

NF Raiders Remain Undefeated, Rip Thurston



REARING BACK for a long toss is Thurston's QB John Stein (14) with North Farmington's Brian Chisholm (71) closing in. The Raiders from North clobbered Thurston, 21-0. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

North Farmington did about what head Coach Ron Holland expected. The Raiders completely dominated its game with Thurston for victory No. 3. The Raiders defense allotted Thurston a 9 yards rushing and the offense scored three times in the Northwest Suburban opener to win, 21-0. North scored the first time it got the ball. The Raiders took over on their own 40. Brad Pease started churning up yardage and John Dwyer passed to Bill

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those attempts, collecting 140 yards in 27 carries. Bob D'Agostino ran for 61 yards in 11 carries. Dwyer hit on 12 of 21 passes for 105 yards and had one intercepted. Thurston's Stein made good seven of 15 passes with two good for 40 yards each to Dave Harding to account for 96 of the 135 yards gained in the air. The Eagles remain winless with Franklin on tap this Saturday afternoon, Oct. 7.

HOLLAND'S NORTH CREW matches talent with Oak Park the same afternoon. "We will have to contain Oak Park's speed," said Holland. "Two of their backfield runners were members of the 440 and 880 relay squads that won the state championship in track."

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Edge WL Central Stevenson Wins, 8-6

Stevenson High scored early in the second quarter, made good a two-point conversion and held on to topple Walled Lake Central in its Inter-Lakes football opener, 8-6. Stevenson goes after another non-league triumph Friday night at Waterford Mott.

"Walled Lake Central really came after us," said head Coach Jack Reardon. "They play alley-type football, they hit and hurt you."

It was the third straight loss for Central. "If I bet they don't lose another game this season," added Reardon. "We were lucky to hang in there, they really came after us."

STEVENSON STRUCK paydirt early in the second stanza. A deflected Walled Lake punt gave Stevenson the ball on Central's 36. Six plays later, Mike Taylor went over from the five.

Chuck Babcock and Paul Lulek had picked up all important first downs on the short drive.

DALE HABERMAN combined with Mike Asseman for a two point conversion on a pass-run option play, and the Spartans were off, 8-0. That's about where Stevenson's offensive unit left off and Central attempted to pick it up late in the same quarter.

Central marched deep into Stevenson territory but the Spartans held and Central had the ball on the Stevenson two when the half ended.

Stevenson's defense wasn't so lucky late in the third quarter. The SPARTANS were faced with a punting situation on the 40. Dan Bliss received a low pass from center and in the process of scooping the ball up, his knee touched the ground and it was Central's ball on the Stevenson 40.

Mike Imhoff tossed a 29 yarder to Cliff Loveland and Central was on the board. Bliss came back with a big play on the extra point attempt.

The Spartan punter who a few moments earlier had been the goat, knocked down a pass that would have tied the contest and the conversion went by the wayside. Central fought back late in the fourth quarter and with 20 seconds remaining, had the ball on Stevenson's 20.

BLISS again was the man of the hour as he intercepted a pass on the five, ran it to the 36 and the game belonged to Stevenson. Walled Lake collected 10 first downs to nine by Stevenson but fell apart in the rushing department. Spartan defense held Central to 18 yards rushing, Stevenson collected 106 yards. Central made up in the air, hitting on nine of 23 passes for 136 yards. Stevenson meanwhile ran into a snag, making good only five of 13 for 37 yards. "Our passing game was poor, very, very poor," said Reardon. Stevenson's defense was paced by Bliss who had nine

two-pointers and North was up, 21-0. NORTH CONTINUED its "20 to 20" football style, picking up 13 first downs on the ground and six in the air. Thurston was handcuffed on the ground, not being able to chalk up one first down, and totaling a 9 yards in 14 attempts. North on the other hand, rushed for 247 yards in 57 carries. The Raiders picked away at Thurston's inexperience and Pease spurted over from the two, Dwyer hit Gilmour on a

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LINEBACKER Brian Partie accounted for six solo and seven assists and Ron Fedraw had five solo and seven assists.

