

FHS Downs Plymouth on 2 First Half TDs

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FHS Sports

The Farmington Falcons crashed into the winning column on a cold clear Friday, beating Plymouth High 14-2, September 24.

Falcons Wayne Johnston and Ron Shortt each scored in the first half to pace Farmington's running game. The second half became a defensive battle in which neither team was able to mount a successful scoring attack.

"We won the game," stated

Falcon head coach Richard Tyler, "with improved tackling and our pass defense."

The only bright spot of the entire evening for Plymouth, other than a fourth quarter safety which netted them two points, was the running of halfbacks Tom Elias and Jon Adams. Elias ran for 53 yards in 11 carries, while Adams in seven carries gained 45 yards for a dual total of 98 yards on the ground.

COACH TYLER, in explaining how Farmington won, said,

"The kids came to play ball. We improved a great deal in one week—I hope we improve that much for the game against Waterford this Friday."

Plymouth kicked off to Farmington to start the two hour encounter. The ball changed hands twice, Farmington again getting the ball on a pass interception by Ron Shortt. Throughout the game, Falcon defense players stopped Rock passing cold with six key interceptions.

On the fourth down play

following Shortt's interception, Johnston dropped back to punt for the Falcons. Following the kick officials called a "roughing the kicker" penalty and Farmington was awarded possession of the ball on the Plymouth 30 yard line.

But, as luck would have it, the Falcons fumbled on the very next play and Plymouth recovered. Then, with a third down and 18 yards to go situation starting them in the face, the Rock team fumbled—and the Falcons recovered!

RAY LARDIE, running an end sweep, galloped 17 yards to the seven after several Farmington passes had fallen incomplete. Then fullback Wayne Johnston burst through the middle of the Plymouth line and went on into paydirt for the first score of the game. Johnston then kicked the ball through the uprights for the extra point, and Farmington led 7-0.

THE FALCONS dominated the rest of the quarter and it ended with Farmington still ahead by one touchdown.

Following a Falcon punt midway in the second quarter, Ray Lardie recovered Plymouth's fumble on the 24. Mike Wilson, Falcon quarterback, then hit end Jerry Tinkle with a pass and Tinkle scampered to the 4 yard line before being tackled. Johnston cracked to the one, and halfback Shortt broke into the endzone for the touchdown. The conversion attempt for the extra point was good, and the half ended Farmington 14, Plymouth 0-0.

Plymouth ran back the Falcon's second half kick off to the Rock 34 yard line. Plymouth quarterback Dave Prochaska pushed his team to the 12 of Farmington. On a draw play up the middle, halfback Tom Elias exploded all the way to the one yard line. But once there, the ball popped out of his arms, into and out of the end zone.

Officials ruled it a touchdown for the Falcons and they took over the ball on the 20.

After three plays, the Falcons again dropped back to punt. Johnston, after a bad snap, kicked the ball into the end zone and it was dropped on the ten yard line. There—the Rocks took over.

However, though they drive to the one-half yard line, it wasn't enough for a first down or a score, and the ball went back to Farmington.

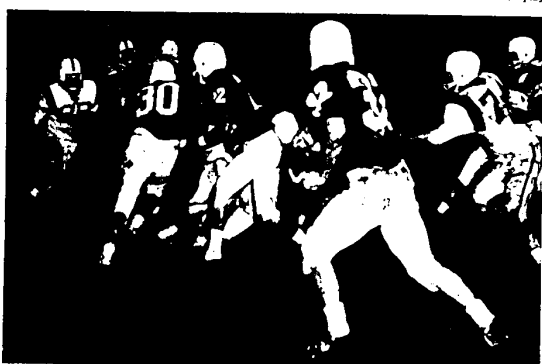
WITH THE BACKS to the wall, the Falcons tried to find some running room. On third down, Shortt went wide on an end sweep. But the Plymouth front line broke through and nailed him for a two-point safety. Plymouth's only score of the game.

"We were fortunate that it was just a safety," stated coach Tyler. "I would much rather give two points than six or seven."

For the remaining portion of the game, the ball bounced back and forth between the two teams. Neither team was able to mount a dangerous drive as their offensive plays were repeatedly smashed by pass interceptions and fumbles.

The final score, as the gun sounded to finish the fourth quarter, was Farmington 14, Plymouth 2.

