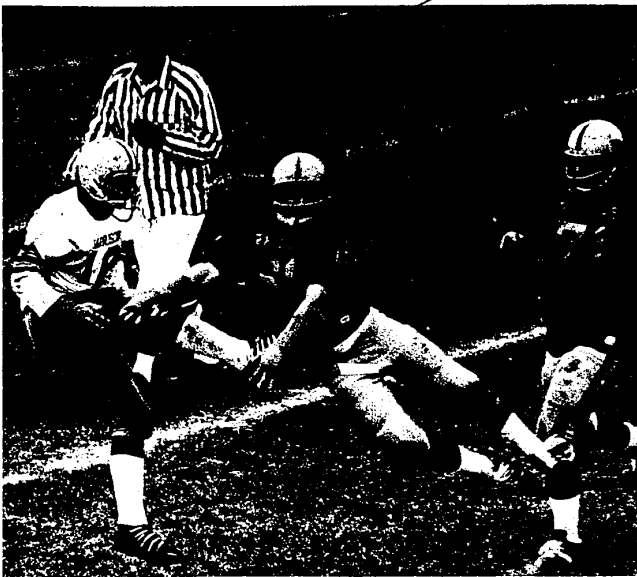


NF Raiders Topple Rival Harrison



RAIDER SPRINGING THROUGH — North Farmington's Stan Clough dives through the air in an attempt to block a Harrison punt by Dave

Manos. Ron Crowe (71) moves in on the play. The punt carried over the rushing lineman. (Observer photo)

By TOM DONOHUE
Sports Editor

North Farmington outrushed, outpassed and outplayed Farmington Harrison 22-0 in the first meeting between the rival schools.

North stands 7-1 for the year with a season finale against another arch-rival, Farmington, coming up Saturday afternoon. Harrison fell back and winds up the '71 season 500 ball with a 4-4 record and winds up the '71 season Friday night in Plymouth.

MARTY RAYMOND stood out in the offensive attack for the Raiders connecting on two touchdowns, tossed to Bill Weaver and picking up crucial yardage on the ground.

There were six fumbles in the first quarter with the ball changing hands on four occasions.

Midway through the second quarter the Raiders started a drive from their 47 after a punt had bounced off Weaver into the hands of teammate Raymond.

A passing interference call gave North a first down on the Harrison 38, and on a rollout pattern Raymond romped to the 28 for another first down. A clipping penalty nullified the play and the ball was back to the 48.

But North was not to be stopped as Raymond pitched to Brad Smith who carried to the 39 and an offside penalty gave the Raiders a first down on the Harrison 25.

After a loss of two, Raymond dropped back and lofied a 27 yard touchdown pass to Weaver who was all alone in the flat, on a flanker around play. Raymond spurred the distance for a two-pointer and North was up 8-0 with four minutes remaining in the half.

HARRISON threatened in the last minute of the half but Chris Pagnucco couldn't connect with his receivers and the half ended with North up 8-0 and outrushing the Hawks 118 to 36 yards with half the game remaining.

Early in the fourth quarter Raymond returned a Harrison

punt from his 35 to the Hawk 37. Raymond twisted and turned through the line to the 17 and a Raider first-down. Brad Pease then spurred 17 yards on an off-tackle slant and with the conversion missing North was up 14-0 with eight minutes remaining.

The Hawks came driving back with Dave Manos bursting for 26 yards down to the Raider 41 but a Pagnucco pass was intercepted by Weaver paving the way for another North score.

Raymond combined with Weaver again for a 58 yard TD play and Chuck Wolfe ran the two-pointer to put North up 22-0.

North Farmington outrushed Harrison 174 to 94 yards in a game that saw 185 yards marched off in penalties, 110 to North and 75 to Harrison.

Raymond was five for 10 for 117 yards and one interception while Pagnucco for Harrison was four for 13 and 33 yards with one interception also.

PEASE COLLECTED 81 yards for North followed by Smith with 48. Manos managed only 60 yards for Harrison against a stubborn Raider defense. Manos had been averaging over 100 yards a game.



UP FOR GRABS -- Harrison's Dennis Thibodeau (32) is tackled after catching a pass and the ball pops loose but Thibodeau recovered but Harrison lost to North 22-0. (Observer photo)

Settle For 3-Way Tie West Falls To Taylor

By RICHIE
Garden City West had to settle for a three-way tie for the championship of the Tri-River League after falling to an inspired Taylor Kennedy, 25-16, on a chilly night in Taylor.

West, with a string of six grid victories, had to win to take the championship while Taylor Kennedy, Melvindale and Kennedy, each with one league loss, had

to hope for a Tiger defeat while each triumphed.

That's exactly what happened. The Tigers got off on the wrong foot in the early moments of play and never recovered. True enough they were within two points of a tie at one point but Kennedy turned on the heat in the final six minutes to go ahead, 25-16, and was threatening at the finish.

It was the first title for West's footballers in its seven-year history.

DAN HUNT took the opening kickoff and returned 13 yards to the Garden City 28. Jim Simms picked up a yard at left guard. Bill Wilcox fumbled on a pitchout and Ken Bochnek recovered for the Eagles on the Garden City 15.

