

Titans topple WLAA champ

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

There will be no trip to the Silverdome this year for Westland John Glenn's football team.

Sterling Heights Stevenson threw up a huge road block Saturday in a Class AA playoff game as the Titans scored a convincing 17-7 victory before 4,000 fans at Rochester High School.

It was Stevenson's 12th straight win without a loss; Glenn suffered its first setback.

Ironically, Stevenson will play Walled Lake Western (10-2), a team Glenn defeated twice for the state title 1 p.m. Saturday.

Despite turning the ball over five times, Stevenson did little to disprove its season-long No. 1 ranking, piling up 434 yards in total offense to No. 2-ranked Glenn's 208.

"That's a tremendous football team," said a gracious Glenn coach Chuck Gordon, who was making his fourth state semifinal appearance. "Our defense played as hard and played well

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for as long as we could, but offensively we just couldn't get anything going.

"(The Titans) are huge up front, and they just wear you down."

Junior quarterback Justin Berent, who had been completing over 60 percent of his passes, didn't complete a pass until late in the third quarter. His first completion was a 5-yard forward lateral to Antonio Gibson.

For the day, Berent, forced into throwing long routes, was 5-of-13 for 62 yards and two interceptions.

"We can't blame it all on Justin," Gordon said. "We just didn't protect as well as we needed. He was pressured quite a bit."

"We were barely hanging on offensively and hoping to keep something going."

Stevenson got it going early, stopping Glenn on its first possession, three plays and out.

And the Titans wasted little time scoring as all-state receiver Tim Steele took a pass over the middle and raced down the sideline 47 yards for a touchdown.

After Erik Gibala's extra point with 10:50 in the period made it 7-0, the Titans couldn't take advantage of solid field position despite being inside the Glenn 50 on four separate occasions.

Quarterback Pat Collins was picked off four times in the first quarter and two more times in the second period.

"I thought we kept them in the game for awhile with the turnovers," Stevenson coach Rick Bye said. "We had a seven-point lead, but 14 was better and yet we could have had 17."

"But I thought we were made of enough resolve and tough enough to overcome that."

Meanwhile, Glenn's only real scoring chance of the half came on the first play of the second quarter, but Steve Pating's 40-yard field goal attempt fell short.

A 22-yard burst up the middle by Gibson and 20-yard pass from

Mustangs capture district title again

BY MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

On the surface, the results were the same.

Marian easily defended its Class A district basketball championship Friday with a 53-29 victory over Birmingham Seaholm at Lathrup High School.

It was Marian's third straight victory over the Maples in a district final. Those wins have come by a combined 113 points.

However, Seaholm coach Ann Serra said her team made progress despite this year's 34-point defeat.

How is that?

In the past, Serra said, Marian might have played the Maples thinking more about the next game. Serra said she saw a different Mustang attitude this year.

"I think Marian came out totally ready to play tonight. I haven't seen Marian play that hard all year," said Serra. "I think that's a credit to us."

"Three years ago they would have laughed at us," she said. "I think they showed us a little respect tonight. They are a very good team."

Likewise, Marian's veteran coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone said she was nervous about facing a Seaholm squad that captured the Oakland Activities Association Division II championship and finished with an outstanding 17-win season.

"We know they're a team we should beat. But sometimes these games can scare you. At least I was scared," said Lillie-Cicerone, whose team captured the Catholic League championship.

"I know this was (Seaholm's) best team in a while, but this is the best team we've had in a while, too. We came to play tonight."

They certainly did.

Marian (20-3), which plays its first regional game at Lathrup this evening against Detroit Pershing, rolled to a 10-0.

Junior forward Blair Miller netted Seaholm's first points

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Harrison conceded one first down before forcing another punt. The Hawks drove 80 yards in 10 plays for a 45-34 score in the fourth quarter.

Sarsfield carried on eight plays, including the first seven, before Bambenek passed 28 yards to Bryant for the TD.

