

# Lions Risk Title Hopes Against Rams

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LOS ANGELES — These are crucial days for the Detroit Lions.

On Sunday they must contend with the Los Angeles Rams here in the Coliseum. Next Sunday it's the Lions vs. Baltimore in Detroit and then the following Sunday Minnesota comes to Detroit.

It's a backbreaking assignment for a team in such a jam for divisional honors like the Lions are.

They're tied for first with Green Bay in the Central loop, but Minnesota and Chicago are right behind by a game. All of which means any of the four could win it all in the second half of the season which starts this Sunday.

THE LIONS haven't looked too hot in the last couple of weeks. They had almost no offense last Sunday in losing to Minnesota.

In Los Angeles, the Lions face a team with a defense generally conceded to be far stronger than Minnesota's. What's more, the Lions now must be keenly worried over

Green Bay. The Packers showed they weren't dead last Monday in ending the winning ways of Dallas.

The Lions hope to fortify their offense for Sunday's game with the restoration of Nick Eddy, their injury-prone back, to the roster.

EDDY CAME to the Lions from Notre Dame a year ago,

but still hasn't played in a single regular-season game. He was hurt in an exhibition last season and lost for the season because of knee surgery.

He was re-injured in the first exhibition this season, underwent more surgery, and now is said to be ready.

The Lions hope so, because Mel Farr hurt his foot last

Sunday and may be a doubtful performer here Sunday.

FARR STILL is the top Lions' rusher with a 4.7 yard average, but he has slipped from first to third in the league standings.

Quarterback Bill Musson of the Lions also slipped from the top during the past week, yielding the No. 1 slot to Bart

Starr of Green Bay. Musson has completed 80 of 133 passes for 60.7 yards and nine touchdowns.

The Lions in all have scored 19 touchdowns in seven games, with Farr scoring seven and Earl McCulloch five.

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## Battle In Farmington 'Yule Log' Game Saturday

# Discard Past When Raiders, Falcons Clash

Forget the form. Forget what's happened so far. It'll be a special season ... a one-game season ... next Saturday.

## Hunting Spotty In Most Areas

Mushroom-hunting, and quail and squirrel hunting are going well, but fishing and geese hunting have dropped off, according to the Conservation Department district office at Pontiac.

Cold, rainy weather has brought out mushrooms, but Conservation officers warn pickers to be sure they know their species in advance.

Wayne County hunters report their dogs are flushing many quail, and that season, which opened Nov. 1, is expected to be good.

"Isolated spots" in Macomb and St. Clair counties are offering good pleasant hunting in a season that has generally been good.

"Squirrel hunting is reported good in hardwood areas. Geese are on some Oakland County lakes, but hunters are warned to remember the 400-foot safety zone around residences. Waterfowl hunting dropped off considerably when the small game season opened. Waterfowl season closes Nov. 8.

urday when North Farmington and Farmington High collide in their annual football battle for the Ole Yule Log.

The series has been somewhat one-sided. Started in 1962, North Farmington has won six times and lost only once.

The indications are that this will be No. 7 for the north-siders. White North has rolled this

season and wound up sharing the Northwest Suburban League title, Farmington has struggled without a victory.

But, Coach Ron Holland of North Farmington knows better than to expect any easy time against Farmington.

"Granted they have had problems," said Holland, "But this is the game that can make the season down there. If they

can just beat us ..."

COACH DICK TYLER at Farmington has been fighting injuries. Some of his slings have recovered and will be ready for North Farmington. Tyler realizes he won't have to engage in any special pay talks to get his charges "up."

But Farmington will be up against a powerful team ... a team which has been strong offensively and better yet on defense.

"Defense has been our big thing this season," declared North Farmington Coach Holland.

Until this weekend, the Raiders had allowed only 39 points in seven games.

They posted two shutouts and contained powerful Franklin with one touchdown.

PLAYERS LIKE Rick Tooley, Tony Garcia, Dave Payne, Jay Pease, John and Dave Thomas (no relation) and Paul Adamian have helped to make the North Farmington defense sparkle.

Adamian also is the giant of the team's attack. He has rushed for 680 yards, an average of 5.4. He has scored 12 touchdowns.

