



Mike Bowden (with ball) is about to collide with North Farmington's Mark Babcock (76). (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Hawks win city battle, 16-9

By TOM BAER

In many ways this has been a frustrating football season for Farmington Harrison.

Harrison missed a chance to repeat as Western Six League champs when it lost to Lavonia Churchill on Oct. 25. And the Hawks' final game—tomorrow night at non-league Plymouth Salem—won't have nearly the impact or importance it did last year when both squads were highly rated.

Still, Harrison coach John Herrington can look back on a fine season, including victories over city rivals Farmington High (on opening day) and North Farmington, 16-9, last Saturday on the Raiders' field.

That victory over North didn't come easily according to Herrington, who has plenty of respect for his northside neighbors despite their 17 overall record this year.

"It was a good, hard-hitting game," Herrington said. "We thought North was well prepared and played a good football game. We were fortunate enough to win."

North Farmington controlled the ball in the first half and also got a good passing game from quarterback Larry Lichtman. A 5-10, 170-pound senior, Lichtman completed 11 of 20 for 111 yards and one touchdown.

"NORTH THREW quite a few off-motion passes and we had difficulty covering until we made a few adjustments at halftime," Herrington said. "We tried to get a better pass rush, although we didn't change the coverage that much."

Harrison relied heavily on its running game. The winners' statistics show Harrison piling up 160 yards rushing and 68 more on two successful passes. Harrison's Mike Bowden, a 6-1, 186-pound junior, gained 111 yards in 25 carries.

Bowden opened the scoring by dashing eight yards for a touchdown in the second quarter. Paul Rogind, who has been successful on 46 of 48 extra point attempts during his prep career, added the PAT.

North closed the gap in the second quarter when Lichtman threw 11 yards to Ken Strom for a TD. North attempted to pass for the conversion points, but the play was broken up by Rogind.

The Raiders took a brief lead in the third quarter when junior Ken Withers kicked a 35-yard field goal.

Harrison went ahead to stay later in the quarter. QB Jeff Thorne passed to Rogind for the touchdown, the play covering 58 yards. Rogind added the PAT.

The Hawks got two more points in

the final quarter when junior guard Steve Zimmerman tackled Withers in North's end zone for a safety.

BALL CONTROL and good defense saved the Hawks in the second half according to Herrington.

"We tried to give the ball to Bowden most of the time," he said. "We just tried to control the ball and pile up those first downs."

"We got excellent play from our linebackers. We stopped their running game quite well. Tim Harsha with 10 solo tackles, and Pete Lambert played quite well. Chuck Gilandine, our defensive end, put a lot of pressure on their passer."

The victory lifted Harrison to 6-2 overall. In addition to the Churchill loss, Harrison fell to non-league Birmingham Groves.

Plymouth Salem has a 4-4 overall mark with three of the losses coming against top teams—Dearborn Edsel Ford, Dearborn High and Trenton High.

"They started out slow with new personnel," Herrington said. "Unfortunately, this is the ninth game and now they're well prepared."

North Farmington ends its season on Saturday, Nov. 8, by facing another city rival—Farmington High, the co-champs of the Inter Lakes League.

Farmington, which dropped a 14-8 thriller last week at Southfield High, is 5-3 overall. The game begins at 2 p.m. on Farmington's field, 3200 Shawwassee Rd.

'Hard-hitting game'

	HIS	HS
First downs rushing	8	2
First downs passing	2	6
First downs penalty	0	0
Yards rushing	160	51
Yards passing	68	111
Passes completed	25	11
Passes attempted	34	15
Fumbles—No. recovered	1	3
Points average	644	631.5

Farmington Harrison	0	7
North Farmington	7	2
North Farmington	0	6
North Farmington	3	0

Scoring

Harrison—Mike Bowden 8 run (Paul Rogind kick).
North Farmington—Ken Strom 11 pass from Larry Lichtman (Pass failed).
North Farmington—Randy Withers 35 field goal.
Harrison—Rogind 37 pass from Jeff Thorne (Rogind kick).
Harrison—Steve Zimmerman tackled North Farmington player in endzone for safety.

Runners shine in state meet

By TOM BAER

Southfield coach Chuck Bolog had hoped for a strong performance from senior Scott Stone at the Class A cross country state meet held last Saturday at Grand Blanc Golf Club.

