

Rocks Blast Northville High, 36-8

FRED DELANO
 Greg La Mirand, a journeyman tailback and defensive safety, on last year's 20-0 Plymouth football team, found his proper niche at quarterback Friday as the Rocks rolled easily over Northville, 36-8. Now, however, he must prove that it was not just a mirage when he leads the Rocks in their invasion of Farmington Saturday afternoon.

Moshimer nor Backfield Coach Wayne Sparkman could hide their glee at the poised performance of La Mirand, a six-foot-one senior, turned in as he opened the Plymouth to the guiding triumph on the Rock gridiron in his first varsity start as field general.

Most spectacular were his three touchdown passes of 23, 50 and 14 yards to sure-fire Charley Wolfe, a six-foot-four senior end who has learned ball handling as a starter on Plymouth's Suburban Six championship basketball quintet.

WOLFE WAS A KNOWN quantity even before the kickoff against Northville. LaMirand was not. Two hours later, with the help of stern running from Capt. Ed Scott, Dan Chopp and Carl Hertler, plus brilliant defensive play, they had convinced upwards of 4,000 viewers that Plymouth may have a surprise league title contender this fall.

Moshimer recognizes Farmington as a bigger non-league test, although the Rocks won last year's game between the two by a lopsided 28-0. "Farmington is much improved, is

aggressive and has a good-sized club," said Moshimer as he took due note that Farmington's weekend 19-7 win over Livonia Bentley marked the only loss Friday by any member of the Suburban Six.

Again, in Saturday's 2 p.m. game, the Rocks will bank heavily on the La Mirand passing arm which clicked on six of 16 pitches for 113 yards against Northville. His favorite target already is tabbed as Wolfe.

But of as much significance in the Plymouth camp is how the defense performs after limiting

Northville to only 25 yards on the ground and 59 in the air. Against the Rocks ran and passed for 332 and with the league opener against Belleville coming up a week hence Moshimer is as intent upon one phase of the game as the other.

IT WAS PLYMOUTH'S gift as opportunists that set up its first two strikes against Northville, the first touchdown coming after Steve Puckett recovered a fumble and the second after Dave Hees stabbed an interception.

The initial march was

sparked by 19 and 18 yard sprints by Hertler, then being capped by La Mirand's 22 yarder to Wolfe. The Hees' interception set the stage for a 51 yard touchdown gallop by Chopp which provided a 14-0 halftime edge.

Another 14 points in the third quarter on two touchdown passes to Wolfe put the game out of reach, but Plymouth came back again to make it 36-0 on a short plunge by Scott.

Northville got its consolation score in the final minute on a fourth and two burst by Brad Cole.



TO THE VICTOR go the trophies and Don Anderson, of Garden City West, is shown with his collection after winning the individual championship in Schoolcraft College's annual invitational cross country meet. A total of 18 schools competed.

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Sorrows Smothers Rita

Off and running in the Catholic League's Northwest Division! That's Our Lady of Sorrows' football team.

In a game in which the score didn't do justice to the closeness of play, Sorrows rolled down St. Rita, 30-14, in the opener for both teams.

The Parochial schools' in most cases plunge directly into conference tie catch. They have no chance for a tuneup or two.

COACH BOB KELLY had

his Sorrows team ready for the first go-around.

After troubles getting anything going in the first few minutes when they fell behind, 2-0, Sorrows' forces started to move in high gear in the second quarter.

Three quick touchdowns turned the game around... and to defense belongs the honor of putting Sorrows on the scoreboard and then adding to its advantages.

An intentional grounding of a pass in the end zone cost Sorrows an early safety and put St. Rita into a 2-0 lead.

But then Sorrows' defenders, led by Nevt Hurst, Marc Thibodeau and Pat Van Dusen pushed St. Rita "way back. St. Rita tried to punt, the ball sailed over the kicker's head into the end zone and he was lucky to run it back to the St. Rita one where Sorrows took over.

Bang! On one play Van Dusen was over for a touchdown and Jim Harte passed to Hurst for a two-point conversion.

Minutes later, Van Dusen blocked a St. Rita punt and Sorrows had the ball on the opposition's 23. Two plays later Dan Felie zoomed 75 yards for a TD and Thibodeau passed to Chris Centers for another two-point conversion.

Before the quarter ended it was a 48-yard Sorrows march, capped by a Harte to Centers scoring toss and Thibodeau running over the conversion.

