

Rocks go airborne to beat Falcons

Plymouth Salem pulled a surprise and passed for three touchdowns Saturday during a 41-0 victory over host Farmington.

Salem quarterback Matt Fair passed for nearly as many yards as the usually-ground-oriented Rocks had rushing.

Salem is 4-3 overall and finishes 3-2 in the WLA Lakes Division. Farmington is 3-4 and 3-2.

Salem scored twice in the first and second quarters, taking a 28-0 lead into halftime. The pivotal moment occurred in the opening quarter, after Fair opened the scoring by tossing a 44-yard strike to Jason Furr and Ryan Cook's two-point conversion run made it 8-0.

The Falcons answered with a 17-play drive, but they got nothing out of it, turning the ball over on downs at the Salem 29. On first down for the Rocks, Jason Lukasik raced 71 yards for a touchdown. Furr's extra point gave Salem a 15-0 advantage.

In the second quarter, Fair passed 22 yards to Andy Kocloski (the PAT failed) and 50 yards to Cook. Turnovers set up both scores: a fumble at the Farmington 21 and an interception by Kocloski, which he returned to the Farmington 46.

In the third quarter, Kocloski added to the Salem lead with an 8-yard run, making it 35-0. Gabe Coble finished the scoring with a 3-yard run midway through the final period.

For the game, Kocloski finished with 57 yards rushing on 12 attempts, four catches for 69 yards, two touchdowns and one kickoff return for 39 yards.

Salem rushed for 234 yards on 44 carries; Fair completed 10 of 14 passes for 214 yards. Equally important, the Rocks had no turnovers.

Lukasik led the ground game

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with 88 rushing yards on eight attempts; Coble added 44 yards on six tries. Furr finished with four receptions for 82 yards.

The Rocks limited Farmington to 150 yards of offense: 109 rushing on 29 attempts and 41 passing. Scott Kneller was 4-of-16 passing with two interceptions.

Farmington's leading ground gainer was Brian Brinsden, who had 62 yards on seven carries. Mike Addison had 33 yards on three tries, and Tim Smith caught two passes for 21 yards.

REDFORD CC 41, DELASALLE 13; IT

was close for two quarters Saturday at Roseville Memorial stadium. John Kava broke a 13-13 tie with 2:59 to go before halftime, and the Shamrocks went on to make it a rout. CC improved to 6-0 overall with the win. The No. 1-ranked Shamrocks ran over Delasalle in the second half. Quarterback Dave Lusky capped a 48-yard drive with a 10-yard run to make it 27-13.

Kyle Entsminger followed with touchdown runs of 3 and 6 yards to make it 41-13. He finished with 163 yards rushing on 20 attempts.

CC totaled 409 yards on offense, of which 273 were rushing. The Shamrocks held the Pilots to 210 yards.

Defensively, Justin Cossante, Lou Willoughby and Aaron Griffin had seven tackles each. Nick Goebel and Cossante added interceptions.

BROTHER RICE 35, NOTRE DAME 0;

The Warriors enjoyed their best offensive showing of the season Saturday at Harper Woods.

Rice scored 28 points before the game was 18 minutes old and rolled to its sixth victory against only one loss.

The Warriors play at Orchard Lake St. Mary's for the Catholic League Central-East Division title at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Rice scored three times in the first period on a 16-yard pass from Pat Craddock to Matt Mueller, a 12-yard run by Mark Goebel and a 1-yard run by Carl Hamaker.

Loren Williams scored on short runs in the second and third quarters. Kevin Gerback booted all five extra points.

Goebel had 68 yards rushing, and Craddock completed four of five passes for 64 yards.

Rice had 268 yards and held Notre Dame to 76, including minus-20 rushing.



Defensive pressure: Salem quarterback Matt Fair gets the pass away just before he's neck-tied and tackled by Farmington's Mark Milosvski.

Clarenceville goes for the win, falls short at Lutheran North

Livonia Clarenceville coach Chuck Donaldson wasn't second-guessing himself.

A trip to the state football playoffs and a Metro Conference championship hung in the balance when Livonia Clarenceville, down a point with four minutes left, went for the two-point conversion at Macomb Lutheran North.

"We didn't go there to tie; we went there to go for the win," said Donaldson, whose Trojans suffered a heartbreaking, 28-27 loss to the unbeaten Mustangs. "There was a lot of time left. And they (North) were running the ball so well and they had a good kicker."

"I'd do it over again, but maybe run a different play."

Quarterback John Wallace ran the option on the two-point play. He made a fake to the fullback and then tried to pitch it to senior tailback Walter Ragland, who had 164 yards in 18 carries on the day.

But North, which improved to

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7-0 overall and 7-0 in the Metro, snuffed out the play and stopped the Trojans well short of the goal line.

"They're good," Donaldson said of North. "They have size and they come off the ball."

"But we still held our own. We played toe-to-toe with them. But sometimes I'd rather lose by 20, than by one. It's harder to deal with when it's that close."

The Trojans led 6-0 after one quarter when Wallace uncorked a 60-yard TD pass to sophomore tight end Scott Wion. (The PAT was missed.)

North then tied it at 6-6 in the second period on quarterback Ron Beebe's 1-yard keeper.

Tim Shaw then returned a fumble 60 yards for a Clarenceville TD off a misdirected North lateral pass. Wallace connected with Wion on the two-point to make it 14-6.

The Trojans mounted a long

drive resulting in a Tim Riedl 5-yard run. Wallace booted the extra point to make it 21-6.

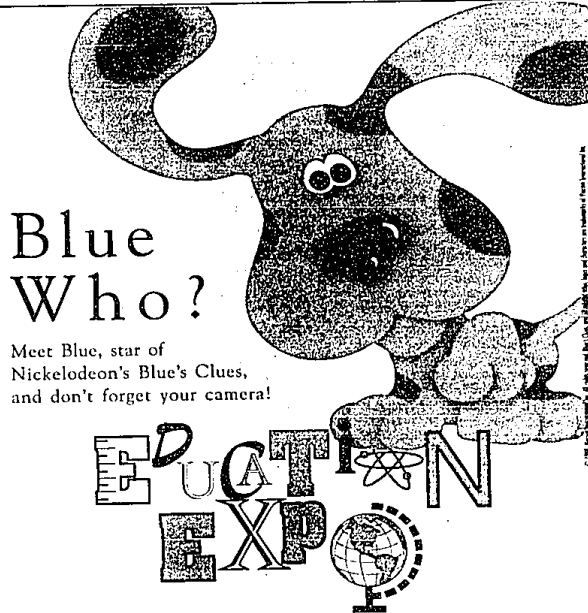
But the Mustangs pulled to within seven when Beebe hit Mark Jettke with a 57-yard TD toss and the two-pointer was successful.

North then tied it at 21-21 in the third on Andrew Sied's 3-yard TD run and the Mustangs took the lead for good on John Blanchard's 20-yard scoring burst.

After Clarenceville pulled to within one, the Trojans got the ball back and drove to the North 30, but time ran out.

"We played good enough to win," Donaldson said. "After looking at the films (Monday), they're really made. They knew they could and should have won."

Clarenceville (5-2, 4-2) played almost error-free, collecting just one offensive penalty. The Trojans also recovered two fumbles as the 6-foot-1, 200-pound Ragland had a big game on the defensive side.



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