

Hawks vs. Raiders: 'Hardest-hitting game'

By TOM BAER

North Farmington's football team is probably best described in the words of an opposing coach.

"I'm serious when I say that I can't find a weak spot on that football team," said Farmington Harrison coach John Herrington. "They have so much going for them."

Herrington's Harrison club will find out more about North's football prowess on Saturday (Oct. 28) when the two rivals clash at 2 p.m. on Harrison's field.

North Farmington, undefeated through seven games and state ranked (No. 2 behind Birmingham Brother Rice in most polls), needs a victory to stay in contention for the post-season state Class A playoffs.

Harrison, 5-2 overall with both losses coming against state-ranked teams, would like to pull the upset of the year.

"We're real excited about this game," Herrington said. "You don't have to do anything special to fire up our kids for the North Farmington game. It's always the hardest-hitting game of the year, and I'm sure it'll be that way on Saturday."

"I'm real proud of our kids," Herrington said. "They're playing up to their potential right now, and that's all any coach can ask."

North has rolled over every opponent but one by big scores. Last Saturday, the powerful Raiders smothered hapless Garden City East, 53-6, to nail down the school's first Northwest Suburban League football championship since 1971.

STILL, NORTH COACH Ron Holland isn't taking Harrison lightly.

"I haven't seen Harrison play that

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much, but that's a good football team with a lot of fine players and an excellent coaching staff," Holland said. "They have some fine running backs, and their quarterback (Drew Norton) can throw the ball."

Harrison beat Northville, 7-6, last Friday night, using the same running play 13-straight times on its touchdown drive. But Harrison will probably have to find other ways to move the ball against North.

"We're going to open things up," Herrington said. "We know we can't play conservatively. It'll be very difficult to drive the ball on North, which pursues very well."

Against Garden City East, North tailback Jeff Cohen, a big (190 pounds), fast (9.5 in the 40-yard dash) senior, went on a touchdown binge early in the game, scoring on runs of one, 25, 54, and 20 yards. He scored four touchdowns and gained 105 yards in his five carries.

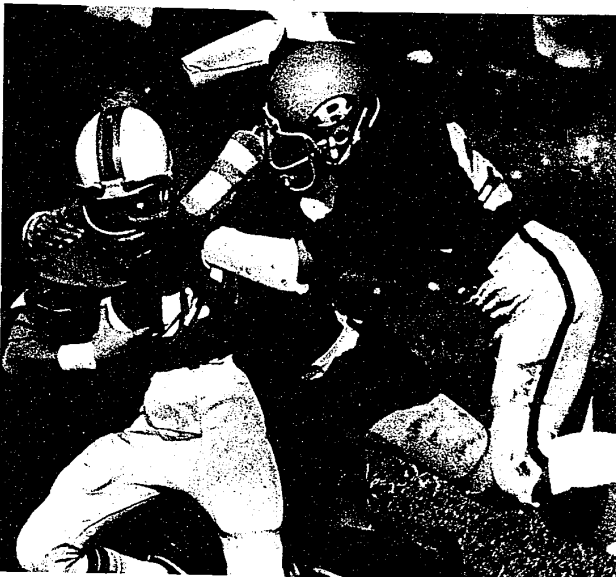
Jim Minihinnett, a senior safety, provided two more touchdowns on a 12-yard pass interception and a 10-yard run. Dan Cohen ran 40 yards with a pass interception for another TD, and Ron Nutter grabbed a 16-yard scoring pass from Ron Fredericks.

Mike Miller, another speedy North tailback, gained 79 yards in 12 carries. North rushed for 269 yards, while holding East to just two.

North will end its regular season on Nov. 4 with its traditional non-league game at home against Farmington High. Harrison will finish up at home on the same afternoon with Plymouth Salem providing the opposition.

