

Trailing 20-0, C'ville Rallies To Win, 22-20

What's the greatest sign of a good team?

Most coaches agree that it's the ability to come from behind when the chips are down.

That being true, Clarence High has emerged with a football powerhouse this fall.

FOR ONE THING, the Trojans' records speaks for itself

— three victories in as many starts.

Secondly, is there any topping the way the Trojans made it three straight Friday when they beat West Bloomfield, 22-20?

When the teams reached the halfway point, Clarenceville appeared out of the running. The Trojans trailed, 20-0, against a strong West Bloomfield team.

There were some heavy hearts in the Clarenceville crowd.

But Coach Ralph Wedde had some interesting words for his charges at the intermission break. What he said obviously turned the defense into monsters, who kept West Bloomfield at bay the rest of the evening.

What the coach said to the offense also resulted in getting the job done.

So back bounced Clarenceville with two touchdowns in the third period and one in the

fourth, plus one two-point and two one-point conversions to pull out the game and remain in a deadlock for the lead in the Wayne-Oakland League.

STATISTICALLY, it was another brilliant night for Clarenceville's Rob Weller.

He carried 29 times for 165 yards. But, he was almost impossible to stop in the second half when his play was called 17 times and tripped loose for 120 yards personally. He also scored the three Clarenceville touchdowns.

Meantime, the Trojans totaled 237 yards, just 200 more than West Bloomfield.

But whereas West Bloomfield did most its running and all its scoring in the first half, it was just the opposite for Clarenceville.

THE TROJANS, fired up in the third period, marched 65 yards for their first touchdown. It was Weller from the one who barged across.

Then it was Weller on a 23-yard run for the second TD.

followed by a two-point conversion.

In the fourth period, time was clicking off, the scoreboard when Clarenceville made its payoff move.

The drive covered 60 yards, but it didn't take long not when Weller slipped away from the West Bloomfield 34 and went all the way to put the Trojans ahead, 21-20.

The extra point merely faded the Clarenceville lead. Thus Weller kicked his

season's touchdown total to seven in three games. He has gained 431 yards in three games.

Paul Hillant as Weller was it. Still took the Clarenceville defense to save the game. West Bloomfield wasn't.

through after Weller's third touchdown had put Clarenceville on top.

West marched — to the Clarenceville 15, where the Trojan defenders arose and cried: "That's all, friends." And they meant it.

Harrison Is Feted, Treated And Beaten

Perfect hosts! Well, too perfect. That's what the new Farmington Harrison High football team found out Friday in its visit to Galesburg-Augusta near Kalamazoo.

The Galesburg coaches and fans welcomed their visitors from the Detroit area.

Inter-sectional games aren't too frequent on the prep football schedules these days. Most teams elect to play games closer to home.

THE HARRISON players enjoyed themselves, except when it came to their primary reason for going to Galesburg: the game.

Good Turnout

Wayne State University's 1970 fall baseball practice period saw a turnout of 35 players including 10 lettermen for Coach Bob Samarás. The list of lettermen included 1970's three top hitters and the pitcher who set a school season strikeout record.

On the field, the seniorless Farmington team was no match for Galesburg, rated in some polls as No. 1 in the state in Class C. Galesburg wound up a 60-0 winner.

Harrison didn't threaten seriously, being held to 25 yards rushing and 41 yards passing.

In addition, Back Craig Perkin, of Harrison, suffered a leg injury and may be lost for the season.

But after Tim Van Eitzen scored three touchdowns to lead Galesburg and after his mates had combined for 212 yards rushing and 238 through the air, the Galesburg players and staff invited everybody from Harrison into their homes.

The Harrison players stayed with their rivals, as did the coaches.

It was a fine experience for group of football players... if one can forget what happened on the football field.

This week finds Harrison staying home to meet Uica. Eisenhower at North Farmington Saturday afternoon.



SCORING FIRST TD for Farmington in the league opener against defending champion Livonia Stevenson is Dan Steinke (on ground with ball at left). The referee has his hand raised in a signal for a touchdown and the field judge signals that the ball carrier is in the end zone. The Falcons won, 14-6. (Photo by Mike Jenkins, Farmington High)

observing sports

Amidst all the talk about managers and coaches this past week — especially over the firing of Mayo Smith and hiring of Billy Martin — one pauses here to salute the real stars of the coaching world.

How about a few special orchids for the men down in the grade schools, or maybe the junior highs.

They're the heroes of the coaching world. They're the fellows who get the kids in the raw and make something out of them.

It's the grade school coach or the junior high coach who gets the boy started and either instills into him "stick-to-itiveness" or does something to the boy that he decides to forget about sports and go forth with some other outside ventures in school or out.

I remember attending a dinner last fall at which a group of college football coaches confessed: "We owe our greatest thanks to the coaches who had these boys when they were youngsters. Without these coaches, we'd be no place."

Just stop to think for a moment.

Even on a high school level, most coaches now are working with boys who already have played — either in grade or junior high schools, or may be in Little League programs.

