

Three Tied For NW Suburban Lead

N. Farmington Sinks Franklin; Thurston Triumphs

One champion...two champs and...three champs? It could be one, or two or three teams stop the standings when the curtain falls on the Northwest Suburban League football race this weekend.

As the race nears the final stages, Franklin, North Farmington and Thurston all are sitting atop the standings in a three-way deadlock. Each has won three and lost one conference game left. Each should win it.

North Farmington goes against John Glenn...Thurston meets Groves and Franklin in

pages Oak Park. The three-way tie for the pennant became likely Saturday when North Farmington defeated the Franklin Express, 27-0. It was a do or die game for North Farmington, since a defeat would have squashed all chances for the Raiders figuring in the title picture.

THE LOSS at the same time ended the winning way of Franklin, which had won five in a row to move among the top 20 teams in the various state Class A ratings. While North Farmington up-ended Franklin, Thurston moved

into the tie for first by downing John Glenn, 20-7. Both Coaches Ron Holland of North Farmington and Bill McDonald of Thurston were agreed on one point: "Our teams played very well. It was done with flying colors when we had to."

North Farmington got a 7-0 jump on Franklin and never trailed the rest of the way. The recovery of a fumble led to the Raiders' first score with John Thomas slipping over from a yard out. Then Charles Burton made the first of three extra points to put North Farmington into its 7-0 command.

Franklin countered with a touchdown when Charles Williams slipped away on a rollout for 29 yards. But the missed conversion left the Livonians on the short end—and then never recovered.

NORTH FARMINGTON then expanded its lead with a 60-yard drive, climaxed by a one-yard smash by Thomas. Following the TD, the Raiders resorted to an outside kick. It worked and North Farmington engineered a third touchdown drive with Kevin McConegery going the final 15 yards on a reverse.

A touchdown pass from J. Thomas to Mike Gow accounted for the final touchdown. North Farmington's defense turned in a notable job, especially in the second half, against the usually vaunted Franklin attack.

The Livonians made 125 yards rushing in the game...with 122 coming in the first half. "We simply were terrific defensively in the second half," said the Raiders coach. "When we came to awarding honors after the game, it had to be to our defensive unit, led by

Tony Garcia." IF HOLLAND had to pick out the game's key play, it came late in the second period when Franklin charged to within two yards of a touchdown. The Livonians went to the air, but Mike Gow was there to intercept the ball, and, as matters turned out, Franklin's last big chance had been erased.

North Farmington rushed for 250 yards and gained 36 yards on four of nine pass completions. Franklin made only two of 11 passes for 16 yards. Franklin didn't make a single first down in the second half

as North Farmington totaled 18 in the game. Thurston resorted to three long marches for its touchdowns against Glenn, which shared the 1967 league title with Franklin.

An early 65-yard drive for Thurston ended when Craig Mutch slammed across from four yards out. Then Thurston went to the air for another touchdown with Bill Babara clicking on a 23-yard scoring strike to Tim Brody.

THAT'S THE WAY matters stood until the fourth period when Glenn climbed back into contention. After Babara booted one 73 yards from the line of scrimmage, Mac Donah was waiting for the ball on the Glenn 15. He made it and was off to the races—85 yards to score Glenn's only touchdown. Back came Thurston in short order to register the clincher when Mutch and Gordon Ezze teamed up on a 65-yard march which Mutch finished up with a stunner over from a yard out. Mutch was the big worker for Thurston. He carried the ball 22 times for 137 yards as his mates gathered in 327 yards rushing during the afternoon's festivities.

Bentley Power Routs Parkers

Continued from Page 18. For Allen Park on the first play. On the next he handed off to Halback Chuck Beany, who tried to turn left but fumbled and Garland recovered for Bentley on the Parker 30.

HALBACK LEROY Watson and Garland moved to the eight in two plays. Watson picked up at right end and Garland plunged through right guard for the touchdown. Nader converted this time and Bentley led, 21-0, with 7:06 remaining in the quarter.

