

Raiders win, but roadblock looms ahead

By TOM BAER

North Farmington's football team is rolling again — playing the kind of football you'd expect from a Northwest Suburban League contender.

The Raiders rebounded from an opening-day loss to defeat non-league Walled Lake Central, 14-0, last Saturday. The victory, which was more decisive than the score would indicate, was North's last chance to prepare for upcoming NSL season.

North Farmington opens league play at Westland John Glenn tomorrow at 8 p.m. John Glenn is a team capable of throwing some roadblocks in front of the Raiders' comeback.

The Wayne-Westland school district has been having some problems with a teachers' strike this fall, but coaches at John Glenn have had no problem fielding an outstanding football team. The Rockets, who didn't play their opening game because of the strike, upset Livonia Churchill, 19-0, last Friday.

Glenn quarterback Terry Johnson and halfback Fred Shoemaker should provide a real test for North Farmington's defense.

"We just hope we can stop Fred Shoemaker, that's all," said North Farmington coach Ron Holland. "The kid's a real speedster out there. He gained about 135 yards against Churchill."

"YOU JUST have to rely on good team defense, good pursuit and good tackling," Holland said. "That's the most important thing. You recognize that they have lots of speed and you get your team ready for that."

North Farmington's defense had little trouble containing Walled

Lake Central's bigger team. Central's Randy Humble, an outstanding track sprinter, was expected to be a big gainer. But the Raider defense held him to 44 yards rushing.

"We played excellent defense," Holland said. "We put it together and didn't get ourselves in trouble with a lot of mistakes. We also had good kicking, which makes a big difference."

North Farmington's Bill Laugh ran three yards for the first touchdown, and Bob Patek dashed 30 yards for the other TD, which was set up by a pass interception. Jeff Lemberg kicked both extra points.

Holland's offense rolled up 259 yards rushing. Patek was the leader with 88 yards in seven carries. Raider QB Tom Moore passed for 28 yards and provided 40 more on running plays.

Walled Lake Central gained 114 yards on the ground and added 15 more through three pass completions.

Standouts for North Farmington's defense were guard Bill Nowland, who recorded four solo tackles, and end Joe Andronaco.



Good defense ends in Raider victory

Rolling again

	NFHS	WLC
First downs rushing	2	1
First downs passing	2	1
First downs penalty	2	2
Yards rushing	259	114
Yards passing	28	15
Passes completed	2-4-0	3-9-2
Fumbles	4-33-8	4-38-7
Penalties, yards lost	3-3	2-2
North Farmington	0 7 0	7-14
W.L. Central	0 0 0	0-0

Scoring

North Farmington — Bill Laugh 3 run (Jeff Lemberg kick)
North Farmington — Bob Patek 30 run (Lemberg kick)

Farmington High got off to a bad start in losing to nonleague West Bloomfield, 28-14, last Saturday.

Visiting West Bloomfield grabbed a 21-0 halftime lead. The Falcons couldn't recover, although they played an "inspired game" in the second half, according to Farmington coach Hal Beardsley.

West Bloomfield's Bob Wilson scored on an 11-yard run, and Ron Hingsburg added a pair of TDs on runs of five and 31 yards. Dave Ninowski, nephew of the former Detroit Lions quarterback Jim Ninowski, added three extra points to complete the first-half rout.

"Very truthfully... we went behind 21-0, and we deserved to be behind the way our kids played," Beardsley said. "We were an inspired ball team in the second half. We played much better, but you have to play that way in the first half if you want to win ballgames."

Farmington did provide some excitement in the second half. Jeff McPike dashed 50 yards with a punt return to set up one TD — a plunge by Dave Cleland. Farmington's other touchdown came on a one-yard run by fullback John Hans. Randy Meier kicked both extra points.

"Then we had a chance to go in again," Beardsley said. "But they intercepted a pass, much to their credit. They started a drive and went 55 yards. We gave them 30 yards in penalties, and you can't do that."

THAT DRIVE resulted in West Bloomfield's last touchdown, a one-yard plunge by Vince Vuichard. Ninowski added the extra point.

Wilson and Vuichard each gained more than 50 yards to help West Bloomfield roll up 122 yards rushing. Farmington, which gained 94 yards rushing, was led by Hans with 41 yards in 10 carries.

Beardsley had praise for linemen Mark Churella, Jim Moore and Pete Poindexter. But, the coach added, Farmington has

some big problems in its line, and they're going to have to be corrected before the next game.

"We have some work to do up front," Beardsley said. "We have to shape up a few kids, and that's what we'll be working on."

"Our timing and coordination started to come to life last Saturday, but not good enough. That's what's going to have to happen if we're going to win."

Farmington opens its Inter Lakes League season at home against Walled Lake Central on Saturday (Sept. 28). Game time is 2 p.m. North Farmington defeated Central, 14-0, last week.

Farmington's home game with Pontiac Northern will be played on a Friday (Oct. 11) at 3:30 p.m. instead of the traditional Saturday afternoon. The reason for the shift, according to Beardsley, is that a Saturday game would con-

flict with the Michigan-Michigan State football game.

Bloomin' Lakers

	WB	FHS
First downs rushing	3	5
First downs passing	1	5
First downs penalty	4	0
Yards rushing	122	94
Yards passing	65	87
Passes completed	5-15-0	6-17-2
Fumbles	3-31	3-19
Fumbles	3-2	4-3
Penalties, yards lost	8-73	7-75
West Bloomfield	7 14 0	7-28
Farmington High	0 0 7	7-14

Scoring

West Bloomfield — Bob Wilson 11 run (Dave Ninowski kick)
West Bloomfield — Rob Hingsburg 5 run (Ninowski kick)
West Bloomfield — Hingsburg 31 run (Ninowski kick)
Farmington High — Dave Cleland 1 run (Randy Meier kick)
Farmington High — John Hans 1 run (Meier kick)
West Bloomfield — Vince Vuichard 1 run (Ninowski kick)

Observer & Eccentric SPORTS

Farmington 2nd at Schoolcraft

MetroSuburban runners finally top SMA foes

The Metro Suburban Association defeated the Southeastern Michigan Association, 36-12, at the MSA-SMA cross country run at Royal Oak Kimball last weekend. The MSA's victory was its first in the three-year history of the meet.