But Coach Tyler was looking on to the Waterford game. "We're going to try and improve our running game, and put some variety in our passing attack. It's going to be a rough one."



FALCON FULLBACK Wayne Johnston (30) takes a handoff from quarterback Mike Wilson in Farmington's end zone during second half action last Friday night's game in Plymouth. Johnston successfully booted the extra points following both of Farmington's touchdowns in the 11-2 victory over the Rocks.

Falcon halfback Ray Lardie (22) is also pictured on the play above which was followed by Plymouth's only score when they trapped halfback Ron Shortt in the end zone after taking a lateral from Wilson for a two-point safety. Shortt and Johnston scored the Farmington touchdowns.

Rockets Show Power in Win Over Redford

The Farmington Rockets took the field last Saturday facing an undefeated Redford Raider team.

After the initial kickoff, it was soon evident that both teams were out for their third victory. With sheer determination and drive the Rockets moved down the field 5 and 6 yards at a time with Craig Goo going over for the first score. The extra point was missed and the score stood at 6 to 0.

Neither team moved the ball well in the second quarter as both lines were driving hard and the ball was exchanged at every set of downs.

THE BLOCKING and tackling on both sides was hard and vicious. At the start of the second half, the Rockets finally broke loose and Ricky Herch raced through a beautiful hole off left tackle, outran the secondary for 45 yards into the end zone.

DAN STEINKE scored the extra point and the Rockets led 13 to 0. In the third quarter on a similar play that Herch broke scored on, Dan Steinke broke loose and ran 45 yards for the third Rocket touchdown. The extra point was missed but now the Rockets led 19 to 0.

The Raiders took to the air and Dan McGrath intercepted on the 40 yard line, twisted and turned to wind up in the end zone for the last score of the day. Final score 25 to 0.

COACH TYNCE has brought this team along this year and the blocking, tackling and defensive work is something to see.

Bowling

FARMINGTON LANES

The Junior leagues at Farmington Lanes are just getting under way and it looks as if it will be another big year.

Last year Farmington Lanes had the second largest youth bowling enrollment in the state of Michigan and the number of youngsters bowling this year will probably be greater.

THE LARGE NUMBER of youngsters actually simplifies the problem of getting new bowlers started properly since there are separate leagues for each level of experience.

The Saturday program starts with a beginner league for 7 to 13 year olds at 9 a.m. At 12:15 the junior high and high average under 13 year old league bowl. At 3 p.m. separate leagues bowl for 7 to 10 and 11 to 13 year olds in the intermediate class.

On Sundays at 12:30 the high school youngsters bowl. Youngsters interested in bowling are welcome to join any of the leagues.

Kathy Hibbs and Rick Seeburger started off the high school league with high style. Kathy shot a 231 game, and Rick a 221.

BE-LAIRE LANES

Be-Laire Lanes will host the Detroit Ladies Major Traveling League on Wednesday, September 29, at 9:30 a.m.

This League is composed of some of the finest lady bowlers in the Detroit area. There will be stars as Elvira and also some of Farmington's local stars, Dee Rigby, Gladys Siekas, Jackie Amerson, Clara Watson, Marilyn Colard and Ann Derkins.

There will be no admission charge! Everybody is welcome to see the lady bowling stars in action.

MISSILES DROP

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JERRY TURNER turns on the speed after intercepting an errant Monarch pass to give Our Lady of Sorrows possession for the start of their final touchdown drive in the 28 to 7 victory over St. Francis DeSales on Sunday. Turner scored two touchdowns for the OLS.

Lancers and Bob Urbain (88) blocking on play above, scored another, all on pass plays. Lancer halfback Cliff LaFond plunged over for the final OLS score and also ran the extra points.

OLS Shuts Out St. Bede's 27-0

On Sunday, September 26, Our Lady of Sorrows Grade School Gunners opened their 1965 football season with a 27-0 conquest of St. Bede's of Southfield.

Displaying good speed, Sorrows halfback Mike Page paid four times on runs of 70, 45, 20 and 35 yards. Bob Batchelor, Art Devine, and Mike Page all lugged the ball over for the extra points.

AFTER SORROWS fumbled the ball at their own 35 yard line on the second play of the game the offense began to roll. Taking the ball over on downs at their own 30, quarterback Ross Patton pitched out to halfback Mike Page who raced 70 yards to paydirt.

