Big win boosts Falcons' spirits

By Dan O'Meara

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the key factors," and dea.

THE PALCONS managed to domi-nate the line play, and its defense
was an overwhelming factor. Farm-ington harassed Viking quarterback
Derk Wallace into throwing three in-terceptions and sacked him for a
minus-21 yards.
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Linebooker Mike Neal also played Linebooker Mike Neal also played Mike Linebooker Mike Neal also played WILC to a net rushing total of syards. Bill Lindbert had two of the interceptions, and Dave Dunn, who had six solo tackles, two assists and a pass deflection, had the other. Farmington's offensive statistics were not overwhelming — 188 total yards (88 rushing) — but the offense did its part by taking advantage of two of six turnovers and a punting miscue to score all three touchdowns.

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The Falcons were so in control of
the overall situation that Catherman
sent out the fleld goal unit to make
first-half attempts from 45 and 44
yards. Leading 7-0 early in the second quarter, Farmington also went
for the first down on fourth-and-3 at
the Viking 34.

None of the three attempts were
rever made to regret the falled efforts. In fact, it was after that that
Farmington turned the bungled WLC
jount into another TD and a 1-96 halftime lead.
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said "We wanted to dominate the line of scrimmage. "(Assistant) coach (Todd) Lipa has been very palent, and we're just now catching up to other teams." In the process, Catherman conducted an experiment at quarter-back, Senior Drew McDougall is sidelined with mononucleosis, and seniors Brad Campbell and Joe Johnston took turns running the of-

"DREW IS going to be out another wo weeks, and I had to find out two weeks, and I had to find out which one could do the job," Cather-man said. "And I wanted to give them equal opportunity."

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Campbell played the first half and passed to Lindbert for the game's first score. He came back in the second half when Johnston hurt an ankel and scored Farmington's third TD on a 1-yard sneak. Both passed for 39 yards, and Lindbert had three catches for 47 yards.

"We have such a great threat in Lindbert," Catherman said, "and people had better pay attention to him. He looks like a bonafide receiver."

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life in the second, and he threw for 187 yards in the last two quarters. But his passing had little effect on the game. All of this passing yardage came on a drive that ended in an interception, and a 43-yard completion went for WLC's only score with 2:18 remaining. Brian Grzyk cut between two Falcon defensive backs—one who got turned around and another who overant the play—in what was really a 21-0 ballgame. "Having the first unit score three times and allowing everybody else to play is the most pleasing part of the game for the coaching staff," Catherman said.

In other football news and notes:

— Despite John Glenn's loss to Stevenson, the North Farmington Glenn's alone on Saturday, Oct. 10, at North is still shaping up to be a big shouldown in the Lakes Division.

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Assuming the Raiders beat Voltson and the Rockets alone remaining. "While Lake Central gave Salem an ercity good game," said coach Jim O'Leary after the Raiders bat Mow the road in two weeks, It would be foolish to say we're not."

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* Farmington Harrison's 31-15 victory over Walled Lake Western last Friday was its closest score to date after four games.

The Hawks are averaging 40 points a game while giving up one TD per contest, but Harrison won't go into Friday's game at Plymouth Canton expecting to walk over the Chiefs, 2-2 and 1-1 in the Western Division.

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"The kids never go into a game thinking they reg going to blow any-body away," ceach John Herrington said. "Everyone still remembers that Churchill game in '83. Even the kids who are here now."

The Chargers snapped Harrison's lengthy unbeaten streak that year, and it has served as a reminder ever alore.

"We have very tough practices," Herrington added. "(They Hawks) go at each other in practice."

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GOLF CLUB

By Brad Emoha and Dan O'Moara stall writers

Heading into the fifth week of the high school football season, only two schools out of 20 remain undefeated in Observerland, on though suffering Farmington Harrisses (0), although suffering the first state of the season, remains the team to beat among area schools, (Witte broke his arm in last week's 31-15 win over Walled Lake Western). North Farmington (4-0) is a big surprise that for and could be making a bid to meet Western Division favorite Harrison for the Western Lakes Activities Association crown in Week No. 8. But the defensive-minded Raiders still must past past Walted Lake Central this weekend, Westland John Glenn (3-1) and Farmington before getting a crack at the title.

