

RU Leads In All Statistics But Score, Falls, 7-6

Bentley Completes One Pass To Win

Outplayed, outgained and trailing an inspired Redford Union team playing before a capacity homecoming night crowd, unbeaten Bentley High came from behind in the fourth quarter to complete a perfect play that set up a touchdown and a 7-6 victory.

It was only by the toe of Moyes Nader, a foreign exchange student from Brazil who has become the No. 1 extra point boomer in this section of the state, that Bentley won. Moyes drilled the ball through the uprights with the clock

showing 10:03 to play -- that was the margin of victory.

It was the difference between RU registering its initial victory in five starts or going

down to its fifth defeat and Bentley remaining with the state's top ranked elevens with a fifth consecutive win. Perhaps it may have been

that Bentley was looking towards the Suburban Six show-down battle with Allen Park next Friday at Bentley and forgot the game at hand, but the statistics showed RU had an edge in everything but the final score. *

BENTLEY, ranked 10th last week in the state Class A ratings by the Free Press and mentioned among the top 20 in the Associated Press and United Press International ratings, was battling for its life when it completed a quarterback-

halfback forward pass that caught RU completely by surprise and set up the winning touchdown.

Bentley's best game of the season before a sold-out cheering home crowd, came from the various statistics. RU had 11 first downs to Bentley's three. In passing, RU completed three of eight passes for 60 yards while Bentley had one of four for 44 yards but what a big one that was.

Bentley rushed 31 times for 144 yards and RU carried the ball 45 times for 184 yards, RU took the lead with four minutes remaining in the second period to climax a 50 yard march that ended when Quarterback Gary Bevington burst into the end zone and was tackled from the Bentley line. Bob Seghi tried a placement but it was wide and RU had a 6-0 lead that was good until the 10 minute mark of the final quarter.

RU's Panthers had been forced back deep in their own territory after a Tim Malone punt was grounded on the 24. Bob Plastrik lost four on a sweep around end, Bevington was tackled to the ground on the 10, and

ed for a 10-yard loss when Tackle Greg Ockerman led a rush and downed him.

Bob Seghi tried right guard and lost three more and it was fourth down and 10 on the 10 on the third play of the final quarter.

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Co-Captain Rick Kenyon punted from deep in the end zone to the RU 46, apparently out of danger.

QUARTERBACK Bob Walden took the handoff from center on the first play, started wide around end and then lat-

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U-M Gets Even With MSU

By DON HOENSHELL

Duffy Daugherty and Bump Elliott had two good football teams in '68 but neither will call back the Saturday's heroes of the glory days.

Their head-on clash at Ann Arbor Saturday was the coming - even for Michigan, the compensation for Michigan State.

How sweet it was for Michigan, swamped 34-0 by the Spartans last year and winless for three years in the state championship game. *

THE WOLVERINES put to-

gether a good ground game and a passing thrust that surprised both teams to run away from Michigan State, 23-14, in the last eight minutes.

They played inspired ball and deserved to win it," said Duffy.

In the emotion-swept Michigan locker room, the Wolverines gave Bump the game ball.

The game left both teams with 3-1 records, with both facing tougher opponents than each other before the year is sold.

Michigan State started passing to fight the clock and the deficit. Rocky Faraco's loss was intercepted at the Michigan line.

MICHIGAN STARTED it at the opening kickoff. George Hoey brought it back to midfield. The Wolverines stayed on the ground for a first down, then sent Taliback Ron Johnson 37 yards for the score. *

MSU played catch-up the rest of the way, pulling ahead by 14-13 with a two-point conversion the third quarter.

From that point, it was all Michigan. Broken plays, human errors, penalties, everything went for Michigan. But most of the MSU mistakes were created by a good fired-up Michigan line.

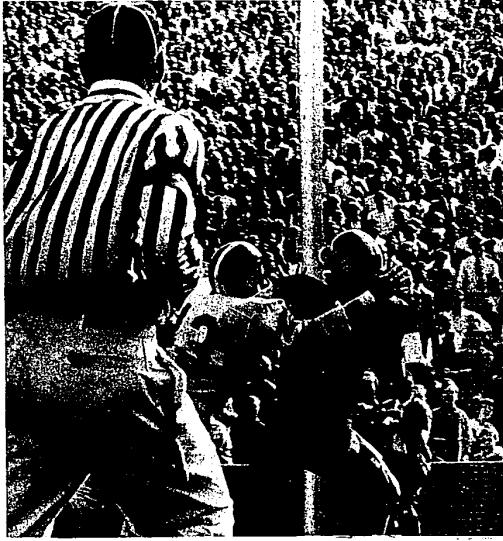
Phil Seymour was one of the workhorses, specializing in trapping off-tackle plays and several times belting down Spartans needing that extra

Igan 17 by Tom Curtis. Gary Crav scored Michigan's last touchdown on a draw play.

