

# Raiders Must Rebuild For Defense Of Title

The dawning of the new high school football season automatically directs the spotlight on a team that almost wasn't — North Farmington.

In 1970, the Raiders were kings of Michigan's Class A gridiron wars. They won nine of nine and cleaned up on everything possible...from the Northwest Suburban League title to the Observer Area crown to the state Class A crown.

But, those who know will tell you: "Don't cry for North Farmington. They'll be rough again."

Marty Raymond, who missed a good deal of last year with a shoulder injury, shapes up as Mahalia's replacement at quarterback, although John Dwyer is making a serious challenge for the post.

Gow's brother Craig, who was an all-conference defensive back last season, is destined to do a lot of running offensively along with Brad Pearce and Bob D'Agostino.

Chuck Wolfe and Bill Doerr are duking as the slot backs with Bill Weaver, the Fredericks brothers, Jim and Tom, and Bill Gilmour out at the ends. Tom Fredericks is a senior, Jim a sophomore.

In the line, there are Chuck Petersen at center, guards Stanton Clough, Mark Daubenmeyer and Jim Legh at the guards with Ron Crow and Dave Rotary at the tackles.



CONTACT WORK, especially on offensive maneuvers, has the attention of Farmington High gridders who finally started drills last

Monday. The Falcons have two weeks to get ready for their opener on Sept. 17. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthel)

## S'field Banks On Seniors For Winner

"The Year of the Senior..." That's the way it looks, at Southfield High School after one week of conditioning and another week of full-scale practice.

Surveying the scene, Coach Ed Bryant finds his 50 man squad is dominated by seniors and sophomores with "not too many good juniors in between."

So, at least to start the season against Southfield Lathrup a week hence, Bryant will count mostly on seniors to carry the load, although he's certain that along the way the underclassmen will blossom and work their way into the Blue Jays' picture.

THERE ARE NO tears for Bryant, although there well might be what with the losses of John Solberg, and Roger Peterman among others. Solberg ran for more yard-

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## Rocks Eye Two-Platoon System

There may be a professional look to the Plymouth High football team this fall.

If Coach Tom Moshimer's plans work out, he'll go for the two platoon system. "We certainly have the numbers to do it that way," said Moshimer after his Rocks completed two weeks of practice.

He has 55 juniors and seniors on the roster, along with 33 sophomores.

are just 13 winners of the "P" back and few played too much as starters a season ago.

ON OFFENSE only end Gary Cise and halfback Carl Hertz can be tabbed as regular returnees. They'll team with linebacker Mike Henry to serve as the Rocks' tri-captains.

Defensively, Moshimer had hoped to have the Hees twins-Dan and Dave-working together this season. Last year, it always seemed that one or the other was sidelined with an injury.

Now Dan will miss some of this season because of injury to his hand when cut by glass. He already has undergone surgery twice.

be present to carry the Hees colors.

Not only is Dave regarded a topflight defensive player, he also is one of four candidates staving a bitter fight for the quarterback slot.

Dave is the only senior of the quartet. The others-Jim Salingi, Steve Robb and Jeff Stringham-are juniors.

"It's a nice problem, having four trying for the quarterback job," says Moshimer. "There have been times when we were fortunate to have just one good one around."

"We'll be small and lack experience. Just how fast remains to be seen. But I do think we have good potential on this team."

The Rocks open against Bloomfield Andover a week from Friday and Moshimer won't have much trouble getting his charges up.

All he'll have to do is remind the Rocks that Andover carries a winning streak of something like 19 in a row.

## Defense Franklin Problem

In making comparisons, the defensive line on the Franklin High School football team this fall will look pretty small - when one remembers last year's front wall.

That's the unit which was led by all-stater Jim Craig and averaged more than 220 pounds per man.

This year's front wall will go "only around 190 pounds," said coach George Lovich.

have lines averaging 190 in the prep ranks.

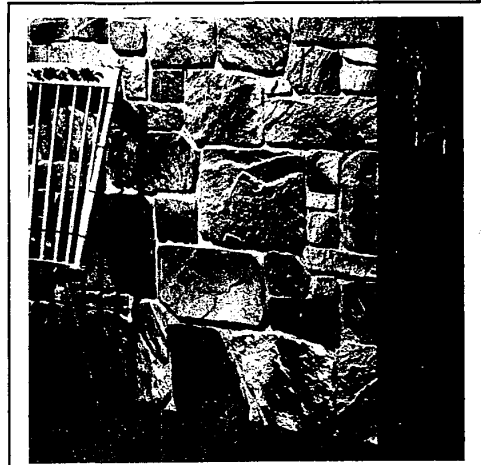
The reduction in the size of the Franklin line is just one of the problems facing Lovich as he readies Franklin for the season opener a week from Friday against Garden City West.

LOVICH IS SHY on returning starters - only two on defense and six on offense - from last year's team which had a 6-1 record, bowing only

to Center Line and North Farmington, two of the area's powerhouse.

Mark Newman and Bob Lee, both backs, are the two defensive returnees while the offensive carryovers are led by quarterback John Casey, guard Chuck Clark, end Ron Wilson, back John Pippo and the Graham twins, Mike and Rick.

Mike Graham plays tackle and Rick center. "We have a lot of it's on this team," says Lovich.



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