And Stone, who brightened an otherwise dismal Southfield cross country season, certainly had the talent and desire to finish high in the individual meet. Stone started off strong and was running in the top 10 after the first mile.

But then he experienced a physiological problem called "oxygen debt," slowed down and finally finished 26th in 15:50.

"It's not a very satisfying way to end a career, but he's still a tremendous runner," Bolog said. "One race doesn't take anything away from him."

Stone was one of six runners from Southfield and Farmington high schools to qualify for the individual state meet. The others were Stuart Glatfelter and Hugh Leidlein, both of Farmington High. Mike Redford, of Farmington Harrison, Dave Good, of North Farmington, and Eric Larson.

of Southfield Christian, a Class D school.

Glatfelter turned in the best time of the day considering the six runners. He finished 13th in 15:35.

"That was one of the better finishes in the area," said Farmington coach Gerald Young, whose team won the Inter Lakes League cross country title this year. "He had run 16 minutes in the state meet last year, so this is quite an improvement."

Leidlein, a sophomore, finished 46th.

HARRISON'S REDFORD was another runner with great potential. But he finished 21st in 15:39.

"He had a bad day," said Harrison coach Larry Fortner. "He ran one of his slowest times all year. He beat a lot of those people (who finished ahead of him) in the state meet in the regional."

Stone's problem came about when his body "started taking in more oxygen than it could really use," according to Bolog.

"He was running about seventh after the first mile and a half," he said. "He was running real well. Then he dropped down to 10th after the two-mile mark. After that, he got into

this oxygen debt thing—it's a physiological and a psychological problem. It could be caused by the excitement of the big race."

"That oxygen debt can really wipe you out, and that's what happened to Stone. He dropped down to the 20s and just kind of finished the race by rote. He hit the finish line and virtually passed out. He had to be carried over to the side."

"We wrapped him in blankets and put a bag over his head. That caused him to breathe his own carbon dioxide. He just had too much oxygen in his system."

NORTH FARMINGTON'S Good finished 37th in a field of 90 runners in the individual race. Good had been bothered by muscle spasms in his back for much of the season.

"He wasn't very happy with his time," said North Farmington coach Ed Davis. "It wasn't anything to cheer about."

Larson never ran in the Class D state meet, also held at Grand Blanc Golf Club. He was scheduled to take a National Merit Scholarship test that morning, and there was no way the test could be rescheduled, according to Christian coach Carl Tichenor.

"There was no way to know way back in the summer that he was going to be a finalist," Tichenor said. "It's just one of those things."

In the Class A team race, Groves Pointe North won with 81 points. Lavonia Churchill was second with 129, and Kalamazoo Loy Norris had 115. West Bloomfield finished 12th with 335 points. Birmingham Groves was 18th with 408, Birmingham Brother Rice was 20th with 413, and Rochester Adams was 21st with 428.

Highland Park's Sam James won the Class A individual race in 14:45.1. Paul Manza of Brother Rice was fourth in 15:18, and Groves' Joel Menges was sixth in 15:23.



Southfield's Scott Stone finished 26th in the state meet.



STUART GLATFELTER

Took 13th place for Farmington

Sports coming up

Friday (Nov. 7) Southfield High at Southfield-Lathrup, 19301 Twelve Mile Road, 8 p.m.

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Saturday (Nov. 8) North Farmington at Farmington High, 3200 Shawwassee Road, 2 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

Thursday (Nov. 8) Hazel Park at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lahar roads, 4 p.m.

Thursday (Nov. 8) Farmington High at Milford Lakeland, 3600 Lakeland Road, 7 p.m.

Thursday (Nov. 8) Southfield-Lathrup at Royal Oak Dossiers, 720 N. Washington, 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday (Nov. 12) Farmington Our Lady of Mercy in Catholic League play-offs, site and opponent to be determined.

Girls' Swimming

Saturday (Nov. 8) Farmington Our Lady of Mercy in Catholic League Meet, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Hagerty Road, Livonia, events begin at 8 a.m.

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Thursday (Nov. 8) West Bloomfield at Southfield Christian, 2880 Lahar Road, 4:30 p.m.