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Harrison stings Livonia Churchill, 12-8

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Talk to Livonia Churchill coach Ken Kaestner, and he'll say his team was outmuscled in the trenches in Friday's 12-8 loss to Farmington Harrison.

But talk to Harrison coach John Herrington, and he'll say it was the special teams and a 150-pound running back that gave the Hawks the win.

Whatever the reasons, it was perhaps the biggest victory of the year for Harrison. Only once in the WSL's 11-year history has a team other than Churchill and Harrison won the title. Herrington has won five, Kaestner four.

Harrison scored twice in the first half and used a ball-control offense dominated by the running of tailback Steve Sweeney and outstanding line play to beat back Churchill in the second.

Churchill came back with a touchdown in the fourth quarter and had a chance to pull it out, but missed in its last drive on a fourth-down pass, deflected away by Sweeney.

CHURCHILL'S LAST-gasp effort was something neither coach wanted to see late in the game.

Herrington's Hawks dominated the second half, three times driving inside Churchill's 25 but failing to score. Sweeney led those drives, gaining 106 yards in the second half and 140 for the game.

But the first was stalled by a holding penalty after reaching the Charger nine, the second faltered at the 20 on a Sweeney fumble, and the third was stopped by the clock at the 11.

"We couldn't salt it away," Herrington said afterwards. "We had it down there."

Where Harrison had it was not where Kaestner wanted the Hawks to have it. "The battle of the trenches went to Harrison," the Charger mentor said. "You got to credit their offensive and defensive lines. And that 79 (Rob Kasab) was outstanding."

Harrison's first touchdown came with 4:50 remaining in the first half. Blackmer set it up, blocking Steve O'Hara's punt at the Churchill 30. Harrison took possession at the nine, and on the second play Bill Miller punched it over from a yard out. The kick attempt failed, and it was 6-0.

Harrison's second touchdown was the result of a 20-yard run by Blackmer on a fake punt to Churchill's 18.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Harrison tailback Steve Sweeney eludes Churchill players to bring the ball down to the two-yard line. Sweeney led the Hawks drives, gaining 106 yards in the second half and 140 for the game.

Tourney winner to travel

Farmington's Gisela McCabe will get a taste of the pro golf tour in December when she travels to Florida's Disney World to compete in the American Cancer Society's Walter Hagen/Babe Zaharias national finals.

M McCabe and Northville residents Novella Zinkon, Joy Holloway and Cecyl Herguth won the women's division handicap finals in the recent ACS Babe Zaharias state finals at Boyne Highlands.

The foursome shot 101, besting a field of 196 women in the 36-hole, best-ball event while representing metro-Detroit and Meadowbrook Country Club.

The Walter Hagen/Babe Zaharias charity tournaments have raised \$300,000 in Michigan and \$2.4 million nationwide.

In the tri-county area, proceeds have reached \$85,000.

"We happened to all play well," said McCabe, a 29-handicap. "We thought we couldn't play any better."

"It's a very worthwhile tournament that I try always to participate in."

"My husband is getting bored hearing about this," said the German-born McCabe, "but after years of suffering with him and his golf, he can listen to me."

Lathrup clips Adams, 21-14

Southfield-Lathrup beat Rochester Adams Friday night. Barely.

The Charger defense came through with two clutch interceptions to thwart Highlander scoring drives and register a 21-14 victory. It was the opening Metro Suburban Activities Association (MSAA) game.

Lathrup (2-1) scored the game's opening touchdown on a 42-yard run by Paul Bobbitt, who kicked all three Charger extra points.

Adams rebounded for a touchdown late in the first quarter on a 13-yard run by Ron Schimmo. Tom Carroll's successful extra point tied the game at 7.

Lathrup took a 14-7 halftime lead on a 61-yard pass from Ian Reid to Will Montgomery.

The Chargers stopped Adams in the second and third quarters on key pass interceptions. Senior Mike Grebb intercepted a pass on Lathrup's two-yard line, then senior Will Montgomery intercepted a pass in the end zone.

