

Farmington offense struggles in 23-7 loss to Western Lakes rival Central

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With two games remaining, the Walled Lake Central football team can only hope the state's playoff rankings work to its advantage.

Heading into Saturday's game at Farmington, the Vikings sat in sixth place in Class AA's Region II.

Central did its part to keep its playoff hopes alive with a 23-7 win over the Falcons.

The Vikings improved to 5-2 overall and 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association

Lakes Division. The win gave Central sole possession of second place in the Lakes, with its only defeat coming against division champion Livonia Stevenson.

Central hosts Plymouth Canton Friday in its cross-over game. The Chiefs beat the Vikings 22-13 on Sept. 8.

"We still have a chance to make the playoffs at 7-2 and that's what we're going for," Central coach Darrell Harper said. "I thought from the first day of practice that we could make the playoffs if we play as well as we can and get some breaks."

FOOTBALL

The Falcons fell to 2-5 overall and 1-4 in the division. They host Livonia Franklin in Saturday's cross-over.

The Vikings defense dominated, sacking Farmington quarterback Tim Streit seven times, and holding the Falcons to only two yards of offense (32 in the second half).

Jake Siskosky was held to 64 yards on 13 carries. The senior tailback has gained just 133 yards in his last two games after averaging 172 in his first five games.

"We felt that if we were going to beat them, we had to control the ball," Farmington coach Lauri Nikkanen said. "But we couldn't move the ball against them. We couldn't block number 79 (Bob Klimkiewicz) and he kicked our butt early."

After a scoreless first quarter, Farmington opened the scoring when Siskosky scored on an 11-yard carry. The play capped a nine-play, 66-yard drive.

Central countered with a 10-play, 79-yard drive, capped by a 4-yard run up the middle by senior

Greg Tobias. The extra point missed and Farmington led 7-6. After a short Farmington punt, Central drove 45 yards and took the lead with 44 seconds remaining in the first half on a 3-yard carry by Matt Koschke (70 yards on 14 carries).

Salem's quarterback Jason Whalen found Tobias wide open in the corner of the end zone for the two-point conversion. Central led 14-7 at halftime.

The Falcons got a break when Adam Weber intercepted a Whalen pass on the first drive of the second half, but Streit lost the

snap from center and the Vikings got the ball right back.

Central took advantage of the miscue when Tobias scored on a sweep from six yards. Bill Kandell's extra point made it 21-7.

The Falcons' Corey Fernandez intercepted a pass and Nick Latras and Wesley Cornwall recovered Central fumbles in the second half, but the offense failed to capitalize.

Central finished its scoring when a Farmington snap on a punt went over the punter's head and out of the end zone for a safety, making it 23-7.

North Farmington chases after WL Central for WLAA laurels

North Farmington remained undefeated Oct. 12, edging Livonia Stevenson, 25-20, to set up a Western Lakes Activities Association boys cross-country showdown with Walled Lake Central.

The Lakes Division rivals will run it off Tuesday, with Central the favorite.

"It should be a one-point upset," Raiders' coach Paul Welch said. "If Brian Rajdl is healthy, it depends on how well our 2-5 runners are willing to run that day. It depends on how well we prepare between now and then."

Rob Block of Stevenson took first place in the meet at Oakland Community College with a time of

X-COUNTRY

17:33 while North Farmington took the next two places. John Berman recorded a 17:37 while Rajdl clocked 17:52 injured.

Stevenson's Scott Kwiatkowski was fourth in 18:05. Next came Brian Kristal of North Farmington (18:07) and Mike Polczak of Stevenson (18:09). Next came the Raiders' Steve Chen (18:13) and Chris Smith (18:30) while the Spartans had Jason Hayward (18:45) and Steve Warner (19:10) at ninth and 10th.

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Scott Oswald by six seconds Oct. 12 to lead Harrison's boys cross-country team to its win at Cass Benton Park.

Franklin, 1-3, placed Tom Hall third in 18:05. Harrison's Ryan Moloney was fourth at 18:55 while Franklin's Tom Taylor finished fifth in 19:23. Harrison is now 3-1.

The Hawks' Matt Haas (19:29) beat out the Patriots' Jason Wolke (19:29) and Brad Smith (19:49) while Harrison's Jack Andriana (19:54) was ninth and Franklin's Josh Burt (20:33) 10th.

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City Parkway.

Westland's Joe Wojtowicz edged teammate Chris Gillen, 17:27 to 17:48, in a battle for the first two spots but Farmington took the next five places and seven of eight.

Ben Scott (18:03), Nick Sertie (18:56), Matt Beuchler (18:46), Ryan Scheider (19:03) and Wes Barrett (19:22) beat out John Glenn's Mack Lovett (18:34). The Raiders' took ninth and 10th with Ryan Boyer (19:52) and Jacob Lawrence (20:01).

NORTHVILLE 24, LV. CHURCHILL 31; Dwight Van Tuyl's 18:01 beat Churchill's Pat Nicholl by 38 seconds at Cass Benton Park. The

Mustangs, winners of their first WLAA meet in four tries, took third and fourth, seventh and ninth.

You only sneeze at a winning record if you have allergies.

No sneezing at Farmington Hills Harrison, where the girls cross-country team will finish above break even thanks to its Oct. 12 25-32 victory over Livonia Franklin.