Bruce Bone hit guard twice for six yards and their quarterback Chuck Hooke faded back and tossed a high looper into the arms of lanky Mike Alley in the end zone for a touchdown. The placement for extra point was blocked but Kennedy had a 6-0 margin with 9:44 showing on the clock.

The Tigers came roaring back and moved to the Taylor 31 on two successful passes by Dave Wiacek and some excellent ball carrying by Simms and Steven Jaucnski.

But that's when disaster struck in the form of Taylor's Bochnek who reached up and intercepted a Wiacek aerial on the 15, and raced all the way to the Garden City 10 before John Fisher hauled him down from behind.

Bone ripped through tackle to the one and then completed the job on a buck through center. A pass for the extra point failed and Kennedy was in front, 12-0, with 3:55 to play in the first period.

THE TIGERS finally broke through with 6:08 to play in the quarter after Bone punted to the Garden City 41.

Wiacek started the drive with a pass to Jaucnski for a first down on the Taylor 46. Then he hit John Murray for 18 to put the ball on the 28. Jaucnski picked up three and Yeager sped through the

middle on a trap play and went all the way for the touchdowns... a dash of 25 yards. Wiacek passed to Ed Svada for two points and Garden City trailed, 12-8.

The Eagles showed their power at the start of the second half when they took the kickoff and marched 71 yards in a sustained drive with five first downs.

Bone and Hooke were the big guns in the drive. It was Hooke who picked up the final five yards and the score on a keeper play that found him going around right end for the six-pointer.

The Tigers blocked the placement again at the end zone was 15-8 with Taylor in front.

With half of the final stanza gone, the Tigers went in for their second score. It started when Chris Gehrke recovered a fumble on the Taylor 49.

WIACEK connected with Simms for a first down on the 19. Two plays later he hit Simms again and the star buck raced to the Taylor four. Simms smashed into the end zone through guard and then added two points on a buck through left tackle to make the score, 18-16.

But that was as close as the Tigers came to a tie.



TOUCHDOWN -- Jim Simms barrels over from the one for a Garden City score against Taylor Kennedy. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Franklin Nips Churchill 7-6

By ARTEE
A perfect placement by tackle Dave Morrison with less than three minutes to go in the second period enabled Franklin High's Patriots to nip rival Churchill, 7-6, and wind up the football season with a 6-1-1 record.

Playing on the Churchill field, the favored Patriots had to fight for their life after giving up a touchdown to the Chargers on a 68-yard sprint with a recovered fumble with 6:21 remaining of the opening frame.

Franklin threatened several times during the game but a spirited Churchill defense stopped it once on the two-yard stripe while fumbles and intercepted passes ruined other drives.

In fact Franklin had the ball on the Churchill five and appeared headed for a second touchdown at the final whistle.

THE PATRIOTS were goalknaw bound early in the opening frame and were on the Charger 18 with a first down when quarterback John Casey started wide around right end, lateraled the ball to Denny Schick who in turn fumbled when tackled.

reced 68 yards to the touchdown. Nary a Patriot was close to Damaska at any time.

Fullback Ernie Comini's placement for the extra point was blocked but Churchill had a 6-0 lead with 6:21 remaining in the period.

Franklin's big chance came late in the quarter when Comini's punt was partially blocked and the Patriots took over on the Churchill 28. Schick moved the ball to the 23 as the period ended.

Franklin was detected holding on the first play and went back to the 37. Halfback John Pippo almost broke loose around right end but was downed on the Churchill 17. Schick and Casey has a first down on the 16 in two thrusts.

PIPPO whirled around left end to the Churchill three and Casey finished the job with a sneak through right tackle for the touchdown. Morrison's placement spun through the crossbars and Franklin held a 7-6 lead. It was to hold for the remainder of the contest.

Churchill had barely recovered from that shock until the Patriots were on the march again. It started when Bob Lee intercepted a pass on the Charger 28.

eight. Ken Yuhasz picked up three at left end and Schick added three at left tackle to put the ball on the two.

Schick ran into a wall at left tackle and Casey was a yard short on fourth down; turning the ball over to Churchill on the one.

The Chargers were forced to punt four plays later and Franklin was on the Churchill 43 with four minutes to play. Casey found Armstrong in the clear behind the secondary and he was halted on the Churchill 22.

The drive stopped when Pippo and Yuhasz picked up two yards in two plays and then two passes failed and Churchill regained possession on the 20.

FRANKLIN took the second half kickoff on its 37 and drove down to the Churchill 12 after a pass from Casey to Schick picked up 15 yards. Casey tried to lateral on the next play but the ball rolled loose and Mick Cron recovered for the Chargers on the 33.

The Patriots threatened again early in the final frame when Pippo, Schick and Yuhasz drove to the Churchill 21. Casey tried to pass over center but Rich Barker intercepted on the 11 and the chance was gone.



FRANKLIN QB John Casey fights off two Churchill tacklers for the Patriots' only score in a 7-6 victory over the spirited Chargers. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

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