



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 Heardon of Stevenson after returning to his home base.

"But, let me say this: We think 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 was last season. Southfield Lathrup, though, were just as strong as Bay City Central in my book."

Despite the score, Heardon 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 35 yards rushing, but Dale Haberman did hit on three passes out of 14 for 70 yards.

His big toss 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 League 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, 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 Wornak 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, RU's Tom Wornak scored with his tight end, Brian Gates, 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 its 22. On the first play, Burk ran for 15 yards, then grinding out the rest of the drive, Burk went over the top and Richmond kicked the PAT to give RU a 21-0 lead.

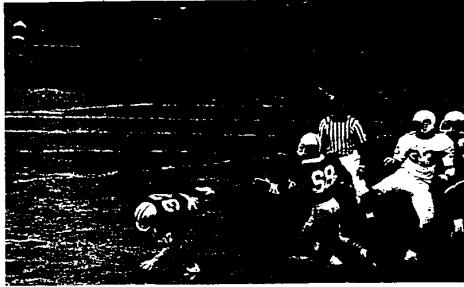
A Bentley punt went astray

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

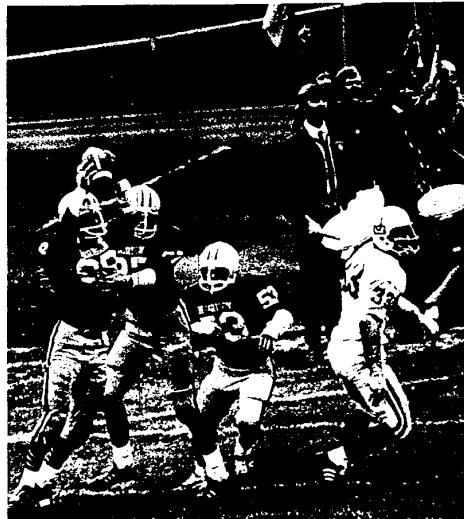
Leading the defensive attack were: Ron Respondek with 16 tackles, Mike Burk with 13 and Tom Burk with 11.

RU accounted for 239 yards rushing and 42 yards passing in picking up 11 first downs. Richmond hit on only four of 20 passes, but at least 10 passes slipped through his receivers.

Bentley went 10 yards and saw a sign on



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 Iber-Lakes Conference season on a winning note by capturing one 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

runners: Bill Walker, Pat

Opsommer, Paul Walcheski

and Kevin Maley.

Tim Bell, Rick Driscoll and

Bob Fidstola, of Lathrup,

placed second. Kevin

Charnecky and Bill Rubin,

took the next three spots with

Tim Duffy of Stevenson, 10th.

Royal Oak Kimball zipped past Southfield High, 19-40, in a Southeastern Michigan Association meet.

Dale Henry led Southfield,

placing second. Kevin

Charnecky and Bill Rubin,

placed seventh and eighth, respectively.

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