GLENN, state-ranked and the Lakes Division favorite, must battle back after being ambushed by Livonia Stevenson last week, 14-9. But the Rockets could face Harriston fit they beat Plym-outh Salem (3-1) and North on successive week-

cath careful and that it on successive week-ends.

In the Catholic League's Central Division, one of the most balanced races in years, appears to be a battle shaping between Birmingham Brother Rice (4-0), Warren DeLaSalle (3-1) and Redford Catholic Central (3-1), But the spoilers could be Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, Harper Woods Notre Dame and Redford Bishop Borgess—all 2-2 and 0-1 in Division play. Last week, the expert prognesticators tied for the third time in four weeks, both going 10-4. O'Meara is 44-15, while Emons 1s 43-16.

Here are the picks for Week No. 5.

FRIDAY GAMES (all 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Clarenceville at Detroit Lutheran West (7 p.m.); Ev-prybody got into the act last week in the Trojans' 55-16 orth over Hamtlanck. West (2-2) is coming off an opph-point loss to Harper Woods Lutheran East. Greg

grid predictions

Harris is a dangerous runner for West. Picks — West takes care of Clarenceville.

Redford Union at Garden City: The winner will uti-mately avoid the basement of the Northwest Suburban League. Both are seeking their lists wins and both have played a tough schedule. Picks — The coin, plasse. Emons takes RU. O'Meara gives the edge to the Panth-

W.L. Wostern at Liv. Churchill: Wostern (1-3) caught Harrison last Filday on an "off night," but still lost 31-15. Churchill (2-2) mulfed a lew chances to beat Franklin tost week. Picks — Churchill bounces back.

Liv. Franklin at Northvilla: The Patilots (2-2) have the ability to move the ball behind the running of quart-stack of a large date of the large date of the running of the state of the large date of the large date of the think of the large date of the large date

Ply, Salem at Wald, John Glenn: A "must win" for both teams if they plan to make a go of it in the Lakes Division of the WLA-A. Glenn will try to re-establish its ground game. Salem must try to regroup its offense. Another delensive struggle. Picks — Glenn rebounds

Farm, Harrison at Ply, Canton: Traditionally, Canton gives Harrison a tougher battle than any other team in the Western Division. But traditionally, Harrison always wins. Picks — No upset in the making. Go with Harrison.

Catholic Central vs. Harper Wds. Blsh. Gallagher (at East Detroit Memorial Field): This is going to be a tough, detensive battle. Gallagher is capable of springing the upset. CC spurned its option game fast week in the win over Bergess and Chris Kovath gained 133 yards. Picks — Tough to call, but go with CC.

Hawks, Raiders only unbeatens

Liv. Stevenson at Farmington: The Felcons (1-3) are feeling better about themselves after turnlog in their best ellor of the year feeling with the state of the s

D.H. Crestwood at Red. Thurston: The Engles (0-4) put some points on the board last week ogainst firstplace Allen Peik, but the delense allowed quatertesclock and the second of the

Lutheran Westland at Lutheran Northwest: Luther an Westland won by five points at home last week against the same opponent, 14-9. The home-field at vantage won't help the home feam this time. Picks — Lutheran Westland makes It two in a row.

Wayne Memorial at Dearborn Fordson (1:30 p.m.); Roll, Tractors, roll, That's the cry for the perennal Wolverine A League power. Wayne quarterback Mike Heard has been on a roll as well. Picks — Fordson is a kitle too rough for Wayne to handle.

Bish. Borgess vs. Harper Wds. Notre Dame (1:30 p.m. at GC Junior High): Notre Dame lost to No. 1-ranked Birningham Brother Rice last week, 1-60, while Borgess was blanked by former Mo. 1 Catholic Central, 1-4-0. A healthy Corey levy is essential if Borgess is long to pick up a win. Picks — Emors has a hunch it's Borgess. O'Moare learned his lesson when he picked Kallamatoc Central to beat Borgess in the opener — and lost the bet.

