

Hawks shoot for WSL football crews

Playoffs possible for Farmington Harrison

By TOM BAEZ

Right now coach John Herrington and his underdog Farmington Harrison football squad have one goal in mind. The Hawks want to beat Walled Lake Western next Friday night to capture the Western Sub League championship.

Harrison clinched at least a tie for the WSL title 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 things continue to go right for the team.

Teams qualify for the playoffs through 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 average — from each can advance to the playoffs.

Harrison has taken the lead in Class A Region 2 with a 94.67 point average. South

field High, which had topped the region, slipped to a second-place tie with Livonia Stevenson, each with a 97.33 average.

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

"Our number one goal is to win the league, so we're going all out to win that game against 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 our last two games, non-leaguers against 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

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

WESTERN SUB LEAGUE

Farmington Harrison	W	L
North Farmington	1	1
Walled Lake Western	1	1
Livonia Stevenson	1	1
Lincoln Churchill	1	1
Plymouth Salem	1	1

INTER LAKES LEAGUE

Lincoln Churchill	W	L
Farmington High	1	1
Walled Lake Central	1	1
Waterford Township	1	1
Plymouth Salem	1	1
Midland Lakeland	1	1

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN LEAGUE

Westland John Glenn	W	L
Lincoln Franklin	1	1
North Farmington	1	1
Garden City East	1	1
Thurston High	1	1

WATERFORD MOTT

W	L
1	1

SCORING

Harrison-Chuck Roberts 1 run, Mott ball carrier in endzone for safety.
Harrison-Matt Borden 1 run, Brett Hommer kick.
Harrison-Borden 1 run, pass failed.
Harrison-Roberts 21 pass from Jeff Thorne Hommer kick.

Raiders whip G.C. East

Sharp passing helps North win

By TOM BAEZ

North Farmington's defense seemed to be in for a bad day during the first five football games this season. But that pattern may be ending if North's 24 victory over Garden City East last Saturday in a North-West Suburban League game is any indication.

In that game North's defense turned in its usual good performance and its offense started showing some spark. East rushed for 141 yards to North's 105, but the Rai-

ders mounted a superior passing attack thanks to senior quarterback Mike Thomas, who completed eight of 11 passes for two touchdowns and 97 yards.

"I think we're improving," said 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 6-2, 190-pound Thomas was a two-

Harrison coach John Herrington: "We'll just take them one at a time, but we're pretty excited."



North's Paul Patek (with ball) looks for a way through the East defense, which includes Keith Keck (66).

Face Northern next

Falcons down Lakeland, 31-12

Quarterback Randy Meier is on his way to setting some passing records at Farmington High School.

Farmington downed Lakeland, 31-12, last Saturday in an Inter Lakes League game when Meier and his passing arm were much in evidence. The versatile 6-4, 175-pound senior completed nine of 15 passes as the Falcons rolled up 400 air yards to Lakeland's 37. Meier ran for two touchdowns, passed for another, and completed a key aerial to set up still another TD.

"Basically, our offensive line did a great job of blocking for Randy," said Farmington coach Hal Boardley, whose team posted its overall record to 2-4 and its ILB mark to 2-1.

Lakeland, known for its size, used an eight-man defensive front, forcing Meier to

fight to the air. The Falcon QB started early, getting back Meier with an 82-yard gain on the third play from scrimmage to set up the first touchdown, a one-yard run by Meier.

Lakeland countered with a pair of touchdowns in the first quarter. Pellagata ran 65 yards for one score, and fullback Todd Weak played four yards for the other score, which was set up by a Farmington fumble. Both Lakeland conversions attempt failed.

Farmington scored twice in the second quarter as Rob Patrick ran three yards for one touchdown to cap a 34-yard drive, and Kevin Delp grabbed a four-yard scoring pass from Meier. The conversion attempt failed, and Farmington had an 18-12 half-time lead.

In the third quarter, Meier scored on a one-yard run made possible when team-

mate Terry Hall picked off a Lakeland pass and Marty Bona ripped off a 35-yard gain. Patrick closed out the scoring on an exciting run as he intercepted a pass and raced 74 yards for the touchdown. Sophomore Chuck Ciolek kicked the extra point on the final TD.

Farmington may have had the air game, but Lakeland showed a superior running attack. Lakeland outran the Falcons, 307 yards to 177. Weak, who didn't finish the game, gained 73 yards. Bona led Farmington's backs with 65 yards in 10 carries.

Boardley lined Hall, with the key interceptions and Chuck Russell, with eight solo tackles and seven assists, as the defensive standouts.

"Our kids did play better defense than they have in the past," Boardley said. "It's still not good enough, but we did shut them out for three quarters."

N FARMINGTON-GC EAST

First downs rushing	NP	GC
First downs passing	0	2
First downs penalty	0	1
Yards rushing	10	11
Yards passing	97	27
Yards penalty	149	123
Passes-attempt	21	31
Passes-completed	8	15
Passes-yards lost	0	0
Field goals	0	0
WATERFORD MOTT	0	0

SCORING

North Farmington-Greg Hughes 7 pass from Mike Thomas (Tom Quinn kick).
Garden City East-Brian Gibbs 1 run (Jack Heide).
North Farmington-Mark Thompson 7 pass from Mike Thomas (Tom Quinn kick).
North Farmington-Mike Miller 1 run (Tom Quinn kick).
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SCORING

Farmington-Randy Meier 1 run (Jack Heide).
Lakeland-Pellagata 65 pass from Meier (Jack Heide).
Lakeland-Todd Weak 4 pass from Meier (Jack Heide).
Farmington-Patrick 74 pass from Meier (Tom Quinn).
Farmington-Kevin Delp 4 pass from Meier (Tom Quinn).
Farmington-Mike Miller 1 run (Tom Quinn).
Farmington-Patrick 74 pass from Meier (Tom Quinn).
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