

Late FG lifts Hawks

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Farmington Harrison's Paul Rogind, who received all-state honors for his place kicking talents last year, is wasting no time proving he deserves that honor again this season.

Rogind, a 5-11 170-pound senior, kicked a 35-yard field goal with just 21 seconds left to give Harrison a 16-14 victory over nonleague Farmington High last Saturday in the traditional cross-town season opener.

"He's an all star for sure," said Harrison coach John Herrington minutes after Rogind had brought the Hawks from behind. "He's just a great player, a truly great player. And he kept on in the game in the first half with his defense. He must have made about 15 tackles at safety."

The teams were evenly matched—Farmington's statistics showed the Falcons amassing 303 total yards to Harrison's 241. And the large crowd was treated to a thrilling finish which ended in Rogind's heroics.

With 7:40 left in the game, Harrison's Kerry Wellborn recovered a Farmington fumble on the Falcons 48 yard line. Farmington's defense held through four plays, and the Falcons took over. Falcon QB Randy Meier then completed a deflected pass to end Jeff Hamilton that was just short of a first down.

FULLBACK KEVIN KAMMAN lunged through the middle, but the effort was short by just a fraction of an inch. Harrison took over on the 39 with 4:40 left.

Harrison then drove toward the goal line with upback Mike Bowden and quarterback Jeff Thorne eating up the clock with their running. Finally, Rogind got his chance from the 15 yard line.

Farmington opened the scoring on the fourth play of the game with senior Bert Herzog racing 66 yards through the middle for the TD. The kick failed.

Harrison went ahead briefly on the next set of downs when Thorne threw to end Dale Bacho for a 35-yard touchdown. Rogind kicked the point.

With 6:19 left in the second quarter, Farmington's Jim Stogdener pounced on a Hawk fumble to set up the Falcons' next score, a five-yard scamper by Herzog. Meier passed to Rick Mi-

lner for the conversion points.

Thorne ran seven yards for another Hawk touchdown in the third quarter to pull his squad just one point away, 14-12.

Farmington plays next on Friday (Sept. 19) at West Bloomfield. Harrison entertains Birmingham Groves on Sept. 20 at 2 p.m.

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| | 106 | 715 |
| First downs rushing | 10 | 7 |
| First downs passing | 0 | 0 |
| First downs penalty | 0 | 1 |
| Yards rushing | 104 | 223 |

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| Passes completed | 14 | 440 |
| Passes average | 2-30 | 4-20 |
| Fumbles | 31 | 41 |
| Penalties, yards lost | 5-25 | 3-15 |
| Farmington Harrison | 7 | 0 0 3 16 |
| Farmington High | 4 | 0 0 0 14 |

Scoring
Farmington—Bert Herzog 66 run (kick failed).
Harrison—Dale Bacho 35 pass from Jeff Thorne (Paul Rogind kick).

Farmington—Herzog 5 run (Rick Mi-lner pass from Randy Meier).
Harrison—Thorne 7 run (kick failed).
Harrison—Rogind 25 field goal.

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Farmington's Rick Mihizer (21) tries to evade a Farmington Harrison tackler. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)



Opening loss

North Farmington's Paul Pilek (with ball) looks for a block from teammate Robert Sudkamp (80) in the Raiders' opening game against Pontiac Northern last Saturday.

Pontiac Northern defeated North Farmington, 21-12, in the nonleague contest. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

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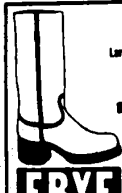
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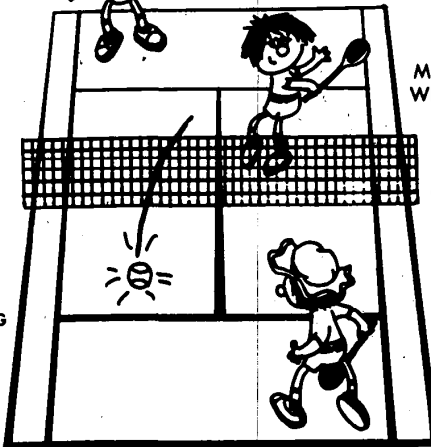
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