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blocking an attempted field goal on the previous play.

He finished with 90 yards rushing on eight carries, and he connected on seven of 13 passes

for 64 yards. He had two passes intercepted, but the second was a desperation toss on the last play of the game.

"We're going to see Weber get

better and better at running the option," Bechtel said. "We're disappointed we lost, but we think we're going to be pretty good, too."

"The message is the same as last year—keep playing hard! The only difference is we think the future is a little brighter."

The Falcons used the first 8:21 of the second half, executing a 68-yard, 16-play scoring drive that gave them a 17-13 lead.

Weber and senior fullback Brian Brinden converted once each on fourth-and-2. After Brinden did most of the hard work, Weber scored the TD on a 1-yard sneak.

But the Wildcats came back with a long drive, too, aided early by a pass interference penalty.

On fourth-and-1 at the Farmington 16, Maier kept the ball around right end. He did a spin move to the inside and danced into the end zone.

"I saw the left side was wide open, and there were two defenders on the right," Maier said. "I ducked and spun, so they wouldn't get me. I just did what I had to do to get in the end zone."

"We just put (the quarterback draw) in last week. We scouted the Farmington defense and saw something there and went with it. I think it's in the game plan now."

Novi's Andrew Christofferson, who kicked field goals of 39 and 36 yards in the first half, made it 20-17 with 9:33 remaining with his extra-point kick.

The Falcons drove to the Novi

35, but a fourth-down pass to tight end Justin Milus was incomplete.

Farmington failed to get a first down on its next possession, and its last chance was a one-play shot from its 35 with five seconds to play.

Maier runs of 61 and 35 yards set up a 1-yard scoring run by Novi's John Cervi and Christofferson's first field goal. Stephen Wayne kicked a 30-yarder for Farmington in between for a 10-3 score.

"He's pretty good (at reading the option)," Novi coach John Osborne said of Maier. "He's slippery; he's an old-type guy. He's not real wide; he's narrow in the hip. He's elusive; he's a good one."

"Maier is a helluva player," Bechtel said. "They stretched us out and utilized their speed versus our strength. They used their athleticism in wide open spaces."

In the second quarter, Weber and Scott Rycerz blocked Christofferson's attempt from 35 yards away. Weber's long run and Wayne's PAT tied the score, but Christofferson put the Wildcats in front at halftime, 13-10.

Brinden added 44 yards on nine carries. Dustin Gross caught three passes for 29 yards. Novi's Pat Muston had four receptions for 31 yards.

"I told the kids we have to get used to playing in championship-level games," Bechtel said, citing the need to eliminate turnovers. "This was a playoff-level game in Game One."



Looking for daylight: Senior Todd Anthony returns a kickoff against Novi; he also ran 19 yards on a reverse.

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third-quarter scores. Todd Weiss returned the second-half kickoff 85 yards and had a short touchdown run of 5 yards. Lessway kicked the extra point each time.

"We were looking pretty good," Burrell said.

But Roseville began its comeback late in the third quarter with a 7-yard TD run and a successful pass for two points.

The Wildcats squibbed the ensuing kickoff. The ball bounced off a North player, and Roseville recovered at the North 33.

On first down, the Roseville quarterback ran 33 yards for a touchdown. Another pass for two points put the Wildcats with five, 28-23.

Roseville took the lead with four minutes remaining, completing a 30-yard touchdown pass. But the Wildcats chose to kick the extra point this time and led by two, 30-28.

After the game, Burrell said he asked his players "What would've happened to you last year (when the Raiders left behind)? They said 'We would've quit.'"

"I praised them as a testimony to their character. A couple times we were leading, and (the other team) would score; we'd get deflated and not have anything to come back."

"This year it was different. They didn't quit. They created things; they made big plays when they needed to."

Todd Weiss rushed for 103 yards on 16 carries and scored three touchdowns. In his first game as quarterback, Blair Weiss completed nine of 17 passes for 113 yards. Lafer had six

receptions for 69 yards, and he had two interceptions.

Chika, who had a fumble recovery and an interception from his linebacker position, and Lessway were two-way stand-outs, according to Burrell.

"We're going to build on this," he said. "It's always a lot better when you win. We made a ton of mistakes tonight and still ended up winning the ballgame. We were fortunate."

"We have to get better to be competitive with the big boys, but the kids are up to the task."

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Net classification for this Project is 21E or 21J. The Davis Bacon Wage Act and the Michigan Department of Transportation 1990 Standard Specifications for Construction will apply. The contractor must also have current MDOT Prequalification. Contract Work totaling not less than 40% of the original total contract price shall be performed by the General Contractor's own organization.

Each bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifying that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid.

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JUNE BUCK, City Clerk

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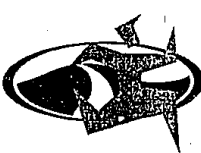
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