

RU Blanks Rocks For 5th Straight, 28-0

By RICHIE

Clawing as only a Panther can, Redford Union demonstrated to a Plymouth homecoming crowd of more than 5,000 why it is rated one of the area's best football machines and a heavy favorite to win the 1971 Suburban Eight League crown.

This is the first year for the Suburban Eight, formerly the Suburban Six, which added Dearborn and Dearborn Edsel Ford to its rolls this season.

Thus it would make RU Coach Bob Atkins a very happy gent if he could annex the championship in the first year. The Panthers ripped the Rocks, 28-0.

Plymouth fans, and the entire Rock football squad, had heard of the Panther power well in advance of the game but few believed what they heard. Now they are thoroughly convinced that RU has an outfit that could go all the way and perhaps become a prime contender for the mythical state title.

At the moment Atkins is busy with plans for the meeting with Dearborn Friday night at Hubert Field but he also is looking ahead one week beyond that to the game at Allen Park which could be the key contest of the entire season.

THE PARKERS, after an early season tie with Edsel Ford, have blanked three straight league foes in defense of the crown they won a year ago. Their latest victim was Livonia Bentley by 35-0.

"We know that Allen Park is the team we have to beat," said Atkins, "but we still have to play each game as it comes up. Right now we are getting ready for Dearborn and then we'll focus our sights on the Parkers. It should be one of the most interesting games of the year in the league."

With spectacular Tom Burk leading the way, RU took the opening kickoff and 12 plays and less than five minutes later it had a touchdown with Tom Tullock going over from the three and Bill Humphrey converting for a 7-0 lead.

That was to be the pattern for the entire evening with Burk collecting 120 yards in 23 rushes. RU totaled 261 yards while holding the Rocks to a mere 61.

RU's first drive started on the RU 44. Burk had a first down on the Plymouth 44 in three thrusts. Tullock picked up four and Burk made it a first down on the 30.

THEN IT WAS BURK. Tullock and Burk moved to the 12. Burk made four in two plays and Tullock blasted through to the Plymouth three for a first down. Tullock completed the march through guard and the Panthers were on the board with 7:43 showing on the clock.

The homecoming crowd had hardly recovered from that shock until the Panthers scored again just three minutes later.

Plymouth took the kickoff to the 25. Three plays netted barely four yards and Ron Egloff punted to Lupe Brave who sped back to the Plymouth 47.

Burk smashed through tackle for four and Tullock was stopped trying to skirt right end.

Then Quarterback Glenn Richmond dropped back, received airtight protection and whipped a long pass to End Joe Randolph who was 10 yards behind the nearest Plymouth defender and he stepped into the end zone for the score. The play covered 41 yards. Humphrey converted and RU had a 14-0 lead with the clock showing 4:08.

RU ate up the 56 yards in eight plays. Two passes by Richmond to Dean Nandi for 12 and to Bob Elard for 25 yards placed the ball on the Plymouth 7.

It took Burk two charges through guard to score. Humphrey converted for the third straight time and RU was in front 21-0.

Again, RU struck quickly for the final score in less than three minutes.

It came when Egloff's punt was blocked by Humphrey and picked up by Tullock who scampered the remaining 19 yards for the TD. Humphrey made it four and the final score was RU 28, Plymouth 0.

GC West Finally Beats Southgate For 5th Win

Unbeaten Garden City West added Southgate to its list of victims. The Tigers rolled over Southgate 30-7 and to add to the sweetness of victory, it was the first West victory ever over Southgate.

West stands 4-0 in the tough Tri-River League with Kennedy, Riverside and Melvindale a step behind with 3-1 records. Riverside invades West this weekend in a key league battle.

The win over Southgate was also the first time the Tigers have ever won on Saturday.

SOUTHGATE struck first when it capitalized on a West turnover to score on an eight yard run. The point after was good and Southgate led 7-0 at the end of the first quarter.

West bounced back in the second quarter on a drive started from its own 28. Jim Simms dove over from the one after Dave Wiacek sparked an aerial attack. Wiacek passed to Kirk Lewis for a two-point conversion and West was holding on to a slim 8-7 half-time lead.

West entered the field a different team the second half. They completely dominated the game in the style they have shown all year.

THE TIGERS marched 67 yards early in the third quarter with Wiacek passing twice to Steve Jacumski to set up a two yard TD pass to Tom Wolfstrom. PAT was no good but West was rolling.

A Southgate fumble on the 47 paved the way for another Tiger tally with Simms sprinting over from the three. A Wiacek to Wolfstrom pass was good for a two point conversion and West led 22-7.

With a little over four minutes remaining in the game, Bill Wilcox galloped 17 yards to paydirt and Wiacek connected with Wolfstrom again to complete the afternoon's scoring, 30-7.

