



ON HIS WAY. Chris Norton slips away from a tackle by Farmington. Farmington also made it possible for a gain against Bentley as he helped new coach Bob Mistle to get off on the Farmington half winning streak of Livonia right foot.

## Win Streaks Come to End

# Bentley, Raiders Clipped Fast

When you're having "a bad season" in sports, the cry goes up: "There's always next year."

When you're winning, there's also "a next year," and sometimes the results aren't as gratifying.

Take the cases of North Farmington and Bentley High Schools.

In 1965, both enjoyed unbeaten-untied football seasons. North Farmington wound up being ranked sixth in most of the state Class A polls. Bentley made it tenth.

That was '65.

The '66 season began on much a different note for both last Friday.

North Farmington, which had copped 11 straight contests (the final two in 1964, plus nine in '65), tried its fortunes out at Grand Rapids Central.

If the Raiders never see the Furniture City again, that'll be soon enough. They were swamped by Central, 41-0.

Meantime, cross-town Farmington took care of Bentley's winning ways by a 12-8 score. Bentley had carried over an eight-game victory streak.

What do you say when you get beaten by a 41-0 score?

"Well, wait until next week. I hope we can rebound," said North Farmington coach Ron Holland.

Holland really wasn't surprised that his team lost, although the score undoubtedly shocked him.

North Farmington had lost just about everybody from its 1965 powerhouse.

Over at Bentley, coach Larry Joiner sang the praises of Farmington and also felt

his team showed signs that it will not be any pushover.

"Farmington threw some apoplexy at us in the first half when they scored, and we were caught by surprise," declared Joiner.

"When we finally adjusted, we couldn't catch up. But it was gratifying to me the way we stopped them in the second half."

For Farmington's new coach it was a gala way to embark on his new career as the school's varsity coach.

"Delighted I am, because this truly is a green team we have here this fall," said Mistle. "We don't have very many boys who played too

much on the varsity a year ago. But they have come around in fine style."

Mistle also was happy the way his team maneuvered on offense.

The Falcons under Mistle vary their attack from a "Shot Gun" to a "Spread" to almost anything else.

"Most of all, we learned a lot," added Mistle.

In the game, Farmington scored first, marching some 75 yards with the opening kickoff. Chris Norton and Fritz Simons carried the ball while Dan Wolfman struck twice on passes to Dan Misch and once to Ed Snyder.

This brought Farmington to the Bentley eight from where Norton shot over.

Farmington added to its lead in the second period on a 12-yard pass from Wolfman to Doug Root. The Falcons had taken over on the Bentley 40, following a short kick.

Bentley got on the scoreboard via a two-point safety in the second period when Tackle Frank Miller dropped a Farmington back in the end zone.

Then in the third period, Bentley swept 80 yards for its lone touchdown. Kevin Hooker slammed the middle while Ken Jackson and Jim Matera ran the ends to get the ball to the one. Hooker went the final distance on a buck over center.

The Livonians weren't through, however. Fighting the clock, Bentley struck on a long bomb from Greg Coleman to Rick Dudzinski that got the Livonians to the Farmington 20 when time ran out.

Bentley coach Joiner commended the individual play of Miller, Hooker, Coleman, Dudzinski, Jackson and Matera.

On the Farmington side of the ledger, Simons was singled out along with 135-pound guard Pat Foley.

North Farmington had a fast chance against Grand Rapids Central, moving to the Central 10 before a fumble lost the ball. Then the roof fell in.

Halfback Sylvester Figures and Gene Grady each scored twice for the winners. The latter in addition gained 119 yards to help Central run up 425 on the ground to North's 105. The losers also were able to complete only two passes.

## 'HAPPIER DAYS BACK FOR BOTH':

# Rocks, RU Start in High

"Happier Days are Here" at both Plymouth and Redford Union High Schools Friday. They were singing the tune! day night.

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cepted pass.

All totaled, the Rocks gave up only 39 yards on the ground while Plymouth made 178 rushing and 26 more via the air.

Did this indicate that Plymouth has a one-sided offense?

"No," said coach McCall. "True, we did well, but we kept the Northville defense honest with the few passes that Dave Prochazka tried and completed."

Prochazka and Ron Lowe led the Plymouth assault. Lowe was the big workhorse as he carried some 25 times for almost 75 yards.

Plymouth moved 40 yards for its first touchdown with Lowe doing most of the carrying. He got the Rocks down to the Northville one from where Prochazka sneaked in.

Northville then struck for both its scores—and the way they came would have been enough to demoralize a team.

But the Rocks came back strong in the second half. No more mistakes... some great defense... and Lowe and Prochazka riddling away at Northville.

The Rocks tied the game on a 50-yard drive which again featured Lowe and again ended with Prochazka going the final yard.

With the score tied at 6-6, the Rocks drove for their winning tally in the last stages of the action. This was pretty much an all-Lowe affair. He carried five straight times, circling right end from the six for the touchdown.

Defensively for the Rocks, there were high praises for tackles Jim Elias and John Egan and linebacker Mike Waller.

Redford Union moved 40 yards for its only touchdown at Taylor Center.

Approximately, it was all-league quarter back Glen Davis who flipped a 21-yard pass to Leland Bjerke for the only score.

Bob Czerniak had carried most of the time in helping to set up the touchdown. Czerniak accounted for about half the 195 yards the winners picked up in the game.

Redford had another good chance when it reached the Taylor three.

Meantime, such RU defenders as Dave Beckerleg, Davis, Ed Orlowski and Jim Walker combined to make sure that Taylor never penetrated the RU 10-yard stripe.

Michigan State's last four head football coaches—Jim Crowley (1929-32), Charley Bowler (1933-46), Biggie Munn (1947-53) and Duffy Daugherty (1954 to present)—all produced strong winning records with the Spartans.

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GETTING NO PLACE. Thurston runner (in dark) tries to gain yardage in Southfield, but makes no headway. It was that way at the end for Thurston, which lost, 6-0.

**Observing SPORTS**

By George Maskin

It was Leo Durocher who said: "Nice Guys Don't Win in Sports."

It's been Leo Durocher who never has lived down the remark.

Nice Guys DO win in sports and you'll find one residing in our midst in Livonia. His name: Alex Delvecchio, captain of the Detroit Red Wings who Monday began preparations for their 1966-67 National Hockey League season.

Delvecchio happens to be a nice guy—on and off the ice. And along with being nice, he also happens to be one of the all-time greats in Red Wing, as well as National Hockey League history.

Alex, now 34, is starting his 16th season with (Continued on Page 3B)

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