"We're going to have a winning season," coach Mark Babcock rejoiced. "For one team, that's a plus, I don't know about that."

The Hawks improved to 4-1 overall, 3-1 in the WLAA with a dual meet against Canton left

Tuesday plus the conference meet Friday.

Franklin's Carrie Boven was the overall winner in the meet at Cass Benton Park, clocking 21:36. Harrison's Nikki Herman was second by two seconds while the Patriots' Suzie Lukofsky was third in 22:40.

Harrison's Lisa Sokol (23:00) and Amy Schaner (23:07) beat out Erin Schwartz (23:13). Seventh place was Franklin's Jenny Furlong (23:30), followed by Kristen Schleicher (23:58) of Harrison, Kerry Welch (24:10) of Franklin and Harrison's Jackie Herman (24:29).

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Proposals shall be made in the form of a bid price and a site development plan for the purchase and development of City of Farmington Hills owned property located adjacent to 13 Mile Road west of the intersection of 13 Mile and Northwestern Highway as depicted on Appendix "A", consisting of 4.81 acres, (does not include dedicated right-of-way), hereafter referred to as the Davis Lane Property. (Appendix A-1 gives a legal description of the entire site.) Site proposals shall consist of a purchase price for the purchase of all of the Davis Lane Property and a narrative proposal description along with a conceptual site design plan for site development in accordance with all requirements and restrictions as are provided for in the instructions to bidders.

Instructions to bidders that must be completed may be obtained at the City Clerk's office at the above address on or after 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 10, 1995.

All proposals must be submitted following instructions furnished by the City of Farmington Hills. The proposal will be considered incomplete unless Appendix "B" is completed entirely. These proposals, when returned to the City, shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), payable to the City of Farmington Hills as security for acceptance of a contract. Once the contract is finalized and approved by City Council, the \$10,000 certified check becomes a non-refundable down payment toward the purchase price. All other deposits included with proposals which aren't accepted shall be returned following the City Council's action.

It is the City's intention to sell this Davis Lane Property to the highest successful bidder who best meets the goals and objectives as set forth in the instructions to bidders.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and/or informalities, and to make the award that is deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Farmington Hills, based upon not only the purchase price, but also the type and quality outlined in the proposal and conceptual site plan.

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He added an 89-yard TD run on the first play of the second quarter and finished the first half with 251 yards. Granger capped his extraordinary night by carrying 10 times for 66 yards during the Hawks' opening drive of the third quarter, capping it with a 14-yard scoring run.

"We put in a little different blocking scheme on the toss, and I don't think that was something (Western) had seen," said Harrison 26-year coach John Herrington, whose team improved to 6-1 overall and 5-0 in the Western Division. "We were able to get to the outside and when Jason gets to the outside it's all over."

"We worked on the toss all week," Western coach Chuck Anap said. "But when they tossed the ball tonight, they created a seam up inside and our guys weren't fast enough to get over. Granger's speed makes that blocking scheme really work well."

If John is smart he'd keep it, and I know John is smart."

Western (3-4, 2-3 Western Division) put up a strong fight, but couldn't overcome Granger's spectacular runs. Harrison's powerful offensive line led by senior center Brad Donahue and a stingy Hawks defense.

Harrison also received a 7-yard touchdown run from junior fullback Nick Shaib and a 1-yard scoring run from Adam Smerecki as it amassed 388 rushing yards and 438 total yards.

The Warriors, who had difficulty solving Harrison's defense led by Francis Gojcs and Marcus Carter, rushed for 90 yards. Junior quarterback Jason Blahop also completed 8-of-14 passes for 53 yards.

Harrison, which has shut out Western in two of their last three meetings, will go Friday to Lakes Division champion Livonia Stevenson to play for the WLAA crown.

Raiders from page 1C

ning the ball straight up the middle against the Raiders on the drive.

"Their defense really came after us and ganged up to stop our option," Salem coach Tom Moehimer said. "Fortunately, we were able to power the ball at them."

Both teams exchanged turnovers in the second quarter. The Raiders wasted a golden opportunity when Rivers was intercepted at the Salem 5.

"That's been pretty much the story this season," O'Leary said. "We haven't taken advantage of the breaks given to us."

A bad snap in a punt situation gave the Raiders the ball at the Salem 19 with just over a minute left in the first half. This time the Raiders capitalized as John Lessway scored on a 8-yard jaunt on a fourth-and-goal play. The two-point conversion failed, however, and Salem clung to a 14-12 halftime lead.

Lessway gained 81 yards on 12 carries before leaving the game early in the second half with a hip-pointer.

Mack completed a 14-play drive early in the fourth quarter on a 4-yard run to make it 20-12. James' extra point was wide, keeping the Raiders within striking distance.

But the Raiders failed to score as they were stopped on downs and then fumbled a handoff on their next possession, which Salem's Kevin Grim recovered.

Salem put the game out of reach when Mack scored on another 4-yard carry with 2:57 left to play.

In all, the Rocks outgained the Raiders 231-228, but were able to capitalize more often on Raider miscues.

"I thought we played well defensively," Moehimer said. "We had two break-downs on pass coverage one time our back slipped and the other was just blown coverage."

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