

Hawks shoot for WSL football crews

Playoffs possible for Farmington Harrison

By TOM BAER

Right now, coach John Herrington and his unbeaten Farmington Harrison football team are in the top 10 in the state. The Hawks want to beat Walled Lake Western next Friday night to capture the Western Six League championship.

Harrison clinched at least a tie for the Western Six by beating Waterford Mott 22-0 last Saturday.

But another post-season honor — a berth in the state Class A football playoffs — could come Harrison's way if the Hawks continue to play the way they have.

Team officials in the state think a complicated scoring system — basically points are awarded according to a team's record and the records of its opponents. The state is divided into regions and only the top team — based on the point averages — from each can advance to the playoffs.

Harrison has taken the lead in Class A Region 2 with a 94.47 point average. South

field High, which had topped the region, slipped to a second-place tie with Livonia Stevenson, east with 93.84 points.

Herrington admitted that his players are thinking about a place in the playoffs, but he said the Western game and the title come first.

"Our number one goal is to win the league, so we're going all out to win that," said coach Western. Herrington said, "Western has won two games in a row, and we feel they'll be fired up for us."

"WE'LL TAKE them one at a time, but right now we're pretty excited. We try not to make it the state playoffs the main point of emphasis, but they (the players) are thinking about it. We're looking for a team to be in the post-season," said North Farmington and Plymouth Salem, to be very tough. The outcomes of those two games could decide about the playoffs for us."

This season could wind up like the 1974



Harrison's Bert Barch (84) gains yardage against Mott.

Raiders whip G.C. East

Sharp passing helps North win

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North Farmington's defense seemed to be far ahead of its offense during the first five football games this season. But that pattern changed during a 29-14 victory over Grosse Pointe Catholic last Saturday in a Northwest Suburban League game in a Northwest Suburban League game is any indication.

In that game, North's defense turned in its usual good performance and its offense started showing some spunk. East posted 141 yards to North's 108, but the Ra-

iders mounted a vigorous passing attack

thanks to senior quarterback Mike Thomas, who completed eight of 11 passes for two touchdowns and 137 yards.

I think we're starting to see some North Farmington coach Ron Holland, whose team climbed to 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the NSL. "We're generating some offense for a change and our defense still is playing well. We're a young football team, but we're gaining confidence with every game."

The 62-185-pound Thomas was a two-

campaign when Harrison won eight straight games and completed a good 80 percent average before finally losing to a tough Plymouth Salem team on the final Saturday of the regular season.

Against Mott, Harrison was led once again by hard-hitting Mike Borden, a 6-1, 185-pound back. Borden gained 100 yards in 31 carries and scored two touchdowns on short runs.

Chuck Roberts accounted for nine more Harrison points. He tackled a Mott ball carrier in the fourth quarter, then grabbed a fumble and then grabbed a 25-yard touch-

down pass from quarterback Jeff Thorne in the fourth quarter. Brett Hornebeck kicked two extra points.

"We're a little sluggish at the beginning of the game, but throughout played well," Herrington said.

Harrison faced Mott without a key play-

er — upback John Payne.

The 5-10, 185-pound Payne injured his ankle in practice last Saturday. He's expected to be ready for the Western game.

"A lot of people don't realize that Payne is an excellent blocker," Herrington said. "He's done a great job of blocking up front for Borden."

Harrison rushed for 220 yards to Mott's 125. Thorne completed three of 11 passes for 86 more yards. Mott ended up with a minus seven yards passing.

Tim Pink, a junior end, was a standout on defense with eight solo tackles. Roberts was another defensive standout with an in-

HARRISON-MOTT

First down rushing	105	10
First down passing	3	1
First down punting	1	1
Yards rushing	209	125
Yards passing	86	0
Passes completed	3	0
Passes attempted	11	0
Touchdowns	2	1
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