

Soph. QB Sparkles; East Squeezes West

It was a night that Rod Schafer, an 11th grade student at Garden City East, never dreamed could happen to him. He has spent the fall playing quarterback for East's reserve football team. Or call 'em the Junior Varsity.

Yet, when the "big" one with Garden City West was played last Friday night, there was Rod at quarterback for East. The East Varsity... not the JV's.

He had been promoted for the city-title clash after injuries knocked out John Chute and Jim Burton from the East lineup.

Rod undoubtedly had to be nervous. More experienced athletes would have been under such circumstances.

BUT WHEN the evening was over and East had downed West, 7-0, to even the series at two

victories each, the hero was nobody else but Rod Schafer. He scored the game's only touchdown. He personally accounted for 135 of the 214 yards gained by East.

He brought smiles to his mates, to his fans and especially to Coach Gary Humphrey, who had maneuvered the strategy that made Schafer an instant star.

"We figured that West would gear on Gary Spencer and Mike Bremnour with Burton and Chute out of action for us," Humphrey declared.

"We also knew that Rod is a good runner to either side, although he's not much of a passer. So we decided to have Rod do the ball carrying and use Spencer and Bremnour as decoys."

NEEDLESS TO say, things worked out well for East, which

finished the season with seven victories, a loss and a tie, the best since Humphrey came there four years ago. His previous high for victories in a season was four.

East's only loss came at the hands of Riverview and that hardly could be embarrassing since Riverview finished unbeaten with nine straight victories and was hailed No. 1 in all the final state-wide Class B ratings.

A had pass from center in the first quarter paved the way for the game's only touchdown. East got the ball on the West seven, and in three plays Schafer ran it over, with Jim Whitson converting.

In the second period, East marched to the 10 of West, but lost the ball.

It was the same way in the fourth quarter and then late in the game, East marched



CONTRIBUTING TO FALCONS DEFEAT — The ability to open large holes in the Farmington High School line enabled the Raiders of North Farmington to pile up a lop-sided victory in their annual game. Here Mike Gow, Raider tailback, is shown getting away for a huge gain before Kevin Hildebrandt, Falcon end, brought him down. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)



STEVE BARD of Garden City East hauls down a pass in last Friday's game and looks ready to fall on GC West defender Terry Rhoades. (Observer Photo)

Take A Pick It's Happy On State 'A' Grid End PrepChampion

Midland or Battle Creek Central?

It's take your pick on which reigns as the 1968 mythical state Class A high school football champion.

Battle Creek has the best claim for the flag, despite the fact the team finished with a 9-0 record, the same as Midland.

The Battle Creek school topped the final Free Press and Associated Press International ratings. Midland was on top in the Associated Press poll.

Livonia Stevenson wound up No. 13 in the UPI selections. There was agreement on the Class B champ. Everybody rated Riverview No. 1.

NOW FOURTH best in the country... that's the University of Michigan footballers in both the AP and UPI college ratings. The Wolverines moved up another couple of notches this week as Kansas, among others, slipped.

It's still Southern California No. 1 with Ohio State second and Penn State third in both ratings. Georgia is in the fifth spot.

TERRY HANRATTY, the crack Notre Dame quarterback, who has smashed all the ground-gaining records for the Irish, has played his last game at Notre Dame. He has undergone knee surgery after being hurt in practice.

KNEES ... KNEES ... knees... Everywhere one looked in football, knees were knocking

stars out of action.

The Chicago Bears have lost Gayle Sayers to a knee operation... Ditto for the Detroit Lions when it comes to defensive end Joe Robb.

Football coaches and doctors are deeply concerned on what they can do to correct the knee injuries.

IT'S ON TO Australia and the Challenge Round against Australia for the U.S. Davis Cup tennis team.

The Americans won the Interzone finals from India over the weekend in San Juan, Army Lt. Arthur Ashe led the American conquest by winning both his singles matches.

The U.S. also won the doubles with Stan Smith and Bob Lutz combining to do the job.

THEY DID MORE than work the slot machines in Las Vegas Sunday. Many turned out to watch Dennis Hume, of Australia, win the 1968 Canadian-American Challenge Cup as he sped to victory in the Stardust Grand Prix, the sixth and last race in the series.

Hume won by 40.3 seconds over George Follmer, of Arcadia, Calif., who was driving a Lotus-Ford. Hume was at the wheel of a McLaren-Chevrolet.

A series of accidents and injuries marred the race. More races came to U.S. Open champ Lee Trevino when he won the Hawaiian Open with a 72 total. It was worth \$25,000. He beat out George Archer by two strokes.

Raiders Shell Falcons 41-0 Raider JVs Run String To End Fantastic Season 28 Straight

The story is one of great satisfaction and of keen disappointment.

For North Farmington, it was a year of "having gone places" for Farmington, well, it's the season the Falcons and their supporters would just as soon forget.

It all ended Saturday in the annual battle for the Olde Yule Log and the Gridiron Trophy. North Farmington, never in trouble, crushed its neighbors from the other end of the community, 41-0. In the most lopsided game the series has produced in its seven years.

For North it marked the fifth time it has copped the battle with Farmington. Once only has Farmington won. The other meeting ended in a tie.

THE CLOSING-DAY romped North Farmington's season's record to seven victories against one tie.

"It was truly a fantastic season when you consider everything," said Coach Ron Holland of North Farmington, whose team gained a share with Thurston and Franklin for Northwest Suburban League title.

Between injuries and boys who didn't return to the team for various reasons, Holland had to do a rebuilding job. Yet, the Raiders emerged as one of the powers in the area.

Over at Farmington, Dick Tyler as coach still finds it's difficult to explain what went wrong, but he's convinced it won't be the same way in 1969.

Another year without a victory just isn't in the books for the Falcons.

THE ANNUAL battle of the Farmington district schools produced its usual group of standouts.

But perhaps the standout was North Farmington's Paul Adamian, who capped a brilliant individual career by scoring three times and scooting for 149 yards.

Going into the season, the senior, 185-pound had set two personal targets, along with his team-winning the title. He wanted to score 20 touchdowns and gain 500 yards.

He came close—rushing for 876 yards during the season and counting at the time.

Adamian tallied North's first TD against Farmington before

the game was many moments old.

FARMINGTON FUMBLE on the opening kickoff on its 25. North got the ball and three plays later, Adamian cracked over from the seven and Charles Burton added the extra point.

The North Farmington production swelled when Dan Emmitt busted through and blocked a Farmington punt. Emmitt covered the ball himself for touchdown No. 2.

It was Adamian from five yards away for his second counter after North had moved 35 yards following a short punt.

Adamian raced off a 25-yarder for his third touchdown and the last of his prep career.

From then on the subs took over for North Farmington.

Dave Thomas took a pass from Steve White for 33 yards and a touchdown and White ended the scoring with a three-yard gallop.

FARMINGTON NEVER made a serious threat.

Twice the Falcons had movements cut short when Mike Gow, a stellar defensive man all season for North Farmington, intercepted passes.

North Farmington rolled up 15 first downs to Farmington's four.

In yards rushing it was 211 for North and 31 for Farmington. Passing showed North with 72 yards to Farmington's 28.

Rich Herpich scored two of the winners' touchdowns.

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