

# Spartans, Bentley Scoreless

**By ARTEE**

Although both teams were suffering through their poorest season in several years, the annual battle between Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Bentley was tabbed in advance as one of the games that could go either way.

It turned out to be a duel of defenses with a great deal of fumbling and bumbling by the offensive units and wound up in a scoreless tie.

It wasn't that the teams didn't have chances to score, both did on more than one occasion but neither could dent the tight defense of the other when it meant something.

EACH MUFFED chances with fumbles deep in the territory of the other. Twice a stiff Bentley defense checked the Spartans' and once Bentley was knocking on the door but Stevenson turned the lock and took over on downs.

Stevenson had an opportunity early in the second frame when Russ Lewis intercepted a Brian Gates pass on the Bentley 41. The Spartans' Bob Johnson picked up five and then Ray Basile squirmed to the Bentley 26, but Bentley's Carl Boyd re-

covered a fumble on the 25 to end the threat.

The Bulldogs promptly rushed to midfield in four plays when Steve Lowery recovered a fumble on the Bentley 49 and Stevenson was in possession again. Three plays netted two yards and Neil Bowbly punted out on the Bentley 16.

The Bulldogs tried two plays for five yards before Guard Dave Kennedy dropped on a fumble on the Bentley 20 and the Spartans had a golden opportunity.

IT WENT FOR NAUGHT

when Charley Babcock was downed for a five yard loss. Basile tried left end and was hauled down for a loss of five. Quarterback Bernie O'Keefe whipped a pass to Lewis but he was dropped in his tracks for no gain. Lewis tried left tackle but picked up only two and Bentley took over on its own 26.

The Bulldogs took to the air in the remaining two minutes and got as far as the Stevenson 39 when time ran out.

Late in the third quarter Bentley was forced back to its five yard line on a boom-

ing punt by Bowly. Doug Wait and Bob Redmond took turns carrying the ball and rolled three successive first downs to move to midfield as the period ended.

**REDMOND SMASHED** through tackle for a first down on the Stevenson 45 on the first play of the final stanza. A pass went away before Wait picked up seven in two plunges. Ed Leavell tried to skirt right end but failed and the ball went over to Stevenson on the 38.

Then it was Stevenson's turn. Johnson and Basile had

a first down on the 48 in three tries. Basile found a hole at tackle for five and then Johnson spun through guard to the Bentley 39.

Kennedy and Johnson picked up six and Basile at the middle of the line, making it to the Bentley 21.

The Bulldogs tightened their defense and three thrusts gave the Spartans two yard gains. A pass on fourth down missed and Bentley took over on the 19.

Bentley came storming back again with five minutes to play and had a first down

on the 33 when the offense bogged down and a short punt went out on the Stevenson 47.

There was just time for four plays before the final whistle sounded and the weary teams walked off the field, satisfied with a tie but each unhappy that it was unable to take advantage of the scoring opportunities.

For each it was the end of a long grind, one that found the Bulldogs going scoreless for the final five games in a season that found them without a victory in the Suburban Six League for the first time.

## observing sports

It doesn't do much good to ride down memory lane. There's little, if anything, we can do about the past.

Yet, there come those moments when we revel in the days gone by, thinking, perhaps, it makes us feel a lot better.

So it went the other evening. Many of the old gang came back to talk, to reminisce, to cry a little about the Detroit Times.

It was the 10th anniversary of the passing of the "Cass Park" beauty.

You remember that early Monday morning. It was around 2 a.m. or so.

There came a blast on the doorbell below.

"Who's that?" shouted the lady of the household.

The dogs barked. The kids wondered.

Waiting at the door was a Western Union messenger. In hand, was just one of many telegrams he was assigned to deliver that early morning.

All read the same: "Your services no longer are required at the Times." The paper had sold out to the News.

An association which had begun almost 30 years before now had ended for you. It didn't seem possible. But, by morning when the radio and TV all carried the story, when the News came out with a huge headline that it had bought the Times... well, it started to become a reality.

You knew it when you rode downtown to the Times... tried to get upstairs to your office to pick up a few things... and there were guards who said: "Sorry, you can't get up there."

SO THREE DECADES had gone by the boards.

That first visit to the Times when you were a youngster attending Hutchins Junior High in Detroit. You went in pursuit of a baseball pass... and the late Bud Shaver, then the sports editor, took care of you.

Never since that day have you ever purchased a seat to watch the Tigers. Somehow, you always have maneuvered into the place on a pass of sorts.

## Prep Schedule

### FRIDAY

Red. Union vs. Farm. Harrison, Farmington High, 3:30 p.m.

GC East at Garden City West, 8 p.m.

John Glenn at Belleville, 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY

Farmington at North Farmington, 2 p.m.

Brother Rice vs. Shrine, U-D stadium at 8 p.m.

What about that day you covered a soccer game and wrote a paragraph that the Times printed on Hutchins winning?

Or those nights you'd come around and would rewrite the Free Press so the late Harold Kahl would have some good items to help plug the empty spots in the paper?

Or when as a student at Northern High, you were assigned to help with the citywide coverage of high school sports?

Or the day Ed Hayes wondered if you'd like to work your way through Michigan State College by writing for the Times and you accepted? You did.

Or when they put you in charge of makeup and on Saturday nights you'd put out the Sunday sports pages with all the football?

Or all those great people you got to know... the high school all-city and all-stars who went on to become standouts in the college and professional ranks?