N. FARMINGTON 53-G.C. EAST 6	NP	GCE
First downs rushing	14	3
First downs passing	3	1
First downs penalty	0	2
Yards rushing	269	2
Yards passing	66	43
Passes	34-50	5-12.5
Points-average	279.5	6-32.8
Puntless-to last	52	14
Penalties-yards lost	11-27	7-13
N. FARMINGTON	11	7
GARDEN CITY EAST	0	7

SCORING
NO. FARMINGTON-Jeff Cohen 1 run (Tim Quinn kick).
NO. FARMINGTON-Jeff Cohen 25 run (Quinn kick).
FARMINGTON-Jeff Cohen 54 run (kick failed).
NO. FARMINGTON-Jeff Cohen 20 run (kick failed).
NO. FARMINGTON-Jim Minihinnett 12 pass interception (Rich Nutter kick).
NO. FARMINGTON-Midhinnett 10 run (Rich Nutter kick).
NO. FARMINGTON-Ron Nutter 16 pass from Ron Fredericks (kick failed).
G.C. EAST-John Laute 40 pass from Randall McDowell (kick failed).
NO. FARMINGTON-Dan Cohen 40 pass interception (Paul George kick).



North's Paul George helps sack East's Ronald McDowell during last Saturday's game. (Photo by Allen Schlosberg).

Hard-luck FHS falls again, 14-7

Walled Lake Central's football team reinforced Farmington High's hard-luck status last Saturday.

Farmington has lost four of its seven games this fall, and each opponent has had to come from behind to beat the Falcons. Central, the latest opponent, capitalized on a fumble recovery for a third-quarter touchdown to beat Farmington, 14-7, in the Inter Lakes League game. It was Farmington's homecoming.

"We played a flat game," said Farmington coach Hal Beardsley, whose team fell to 1-4 in the ILL. "I'd hoped that all the homecoming activities and the parents' day would spruce them up, but it didn't work out that way."

"I didn't realize that our kids had taken the loss to Livonia Stevenson (17-14 on Oct. 13) as hard as they had."

Central, which gained 141 yards on the ground to Farmington's 121, opened the scoring on a one-yard run by Greg Ginter in the second quarter. Central got the ball on a fumble recovery and drove 43 yards for the score.

Farmington came back in with a TD run by Dave Hall in the same quarter. Doug Eby kicked the extra point to give the Falcons a brief 7-6 lead. Bob Bengt carried the ball six times for 34 yards during the 64-yard scoring drive. Central quarterback Jim Detwiler

scored the decisive touchdown on a six-yard run in the third quarter, and Ginter ran for the two-point conversion. Central recovered a fumble to set up the touchdown.

The victory left Central at 3-2 in the ILL and 3-4 overall.

Farmington plays next on Saturday (Oct. 28) at home against non-league Southfield High, which has a 2-5 record.

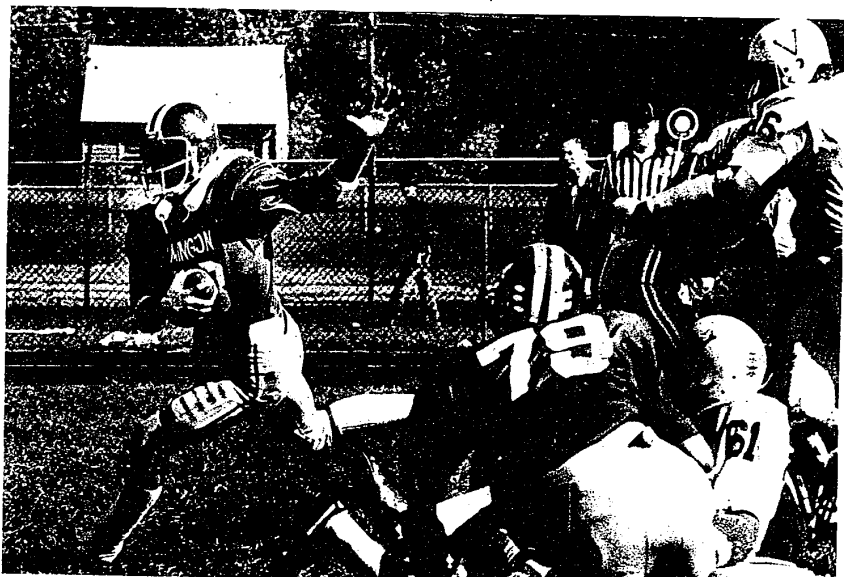
"I think Southfield is a lot tougher than that record shows," Beardsley said. "We have to worry about Southfield's passing. Pass defense has been one of our weakest points this year. And Southfield is going to be tough on our running game. They hit about as hard as any team we've played this year."

