

How Stevenson Rolled To Grid Crown

"We grew up mentally and physically....."

A happy coach was talking-- Jack Reardon of Stevenson High's unbeaten-united champs of the Interlake Conference. In what amounted to a showdown, that really never was that close, Stevenson rapped up the league's outright title by rolling over Waterford, 32-6.

So now Stevenson stands 7-0 with only powerful North Farmington blocking the Stevenson road to a perfect season.

The teams clash Friday afternoon at Stevenson and North Farmington hardly can be taken

lightly by Stevenson--or any other team. The Farmington squad wound up in a three-way tie for the Northwest Suburban League crown.

But to get back to Coach Reardon.

"IT WAS after we beat Pontiac Northern a few weeks ago that our Stevenson team really began to jell--mentally and physically," Reardon declared.

"Each game since we have played better and better. It's just a shame now that we have only one game left, I wish we had four or five, so we could

see just how great this team of Stevenson's would be."

Reardon credited much of the Stevenson success story--a championship and the unbeaten season in only the fourth year of the school's history--to the defense.

"I'll not take anything away from our offense," the coach said. "We had a great attack. But look at what the defense did. When we had our first string defensive unit on the field, well, we gave up just a total of 12 points."

"And the pass that Waterford worked for a touchdown, was

just the first a foe pulled on all season for a score. And, one must remember that we have a green secondary. None of the boys played on the varsity before this season."

REARDON SINGLED out defensive stalwarts the Mike and Pat Swift, tackles; Ray Daniels, guard; Ron Ochala and Mick Exarhos, end; Mark Hulet and Bob Hood, linebackers; and the secondary of Ron Smith, Dave Lowe, Steve Dickie and John Jetchick.

In the battle with Waterford, it was Stevenson all the way

as Waterford sought to gain a share of the title by beating Stevenson. If that would have happened, Pontiac Northern also would have cut up some of the title booty, too.

But only six minutes were gone when Stevenson capped a 45-yard drive with Russ Gregg shooting an 18-yard pass to Ron Ochala for a touchdown. Jerry Dettler, Gene Walker and Dale Danner had shared hours in hauling the ball down the field.

At the eight-minute mark of the second period, Stevenson struck again. Dettler grabbed a

punt on his own 45 and he was off to the races on what now has become a specialty for him. He didn't stop until he had run 55 yards to paydand.

WATERFORD THEN beat the clock by scoring with 20 seconds left on a 55-yard pass from Steve Cort to Bob Wolff. But in the third period, Stevenson was rolling again--this time for 64 yards. Dettler carried for runs of 17 and 27 on the way.

Walker had an eight-yard... then he went the final 100 yards into the end zone.

The next touchdown belonged to the defense. Lowe picked off a Waterford pass and scooted 65 yards for the six pointer.

The Stevenson production ended when Ron Smith went over from the two early in the fourth period.

Stevenson picked up 154 yards rushing and 25 yards on three of six pass completions.

IN TURNING the team's attention to North Farmington, Reardon certainly will have a lot of matters to point out. Like--

1. Stevenson has never beaten North Farmington in three years.

2. This is the first time Stevenson has met North Farmington at Stevenson.

3. Stevenson will be shooting for a perfect season--eight straight victories.

4. With the perfect season Stevenson almost is certain to rate among the state's leaders. And what an accomplishment that would be for a school which has sent out only four varsity teams in its short existence?

Inspired Plymouth Rocks Undefeated Bentley, 20-0

A determined, keyed-up Plymouth High grid machine methodically ground the state championship hopes of Livonia Bentley into fine bits of pulverized powder Friday with a brilliant demonstration of ball control that ended a 11-game winning streak of the Bulldogs in a stunning 20-0 victory.

The Livonians entered the game with a string of six victories this season and a carry-

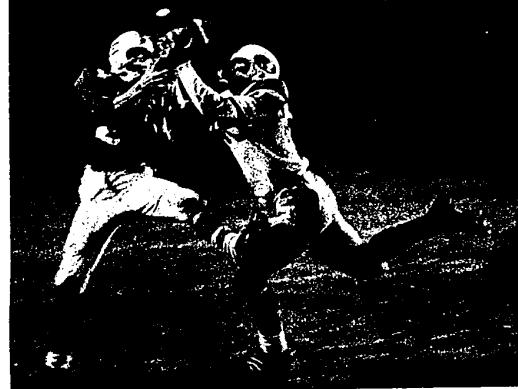


Photo by Warren Bopp

NORTH FARMINGTON'S Paul Adamian (45) reaches into air to snag a pass intended for a John Glenn back. The Raider star had one of his biggest games of the season, leading his team to a 35-0 victory.

Raiders' Paul Adamian Too Much For John Glenn

It was a case of too much Paul Adamian.

The senior North Farmington High School halfback did just about everything, except maybe play in the band, Friday night as the Raiders blasted John Glenn, 35-0.

The victory gave North Farmington a share of the Northwest League title. The Raiders finished in a tie with Franklin and Thurston.

