the Lakes Division championship Friday when the Rocks visit Westland John Glenn. Both are 4-0 in the division and 6-0 overall.

**THE RAIDERS**, who lost 9-0 to Glenn earlier in the season, slip to 2-2 and 4-2. It was the second straight year the Salem-North game has been decided in overtime, with the Raiders winning 13-7 last season. The Rocks figured, with the de-

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fenses being equal, they had the edge with their wishbone offense this time.

But that was not the case in the first half as North's defense controlled play and was solely responsible for the Raiders leading 8-0 at halftime.

North, which scored on Jerry Dolek's 1-yard run and Mike Cowen's 20-yard field goal in overtime, had trouble on offense, however.

The Raiders had only 8 yards in total offense in the first half and three first downs for the game. Between the teams, only five passes were attempted, and all of the yardage came on the ground.

"We've known all along we didn't have any offense," North coach Jim O'Leary said. "We tried a little bit of this and that, but we couldn't get any ball movement."

"DEFENSE GAVE us every opportunity to win the game, and we just couldn't do it. The defense scored eight points, and (the offense) scored once. It's a simple matter of mathematics."

Defense was expected to be a deciding factor in this game but not to

the extent it was in the first half, which was a disaster for Salem.

The Rocks downed the opening kick at their own 1-yard line, and Rob Jamrog blocked Johnson's punt, which then carried out of the end zone for a safety and a quick, 2-0 advantage for North.

On its next possession, Salem was mounting a drive that had taken it 46 yards to the Raider 25. But quarterback Rob Kowalski was hit attempting to pitch the ball on the option, resulting in the first of two first-half fumbles.

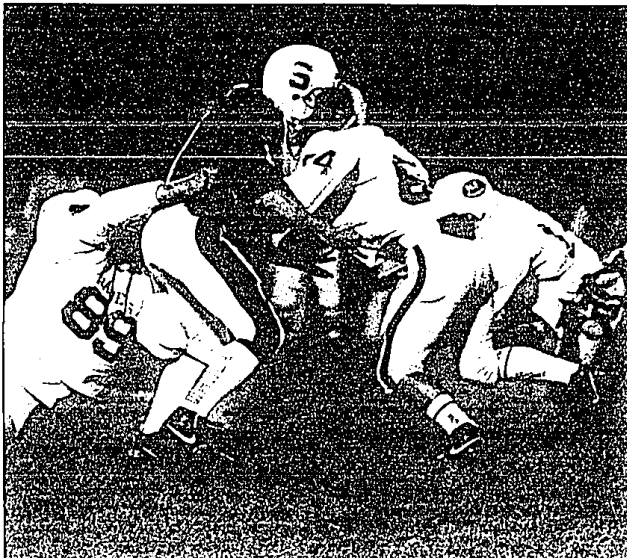
North defensive tackle Paul Anderson scooped up the loose ball and returned it 70 yards for a TD and the 8-0 halftime lead.

"We dug ourselves a hole right away," Moshimer said. "We were moving the ball (Kowalski) waited a little too long on the pitch, and they got a piece of the ball. Then we missed the tackle right there."

"AGAINST THEIR defense, eight points is no small task to overcome. I felt we could do it, but it would take a break for us to do it, too."

Kowalski also believed the Rocks could turn things around. Eventually, the first-half was seemed like ancient history amid the jubilant scene on the Salem sideline at game's end.

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North's Rob Jamrog (54) and Todd Pawlowski (89) hit Salem quarterback Rob Kowalski, causing a fumble in the Lakes Division football game Friday night at Salem. Kowalski and the

Rocks rebounded from an 8-0 halftime deficit to remain unbeaten with a 21-18, double-overtime victory.

## Not-so-sharp Hawks whack Warriors

By Bill Parker  
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Friday's Western Lakes football game figured Farmington Hills Harrison against Walled Lake Western wasn't supposed to be a close game, and it wasn't.

After all, Harrison is ranked No. 1 in the state, Class B. Western isn't even ranked in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Entering the game, Harrison owned a perfect 5-0 record and was averaging 44 points a game. Western was 1-4 and averaging less than a touchdown a game.

