

# Churchill Crushes Mott In 5th Straight Shutout

Churchill's defense has done it again... another shutout. That makes five straight shutouts and a perfect 6-0 record, the greatest football season the Chargers have had in their short four year history and one must begin to wonder when they will be scored upon again.

Churchill assured itself of at least a tie for the Western Six crown with a 12-0 lashing over highly over-rated Waterford Mott, which was the first time a Charger unit has beaten Mott.

The Chargers can wrap up the league title Friday afternoon in the Six finale with Walled Lake Western, a team which stands 2-4 overall, beating only Bloomfield Hills Lakeshore and Northville.

Before the '72 campaign, Churchill had never won three consecutive games, but now a perfect season could be in the making with WL Western, Franklin and Stevenson remaining on the schedule.

And about the shutouts. "We never expected two in a row," said Churchill Coach Ken Kaestner. "The way we got three, then four, then No. 5 over Mott. We just went crazy."

"It has to be the greatest feeling ever," added Kaestner. "The shutout string has been a great motivator for our squad," said Kaestner. "If we can shut out WL Western, we will have shut out every team in our league."

The man behind the defense is Churchill baseball coach turned football for the winter season, Roger Frayer.

**THE BACKBONE** of the balanced defensive unit is the front "Charger Fivesome." Senior ends Kevin Arnold (16-1, 185 pounds) and Jim Foster

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the last three years, 31-0, 12-0 and 6-3, but this year it was different.

Churchill broke a scoreless duel early in the second quarter on a 54 yard drive in nine plays. Quarterback Bobby Blaes went the final 14 yards on a faked sprint pass play. The conversion failed and the Chargers were up, 6-0.

Mott couldn't penetrate the Charger defense and the 6-0 score stood until midway through the final stanza.

**MIKE GOTTSBALL** pounced on a Mott fumble on a punt and Churchill had control on the Mott four.

Two plays later, Blaes went over from the one for his second score and third for the season. The kick was blocked the Charger defense had done their thing again.

Churchill collected 12 first downs to Mott's nine.

**THE CHARGERS** rushed for 188 yards with Phil Damaska pounding out 90 yards in 14 carries. Mott was held to 92 rushing and 40 in the air.

Blaes hit on only five of 17 passes, short of his season's 300 passing mark but seven of the incompletes were dropped and two of those were in the end zone.

"If we could have held onto the ball it could have been 30-0," added Kaestner.

The Charger defense goes after No. 6 Friday and the offense after No. 7.

## 6-10 Frosh

Tallest man for Michigan State basketball in 1972-73 is 6-10 frosh center Cedric Milton of Denver, Colo. Manual High School.



A ROCK STOPS A PANTHER -- Redford Union's Scott Bjerke (10) is nailed by Plymouth's Gary Baker (40) in the RU upset victory over Plymouth, 12-6. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

# RU 'Upsets' Plymouth; Rocks Just Not Up

By TOM DONOGHUE  
Sports Editor

Redford Union outplayed, outthrew and outscored Plymouth in what some people referred to as a Suburban Eight football upset.

The scoreboard read RU 12, Plymouth 6 at the end of 48 minutes of football, but the score was no indication of the game story.

"We just weren't up for the game," said Plymouth Coach Tom Meshimer. "I don't know why... we just weren't up."

On the other side of the gridiron, the Panther "Blue and Gold" was up.

FOR PLYMOUTH it was the first loss of '72 and knocked the Rocks into a second place tie in the Suburban Eight with Edsel Ford has a commanding hold on first at 4-1.

Plymouth, which had an easier opening round, now finds itself with Trenton on tap this Friday and Edsel Ford the following week.

"We are still very much in the race," added Meshimer. "If we beat Trenton and Edsel Ford, we will have at least a share of the crown."

EDSEL FORD is ranked No. 5 in the state.

RU meanwhile evened its league mark at 2-2 and overall record to 3-3. The Panthers lost two heart breakers before the Plymouth contest. Trenton edged RU, 8-7, and Edsel Ford squeaked past RU in the final moments, 21-14.

other hand, Plymouth scored its lone touchdown via a pass interference call.

**BOTH CLUBS** collected 11 first downs, with RU dominating the passing game. Glenn Richmond hit on seven of 10 for 111 yards while Plymouth connected on only two of eight for 30 yards.

RU rushed for 217 yards and Plymouth 210.

Richmond was the Panther running star with 94 yards in 16 carries followed by Lope Bravo with 84 yards in 27 carries.

Steve Crowther paced the Rock attack with 92 yards in 12 carries.

RU'S PASSING game netted both scores with Richmond combining with 185 pound senior and Bob Eland on romps of 33 yards and five yards.

Plymouth's lone score came early in the fourth quarter on a one yard sneak by quarterback Steve Robb.

Plymouth's defense, which had given up only 50 points in five games, came to arms on RU's first drive.

The Panther football machine was rolling.

**RICHMOND COLLECTED** two first downs to the Rock 44 and tossed a 35 yarder to Eland to the Plymouth nine. Bravo fought to the eight and Richmond moved inside the five, making it a third and five situation.

Plymouth's "Mr. Everything," Ron Egloff, stopped Richmond on a keeper and Bravo was cut short on the fourth down play.

A roughing the kicker penalty gave Plymouth some breathing room and Crowther broke loose but was halted by Dale Long on the RU 39.

Crowther spurred around left end for another first down on the Panther 21 and the Rocks were rolling.

quarterback and hit for a six yarder to the 15. Robb was back in barking out the signals and tossed a short look-in to Egloff. The ball was in his arms and taken right out by Eland.

It was RU's ball on the four, a Plymouth scoring drive stopped and the half ended the way it all started, 0-0.

**PLYMOUTH RECEIVED** the second half kickoff, made one first down and punted to the Panther 33.

Bravo went through the right side of the line for 16 yards and added five on the following play. Richmond passed to Eland and RU found itself on the Rock 34.

On a second and nine play, Richmond dropped back and lofted a 33 yarder to Eland. There was a mix-up on the conversion attempt and the boot sailed wide but RU had struck first, with 7:36 showing in the third stanza.

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moved it to the 18, the seven, the six and was stopped by Egloff on the five.

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Jeff Horton drove to the two and Robb went in from the one.

**THE CONVERSION** failed and RU led, 12-6.

Plymouth got its hands on the ball twice more but failed to come up with its big play that has been so prevalent in the first five games.

A Suburban Eight upset, no way... just one good hard-nosed team beating another.

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# Falcons Win League Title

Livonia Stevenson won the Inter-Lakes golf league tournament, but Farmington High, which placed second, came out smelling like a rose.

The Falcon golfers finished in a tie for first with Walled Lake Central in dual meet competition at 3-1 while Stevenson placed third with a 2-2 mark.

So the combined league title went to Farmington for the third consecutive season.

Stevenson scored a 42 in the meet at Dunhal Hills with Farmington a close second at 430. Walled Lake Central

placed third at 448, Waterford fourth at 460 and Pontiac Northern a distant fifth at 497.

Mark Thomas of Stevenson was tournament medalist with an 81.

Farmington scores in the league meet were: Mike Monson (83), Don Hunt (87), Jeff Herman (84), Scott Meil (80), and Rick Pauline (89).

All Conference honors went to Thomas and Dave Cover of Stevenson, Monson and Herman of Farmington and Walled Lake Central's Dave Armstrong, and Kurt Paschke of Waterford.

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