

# Churchill Squeaks By Thurston, 7-6



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Chalk one up in the win column for Churchill High. Churchill didn't overpower Thurston, the Chargers just beat them, 7-6.

The Western Six Chargers broke a scoreless tie in the third quarter. Thurston came back with a touchdown on its own but missed on a two-point

attempt and that was the game.

Thurston Coach Emil Majeski in his first game as head mentor left himself open for second guessing with the two-point attempt instead of the kicking one but as far as he was concerned that was the only play.

"We have been passing better for two points than

fighting his way to the Thurston 25.

**THURSTON STOPPED** the Charger attack in the first three plays forcing another fourth down situation and five on the Eagle 23.

Blaires faded back and hit Foster on a drag pass pattern and Churchill was on the board. Left-footed kicker Ernie Comini split the uprights and the Chargers were up, 7-0.

Thurston's Tom Dowdy picked off a Blaires pass later in the quarter but Churchill's Al Leirstein hauled in his second interception to halt an Eagle threat.

With 5:55 remaining, Thurston took over on its own 44 and this time inexpensive was not to be seen.

**HARDING** was shaken up on the play and Thurston was forced to use its last timeout.

"With 58 seconds showing on the clock, it was a break for us," said Churchill Coach Ken Kaestner.

Two passes fell incomplete and Stein finally hit Gary Chappell on the 10 but time had run out and Churchill nullified a game closing penalty against Thurston to win.

Churchill collected 10 first downs to only three by Thurston on the Chargers grinding out 167 yards on the ground to 30 by Thurston.



**WITH 7:17 LEFT** in the third quarter, Churchill took control on its own 22 yard line. Working out of a wishbone, senior fullback Kevin Arnold dashed to the 45 for a first down.

Churchill moved into Thurston territory and was faced with a crucial fourth and one situation on the Eagles 45. Charger QB Bob Blaires picked up the needed yardage and it was a first down on the 43.

Blaires fumbled the snap from center and a pass fell incomplete to make it fourth and five. Blaires found his mark in Jim Foster on a screen pass with Foster

having the option of a one-point or two-point play.

Majeski decided on going for the win and Stein dropped back to pass. Before he could even set himself, Churchill's Tim McMahon and Kevin Arnold were on him with the ball squirting loose.

**CHURCHILL** took the kickoff, failed to pick up a first down and Thurston had the ball on its 44 after a 28 yard punt. An Eagle pass landed in the hands of one of its linemen and before Majeski knew what had happened, it was third and 36 on their own 18.

Thurston punted the ball out and Churchill started working on the clock.

On a third down play on its own 45, Churchill's Tom Moore plunged ahead for a first down but the ball shot loose and Thurston's Harding was there to pick it up.

All there was between Harding and the goal line was clear sailing but Phil Damaska who had blocked for fourth and eight on the 18. Moore on the play came up with a game saving tackle from behind to stop Harding on the 16.

**BLAIRES HIT** on six of 11 passes for 79 yards with Stein connecting on six of 16 for 50 yards. Churchill even led in the fumble department with five while Thurston had none.

Defense, as usual was the key to Churchill's attack.

"The offense put us in the hole," said defense Coach Roger Frayer. "But we (defense) balled them out."

"We just made too many mistakes," said Majeski. "But we did prove that we will be competitive."

A SPARTAN TUMBLE -- Stevenson's Paul Lulek takes a spin after being hit by Redford Union's Bob Eland (87) and Bob Fitrikis (56). Stevenson toppled RU in the gridiron opener. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

## NF Raiders Win In Overtime, 14-12

The new football tie-breaking ruling didn't have to sit on the shelf long.

North Farmington and Pontiac Northern played to a 6-tie with North winning it all in a double overtime, 14-12.

"I have had three ties in 13 years of coaching at North," said Coach Ren Holland. "What a way to open a season... a double overtime win."

A pass from John Dwyer to Jim Fredericks broke the six-all deadlock with Brad Pease hauling in a two-point pass play. Pontiac came back in the overtime with a touchdown but failed on a two-point play.

It was a scoreless duel for the first three quarters with Pontiac falling to capitalize on a first quarter blocked punt.