Francis Gogaj and Shawn Moryberry sacked Steve Blampine on fourth down at the North 40. The Hawks kept the ball on the ground for a seven-play drive that ended with Nick Shieib running 13 yards for the clinching TD with 3:02 remaining.

"We know we're a second-half team," Gogaj said. "I think they gave up at the end, or they were worn out. We have STP (strength, toughness, pride), and that's a fourth-quarter thing for us. The fourth quarter -- that's

everything he's cracked up to be. We couldn't tackle him, but a big part of that is their offensive line."

The two guards and right tackle are outstanding; they really opened some holes. We have tough kids up front, and they couldn't get off the blocks to stop him."

But the offense never quits and kept coming back. The kids always rise to the occasion."

Champion was 6-of-12 passing for 124 yards, but the Hawks sacked and pressured him into a minus-50 rushing. After North scored its last TD, Harris had just 23 yards on five carries as Harrison controlled the ball and the clock.

"The defense has come through all year," Bambenek said. "We just had to stick it up and do the job."

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ling back Scott Naz capped the drive with a 17-yard touchdown run around left end. Stanford scored with 3:32 left in the first on a slick, 50-yard run after zig-zagging past a couple defenders at the line of scrimmage.

Senior linebacker Nick Gerhardt set up Western's third TD when he recovered a Rockford fumble at the Western 25 early in the second quarter.

Facing fourth-and-five at the Rockford 8, the Warriors set up for a field goal. Naz took the snap but, instead of placing the ball for place kicker Pat Gibson, printed around left end for an

8-yard TD. Gibson's third extra point kick gave the Warriors a commanding, 21-0 lead.

"This is a dream come true; it hasn't hit me yet," said Naz, who finished with 98 yards on 12 carries. "The biggest thing about our offense is that coach Appa has put in a lot of new plays, and we're a complete package now. Everyone has matured."

Rockford was finally able to move the ball a little in the second half and took advantage of a Western fumble to put its first points on the scoreboard.

Junior Jeff Wilson capped a seven-play, 45-yard drive and

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Mercy led since Kluska scored the opening basket. Schumacher capped the run with a pair of free throws at 5:12.

Robb's free throws with 49 seconds left kept the Hawks within two, 54-52, the Marlinis made five of six free throws (two each by Schumacher and Valade) down the stretch to clinch the victory.

Harrison, which led 13-7 after one quarter and 23-20 at halftime, set its defense to stop Valade and collapsed around her with a triple-team every time she got the ball near the low post.

"We moved her to the baseline and attacked from the baseline differently," Baker said of the second half. "I think we loosened things up in the middle. I think Harrison had lost some of the zip it had expended earlier in the

game, which made it easier to move the ball around the perimeter.

Mercy was 21-of-58 from the floor and 47-of-91 at the line; Harrison was 19-of-63 and 11-of-20. Each team made three threes.

The Marlinis have won 19 district championships and seven in the last eight seasons.

"Harrison was the most ready (of the three district foes)," Baker said. "They gave us more trouble and did a nice job of attacking the three presences we put on them. Secondly, Pete really knows us and had a great game plan."

"All of them took their best shot at us, and I think we really earned a notable district championship, considering the competition we faced here."

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor McShane at 8:05 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 1996 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1076.

PRESIDENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

OTHER PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauffohr, Assistant to City Manager Richards.

Council appointed Terry Morency to fill an unexpired term on the Farmington Planning Commission, term expiring June, 1997.

Council reappointed Jacqueline Salto to the Farmington Beautification Commission, term expiring December, 1999.

Minutes of the Special and Regular meetings of November 4, 1996 were approved as submitted.

Council adopted a resolution to authorize the Tribute Tree Program sponsored by the Beautification Commission.

Orchard, Hiltz and McClinton, Inc. made a presentation on the Geographic Information System.

Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed.

Council issued a proclamation declaring November 24 - 30, 1996 as Jayvee Family Week.

Council adopted a resolution requesting county and state action on the control of Legionella.

