

Gains tie for league crown

Harrison blanks Livonia Churchill, 37-0

By TOM BAER
It's getting to be an old story: Farmington Harrison makes a total rout out of what should have been a close football game.

Harrison ached another test with out a mistake by smashing Livonia Churchill, 37-0, last Saturday before a large Harrison homecoming crowd. Churchill was supposed to have been the Hawks' biggest threat this season.

With the victory, coach John Herrington's squad clinched at least a tie for the Western Six football crown. The Hawks, now 4-0 in the WSL and 6-0 overall, can win the title if they whip Plymouth Canton next Saturday night.

Against Churchill, Hawk line-backer Kevin Norton got the ball rolling — quite literally — when he blocked Matt Foster's endzone

punt with 10:23 left in the first quarter. The ball rolled out of the endzone for a safety.

Harrison quarterback Sam Pink passed for two touchdowns in the second quarter. The first covered six yards and was hauled in by tight end Bob Miller; the next covered 35 yards and was caught by split end Craig Valassis.

"We had trouble moving the ball at first," Herrington said. "Then we opened it up with a couple of passes, and that made it easier to move the ball on the ground."

CHURCHILL WAS never in the game after the first half. In the third quarter, Pink scored on a one-yard plunge, and then threw 11 yards to Valassis for another TD. Mike Bowden dashed five yards for the Hawks' final touchdown in the last quarter.

Paul Rogind kicked all five extra points. The soccer-style kicker has converted on all 21 of Harrison's touchdowns this season. He's three for four in the field goal department.

Harrison rushed for 185 yards. Dave Thorne was the leader with 78 yards in 15 carries. Pink passed for 107 yards and rushed for 38 more. Churchill gained only 53 yards rushing and 12 through the air. Renny Sabins led the Chargers with 26 yards in nine tries.

Harrison's defense was outstanding. Linebacker Pink, who played only the first half on defense, made eight solo tackles and had four assists. Nose guard Steve Moravac made five solos, and end Tim Harscha had four.

Harrison has been a giant success story this season, and Her-

rington provided one explanation why.

"IT'S MATURITY," he said. "It's the simple fact that we have a team which has played together for three years. They've gained poise and confidence. They execute well, and they do what you ask of them."

"I couldn't be happier with this bunch of kids. They're all football; it's everything to them. They've worked hard all summer with the weight-lifting program. It's all coming together for us now."

Plymouth Canton edged Waterford Mott, 20-19, last Friday. Herrington isn't looking by Canton. "They're a good team," he said. "They beat Northville, which gave us our toughest game. We expect a tough game because they have a chance for it (a share of the Western Six title).

First downs rushing
First downs passing
First downs penalty
Yards rushing
Yards passing
Passes completed
Punts—average
Fumbles—No. recovered

Farmington Harrison
Lixonia Churchill

Farmington Harrison	2	14	7	37
Livonia Churchill	0	0	0	0

HHS		LC		Scoring	
8	2	Harrison — Kevin Norton blocked punt			
3	1	for safety			
2	0	Harrison — Bob Miller 6 pass from Sam			
185	53	Pink (Paul Rogind kick)			
107	12	Harrison — Craig Valassis 85 pass from			
7-12-0	1-12-2	Pink (Rogind kick)			
5-47	6-26	Harrison — Pink 1 run (Rogind kick)			
1-0	0-0	Harrison — Valassis 11 pass from Pink			
		(Rogind kick)			
2	14	7-37	Harrison — Mike Bowden 5 run (Rogind		
0	0	0-0	kick)		

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Offense galore—Farm. wins

Farmington High lost a big game to Pontiac Northern a couple of weeks ago, but coach Hal Beardsley's young Falcon team could come back and make a season of it yet.

Farmington began its comeback last Saturday with a 31-20 homecoming victory over Waterford Twp. in an Inter Lakes League game. The Falcons raced to a 25-6 lead after three quarters. Waterford scored two touchdowns in the final quarter to make it close before Farmington's Bill Hasten intercepted a pass and ran 42 yards for the TD which tied the win.

The game turned into a passing battle. Farmington's Mark Kanny

and Randy Meier combined for 198 yards passing, while Waterford's Bill Foster completed 13 of 33 passes for 166 yards.

Farmington's defense came through. Waterford was limited to 25 yards rushing in the first half, 72 yards for the game.

"Defensively, I think the kids did a decent job for most of the game," Herrington said. "Our pass defense wasn't too bad — waterford threw 33 passes."

"Generally, I think the kids played a good ballgame for once. But we have to get rid of the penalties (each team lost 100 yards through penalties). There were too many cheap penalties."

Farmington faces Livonia Stevenson next Saturday (Oct. 26) at 2 p.m. Stevenson, which is undefeated in the league, blanked Milford Lakeland, 34-0, last Friday.

"Stevenson is a physical team with a good, tough defensive unit," Beardsley said. "We have a little bit of a problem: It's Stevenson's homecoming, so naturally they'll

be higher than a kite. That (a homecoming) seems to spark up a team. School's go all out and devote the whole week to it."

Farmington has a 3-1 league record and a 5-3 overall mark. "These kids aren't quitting," Beardsley said. "They're sticklers. They haven't been blown off the field yet. They've lost because of their own mistakes."

Touchdown parade

First downs rushing	FHS	-WT
First downs passing	5	2
First downs penalty	0	2

New team forms

Area women are invited to participate in new ladies soccer team now forming. Practices are held at 5:30 p.m. every Tues. and Thurs. at Harding Park, Ferndale, just off 10 Mile Rd. between Woodward and one mile west of I-75. For further information call Robin Brooks, 642-4296, after 5:00 p.m.

Yards rushing

90	72
198	166
8-13-0	13-33-3
5-47	6-26
4-3	2-1
10-100	10-100
6	6
6	13
6	0
0	14-20

Waterford — Mike Anderson recovered blocked punt in endzone (kick failed).
Farmington — Mark Kanny 8 run (kick failed).
Farmington — Kevin Kamsman 18 pass from Randy Meier (pass failed).
Farmington — John Hans 10 run (run failed).
Farmington — Kanny 24 pass from Meier (Tom Harmon kick).
Waterford — Rich LeBlanc 33 pass from Bill Foster (Foster run).
Waterford — Anderson 10 run (run failed).
Farmington — Bill Hasten 42 pass interception (kick failed).

Scoring

Waterford	10	14	7	31
Farmington	2	14	7	37

Best defensively

West Bloomfield's Dan Rowley played centerfield for Rocky Mountain College Billings, Mt. in the fall baseball season and the freshman was voted the team's outstanding defensive player.

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