

# Farmington Scores Over Bentley in Opener

Maybe the worm has changed for Farmington High School in football.

Coch John Hayes' team has been suffering many a lump in recent years.

But last Friday evening, under the lights and in the rain at Bentley High, Farmington started the 1964 campaign on a happy note—19-2 victory over Bentley.

Thus, Farmington:—Got even for 194 loss administered by Bentley a year ago.

—Posted its first opening day triumph in five years.

—There were many happy things for Coach Hayes to talk about.

He liked the way Roy Leach,

Bruce Charles, Dick Johnson and Ron Cleveland ran with the pigskin. Cleveland's passing also drew some orchids.

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Passing saw Farmington gain 47 yards, while in first down it was 8 for Farmington and 15 for Bentley.

Coach Larry Jolner of Bentley wasn't too sad.

"We have a great many sophomores playing for us," he declared. "Our quarterback, Nick Bender, did a fine job, considering his inexperience."

Ponder hit on 7 of 20 tries in the rain.

His pet receivers were Bill Woods and Phil Maynard.

John Plumley led most of the running attack that Bentley was able to muster.

After Bentley had shocked Farmington by recovering the ball on the latter's 30 following

the initial kickoff, Farmington quickly regained the ball on another fumble.

An exchange of punts followed and finally Farmington had the ball back on its own 30. It was from there, the first touchdown drive started.

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Leach again tallied in the third period on a five-yarder to wrap up the Farmington scoring.

Bentley didn't threaten until the final period, but the Farmington line and defense with such personages as Dick Lesway, Mike Perry, Johnson, Charles, Skovits, Mitchell Ray Lardie and Terry Nielsen held his ground.

A fumble in the end zone on punt formation resulted in the safety which gave Bentley its only two points of the night.

Both schools will be in action Friday afternoon at Farmington hosts Plymouth at 3:30 o'clock. At the same hour, Bentley will try to hit the winners' circle at Dearborn High School.



TOUCHDOWN BOUND is Fullback around end. The hard-driving senior Roy Leach, of Farmington High, despite score twice in Farmington's opening day triumph, was held Bentley victory by a 19-2 count at Bentley. High tacklers to stop him on a drive

## Plymouth Finds Mustangs Rough

Game No. 1 ended on a happy note for Plymouth High School's football team.

The Rocks squeaked past Northville in the first Friday night game, and a squeaker it was.

Also the Rocks had plenty of scores.

The fact is, had it not been for Northville's generosity, Plymouth could have walked off a loser.

The first Plymouth touchdown followed the recovery of a blocked punt on the Northville one.

The second Rocks' TD resulted from the recovery of a bad pass from center on the Northville 10.

The third score came on an intercepted pass with just eight seconds left to go in the game.

"I think this game should prove that we are not a powerhouse as some seem to think," said Mike Hoben, who now is under way in his final year as head coach at Plymouth.

"Remember, I've been saying we had too many young kids... and had some problems up front because of inexperience. We still have these headaches."

But Hoben might have to admit that some of his young men grew up—and grew up in a hurry—Friday night.

After Plymouth had taken a 13-0 lead, Northville came bounding back.

A touchdown in the third period and another midway through the fourth had lifted Northville within a point of a tie.

On the kickoff to Plymouth following the second Northville TD, the Rocks fumbled.

Yep, you guessed it... Northville recovered on the Rocks' 28.

Things didn't look so hot for the Rocks at the juncture. Northville was all fired up... and some of the steam had been taken out of the Plymouth sails.

But the young forwards of Plymouth, getting their first real test under pressure, showed who was the boss.

The Northville charge was ward off and then in the fading seconds... Gary Grady removed all the pressure by streaking for a touchdown with an intercepted pass.

Plymouth scored early when Dave Eisenold and Co. of the Rocks poured through to block a Northville kick. Eisenold recovered it on the Northville 3. Grady socked over from the one and the conversion, Plymouth had a 7-0 edge.