That made it 24-2 and it was

24-8 at the half when St. Rita ran back the kickoff after the third TD for a score.

In the fourth period, Sorrows lacked it up with a 62-yard drive in which Van Dusen ran the final five yards.

Sorrows rushed for a total of 231 yards and added 53 yards passing. Felten led the way with 82 yards in 14 carries while Thibodeau and Hurst each personally added 60 yards.

Thibodeau figured in 10 tackles and intercepted one pass. Hurst was in on eight tackles, Van Dusen 11.

Livonian Keeps Title

Brian Murphy, of Livonia, retained his National AAU all-around track and field championship in competition at St. John's University in New York City.

Murphy, who moved to Livonia two years ago from Wisconsin, had a total of 7,532 points this time. It marked his third national all-around title in four years, winning in 1966, 1969 and 1970.

Although he won two of the 10 events, it was his general consistency that enabled him to hold the crown.

Murphy won the 880-yard walk and the mile run. He was second in the long jump, third in the 56-pound weight and the hammer throw, fourth in the pole vault, and the 100-yard dash, fifth in the high hurdles and eighth in the high jump and shot put.

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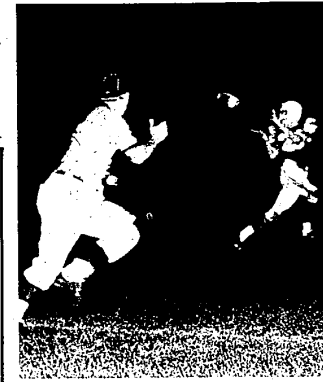
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ALL ALONE and headed for a touchdown is Plymouth end Charley Wolfe who is shown taking a long pass near the 20 yard line. He went on into the end zone in the 36-8 victory over Northville. (Observer photo by Doug Johnson)

Takes Prep Job

Former Wayne State University three-time basketball letterman (1957-60) and four-year freshman basketball coach Gunars Vitoliens (1966-70) is the new head basketball coach at Harper Woods Notre Dame High School.

Double Duty

Michigan State junior football flanker Eric Allen of Georgetown, S.C. won the Big Ten indoor triple jump championship in 1970.

Heads FCA

Wayne State University trainer Bob White is President-Elect of the Michigan Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

A Big Bomb

The longest pass play in Michigan State football history is the 88-yard scoring pitch from Steve Juday to Sherman Lewis against Southern California in 1963. Lewis now is State's defensive backfield coach.

Tight Defense Helps GC West Take Squeaker From Glenn 11

It's not too often the bouquets go out to the defense in football. Usually, the offense gets the salutes.

But as far as Coach Bob Draheim of Garden City West is concerned, it was the defense which made the difference Friday when West held off John Glenn to emerge a 20-14 winner.

And, the first man to agree with Draheim was Coach Bob Lusk of Glenn.

"Twice in the last quarter, Glenn came a-knocking. Each time Glenn penetrated the West 10. Each time West arose and repulsed the invasion.

"Sure we got some fine of-

fensive work," said Draheim. "But that was in the first half when we scored all of our points. The rest of the way it was our defense that saved the night for us."

LUSK CALLED West "a fine football team," but he couldn't help but wonder if he added at the first that when he had been different had not Glenn lost Quarterback Jess Senn for the season when he suffered a broken leg in the third quarter. It was Senn's passing that had led Glenn in scoring once in the first period and then again in the third.

But, to get back to the West defensive stand, especially in the final period. Tom Jones, a junior safety, and Jim Garland, a linebacker, were the chief stalwarts in rising up with the chips down.

Overall, it was a wide-open game with passes figuring in all five of the touchdowns.

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Glenn territory set up what proved the winning touchdown for West. Again it came on a pass - this time from Fielden to Kirk Lewis.

Then Glenn struck with a Senn to Jim Chatham pass to the West four from where Daryl Demary bounced over and scored the point.

Demary gained 102 yards in 32 carries for Glenn and now with Senn lost at quarterback, Demary will move back to the QB slot he handled most of last season.

Losing Coach Lusk thought his own defense was much improved over last year.

"We seemed to hit harder," he said. "And don't forget they didn't do anything against us in the second half."

West then came back to march 86 yards with a Fielden to Jim Simms bomb covering 43 yards for the touchdown.

Then a pair of 15-yard penalties against Glenn helped as Fielden finally passed to Ken Stuppyra for 12 yards and the TD that put West ahead for keeps.

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