

N. Farmington Storms Over Pontiac Northern

Quality, not quantity, counts in sports. This was proved Saturday night when North Farmington High's football team swept past Pontiac Northern, 37-12, in its opener.

The number of players out for the North Farmington team this year is down — Coach Ron Holland complaining that it's the smallest group — some 30 on the varsity — that he has ever worked with at the school.

But, it's obvious that those who have reported have come to play — and know how to play the game.

THERE NEVER was much

doubt about the outcome of the game at Pontiac Northern. On the opening kickoff the ball went to North Farmington's Mike Gow, a brilliant back last year until sidelined by an injury.

Gow showed he's ready for a big season by breaking loose for 75 yards and a touchdown with that first kickoff. From then on, there was no containing the North Farmington express.

Gow's younger brother Greg went two yards to finish up a 60-yard march and give North Farmington a second touchdown in short order. When Pontiac Northern tried

to pass, Rick Herpich picked the ball off and scooted 40 yards for a TD. TO CHANGE THINGS around a little, John Combes then

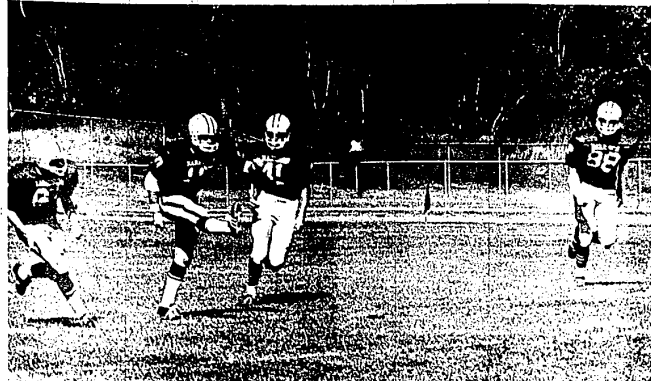
booted a 33-yard field goal for the Raiders. Then it was back to a march again — this one 44 yards with Rick Furling haring the last two and Combes converting via a kick.

The final North Farmington TD came on a 34-yard pass from Mike Gow to Herpich and Combes completed the scoring with a perfect boot.

North Farmington piled up 154 yards rushing with Gow running for 97.

In passing, the Raiders picked up 53 yards. It was a pleasing performance for coach Holland, of the Raiders, whose team has been installed as one of the favorites in the Northwest Suburban League.

But first there's a home date with Walled Lake Central Saturday afternoon before the Raiders plunge into the league schedule.



KICKOFF officially starts football for Farmington's New Harrison High. It whipped Pt. Huron Jayvees in its first game. (Photo by Warren Bopp)

Harrison Wins In Debut

What a sweet way to get started in sports... a 48-14 romp in football.

Harrison to say the least was impressive in downing the Port Huron High JV team, 48-14.

There are no seniors at Harrison. It's a team of boys who played at different schools last year-like Farmington and

His performance was memorable. He might even have set a record by kicking six extra points to go along with scoring one touchdown and passing for two others.

Port Huron scored first, before Harrison got into point motion when Dave Manoff ran six yards for one touchdown and Hughes four for another.

Then Hughes passed to Manoff for 26 yards and Dennis Thibodow scampered 10 yards for a TD.

Manoff pulled off a sparkling 75 yard kickoff return to start the third period, and Chris Panuco moved for a touchdown on a quarterback sneak.

From here on, it'll be an all- varsity schedule for Harrison, including action in the new Western Athletic Association.

If game No. 1 is to mean anything, Harrison will be heard from the rest of the fall.



SAME OLD STORY — N. Farmington's Mike Gow (20) picks up where he left off last year before injuries sidelined him late in the season. He breaks loose around end and goes all the way against Pontiac Northern. The Raiders rolled to a 37-12 victory. (Photo by Warren Bopp)

Opener Rough For St. Agatha

Coach Mike Bennans of St. Agatha High's football team is hoping his chargers will profit by their mistakes and go on from an opening game whipping at the hands of St. Francis.

think that we'll jell into a good one before the season is over," Bennans said.

St. Agatha, last year's Southwest Division champs and runner-up to the overall Second Division title in the Catholic League, never seriously threatened.

Meantime, deSales was led by John Sowalski who ran for two touchdowns — one for 30 yards and the other for 10.

Y Sets Classes For Youngsters

Classes in tot's gym and swim activities will start Oct. 5 at the Livonia Family "Y", 1425 Stark Road. Pre-schoolers from six months to five years are taught skills in games, stunts and aquatics. The basic philosophy of the pre-school classes is to aid youngsters in developing self-awareness, social awareness, strength and coordination and the ability to handle themselves in the water.

Along with this the classes offer the youngsters the opportunity to have just plain fun. Registration for these classes began Monday for "Y" members and non-members. Call 281-2161 for information.

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Franklin Gets Jolt In Season Opener

Disappointed he was, meaning Coach George Lovich of Franklin High.

An 18-8 loss to Center Line wasn't what Lovich thought would happen on opening night for Franklin, hailed by many as the team to beat for the Northwest Suburban League title this season.

Lovich very well could have hidden behind some aegis. 1—Like the breaks that went against Franklin.

2—Or the fact Franklin was hit by four injuries before the games, one of which may cut the services of all-around athlete Rob Hollandsworth for the entire year. Hollandsworth has suffered a broken hand which will be in a cast from eight weeks to several months and that might mean no basketball or even baseball.

But, when it was all said and done — and Franklin had come back from Center Line a loser-Lovich simply said:

"They out played us. They deserved to win."

He admitted there's a lot of work ahead now that Franklin might not be as mighty as some of last week's headlines indicated.

IN PARTICULAR the Franklin running game needs some sprucing up. It accounted for only 29 yards against Center Line.

The passing of Randy Taylor was better than Lovich had expected, even though Taylor hit only on five of 20 for 72 yards.

"We had a few perfect passes dropped, but that might

have been the case of first-game jitters."

Center Line struck for two touchdowns in the second quarter and was in command most of the way.

Still Lovich thought that defensively Franklin played extremely well. The winners managed 90 yards rushing and 76 in the air.

Don Opland drew the individual praises of Lovich. "He was a whale of a ball player, offensively and defensively, for us," said Lovich.

OPLAND RETURNED a punt 33 yards in the final quarter and then took a 20 yard pass from Taylor for the only Franklin score of the game.

Earlier, penalties had nullified a pair of Franklin drives. It was only the third loss in three seasons for Franklin. But

Lovich feels the team has what it takes to come bouncing back.

This Friday, Franklin goes to Redford Union before beginning league play a week hence against North Farmington in a game which might decide the crown.

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