

# Jays stop Farmington, 14-8

By TOM BAER

Last Friday's Southfield-Farmington football game was a battle of the up-and-comers in their respective leagues.

Southfield, which has drawn a lot of attention in recent weeks because of its line play, defeated Farmington, 14-8, in the nonleague game. But Farmington, which finished its Inter Lakes league season in a first-place tie with Walled Lake Central, didn't die easily.

Southfield posted a 32 Southeastern Michigan Association record which included a 7-6 upset victory over Royal Oak Kimball. Coach John Finlayson feels that this is one of the strongest Southfield teams in years with a lot of potential for next year.

"We're playing nine juniors and we're winning. Wouldn't you be optimistic?" asked assistant coach Calvin Fletcher.

Underclassmen play a key role in the Blue Jays' success this season, but much of the offense is generated by senior Rick Weiland, a 5'9, 160-pound halfback. Against Farmington,

Weiland scored both touchdowns on short runs and piled up 104 yards in 23 carries.

Southfield rushed for 253 yards and added 50 more through the passing of junior quarterback Jon Vigi. Farmington gained 56 yards on the ground and 71 through the air.

"We were running through them at will with one play—our 22 blast," Finlayson said. "It was working. Why use anything else?"

**SOUTHFIELD'S JOHN** Bitter recovered a Farmington fumble on the Jays' 47 to set up the first TD. The Jays drove to the Falcon two with Vigi hitting Weiland for a 21-yard runner to sustain the drive. Weiland scored from the one with key blocks from end Genn Sciaruzzi, fullback Mark Heiss and tackle Tim Oliver.

Weiland scored again on another

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one-yard plunge just before halftime. Vigi kicked both extra points.

Farmington avoided the shutout when quarterback Randy Meier passed four yards to fullback Rick Mihizer for a touchdown with just 1:38 left in the game. The key play in the TD drive was a 48-yard pass completion from Meier to Vance Gutierrez. Meier passed to Mihizer for the conversion points.

The game had an exciting finish. On the kickoff following the touchdown, the ball hit a Southfield player and

was recovered by a Falcon near midfield. Farmington had a chance to score—and possibly win—with just 1:08 left. But Meier fumbled and Southfield recovered to end the threat.

Both Farmington and Southfield play city rivals next weekend. Southfield, which lifted its overall record to 5-3, travels to Southfield-Lathrup for an 8 p.m. game next Friday. Farmington, which fell to 5-3 overall, entertains North Farmington at 2 p.m. next Saturday.



Farmington's Rick Mihizer (21) looks for a way through the Southfield defense. (Staff photo by Harry Mauths)

### Southfield optimist

	SUS	FHS
First downs rushing	13	4
First downs passing	3	1
First downs penalties	0	0
Yards rushing	225	56
Yards passing	50	71
Plays completed	8/15	5/10
Points average	3/65	3/38
Fumbles-No. lost	2/2	3/3
Penalties-yards lost	6/40	2/20
Southfield High	0 11 0 0 0 -14	
Farmington High	0 0 0 0 0 -8	

### Scoring

Southfield High—Rick Weiland 1 run (Jon Vigi kick)  
Southfield High—Weiland 1 run (Vigi kick)  
Farmington High—Rick Mihizer 4 pass from Randy Meier (Mihizer pass from Meier)

# Kimball stuns Lathrup, 22-3

"We're very positive about this game. After scouting them and looking at their films, I said to myself, 'We can beat this team.'"

Speaking with Southfield-Lathrup football coach Darrell Harper a few hours before his team entertained Royal Oak Kimball last Friday night. But positive thinking was quite enough for Harper and the Chargers as Kimball won, 22-3, and spoiled Lathrup's Homecoming.

"Psychologically, we had them (Kimball) in a bad spot," Harper said. "They just got beat (by Southfield High 7-6, on Oct. 21) and the loss

the championship (of the Southeastern Michigan Association). All they had to look forward to was the Royal Oak Dendora game at the end of the season. We had them run between." Lathrup took a brief 30 lead after Tony DePasqua kicked a 26-yard field goal in the first quarter. Later in the quarter, the Chargers threatened to score a touchdown, but the threat died.

"We had them and we let them out," Harper said after the game. "We should have had a 14-0 lead. You get a team down by 14 and it's kind of hard for them to come back. When the tide turned in their favor. And they're a very good football team with a lot of size."

Kimball scored two touchdowns in the second quarter. Fullback Paul Stark ran seven yards for one score. A run for the extra points failed. Steve Grant grabbed a pass from quarterback Dick Lewis and raced 26 yards for the next TD. Stark ran for the two-point conversion.

The Knights added eight more points in the third quarter. Lewis ran

seven yards for a touchdown and ran for the extra points.

The chilly wind may have hampered Lathrup's offense, according to Harper. "Our offense needs to loosen up with an occasional pass," he said. "It's kind of hard to pass into a 30-mile-per-hour wind. You have to wait until your going with the wind and by that time it was too late."

Kimball amassed 222 yards rushing and 101 passing. The Knights held Lathrup to 96 yards on the ground and just 23 through the air. The Chargers completed two of seven passes.

Lathrup, now 3-5 overall, ends its season next Friday (Nov. 7) at home against city rival Southfield High School.

### Good Knight

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First downs	14	7
Yards rushing	222	96
Yards passing	101	23
Plays completed	4/9	2/7
Points average	13/21	3/3
Fumbles-No. lost	3/3	2/2
Penalties	8/11	0/0
Royal Oak Kimball	0 11 0 0 0 -22	
Southfield-Lathrup	3 0 0 0 0 -3	

### Scoring

Southfield-Lathrup—Tony DePasqua 26 field goal  
Royal Oak Kimball—Paul Stark 7 run (run failed)  
Royal Oak Kimball—Steve Grant 26 pass from Dick Lewis (Stark run)  
Royal Oak Kimball—Lewis 7 run (Lewis run)


## Sports coming up

**Girls' Swimming**  
Tuesday (Nov. 4): Southfield-Lathrup at Birmingham School, 2106 W. Lincoln, 7:30 p.m. only.  
Wednesday and Thursday (Nov. 5-6): Farmington Harrison in the Western Six League Meet, Harrison High School, 2995 Purvie Mile Road, 4 p.m.  
Wednesday and Thursday (Nov. 5-6): North Farmington in the Northwest Suburban League Meet, Thornton High School, 6001 W. 13th, Redford Township, 4 p.m.  
Wednesday and Thursday (Nov. 5-6): Farmington High in the Inter Lakes League Meet, Walled Lake Central, 270 S. Commerce Road, 4 p.m.  
**Girls' Basketball**  
Tuesday (Nov. 4): Capital City Christian at Southfield Christian, 3800 Lathrup Road, 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday (Nov. 4): Plymouth Canton at Farmington High, 3500 Shawansee Road, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday (Nov. 4): Southfield-Lathrup at Birmingham Groves, Thirteen Mile and Evergreen roads, 6:15 p.m.

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