St. Bede's was forced to give up the pigskin at Sorrows 40 yard line.

FULLBACK BOB BATCHELOR and halfback Art Devine moved the ball to St. Bede's 45 yard line where Page again took a pitchout and scampered 45 yards for the tally.

Late in the third quarter, Mike Page, interrupted a St. Bede's pass and ran 35 yards for the touchdown. Once again Page moved the ball to St. Bede's 45 yard line where he scored. Sorrows, showing both speed and power, moved in for the kill. With Bob Batchelor hitting the middle of the Bede's defensive line and Art Devine at the ends, Sorrows moved the ball to the Bede's 20 yard line where Mike Page burst off a 20 yard dash for his final touchdown.

The defensive unit, headed by Barry Walsh and Ross and Randy Bergeron, were not to be outdone as they thwarted one St. Bede's drive after another. Slammering the Bede's offense to the ground before it could get started, the Gunners' defensive unit kept St. Bede's outside of its own 30 yard line.

As the final gun went off, Sorrows was knocking on St. Bede's door again.

Set Punt, Pass & Kick Contest

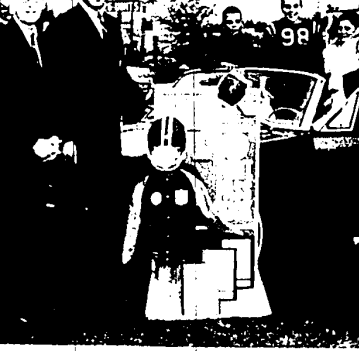
The 1965 Punt, Pass and Kick competition, sponsored annually by the Ford Motor Company and supported by the National Football League, will be held in Farmington on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 9 a.m. at the Farmington High School football practice field, Shawassaw Avenue west of Orchard Lake Road.

The Farmington Junior Chamber of Commerce will work with O'Green Ford and the Farmington Junior Football Association in helping stage this year's competition.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION is Friday, Oct. 8. All participants must register at O'Green Ford as there will be no registration the morning of the competition. Participants must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian for registration.

The Punt, Pass and Kick competition is free and open to all boys ages 8 through 12. Each boy who enters gets a chance to compete in his own age bracket in the football skills of punting, passing and place-kicking. Awards are given to the first 2 winners in each age group.

Remember the competition date, Oct. 9 and the registration deadline, Oct. 8. For further information, contact Jerry Condon at O'Green Ford or Al Sittnick of the Jaycees (GR 6-3075).



BIG JIM GIBBONS, great pass catching end for the Detroit Lions, helped get up some steam for this Saturday's Punt, Pass and Kick Contest at O'Green Ford, 2071 Grand River Avenue in Farmington and must be accompanied by their parents. The Farmington Jaycees and the Junior Football Association are helping to stage the local contest this Saturday at Farmington High School.

FHS Harriers Win 1st Meet

The Farmington High School cross country team scored a victory in its first outing of the season last week.

The Farmington Falcons defeated Livonia Franklin and Redford Union in Edward Hines Park (Livonia Franklin course), Tuesday, September 14.

The weather was warm, 68 degrees, with rain.

The results were Farmington 22, Livonia Franklin 42, and Redford Union 46.

Individual winners were Shepard of R.U. with the time of 10:23 and Ryan of Franklin with the time of 10:24.

FARMINGTON'S FINE depth and balance took third, fourth, fifth, sixth and 14th.

The Falcon point-getters were: Bruce Anderson (3), Bob Donovan (4), Joe Watson (5), George Jackson (6) and Ron McEwen (14).

The next meet for Farmington is Milford Invitational, Saturday, Sept. 25 at Kensington Metropolitan Park.

JV Rockets Post 20-6 Win

On a Saturday afternoon that was weatherwise much more satisfactory for football, the Farmington Rocket team encountered the Redford Raiders.

After the Bantam team had been beaten by a 6 to 0 score the Junior Varsity took the field and at the end of the first quarter it looked like time was old as the score was 6 to 0 in favor of the Raiders. However, in the second period, Jim Harle raced 48 yards for a Rocket touchdown and after Russ Blancy converted the extra point Farmington led 7 to 6.