In the second period, a bad pass from center at Northville (Continued on Page 3)



FLIPPING THE COIN for the season opener in Plymouth is Referee Leo Turner who calls for Capt. John Mach (30), of Northville High, to make the call, while Capt. and Halfback Gary Grady, of the Rocks, looks on. Northville won the toss but Plymouth started the year with a thrilling 19-12 victory.

## R. Union Drops Bedford Easily

There are still some problems to be solved at Redford Union high school.

Football Coach John Rogers needs to find more depth. He has to do something about reducing the number of mistakes his charges make.

But Rogers has to admit he was most delighted with the showing Redford Union made last Friday night in downing Bedford, 29-6, in the season's opening game.

Bedford came to Redford Union with a bigger and heavier team. At the hand, however, it was Bedford, not R. U. which was thoroughly beaten.

Defensively and offensively, R. U. turned in a fine effort.

The running of Eric Bargo and Terry Shirkey, the latter 120-pounds when wringing wet, electrified the crowd.

But so did the passing of Harry Kendrick who hit on 13 out of 15 attempts, despite the fact he was called upon to fire a very wet kick.

Mike Fritz, as expected, was Kendrick's favorite receiver and Fritz turned in several, making catches with rivals hanging all over him.

The outcome probably would have been a little more lopsided had not R. U. lost two touchdowns on penalties. Bedford had one score wiped out by the dropping of a rep.

Ironically, the two nullified R. U. scores came on thrilling plays.

Bentley stroked 65 yards to paydiant, but a clipping foul was detected way back.

Then Kendrick teamed with Ernie Bourassa on a 60-yard

pass-run play which had the R. U. fans shrieking until they noticed the referee stepping off a 15-yarder against R. U. for illegal use of the hands.

The first R. U. touchdown capped a 60-yard march. Vargo and Shirkey did the bulk of the running until R. U. reached the Bedford 10.

At this point, Kendrick dropped back... pegged neatly to Fritz in the clear and the Bedford 10.

A 40-yard movement on the ground led to the second R. U. touchdown. Shirkey went the final eight yards to put the R. U. lead to 13-0 at halftime.

In the third period, Bargo scooted off on a long gallop to the Bedford 30. A Kendrick pass and a Bargo run moved the ball up to the Bedford one from where Kendrick slammed over for the touchdown.

Bedford's lone TD came in the third period on a 50-yard march.

Statistically, Bedford had a 14-10 edge in first downs... R. U. had an overall edge in yardage, 320-253. Of the R. U. total, 133 came through the air.

The defensive work of Charles Stock, Pat Rice, Keith Hirshon, Bill Melin, Curt DeLoye and especially Jimmy Johnson had to thrill R. U. Coach Rogers to the hilt.

Johnson intercepted two Bedford passes. Both came at clutch times. After one grab, speedster Johnson ran the ball back 50 yards.

This Friday night, R. U. hosts Franklin at 8 p.m.

"I'll learn more about our kids in this one," says Rogers.

## SPORTS OBSERVER

By George Maskin

Nothing irritates the operator of this column more than to hear editors spout off about the modern teenagers.

You hear charges that:

- 1—The kids are terrible.
- 2—They're lax.
- 3—They don't show any consideration.
- 4—They have no heart.
- 5—They're either boys for girls crazy.
- 6—School and school pride mean nothing.

We could expound at great length on all these items. But, since they are out of order, we won't.

Instead we like to talk about the NICER kids in the teenage class... and that has to constitute the bulk of the ever-growing list.

We wish that all who read these words could have been in our shoes the other evening when we served as the umpire in the North Farmington-Clarenceville game at Clarenceville.

Standing among the young teenagers, you get to appreciate more and more how really TOPS they are.

At one juncture, all of the North Farmington players literally in union shouted to another:

"We have to get this one for Marty?"

Being a snooty sort of a guy, we asked one of the big linemen: "Who's Marty?"

The young man came right back with his answer as we waited for timeout to end.

"He's Ron Martin... one of our players. Ron should be here tonight. But, he's sick in the hospital. He's been pretty sick... and we want this game... and all of our games for him. Maybe he can come back and rejoin us before the season is over."

