

Lathrup Is Our No. 1

The high school gridiron season is over... footballs packed away... chalk boards cleaned and all the second guessing and strategies have produced another exciting season.

Southfield Lathrup holds the No. 1 position in the Observerland final ratings. The Chargers extended their unbeaten streak to 17 games in a 27-6 wrapup with Birmingham Seaholm.

Lathrup finished with its first perfect season and successfully defended its Inter-Lakes crown.

Catholic League champion Brother Rice captured the No. 2 spot with a 20-0 win over Bishop Borgess in the finale. Rice remained undefeated with an 8-0 record, a tie with Redford St. Mary at 14-14 marred a perfect season.

North Farmington moved into the No. 3 slot by virtue of its 41-13 clipping of Farmington and Redford Union's loss to Thurston.

Redford Union slipped to No. 4 rating after a 28-8 defeat at the hands of an inspired Thurston squad. RU enjoyed its best season in history, with a 7-2 record.

Garden City East moved from the No. 7 to No. 5 with a victory over crosstown rival Garden City West. East tied with Wayne for first place in the Mid-Wayne Conference, and concluded play with a 7-2 record.

Bishop Borgess ended its finest year in football with a 7-2 mark good enough for No. 6. Borgess won its division but lost to Brother Rice in the Catholic League final.

Franklin holds No. 7 with a 6-1-1 record. The Patriots tied for second with Thurston in the North-west Suburban League. Their only loss was to North Farmington.

Thurston clinched No. 8 with an upset victory over rival Redford Union to round out its season at 6-2-1.

Garden City West slipped to No. 9 with a 6-3 record. West fell to Taylor Kennedy to settle for a three-way tie in the Tri River League, and then lost to East 33-14.

John Glenn clutched No. 10 with a 5-3 record concluding play with a 13-0 win over Robichaud.

The ratings:

	W	L	T
1—Southfield Lathrup	9	0	0
2—Brother Rice	8	0	1
3—North Farmington	8	1	0
4—Redford Union	7	2	0
5—Garden City East	7	2	0
6—Bishop Borgess	7	2	0
7—Franklin	6	1	1
8—Thurston	6	2	1
9—Garden City West	6	3	0
10—John Glenn	5	3	0

Sports For Handicapped

The National Association for the Physically Handicapped is looking for physically handicapped adults who would like to participate in wheelchair sports games. Competition consists of table tennis, billiards, bowling, chess and checkers.

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NF Raiders Sparkle In Finale

North Farmington clipped the wings of the Farmington Falcons in a high-flying 41-13 crosstown battle.

It was more of a one-sided scoring effort with North pushing its 19-7 halftime lead to 33-7 by the end of the third quarter.

The Raiders finished 8-1 for the year with the lone defeat

from Oak Park which finished with only one win in the North-west Suburban League. The Raiders have compiled 19 wins in 20 games over a three-year span.

Farmington completed season play with a 3-6 record. The Falcons won three of four games but ended the season with five straight losses.

"It was a great defensive year for us," said North Farmington Coach Ron Holland. "Our defense allowed only five points a game while the offense totaled 207 points a game."

"There are three items that stand out this season," added Holland. "The first being our offensive line, the second the

running of Craig Gow and the third the sparkplug quarterbacking of Marty Raymond."

NORTH FARMINGTON took the opening kickoff and marched 70 yards with Brad Pease scoring on a 30-yard end sweep and John Dwyer converting to put North up 7-0.

Farmington struck back late in the quarter on a two-yard touchdown romp by Tony Wenson set up by a punt return of 40 yards by Lee Blodgett. Brian Chesley converted to tie the score at 7-7.

The Raiders struck twice in the second quarter on a two-yard touchdown by Raymond and a four-yard scoring loss from Raymond to Bill Gilmour.

Farmington rebounded late in the half with Wenson and Jeff Baker combining for a 20-yard pass play to the Raider eight.

With 28 seconds remaining, Raymond halted the Falcon drive on a pass interception and the half ended with North leading 19-7.

North's Tom Weaver set up the fourth Raider score on an interception at the Farmington 20. Two plays later Pease went over from the 12 for his second score.

