

North Wins 6th; Blanks Thurston, 51-0

By BOB McCLELLAN
Unbeaten North Farmington tarnished Thurston's homecoming and exacted a full measure of revenge as they crushed the Eagle football team, 51-0.

The Raiders served notice they hadn't forgot the shocker sprung on them by the South Redford school at the North Farmington-homecoming last year.

Then, Thurston's pint sized, rifle armed quarterback, Ron Barringer, hurled three TD passes in the run to stun the Raiders, 20-18.

The Eagle upset dropped the Raiders from the ranks of the unbeaten and helped Thurston on its way to a perfect season. It was a different story this year, however, as the Raiders ran and passed at will against a porous Eagle defense.

handed quarterback, Drew Mahalic, performed like Johnny Unitas. He did a superb job of running, passing and signal-calling as he led his mates to their sixth straight victory and helped them hold on to their first-place spot in the Northwestern Suburban League.

Mahalic passed for three TD's—a 20-yarder to senior halfback Mike Gow, a 31-yarder to senior end John Combes and a 29-yarder to senior end Rick Herpich—and ran for a pair of two-point conversions and passed for another to senior end Jim White.

Shifty Mike Gow lived up to his press notices by tallying another TD on a one-yard plunge and by ripping off several large gains.

Mike's brother, junior halfback Craig Gow, scored on a 22-yard run, senior halfback

Rick Fuelling cashed in on an 11-yard jaunt and Combes connected with junior end Bill Weaver for a 24-yard TD.

Combes ran for a two-point conversion and senior guard Paul Bouza kicked one extra point.

North Farmington's dominance was reflected in that it limited Thurston to four first downs and piffered five Eagle passes.

The Raiders' defense contained the Eagles' running game and harassed Thurston's quarterback, senior Bob Graustein, all afternoon by keeping him on the run as he tried to pass and by throwing up air-tight coverage on his receiver.

AT FIRST, Thurston indicated it might make a game of it, holding North Farmington on even terms until four min-

utes were left in the first quarter.

Then the Raiders unleashed what turned out to be a flood of North TDs.

The deluge started when Mike Gow picked off a Graustein aerial on his own 32 and returned it to the Eagle 30.

Fuelling plunged for four, Mike bucked for one and Mahalic angled around end for 11.

Mike stepped through left guard for 15 yards and a TD, but the play was called back when the Raiders were assessed a five-yard penalty for illegal procedure.

Then, with North on the 20, Mahalic stepped back and pitched a perfect strike to Mike, who scampered into the end zone.

Bouza's kick split the uprights, giving the Raiders a 7-0 lead.

march began after Mike returned an Eagle punt to his 36.

A five-yard illegal procedure infraction pushed North back to its 31 and a defensive burst by Thurston shoved the Raiders to their 20 as senior tackle Mike Powerski nailed Mahalic when he couldn't find a receiver open.

This setback had little effect on North, however, as Mike, on the next play, swept around

right end, cut back to the left sideline and rambled all the way to the Thurston 22 before being pushed out of bounds.

Brother Craig Gow then zig-zagged 22 yards for the TD and Mahalic ran for a two-point conversion, pushing North ahead 15-0 with a minute remaining in the quarter.

Early in the second period North scored again when Mahalic intercepted a lateral on

the Thurston 27 that Eagle senior end Chuck Mallon intended for one of his teammates after taking a short pass in the right flat from Graustein.

A 15-yard penalty against North put the ball back on the 42, but the Raiders were not to be denied.

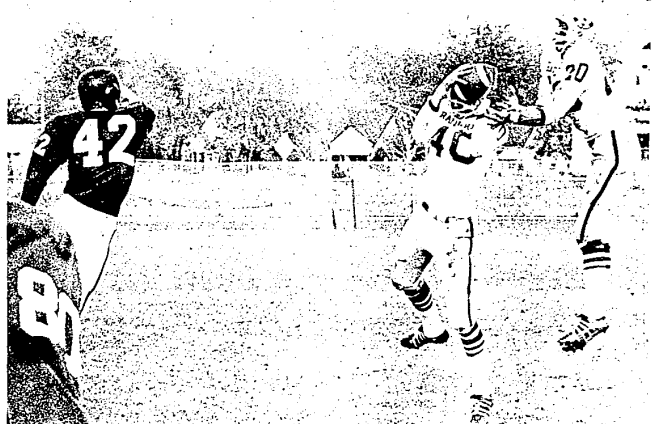
Fuelling barreled up the middle for 12 yards and Mahalic, on fourth and 13, heaved a

perfect pass to Combes who was all by himself in the end zone.

THE SCORE then favored North 21-0 as Mahalic failed to run over the conversion.

Moments later the Raiders tallied again when Herpich stole a Graustein aerial and ran it back to the Thurston 45.

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WHO GETS IT! North Farmington's Rick Herpich (40) and Mike Gow (20) are both in on this interception. Rick grabbed the ball returned 20 yards before he was downed. The Raiders smothered Thurston, 51-0, to maintain their perfect record. (Photo by Doug Bopp)

Unbeaten Sorrows Faces Ferndale In Showdown

In one respect history has repeated.

For the second straight year Our Lady of Sorrows and Ferndale St. James have come down to their football collision unbeaten and untied.

