



# Plymouth Extends Win Streak To 3

**By FRED DELANO**  
For the first time in Tom Moshimer's six seasons as Plymouth football coach the Rocks are undefeated after three games, and now they seem the chance to make it four straight victories when they move into Allen Park Friday against the defending Suburban Eight champions. Their 27-7 home field romp over Dearborn last weekend deadlocked the Rocks with Redford Union, Edsel Ford and Trenton at the top of the heap, all 2-0 in the league.

It also saw the successful introduction of last year's top Plymouth quarterback, Jim Szilagyi, at a halfback spot—thus multiplying the Rocks' pass-run options from the wishbone. It paid off with a touchdown before the game was six minutes old. An Achilles tendon injury to the previous starting halfback, Mark Allen, which may bench him for the season, prompted Moshimer's decision to go with a double quarterback backfield.

From that spot Szilagyi ran for two touchdowns and passed for another after taking a pitchout from Robb. He also kicked three extra points. Meanwhile, explosive Jeff Horton, a junior fullback, continued to give the Rocks unusual power up the middle as he powered for 163 yards on 15 carries. Far and away the leading ground gainer on the club, Horton has netted 373 yards on 71 attempts in the victories over Bloomfield Hills An-

dover, Livonia Bentley and Dearborn. While Plymouth was piling up a 27-0 lead during the first three periods, Dearborn was able to penetrate inside the Rocks' 20 only once—and that threat was cut off with an end zone interception by Gary Baker. DEARBORN'S consolation touchdown late in the fourth quarter was set up by a 7-0 fumble recovery at the Rock 25, Frank Yesh scoring six

plays later from the two. For the night, Plymouth outgained Dearborn by land and air 327 yards to 175. The Rocks moved 69 yards the second time they had the ball for their initial score. A Horton blast of 53 yards set the stage and then at the 15 Szilagyi took a fourth down pitch from Robb and passed to Ron Egloff for the score. Szilagyi's conversion made it 28-0 in the second quarter

Horton cut loose for 67 yards before being caught at the Dearborn six yard line. He then plunged for five and smashed in from the one on the next play. Szilagyi's conversion made it 14-0 at halftime. PLYMOUTH scored twice in the third period before Moshimer cleared the bench in the final stanza. An interception by Tom Grace provided an opportunity for a march of 33 yards sparked by a 12-yard gain by Steve Crowther. Szilagyi tallied from the five but missed the kick. It was only his second miss in 33 tries in two seasons. The Rocks came right back to go 71 yards the next time they had the ball, Szilagyi putting on the capper with a 43-yard scoring dash 10:17 into the period after a 20-yard sprint by Crowther. This time Szilagyi's kick was perfect.

## Officials Not Doing Job

The power of the little flag leaves a lot to be desired. High school officials are assigned to govern prep sports and build character of inspiring young men, with football no exception.

In covering the Garden City East - Franklin game I found this not the case. Garden City East won the game and I am not taking anything away from Gary Humphrey's Panthers. . . they played one heck of a game and as the score indicates, won by a 19 point margin going away. But the officiating was bad and not just against Franklin.

FRANKLIN ACCUMULATED 126 yards in penalties and East a 57 yard total. "The officials weren't protecting my kids," said Franklin Coach George Lovich. "A kid threw a punch at one of my players, the official pulled the flag out of his pocket but tucked it back in, and explained to me that he had only anticipated a punch."

At the same time there were punches taken at the GC East quarterback Stevie Orr with no calls made. A TEAM CAPTAIN has the right to talk to the official and ask for an explanation of a call. Such was not the case in the East-Franklin game.

A few jerseys were being pulled over the heads in pile-ups and the Franklin captain was attempting to discuss this with the officials. "The officials would not even talk to my captains," said Lovich. "They told him to get away and quit complaining."

"Here you work with the kids, getting them ready for the game, and they give it all they got. The officials took it right out of them and people wonder why kids go the way they go." I spent some time around both team benches and witnessed how the East coaching staff was chucking on some of the calls, while on the other hand, the Franklin staff was fuming with Lovich warned several times.

I guess that's football though. AT THE FINAL HORN, the two coaches met on the field in the hand shaking ceremony. "The first thing East Coach Humphrey said to me was that he was sorry about the officiating and that he hadn't a thing to do about picking them," said Lovich.

Roughing the passer calls were aplenty as was passing interference. PENALTIES PLAYED a key role in the outcome but the officiating played an even bigger role in the thinking of about 60 prep footballers.

I met with North Farmington Coach Ron Holland and Thurston Coach Emil Majeski after the game. They just laughed about the officials and their calls.



