

BLOCKED PUNT leads to a touchdown in this sequence of pictures. Farmington Harrison's Dennis Thibodeau (32) rushes in to block the kick by Glenn's Mickey Stein (33). Jim Hagan (68) also rushes. Note ball flying towards end zone.

Spartans Get A Rough Go

Over the years, one has heard so much on how mighty the Saginaw Valley High School League football teams are.

In particular, the spotlight has shown on Bay City Central, a frequent state champ; Midland and Flint Northern.

At first glance one might say that Bay City Central is gigantic again, especially after its 30-0 win over Livonia Stevenson.

"SURE, THEY HAVE a nice team up there," said Coach Jack Reardon of Stevenson after returning to his home base.

"But, let me say this: We have teams right around here I think are just as good as Bay City or any of those other teams up there."

"The team we had at Stevenson a couple of years ago was a fine one which could play against anybody. The North Farmington team of last season...Southfield Lathrup...they were just as strong as Bay City Central in my book."

Despite the score, Reardon wasn't too disappointed. "We're young and this kind of experience of playing a team like Bay City could help us in our league season which starts next Saturday (when Stevenson hosts defending champion Lathrup at 2 p.m.)"

THREE long-distance touchdowns in short order by Kevin Nixon just about killed off the Stevenson chances. One TD came on a 59 yarder, another on a 50 yarder, the other on a 75 yard run.

Stevenson managed only 33 yards rushing, but Dale Haberman did hit on three passes out of 14 for 70 yards.

His big loss was to Russ Lewis for 48 yards just before the first half ended. The strike carried Stevenson to the Bay City 22 for the only major threat the Livonians had all evening.

But time ran out before another play.

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RU Overpowers Bentley, 27-0

Redford Union shut out Bentley for the third year in a row in its opening Suburban Eight game.

RU took control from the opening kickoff and whitewashed Bentley, 27-0.

The Panthers scored once in each of the first two quarters to lead at the half 14-0, and tallied twice in the fourth to complete the scoring.

Tom Burk, RU wingback, kept the Bentley defense going in circles as he chalked up 177 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns to raise his season total to five.

THE PANTHERS struck with a little over six minutes gone when quarterback Glenn Richmond pitched to Burk on the 45. He found running room on the right, broke a tackle at the Bentley 40 and outran the safety for a 55 yard touchdown gallop. Richmond converted and RU led 7-0.

A pass interception by Bentley's John Sullivan late in the first quarter halted another RU drive.

Midway through the second quarter a pass interception by Bentley halted a drive as Tom Wornick picked off an RU pass on the Bentley 10.

With five minutes left in the half, RU started a drive from its own 37. With seven seconds remaining on the clock, Richmond connected with his tight end, Dean Waudt for a seven yard TD play. Richmond kicked the extra point and RU led 14-0.

Bentley managed to pick up its first - first down with two minutes left in the third quarter when Brian Gates plunged for a two yard gain on the Bentley 19.

With seven minutes remaining, RU started another drive from 22. On the first play, Burk ran for 15 yards. After grinding out the clock and picking up yardage, Burk went over from the five and Richmond kicked the PAT to give RU a 21-0 lead.

A Bentley punt went astray and RU was deep in Bulldog territory again. Fullback Paul Matthews went over from the one to complete the scoring, 27-0.

Leading the defensive attack were: Ron Respondek with 16 tackles, Mike Burk with 13 and Tom Burk with 11.

RU accounted for 239 yards rushing and 22 yards passing in picking up 11 first downs. Richmond hit on only four of 20 passes, but at least 10 losses slipped through his receivers hands.

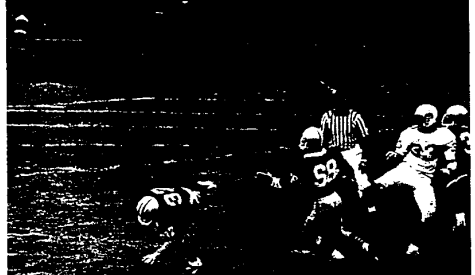
knocking on the goal door with the ball on the three and five minutes to play.