The Southfield-Farmington game has a 2 p.m. starting time.

WLC	FHS
First downs rushing	14
First downs passing	4
First downs penalty	1
Yards rushing	141
Yards passing	108
Passes	41-59
Points-average	2-30.5
Puntless-to last	5
Penalties-yards lost	5-45

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 14
FARMINGTON HIGH 7

SCORING
CENTRAL-Greg Ginter 1 run (kick failed).
FARMINGTON-Dave Hall 5 run (Doug Eby kick).
CENTRAL-Jim Detwiler 4 run (Ginter run).



Farmington's Chuck Ciso gains some ground against Walled Lake Central. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Hawks 15th at state; city title for Falcons

Ted Kallgren shot a five-over-par 79 last Saturday to pace Farmington Harrison's efforts in the state Class A high school golf finals at Binder Park Golf Course in Battle Creek.

Harrison finished 15th with 333 strokes. Harrison's other three scorers: Bruce Trout, 83; Dave Hawthorne, 84; and Bob Weir, 87.

"It was a nice day for golf, but the kids were nervous," said Harrison coach Bill Spencer. "I scored for a group of kids who didn't make anything over a four-foot putt all day. You're bound to be a little nervous when you're competing against 75 of the best high school golfers in the state."

Rochester Adams won the Class A golf crown with a 318 total. Adams' Greg Manning was the tournament medalist with a 75.

Last Monday, Farmington High won the city-championship golf meet, scoring a 201 total over

the front nine at the Farmington Country Club. Harrison was second with 206, and North Farmington had 209.

Farmington, which finished with a 4-6 dual-meet record, got three-over 38s from Mike Moore and John Robertson. Harrison's Hawthorne also shot 38, and teammate Trout had a 39. North's George Stroh and Harrison's Kallgren followed with 40s.

CITY GOLF MEET

TEAM FINISH-1. Farmington High, 201 strokes; 2. Farmington Harrison, 206; 3. North Farmington, 209.

INDIVIDUAL FINISH

Mike Moore (F), 38; John Robertson, 38; Dave (F), 36; Hawthorne (H), 34; Bruce Trout (H), 33; George Stroh (NF), 40; Ted Kallgren (H), 40; Bill Miller (F), 41; Bill Lehman (F), 41; Gary Laurin (NF), 41; Ken Smith (NF), 42; Brian Gray (NF), 42; Bob Carver (H), 42; Bob Weir (H), 43; Tim Potter (NF), 44; Kurt Parry (H), 45; John Kerr (F), 46; Phillip Haskewitz (NF), 47; Mike Sherman (H), 50.

away," said Harrison coach Bernie Goldstein. "She'll go far next year."

Green won the No. 1 singles title at the Western Six League meet last week, beating Northville's Holly Stitt, 6-4, 6-2, in the flight finals. Another Farmington netter, senior Rhonda Verona, won the No. 2 flight with a 7-5, 6-4, 7-5 showing against Northville's Lynn Herald in the finals.

Northville won the league meet, Livonia Churchill was second and Harrison was third with six points.



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Netter falls at state

Look for Farmington Harrison's Nancy Green to go a long way in next year's state Class A girls' tennis finals.

Green, a junior, qualified to the state finals last weekend at the Community Tennis Center in Midland. She won her opening match with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Holland's Theresa Long, and then lost to Royal Oak Kimball's Lisa Cockerill, 6-4, 6-2, in the next round.

"Nancy played well at state, but she's a year