The game was over and Michigan was eager to celebrate. Michigan State was smitten and the ride back to East Lansing was very slow and very long.

Next Saturday they go back to fighting somebody else, their emotional bath finished for another year and playing for whatever reason football teams play.

That's the way it is with mortals.



REACHING FOR PASS and touchdown against Michigan State is John Gabler (18), of Michigan, who got behind Frank Waters (43) for the catch. It was a 33-yard toss from Quarterback Dennis Brown and sent the Wolverines ahead, 13-6, in the opening period.

Unbeaten Franklin Capitalizes On Thurston Errors To Triumph

Good teams in all sports always are opportunists.

They capitalize on every chance, on every mistake.

That was the story of the Detroit Tigers this past year and it's been the story, too, of Franklin's unbeaten football team.

A typical example of how it hurts to open the gates to Franklin came Saturday when Franklin went against Thurston in a showdown for the Northwest Suburban League lead.

BUT, TO GET back to "cap-

italizing."

Thurston made two early fumbles. Franklin turned both into touchdowns.

Later Thurston passed and fumbled again. The result was another touchdown, the one that decided the game.

"We were so proud of the way our kids played," said Coach Bill McDonald of Thurston.

"But we just couldn't overcome those mistakes. And,

against a team like Franklin, you don't make turnovers. They kill you."

The game hardly had started. Franklin had fumbled its own 23. Franklin grabbed the ball and in short order led 5-0 when Danny Thorpe smashed in from the three.

On the following kickoff, Thurston fumbled again. This time it was on the Thurston 44.

Instantly Jerry Sabo exploded and Franklin was in front, 12-0.

CAME THE THIRD period and Thurston quickly tried to pass. Boom Chris Lang intercepted and ran 30 yards for the tally and now Franklin had an 18-0 lead.

But Thurston refused to roll over and play dead. The Townshippers made things hot for Franklin's rest of the way and actually came within a few inches of winning the struggle. After Franklin had built its huge lead, Thurston missed by fumbling again on the Franklin six.

But in the third period Thurston marched 75 yards as Robbin Spicer and Craig Muth hit the line and Bill Bashara clicked through the air. Spicer finally scored from three yards out.

Then it was Thurston scoring again. This time the Townshippers went some 70 yards with Muth finishing the drive with a dash from three yards out.

THURSTON KEPT the pressure on. After Jack Weston picked off a pass by Franklin, Thurston moved down to the

line with Jim Ponaransky going over the top for a 14-yard gain and a first down.

DEFENSE WAS the big story for Borgess. So was the team's boldness.

In the second half, Aquinas had the ball for only 14 plays. That's the time the defensive unit of Borgess turned in.

Meantime, Borgess gobbled three times on fourth down and short yardage situations while clinging to a 7-0 lead in the second half.

Twice the strategy worked and ultimately led to the clinching touchdown. *

BORGESS MARCHED 50 yards for its first touchdown

Raiders Crush Parkers; Now Comes Franklin

North Farmington High IS ready for the big game Saturday with Franklin.

Coach Ron Holland won't have to go into any dramatics when he pep talk his team.

His charges know the story. It North Farmington is to share in the Northwest Suburban League title this fall, the Raiders must beat the unbroken Livonians.

Franklin leads the league with a 3-0 record, followed by Thurston and North Farmington, each 2-1.

"If we win, we could have a chance to be the flag," said Holland. "Franklin wins, well, we'll be out of it."

North Farmington literally enjoyed a warmup afternoon Saturday in preparing for the decisive clash with Franklin.

THE RAIDERS went against Oak Park and the Packers' best offensive threat, Leon Weiss, was hurtfully bad trouble rolling up a 49-0 victory.

Before the first period ended, the Raiders had a 13-0 lead.

Steve White flipped a 45-yard pass to Paul Adamian. Then it was Adamian again -- this time on a short buck.

In the second period, Adamian grabbed a pitchout and went 35 yards to pay land.

The scoring barrage ended

with White passing 11 yards to Thomas.

Charles Button, the ace North Farmington placekicker, had his best afternoon.

He booted seven out of seven in the conversion department.

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