

Franklin, NF Showdown

The Franklin High charge to another football championship continues.

Last Saturday the Livonians pulled late for a 13-7 victory over Thurston.

Franklin had to fight Thurston as well as the clock to up its league record to 2-0 and its overall record for the year to 3-1.

Only two minutes remained when Bob Rogalski raced in from the 15 to cash the winning touchdown after Thurston had led most of the closing quarter.

The Livonians had to grind out the triumph on the ground. Only 20 of their 232 yards gained during the day came on passes.

What's more, Franklin had to travel almost 80 yards for the winning score as the clock ticked.

spun its merry way.

GARY SICA, Jim Lambada and Wally Wolfe, along with Rogalski, took turns pounding away at the Thurston line.

They made headway, although at times it was on the difficult side.

Franklin had taken an early 6-0 lead when Bill Heistain fired a 31-yard scoring pass to Wolfe.

That's the way matters stood until the fourth period when Jerry Schaffer of Thurston cut loose on an 80-yard scoring run.

The conversion by Rick Wagner put Thurston into a 7-6 lead and the slender advantage was beginning to appear as if it would be enough.

But Franklin had too much power when it counted the most.



THURSTON'S Jerry Schaffer (82) goes high in the air to take a pass over the outstretched fingers of Pete MacLean (23), of Franklin.

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In Last Minute

90 - Yard Drive Wins For Glenn

Nothing beats confidence.

The John Glenn football team knew all along it was going to upset Birmingham Groves.

Even when Groves rallied in the last few minutes to go ahead, 14-13, with 2:15 on the clock, the Glenn gridgers didn't lose heart.

"We'll win this one, coach," they told Bob Lusk.

And win Glenn did, with a dramatic pair of passes from Tim Wozny to sophomore Greg Hubbard—passes that covered 90 yards and produced the deciding score with 35 seconds to go.

But it still took a neat interception by Steve Decker at midfield, just as the gun went off to preserve the 19-14 verdict for Glenn.

THUS GLENN now stands 3-0 in the Northwest Suburban League after managing only one win in five loop outings a year ago.

Too, Glenn has an overall 3-1 mark, which puts the team only two triumphs away from

the school's all-time high of five victories, three defeats and a tie for one campaign.

Lusk admits he's surprised a little by the Glenn showing.

"We don't have any standouts on this team," he explained. "Our boys just are playing very well together."

"And they have that extra bit of confidence in their ability to get the job done."

Glenn, which hosts Thurston this Friday at 3:30 p.m., twice had taken the lead from Groves, only to fall behind.

Steve Paschke started the scoring for Glenn with a four-yard sprint to cap a 65-yard drive.

Back came Groves on an in-

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Friday's Games
Bentley at Allen Park, 8:30 p.m.
Sevenson at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
Bloomfield Hills at Clarenceville, 8 p.m.
Thurston at Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Tranton at Redford Union, 8 p.m.
Belleville at Plymouth, 8 p.m.
Crestwood at Garden City West, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games
N. Farmington at Franklin, 10 a.m.
Inland Robichaud at Garden City East, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Somerville vs. St. Marys of Royal Oak at Farmington High, 2:30 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Ann Arbor St. Thomas at Lolo, Valley, 2:30 p.m.

It's 35-0 Runaway Bentley Wallops RU

The fumbles were fewer. So were the mistakes.

When it was all over Bentley High's football team had lowered the boom on previously unbeaten Redford Union, 35-0.

Add to the fact that Bentley was what coach Larry Joiner called "an inspired team" one has the reason why the Livonians won with such ease after losing by a point to Trenton the week before.

The triumph gave Bentley a 3-1 overall record and a 1-1 standing in the Suburban Six League. Redford Union has an identical mark.

Both trail Allen Park and Trenton by one game in the league chase. The Parkers and Trenton stand 2-0.

Seldom has a Bentley team moved the ball better than it did against Redford Union.

Seldom has a team played better defense.

didn't stop until he had scored. Powers fired to knock for the extra point.

