

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, 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 Moyses Nader, a foreign exchange student from Brazil who has become the No. 1 extra point kicker in this section of the state, that Bentley won. Moyses 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 eleven with a fifth consecutive win. Perhaps it may have been

that Bentley was looking towards the Suburban Six showdown 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.

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

RU, playing its best game of the season before a wildly cheering home crowd, dominated the various statistics. R had 11 first downs to Bentley's eight. 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 bolted into the end zone on a sneak from the Bentley one. 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 Plantrich lost four on a sweep around end, Bevington was nailed for a 10-yard loss when Tackle Greg Ockerman led a rush and downed him.

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U-M Gets Even With MSU

By DON HOENSHALL  
Duffy Daugherty and Bump Elliott have two good football teams this year 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 connoisseurs for Michigan State. How sweet it was for Michigan, swamped 34-0 by the Spartans last year and without for three years in the state championship game.

THE WOLVERINES put together a good ground game and a passing thrust that surprised both teams to run away from Michigan State, 28-14, in the last eight minutes.

MICHIGAN STARTED it at the opening kickoff. Speedster George Hoey brought it back to midfield. The Wolverines stayed on the ground for a first down, then sent Tailback 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 in the third quarter.

From that point, it was all Michigan. Broken plays, fumbles, penalties, everything went for Michigan. But most of the MSU mistakes were created by a good tired-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 step.

THE TURNING POINT came in the first minutes of the fourth quarter when Dennis Brown fled from a Spartan blitz and flipped 52 yards to Jim Mandich to wipe out the Spartans' one-point lead.

Michigan State started passing to fight the clock and the deficit. Rocky Peracio's toss was intercepted at the Michigan 17 by Tom Curtis.

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. Both teams took the field with 2-0 records. The general consensus was that the winner would roar on to take the title.

Franklin emerged on top, 18-13, to make it five in a row overall in the victory department and 3-0 in the league with only North Farmington next Saturday a serious threat to the Livonians' machine.

BUT, TO GET back to "capitulating." Thurston made two early fumbles. Franklin turned both into touchdowns.

Later Thurston passed and Franklin intercepted. 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."



BENTLEY'S LeeRoy Watson (40) reaches for a pass that is batted away by Redford Union's Bob Seghi (11) as Gary Bevington (18) also moves in to make sure the ball never reaches destination.

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 the 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 Rob-In Spicer and Craig Mutch 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 Mutch 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



MICHIGAN STATE

FARMINGTON'S Craig Wycinsky has been given the starting nod at offensive tackle for the Michigan State Spartans this fall. The 6-2, 214-pounder was impressive throughout spring drills and early fall practice. He's a real hard worker, has excellent size and can move well.

Wycinsky is a 1966 graduate of North Farmington High School, where he captained the 1965 club that went unbeaten and was ranked sixth in the state.

THE RAIDERS went against Oak Park and when the Packers' best offensive threat, Leon Weis, was hurt early, the Raiders had no 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 Adamtan. Then it was Adamtan again -- this time on a short buck.

Borgess Keeps Surprising 'Em

Surprise, surprise . . . surprise some more. What else can be said about the Bishop Borgess High School football team?

Here's a team which only has underclassmen. There won't be a 12th grade at Borgess until next fall.

Here's a team which gave tossed into one of the toughest divisions of the Catholic League -- the First Division West.

Here's a team which looked like easy stuff for its rivals. But . . .

Here's a team which gave the Bishop Borgess High School a run for its money before losing, 13-17, in the opener and since then has won three in a row.

The latest victory came over Aquinas, 14 - 6, at Thurston High.

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 best defensive unit of Borgess turned in.

Meantime, Borgess gambled three times on fourth down and short yardage situations while clinging to a 7-6 lead in the second half.

Grid Schedule

FRIDAY

Redford Union at Trenton, 8 p.m.  
West Bloomfield at Clarencville, 8 p.m.  
Taylor Center at Garden City East, 8 p.m.  
Allen Park at Bentley, 7:30 p.m.  
Farmington at Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
Plymouth at Belleville, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Garden City West at Crestwood, 2 p.m.  
Glenn at Thurston, 2 p.m.  
Franklin at North Farmington, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

Ann Arbor St. Thomas at St. Agatha, 2:30 p.m.  
Bishop Borgess at St. Alphonsus, 2:30 p.m.  
Our Lady of Sorrows at Royal Oak St. Mary's, 2:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Michigan State staged its first Invitational Soccer Tourney in 1968 and was anything but a good host. The Spartan booters blanked Denver 7-0 and Chicago Circle 4-0 to win the title.

Dr. Richard Swanson is in his second season as Wayne State University cross-country coach.

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