

Playoff action: Farmington's Grant Weber is tripped up by Garden City's Alan Marszalek in a playoff game Friday. Weber had a net total of 15 yards rushing.

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The Cougars had three turnovers, including an interception and a fumble recovery by Farmington's Todd Anthony. The despect Garden City penetrated in regulation was Farmington's 36 where Anthony recovered a fumble after passes of 22 yards to Nick Hubbs and 13 to Alan Mansaches.

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Each team gets four plays to try to score from 10 yards out in overtime. Searche and yes feel geal by Sect Williams on fourth down. An outstending play on third down by Farmington defensive back Adam Kronk forced the Cougars to settle for the field goal by the search and we will be search and with the following the Cougars at hird and 3. Senior quarterback Rob Hudson tried to rou cround the right end on a bootley, but Kronk, but and Falcon on that side of the field may be seen the search of the

Sparks, who had nearly 1,600 yards coming into the game, was held to 22 yards in 1G tearries, including eight that resulted in negative or zero yardage.

Hudson was the Cougars leading rusher, gaining 62 yards in 1G town of them in entempts, including a 37-yard scemper on a quarterback draw in the first half.

Hudson completed seven of 16 passes for 76 yards and two interceptions, including one by Weber who returned the hall 18 yards to the Cougars' is any in the fourth quarter.

But the Garden City defense stiffened and on fourth and 3 the Feloram sinsed a 22-yard field goal that had a lot of distance but was wide right with 7:53 remaining, leaving the game scoreless.

The Cougars' defense had made an entire stand on Farming the standard on fourth and 2, leaving the Feloram single of the fields in the open field on fourth end-2, leaving the Feloram sande a sol tackle in the open field on fourth end-2, leaving the Feloram sanded by a 15-yard, late-hit penalty against the Garden City near middled after a 10-yard catch by Cave.

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Weber, facing a blind-side rush the whole game from Eric Suffian, completed five of 11 passes with no interceptions.

"Coach Salter has done an amening job over there, and his team was very, very well prepared," Bechtel said. "We've rushed the hall well the last 10 weeks and a lot of credit goes to their kids."

Hudson has basketball and

Hudson has baskethall and baseball season to look forward to but something will be missing. "We didn't have much field position and in overtime) we got it within the 10 and thought we could score is touchdown)," Hudson said. "Their defense is tough, a lot tougher than I thought. But we didn't feel like we were the underdogs. Some might have thought that, but not us."

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160 total yards and a field goal.
"I think that was typical
Farmington defense," Rycerz
said. "We've shut down some
major opponents and never let
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The pley that set up Rycerz' score was an 8-yard run up the middle on second down by senior Mark Ostach with a shovel pass from Grant Weber.
"It's a play we practice, but we probably only ran it once this year," Ostach said. "We got a couple yards in the (Westland John) Glenn game.
"It was just a great play call. They hadn't seen it all game. The pitch was there and I turned

"Then (senior Brinar) Brinsden, Rycerz, myself and the offensive line powered it in. Once we held then to a field goal, we knew we were going to score with all our big backs and big linemen."

Farmington coach John Bechel said the Falcons usually call for a quarterback sneak from the 2-yard line, but the players wanted to power the ball off tackle.

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'Rycerz came over when we were going into overtime and said 'Coach, I want the ball.'

Obviously, it's the biggest play of

it up. I saw a couple Garden City players, and I tried to go for the goal line.

"Then (senior Brian) Brinsden, legyer at 165 pounds. In our Rycerz, myself and the offensive Brian Davices is a two-year.

Stater. We really didn't pick a side.
It's a balanced situation. Rycerz is the right halfback, so it was only natural that we run the ball to the left.

Bechtel couldn't say enough good things about the Cougars and how well they played.

"Garden City flat-out played outstanding," he said. "They were well prepared and well coached. They probably outgained us (they did, 160-141).

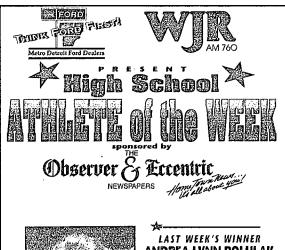
"I thought we played pretty good defense, but so did they. Those kids were very well pre-pared. We hope to do them jus-tice as we move on."

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The falcons were 8-0 in 1950 and 1958. The 1999 Falcons can break that record with another playoff victo-

that record with another playoff victory later this week. Since Farmington began playing nine regular-season games in 1962, it has never won more than six games in a season. The Falcons were 6-3 in 1966, 1975, 1977, 1984 and 1994.







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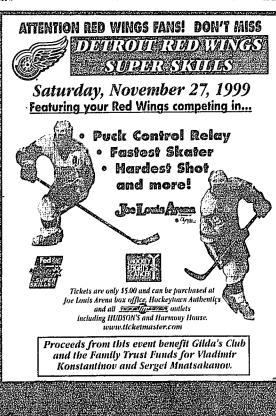
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