

# Borgess Almost Lets Another Slip Away

It was almost another nightmare finish for Bishop Borgess.

Borgess appeared to have victory in hand against Catholic Central after a stunning loss to U-D High a week before in the final 33 seconds. An 83 yard pass play upset Borgess, 14-9.

Borgess was again in the driver's seat against Catholic Central with 1:10 remaining and CC with the lead in the middle of the field. The Spartans dropped back in a prevent defense, leading 10-7.

CC's fullback Ron Rudzinski surprised Borgess on a 25 yard spurt up the middle, a quick pass was completed and Borgess had visions of the week before with CC on its six yard line and 20 seconds left on the clock.

was stopped on the two and the Borgess line came to arms and stopped the CC quarter back on the one foot line... the final horn sounded and Borgess had held on for victory.

"I couldn't believe it was happening all over again," said Borgess Coach Fred Mushiński. "These last two games are enough for any coach to take."

Borgess is now ready for Double A league competition. The 2-1 Spartans entertain powerful Divine Child this Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Thurston High School.

Mushiński has a little extra incentive for the Divine Child game. He was the offensive line coach there back in 1969. "This game has to be a personal challenge on my part," said Mushiński.

**BORGESS GOT ON THE**

board the second time it had the ball against Catholic Central.

The Spartans started from their own 45 and were running counter and trap plays. Neil Falls climaxed the drive on a three yard burst in the middle and Borgess was in the lead.

TOM BIRNEY split the uprights and Borgess led, 7-0. Borgess kicked off and on his own 25.

Borgess recovered but was stopped cold on the 10.

Another Borgess drive bogged down later in the quarter and faced with a fourth and 16 situation, Mushiński called on his kicker Birney.

Birney booted what proved to be the deciding score... a 35 yard field goal and Borgess was up, 10-0.

CC came out a different team in the second half.

THE SHAMROCKS marched 55 yards the first drive, aided by two 15 yard penalties.

Borgess halted CC on the six and it was fourth and two.

Borgess stopped CC but a defensive holding penalty gave CC a first down and on the second play, Rudzinski was good and with 1:30 left in the third quarter, Borgess held on to a narrow, 10-7 lead.

The final stanza saw both squads fighting it out in the middle of the field.

But with a minute and a half remaining, CC marched to the one foot line before the clock ran out.

For at least three individuals, the Hazel Park harness racing meet has to be one they are enjoying more than any others in Michigan this year.

The trio includes: Tom Wantz, formerly of Adrian, who is leading drivers in the percentage standings; his father, Joe, who was successful as an owner-driver-trainer until he had to retire due to a crippling illness and is now one of the top blacksmiths at the trotting tracks; and Ed O'Hare, owner of the stable Tom handles.

Especially is O'Hare happy over the way things are working out. He has gradually been building his stable over the past three or four years and believes he has one of the better outfits at the track.

Inasmuch as Tom drives few horses other than those of O'Hare, it means that Ed is having a successful season. It also means that O'Hare and Wantz will have a better than average stable in competition at the Florida track opens in mid-December.

Tom received his early training from his father and then served as second trainer for brother-in-law George Sholly for a couple of years before going out on his own.

Currently he is rated as one of the most promising young reinmen in this section of the harness racing world and is expected to make a strong bid for the Pompano Park crown during the winter.

This year, the slender Ohioan ranks second in the nation in victories with a total of 226 in 974 starts as of a week ago... and with no chance at all of becoming the top pilot in the land.

Herve Filion, the brilliant Canadian who grabbed the crown three years back and has done nothing but set world's records each year since with his total victories, is way out in front again with 399 in 1674 starts.

With almost a quarter of the season remaining, Filion is aiming for the 543 dashes-won record he set last year and the all-time money mark of \$1,915,945, also set in 1971.

Herve has won \$1,637,196 to date with Del Insko second with \$934,962 and Stan Dancer third at \$913,297. Marsh ranks seventh with his total of \$694,822.

ALBATROSS, the greatest pacer in history, continues to steal the spotlight with an incredible 1:55.3 world record over the half-mile strip at Delaware, O.

Handled by Stan Dancer, The Bird shattered Bret Hanover's 1:57 half-mile standard and equaled Adios Butler's 1:55.3 time trial mark. It was Albatross' 54th win in 63 starts and upped his earnings to \$1,066,220.

J. R. SKIPPER, the world champion two year pacer who started his climb to fame at Wolverine Raceway last spring, is developing a reputation of some kind of an iron colt.

The son of Meadow Skipper won the \$21,242 Goers at Hazel Park in 2:04.3. Then owner Russell Miller, of Dutton, Ontario, drove his \$84,853 winner 700 miles to Montreal's Blue Bonnets where he captured the \$22,200 Canadian juvenile stake in 2:02.

The colt then was loaded to continue at the present 3:30 p.m. post on change it to 2:30, 2:20 or 3 p.m. for the final four weeks.

The results will be announced Saturday when management will make the decision. Right now it appears as if management and employees prefer a 2 p.m. post for the first race but comments from the paying public may be entirely different.

It will be interesting to see what the survey brings out.

REMEMBER A few years back when Joe Marsh Jr., of Findlay, O., was a consistent driving champion at Wolverine Raceway and Hazel Park? That was when Joe was first breaking into the big time and was just starting to build the reputation that classifies him as one of the top trainers and reinmen in the United States.

Then Joe decided to do all of his racing in Chicago where his owners would have the advantage of the larger purses and continued his climb up the ladder.

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# Farmington Loses, 28-8

Farmington High added another notch in the lost column and head Coach Hal Beardley could find it a rough road to accomplish what he set out to do this season... finish at 6-3.

