

THE WEEK AHEAD

Football, Sept. 13

Troy at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Oak Park at Farmington, 7 p.m.

N. Farmington at Stony Creek, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball, Sept. 10

Harrison at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

Avalon at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Mersey at Stony Creek, 7:30 p.m.

Water, Sept. 12

Farmington at Stony Creek, 7 p.m.

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Boys Soccer, Sept. 10

Troy at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Seaborn at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Dondora at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 12

Farmington at Clarkston, 7 p.m.

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The Oaks (0-2) scored their touchdown on the opening drive of the second half. That was the only time they moved the ball consistently.

On fourth down at the North 14, Dondora's Josh Spielbusch passed to Jeff Wilusz for the score at 6:20 in the third quarter, and Adam Knick's PAT cut the North lead by half.

Spielbusch was Dondora's leading rusher (14 carries for 23 yards) and completed 13 of 31 passes for 144 yards. Wilusz caught seven passes for 86 yards.

Overall, the Oaks had just 56 yards on the ground and 200 total. All but 57 passing yards came in the second half.

"I think we have a good defense," Burrell said. "We had a few miscues in the secondary, and the quarterback liked to run. Once he got out to the open, we had a hard time controlling him; so we need to work a little on pursuit angles."

The Raiders (1-0) kept the Oaks from getting a first down

on their next two possessions, and Lambert's field goal gave the Raiders a 10-point margin.

It afforded North some cushion when Dondora, helped by a roughing-the-passer penalty, drove to the North 16 at the end of the game.

"That was a big key," Burrell said. "It's just a sophomore and to come through like that was incredible. He showed us a lot as a freshman, so we're excited about his potential."

North fullback Ken Uy rushed 10 times for 72 yards and Smith 17 for 41.

The Raiders had 273 yards rushing and 23 passing for a 296 total.

"Physically, we have a good football team," Burrell said. "We have to believe we can be good, and then we'll control our own destiny."

"We had some first-year jitters last week and doubts about how good we could be. We had some juniors in their first varsity ballgame."

"As the season goes on, we're going to have more experience and we'll be more confident."

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CHAMPIONS

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Pinnell said he figured Farmington was the team to beat because of its experienced runners. North has a lot of first-year runners, which is why Murrenus was a nice surprise, he added.

"It's definitely a big start for us," Pinnell said. "It's a great way to begin the season, picking up from last year."

"That's why we have so many girls out, because of the success we had last year. Hopefully, we can continue with that this season."

Farmington's Rachel Button and Claire Chaplick were second and third, respectively.

1. Harrison's Irina Maslennikova, Shannon Bailey and Emmone Green managed to get between them and Farmington's fourth runner.

Actually, the girls ran really well," Farmington coach Ann Badyne said, adding Janell Lindman did a good job as the team's No. 3 runner.

"The girls challenged themselves to run faster and fill the gaps. They did and we came up a point short. They definitely gave a 100-percent effort."

COACH HAPPY FOR SENIORS:

Reed was thrilled for the sake of Harrison senior runners Wayne Wright, Nick Israel, Matt Drew and Erik Lachowski. They finished 13th or better and helped the Hawks win the boys title.

Hughes for a TD, and Smith's PAT made it 14-7, which is how it remained until Harrison's late-game efforts.

Glennum was 5-of-14 passing for 49 yards. Harrison had a 231-150 advantage in total yards.

"We had penalties, we didn't stop the pass and we're a long way from being a good football team," Harrison said.

"It's nice to win 300, but we have to get going for Troy next week."

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