

Rolls Over Farmington Falcons, 44-7

North Winds Up Perfect Campaign

By FRED DeLANO
"The best club I've ever had."

That was the exuberant appraisal North Farmington Coach Ron Holland had for his 1970 Raiders moments after they had annihilated Far-

mington, 44-7, Saturday to close out their nine-game football season unbeaten and untied.

The Northwest Suburban champions were all but perfect as behind the leadership of Halfback Mike Gow and Quarterback Drew

Mahalic they beat their crosstown rivals for the eighth time in nine meetings since the Old Yule Log series started in 1962.

For Holland it was the completion of his 10th season at the Raider helm but he said he has no desire to step down.

He said he wants to stay in coaching instead of moving to an administrative post as he likely could if he wished.

NORTH Farmington has had no other unbeaten team under Holland, that being the

1965 unit which also went 9-0. However, this coach said his current aggregation was "quicker and faster, even though we didn't have over-all size."

Holland singled out Gow, Mahalic, Fullback Rick

Fuelling and Linebacker Paul Bouza as the standouts of the 70 club, adding in praise of Fuelling that "it was Rick who called defensive signals and we had a line which could read defenses exceptionally well."

The Falcons from Farmington, who won only a 20-7 victory in 1966 over North, finished the 1970 campaign at 1-11 and even though they never quit scrapping they simply could not match Raider manpower.

In addition, their own misuses Saturday proved so costly that by halftime North had piled up an insurmountable lead, resulting directly from recovered fumbles and pass interceptions.

It was not until North possessed a 44-0 lead that the Falcons finally got on the

scoreboard by virtue of an 89-yard touchdown gallop by Bill Rose with only six minutes to play.

Only one other time during the cold, windy afternoon did the Falcons penetrate Raider territory. That was a second quarter drive to North's 24-yard line, highlighted by a screen pass for 39 yards from Nat Durham to Randy Pender. However, one of North's four interceptions of the day killed that bid.

Gow, a slippery six-foot senior of 170 pounds, who has paced Raider scoring and ground gaining all season long, kept to the script as he denied Falcon defenses for 150 yards and three touchdowns. This boosted him to 118 points and 921 yards for the season.

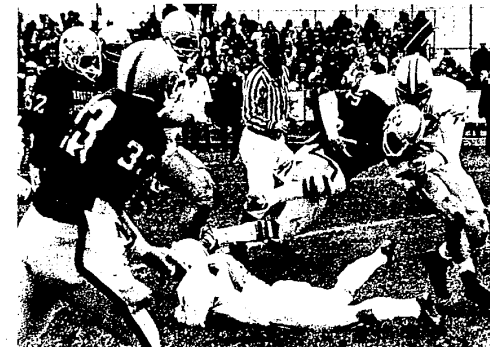
IN KEEPING their position

as Observerland's No. 1 team and one of the top Class A teams in the state, the Raiders broke on top, 3-0, with a 31-yard field goal by Bouza.

They followed with a four-yard scoring burst by Gow, a one-yard plunge by the same back, a scoring pitch from Mahalic to Rick Herpich and another pay-off aerial from Mahalic to Bill Weaver before the half ended.

The lead was padded still more after intermission when Mahalic turned left and on a keeper to go 66 yards for a third-quarter score.

A bobbed pass center by the Falcons on an attempted punt then led to a Raider safety, with Gow scoring one final touchdown from the five to close his brilliant career. Bouza kicked three points after touchdown.



RAMMING LOW — Mike Gow (20) picks up extra yardage by keeping his head down, showing why in the Raider-Falcon clash he is a sterling candidate for all-state honors. (Photo by Warren G. Bopp)



FLYING HIGH — Craig Gow doesn't reap the headlines of his speedy brother, Mike, but he picked off this enemy aerial to help his team on to victory. (Photo by Warren G. Bopp)

GC West Ties East, 14-14; Mars Foe's Spotless Slate

By WYLLIE GERDES

The game was a tie but Garden City West won a moral victory when they stymied Garden City East's try for a perfect season, 14-14.

East, the Mid-Wayne Conference champs, came into the game with an 8-0

record while West was 3-5. Records go out the window, however, when these two cross-town schools battle.

Although the game ended a 14-14 tie, two West players were standouts. Greg Fielden and Ken Stuprya, a couple of West backs overshadowed this year

by East's Greg Puishes and Bob Kleinbrook, sparked West to the tie.

FIELDEN, West's left-handed quarterback who has starred on defense for the Tigers this year, clicked on seven of 14 passes for 172 yards while Puishes was held

to only three completions in 14 attempts for 71 yards. Puishes had three passes intercepted. Although Kleinbrook outgained Stuprya, West's slashing runner was on the receiving end of the game's big play, a 70-yard screen pass which tied the score.