St. Agatha vs. Wyandotte Mt. Carmel (7:30 p.m. at RU's Kraft Field): The Aggies have not played well this season but should get a boost against the Comets (1-3), an awful team that lost to Poeliac Catholic last week 33-0. Picks — The Aggies perk up.

N. Farmington at W.L. Central (8 p.m.); This game has been rescheduled in honor of the Yom Kippur holiday, it doesn't matter what day the Raidors play, especially against a team like winless Central. Picke — North makes it five in a row.

Area players fill void with Lions

ARRYL ROGERS took a good glimpse as tight end from Wend grabbed a pass across the middle of the practice at the Pontiac Silverdome. Defensive back cach Wille Shaw grabbed cornerback Sieve Hirsch and offered a few words of advended with Carthens and his fellowing the control of the control o

dered Dill Could a rigorous accumulating a net total of minuser to that point.

The Raiders were able to do what they couldn't for nearly four quarters, "because we were mad," O'Leary said. "The line said 'Coach, we can run the bail."

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even if their NFL careers consist of just one game.

serous the mindate of the ideal during Tuesday's Detroit Llons practice at the Pontiac Silverdome. Defensive back coach Willies Shaw grabbed cornerback Steve Hirsch and offered a few words of advice. Over in the center of the end zone, offensive line coach Bill Multi ordered Milt Carthens and his fellow linemen through a rigrous set of spriots.

Most Detroit Lions fans will recognize the coaches answes. But the players are afferent styr. Wendt, Hirsch toobball players are afferent styr. Wendt, Hirsch toobball players are afferent styr. Wendt, Hirsch toobball players are the coaches answes. But the players are afferent styr. Wendt, Hirsch toobball players are afferent styr. Wendt, Hirsch toobball players are afferent styr. Wendt, Hirsch toobball players are agene against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

While the NFL players remain on the picket line striking over the free ageney issue, NFL owners are determined to continue the season with or without their front-line stars. All 28 NFL learns are scheduled to play his weekend.

To do so, owners have filled the tearns with pickup players referred to as "B Squads." The striking players call them "scabs."

WHATEVER THE designation, Hirsch, Carthens and Wendt hope to the in a Detroit Lions uniform Sundoy by strike is over, that's it for st one game. Hirsch and Carthens, Pontlac resi-

SOLID WOODS Oak, Cherry

and Birch

CARTHENS CHECKED into the Lions camp on Tuesday a whopping 300 pounds - some 40 pounds over his college playing weight. He was working as a physical therapist at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital when the Lions contacted his agent, Mike MacDonald.

Carthens, who had a tryout with the Michigan Panthers in 1984, is-hoping to make the team and fulfill a dream of playing professionally in his hometown.

"This is the first time I've ever tried out for an NFL team," said Carthens. "The exposure of playing in the Silverdome in front of your hometown fans would be great.—

Wendt, whose older brother Greg played basketball at the University of Detroit and later had a tryout with the Boston Cellics, figures prac-ticing with the Lions beats "sitting around at home on my butt." Wendt attended Catholic Central

me," he sald. "I feel for the players, but at the same time I feel I'm not taking anything away from them. That's the bottom line. If any one of step aside for them."

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Wendt, a youth counselor at the Washtenaw County Juvenile Center, first contacted the Lions when he heard about the strike.

"I figured what the heck, I'll give it my best shot. You never know until you try," he said. "I've got everything to gain and nothing to lose. "Every football player dreams of playing in the NFL," he said. "I figured this was better than sitting shome on my butt. Actually, I went to an EMU game this year and started missing the game. I forgot how much fun it was."

Does he have any empathy for striking NFL players? "Not one bit . . . not with all the money they make," he said. "I'd play it for the minimum salary because I

love the game."
Wendt, Hiresh and Carthens would love it even more if they could become permanent members of the Detroit Lions professional football

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