Pontiac took control on North's 17 but couldn't move against a tough Raider defense with Mike Daley intercepting a pass to halt that threat.

**MIDWAY** through the second quarter North opened up a drive from its 40. A pass deflection brought out the field goal team with Dwyer missing a 22 yarder wide to the left.

The first half ended 0-0 with North having eight first downs and Northern none.

"We have to be the greatest 30 to 30 zone football team around," said Holland. "We just couldn't break open for a big gain."

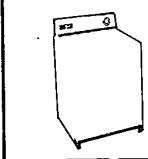
With seven minutes remaining, North got the break it had been waiting for. A bad punt gave the Raiders the ball on Northern's 30.

**DWYER HIT BOER** on a key third down play for 13 yards and Dwyer scampered around end to the three. Bob D'Agostino climaxed it with a three yard dive and North was on the board.

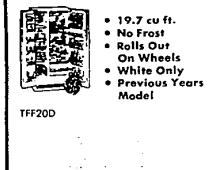
A bad snap from center made the conversion fruitless but North had a 6-0 lead. The margin held up for about one minute.

Northern's quarter-back Bob Chism connected for a 65 yard scoring toss to Willy Flowers and it was a tie game.

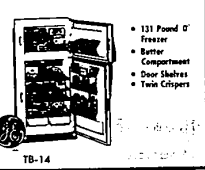
**TWO RAIDERS PASSES** went astray but Dwyer found his mark on the third, hitting Fredericks for a 10 yard TD. A swing pass to Pease made good the two-point conversion and North was in the driver's seat, 14-6.



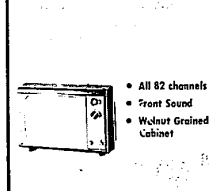
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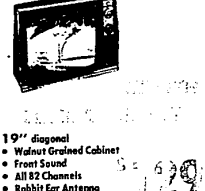
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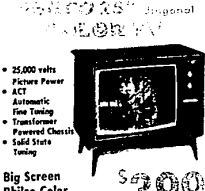


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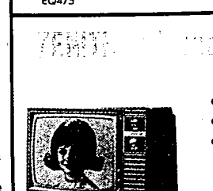
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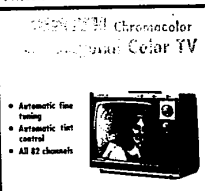
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## observerland Prep Schedule

**FOOTBALL FRIDAY**

Franklin at Annapolis, 3:30 p.m.  
Bentley at Plymouth, 8 p.m.  
Harrison at Birmingham Groves, 8 p.m.  
Churchill at John Glenn, 8 p.m.  
Northville at Clarenceville, 8 p.m.  
Taylor Kennedy at GC West, 8 p.m.  
Redford Union at Belleville, 8 p.m.  
Southfield at Waterford, 8 p.m.  
Farmdale at Southfield Lathrup, 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

W. Bloomfield at Farmington, 2 p.m.  
WL Central at North Farmington, 2 p.m.  
Bay City Central at Stevenson, 2 p.m.  
Romulus at Thurston, 2 p.m.  
GC East at Flint Central, 7:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

U-D at Bishop Borgess, 2 p.m.  
OL St. Mary at St. Agatha, 2:30 p.m.

## A Tragic Beginning

A professional hockey career ended one day after it began.

Herbert Price, '67 graduate of Farmington High, was killed in an auto accident on his 23rd birthday, the day after he had made the St. Louis Blues hockey squad.

The accident occurred on I-70, near Effingham, Ill. en route from St. Louis to Detroit for Farmington High School's Class of '67 five-year reunion.

Price was married this Aug. 26 to Christine Fischer of Bridgeton, Mo., who is listed in critical condition in Decatur, Ill.

**THE FARMINGTON GRAD** started playing hockey in Detroit leagues and attended Michigan State University on a hockey scholarship where he starred on defense and left wing and made honorable mention All-American the '69-70 season.

Price went on to the International League in Jacksonville, Fla. in '71 and just made the St. Louis Blues hockey club before the accident. He was buried in St. Louis, Mo.

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