So it wasn't much of a surprise that the Hawks scalped the Warriors 35-7.

What was surprising, was that the Warriors were never really out of the game until Harrison's Roy Granger scored a 32-yard TD on the last play of the game for the final 28-point spread.

If ever the Hawks were ripe for an upset Friday was the night. The Warriors just couldn't capitalize on many scoring opportunities.

"We didn't play real well," admitted Harrison coach John Herrington. "We had some mental breakdowns, and our passing game was a little off. I was disappointed we didn't tackle better than we did."

"But Western played real inspired," continued Herrington. "Everyone that comes up

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against us plays their best game. They were fired up for their homecoming. They played real well."

**THE HAWKS** took control of the game in the second quarter with some tough defense and three quick touchdowns.

After a scoreless first quarter, Harrison's Matt Conley (116 yards on 18 carries) put the Hawks on the scoreboard on the third

play of the second quarter with a 3-yard run. The play capped an 80-yard drive and Steve Hill's extra point gave Harrison a quick 7-0 lead.

Scott Ratsos gave Harrison excellent field position on the Hawks' next possession, returning a Western punt 18 yards to the Warrior 33-yard-line. Quarterback Mill Coleman (4-of-16 for 68 yards) went to work for the Hawks, hitting Mike Saputo for a 31-yard pass completion, then connecting with Ratsos for an 8-yard TD. Coleman hooked up with Saputo for a two-point conversion as the Hawks rolled to a 15-0 lead.

Western, which could only come up with 27 yards of total offense on three second-

quarter possessions, marched to its own 49-yard line on the ensuing drive, but on fourth-and-3, Matt Sperry, Joe Markowski and Mondel Hightower gang-tackled Western quarterback Todd Biron for a loss and the Hawks took over at the Western 44.

The Hawks took a 22-0 lead seven plays later when Conley scored on a 2-yard plunge and Hill kicked the extra point.

Midway through the third quarter, Harrison went ahead 29-0 when Conley plowed up the middle, reversed field and scored on a 28-yard run. Hill added the extra point.

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Anna Palmer of North Farmington was the 500-yard freestyle winner Thursday night in the dual meet with crosstown rival Farmington.

Palmer's time in the event was 5:41.33. The Raiders won the meet 115-58 for their fourth consecutive victory without a defeat.

## North's home debut sees pool record fall in medley

North Farmington celebrated the return to its own pool Thursday night by setting a house record in the 200-yard medley relay.

The Raiders, unbeaten after four dual meets, also won nine events and defeated Farmington 115-58 in the Lakes Division opener for both teams.

North, due to repairs to the roof over its pool, had been forced to practice at Farmington Hills Harrison during the month of September and swim dual meets scheduled for its pool at Plymouth Canton and West Bloomfield.

Ironically, Thursday's meet was supposed to have taken place at Farmington, but that school is undergoing repairs and the meet had to be moved to North.

In the medley relay, North's Julian Markey, Anna Palmer, Kerry Doran and Christie Duhie broke the pool record in 1:55.89. It was the

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first time in three years a pool record had fallen at North.

"I don't know if that means the records are pretty good, which I think some of them are, or whether we haven't been swimming well in dual meets," North coach Pat Duhie said.

"We hadn't seen any records set in three years, because the times are really getting down there pretty low. It's getting hard to do."

The old record was set in 1985 when Lit Worthen, Margie Cramer, Cindy Cramer and Amy Menelliey swam 1:57.26 in the medley.

Another pool record fell in diving with Farmington's Tonya Slicker compiling 240.25 points. The former

mark of 238.20 was set by Sue Humphries in 1979. The oldest pool record is held by former Livonia Stevenson swimmer Linda Eggers, who went 1:02.7 in the backstroke 14 years ago.

North's Kristin Sautarski established a varsity record in diving with 182.85 points. The previous standard had been Ann Gaganan's 180.05 in 1978. Coach Duhie singled out all of his divers, including Michelle Starrs and Natasha Kuberski, for solid performances Thursday.

