

Franklin Breaks Loose To Skin Oak Park

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It was a long time coming but the Franklin Patriots finally broke loose with all of the power expected of them earlier in the year and literally scalped the Oak Park Redskins, 43-20.

Upset victors over North Farmington two weeks earlier to end a long Raider win streak, the Redskins were helpless against the fire-up Patriots who still have a chance to win it all in the Northwest Suburban League.

Franklin will go after its second straight league triumph Saturday when it entertains neighboring John Glenn which was stopped by N. Farmington after winning two conference games.

Franklin rushed for 300 yards in overpowering Oak Park. Five Patriots shared the scoring honors with John Pippio tallying twice.

"I am just happy that my kids got this win under their belt after that tie with Thurston and loss to North Farmington," said Coach George Lovich.

FRANKLIN SCORED 15 points in the second quarter, seven in the third and finished

with 21 points in the fourth. Oak Park tallied for 14 in the second and six in the fourth.

Franklin started a drive midway through the first quarter from its own 18 and finally pushed the ball over on the first play of the second quarter when John Casey pitched to Pippio who romped eight yards around left end. Dave Morrison converted and Oak Park led 7-0.

Franklin rebounded three plays later with Tony Craighead sprinting 35 yards for a TD and Edward Bradford scoring a two point play to put the Parkers in the lead 8-7.

Franklin came back with an aerial attack from its own 35. Casey hit Joe Jimett on a 29 yard TD play and John Wolaki on the conversion to put the Patriots in front to stay 15-8.

Oak Park started plays without a huddle but the Patriot defense was set and ready.

With one minute remaining in the half, Willie Rankins returned a Franklin punt 70 yards for a touchdown and Oak Park went for the two point play and the lead. Franklin's Bob Lee intercepted the extra point play in the end zone and Franklin held a 15-14 halftime lead.

The Redskins defense found the Patriots too much too handle in the second half.

CASEY STARTED things off with a keeper play that netted 30 yards and a touchdown. Morrison converted and the score was 22-14.

A 25 yard punt return by Mark Newman set up the next Patriot score with Pippio galloping 21 yards for his second TD of the day.

Morrison's kick was good and Franklin led 29-14.

Franklin flashed back on the scoreboard when Bill Archer recovered a Redskins fumble in the end zone, for the Patriots

with Morrison's kick, the Patriots led 42-20.

Franklin bested Oak Park in the first down department, 13-6 and outrushed the Redskins 300 to 85. The passing attack is where the tide changed. Oak Park hit on four of 12 passes

for 170 yards while Franklin hit on seven of nine for only 47 yards.

Pippio was the game's leading ground gainer with 87 yards in 14 carries. Dennis Schick followed with 64 yards and Casey with 53.

Grid Ratings

Southfield Lathrup, Redford Union and Brother Rice, each with five victories in stiff competition, share the No. 1 spot in the weekly Observer/land football ratings.

Each has a powerful team, both offensively and defensively, and the Observer sports panel couldn't make a choice and decided to have three co-leaders.

Each is leading its respective league and each is in an excellent position to wind up as the 1971 champion.

Lathrup made the strongest bid for the top spot with a victory over a stubborn Pontiac Northern team that refused to quit even though pitted against the defending Inter-Lakes Conference champion. The Chargers rolled to their fifth straight and 13th in a row over a two year period.

Redford Union paced by the spectacular Tom Burk and Glenn Richmond crushed Plymouth, 29-0, in impressive style. The Panthers get their stiffest assignment of the year in two weeks against defending Suburban Eight champion Allen Park. The Parkers are unbeaten in league play but were tied early in the season by Edsel Ford.

Brother Rice showed its power in a 21-7 triumph over Notre Dame in the Catholic League's Central Division. It was No. 5 for Rice and stamped it as the team to beat for the title.

Garden City West moved into the No. 4 spot off its record of five in a row with unbeaten Bishop Borgess ranked No. 5.

	W	L	T
1-Southfield Lathrup	5	0	0
1-Redford Union	5	0	0
1-Brother Rice	5	0	0
4-Garden City West	5	0	0
5-Bishop Borgess	4	1	0
5-N. Farmington	4	1	0
7-Franklin	2	2	1
8-Thurston	3	2	0
9-Farmington	3	2	0
10-Garden City East	3	2	0



WITH PATH cleared by blockers, Franklin's Bruce Vogt breaks into the clear for long yardage against Oak Park. The Patriots showed amazing power in a 43-20 triumph. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Bob Graustein's Passes Pace Thurston Victory

Thurston's Bob Graustein enjoyed his finest prep day at the quarterback in unleashing a lethal aerial assault against Birmingham Groves. He completed 19 of 30 passes for 222 yards to pace the Eagles to an easy 26-6 win.