PEASE totaled 180 yards in 32 carries to lead all rushers. Late in the third quarter North drove 60 yards with Chuck Wolfe capping the drive on a one-yard plunge. Raymond passed to Weaver for two points and North was up 33-7.

Farmington tallied early in the fourth with Bob Holton leading the Falcon charge on short passes to Jeff Baker. Baker capped the 65-yard march on a four-yard thrust, to cut the lead, 35-13.

The Raiders scored their final touchdown on a 40-yard scoring loss from Raymond to Weaver.

NORTH totaled 20 first downs to nine for Farmington, and outrushed the Falcons 380 yards to 67.

Raymond was six of 12 for 123 yards. The Falcon combination of Wenson and Holton went seven of 24 for 147 yards and four interceptions.



RAIDER ON THE PROWL -- North Farmington quarterback Marty Raymond sidesteps Farmington's Mark Walsh in a sweep around end. Raymond tossed two touchdown passes and ran for one in the Falcon conquest. (Photo by Nick Merrick)

Harrison Storms By Plymouth; Manos Rushes For 215 Yards

By FRED DELANO
The brand of football that carried Farmington Harrison to the Western Six title also led to a 28-13 mauling of the Suburban Eight's Plymouth Rocks Friday in the season's finale for both teams.

It took Coach John Herrington's Harrison club a quarter to find itself, but after spotting Plymouth an early seven points the Western Six champs grabbed an 8-7 halftime lead and then stormed to three second-half touchdowns on the sensational running of Dave Manos.

The victory enabled Harrison to close its campaign with a 5-4 mark after fielding its first football team only last year. The host Rocks dropped to a season's mark of 4-5 after finishing in a fourth place tie in league competition.

Manos personally ripped Plymouth's defense for a net of 215 yards on rushing plays, carrying on 30 of Harrison's 52 ground plays. In contrast, Plymouth's total ground attack netted only 14 yards, including just six yards in each the second and fourth quarters.

Along the way Harrison caught Plymouth flatfooted by pulling from Herrington's bag of tricks such plays as a successful run by Manos from punt formation when it was fourth and seven, a two-point conversion on a pass play from a placekick alignment, and against-the-grain bucks that continuously garbled Rock defensive assignments.

PLYMOUTH drove easily and quickly from the opening kickoff and scored a romp that was not to be when Mike Tiano plunged over from the one, with Jim Szilagyi kicking the point. A 32-yard burst by Tiano highlighted the 74-yard march, but Rock optimism was misled by the fact that Harrison hadn't yet had the ball.

Harrison put on a long drive at the opening of the second period, only to lose possession and then regain it immediately when the Rocks fumbled. The march that followed put Harrison ahead for keeps.

A pass from Chris Pagnucco to Bill Herplick gained 31 yards to the Plymouth 16 and the touchdown came on a 10-yard toss from Pagnucco to Dan McConkey. Manos passed to

Dennis Thibodeau for the two-pointer that made it 8-7.

Harrison pushed it to 15-7 in the third period when it took Manos only three runs to collect the last 39 yards of a 45-yard drive, then kicking the extra point himself.

THE FOURTH QUARTER saw Harrison boost its margin to 22-7. Manos scoring this time from the three and kicking the point, before Plymouth could find the range again. The Rocks came to life when Steve Crowther ran a

kickoff to the Harrison 40 and then lugged a Szilagyi aerial all the way to the five before Szilagyi scored on a keeper. An unsuccessful attempt to run for the two-pointer left it at 22-13.

Manos closed out the scoring when he got his third touchdown on a 20 yard cut-back after his own 22 yard sprint had put Harrison in scoring position. Plymouth stopped his plunge for the conversion, but it was 28 points and more than 200 yards too late.

NF Graduate Is Co-Captain

Norm DeCourcy, 1968 North Farmington grad, has been selected co-captain for Central Michigan University's final home football game.

DeCourcy, a six-foot, 185-pounder who lettered at quarterback in 1969 and then lost all of the 1970 campaign with a shoulder injury, has played both the wide receiver and swingback positions this fall.


He was a prep standout at North Farmington High and is expected to pass up his final year of varsity eligibility to attend law school.



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