THE ROOF FELL in on Harrison as Thibodeau plunged toward the goal line and the ball squirted loose - John Lee of Glenn fell on the fumble on the one and the drive was halted.

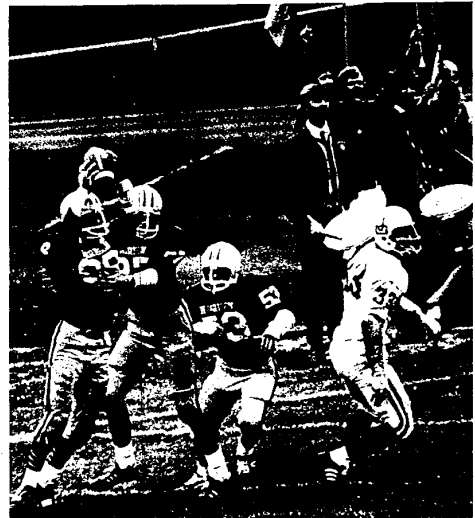
Glenn took control and the gun sounded with a 14-7 score. The game was marred by penalties with a total of 159 yards marched off.

John Glenn outdistanced Harrison in rushing and passing yardage-141 to 111 and 26 to 15.

Stein carried the ball 29 times in picking up 118 yards for John Glenn while Manos managed 75 yards in 20 carries for Farmington.



ALL EYES are on the ball and Hagan starts racing after it while Stein, still unbalanced from the block, also looks at the pigskin.



TOUCHDOWN!! Hagan grabs the ball in the end zone as two teammates rush up to congratulate him. Stein just stands by and watches the happy Harrison players. (Photo sequence by Tom Donoghue)

Lathrup, Jays Lose Loop Meets

Stevenson High's cross country team opened its Upper-Lakes Conference season on a winning note by capturing five of the first six places in downing Southfield Lathrup, 19-36.

Dave Mathias, of Stevenson, took individual honors with Bill Jordan, of Lathrup, second.

Then came four Stevenson Royal Oak Kimball zipped runners-Bill Walker, Pat past Southfield High, 19-40, in Opsommer, Paul Walchski a Southeastern Michigan Association meet.

Dale Henry led Southfield, placing second. Kevin Tim Bell, Rick Driscoll and Bob Feldstein, of Lathrup, Charzensky and Bill Rubin, of took the next three spots with the Blue Jays, took seventh, Tim Duffy of Stevenson, 10th, and eighth, respectively.

Glenn Comes From Behind To Sink Harrison, 14-7

John Glenn overcame a 7-6 halftime deficit to topple Farmington Harrison in the rain Saturday 14-7.

The defensive units of both teams provided the first half scoring.

With 20 seconds remaining in the first quarter, John Glenn's John Lee intercepted a pass on the Harrison 32 and scampered the distance for the score. The extra point failed but Glenn led 6-0.

WITH A MINUTE left in the half, Glenn was forced to punt deep in its own territory. Dennis Thibodeau, of Harrison, charged in to block a Mickey Stein punt and guard Jim Hagan fell on the ball in the end zone for a score.

Dave Manos split the uprights for the extra point and Harrison led at the half, 7-6.

At the half, John Glenn had 84 yards rushing to Harrison's 42, Mickey Stein, of Glenn, picked up 82 of the 84 yards in 14 carries.

After an exchange in the third quarter, a personal foul against Harrison gave the ball to John Glenn on Farmington's 20. Mickey Stein and David Wesley carried deep into Farmington territory where Stein went over from the five on a left tackle slant.

A David Wesley to Steve Peppler pass gave John Glenn a two point conversion and a 14-7 edge.

Harrison came back on a drive that started from its 37. Manos started picking up yardage and Harrison was

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