

Stevenson Whips RU For Ninth Straight

Although it wasn't a league contest, Livonia Stevenson's Spartans showed they will have to be considered a strong contender for a second straight championship in the Inter-Lakes Conference when they whipped Redford Union, 20-0, in the season opener for both teams in Lola Valley Stadium.

It enabled Stevenson to stretch its unbeaten string to nine in a row in a bid for a high place in the weekly state high school ratings. The Spartans were unbeaten in 1968 when they dominated Observerland and captured the conference crown.

Hampered by lack of experienced players and with less than 30 uniforms, the Panthers were no match for the Spartans who took command after the opening kickoff and held the upper hand all the way.

FIVE SENIORS, all letter winners a year ago, spelled the difference for the victors. Quarterback Rusty Gregg mystified the Panthers with his

clever ball handling to running back Gene Walker and Ron Smith. The rough and tough Swift twins, Pat and Mike, made life miserable for RU backs, making about half of the tackles for Stevenson.

Matter of fact the aggressive play of the Livonians actually hurt at times—they were charged with numerous penalties by the officials and one 15-yard or cost a touchdown. Queried as to his thoughts following the contest, Coach Jack Reardon had a big smile and praise for the team's performance.

"We looked good for an opening game," he said. "But those penalties—we're going to have to do something to correct that. Our offense was satisfactory and the defense excellent but those penalties." He just shook his head.

Stevenson didn't waste any time demonstrating that it was out for a victory to continue its winning streak.

SMITH RETURNED the opening kickoff for the Panthers with his

enning Kickoff to the Stevenson 20. Walker smashed through the line twice for 11 yards and a first down on the 40. Smith picked up two at left tackle and then slashed through the right side for 18 yards and a first down on the RU 40.

Gregg sped to the 28 on a keeper play and the third straight first down. Smith, Gregg and Walker took turns for another first down on the 17. Gregg fumbled but Walker recovered for a loss of two. Smith shook off two tacklers and raced to the RU nine where he fumbled and George Varilelo pounced on the ball for the Panthers to stall the drive. Bob Seghi picked up eight in two thrusts. Quarterback Gary Bevington hit End Kirk Taylor for the 20 for the first down. Two plays later, Bevington fumbled on an attempted pass and Pat Swift recovered for Stevenson on the RU 13.

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Raiders Run, Pass Past Pontiac In Opener, 28-12

No. 1 for No. 1.

And impressively, too. Such was the first game of the season for North Farmington, ranked No. 1 in the Observer's pre-season area high school football rankings.



THERE HE GOES—North Farmington's Mike Gow (20) speeds away from Pontiac's Mike Flanagan (25) on a 65-yard touchdown pass in the Raiders' 28-12 victory. (Photo by Warren Bopp)

2 Point Conversion Ruins East's Opener

The new two-point conversion following touchdowns, now optional for high school teams for the first time, bounced up and hit Garden City East with a jolt.

East had been rolling along with a 6-0 lead against Schafer, in the season opener for both. Then a short kick was turned into a Schafer touchdown and tied the score at 6-6.

The ball was placed on the East 3-yard line and the Schafer quarterback grabbed it from center and went scooting into the end zone for the two points that beat East, 8-6.

Except for the short kick and the conversion that followed, East had kept Schafer well in check.

"WE DIDN'T DO too badly," explained East coach Gary Humphreys whose team won seven while losing one and tying one in 1968. "I especially consider we were very hard hit by graduation losses."

As it was East had scored first when Rod Schafer (no relation to the rival team) and Bob Kleinrock took turns carrying the ball to the Schafer one-yard line from where Schafer slid over for the touchdown.

East tried a two-point conversion, but was foiled. But that wasn't what lost the game, or at least, as far as Humphreys was concerned, that wasn't the turning point.

AFTER TAKING the lead, East started another march. Once more it was pretty much a ground affair and the ball was moved to the Schafer three-yard line where East had a first down and goal to go.

But on the next play, East fumbled the ball away. "I guess that was the key play of the evening," declared Humphreys. "If we scored then, they don't beat us."

Someone that bobble took the steam out of East, which rolled up 150 yards during the first half.

Once the second half began, East was restricted to just 50 yards.

A SLICED punt carried only a few yards to Schafer's Ernie Butkovich midway in the third period and Butkovich ran the ball over for the tying touchdown.

On the extra-point try, Tom Moorhead carried the ball on a quarterback sneak, and he went all the way for what proved the game's deciding points.

The running of Schafer and Kleinrock impressed Humphreys. So did the defensive play of Rick Orlando, at end; Jerry Mason, Ken Roe and Ernie Bertone.

Humphreys isn't too discouraged despite the first-game setback. The rebounding starts Friday night when Ann Arbor comes to East.

stellar defensive play by Steve Low and Greg Forte.

GOV SHOWED that he has to be one of the top runners this season when he accounted for 187 yards in 20 carries. That averages out to better than nine yards per shot.

He scored one touchdown and figured in two more.

White scored once and passed for another.

All in all it was a fine start for the Raiders, since Pontiac Northern generally figures among the stronger teams in the suburban area.

White, a 6-3 senior, began the touchdown making in the first quarter when he slipped a seven-yard pass to Keith Heavenridge after Gow had turned in some fine runs to get the ball deep into Pontiac territory.

WHITE'S PASS to Doug Vallasius netted the extra point and made it 8-0.

Northern jumped right back into contention on a 62-yard run by Tom Holt for the touchdown. But the Pontiac conversion try failed and North Farmington now led, 8-6.

Gow ripped off some more runs in the second quarter and that set up North Farmington's second touchdown.

This time White carried the final yard on a smack off right tackle. White's toss to Dave McCoy brought the score to 16-6.

It was Gow all the way in the third period on a 65-yard dash to up the North Farmington lead to 22-6.

Once in the clear, there was no catching Gow.

THE FINAL North Farmington touchdown came in the last period with second stringers performing for both sides.

John Coombs, a 5-10 junior, slipped up the middle for 13 yards.

Pontiac Northern wound up the scoring in the fading moments when Roger Holland passed to Mike Teague on a play that covered 70 yards.

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Our Lady of Sorrows' football team made it that way for Bob Kelley by rolling past Royal Oak St. Mary's, 28-14 in its 1969 Catholic League opener.

In winning, Sorrows proved to be opportunistic.

The first two Sorrows touchdowns resulted from recovered fumbles, one on a strategic play.

Sorrows had kicked off to St. Mary's after Ross Patton had fired a 50-yard TD pass and McGrath had run over the extra points for an 8-0 lead.

On the kickoff, the ball was bobbled and rolled back into the end zone. Chris Centers dropped on it for another six points and when McGrath passed to Mike Hart Sorrows had a 14-0 lead.

BEFORE THE period ended, Sorrows had scored again, capping a 65-yard drive when Patton raced in from the 13. McGrath again flipped to Hart for the conversion.

In the second half, Sorrows marched 60 yards with McGrath scoring from the one. Then Sorrows put on a 70-yard drive with Pat Van Dusen going over from the three and Greg Hurst running the extra point.

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