

W.L. Central coming up

Power in the Valley! Midland tops NFHS

Midland High, a substitute opponent for North Farmington's football opener, showed that there's still plenty of power in the Saginaw Valley Conference, even if defending Class A champ Saginaw Arthur Hill isn't playing football this season.

North Farmington was set to open against Pontiac Northern, but the game had to be scratched because the Pontiac team didn't have the required number of practices before the game. So, Saginaw High was substituted. That game fell through because a school mileage failure caused the cancellation of athletics in Saginaw. Enter Midland High, another Valley team.

And Midland stopped North Farmington, 16-12, and then headed back north without even a program to mark its passing.

"We just didn't play that good a ballgame," said North Farmington coach Ron Holland. "They had a

couple of big plays. And they were real physical, real big — a lot bigger than we are."

Midland passed for touchdowns in the first and third quarters, and then added a safety in the third quarter when a bad snap from center on a punt went into the end zone.

North Farmington, one of the strongest teams in the metropolitan area last season, exploded for a touchdown when senior Bob Patek returned the second-half kick off 82 yards. The Raiders added another TD in the fourth quarter on Bill Laugh's three-yard dash. The kicks failed on both touchdowns.

"We thought we made a few

mistakes for an opening-day game," Holland said. "We seemed to be a little confused. People forgot to gob in when they were supposed to, and things like that."

North Farmington plays next at home on Saturday (Sept. 28) against nonleague Walled Lake Central. Game time is 2 p.m.

| | M. NFHS |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| First downs rushing | 8 5 |
| First downs passing | 1 1 |
| First downs penalty | 1 0 |
| Yards rushing | 135 77 |
| Yards passing | 25 60 |
| Passes completed | 2-30 4-10-2 |
| Punts | 7-34 4-36 |
| Fumbles | 3-2 1-1 |
| Penalties, yards lost | 2-20 2-15 |
| MIDLAND HIGH | 0 0 0-16 |
| N. Farmington | 0 0 6-12 |



North Farmington cheerleader Maureen Kaye had little to cheer about last Saturday

Curtis wins O&E golf tourney

Bill Curtis of Farmington Hills swept to championship honors in the fifth annual Observer & Eccentric Golf Tourney held at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

The landscape designer came up with three birdies and three bogies the first 18 for a two-under par 70 and birdied three holes and bogged six the second day for a 74 for a total of 144 in the championship flight.

Curtis' closest competition came from last year's champion Bud Stevens of Livonia who shot a 74-75 for 149.

A total of 127 golfers attacked the par 72 Whispering Willows course under the auspices of pro Gary Whittener and assistant Tom Sheldon with four flight champions and runner-ups capturing trophy awards.

The Championship Flight victor Curtis was the State Amateur Champ in '64 and on the Public Honor Roll in 1967. Runnerup

Stevens has been the Michigan Amateur Champ three times, the last in '65, and has won the Michigan Medal Play twice.

Stevens has won the Observer & Eccentric tourney twice but lost out this time around by five strokes to the Farmington Hills golfer.

Winning the first-flight was Redford Township's Lee Rifenberg with a 78-80 for 158. Taking second was Franklin High School junior John Lyons with an 83-77 for 160.

The second flight was won by Livonia's Jim Mathews with an 82-88 for 170. The No. 2 slot saw a three-way tie between Mark Agabashian, Rudy Sedlacek and Stanley Baldwin.

The trio found themselves in a playoff for that No. 2 slot and Agabashian of Livonia topped the two on the No. 4 hole.

Also in the second flight came the "best sport" of the tourney in Jim Connors. The Livonia golfer lost six balls on the No. 3 311 yard

par four hole in the day's first round for a score of 21. Connors came back the second day and took 16 strokes off that score with a five and shot 113-100 for the tourney for a 213.

"It was just one of those days," laughed Connors after all was over.

The final flight, No. 3 was capped by S. L. Luvich of Plymouth with a 94-86 for 180. Bentley High School senior Jim Mellas placed second with an 88-95 for 183.

