

Raiders Down Groves To Lead League

North Farmington took sole possession of first place in the Northwest Suburban League behind the pinpoint passing of Marty Raymond in a 19-6 win over Birmingham Groves. Raymond completed only three of five passes, but they were good for 116 yards and two touchdowns.

making it 2-2. Thurston and Franklin stand 2-1-1 each behind North Farmington at 3-1.

Thurston invades North Saturday afternoon in what could be the deciding game of the league.

THE RAIDERS didn't leave too many smiles on the homecoming crowd at Groves. They took a 13-0 halftime lead

and scored once in the fourth quarter as did Groves.

Raymond connected with Jim Fredericks early in the second quarter on a pass that netted 77 yards and a TD. Steve Piche converted and North led 13-0.

A 13 yard TD pass from Raymond to Bill Gilmour capped a 55 yard drive by North late in the second quarter. The point after was

blocked but North led 13-0 at the half.

A holding penalty against North nullified an 80 yard run by Raymond in the first half, but North had done enough damage to put a sour note in the Groves' halftime homecoming festivities.

THE RAIDERS got back on the scoreboard the first time they had the ball in the fourth

quarter with Craig Gow romping for 75 yards and a North TD.

The PAT was no good but North enjoyed a 19-0 lead.

Groves was not one to be shunted as it marched back with a 60 yard drive capped by a one yard TD plunge by Andy Chapekis. The point after was wide and the score stood at 19-6 when the final crowd at 19-6.

Bill Weaver and John

Dwyer stood out on the Raider defense with a pass interception apiece.

In total rushing, North ground out 210 yards to Groves' 203. Gow gained 191 yards and scored one touchdown for a total of 668 yards for the season with 10 touchdowns.

North holds a 5-1 season record with the lone defeat by Oak Park, now 1-3 in league

action. Groves is last in the league with a 1-3 record.

The stage is set Saturday at the Raider field with the Thurston Eagles hot off a 29-13 victory over Oak Park.

Thurston quarterback Bob Graustein has been throwing the ball lately like he owns it, but he hasn't faced the Raiders yet and they want to wrap up the Northwest Suburban title.

Rocks Get Scare

By FRED DELANO

Plymouth's Rocks will belatedly christen the new football stadium at their year-old high school Friday when for the first time ever, they host Dearborn Edsel Ford.

However, a Dad's Night throng will find Plymouth a decided underdog even though both clubs come into this contest as Suburban Eight winners from last weekend's action.

Plymouth finally found the

"big play" formula to whip Trenton 27-13, while Edsel Ford was slapping Livonia Bentley, 18-6.

FOR THE ROCKS the triumph at Trenton ended a three-game losing streak, brought their league record to 2-3, and left them at 3-3 for the season with Edsel Ford, Bentley and Farmington Harrison still to go.

After successive losses to Allen Park, Belleville and Redford Union, the Rocks bounced back Friday behind the brilliant offensive play of quarterback Jim Sillagyi and

scored for Trenton in the second period. Sillagyi made it 21-6 at halftime with another long gainer, this one going for 63 yards on the same type of rollout that had paid off earlier.

TRENTON BOUNCED back with two touchdowns in the second half that cut the Plymouth margin to 21-18 before the Rocks could mount another successful drive to put the game on ice. This was a march of 55 yards which saw Herter going the last four yards for his second touchdown of the muddy night.

The scare he got when Trenton closed the gap to 21-18, and from seeing Trenton's ball control game produce 57 plays from scrimmage to Plymouth's 32, brought from Rock Coach Tom Moshimer the post-game comment, "That's the best 0 and 6 football team I ever want to see."

After Tim Van Gotham had



SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP'S Ben Yepremian put the foot to the ball to score a field goal in the Chargers' one-sided victory over Farmington. It was the sixth of the season and 14th straight for Lathrup. (Photo by Nick Merrick).

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Stevenson Falls Short Against Pontiac

Stevenson's two point play attempt failed in the closing minutes and a Spartan rally fell short in a 14-12 loss to Pontiac Northern.

It was homecoming afternoon at Stevenson and the Spartans started off with a rush in the first quarter with Dale Haberman passing six carries to Ken Simons for a touchdown capping a 59 yard drive. The conversion was wide and Stevenson led 6-0.

THE HUSKIES recovered a

Stevenson fumble on the Spartan 37 early in the second quarter and Tom Hodges went over from the three. Dan Mathews scored on a two-point conversion to put the Huskies in front 6-6.

