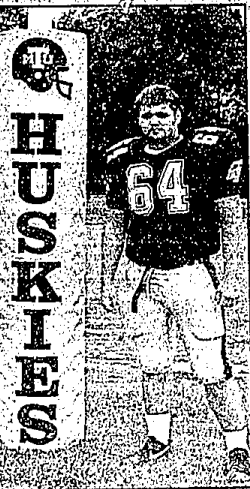


College gridders



Local talent: Jay Sharp, a freshman cornerback from Farmington Harrison, and Adam Tanielian, a sophomore center from Farmington High School, are members of the 1998 Michigan Tech football team. Sharp (6-11, 160) is one of 25 newcomers to the program. Tanielian (6-3, 273) was redshirted in 1996 and saw spot action last season. He is the backup center this year. Michigan Tech, located in Houghton in the Upper Peninsula, is a member of the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference.

Pioneers prevail in Metro showdown

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

What was supposed to be a battle for first-place in the Metro Conference Friday turned out to be an ambush.

Host Harper Woods showed ambitious Livonia Clarenceville why it's state-ranked in Class C with a 35-6 romp.

With the win the Pioneers improved to 4-0 overall and stayed atop the conference with a 3-0 mark. Clarenceville slipped to 3-1 overall and 2-1 in the Metro.

Harper Woods plays at Hamtramck next week and hosts Macomb Lutheran North the following week — the other two undefeated teams in the Metro.

The Trojans had to play in front of a packed Harper Woods crowd, there to watch the annual night game. The Pioneers continued to play well at home, where

they have won 15 of their last 18 games.

"This is an extremely good Harper Woods team and you can see why they are ranked so high," Clarenceville coach Chuck Donaldson said.

The Pioneers racked up 447 yards of total offense, led by senior Aaron Cooper. The explosive tailback gained 175 yards on 21 carries and scored on runs of 10, eight and 66 yards. In four games this season, Cooper has averaged 200 yards a game.

Cooper also led a tough defense that limited the Trojans to 224 yards of offense, intercepting two John Wallace passes. The Pioneers held senior Walter Ragland in check. Ragland gained 77 yards on 16 carries before leaving the game in the

third quarter with leg cramps. "I didn't think it would be this easy," Harper Woods coach John Moher said. "We were tremendously worried about Ragland, as well as Wallace, who has a cannon for an arm."

"It was a chess match in the first half and then we began to run the ball well and find some of their weak spots."

The Pioneers opened the scoring on the second play of the second quarter when Cooper broke several tackles on a 10-yard scoring jaunt.

Harper Woods then mounted an impressive 13-play, 89-yard drive capped by a 30-yard pass from Shaun Wise to Ryan Sullivan.

Clarenceville scored its only touchdown with eight seconds left before the pass on a 15-yard drive from Wallace to sophomore Scott Wien. The same combina-

tion hooked up for a 45-yard completion earlier in the drive. "We were worried about the momentum shifting so we talked about going back out there, scoring on the first drive and then stinging them on defense," Moher said.

Harper Woods, which had good field position the entire game, started the second half at midfield. Nine plays later, Cooper made it 20-6 with an 8-yard run. After failing on a fourth-down try, Cooper burst through the middle on a 68-yard scoring run.

Wise later threw his second touchdown pass — a 6-yarder to Sullivan.

In addition to Cooper's running, Lee Dorchak gained 103 yards on 13 carries.

Wallace completed seven of 13 passes for 114 yards. Wien caught five passes for 102 yards caught and recovered a fumble.

Warriors give Apap 100th career victory

BY BILL PARKER
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Western's potent rushing game steamrolled another opponent Friday as the Warriors flattened visiting Plymouth Canton, 45-7.

Western amassed 399 yards of total offense, including 332 via the run, while rolling to its fourth straight victory and second in the WLLA Western Division.

The win was also a milestone for veteran coach Chuck Apap,

who picked up his 100th career victory.

"I've been around for a long time, so I was able to get 100 wins," said Apap, who is in his 21st season at Western. "I've been blessed. I've had great coaches to help me, great players and great parents. When you have that, it makes your job a lot easier."

The Warriors, ranked No. 8 in Class AA, are headed for a showdown Saturday at defending WLLA champion Farmington Harrison, which is also undefeat-

ed and ranked No. 1 in Class A. "We'll see how good we are next week," Apap said. "We'll find out what we're all about."

Holding a 22-7 lead, Western blew the game open in the third quarter, scoring three times.

Dave Johnson (nine carries for 68 yards) ramblled 20 yards, Chris Payton 14 yards and Eric Sage (seven carries for 115 yards) 54 yards for touchdowns.

Luciano Gonzales nailed four of five extra points and added a 38-yard field goal in the fourth quarter for the final points.

In the first half, Dave Merandi returned a punt 82 yards for a TD; Johnson ran 3 yards and Sage 37 for scores and Derek Smith hit Nick Calizza with a two-point conversion pass.

The Chiefs started strong, marching 79 yards on the opening possession. The drive stalled at the Western 2 and the Warriors went 89 yards in 11 plays for a TD.

Canton came right back and evened the score on a 69-yard pass from Jay Schmitt to Ian Riley.