For the second straight year they'll be deciding the Northwest Division of the Catholic League when they meet at Ferndale Sunday afternoon.

Now will history be the same in a second year?

Sorrows hopes not. A year ago, St. James beat Sorrows and went on to win the overall Second Division final.

St. James has run up a streak of 17 straight wins over the past two years.

SORROWS TUNED UP for the biggest game of the year by blasting past St. Florian, 56-6.

From the opening kickoff, Mark Thibodeau ran 85 yards and Dave Urban converted and Sorrows never trailed the rest of the afternoon.

St. Florian did strike back to trail, 7-6, but only until Dan Feiten could unlimber his legs. Feiten broke away for 64 yards a few moments later and took a two-point conversion for Jim Harte to make it 15-6.

Then it was Feiten on a 94-yard scoring run with Harte taking the conversion over.

The fourth Sorrows touchdown was scored by Roy Dudas. Nothing long, mind you...just 22 yards. Urban kicked the point.

Now it was Feiten's turn again. A 23-yard touchdown scamper this time.

THE DIVERSIFIED Sorrows attack went to the air for its next TD, a 24-yard aerial from Thibodeau to Newt Hurt.

Next, it was Harte to Hurt on a spectacular 53 yard pass with Thibodeau following by tossing a two-point conversion to Hurt.

To make matters complete, Thibodeau ran nine yards for the final touchdown.

All told, Sorrows ran up 313 yards rushing and 108 in the air. Feiten had his finest day, scooting for 208 yards.

"We'll be ready for St. James," said Bob Kelly, the Sorrows coach.

"I think we have a stronger team than last year with a better offense and a much stronger defense. It should be a very interesting afternoon."

Unbeaten GC East Tops Taylor Center For No. 6

By WYLIE GERDES
Garden City East struck early then held off Taylor Center for their sixth straight victory Friday night.

East's 26-14 homecoming win left them three games away from a perfect season. The East Panthers again relied on quarterback Greg Puishes' passing and the running of Bob Kleinbrook in the victory.

EAST LOOKED AS if they were the Detroit Lions in the first half, rambing to a 10-0 lead. On the first play from scrimmage, Kleinbrook scampered through the Taylor defenders for 65 yards to the Taylor 2. Puishes took it over on the next play.

Taylor hardly had time to get the feel of the ball before the next Panther offensive thrust. From their own 40, East moved

to the Taylor Rams' 20 on the Puishes to Alex Patterson passing combination.

From the 20, Kleinbrook attempted a run and Puishes two passes but the efforts failed

to move toward the goal. On fourth down, Puishes nailed Tom Dobozy with a perfect strike and East led 14-0.

The third Panther touchdown was a gift, coming early in the second quarter after a poor Taylor punt. Patterson returned the kick inside the Taylor 30, then the Panthers moved on the ground to near the goal line. Puishes scored on a sneak.

Taylor looked groggy into the second quarter but it didn't take the Rams long to recover as they scored on an 80 yard pass play. Carol Volk hit runner Jack Klein with a pass and Klein took it all the way for a score.

Later in the quarter, Klein again led the Rams on a touchdown drive, scoring from close quarters, then carrying over for a two point conversion to narrow the margin to 20-14.

East almost got the score back as they moved close with the half nearing its close. Puishes, who has made a habit this season of careful use of the clock late in the half, moved his team to the Taylor 3 when time ran out.

East's final score of the game came after they took the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Puishes got the final score on a quarterback sneak.

The stubby Kleinbrook again led the Panthers' offensive troops, gaining 144 yards in 22 carries. East, however, held only slight edge in the statistics, 305 total yards to 285 for Taylor.

Observer Prep Grid Ratings

1-North Farmington	W	L	T
2-Brother Rice	6	0	0
3-Garden City East	5	0	1
4-Southfield Lathrup	6	0	0
5-Sorrows	4	1	1
6-Southfield	6	0	0
7-Franklin	4	2	0
8-Clarencville	4	2	0
9-Farmington	4	2	0
--Plymouth	3	2	1



REACHING HIGH for this aerial is Garden City East's Alex Patterson (29) but the ball bounces off his hand as an unidentified Taylor Center defender comes up to make the tackle. East rallied to its sixth straight by a 26-14 score. (Observer photo by Harry Maute)

Federal Mogul Leads In Touch League

Saturday, marked the fourth week of Men's Touch Football competition. Federal Mogul defeated Detroit Allied Machine 20-0 to hold first place.

The Beavers blanked the Brutes 7-0 to advance to second place. The Mistis man-handled S.B.C. 27-0 to move into a tie for third place.

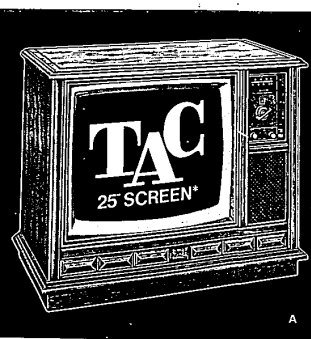
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Beavers	3	1
Mistis	2	2
Allied Machine	2	2
Playboy Brutes	1	3
S.B.C.	0	4

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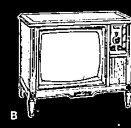
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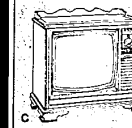
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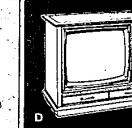
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