Council authorized the purchase of a new vehicle for the City Manager.

Council authorized the purchase of a Public Safety administrative vehicle.

Public Comments were heard.

There were on Council comments and announcements.

Council approved the revised Monthly Payments Report, October 1996.

Andrew Rackowski, State Representative Elect was introduced to Council.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

JOANNE M. McSHANE, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF FARMINGTON SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD (Summary)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council with the Traffic and Safety Board was held Monday, November 18, 1996 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the Meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1076.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Lauffohr (arrived 7:48 p.m.), Assistant to City Manager Richards.

FARMINGTON TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chiara, DeCorte, Goss, Leppanen, Mahan, Reynolds, Wegman.

Farmington City Council held an annual meeting with the Farmington Traffic and Safety Board to review traffic and safety issues addressed by the Board in 1995-96 and to discuss current issues which included selective enforcement strategy, crosswalk safety and permit parking.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

JOANNE M. McSHANE, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

ALL-WLAA BASKETBALL

- 1996 ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM**
Becky Cummings, senior, WL Central
Katali Florent, senior, Ply. Canton
Lauren Metel, junior, Northville
Amanda Porter, senior, Farmington
Amy Robie, junior, Farm. Harrison
Angie Silimon, sophomore, Ply. Salem
- ALL-WESTERN TEAM**
Art Ault, sophomore, Farm. Harrison
Gina Brooke, senior, WL Western
Gina Chlesion, senior, Northville
Kristen Lukash, junior, Ply. Canton
Melissa Marzoli, junior, Ply. Canton
Jody Miller, senior, WL Western
- ALL-LAKES TEAM**
Amanda Abraham, junior, Ply. Salem
Janey Keeler, senior, WL Central
Jackie McClellow, senior, WL Western
Andrea Pruitt, sophomore, Ply. Salem
Joel Stewart, senior, WL Central
Katie Vitellie, sophomore, N. Farmington
- HONORABLE MENTION**
(All seniors unless otherwise indicated)
Farmington: Marlene Gerson, Jenny Heale, Angi Newman, Sarah Northall, Harriette Kestlin
Ann Arbor: Mahogany Fletcher (junior), Amy Jenkins (junior), Kristine Knutson (junior), John Olmest Samantha Crows (freshman), Angela Gorchni, Kathie Sudo;
- Churchill:** Jesse Jenkins, Dawn Pettitula
Franklin: Lori Rykiewicz (junior), Julie Warner (junior), Randi Wolfe; **Stevenson:** Melissa Beckus (junior), Carolyn Courtright (junior), Gina Palmeri, Lyndsay Wilhelm; **N. Farmington:** Kellee Fountain (junior), Melissa Gritz (junior), Trista Trachsel; **Northville:** Christine Henderson (junior), Lindsay Hunt; **Canton:** Mary Anderson, Heshel Okunobus (junior), Tiffany Williams; **Salem:** Janellie Sterling, Marit Walker, Laurel Weisman; **WL Central:** Michelle Bortz (sophomore), Kelly Burt (junior), Katie Horton; **WL Western:** Christine Barneway, Lauren Fealen (junior), Kim Schrieber (sophomore).
- Conference Records**
1. (tie) Northville and Plymouth Canton, 10-1; 3. (tie) Plymouth Salem and Walled Lake Central, 9-2; 5. Farmington Harrison, 7-4; 6. (tie) Walled Lake Western and Farmington, 5-6; 8. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and North Farmington, 4-7; 10. Livonia Franklin, 2-9; 11. Livonia Churchill, 1-10; 12. Westland John Glenn, 0-11.
- Lakes Division**
Ply. Salem, 5-0; Walled Lake Central, 4-1; Livonia Stevenson, 2-3; North Farmington, 1-4; Westland John Glenn, 0-1.
- Western Division**
Northville 5-0, Plymouth Canton 4-1; Walled Lake Western 2-3, Livonia Franklin 1-4; Livonia Churchill 0-5.