But to get back to Adamian.

1 -- He carried the ball 14 times and collected 188 yards.

2 -- He caught the only two passes North Farmington clicked on during the game.

3 -- He scored three of his team's five touchdowns.

4 -- He intercepted two passes.

BUT, AS COACH Ron Holland pointed out, it wasn't an All-Adamian effort that upped the North Farmington team's overall record to 5-1-1 with two big games still to go.

The Raiders visited Stevenson Friday and will be out to snap the unbeaten-united record of the Livonians.

Then on Nov. 9 it'll be North Farmington vs. Farmington in the annual classic for the city title of Farmington.

Adamian had some help in the running department. John Thomas scored two touchdowns.

Defensively, the Raiders boasted such stalwarts as Jay Pass, Tony Garcia, Rick Toohy, Dave Thomas and Dave Payne.

The defense combined to hold Glenn to 55 yards rushing and 29 yards in the air as North Farmington piled up 258 yards on the ground and 18 in the air,

Racing Season Ends Saturday At DRC Track

Michigan's 168-day thoroughbred racing season grinds to a close Saturday when the Detroit Race Course rings down the curtain with the presentation of the \$15,000 added Au Revoir.

With reports of an imminent sale of the plant to a group headed by Frederick Van Lennep, president and owner of the Wolverine Harness Raceway operation at the DRC, the track is headed for its biggest year in history.

The mutual handle is up almost six per cent and could end the year with a daily average of more than \$900,000. Attendance has climbed almost four per cent and with a break in weather during the remainder of the week, could surpass that figure.

Jack Van Berg is leading the trainers with a total of 70 winners as of Monday and tiny Don Holmes has a commanding margin in the jockey race with 72 winning mounts.

Then with the thoroughbreds out of the way, the state's racing season will continue at Jackson Raceway where the trotters and pacers go until the first week in December.

Post time for the first race at the DRC on weekdays is 3:15 p.m. with a 2:15 post on the final Saturday.

over of five from 1967 for 11 straight. They were heavily favored and needed only a tie or a victory to clinch the Suburban Six League title.

But all vanished when they ran smack into the most improved team in the league--something that was brought home shortly after the opening kickoff when the Rocks checked the opening rushes of the Livonians and continued to do it all evening.

AS A RESULT, Bentley, which was rated ninth in the state rankings prior to the contest, will have to share the league crown with Allen Park, victor over Trenton Friday in its final loop test. Each ended the Suburban Six competition with a 4-1 record. Bentley whipped Allen Park a week ago and then felt the sting of defeat itself against Plymouth.

For Coach Larry Joiner, of Bentley, it was the saddest night of the year. For Coach Tom Moshimer, of Plymouth, it was the happiest occasion since he took charge of the Rocks a year ago.

It was the first Plymouth win over Bentley since 1964 and assured the Rocks of the first break-even season since 1964. That was Mike Hobert's unbeaten club which ended the campaign with seven wins and a tie.

It was the fourth triumph against three losses for Plymouth which ended its league season with a 3-2 mark, best finish since 1964.

"Our team was really up for this one," said the happy Moshimer in the dressing room. "It wasn't the result of anything the staff did. Each individual player took it upon himself to make this the game of the year."

"I'd have to say that each did a tremendous job."

"It was the finest team effort in my two years in Plymouth. For me it was a night I'll always remember because it means my second team has ended Plymouth's losing habit."

IT TOOK exactly one series of plays for Bentley to realize it was in for a rough evening. LeeRoy Watson returned the kickoff 15 yards to the Bentley 27. Three live plays netted seven yards and Tim Malone pointed to the Plymouth 31.

Guided by the clever generalship of Quarterback Bruce Bauman and with Halfback Bob Thornbladh leading most of the ball carrying, Plymouth marched 69 yards in a sustained drive for the opening touchdown. The Rocks had the ball for the better part of six minutes.

Bauman tried guard for a yard to start the drive. Walt Lee made eight at left tackle and Bauman had a first down on the 42. Bentley was offside and Thornbladh ripped through tackle for a first down on the Bentley 46.

THORNBLADH hit tackle for seven and Bauman moved to the 35 for another first down. Thornbladh carried to the 23 in two thrusts. Bauman sprinted around right end on a keeper for six and Thornbladh had the first down on the 12.

Thornbladh was stopped at left tackle but Halfback Bill Tobey followed with blockers through right tackle to the Bentley five. Thornbladh ripped guard to the one but Plymouth was offside and the ball went back to the 10.

Thornbladh wasn't to be denied--he rammed through blockers and Bentley tacklers to go all the way into the end zone. Bauman crossed up Bentley's defense by an extra yard, placed a placement and then moved to the right for a pass to Lee who didn't have a defender within 10 yards.

The Livonians were in good position on the kick when the ball added off the foot



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WIDE OPEN HOLE in the line for Plymouth's Bob Thornbladh who is shown plunging into the end zone for the Rock's first touchdown in the 20-0 upset over unbeaten Bentley.

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