

RU Awaits Showdown Against Parkers

Redford Union warmed up for Friday's all-important Allen Park battle with a 31-12 victory over Dearborn.

Undefeated RU stands 5-0 in Suburban Eight play while Allen Park holds a 4-0-1 record. Allen Park squeaked by Belleville last week 7-6.

The stage is set for the Observerland prep game of the week with the show pitting RU's Tom Burk against Allen Park's Don Trionfi. Burk has scored 12 touchdowns this season and Trionfi 13.

DEARBORN WAS first on the board as RU quarterback Glenn Richmond fumbled on his 15. Dearborn drove for the score with Mike Oslevar going over from the one. The conversion was wide and Dearborn led 6-0.

RU marched back on a 40 yard drive in six plays with Burk plunging in from the two. Bill Humphrey converted and the Panthers led 7-6.

Humphrey capped the first half scoring with a 42

yard field goal that gave RU a 10-6 halftime lead. It was the first field goal attempt for Humphrey.

Burk scored early in the third quarter on a one yard plunge completing a 40 yard RU march.

Dean Naudi recovered a Dearborn fumble and sprinted 27 yards for another RU score. Richmond threw to Burk for a two point play and the Panthers led at the end of three quarters 24-6.

BURK SCORED his third touchdown of the night early in the fourth quarter from the one. Humphrey converted and RU led 31-6.

Panther Scott Bjerke fumbled on his 20 and Dearborn capitalized on the turnover with Paul Peters going over from the 12. Dearborn missed a two point attempt and RU was the victor, 31-12.

RU totaled 15 first downs to Dearborn's three. The Panthers ground out 173 yards rushing with Burk carrying for 111, while Dearborn was held to 73.

Richmond was 8-20 and totaled 141 yards passing compared to 3-13 and 32 yards for Dearborn.

GC West Storms Past Riverside, 16-0 Grid Ratings

By TOM DONOGHUE

Sports Editor

Garden City West splashed by Riverside 16-0 before a wet, happy homecoming crowd to remain on top of the Tri-River League with a 5-0 record.

Kennedy and Melville rode to stay right behind the Tigers with 4-1 records. West has two league games remaining. One with last place Cherry Hill next week, and with Taylor Kennedy which should prove to be the showdown battle.

"If we win next week, we will be assured a tie for the title," said West Coach Bob Draheim. "Cherry Hill (0-5) will be coming over this week with nothing to lose and they beat us last year 19-6, so it could really be a close one."

WEST ROLLED to its fifth straight victory scoring two touchdowns and two safeties and the smile by Homecoming Queen Sheryl Worthy couldn't have been bigger.

The senior class had the winning float and the Tigers had a cheerleading group of 25 dating as far back as 1966. West really showed homecoming spirit and the team gave them all the more to cheer about.

Senior halfback Bill Wilcox intercepted a Riverside pass midway in the first quarter and West had the ball on its own 46. Quarterback, Dave Wiacek, then took over and led a 30 yard pass to Tom Wolfstrom who scampered to the Riverside 25. After a roughing penalty moved the ball to the 15, Jim Simms

ramped around end for eight yards and a West touchdown.

A two point attempt failed but West led 6-0 with three minutes to go into the first quarter.

Riverside recovered a Simms fumble on the West 45 but could not move the ball and after an exchange of punts West took over on its 25 with 6:46 in the half.

Wiacek then went to the air connecting with Kirk Lewis for 11. Simms for 17 and Simms again for 35 yards and the Tigers were inside the Riverside 10.

With two minutes remaining in the half Simms rammed one yard off tackle and West led 12-0. A two point play failed again but West was rolling.

West kicked off to Riverside but Wolfstrom intercepted a Szczerba pass and West was on the move again. Wiacek fumbled on the Riverside 26. The Tigers got possession the next play with Gary Snyder jumping on a loose ball.

Steve Jacuski and Simms moved the ball to the Riverside seven but on a fourth and five play, Wiacek threw over the head of Wolfstrom and Riverside took over.

Riverside quick-kicked and West took control on its 32. Simms rumbled 19 yards for a first down and then went up the center for 15 more and another first down on the Riverside 24.

A passing attack failed and another drive was stopped. WITH FOUR and a half minutes remaining Bernie Jonka punted 54 yards to the Riverside one foot line where Mike Capra downed the ball.

Tim Dybas trapped a Riverside runner in the end zone and West had its second safety of the game, to lead 16-0.

West completely dominated the game. It rushed for 187 yards compared to 32 by Riverside. Wiacek hit on 7-15 for 126 yards while Riverside did not complete a pass.

In total yards the final tally was Garden City West 313 and Riverside 32. West collected nine first downs to two by Riverside.

