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Rocks crushed, 38-15

Playoff-bound Hawks rip Salem



Hawk quarterback Jim Macielak lofts a touchdown pass to Reggie Upshaw in the second quarter. (Staff photos by Gary Caskey)

By BRAD EMONS

Small in stature, but playing with a lot of heart, Farmington Harrison mowed down its ninth consecutive Class A football foe Saturday afternoon with a 38-15 victory over Plymouth Salem.

The win assures the Hawks a spot in the Class B playoffs this Saturday at Riverview High School. Defending state champ Jackson Lumen Christi will most likely be the opponent.

The unbeaten Hawks also set an unofficial Class B mark for most playoff points in one season (115).

Harrison coach John Herrington could not make a comparison to his 1976 squad which reached the Class A finals at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"I don't like to compare," said the happy Harrison coach. "These kids like to play pretty hard."

Harrison fell behind 7-0 midway through the first quarter when Salem mounted a 13-play, 54-yard drive. Brian Lewandowski scored on a one-yard run and kicked the extra point.

With junior quarterback Jeff Hubert running the wishbone, Salem drove down the Hawk 37-yard line, but were stopped when linebacker Dan Kehagias knifed in and threw Lewandowski for an eight-yard loss.

THE MOMENTUM quickly changed as Harrison began to take control.

Quarterback Jim Macielak began to connect and Kopko took it in for Harrison's first touchdown just before the half. Dave Blackmer's extra point made it 7-0.

Harrison quickly got the ball back on a short Salem punt and Macielak hooked up with the multi-talented Reggie Upshaw on a 44-yard TD strike to stun the Rocks just before intermission.

"We just blew our coverage on that play," said Salem coach Tom Moshimer. "We lost the momentum and couldn't make the big play. They did and that was the difference."

"They (Salem) hurt us on first down with those traps to (Darrel) Bartkowiak," said Herrington. "we went with the defenses we had prepared for during the week."

It was all Harrison in the second half as Upshaw and Kopko, both seniors, went to work.

Upshaw, a 6-foot-2, 180-pound safety, broke up an important Salem third down pass near the Rocks' 40.

Harrison, with Kopko carrying most of the load, marched 73 yards in 10 plays. Kopko made it 20-7 on an 11-yard dash and Blackmer's extra point increased the lead to 21-7 early in the third quarter.

"I FELT IT was ours at that point," said Herrington. "Things started to go our way after the first touchdown."

"Defense was the key. That's as good as we've ever done against the wishbone."

A 35-yard field goal by Blackmer on Harrison's next possession made it 24-7.

The Hawks then put a nail in Salem's coffin with 7:01 to play when Upshaw, leaping high over blanket coverage by safety Joe Garcia, made a spectacular 43-yard TD catch.

"Upshaw hurt us," said Moshimer, whose team ended the year with a 4-5 record. "Our back had perfect position on him. The quarterback threw it right in there."

"No question they're a good ball club. In Class B they could very well win it all."

Kopko gained 101 yards in 23 carries while Upshaw hauled in four passes for 117 yards.

"No," laughed Herrington. "I never thought we'd be 9-0. We had only three returning starters, all on offense. We knew we could score points. We can do both — make the big play and go ball control."

"We're extremely small defensively. We play with a lot heart, though. Those seniors were 1-6 on the junior varsity. They've come a long way."



Ken Kopko, Harrison's workhorse tailback, gains a few of his 101 yards against Salem.

HARRISON 38 — SALEM 15

	HIS	PS
First downs rushing	5	4
First downs passing	3	2
First downs penalty	0	0
Yards rushing	163	122
Yards passing	150	65
Passes	7-13-1	4-10-1
Fumbles — No. lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties — Yards lost	4-30	1-5
Punts — average	3-48.0	5-23.0

HARRISON	0	14	10	14	— 38
SALEM	7	0	0	8	— 15

SCORING PLAYS

- PS — Brian Lewandowski 1 run (Lewandowski kick)
- HIS — Ken Kopko 1 run (Dave Blackmer kick)
- HIS — Reggie Upshaw 44 pass from Jim Macielak (Blackmer kick)
- HIS — Ken Kopko 11 run (Blackmer kick)
- HIS — Blackmer 36 field goal
- HIS — Upshaw 43 pass from Macielak (Blackmer kick)
- HIS — Paul Prestel 5 pass from Bob Wood (Blackmer kick)
- PS — Dave Slavin 2 run (Jeff Hubert run)

Raiders finish strong by blanking Falcons

By TOM BAER

For North Farmington, the season's big football test came Oct. 25 at Farmington Harrison. And North blew it, 21-14, the loss spoiling a perfect season and all but eliminating the team from the state playoffs.

But coach Ron Holland's Raiders, the champions of the Northwest Suburban League, finished the season on a strong note Saturday afternoon with a 28-0 thumping of Farmington High.

"Our kids certainly were not down going into this game," Holland said. "They had a good week in practice and they were looking forward to playing Farmington. And it turned out to be a good-hitting football game."

Rick Roth, North Farmington's outstanding tailback, scored a pair of touchdowns on short runs, and Raider quarterback Jim Franchi threw a pair of touchdown passes.

For Farmington, which had won two games in a row after losing six straight, the debacle was a result of missed scoring opportunities. The Falcons penetrated to the North seven on one drive, and died inside,

the Raider 20 on a couple of other occasions.

"We just can't score enough," said a frustrated Farmington fan as he left the field. "That's been our problem all year."

ROTH, WHO gained 144 yards in 25 carries, was the workhorse on the opening touchdown drive early in the second quarter. He carried the ball five times in the 40-yard drive and finally went over from the one. Steve Magyari kicked the extra point.

Later in the quarter, Franchi capped a 76-yard drive by flipping a short pass to halfback Mark Leonette for another touchdown.

Chuck Kott, North's free safety, intercepted two Falcon passes Saturday, and one steal set up the Raiders' third TD. North marched 52 yards with Roth going over from the six. Magyari kicked the PAT.

On its next possession, Farmington moved 76 yards to the North seven before quarterback Steve Downey's pass was intercepted by Jeff LaBelle. The big play of Farmington's drive was a 52-yard pass play from Downey to Joe Hamilton.

North, starting from its own 10, drove the length of the field and

scored on Franchi's 18-yard pass to end Danis Kaufman. Doug Schulte, who kept the drive going by ripping off a 45-yard gainer, caught a two-point conversion pass from Kott.

North outrushed Farmington, 253 yards to 57. The Falcons owned the air game, however, 129 yards to 65.

North and Farmington have been playing football since 1962. North holds a 14-4 advantage in the series and there has been one tie game. Farmington last beat North in 1976.

N. FARMINGTON 28 — FARMINGTON 0

	NF	FHS
First downs rushing	7	3
First downs passing	5	4
First downs penalty	0	1
Yards rushing	215	57
Yards passing	66	129
Passes	9-12-0	8-20-3
Fumbles — No. lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties — Yards lost	5-35	3-25
Punts — average	1-30	4-38

N. FARMINGTON	0	13	15	0	— 28
FARMINGTON	0	0	0	0	— 0

SCORING PLAYS

- NF — Rick Roth 8 run (Steve Magyari kick)
- NF — Mark Leonette 1 pass from Jim Franchi (pass failed)
- NF — Rob 8 run (Magyari kick)
- NF — Danis Kaufman 18 pass from Franchi (Schulte pass from Chuck Kott)



North's Chuck Kott (22) is tackled by Farmington's Greg Kolins following a pass interception. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)