Watson and Garland had a first down in two plays. Cascaen found a big opening around right end and darted 28 yards to the Parker 33 before being forced out of bounds. Malone carried to the 22 and then Cascaen broke loose again for 12 to put the pigskin on the 10. The Parkers tightened their defense and nipped Garland and Walden for 11 yard losses in two plays. Then Walden faked handoffs to Watson and Cascaen and whipped the ball to Howell in the end zone for his first touchdown. Nader converted and Bentley was in front, 27-0 with 5:42 remaining in the quarter.

That's when the Parkers suddenly came to life with an amazing display that netted two touchdowns in less than three minutes.

CO-CAPTAIN FERGUSON took Nader's kickoff on the two. Fumbled and Fullback Gary Grundman picked up the ball on the eight and sprinted 92 yards down the sidelines for six points. Grundman converted and the score was 27-7. An outside kick succeeded and the Parkers recovered on the Bentley 49 to start another touchdown drive. Fullback Rick Robie found a hole at center and had the ball on the 27 in two plays. Beany and DeMartt plunged to the 14 in two thrusts. Grundman had his second six-pointer in two more plays and converted to reduce the deficit to 27-14 at the end of the third quarter.

The Bulldogs were moving again as the period ended and had the ball on the Parker 20 after a 16 yard sweep around end by Cascaen.



NORTH FARMINGTON'S Paul Adamini (45) and an unidentified teammate close in on Franklin's Bill Thorpe as he reaches for a pass during a tense moment in Saturday's big homecoming game on the Raiders' gridiron.

4 RU Miscues Benefit Trenton In 13-7 Win

Coaches work overtime to try and keep their football teams from miscuing.

Nothing hurts a team more as Redford Union found out Friday night in falling before Trenton, 13-7.

The Townshippers committed four miscues. They lost the ball three times.

One of the bobbles led to Trenton's winning touchdown—a score that enabled Trenton to keep alive its hopes for at least sharing in the Suburban Six League title.

Trenton along with Allen Park stands 3-1 and whichever wins Friday night could tie Bentley for the flag, if Bentley is beaten by Plymouth.

REDFORD UNION jumped off to a lead over Trenton when Bob Planchik led a 47-yard march in the second period.

He did most of the ball-carrying on the drive—and in the game—for RU.

After RU got to the Trenton 15, Gary Bevington uncorked a pass to Dennis Gange for the touchdown and with the conversion RU held a 7-0 lead.

But Trenton wasn't to be kept out of the game. Back came the downriver team on an 87-yard movement with Jim Grace taking a 17-yard pass from Pat Whaley for a touchdown.

But the try was missed and RU still clung to a 7-6 edge.

THEN FOLLOWED one of the deadly fumbles. Trenton took over on the RU 40 and struck for a fast TD with Dan Youles carrying the ball the final three yards.

Planchik was the big workhorse for RU. He carried 21 out of 29 times that RU ran the ball. He wound up with 107 of the 136 yards his team made rushing.

The Townshippers clicked for seven out of 12 passes for 77 yards with Bevington doing the throwing.

RU is 0-4 in the league season—with just one more game to go against Belleville Friday night.

Belleville likewise is 0-4. Somebody will have to be happy after Friday night's game—unless there's a tie.

Fumble Turns Battle Into 47-6 Runaway

One might say when a game ends in a 47-6 score, there probably wasn't a turning point.

But Coach Ralph Weddle insists there was one in the pounding his Clarenceville High School team took at the hands of West Bloomfield, one of the state's Class B powers, Friday night.

West Bloomfield, now 6-0, jumped ahead 13-0 in the first quarter.

Then Clarenceville began a march from its own 20. Led by the running of Dave Brandemuhl, switched from quarterback to halfback because the Trojans were minus three regular halfbacks because of injuries, Clarenceville marched to the West Bloomfield one.

IT WAS FIRST down and 36 inches to go. But on the next play, the ball was fumbled.

West Bloomfield covered it and right there, as Weddle pointed out later, Clarenceville had missed a chance to get right back into the thick of things.

"Who knows what would have happened the rest of the way?" said Weddle. "But at least, we'd have been close, instead of giving West Bloomfield the momentum to rush away from us."

West Bloomfield literally tore Clarenceville apart, gaining 454 yards on the ground while completing only one out of five passes.

