

**Spartans win overtime thriller**

# Stevenson rallies to beat Farmington

Livonia Stevenson has won four Inter Lakes League football titles in the last seven years, but coach Jack Reardon's Spartans won't soon forget their 1974 championship.

Stevenson, which had already clinched at least a tie for the league title, entertained second-place Farmington High last Saturday. The entertainment lasted four regulation quarters plus an overtime stanza.

When it was over, Stevenson had

a 12-6 victory — and the Spartans didn't have to worry about sharing the league title.

The two teams battled to a six-all tie at the end of the fourth quarter. In overtime, Stevenson QB Bruce Nichols tossed 18 yards to Dave Galindo, who made a fine catch in the endzone to end the game.

The game turned into a defensive battle. Neither squad showed much sparkle on offense.

Farmington took the opening kickoff, ran three plays and punted. The Spartans got the ball on their six-yard line, but couldn't move, either. Stevenson punted, but Farmington's Kevin Kansman blocked the boot and pounced on the ball to give his teammates a scoring opportunity from the two.

Harmon's kick was wide, but Farmington led 6-0.

Stevenson evened the score in the second quarter. Meier was smacked hard and fumbled the ball. Stevenson's Mark Lapham recovered the fumble on the Farmington 38. Four plays later, Nichols crossed the goal line for the touchdown. Stevenson also missed the conversion.

Stevenson missed an excellent chance to move ahead late in the fourth quarter. The Spartans

drove 62 yards only to be stopped one foot short of the goal line.

In the overtime, Stevenson won the coin toss and elected to go on defense. Farmington couldn't move the ball, and Harmon's 33-yard field goal attempt fell just a foot short of the cross bar.

Stevenson then got four chances from the 10-yard line. Chuck Demarco drove ahead four yards, but Spartan Joe Centers was caught with his chinstrap hanging. The infraction cost Stevenson 15 yards,

and the ball was moved back to the 22.

Halfback Bob Mayes dashed to the 18 to set up the Nichols-Galindo scoring pass.

"Our kids played the game with lots of spirit and enthusiasm," said Farmington coach Hal Beardsley. "They made a good attempt — our first in 15 years — to win or tie for that championship."

"We (the coaches) didn't do anything to bring them up for the game. It was all due to the leadership of the seniors."

Farmington plays next at home on Saturday (Nov. 2) against non-league Southfield High. The game begins at 2 p.m.

## Huskie Matt

Matt Hepler, a former football standout at Southfield-Lathrup High, is making a name for himself at Michigan Tech this season. Hepler, an offensive tackle, was given a Blue Chip award by the Michigan Tech coaching staff for his efforts in the Huskies' 19-0 homecoming victory over Moorhead State recently.

## Girls' tennis — alive and well at Harrison High

Farmington Harrison missed out on the recent girls' state tennis tournament, but coach Bernie Goldstein and the Harrison girls can still look back on a fine season.

Harrison capped a perfect 9-0 dual-meet season by winning the Western Six League Meet at Plymouth Canton recently. The Hawks scored 18 points, four more than runner up Livonia Churchill. Walled Lake Western finished third.

Perhaps the best thing about Harrison is that the team is comprised of mostly underclassmen. The only seniors on the team are Miss Kovan and Marsha Must, who played at No. 3 singles.

"We're building a dynasty over here," Goldstein said. "We'll have almost everybody coming back, plus I have several ninth-grade girls who are looking good."

Harrison took titles in both singles and doubles. In the singles final, Denise Maehman defeated Western's Ann Mead, 6-1, 6-0. In doubles, Linda Kovan and Hildy Randolph stopped Churchill's Sue Vasas and Linda Pottinger, 6-1, 6-3.

Goldstein, a social studies teacher, was proud of his team's accomplishments this season.

"We were 9-0, and you can't do much better than that," he said. "Denise was outstanding all year. She lost only one point all season in dual meets. And our No. 1 doubles team (Miss Kovan and Miss Randolph) didn't lose all year in dual meets."

Harrison finished second in the Bloomfield Hills regional, but no Harrison girl qualified for the state tournament which was held at Kalamazoo College Oct. 18-19.

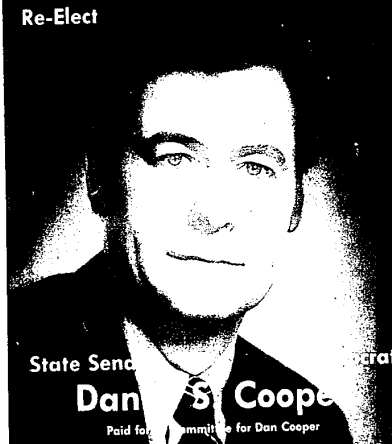
Northwest Suburban League Meet

North Farmington won the Northwest Suburban League girls' tennis title. North Farmington tied Livonia Franklin for first place in the NSL Meet last week, but the Raiders won the overall title because of their 4-0 record in league dual meets.

Franklin finished second overall. Oak Park was third, Westland John Glenn fourth, and Thurston High fifth. Garden City East does not have a girls' tennis team.

North Farmington's doubles team of Lisa Mather and Cindy Ford made all conference. Raider Nancy Tolwin also made all conference.

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