The next Bentley touchdown was set up by the running of Cascaden and Bantau. It was capped when Powers dipped a five-yarder to Rice in the end zone.

Rice added the extra point. Bantau finished the scoring with an 11-yard dash in the fourth period.

"It was our finest all-around effort of the season," said Bentley coach Joiner.

THE LIVONIANS will have to keep going this Friday, be-

cause they have a "do-or-die" date with Allen Park at Allen Park.

"We'll have to beat them and hope that somebody takes care of Trenton if we're going to share or win the championship," Joiner added.

The "somebody" very well could turn out to be Redford Union, which hosts Trenton Friday night.

"We're in the same boat as Bentley," said RU coach John Rogers. "But we can help ourselves and maybe Bentley, too. We still have both Trenton and Allen Park on our schedule."

College Harriers Beat 2 Foes

With Larry Buchheit and Joe Vitale running one-two, Schoolcraft College's cross country team beat Lorain and Ohio Northern in a triangular meet.

Schoolcraft scored 22 points to Lorain's 37 and Ohio's 61. Fred Neal ran fourth, Larry Cooper sixth and George Jackson ninth for the winners.

NF Star Unloads 4 Aerial TDs

Bring on a better high school passer in the state than Norm DeCoursey of North Farmington.

Four games and nine touchdowns strikes...that's DeCoursey's record.

He hit his one-game high last Saturday when he tore apart Oak Park, 35-6, by tossing four TD aerials—two each to Rick Knock and Mike McCoy.

What's more with DeCoursey leading the way, the Raiders rolled up a total of 383 yards—208 rushing and 175 via the airways.

Meantime, the Parkers were well contained, making a total of 95 yards—40 passing and 55 rushing.

With DeCoursey in high gear, North Farmington made it 2-0 in Northwest Suburban League and now moves against Franklin, boasting a similar mark, in a game the experts are saying will decide the championship.

NORTH FARMINGTON, now 3-1 overall on the season, first hit the scoreboard when DeCoursey flipped a 40-yarder to Knock. Chuck Butten's conversion made it 7-0.

Past Adamian went in from the nine and Butten's extra point made it possible for North Farmington to hold a 14-6 lead at halftime.

The rest of the game was strictly North Farmington as DeCoursey went to work with three touchdown blasts.

Actually the second-half scoring began when Oak Park's quarterback slipped and fell in the end zone, thus giving the Raiders two points via a safety.

Minutes later it was DeCoursey to Knock for 35 yards and a touchdown.

McCoy was on the receiving end of the final two scores. One was good for 20 yards, the other for 10.

While DeCoursey prepared the Oak Park defense through the air, Gary Zerkhan and Charley Hill paced the running machine which North Farmington had functioning in high gear.

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observing sports

As a nation, Americans frequently are criticized for being lazy, especially when it comes to sporting events.

It's been said... and partially substantiated... that we are a flock who'd rather sit in the stands and cheer the Lions, the Tigers, the Red Wings, the Pistons, or our favorites in the school ranks than actually getting out there and trying to perform ourselves.

This isn't to say we're all major leaguers. Of course, we aren't. But regardless of how lousy our athletic abilities may be, there is some phase of sport in which we can engage.

And, a great many of us do, notwithstanding the throngs who pay their ways to see the pros, the amateurs, and what have you.

More and more, recreational events are luring more and more of us.

This, for example, is the time of the year when thousands of Michiganders go hunting. The stay-at-homes can't comprehend the tremendous numbers who head north, looking for the right spot to kill a deer.

Some schools even grant students a day off legally so that they can take to the woods and fields.

Just how many of us enjoy fishing? Friend Torn Oppe, the Free Press outdoors editor, estimates the number in Michigan exceeds a quarter of a million.

Astronomical, eh?

Interest in golf has hit an all-time high—from a participation standpoint as well as fans turning out for major tournaments.

As pointed out in this column a few weeks back, the biggest reason for the golfing upsurge is women. Yep, the girls have flooded.

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