Lathrup scored seven more points in the final quarter on a 21-yard pass from Reid to Sean Tracey.

Jamie Heim completed the Highlander scoring with a 25-yard scoring pass to Aaron Arnold with one second left in the game.

Adams (1-2) outgained Lathrup in total yardage — 263-247. The Highlanders had 168 yards rushing, and Lathrup had 155.

Bobbitt led all rushers with 15 carries for 77 yards. Terry Allen was Adams' leading rusher with 73 yards.

Lathrup will play at Troy Athens Friday, and Adams will host Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

**BIRMINGHAM GROVES 7
BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER 6**

All the scoring in this Metro Suburban Activities Association (MSAA) game was done in the first quarter as Groves pined rival Lahser with its first loss of the season.

Senior quarterback Walt Hulce scored Groves' touchdown on a one-yard run. Chris Dillaway kicked the extra point.

Lahser's touchdown was scored by quarterback Jeff Davis on an 11-yard run. Kevin Pfaff kicked the tying point.

Groves (2-1) had 142 total yards, including 127 rushing.

**AVONDALE 14
LAKEVIEW 6**

Avondale remained undefeated with

this eight-point non-league victory over St. Clair Shores Lakeview Friday.

The Yellowjackets scored all of their points in the first half.

Travis Moore scored on the first play of the game when he ran the opening kickoff back 70 yards. Senior defensive end Ryan Sharick was responsible for the second touchdown when he recovered a Huskie fumble in the end zone.

Mike Fisher kicked both extra points.

Lakeview's only scored came at 7:26 of the fourth quarter.

Avondale gained 160 total yards, including 140 on the ground. Derek Woodmore was the leading individual rusher with 76 yards on 15 carries.

Avondale will play a key North Oakland Activities Conference (NOAC) game Friday against Cranbrook.

**CRANBROOK 34
SOUTH LAKE 0**

Cranbrook's offense exploded in this non-league win.

Elijah Jones, who had 109 yards rushing, scored touchdowns on runs of

four and 10 yards. Stuart Browne scored on a 20-yard run, and Ed Coniff caught a 35-yard touchdown pass and returned a punt 47 yards for the Chargers' other touchdowns.

Cranbrook, which scored 20 points in the third quarter, had 191 total yards.

Cranbrook (2-1) will play at Avondale Friday.

**HAZEL PARK 6
TROY 0**

Hazel Park scored the game's only touchdown in the second quarter after a big Colt turnover.

Troy fumbled at its own 20-yard line, and Steve Kelly later ran in four yards for the touchdown.

The Colts mustered only 85 total yards, including 52 on the ground. Undeclared Hazel Park had 205 total yards.

Duane Losey was Troy's leading rusher with 28 yards.

Troy (1-2) will host Royal Oak Kimball Friday.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD 26
KETTERING 18**

Kevin Asher and Dave Dixon each scored two touchdowns to lead West Bloomfield past Waterford Kettering in this Greater Oakland Activities League (GOAL) opener.

Asher, who rushed for 79 yards, scored on short runs of three and four yards. Dixon scored on a four-yard run and a 25-yard pass interception return. Daryl Bartlett kicked two extra points.

Kettering scored six points in each of the last three quarters.

West Bloomfield (2-1) had 175 yards rushing and 45 passing for 220 total yards. The Lakers will play at Clarkston next week.

**BLOOMFIELD ANDOVER 42
BERKLEY 0**

Andover scored in every quarter to completely dominate Berkley Friday night.

In his first start of the season, sophomore quarterback Jim Kalahar scored three touchdowns on runs of three, one and 15 yards. Tailback Jim Murphy, who had 183 total yards, scored on a 56-yard run.

Scott Crankshaw had a 25-yard touchdown run, and Doug Young scored on a four-yard run.

Andover (1-2), which did not attempt a pass, rushed 63 times for 446 yards. The Barons will play at Ferndale Friday.



MINDY SAUNDERS/staff photographer

Adams' Mark Oliver (63) couldn't catch Lathrup's Paul Bobbitt, who ran for a touchdown on this play.

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