Thurston and Franklin each stand at 1-1-1, trailing John Glenn and North Farmington tied with 2-1 records in the Northwest Suburban League. Groves was first on the scoreboard when Graustein fumbled on his 20 and Birmingham went in to score. The point after was blocked by Dave Harding but Groves enjoyed a second quarter 6-0 lead.

On the next kickoff, Thurston's Gary Chappell sprinted 96 yards only to have the TD called back on a clipping penalty. Thurston bounced back on a 60 yard drive highlighted by a five yard pass from Graustein to Scott Irwin who lateraled to Greg Scott for a touchdown. Chappell ran the two point PAT and Thurston led 8-6.

Graustein connected with Mark Miller on a nine yard pass play and with Miller's conversion, the Eagles held a 15-6 halftime lead.

Ray Ivey hauled in a 27 yard pass from Graustein for a first quarter score and Miller converted to put Thurston ahead 22-6. Graustein concluded a fourth quarter drive

on a 10 yard touchdown pass to Graustein with Miller splitting the uprights on the PAT, 29-6.

Thurston rounded out its scoring with John Stein passing 30 yards to Ron Piche, and Miller converting.

GRAUSTEIN and Miller combined to give Thurston a 1-

2 scoring punch with Graustein throwing four touchdown passes and Miller catching two and kicking four extra points.

"We shut them out pretty good after they scored," said Thurston Coach Bill McDonald. "We needed a game like this and every kid got to play."

Thurston hosts Oak Park Saturday.

"I believe we can end up tied with Franklin for the Northwest Suburban lead," added McDonald. "Franklin should beat Glenn and we have that big one left with North Farmington."



STILL MOVING after taking a short pass from Quarterback Bob Graustein is Thurston's Mark Miller who dropped momentarily but didn't allow a knee to touch and then went on for a long gain. Graustein completed 19 of 30 passes as the Eagles stormed past Groves, 36-6. (Photo by Nick Merrick)

Churchill Wins Wayne Invitational

Churchill's harriers took the first three places to capture the Wayne Invitational.

The Chargers compiled a score of 27 followed by Garden City West with 49 and John Glenn with 73.

Finishing one, two, three for Churchill were Denis Kurdis (12:54), Mark Kobylarz (13:22) and Randy Saletnik (13:35).

Mark Kappler placed 10th and John Kaminsky 11th to round out the Churchill scoring.

Stevenson Ends Slump, Smashes Waterford 44-0

It took five games but Livonia Stevenson finally broke into the win column, and what a way — 44-0 over Waterford.

From the opening kickoff it was Stevenson all the way. In the first set of downs Dale Haberman passed 45 yards to Chris Centers and the Spartans led 6-0 at the end of the first.

WATERFORD FUMBLED on its two yard line and Spartan Ron Fedraw recovered. Mike Orlicki went over from the two and ran a two point play to give Stevenson a 14-0 halftime lead.

The Spartans ran the score up to 35-0 in the third quarter on three touchdown drives. Chuck Babcock highlighted a 95 yard drive on a three yard plunge. Haberman passed 23 yards to Centers to finish a 40 yard drive and Babcock galloped four yards to end another 40 yard march.

Mike Assemany converted on all three touchdowns.

Ken Simon and Centers tackled the Waterford quarterback in the end zone for a Spartan sprinted four yards in climaxing a 34 yard drive to conclude the Stevenson onslaught 44-0.

THE SPARTAN defense held Waterford to only 18 plays on the ground. Waterford passed 4-11 in totaling 42 yards while on the ground it was a minus-31.

Stevenson collected 228 yards on the ground and 95 in the air on 4-8 passes.

Turnovers told the story for Waterford. It had two passes intercepted and lost five of seven fumbles. Recovering for Stevenson were Dan McLinden, Fedraw, Mike Taylor, and Brian Pertie.

Orlicki led the rushing with 75 yards in 13 carries. Babcock followed with 73 yards and Bien with 32.

"We had a great third quarter," said Coach Jack Reedford. "Everything we did turned out right, and everything they did turned against them."

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