Birmingham Groves of the MSA scored 47 points to take the team title. Kimball (SMA) had 67 points, Rochester Adams (MSA) 104, Hazel Park (SMA) 115, Southfield-Lathrup (MSA) 156, Bloomfield Hills Lahser (MSA) 157, Birmingham Seaholm (SMA) 167, Berkeley (SMA) 170, Southfield High (SMA) 197, Royal Oak Dondero (MSA)

243, and Utica Eisenhower (MSA) 281.

Southfield's Scott Stone was an individual standout, finishing eighth in 15:43. Lathrup's John Harding finished ninth in 15:48, and Charger Steve Foley took 12th place in 16:03.

Hazel Park-Southfield
Hazel Park defeated Southfield, 20-39, last week in an SMA cross country meet. Southfield's Scott Stone topped the field in 15:46. The Vikings took the next six places before Blue Jay Art Hundick crossed the line in 17:30.

Southfield is 0-5 in dual meets this season, but Stone has finished

first in four of the five losses.

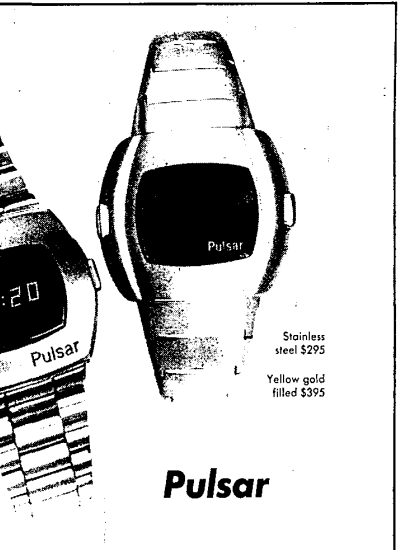
Schoolcraft Invitational
Farmington High cross country coach Gerald Young knew he would have a strong squad this year, and so far his team's performance has proved him right.

Farmington complemented its 4-0 dual-meet record with a second-place finish in the Schoolcraft College Invitational last weekend at Cass Benton Park. The Falcons scored 112 points, 20 more than first-place Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Wayne Memorial finished third with 132 points. Dearborn High had 150, and Inkster Cherry Hill scored 159. North Farmington finished 12th with 315 points, and Farmington Harrison took 19th with 463.

Farmington High had four runners in the top 25 individual places. Al VanMeter finished 14th (16:35), Stuart Gladfelter was 19th (16:42), Mike Gallagher was 25th (16:47) and Larry Otto was 25th (16:49).

North Farmington's David Good finished 24th in 16:48. Farmington Harrison's Mike Redford finished 59th in 17:27.



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Sports coming up

- Football**
Friday (Sept. 27) Birmingham Seaholm at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lahser Roads, 8 p.m.
Friday (Sept. 27) Southfield-Lathrup at Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 3156 Lahser Road, 7 p.m.
Friday (Sept. 27) North Farmington at Westland John Glenn, 36105 Marquette, Wayne, 8 p.m.
Friday (Sept. 27) Farmington Harrison at Northville High, 755 N. Center, 8 p.m.
Saturday (Sept. 28) Walled Lake Central at Farmington High, 3200 Shawwassee, 2 p.m.
- Reserve Football**
Thursday (Sept. 26) Southfield-Lathrup at Ferndale High, 881 Pincetree, 7:30 p.m.
- Cross Country**
Thursday (Sept. 26) Garden City East at North Farmington, 32900 Thirteenth Mile Road, 4 p.m.
Thursday (Sept. 26) Northville High at Farmington Harrison, 29995 Twelve Mile Road, 4 p.m.
Thursday (Sept. 26) Farmington High at Pontiac Northern, 1051 Arlene, Pontiac, 4 p.m.
Friday (Sept. 27) Birmingham Groves at Southfield-Lathrup, Lawrence Institute of Technology, Ten Mile and Northwestern Hwy., 4 p.m.
- Golf**
Friday (Sept. 27) Southfield-Lathrup at Interford Twp., Pontiac Country Club, 4335 Elizabeth Lake Road, 3:30 p.m.
- Girls' Tennis**
Thursday (Sept. 26) Northville High at Farmington Harrison, 29995 Twelve Mile Road, 4 p.m.
Thursday (Sept. 26) North Farmington at Thurston High, Schoolcraft at Kinloch, Redford Twp., 4 p.m.
Thursday (Sept. 26) Farmington High at Milford Lakeland, 2380 Milford Road, 4 p.m.
Friday (Sept. 27) Royal Oak Kimball at Southfield-Lathrup, 19301 Twelve Mile Road, 4 p.m.
- Girls' Swimming**
Thursday (Sept. 26) Northville High at Farmington Harrison, 29995 Twelve Mile Road, 4 p.m.
Thursday (Sept. 26) North Farmington at Thurston High, Schoolcraft at Kinloch, 4 p.m.
Thursday (Sept. 26) Farmington High at Dearborn Edsel Ford, 20801 Rotunda, Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.
- Girls' Basketball**
Friday (Sept. 27) Farmington Our Lady of Mercy at Bishop Bergin, 11855 Appleton, Redford Twp., 4 p.m.