At one time, not too many years ago, there were something like 10 all-stars who had selected who were playing and starting in the National Football League... several more in baseball and a few like Dave DeBuschere and Chet Walker in probasketball.

YOU SIT and think today about those with whom you were associated on the Times sports staff. So many, like Bud Shaver, Leo Macdonell and Frank MacDonell, Doc Greene, Don Lee, Vic Packman, Harold Kahl have gone on to a quieter world.

The others have scattered. Lew Walter is one of the state racing stewards... George Van only a few weeks ago retired from the News... Joe Falls and Jack Saylor still are very much in the newspaper business, writing for the Free Press.

The Times Building still stands. Only now it's used by the News to print many of the hundreds of thousands of copy the paper turns out each day.

There are few days that you don't pass the Times Building. You stand there and look... you glance up to the sixth floor where the Sports Department and editorial offices existed.

They say that it's pretty barren up there these days... that the News doesn't use that portion of the building.

Some of the old gang went visiting up there the other evening. We elected not to.

## Southfield Jays Defeat Falcons

A school record is almost certain to go by the boards Friday when Southfield High clashes with Birmingham Groves at Southfield.

Back John Solberg, of Southfield, needs only 60 yards to become the greatest single season rusher in the history of the Blue Jays...

Over at Farmington High, there are hopes of making the most out of a season, which started strong but has turned around in recent weeks, when the Falcons face North Farmington in their traditional game Saturday.

**SOUTHFIELD SURVIVED** a slow start Saturday in downing Farmington, 20-8, as Solberg scored twice more and chalked up 135 yards rushing to bring his year's total to 14 TDs and 1192 yards on the ground.

The brilliant Southfield senior, who'll be playing his last football game for the Blue Jays, is shooting to erase the

one-year mark of 1,257 set by Simmons four years ago.

**FARMINGTON GAVE** Southfield some tough moments in Saturday's clash.

The Blue Jays went to the air to score first as Chris Blasky struck on tosses to Roger Peterman and Dennis Kash to get the Blue Jays into the Farmington 32.

Then it was Blasky to Solberg for the remaining 33 yards and the touchdown. The conversion try failed and Southfield led, 6-0, at the end of the first period.

Farmington went to the air late in the second period in hopes of getting even or perhaps even making the conversion and going ahead by the intermission.

But Ken Graf, a defensive end, did some neat work for Southfield. He reached up and deflected the ball to teammate Kevin Francis who streaked 50 yards for a touchdown and Southfield took a 12-0 lead into the locker room at the halfway point.

Farmington bounced back

in the third period to make a game of it when Nat Durham fired to Randy Pender on a pass-run play which covered 60 yards for the Falcons' only touchdown.

It was one of the best plays of the game and the Falcons lagged only 12-6 when the final period began.

**THEN SOUTHFIELD** started from its own 20. Solberg started belting away at tackle. Carrying most of the time, Solberg lugged the ball to the Farmington three from where he slammed into the end zone for the TD.

The victory gave Southfield a 5-3 win and assured a winning season. Farmington has won four, lost three and tied one.

## Harrison Is Assured Of A .500 Campaign

Take a bow, Farmington Harrison High.

Regardless of what happens Friday when Harrison ends the season against Redford Union, Farmington's newest high school will finish with at least a .500 mark.

That became certain when Harrison turned in a 27-24 victory over Oak Park Friday night. The win was Harrison's fourth against three defeats and a tie.

Just to play .500 in the first season by any team is magnificent to say the least.

But add the fact that except in one game, Harrison has been playing varsity rivals which have seniors in the lineup and on the bench.

**HARRISON** has no seniors. Just 10th and 11th graders whom Coach John Herrington has moulded together so effectively in so short a period of time.

But maybe it was to be expected that Herrington would do well right off the

bat. He came to Harrison from North Farmington High where as an assistant under Ron Holland he was used to working with winning teams.

Dave Manos was the big man for Harrison in the victory over Oak Park. He scored two touchdowns and rushed for 96 yards in 17 carries.

Manos, a tailback, scampered 32 yards for Harrison's first touchdown after taking a pass from quarterback Rick Hughes, one of the few Harrison players who had previous varsity experience.

**THEN IT WAS** Manos on a 62-yard scamper in which he slipped away from several would-be tacklers.

Linebacker Dave Norton scooped up an Oak Park fumble and ran 36 yards for a touchdown while Hughes accounted for the fourth Harrison TD when he shot a 55-yard scoring pass to Dan McConery.

Hughes clicked on eight out of 18 passes for 152 yards as his mates collected 300 yards in manhandling the Oak Park team.

Oak Park scored on a 32-yard pass from Shelby Simon to Gary Kleiman, a 45-yard run by Mark Kleiman and then a six-yard run by Mark Rosenberg after taking a pass from Bill Moss.

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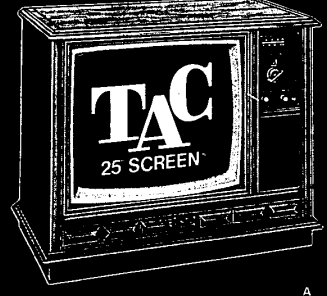
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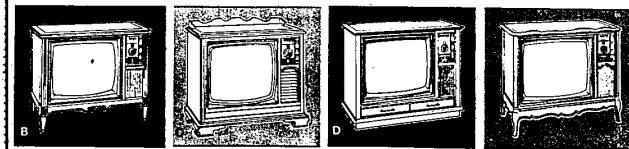


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