In essence, the prep coach is getting the cream of the crop from two or three or maybe as many as four junior highs. So, he actually doesn't have to engage in a major weeding-out process.

IT'S THE SAME the higher up the ladder you go.

College coaches literally pick their talent. That especially prevails for the major schools — Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame, etc.

And, the pros? Well, they search around for what they think are the best and they try to get them.

But as another veteran coach declared: "By the time we get the boys, they know how to run and kick, how to pass and receive, how to block and tackle. All we have to do is to refine their techniques and work with them to know our system."

One major league manager, meantime, chipped in:

"Heck, there's little you can teach a major leaguer... a little thing here or there. The real teaching and coaching was done... way back... when the kid was just getting started."

So, let's get back to the grade school or the junior high coaches.

Most don't have too much help. They consider themselves fortunate if they have one assistant. They big if they have two aides.

The high school head coach generally has a three or four-man staff. Up in the pros, the football coaches like Joe Schmidt have six and seven aides.

BUT GO OUT to that grade-school practice. There's one fellow trying to teach offense and defense. He's trying to teach boys sportsmanship and how to play with the guy next to him.

The coach must work with three dozen boys who probably never have played any football other than throwing or kicking the ball around the house.

He must teach all the basic fundamentals from how to hold the ball for a kick to how to stand when you are playing guard on defense.

The time you have with the kids usually isn't too much. Maybe a couple of hours for practice twice a week.

Chances are it's less, because most grade school coaches handle the job for pure "love" of the game. So they have a regular business or work assignment to take care of first in order to bring some bread into the house.

That means it's late in the afternoon or Saturday morning before you can get the boys together.

You seldom have a trainer or a doctor around if something happens. You're everything.

But somehow you get the job done... your kids go out and play and do the best they can.

Win or lose, you're proud... but you're prouder yet as the years pass and your boys graduate up the ladder to start in high school, in college and maybe the pros.

What greater satisfaction comes to a man or woman than to see his or her proteges succeed in the years ahead?

Ed Raether Makes Grade

HOUGHTON, Mich. Freshman wingback Ed Raether, former Bentley High School grizzer, has turned in some excellent performances for the Michigan Tech Huskies and Coach Ted Kearly in the Huskies' 3-0 season so far this year.

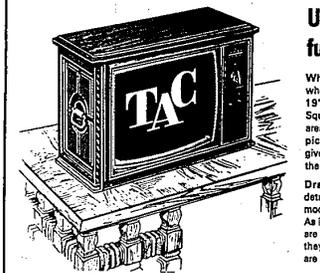
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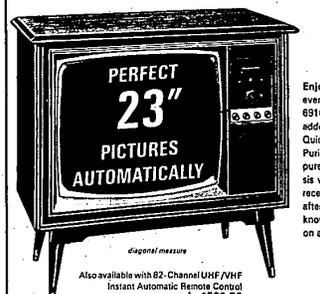
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Oak Park Turns Back Groves In Loop Opener

There was a feeling that this would be the year Birmingham Groves would "turn the corner" in the Northwest Suburban League.

After Groves lost a heart-breaker to Birmingham Seaholm because Coach George Zainea elected to go for a two-point conversion to win and then Groves beat Cranbrook, the story for the 13-Mile Road team took on a bright glow.

BUT SOMETHING went wrong Saturday at Oak Park. In a surprising result, the Parkers emerged a 6-0 winner in the first league game for both teams.

"I'm taking nothing away from Oak Park," said Zainea. "But we just didn't play the way we should have."

"In the first half, one might have thought that we never even got off our bus. We did a lot better in the second half, but you don't win when you can't score."

It wasn't that the scoring chances weren't there. Three times — one each in the first, third and fourth quarters — Groves penetrated the Oak Park 5 in the third period.

Groves got down to the two-foot line and failed.

Except for the running of Jack Lamb, who personally gained close to 125 yards, there

was little else sparkling about the Groves' offense.

THE PASSING ATTACK failed completely. Not a Groves pass was made, but Zainea put the blame more on the stiff wind than the way Tom Rex, his quarterback, was tossing the ball or any of the receivers were operating.

Agatha Whips Andrew, 39-0

Like a terror on the field. What else befits the showing St. Agatha turned in against St. Andrew in rolling to a 39-0 Catholic League victory Saturday.

The winners, trying to repeat as Southwest Division champs, rolled up over 450 yards in total offense. Most teams would like to collect that much yardage in three games.

Dennis Blazok again was the big gainer. He personally reeled off 100 yards.

ST. AGATHA SCORED four touchdowns in the first half and finished up in gala style after the intermission.

Tom Nemes dashed in from the six to get St. Agatha on the scoreboard in the first quarter. The second quarter produced three St. Agatha touchdowns.

The first came on a sifty Charley Schroek pass to Pat Daly for 30 yards. Blazok followed with a 20-yard run into the end zone and Pat Brown wrapped up the pre-intermission scoring with a one-yarder.

In the second half, Bob Kliesold zipped 35 yards to score and then it was Blazok on an 11-yard dash to finish up the St. Agatha point production.

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