

# Raiders Open With Impressive Victory, 18-0

On, and on they go... Well, at least for one game, that's North Farmington again in football.

The Raiders swept through their nine games last season after winning the final two the year before. The nine straight in '70 earned North Farmington the state Class A championship.

On Saturday, a new season dawned for coach Ron Holland and his forces.

**DESPITE SOME** major losses and numerous

new faces in the lineup, the Raiders rolled to an easy 18-0 win over Pontiac Northern.

That made it 12 straight for the Raiders and a school record for consecutive victories.

Naturally, Holland was proud, especially since the season began on a strange note for all Farmington schools - the possibility there might not be any schoolboy sports if a millage vote failed.

The millage did fail, but a group of citizens came to the rescue of all the Farmington system athletes.

**MARTY RAYMOND**, taking over for All-Starter Drew Mahalic, last year's prep-of-the-year in Michigan, made an impressive debut as a first-stringer.

He hit on six passes, one for a touchdown, and teamed with sophomore Brad Pease and Craig Gow to lead the attack. Pease ran for 63 yards while Gow, following in the footsteps of his brother, Mike, an all-star last season, scored two of the North Farmington touchdowns.

A fumble recovery by Dan Rotary on the

Pontiac Northern five quickly led to Gow's first TD on a three yard scamper.

Then Raymond flipped a 28 yard scoring pass to Bill Weaver to climax a 65 yard drive.

The final North Farmington touchdown resulted from an interception when John Dwyer grabbed a pass and ran it to the Pontiac Northern 15. Moments later Gow pushed his way in from the five.

Raymond was flawless with his passes in the second half. He hit on six out of six.

# Plymouth Ends Andover Streak, 15-14

**By FRED DELANO**

Dearborn High School will be welcomed into Suburban Eight competition Friday afternoon by a surprising Plymouth football team which has been on "cloud nine" since ending Bloomfield Hills Andover's 19-game winning

streak in its non-league opener, 15-14.

Kickoff will be at 3:45 p.m. on Dearborn's Outer Drive gridiron in the only afternoon game booked for Plymouth's Rocks this season.

Dearborn and Edsel Ford of the Old Sauk Trail league both have now come into what used

to be known as the Suburban Six to give it its new designation.

**OPENING WEEKEND** results make Friday's encounter strictly a question mark between two unknown quantities, for as Plymouth was upsetting Andover the Dearbornites shut out

Southgate, 14-0. It will take further testing in their own loop before either can be called a solid title threat.

Nonetheless, Coach Tom Moshimer's Plymouth football troops, who have not known too many ecstatic moments in recent years, were a happy, screaming bunch when they

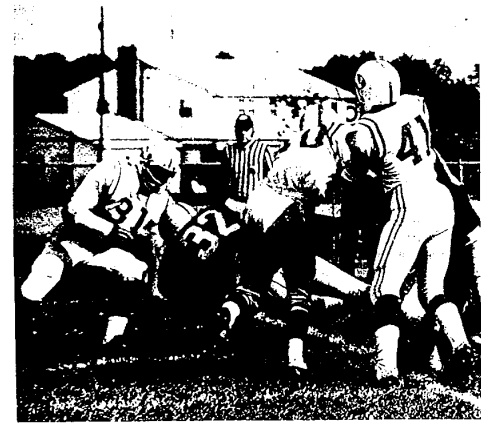
# Thurston Squeezes Past Churchill To Win, 7-6

Talk about an "old-fashion" type football game...they had one when Thurston squeezed

past Churchill, 7-6, in the non-league opener for each. It was pretty much a

defensive struggle, as reflected by the score and also the fact Churchill managed

only 25 yards rushing and 45 in the air. Thurston finished with a net of 24 yards rushing and 117 in the air.



FIRST TD of year for North Farmington is scored by Craig Gow (32), who lunges through the line to cross the final stripe. The defending state champions had an easy time beating Pontiac Northern. (Photo by Warren Bopp)

"There's no question that our defense was the best it's been in my four years at the school," said Churchill Coach Ken Kaestner.

"But, at the same time, the Thurston defense was something, too - especially their tackle, Jeff Smrka. We finally had to go the opposite way from him to make what yardage we did."

**COACH BILL McDonald** of Thurston also singled out Smrka.

"He was all over the field," said McDonald, who hopes his team will rebound from last year's fall after going 8-0 the season before.