Clarenceville, in turn managed 117 yards running and added 49 yards passing.

THE LOSERS' only touchdown came when Brandemuhl hit Mike Duman on a screen pass for five yards.

West Bloomfield tallied for the most points on long-distance runs.

Ed McKenna dashed 48 and 49 yards to score. Terry Conley, a clinch for All-State honors and the state's No. 1 scorer, scored 48 and 82 to paylaid and now has 16 touchdowns to his credit.

Ken and Keith Woodruff each made a touchdown while Bill Patrick booted seven extra points.

Dividend Up At NBD

National Bank of Detroit has declared a quarterly dividend of 35 cents a share on common stock, payable Nov. 12 to shareholders of record Oct. 25. This is a 10 per cent increase over the previous rate of 50 cents.

Robert M. Surdam, NBD president, said it was the bank's intention to continue paying dividends at the increased rate.

McCracken On NBD Board

Paul W. McCracken, professor of business administration at the University of Michigan, has been elected a member of the board of directors of National Bank of Detroit.

He replaces Donald F. Kipar, retired president of the Detroit Edison Co., who resigned from the NBD board Oct. 1, after four years.

A distinguished economist, Dr. McCracken is widely known for his authorship of numerous papers on economic and financial policy. He served on President Eisenhower's Council of Economic Advisors under President Kennedy as a member of a task force concerned with the domestic economy and balance of payments.

NBD Planning Capital Note Sale

National Bank of Detroit has announced plans to increase its capital funds through the public sale of \$50 million in convertible capital notes.

The bank's board approved the action subject to the vote of shareholders at a special meeting to be held on Nov. 22 and the approval of the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency.

NBD President Robert M. Surdam said the change in the bank's capital structure was deemed advisable because of "the steady and substantial increase in deposits, accompanied by an expanding demand for loans and other banking services."

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Pistons Slate Five Big 'Giveaway' Nights

Five big "Giveaway Nights" have been announced by the Detroit Pistons basketball team for the 1968-69 National Basketball Association season at Cobo Arena.

The schedule: Friday, Nov. 8 — Free Pistons shoe night when the Pistons meet the San Francisco Warriors.

Saturday, Dec. 14 — Free Pistons basketball night when the Detroit cagers take on the Phoenix Suns.

Saturday, Dec. 28 — The Pistons' annual Christmas party at which hundreds of gifts will be passed out at halftime of the game with San Francisco to be played at 2 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 17 — Free Pistons T-shirt night when the Pistons entertain the Milwaukee Bucks.

Saturday, Feb. 8 — Free

Autographed glass night when the Pistons engage the San Diego Rockets.

At the games of Nov. 8, Dec. 14, and Jan. 17, the Pistons' presentations will be made to all youngsters, 16 and under, who purchased a reserved seat.

ALL YOUNGSTERS qualify to go home with a gift during the Christmas party game while the autographed glasses will be distributed to every fan attending the Feb. 8 game with San Diego.

Tickets for all the Pistons' home games at Cobo Arena now are on sale at Cobo Arena or at the other Piston ticket outlets at J.L. Hudson's and Sears.

The Pistons get their first regular-season look at the revamped Philadelphia 76ers at Cobo Arena Friday night. The 76ers traded away Will Chamberlain during the off season.

However, his departure isn't expected to affect the two-time Eastern Division champions.

NEW COACH Jack Ramsey has moved Luchous Jackson to the pivot and also has available for center duties, Darrall Imhoff, who came east in the Chamberlain trade.

As a result of the swap, the 76ers also obtained Archie Clark, former Eocene High star of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Clark ranks as perhaps the fastest basketballer in the NBA and is a cinch to score close to 20 points per game.

After taking on Philadelphia, the Pistons take off on a two-game trip, playing at Boston next Wednesday and then seeing the new Milwaukee Bucks for the first time in the Wisconsin city the following night.

The Pistons then return home for three straight games — New York on Saturday, Nov. 2; Seattle on Wednesday, Nov. 6; and San Francisco on the Basketball Shoe giveaway night of Friday, Nov. 8.

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