PONTIAC NORTHERN also won its Inter-Lakes opener against Farmington with Waterford idle in conference action. "I have no idea of what to expect this year," said Reardon. "If our offense can sparkle as much as our defense, we'll stay right in there."

Tartar Grad's John Lee (football), Cliff Hatcher (cross country track) and Irv Petross (track football), all former Wayne State University lettermen, are President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President respectively of the Detroit Varsity Club for 1972-73 which has given more than \$40,000 in scholarship funds to deserving students in the last two decades.

Harrison Defense Ready To Defend Western Six

Farmington Harrison is making no qualms about it... the Hawks are out to defend their football title on the talent of its defense and the hopefulness of its offense. Harrison won the Western Six last season (4-0) with an explosive offense but things are different and Coach John Herrington has fallen back on his defense.

The "fall" hasn't been one of extreme height. Harrison rebounded from its opening loss to Farmington to score two shutout victories over Birmingham Groves and Walled Lake Western.

The Hawk defense has given up only touchdown and that on a pass play.

HARRISON WARMED UP for its Churchill battle with a 21-0 triumph over Walled Lake Western. Saturday's action pits Harrison against Churchill at Harrison.

"It will be the battle of the defensive powers," said Herrington. Churchill is riding a two game shutout string and has sports a 3-0 record.

"We will have to contain Phil Damaska's running game and the passing of Bob Blaises," added Herrington. "I wouldn't be surprised if a single touchdown wins the game."

Harrison and Western battled to a scoreless first quarter. Western had the best scoring opportunity but fumbled on Harrison's 20. Mark Bentivolio recovered for Harrison and Western's only offensive punch went astray.

The Hawks broke into the scoring column, starting a drive, three and a half minutes into the second quarter.

A WESTERN PUNT gave Harrison the ball on its 44. Sam Pink chalked up outside running yardage and quarterback Chris Pagnucco plunged over from the one. A Pink to Bill Herrich pass added two and Harrison was up, 8-0 with 54 seconds remaining in the half.

Harrison came close to game shutout string and that on a pass play.

Pink intercepted a Western pass on the Western 20 and Herrington called on place kicker Jim Harkin. Harkin's 32 yard field goal attempt fell short and the score remained, 8-0. With four and a half minutes left in the final quarter, Western QB Andy Denny was back in his end zone attempting to pass. Dave Norton batted the ball out of his hands and Kevin Pryor pounced on it for the score. An extra point attempt failed. Harrison was up, 11-0.

Harrison sharpened up on its offensive game the next time it had control. Pink climaxed a 60 yard march on a one yard burst, Harkin's kick was good and that's the way it ended.

HARRISON PICKED UP 10 first downs to nine by Walled Lake. The Hawks rushed for 155 yards and held Western to 59 yards on the ground and 15 in the air

on one of three passes. Harrison's passing game accounted for only nine yards on two of five passes. "We decided to stick on the ground after we got a lead," said Herrington. "It will be a different story this week against Churchill."

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IT WAS ONE OF THOSE NIGHTS for Franklin Coach George Lovich against Garden City East. He didn't agree with some calls the officials made and his Patriots dropped their first, 39-20. (Observer photo)

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FOOTBALL FRIDAY

- Dearborn at Bentley, 7:30 p.m.
- Milford at Clarenceville, 8 p.m.
- GC East at John Glenn (Homecoming), 8 p.m.
- GC West at Melvindale, 8 p.m.
- Plymouth at Allen Park, 8 p.m.
- Trenton at RU (Homecoming), 8 p.m.
- Southfield at Ferndale, 8 p.m.
- Utica Eisenhower at Lathrup, 8 p.m.
- Stevenson at Waterford Mott, 8 p.m.
- SATURDAY
- Churchill at Harrison, 2 p.m.
- Waterford at Farmington (Homecoming), 2 p.m.
- Thurston at Franklin (Homecoming), 2 p.m.
- Oak Park at North Farmington, 2 p.m.
- SUNDAY
- St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha, 2:30 p.m.
- Divine Child at Borgess (Thurston High), 2:30 p.m.

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