Christie Duhie, Karris Kranz and Kerry Doran were double winners for North in individual events.

Duhie won the IM with a 2:23.11 time and the backstroke in 1:06.91. Kranz captured first place in the 200 freestyle at 2:01.85 and the butterfly in 1:03.82, and Doran was the 50 freestyle and breaststroke winner

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## North adds Vikings to list of beaten foes

No matter what opposing teams do in their attempts to stop North Farmington's duo of Kim Gurecki and Eve Clear, nothing seems to work.

And that's primarily why the Raiders lead the Lakes Division with a 4-0 record and are 8-2 overall. Gurecki scored 21 points Thursday night and Clear 18 as North romped over host Walled Lake Central 61-37 in girls basketball.

"(The Vikings) played a gimmick defense like everyone else and it didn't work," North coach Greg Capling said. "Four of the last five teams we've played have tried different defenses, so I guess we're ready for anything. That's OK with me; Kim and Eve still get their 20."

The Raiders missed 15 shots in the first quarter while shooting only 3-of-18, but that was offset by sound defense. North held the Vikings scoreless for the first eight minutes and led 7-0.

North used a 25-point second quarter to catapult into a 32-11 halftime lead. The Raiders outscored Central 32-26 in the second half.

"The entire team is playing very hard for me," Capling said. "I'm getting everything out of them that I can

ask. There's a lot of heart and soul from No. 1 down to No. 8.

"I think we're pretty well set for (the league) playoffs," he added. "That was our first goal, and we'll go from there."

In addition to the scoring of Gurecki and Clear, Vikki Seamon added 12 points and 10 rebounds, playing her best game of the season, according to Capling.

He also cited the play of senior guard Carla Chelland, who chipped in five points but caused a lot of turnovers with her defense.

North also helped itself by shooting free throws well. The Raiders were 21-of-26 as a team, and Gurecki (7-of-7) and Clear (9-of-20) were the leaders not surprising.

**FARMINGTON 51, STEVENSON 48:** Erika Hatcher scored 15 points and Jennifer McGlinch added 10 to boost the Falcons past Livonia Stevenson Thursday at Farmington.

game-winner, as Farmington improved to 3-7 overall and recorded its first Lakes Division win against three losses.

The Falcons led early, up 13-6 after one quarter, but that lead evaporated. The Spartans closed to within 27-24 at the half and took a 37-36 lead into the fourth quarter.

"We got sloppy in our passing," said Stevenson coach Chuck Hebestreit. "We made it a race-horse game."

Teresa Sarno's 16 points and 13 rebounds topped the Spartans (6-4 overall, 1-3 in the Lakes). Kelly Cotter added 11 points and Jesann Martin had nine points and 13 boards.

**MERCY 51, BORGESS 24:** Seniors Joanne Stephens and Lee Albrecht scored 10 points apiece to lead a balanced offense for Mercy, which evened its Central Division record at 2-2.

Junior Maureen Paula and senior Jenny Clinton added eight points each, and sophomore Kathleen Berigan came off the bench to contribute six points and seven assists.

"I'm really pleased because our execution over the last two weeks has been excellent," Mercy coach Larry Baker said.

The Marlins, who have won three straight and four of their last five games, are 6-5 overall. Mercy led 30-17 at halftime and 42-23 after three quarters.

Chibetta Austin had seven points to lead the Spartans, 0-4 in the division and 2-8 overall.

**CANTON 54, HARRISON 20:** Plymouth Canton remained unbeaten in Western Division play (4-0), nearly scoring more points in the opening quarter than visiting Farmington Harrison did in the entire game.

The Chiefs, 8-2 overall, were up 19-4 after one period and 35-9 at the half. They then outscored Harrison 16-2 in quarter No. 3.

"We played everybody and they all did well," said Bob Bloom, Canton's coach. "It's another victory, a good feeling."

Sue Ferko's 25 points topped Canton. Stacey Thompson contributed 10. Heather Hopkins and Andrea Najari scored five apiece for Harrison (2-7 overall, 0-5 in the division).