West led in the fumble column, losing the ball twice on five fumbles while Riverside lost twice on three fumbles.

Simms rushed for 112 yards in 21 carries and tallied for his 11th and 12th touchdowns of the year.

"We expected this type of game," said Draheim. "We had planned to open up but the weather forced us to sit on the ball. It was our best defensive game of the year and our first shutout."

It's Cherry Hill invading West Friday night and then the big one with Kennedy the following week.

With three games remaining on the 1971 schedule, it is Redford Union, Southfield Lathrup and Brother Rice still ranked together tied for the No. 1 spot in the Observerland prep grid ratings for the 21 teams within the confines of the seven communities covered by the Observer Newspapers.

RU brushed off Dearborn, 31-12, to set the stage for the climatic Suburban Eight Conference battle for the championship next Friday at Allen Park. The Parkers are unbeaten but tied once in defense of the title they won 8 years ago when the league was known as the Suburban Six. Allen Park barely squeezed past Belleville, 7-6, last week.

Lathrup all but clinched its second straight Inter-Lakes League crown with a 23-0 route of Farmington, eliminating the Falcons from the race with their second straight loss.

Brother Rice, showing more power in each game, came from behind in the final 33 seconds to nip University of Detroit High, 27-21. It was Rice's fifth win against a tie and kept it on top in the Catholic League's Central Division.

North Farmington, defending Northwest Suburban champion who dropped a decision earlier to Oak Park in a big shocker, climbed to fourth in the ratings on the strength of a 19-6 win over Birmingham Groves. It boosted the Raiders' season record to 5-1 and 3-1 in the loop.

Garden City West remains fifth with powerful Franklin moving into sixth ahead of Bishop Borgess which suffered its first loss, taking a 26-6 whipping from Allen Park St. Cabrini.

The ratings:	W	L	T
1-Redford Union	6	0	0
1-Southfield Lathrup	6	0	0
1-Brother Rice	5	0	1
4-North Farmington	5	1	0
5-Garden City West	5	1	0
6-Franklin	4	1	1
7-Bishop Borgess	5	1	0
8-Thurston	3	2	1
9-Garden City East	4	2	0
10-St. Agatha	3	2	1



OVER HE GOES. GC West's Jim Simms smashes through the Riverside line for a touchdown in the crucial battle between the Tri-

River League rivals. It was one of Simms' two TDs in the 16-0 victory. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue).

Franklin Clips Glenn

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Franklin all but eliminated John Glenn from the Northwest Suburban title race in a crushing 22-7 battle.

North Farmington moved into first place with a 3-1 record while Franklin and Thurston trail with identical 2-1 records.

Glenn fell from first to fourth place and stands even in league play with a 2-2 record.

It was homecoming at Franklin and the Patriots didn't waste time in pleasing the festive crowd as it zipped to a 19-7 halftime lead.

WITH FOUR MINUTES

remaining in the first quarter, Franklin started a drive from the Glenn 43. On a third and five play, John Casey attempted his first pass of the afternoon to John Piippo and it was good for a first down on the Glenn 23.

Casey dropped back on the next play and fired a pass to John Wolski who sprinted the distance for a touchdown.

The attempt for extra point by Dave Morrison hit the cross-bar and went wide. It was the first PAT Morrison missed this season.

With 18 seconds remaining in the first quarter, Casey went to the air again. This time he connected with Ken Yuhasz for a first down on the Glenn 15.

Two running plays moved the ball to the 11 and Casey passed to Gary Burke for a 20 yard TD. Morrison converted and Franklin jumped ahead 19-0.

Franklin kicked off and Piippo took the ball for Glenn on his 10 and outran the Patriots, sprinting 90 yards for a TD.

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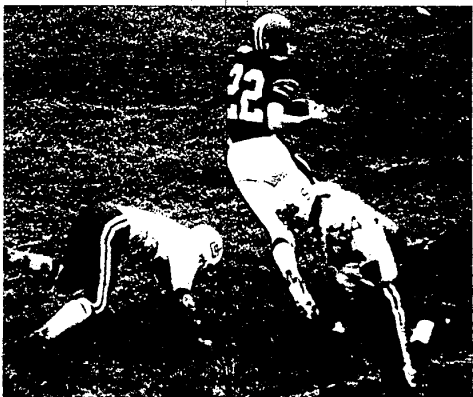
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INTO END ZONE goes Franklin's Guy Burke (22) after taking a 11 yard pass. He got behind the Glenn defenders and raced in for the score without being touched. The Patriots continued their surge with a 22-7 victory. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue).

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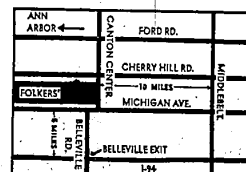
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