THE WEEK-AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 2
Garden City at Trenton, 7 p.m.
Crestwood at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Northville at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.
Luth. East at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 3
Willow Run at Thornton, noon.
Edsel Ford at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Salem at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Luth. West at Luth. North, 4 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Cardinal Mooney at RU's Kraft Field, 4 p.m.
Blanco Burgess vs. Riv. Richard at Garden City Jr. High, 2 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Notre Dame Prep at RU's Kraft Field, 7 p.m.

Redford CC at A.A. Huron, 5:30 p.m.

Salem at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at N. Farm, 5:30 p.m.
Monroe at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Oak Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Life Summit at Oak, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. West at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 1
Luth. East at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Harrison at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2

John Glenn at Belleville, 4 p.m.
Trenton at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Dearborn at Thornton, 4 p.m.
Bishop Foley at Redford CC, 4 p.m.
PCA at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Stevenson at Troy Athens, 11 a.m.
W. Bloom. at Farmington, 12:30 p.m.
Sales at Warren DeSales, 7 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Monday, Sept. 28

Macomb at Oakland CC, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Delta at Oakland CC, 4 p.m.

Madonna at Indiana Tech, 4 p.m.

Schoolcraft at UH Club, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3

CCC at Central Michigan, 2 p.m.

Schoolcraft vs. Lakeview CC at Cuyahoga (Ohio) Tourney, 11 a.m.

Madonna at Spring Arbor, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 4

Schoolcraft at Cuyahoga, 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Monday, Sept. 28

Madonna vs. Tri-State (Ind.) at Ladywood High School, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Madonna at Indiana Tech, 2 p.m.

Toledo at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Madonna at Aquinas, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1

Schoolcraft at Delta, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2

Alma College at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Football from page D1

North went ahead 14-7 after quarterback Garry Penta threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Brian Lafer following a short Stevenson punt that gave the Raiders possession near midfield.

Before the first quarter ended the Spartans tied the score on a 4-yard run by Jason Sarge, his first of three touchdowns.

The Spartans added two touchdowns in the second quarter,

one on a 65-yard pass from quarterback Ryan VanBelle to Phil Szumanski and another on an 8-yard run by Sarge to cap a 10-play, 72-yard drive.

Stevenson added to its 28-14 halftime lead with two more touchdowns in the third quarter.

The Spartans chewed up 57 yards in eight plays on their opening possession of the second half, capped by Sarge's 4-yard TD run for a 35-14 lead.

A 7-yard run by junior fullback

Eric Puniske ended a 54-yard, seven-play drive to raise the lead to 42-14. North finished the scoring in the last two minutes of the third quarter as Penta completed a 70-yard pass to Lafer and threw a two-point conversion pass to Tim Muir.

Penta completed 12 of 19 passes for 176 yards, but the Raiders were limited to 65 yards rushing in 23 attempts.

Junior running back Waleed Haddad led Stevenson with 67

yards rushing in seven attempts, Jason Allen added 55 yards in 12 carries and Sarge 43 yards in seven carries.

VanBelle completed five of seven passes for 117 yards.

"It was a shaky start with the kickoff returns and the big pass, but the kind of kicked up the tempo," Gabel said.

"Our defense wasn't really very good, but the offense executed better than the week before."

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Harrison swimmers win dual meet over Franklin

Farmington Harrison doesn't have a lot of girls on its swim team, but the Hawks make good use of the available talent. Six girls combined to win 10 events Thursday and lead Harrison to a 101-84 victory over host Livonia Franklin.

Julie Kluka and Lindsey Fotters were double individual winners — Kluka in the 200-yard freestyle (2:06.34) and the 500 (5:36.17). Fotters in the individual medley (2:13.64) and the breaststroke (1:10.73).

Taylor Goad won the butterfly (1:09.69). Regina Bander the 100 freestyle (1:08.07) and Leslie Pickering the backstroke (1:15.09).

Pickering, Fotters, Goad and Bander won the medley relay (2:09.54). Laura Ulridge, Bander, Goad and Kluka were first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:58.42). Fotters, Kluka,

Ulridge and Pickering won the 400 freestyle relay (4:18.29). Harrison's Arly Gollombek was second in the breaststroke with a personal best of 1:27.31.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 110

NORTH FARMINGTON 70

Sept. 24 at Stevenson

200-yard medley relay: North (Tara Glider, Nicole Alvet, Kristen Burke, Linda McNeel), 1:58.04; 200 freestyle: Katie Clark (LS), 2:06.29; 200 individual medley: Meghan Mocer (LS), 2:10.69; 800 freestyle: Jessica Makowski (LS), 20:12; 400 medley: Kelly Ballentine (LS), 24:05 points; 100 butterfly: John Kim (LS), 1:03.1; 500 freestyle: Clark (LS), 5:55.91; 800 freestyle: Stephanie Cummings (LS), 5:39.05; 200 freestyle relay: Stevenson (Clark, Mocer, Meghan Lozano, Kern), 1:47.00; 100 backstroke: Lindsey Dolin (LS), 1:03.69; 100 breaststroke: Alver (NF), 1:12.50; 400 freestyle relay: Stevenson (LS), also North, Amanda Polkowski, Cummings, Makowski), 3:58.85.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 3-1 overall.