Complete tournament results

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Bill Curtis | 70-74-144 |
| Melvin Stevens | 74-75-149 |
| Robert Davis | 78-77-156 |
| John Ambler | 78-72-150 |
| Joe Wilson | 73-78-151 |
| Robert Strong | 77-78-153 |
| Dave Hunter | 72-80-153 |
| John VanVleet | 79-76-155 |
| Bill Schowpe | 78-76-155 |
| Wally Saag | 78-77-155 |
| Dennis Perry | 75-80-155 |
| Mike Staggis | 77-79-156 |
| Rich Oels | 78-72-157 |
| Robert Lewicki | 77-81-158 |
| Mike Senkowiak | 76-83-159 |
| Doug Coburn | 79-80-159 |
| Murray Brooks | 80-80-160 |
| Ben Mckercher | 79-81-160 |
| Bill Lockerman | 74-86-160 |
| Chip Gagner | 75-86-161 |
| Glen Eason | 81-80-161 |
| Bob Beaufait | 75-86-161 |
| Scott Melli | 80-78-161 |
| Ken Vollek | 84-79-163 |
| Larry Hamilton | 83-81-164 |
| Greg Krok | 85-82-167 |
| Larry Newbold | 86-83-169 |
| Jim Whitaker | 88-84-172 |
| Dave Robinson | 87-88-174 |
| Dan Jensen | 81-83-174 |
| Greg Larson | 83-91-174 |

FIRST FLIGHT

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Lee Rifenberg | 78-80-158 |
| John Lyons | 83-77-160 |
| John Broder | 79-83-162 |
| Rick Ziajany | 79-83-162 |
| Don Gardner | 77-86-163 |
| Ed Pierce | 77-86-163 |
| Don Nippa | 77-86-163 |
| Jerry Hirbat | 77-86-163 |
| Dan Mathews | 80-84-164 |
| Wayne Fercho | 78-87-165 |
| Arthur Drowot | 87-78-165 |
| Jim Gregory | 85-81-166 |
| Vern Fichete | 82-84-166 |
| D. J. Archer | 84-82-166 |
| Larry Feay | 80-86-166 |
| John Ragsley | 86-82-167 |
| Jerry Vaughn | 84-83-167 |
| Bob Baldel | 81-86-167 |
| Bill Barilomo | 82-86-168 |
| Harold Hoover | 87-83-170 |
| Paul Worley | 81-90-171 |

SECOND FLIGHT

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Jim Mathews | 82-88-170 |
| Mark Agabashian | 84-88-172 |
| Rudy Sedlacek | 80-92-172 |
| Stanley Baldwin | 88-88-172 |
| Dan Hunter | 87-87-174 |
| W. E. Wilson | 96-80-175 |
| Joe Walsh | 87-88-175 |
| Nelson Baldwin | 88-88-176 |
| Doug Whistler | 88-88-176 |
| Ed Lopella | 88-89-177 |
| John Jones | 86-93-179 |

THIRD FLIGHT

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| S. L. Luvich | 94-86-180 |
| Jim Mellas | 88-88-183 |
| Terry McNamara | 82-84-186 |
| Kevin McNamara | 95-95-190 |
| Bill Berryman | 84-97-191 |
| Cliff Lilly | 86-97-193 |
| Ralph Corian | 109-95-195 |
| Mark Baldwin | 100-102-203 |
| Dave Wilson | 105-106-211 |
| David Serer | 95-112-212 |
| Bill LaFrance | 105-111-216 |
| David Treanor | DNS |

Mignone's touchdowns pace Hawks

Ken Mignone scored three touchdowns to lead the Southfield Jayhawks' junior varsity team to a 20-0 victory over the Dearborn Thunderbirds in a Little Football League game last Saturday.

Mignone's first TD came on the Jayhawks' first offensive play of the game, a 45-yard run. Then, with just 23 seconds left in the half, Mignone took a pass from quarterback Dave Collins and raced 32 yards for the second score. Collins passed to end Mark Jewett for the extra point.

Mignone dashed 26 yards for the third touchdown in the third quarter. Ronnie Dorland added the extra point on an end sweep. James Caverly and Cary Moore led a strong Falcon defense which never let the Thunderbirds get close.

Dearborn's varsity team defeated Southfield, 44-0, and the Thunderbird's Pony team smothered the Jayhawks, 27-0.

Falcons-Farmington Vikings

In the junior varsity game, Southfield Falcons played Farmington Vikings to a six-all tie. The lone Falcon score came on a five-yard run by halfback Paul Bobbitt. The play was set up by a 65-yard run by Bob Bobbitt, who gained 118 yards.

Falcon defensive standouts were Paul Hittler with seven tackles, and Bob Bobbitt with eight. Jon Schafer intercepted one Viking pass.

In the varsity game, the Vikings defeated the Falcons, 41-12.

The Falcon Pony team dropped a 21-0 decision to the Vikings.

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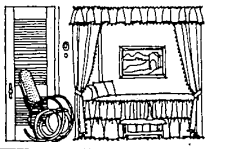
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