After the intermission at halftime, a pass from Adams to Jim Evechik which netted 30 yards placed the ball on the Raiders' 35 yard line. Two plays later Greg Adams rolled out to the left and raced into the endzone for the second Rocket TD. The extra point was missed and the score was 13 to 6.

In the last quarter, Kenny Haller broke away around end and scored the third and last Rocket touchdown. Russ Blancy dove into the end zone for the extra point and the score ended Farmington 20, Redford 6.

North Farmington Raiders Post 2nd Straight Grid Win

BY DAVE SEAY

The North Farmington Raiders upheld popular predictions Saturday, September 25, as they defeated the Kettering Captains, 27-12.

Highlights of the afternoon included interceptions by NF's Larry August, yardage gains by Raiders Bill Oldershaw and Craig Wycinski and two fumbles in the 3rd quarter.

THE FIRST QUARTER saw each team score a touchdown. Kettering's Jones scored with excellent blocking, but they failed in the extra-point attempt. NF's goal came when a completed pass from Oldershaw to Chuck Vance closed up a 28-yard zap between NF's line of scrimmage and the end zone. Benet Hanson's successful field goal made the score 7-6.

With 3:06 left in the quarter, Kettering received the kickoff and carried the pigskin to their own 35-yard line. After a pass and toss-off failure, Kettering completed a pass making the scrimmage line NF's own 30.

In a desperate 32 seconds remaining, Kettering and NF scrambled to recover a fumble on NF's 28-yard line.

Although the Raiders recovered the ball, time ran out and the quarter ended with the fans on their feet. It wasn't until minutes into the second quarter that the Raiders cashed in on the fumble recovery with Oldershaw completing a pass to Gary Aricelli on the Captains 29-yard line. Able Craig Wycinski moved the ball 22 yards in two consecutive plays.

OLDERSHAW SCORED at the 9:36 mark, NF's second TD from the nine-yard line—that, with the extra point, tallied the score to 14-6.

Handicapped by penalties and successfully blocked by NF's defensive unit, the Chain Gang, Kettering gave up possession of the ball on the Raiders' 37-yard line.

An incomplete pass stalled the Raiders and the Oldershaw-Rick Schultz combination failed to pick up enough yardage for a first down. Driving with the ball, Oldershaw was able to move up to the 48-yard line. A fantastic turn of fate followed with NF fumbling, recovering but losing possession on the 32-yard line (short of a first down).

Kettering lost possession again in the second quarter on downs. With the clock running and 13 seconds to go in the half, Wycinski broke through the hamstringing Captain defense and romped 82 yards to score. Hanson again booted



QB Bill Oldershaw Passes on Target

attempts and a fumble, they were forced to kick.

NF FAILED TO capitalize, moving the ball only to their own thirty-five. The Captain's likewise failed to score.

The 3rd quarter ended with NF's Hanson attempting a field goal which fell short from the Captain's 20-yard line.

Larry August put gusto into the final quarter by intercepting a Kettering pass and recovering it.

RAIDER TACKLE PETE DOLAN poses a sophomore that NFHS graduated its first senior class (1961). Pete's football savvy and aggressiveness poses considerable challenge to the Franklin Patriots who will defend their Northwest Suburban Conference title when they play host to the Raiders this Saturday afternoon, October 2, at 2 p.m.



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turning the ball to the 30-yard line. Another Oldershaw-Schultz pass added five more yards and Wycinski added seven more in the next play. With blocking from Rick Coninger, Oldershaw scrambled to the 32-yard line.

GARY ACETELLI set the scene for his own touchdown as he received a 37-yard pass from quarterback Oldershaw and plunged through the line in the next play to make the score 27-6.

With three minutes remaining in the game, Kettering's Von Bergen intercepted a pass intended for Mike Bensinger, which set up their second and final TD.

Although the Raiders' defense seemed fit, Kettering made it known that they were able too. Final quarter spurts of steam brought hope for the Captains, but the clock stopped before the power was completely released.

CRAIG WYCINSKI, NF fullback, bears watching as he gained 31 yards alone on the ground.

With a 2-and-0 record, Coach Holland looks forward to playing Franklin High School on Saturday, Oct. 2, as the Raiders take on the Patriots at 2 p.m. on Franklin's gridiron.

The Patriots were the only team to hand the North Farmington Raiders a defeat last season and are the defending Conference Champions.