McDonald praised the passing of Thurston quarterback Bob Graustein and the all-around offensive work of Mark Miller, who not only ran well, but also snared an 18 yard pass from Graustein for the game's only TD and figured in a 44 yard swing pass reception from Graustein.

**THURSTON** threatened early, marching to the Churchill 14 where the Livonians arose and finally forced Thurston into a fumble and recovered the ball on the Thurston 20.

Later, Churchill fumbled and with 50 seconds left in the first half, Thurston cashed in on the game's only score.

Starting from the Churchill 38, Thurston moved to the 18 on runs by Miller and a Graustein pass. Then Graustein flipped to Miller for the touchdown.

Thurston moved to the Churchill 6 in the third period, only to be stopped.

Churchill failed to make a first down in the first half, and wound up with six, one less than Thurston.

Bob Galloway and Greg Smith powered the Churchill defense which picked off three of Graustein's passes.



RACING FOR PAYDIRT is North Farmington's Bill Weaver who grabs a long pass and just keeps on going. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe).

psychological lift of which upsets are born.

**ANDOVER MARCHED** 81 yards in 13 plays to send Tom Haynes over from the one the first time the Barons had the ball, making it 8-0 on Dave Binkley's keeper. Visions of a rout were inevitable.

Szilagyi, a junior quarterback who is the son of the

Salem Hills golf pro, took the Rocks to the air and three times in the drive after the next kickoff hit receivers on third down plays to pace a scoring march of 63 yards.

He passed to Tom Matthews for 10 yards and to Rog Egloff for 14 and then 28. Finally Szilagyi sneaked the final yard over center himself, coming right back to tally the tying two pointer.

Before halftime Plymouth had a 15-8 lead, striking after Mike Henry had recovered on the Andover 24 after a pass from center had gone away when the Barons were in the fourth down punting situation. Immediately Herter broke loose to go the distance, Szilagyi kicking the extra point.

The big dramatics were saved for the final eight minutes after Andover had made it 15-14 on a 73 yard march in the third period, but missing on the run which would have been a go-ahead conversion.

Dan Kuzma, son of an outstanding University of Michigan halfback of three decades ago, was sent into the Plymouth line 11 times in those final minutes as the Barons moved from their own 20 to a first down at the Plymouth four when only 38 seconds remained to play.

Three tries netted three yards when four were needed, and it was Egloff who stopped Kuzma just short of the goal as time ran out.

# Oak Park Rally Sinks C'ville In Thriller

A brilliant passing display by Paul Simon wasn't able to save the night for Clarendeville High in its opening football game of the season.

Although Simon tossed for all three touchdowns, the Trojans still went down to a 24-21 loss at the hands of Oak Park when the Parkers came on strong with an 18 point uprising in the second half.

**HIS TOUCHDOWN** tossing feast, Simon:

- 1 - Connected on a 12 yarder to Terry Laird to cap a drive in which the Trojans moved 65 yards in nine plays. Laird kicked the conversion.
- 2 - Then he tossed a two yarder to Jim Hover to wrap up a 52 yard drive which required eight plays - the big one a 33 yard toss from Laird to Hover.

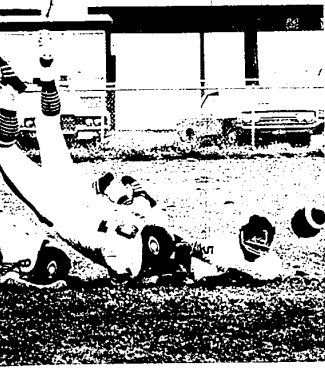
**Scores Ace**

Herb Lane, of 14853 Ingram, Livonia, saw lightning strike twice when he registered a hole-in-one on the 160 yard, No. 3 hole at Birch Hill golf course.

Herb fired a perfect six-iron shot and the ball landed in the middle of the green and popped into the cup.

It was the second ace for Herb who had his first at Bobolink in 1957.

He had just taken a membership in the Hole-In-One Golfers Association and the ace may net a trip to Bermuda. Herb expects to hear more about the trip later in the month.



FUMBLES WERE numerous as Thurston nipped Churchill in the opening game. Doug Ebersole (72) of Churchill, loses the ball when tackled and Jim Watson (85) reaches up to recover for the Chargers. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring).

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