

# Unbeaten North Cuts Down Patriots, 22-7

By FRED DELANO  
North Farmington's explosive Raiders let it be known Saturday throughout the Northwest Suburban Conference that if there's anything they take as a personal affront it's being on the short end of a football score.

Franklin's big and powerful troops took a 1-1 record to Farmington and in less than four minutes junior quarterback Randy Taylor had taken the Patriots through the air to a 7-0 lead before the Raiders had run a play from scrimmage.

Successive completions from Taylor to Don Opland, Mark Lehto and Mark Newman, the latter being a nine-yard six-pointer, put North behind for the first time this season after 37-12 and 28-0 victories over Pontiac Northern and Walled Lake Central. Dave Morrison's extra point boot was good, and there it was, Franklin off and running, 7-0.

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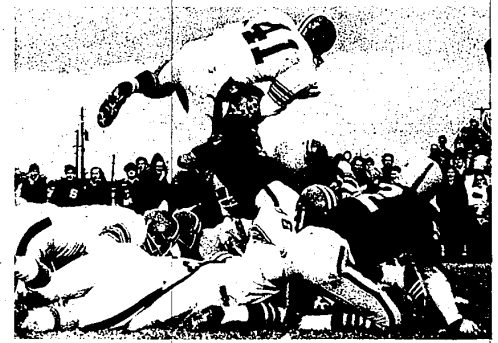
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FRANKLIN'S MARK NEWMAN (41) tried to hurdle the North Farmington line on this play but Craig Gow charged up from the secondary to nail him in this spectacular tackle. The Raiders beat Franklin, 22-6. (Photo by Warren Bopp)

## Falcons Win 3rd; Nip Spartans, 14-6

Showing the mark of a champion by taking full advantage of the mistakes of the opposition, Farmington High's undefeated Falcons overcame a touchdown deficit to sink defending champion Livonia Stevenson, 14-6 in their Inter-Lakes Conference opener.

It was the third straight victory for the Falcons who have shown marked improvement each week and now loom as a strong contender for the conference 1970 crown.

A STEVENSON FUMBLE, a gamble on fourth down that failed and a second fumble on a certain touchdown spelled doom for the Spartans and victory for Farmington.

The biggest blow to Stevenson came midway through the second period when Quarterback Bernie O'Keefe fired a long pass into the arms of End Russ Isaacs who was all alone back of the Farmington secondary and seemed headed for paydirt.

But the big end was off balance when he made the catch and stumbled for 30 yards to the Farmington two where he slipped and fell, the ball squirted out of his hands into the end zone and a Falcon recovered for a touchdown.

Had Isaacs been able to stay on his feet for two more strides, he would have had a touchdown that may have reversed the game's trend.

It was a bitter blow for the Spartans since the play covered more than 50 yards — and went for naught when the Falcons took over on their 20.

Stevenson was the first to score, getting the first touchdown with 4:08 remaining in the game.

The drive started when Tackle Tom Massey tried to punt against a stiff wind and the ball rolled out on the Farmington 35 — he kicked from the 15.

Dan Steinke flipped a pass to Lee Blodgett for nine and Randy Pender rolled to the 22 for a first down.

Pender had another first down on the Stevenson five in two plays. Steinke found an opening at right tackle for four yards and then lugged over on the next play for the touchdown with 8:47 on the clock.

Steinke smashed his way through left guard for the two pointer and Farmington was in the lead, 8-6.

Stevenson took the kickoff and worked the ball to the 45. That's when O'Keefe fired the long pass to Isaacs with the disastrous results.

The Falcons, led by the spectacular work of Steinke, drove from the 20 to the Stevenson 30 on four first downs before End Mike Patrick ended the threat by recovering a Farmington fumble on the 40.

Neither team was able to put any kind of a sustained march together in the third quarter which ended with Stevenson having the ball on its own 27 after Massey punted out of bounds on the 19.

WITH A FOURTH down and inches to go, Stevenson gambled on its own 29 and failed, turning the ball over to Farmington on the 20.

That was all the Falcons needed and they had the insurance touchdown four minutes later.

Steinke hit tackle twice for eight and Steinke made it a first down on the 13. Pender drive for three. Steinke went all the way to the five but the Falcons were penalized five for illegal procedure and the ball went back to the 15.

Steinke and Pender made five in two thrusts. Then Steinke took a handoff from Quarterback Ned Durham, wheeled and tossed a pass into the arms of John Fleming on the Stevenson one. It was a fourth down and eight situation.

Steinke drove into the end zone on the next play but was checked on a thrust for the two pointer. That gave Farmington a 14-6 edge with 5:48 on the clock.

The Spartans weren't out of it. They came storming back after the kickoff and marched to the Farmington 30 with a minute to play before the drive ended when a series of passes failed.

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They flattened Belleville, 28-0, in their league debut last weekend and go into the match with Bentley sporting a 2-0-1 record for the season against the Bulldogs' 1-2 mark.

WITH TRENTON, beaten only by Ann Arbor Pioneer, and Allen Park, beaten only by Detroit Denby, looming as the prime challengers for league honors, Plymouth still is considered a question mark despite an offense that has outscored three opponents 70 to 18.

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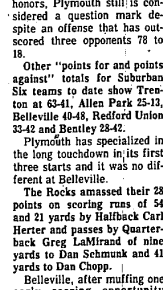
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