It was also a night for the West defensive squad, which yielded more than 300 yards total offense but stopped East four times inside the 15.

The first series of the game set the pattern for the game. East returned the kickoff to its 21, then moved to the West 10 on the running of Kleinbrook. The Panther back ripped off a 11-yard run during the drive and carried the ball five consecutive times from the East 21 to the West 10.

At the 10, however, Kleinbrook lost a yard on one play, Alex Patterson bobbled an option, then Puishes missed on two pass plays and West took over on downs.

Beginning at their own five after a penalty, West drove to the East 22 on two big penalties. An interference call at the West 21 gave the Panthers their first down and a personal foul for tackling a face guard moved the ball to the East 49. From there, Fielden scrambled to the 35 after he found his receivers covered, then Stuprya blasted off tackle for 13 yards and a first down on the East 22.

The drive ended when Fielden was dropped for a loss trying to pass.

West came right back with a scoring drive to give them an 8-0 lead.

East gave up the ball on a partially blocked punt on their 47 with about three minutes left in the first quarter.

ON THE second play, Fielden hit Tom Wolforn with a 15-yard pass and a first down on the East 38. On the next play, Fielden nailed Kirk Lewis for a first down.

Fielden clicked on his third attempt in a row, again to Lewis, then carried a keeper for 13 yards and a first and goal at the East eight.

In two charges, Stuprya carried to the one and Fielden scored the touchdown on a sneak. The snailpaw's pass to Lewis was good for a two-point conversion.

On the next series, East drove to the West 11 on two completions by Puishes. He hit Eric Pawelek for 27 yards and Kleinbrook for 22. Three running plays gained only a yard, though, and on

fourth down, Bill Wilcox knocked down a Puishes pass.

A West punt into a strong, cold wind gave East the ball on the West 25, but the Tiger's defense again stopped East. Kleinbrook picked up 11 to the West 14 but East took over on downs after two Puishes passes failed.

WITH 48 seconds left in the half, East again had the ball in good field position at the West 37.

West took the second half kickoff off and looked as if they were ready to put the game away, but two fumbles hurt them.

Fielden dropped the ball at the East 40 and East recovered. After an East drive failed on a penalty on fourth down, West's Fielden again gave the ball to East.

Dennis Kesick recovered both bobbles for East and the second led to a touchdown.

From the 15, West moved to a fourth and one at the six. Kleinbrook carried in from there on the play, but a try for two points failed.

East took a 14-8 lead after West failed to move with the kickoff. From their own 15, East scored on a 14-yard scramble by Puishes. The big play during the drive was a 35-yard gainer from Puishes to Pawelek.

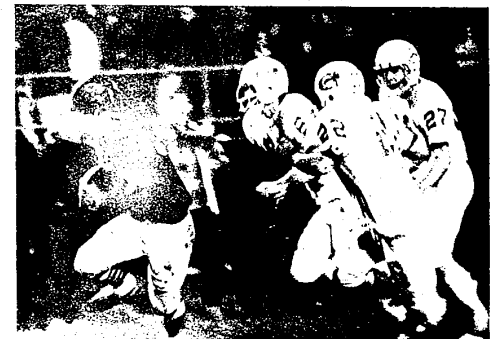
East lined up for a kick conversion, which would have left them ahead 13-8, but the kicker, Kesick, took a direct snap and hit Kleinbrook right in the numbers for two points.

The tying touchdown for West came on the next series. West took the kickoff at the 35. After Kesick dropped Fielden for a five-yard loss, Fielden came back and hit Stuprya in the right flat on a screen.

STUPRYA used his blockers to good effect then outran the East defenders for a 70-yard play. The try for two points failed.

Wolforn picked off a Puishes pass to stop one drive but East came right back when Kesick recovered another fumble. After recovery East threatened with 2:49 left to play. Kesick's field goal try failed after East had a first down on the West 11 but couldn't more.

West saluted away the tie with a punt from the 12. The partially blocked kick took a providential bounce then rolled all the way to the East 32 with 14 seconds left. The game ended with another interception by Wolforn.



RUNNING BEHIND — Ken Stuprya, Garden City West back, being chased by Garden City East defenders. Stuprya found himself in this comfortable position most of the night, and was once on the receiving end of a 70-yard screen pass that went for a TD and tied the score.



LOOKING AHEAD — Greg Puishes, Garden City East signal-caller, gets ready to pull plug on what he hopes will rebuff archival West. But to no avail. West's fine blocking and tackling stymied East all night long.

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