WHOOPI! Plymouth halfback Jim Szilagyi let this handoff slip out of his grasp. Szilagyi recovered and Plymouth zipped past Dearborn, 27-7. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

## GC West Still In Tri-River Gridiron Race

Garden City West broke into the Tri-River win column and finds itself in a five-way tie for second place. West topped Crestwood, 22-14, to stand 1-1 in league action and 1-2 overall. Riverside is on top of the Tri-River at 2-0.

"I can't see Riverside remaining on the top," said West Coach Bob Drahelm. "We play Melvindale this week and the loser will just about be out of contention." The Tigers travel to Melvindale Friday under the lights.

WEST STRUCK paydirt the second set of downs against Crestwood. Steve Jaconski ate up the next seven minutes on a 68 yard march with seven yard spurt, an extra point attempt failed and West was in front, 6-0.

Jaconski set up the next West score on a 30 yard screen pass play and climaxed the pass by hauling in a 30 yard Dobbs to Cliff McLennon pass accounted for the two-point conversion and West was in command at the half, 14-0.

The Tigers added to their margin early in the third stanza on a 70 yard drive sparked by an 11 yard spurt by junior halfback Mike

Calamita. Dobbs' combined with Scott Fowler for two points and it stood at 22-0. CRESTWOOD CAPITALIZED on a West turnover to score late in the quarter. A fumble gave Crestwood the ball on the West 28. Eight plays later, Steve Wilkes scored from the one. The conversion failed and the lead was cut to 20-6.

Things were sliced thinner in the opening moments of the final quarter. Wilkes scored on a four yard run to highlight a short drive and made good a two point running conversion, 22-14, with seven and a half minutes remaining.

The Tigers took control and ate up the next seven minutes on a 68 yard march with Jaconski carrying the ball 12 times and scoring from the three. The conversion missed but the margin was 25-14.

West dominated with three times as many rushing plays as Crestwood. The Tigers rushed for 262 yards in 60 seconds left on the clock. A plays while Crestwood ground out 40 yards in 20 carries. Crestwood passed for 175 yards on 10 of 29 passes and West hit on four of 10 for 95.

Jaconski accounted for 175 yards in 38 carries, caught two passes for 60 yards and threw one pass for 34 yards... a 269 yard production.

## Homecoming Foe

Northeast Missouri, Wayne October 7, 1972, is the 21st State University's 38th Annual Homecoming Game foe on Homecoming.

## Glenn Finally Scores... Throttles Oak Park, 21-8

The Rockets finally got off the ground. John Glenn, which scored a point in its first two football games, finally did and thrashed Oak Park in the Northwest Suburban opener, 21-8.

The Rockets had been shut out by Wayne Memorial, 6-0, and Churehill, 16-0. Glenn broke into the scoring column the second time it got the ball.

THE ROCKETS marched 72 yards in 16 plays on the legs of Mickey Stein and Kevin Ostlund. Stein completed the drive on a three yard spurt. Bill Kelley converted and Glenn was up, 7-0.

Dave McElyea halted the next Oak Park drive on an interception and Glenn moved 30 yards. Stein scored again

from the five. Kelley made good the kick and the Rockets led, 14-0. Glenns had several opportunities to break the contest open late in the first half but three fumbles killed any other scoring threats.

OAK PARK JUMPED on a Glenn mishap in the third stanza. The Redskins recovered a Rocket fumble on the eight and Tony Craighead went over for the score. Craighead ran in the score and the game was sliced to 14-8.

The Rockets made good a pass interception early in the fourth quarter and all but used the remaining time on a 65 yard drive that took 21 plays.

DAVE WESLEY went over

for the score, Kelly converted and Glenn was on top, 21-8. Glenn picked up 243 yards rushing. Stein accounted for 76 in 22 carries and Ostlund totaled 50 in nine carries.

Garden City East invades Glenn Friday night in the second round of the Northwest Suburban. It's homecoming at Glenn and the Rockets know they will have their hands full with the 3-0 Panthers.

## Observer's Top 10

	W	L	PF	PA
1. GARDEN CITY EAST	3	0	92	20
2. NORTH FARMINGTON	3	0	69	25
3. PLYMOUTH	3	0	69	30
4. REDFORD UNION	2	1	73	32
5. CHURCHILL	3	0	46	6
6. FRANKLIN	2	1	85	26
7. BISHOP BORGESS	2	1	49	21
8. SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP	2	1	68	47
9. FARM, HARRISON	2	1	41	14

## OBSERVER PICKS

- GC East over John Glenn
- Plymouth over Allen Park
- Redford Union over Trenton
- Lathrup over Utica Eisenhower
- Waterford Mott over Stevenson
- Churchill over Harrison
- Franklin over Thurston
- North Farmington over Oak Park
- Borgess over Divine Child
- (Observer record, 6-2)

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