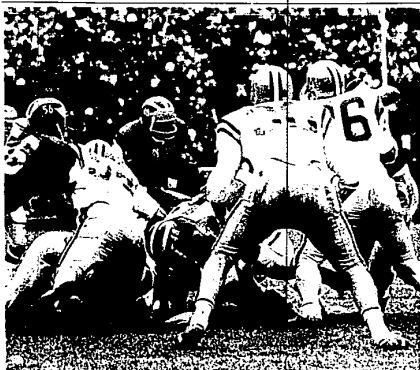
And on defense, he has picked off six enemy passes, besides being an excellent tackler.

North Farmington shook off the loss of regular quarterback Bob Hughes, who was hurt and lost for the season, in the second game of the season.

STEVE WHITE took over and starred for three games. Then John Thomas was switched from halfback to quarterback when Holland sought a little more running in the team's attack.

Offensive guards Steve Lowe and Mike Liler have had a great deal to do with the running of Adamian and John Thomas.

Farmington's only victory in the series with North Farmington came in 1965 when the Falcons won, 20-6.



RON JOHNSON POWER pays off for a touchdown in Michigan's homecoming battle against Minnesota as the Wolverines continued their march towards the Big 10 championship



and a Rose Bowl game. (Left) Teammates open a hole for the brilliant halfback as he drives for the goal line. (Center) The Gophers hoisted him high in the air in an attempt to check the plunge



(Right) But the momentum pulls him into the end zone for the six points. Michigan won, 33-20. (Observer photos by Vince Witke)

## Schoolcraft Soccer Team Bids For Regional Honors

Soccer may have failed on a professional level in Detroit.

The Cougars couldn't make a No. 1.

But at Schoolcraft College, soccer is a booming sport with considerable credit due Coach Marvin Gans.

Gans admits that it helps, from a soccer standpoint, that Schoolcraft doesn't field a football team.

"But, even if we did have football, I think that there would be a place for soccer in our athletic program," Gans declared.

A year ago soccer enjoyed a big season at Schoolcraft as Joop Doorn and Bahram Farah-

mand led the team. But they were gone this year and so were most of the other members of the team which gained a place in the national junior college playoffs.

THE LOSSES notwithstanding, Gans has built himself another winner.

Schoolcraft upped its credit to five wins, three ties and a loss this past week by rolling over Concordia College of Indiana, 9-1.

Now comes a chance for Schoolcraft to bid for honors in the Region-12 playoffs for the National Junior crown.

Schoolcraft has drawn Delta College of Michigan next Friday at Lorain College in Ohio in the nightcap of a twin bill which opens with Lorain meeting Jackson CC from Michigan.

The two winners will play for the regional flag Saturday and the champion will move on to the final tourney in New York at the Nassau Community College.

## Run To Crown Falcon Reserves

Farmington High with 17 points won the Redford Union Invitational reserve cross country meet. North Farmington was second with 57 points. Then came Pontiac Northern with 64 and Redford Union with 92.

Mike Shelly, of Farmington, finished first with teammate Mike McElroth second.

BASICALLY, soccer is a team in which there are five forwards, three halfbacks, two fullbacks and a goalie.

Gans prefers a 4-3-3-1 alignment. He sacrifices one forward for a fullback and in that way "we tighten up our defense."

To get his team where it is today, Gans had to do a rebuilding job of great magnitude.

Only Fullback Larry DeShano from Bentley High and Gaby Nasrallah from Lebanon are starters back from a year ago.

For the most part, the squad is comprised of first-year students at the college and Gans admits that graduates of last season's soccer program at Stevenson High in Livonia have helped.

Three are on the Schoolcraft varsity now ... Tim DeWitt, Dave Allain and Bob See. The latter starred in the goal at Stevenson. But Gans transferred him to a forward slot.

THE SCHOOLCRAFT goalie is Dan Beak, who during the

last summer was a star in the Livonia summer baseball program.

Herb Schroeter, via Allen Park, DeShano and Nasrallah handle the fullback duties.

The halfbacks are Allain, Rick Reidell and Dick Gassell. The regulars at forward are DeWitt, See, Dave Fisher, who never played soccer before this season, Aziz Kahn, who originally hails from England, and Chip Zell.

One of the forwards, of course, sits out the action when Gans goes for his three-fullback

lineup.

Joe Vitale, who ran for Schoolcraft's cross country team, is out for soccer this year.

GANS is confident Schoolcraft will do well in the regionals next week.

"We're overconfident, but we think we have a good chance to make the national finals," he declared.

In beating Concordia, Schoolcraft jumped off to a 4-1 lead in the first period when Schroeter, Dee, Fisher and Tom Smith all connected on goals.

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