

'Watta Defense' Makes Victory Easy For Stevenson

"My, I never saw such hitting on defense before," Coach Jack Reardon of Stevenson High never was more excited about a football victory than the one his team scored over Pontiac Northern, 24-0. "It was the game we felt we had to win to repeat as Inter-Lake League champs," Reardon declared.

"We knew we had to contain their backs, and the only way to do that was to hit...hit...and hit."

The coach caused... "These defensive players of ours again were fantastic. Joe, they were allowed only six points in four games. Try topping that. They had marvelous pursuit

against Northern. They just weren't about to let Northern do anything."

Another pause.

NAMES LIKE Tim Muldoon, Tom Kellogg, Jerry Kennedy, Mike and Pat Swift, Ray Basille, Roy Smith... they all were part of the giant defensive stand that Stevenson turned on Northern

to up the Livonia's league record from 2-0 and its overall mark to 3-1.

Stevenson, perhaps, was inspired because one newspaper (The Observer) rated the Livonians as underdogs against Northern.

"These boys simply want to prove a point...that they're good

football players. And they are," Reardon declared.

Actually, the defense provided the one touchdown Stevenson needed to win when Smith picked up a fumble and ran it in 14 yards for a score.

But, by no means, did the Stevenson offense take a back seat against Northern.

The first went to John Gregg's passing arm

struck in the dull day to electrify the fans who swarmed out to see how good Stevenson is this season.

GREGG FIRED nine times during the afternoon. He connected five times.

Two of his "hits" were for touchdowns.

The first went to John Gregg for 20 yards and six points. The same pair hooked up for the two-point conversion.

Then came the biggest loss of the day—a 44 yard to Kellogg for a TD.

The conversion came when Gregg passed to Jerry Kennedy. After Smith's run for a TD with a recovered fumble, Gregg showed he can run, too. He ran over from the three for a conversion.

Stevenson collected 84 yards on the ground in addition to 97 in the air. Northern was held to under 120 yards total offense.

How Teams Rate

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|---------------------|---|---|
| 1. North Farmington | 4 | 0 |
| 2. Bentley | 4 | 0 |
| 3. Thurston | 4 | 0 |
| 4. Franklin | 4 | 0 |
| 5. Stevenson | 3 | 1 |

Weekend Games

FRIDAY
 Stevenson at Walled Lake Central, 8 p.m.
 Plymouth at Redford Union, 8 p.m.
 Cherry Hill at Garden City West, 8 p.m.
 Oak Park at John Glenn, 8 p.m.
 Waterford Kettering at Clarenceville, 8 p.m.
 Farmington at Pontiac Northern, 8 p.m.
 Bentley at Trenton, 8 p.m.
 Churchill at Ypsilanti, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY
 Groves at Franklin, 2 p.m.
 Garden City East at Taylor, 2 p.m.
 Our Lady of Sorrows at St. Florian, 2:30 p.m.
 Thurston at North Farmington, 2 p.m.
 St. Agatha-Wayne St. Mary's at R.U., 8 p.m.

Maskin's Selections

BENTLEY-TRENTON: The other "experts" say Trenton. We're no "expert," so we'll take a flier on Bentley.

NORTH FARMINGTON-THURSTON: Must go with the team rating No. 1 in Observerland, meaning North Farmington.

STEVENSON-WALLED LAKE CENTRAL: The Livonians are rolling again.

TAYLOR-GARDEN CITY EAST: So East gets moving. No stopping 'em here.

CHERRY HILL-GARDEN CITY WEST: This is the night West ends its losing ways.

OAK PARK-JOHN GLENN: Two-touchdown victory for Glenn.

CLARENCEVILLE-KETTERING: The Trojans make merry at their homecoming festivities.

FARMINGTON-PONTIAC NORTHERN: Flip it up. Pontiac Northern.

CHURCHILL-YP SILANTI: The Livonians are biting off a little too much here.

GROVES-FRANKLIN: A nice afternoon for Franklin.

SORROWS-ST. FLORIAN: Happy day again for Sorrows.

WAYNE ST. MARY'S-ST. AGATHA: A "biggie" for both teams. It says Wayne St. Mary's to win.



ELUDING A TACKLER as he breaks away for a long gain is North Farmington's Mike Goo, rated as one of the top backs in the area. His brilliant play has sparked the Raiders to four straight victories. (Photo by Warren Bopp)

RU Can't Cash Chances, Loses To Allen Park

When opportunity strikes, you must cash in. Otherwise, there's little chance you'll succeed as Redford Union found in losing to Allen Park, 19-14, in what RU Coach Bob Atkins called "a pivotal and important game."

The Townshipers had won their Suburban Six League opener and another win would have kept them right on top with Bentley and Allen Park.

But RU couldn't cash in.

There was a 65-yard run by Bill Booker in the third period for an apparent touchdown, it was nullified by a penalty.

Later in the period RU reached the Allen Park 20. Again no score.

"THAT SCORELESS third period hurt us," said Atkins. Both teams counted once in the first period...RU on a tally by Kirk Taylor.

But Rhodie tallied twice as Allen Park gained a 19-6 half-time lead and when RU missed its chances in the third period, the score remained the same until Booker scampered over on a nine-yard carry in the last period.

Slippery fingers also hurt RU. Gary Bevington, the fine RU passer, clicked on eight out of 16 tosses, but there were a few others which slipped out of the hands of his receivers.

"That's what hurt, too," moaned Atkins.

90-Yd. Run Kills Hopes Of Borgess

It was a tough way to get started...and Bishop Borgess simply couldn't recover, losing 14-6.

Borgess kicked off to Gabriel Richard and the ball was grabbed by Dan Gaudette on his 10. The junior started up the field, broke into the clear and was off to the races...90 yards away.

A two-point conversion quickly made it 8-0 and Borgess never was able to catch up, although the team did come close.

Late in the second quarter, Carl Burnhardt struck on a 40-yard pass to Charles Misko for the one Borgess touchdown of the game.

To start the second half, Borgess received and fumbled. Gabriel Richard recovered and within a few minutes had its second touchdown when Gaudette went over again...this time from three yards out.

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'Bombed' In Duel

There was a lot of everything Saturday afternoon at Farmington High School. A lot of running... a lot of passing... a lot of scoring.

Unfortunately, the host school came up short in scoring as Lathrup emerged a 34-14 winner to end Farmington's victory streak which had reached one game after the team had gone nine contests over two years without a triumph.

Farmington did score first when Randy Cleveland shared a 20-yard pass from John Plichta.

By halftime, it was Lathrup by an 8-6 with Farmington well in contention.

But from then on it was pretty much all Lathrup, now 2-2 in the standings, while Farmington dropped its third decision in four starts.

THE PASSING of Bob McFadden, who also scored one of the Lathrup touchdowns, was a deciding factor. He hit on 13 out of 18 for 202 yards.

Trojans Frolic For 3rd Victory In 4 Battles

It'll be homecoming at Clarenceville High Friday night and the old grade—and the still to be grads—will gather to salute one of the most exciting football teams ever to represent the Middlebelt Road school.

The Trojans will take a 3-1 record against Waterford Kettering—and that's a far cry from the 0-4 and 1-3 marks Trojans teams in recent years have posted at the halfway mark of the season.

This Clarenceville team not only is mighty on offense as shown Friday in scalping Clarkson, 42-0, but it's also a power on defense.

The shutout was the third in four games for the Trojans, who yielded only to West Bloomfield, one of the top-ranked teams in the state and the only one to down Clarenceville this far.

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