

# Soph. QB Sparkles; East Squeezes. West

It was a night that Rod Schaefer, an 11th grade student at Garden City East, never dreamt 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 Schaefer.

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 Schaefer an instant star.

"We figured that West would give us Gary Spencer, Mike Bremerton, 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 Bremerton as decoys."

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

finished the season with seven victories, a loss, and that the best since Humphrey came to the school a year 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 halted No. 1 in all the final state-wide Class B ratings.

A bad pass from center in the first quarter paved the way for the game's only touchdown. By pulling their backs to the wall, the East defenders arose and shoved West back to the 22 where a pass that was intercepted by Greg Yost to end the threat.

Humphrey saluted his defensive stalwarts -- Jerry Wright, Mike Jechynak, Gary Lyman, Rich Lang, Yost, Pat Moore and Rick Lipski.

There were special rewards for Moore. He made 13 tackles in the game with West.



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 fullback, is shown getting away for a huge gain before Kevin Hildebrandt, Falcon end, brought him down. (Observer photo by Harry Mauhe)



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 On State 'A' Prep Champion

### It's Happy Grid End

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 Mid-

land starts out of action.

The Chicago Bears have lost Gayle Sayers to a knee operation . . . Ditts for the Detroit Lions when it comes to defensive end . . . 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 international final from India, over 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 and can now, Army Lt. Arthur Ashe led the American conquest by winning both his singles matches.

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

THEY DID MORE than work the slot machines in Las Vegas Sunday. Michigan had to work to 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.

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

A series of accidents and injuries marred the race.

More riches came to U.S. Open champ Lee Trevino when he won a \$25,000. It was worth \$25,000, he beat out George Archer by two strokes.

KNEES . . . KNEES . . . knees.

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by two strokes.

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