The Falcons dropped their Inter-Lakes opener to Pontiac Northern, 28-8, and stand 1-2. It wasn't Farmington's day to hang onto the football as the Falcons fumbled nine times, twice on their own two yard line, and had three passes intercepted.

Pontiac Northern collected only four first downs to add insult to injury with Farmington turnovers spelling defeat in capital letters.

THE HUSKIES opened their scoring assault on a one play 50 yard drive in the second quarter. Papi Darge dashed 50 yards up the middle, Mike Humphries passed to Mitchell Green for two points and Farmington trailed, 8-0.

A 15 yard roughing penalty gave Northern the ball on the Falcon 35 later in the period. Green hauled in a Humphries pass from the seven. Petro Rodriguez converted and Pontiac led, 15-0.

"We were still in the game at this point," said Beardley. After an exchange of punts in the third quarter, Northern was forced into another punting situation. A line drive boom carried off a Farmington line man and Northern recovered on the Falcon 13.

NORTHERN WAS STOPPED cold on the two and Farmington took over. The takeover wasn't for long.

Falcon quarterback Bob Holton fumbled and Darge did the two yard Pontiac score. Holton was hurt on the play and forced to leave the game. Kevin Ratliff started the

only bright spot in Farmington's attack on a 40 yard kickoff return to midfield.

PETE KOINIS was in control and the Falcons marched 50 yards in six plays, scoring twice.

The first touchdown was nullified on a holding penalty after Jeff Krause had gone 32 yards off tackle. Kevin Ratliff finally ran the ball over on a two yard spurt, did the same on the extra point and the score was sliced to 21-8.

Farmington again found itself on its two in the fourth quarter after a 15 yard penalty. Kevin Ratliff fumbled this time and Northern took over.

THE FALCON DEFENSE almost came to arms this time on a fourth and goal situation, Humphries went over, Rodriguez converted

and the Huskies led, 28-8. Farmington collected nine first downs to Northern's four. Northern ground out 200 yards in its rushing game and only 15 in the air on two of nine passes. Farmington picked up 130 yards rushing and zero in the air, missing on eight pass attempts.

"We were in bad position all day," added Beardley.

FARMINGTON hosts Waterford Saturday in another league clash. It's homecoming at Farmington and the Falcons are hoping to get back on the winning track. It would take five wins in the last six games to reach Beardley's goal of a 6-3 mark.

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# Bentley Girls Splash Over Harrison

MEET RESULTS

- 200 MILE RELAY: 1-Bentley (Gravina, Smart, Brown, Coyler); 2-Harrison (Lahey, Smart, Striwick, Johnson); Time 2:07.6
- 200 FREESTYLE: 1-Marshall (H); 2-Simpson (H); Time 2:23.9
- 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1-Smart (H); 2-Moorehead (H); 3-Poirer (H); Time 2:38.3
- 50 BACKSTROKE: 1-Gravina (H); 2-Lahey (H); 3-Stone (H); Time 2:31.1
- 50 BREASTSTROKE: 1-Sibert (H); 2-Tooley (H); 3-Katzenman (H); Time 36.3
- 50 FREESTROKE: 1-Barnett (H); 2-Lenzen (H); 3-Coyler (H); Time 29.8
- 100 BUTTERFLY: 1-Moorehead (H); 2-McGeehen (H); 3-Lenzen; Time 31.0
- 100 FREESTYLE: 1-Brown (H); 2-Barnett (H); 3-Joy (H); Time 1:00.6
- 100 BACKSTROKE: 1-Gravina (H); 2-Lahey (H); 3-Kowale (H); Time 1:12.3
- 400 FREESTROKE: 1-Smart (H); 2-Marshall (H); 3-Simpson (H); Time 5:00.0
- 100 BREASTSTROKE: 1-Sibert (H); 2-Macelatak (H); 3-Johnson (H); Time 1:20.2
- 400 FREE RELAY: 1-Bentley (Barnett, Tooley, Kniska, Moorehead); 2-Harrison (Maber, Joy, Lossie, McGeehen); Time 4:23.3

# Trojans Defeated

By GORDON TUCKER

Enthusiasm, overabundant desire and a great team attitude are conquering a dismal season for the Clarenceville football team.

The Trojans' third straight loss to Waterford Kettering, a huge crushing physical defeat for Clarenceville, but the score of the game didn't tell the entire story.

It was a case of a small, inexperienced squad taking on a huge experienced senior team. At one point Clarenceville was playing five sophomores who played junior varsity ball last season.

"They were just too much for us physically," said Coach Ralph Weddle. "We can't be

too disappointed because we were just overmatched."

INJURIES SIDELINED the key Trojan attack against Kettering.

Clarenceville's brilliant senior tailback Terry Laird watched the game from the sidelines with a pulled thigh muscle and junior Larry Kaplan suffered a broken nose prior to the game.

First year quarterback Brian Luka didn't have a good game against Kettering, passing for only nine yards on three of nine attempts. Luka was leveled on many occasions.

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# Racing World Loses Lou Parlato

Funer services for Louis O. "Lou" Parlato, longtime program director for Northville Downs, Wolverine Raceway, Pompano Park and Jackson Raceway, were conducted Monday in the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville.

"Lou" died Saturday in W. A. Foote Memorial Hospital in Jackson following a brief illness.

He was one of the first programmers and charters in harness racing as the sport switched from county fairs to night pari-mutuel tracks. He was one of the developers of many of the past performance

calls and symbols that are now an integral part of harness racing charts.

The list of tracks where he either originated the programs or served as program director could serve as a map of the extension and growth of harness racing.

He serviced racing plants in Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, New York, Kentucky and Florida.

HE HEADED the program department for Sports Service for several years and was often in demand as a consultant to major organizations within the sport.

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