The Tigers grounded out 194 yards rushing and 104 yards in the air on eight of 16 passes.

Simms continued his four game streak of 100 yards by piling up 106 yards in 20 carries.

Southgate could only manage 60 yards on the ground and but 36 in the air in compiling a total of 96 yards gained.

West entertains Riverside Friday and it is homecoming at Garden City. Riverside blasted the Tigers last year 42-6 but West Coach Bob Draheim has something else in store this year.



TOUCHDOWN... John Glenn's Denny Finelrock (40) is way behind a North Farmington defender and takes a long pass from Dave Wesley for a 44-yard touchdown play. It was the lone score for Glenn which dropped a 13-7 decision to the Raiders. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue).

Undefeated Borgess Blanks Aquinas, 12-0

Undefeated Bishop Borgess rolled to its fourth shutout and fifth victory of the season against Aquinas in a game that saw no scoring until the eight minute mark of the final quarter.

Borgess tallied twice in the last four minutes to win 12-0.

AQUINAS CAME closest to scoring the first half when it got down to the Borgess four yard line on a second down play. The Borgess defense, which has allowed only seven points all season, put a goal-line stand together and held.

Midway through the fourth quarter Borgess started a drive from its 35. Quarterback Jerry Sharon went to the air and Borgess was on the move. He completed five passes and hit Mark Szpond on a five yarder to put Borgess on the board.

The kick for extra point was blocked but Borgess led 6-0 with four minutes to play.

Brian Karol put the "icing on the cake" for Borgess when he picked off an Aquinas pass on his own 40 and raced 60 yards to score. A two point pass play failed but Borgess contained Aquinas in the closing minutes.

Aquinas outruled Borgess 140 yards to 76 but Borgess's aerial attack accounted for 120 yards with Sharon going 9-16. Aquinas was held to only 20 yards in the air, and due mainly to the fine defensive work of Tim Debeliso who broke up one pass play after another.

Parkers Rip Bentley For Fourth Win

Bentley discovered, much to its dismay, that Allen Park is on the move again for another league championship. The Parkers rolled over the Bulldogs 35-0.

"It wasn't a typical 35-0 ball game," said Bentley Coach Glen Goode, after Allen Park scored its third straight shutout in Suburban Eight action.

"We hit good but they were too quick for us. They have good team speed but they had to fight for the yardage," added Goode. "That Redford Union-Allen Park game is going to be one heck of a battle."

Bentley stands 1-2-1 in league competition.

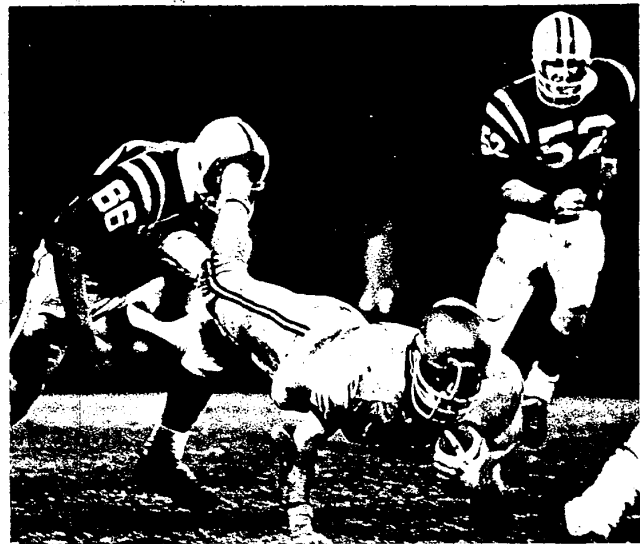
Allen Park quarterback, Neal Leonard, passed to Tim Bencher on a 31 yard play to account for the only other score.

Bentley could only manage 54 yards to Allen Park's 311. The Bulldogs crossed the midfield stripe only once and that was on the last play of the game.

Allen Park now stands with three wins and one tie while Redford Union holds a 4-0 league record. Allen Park has its sights on the Oct. 29 encounter with Redford Union.

Bentley plays host Friday to Dearborn Edsel Ford and the Bulldogs hope to give a homecoming crowd something to cheer about.

IN THE CLEAR on one of his three touchdown sprints is Garden City East's Dennis Burton (20) as he outruns an Annapolis defender. Burton was the big reason for East crushing its league rival.



BUSIEST MAN on the field at the Redford Union-Plymouth game was RU's Tom Burk. The speedy back did most of the ball carrying for his team and kept the Rocks humping all night to stop him. Burk just keeps crawling in this action after being tripped by a tackler. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe).

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