The Spartans trailed by two at the half but the smile by pretty Diane Dettor, as she was being crowned homecoming queen, brightened the Stevenson field.

Northern came back in the third quarter on a 96 yard drive which saw 40 yards in penalties marched off against Stevenson. The Spartans were called on two holding and one face-mask penalties.

Mathews completed the drive with a one yard spurt and a two-point attempt failed but Northern led 14-6.

Stevenson rallied in the fourth quarter on an 84 yard march highlighted by a 27

yard TD pass from Haberman to Chris Centers.

The Spartans were going for a tie on a two point play but a pass from Haberman to Neil Bowley went astray and the rally fell two points short.

"I don't know what happened to our defense on that last Northern drive," said Spartan Coach Jack Reardon. "Those three penalties really killed us. I guess the boys were just over anxious."

Stevenson picked up 14 first downs to Pontiac's 11.

Stevenson outruined Pontiac 198 to 151 yards but was outdistanced in passing, 122 to 79. Haberman completed 10 of 17 and the Huskies were 3 for 5.

Mike Orlicki led the Spartan rushers with 45 yards in 15 carries, and Simons caught five passes for 58 yards. Stevenson, 1-3 in the Interlakes Conference, travels

to Walled Lake Central Friday night.

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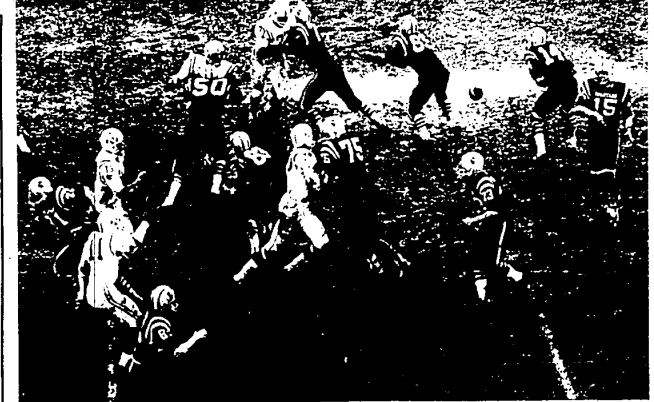
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UNLOOSING PASS TO End Kim Simon (83) for a first down against Pontiac Northern is Stevenson's Dale Haberman who had plenty of

protection. The Spartans lost to Northern, 14-12 (Photo by Bob Coleman).

Falcon Title Hopes Vanish

If Farmington had any hopes of upsetting things in the Interlakes Conference, they have all but vanished.

Undeclared Southfield Lathrup handed the Falcons their second straight league defeat in a 20-0 one-sided affair. Farmington now sits in the middle of the standings with a 2-2 record behind Lathrup and Pontiac Northern.

Farmington just couldn't get it together against Lathrup which has won 14 in a row.

Lathrup halfback Bruce Ruhl, romped for three touchdowns and a two-point conversion while fullback Larry Weinberg pounded the Falcon line for 130 yards in 21 carries.

Farmington finally put together a string of four successive first downs against Charger reserves late in the game, moving from their own 10 to the Lathrup 33 mainly on thrusts by Kevin Ratliff, Jeff Krause and Bill Marra.

This challenge died when Lathrup's starters were put back into the game by the raking-minded Lathrup Coach, Darrel Harper.

Farmington travels to Pontiac Northern Friday and a win over the Huskies will at least keep the Falcons over the 500 mark.

Prep Schedule

FRIDAY

Farmington at Pontiac Northern, 8 p.m.

West Bloomfield at Clarenceville, 8 p.m.

Bentley at Belleville, 7:30 p.m.

Churchill at Utica Eisenhower, 8 p.m.

Southfield at Hazel Park, 8 p.m.

Waterford at Southfield Lathrup, 8 p.m.

Garden City East at Lutheran West, 8 p.m.

Cherry Hill at Garden City West, 8 p.m.

Oak Park at John Glenn, 8 p.m.

Stevenson at Walled Lake Central, 8 p.m.

Redford Union at Allen Park, 8 p.m.

Dearborn Edsel Ford at Plymouth, 8 p.m.

Country Day at Lutheran East, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Thurston at North Farmington, 2 p.m.

Walled Lake Western at Harrison, 2 p.m.

Birmingham Groves at Franklin, 2 p.m.

Bishop Borgess vs. Gabriel Richard at Thurston, 2 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY WEDNESDAY

Suburban Eight Conference Meet, 3:30 p.m. at Cass Benton Park

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