This is the spirit of our YOUNG men... those whom so many would like to knock out and to.

North Farmington won for Ron Martin... and the alling young Ron had to feel a great deal better when the news was fired to him before the evening was over.

On the other side of the line of scrimmage, the Clarenceville team was giving all they had though the team was behind... the kids were patting each other and encouraging one another.

Yes, it's a thrill to get in there with the young boys of our community. All with another reason. We're keenly harping all summer long that adults should do a little more about trying to promote baseball for the upper teenage group and worry less about the Little Leaguers.

Going back for an evening under the stars... (really it was raining)—at Clarenceville, we were amazed to hear from Athletic Director Lynn Turner "how things have changed from a sports standpoint" at the Middlesex High School.

We can remember when in covering Clarenceville we considered the school "just one of those out in the sticks."

Not so, of course, any more.

Nor is the Clarenceville athletic plant second to any around the area.

Nutter told about the new gym which seats almost 2,000... the new pool which will be ready in the near future... about the new running track with its 42-inch lanes, compared to 36-inch lanes at most other places.

"We think we'll be having state tournaments here in basketball with our fine facilities," declared Turner.

"And, I'm sure that we'll have a state regional in track," he added.

That the good folks in the Clarenceville school district have made possible such facilities is heartening to say the least.

In all too many spots, citizens are rejecting any measures that might help the schools and build buildings... especially those which have to do with physical education.

As many of our readers know, our basic job is to serve the Detroit Pistons. Each fall the Pistons request requests from different schools... asking if we could drop a game at their place to help raise funds for school athletics.

A year ago, we went to Traverse City to lend a hand. This year, Bay City wanted such a game... but because of scheduling that might help the schools and build buildings... especially those which have to do with physical education.

Hereabouts—in Livonia, in Plymouth, in Redford Township, in Farmington—we should be thankful that the community doesn't need a hand from the outside to keep their sports flourishing.

It's not easy for mom and pop to vote "yes" when it means a hike in their tax bill.

But the unselfishness expressed, in the area covered by the Observer Newspapers, toward the schools merits a flock of bouquets to be heaped on all the folks who have to dish out—where usually it hurts the most—from the pocket book.

May we suggest to the schools and drop a game at their place and watch a high school football game. You'll see for yourselves—and thrill for yourselves—that everything you're doing and contributing is paying off in high spades.

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## Clarenceville Bows To N. Farmington

Winner and loser stood in the School last Friday night and took pride in what their boys did accomplished.

North Farmington had just emerged from the field of combat with the upper hand of a 13-0 score.

"It was a great first effort," declared Holland. "Remember, we had been hard hit by

graduation. We have a lot of new fellows out there.

"But, look at the job the kids did. The defense was simply marvelous. Clarenceville never got into our territory."

"Our boys weren't afraid to play the offense wide open, despite the fact that it rained pretty hard at times. Both of our touchdowns resulted from passes... one directly, the other as the result of one."

"Sure we made the usual, first-game mistakes. And we slipped some on the wet grass. But, all in all, how could you

fault our showing too much?"

Temby, newly, expressed satisfaction with the work of his youngsters. He's had to rebuild, too.

"Our defensive line was rough. They didn't make much headway through us."

"What hurt were those two passes which led to their touchdowns. Throw out those two plays and it might have been a standstill."

Temby added that he'd have to do something about "pepping up and generating" the offense. He didn't have to be told that Clarenceville never once had crossed the midfield stripe.

The final score befitted the statistics.

North Farmington had an 8-4 edge in first downs... outscored Clarenceville, 102-50 yards and had an 89-28 yardage via the air.

The two teams started slowly in the first quarter. Neither did anything to cause the opposition much worry.

Finally, in the second period, after an exchange of punts, North Farmington found itself on the Clarenceville 44.

Bill Oldershaw went back on a spread formation passing situation... and had more time to pass than many students have between classes.

He finally spotted John McDonald running down the left side through the rain. Oldershaw fired... McDonald reached up and North Farmington had the ball on the Clarenceville 14.

Bob Linderman, the hard-driving North Farmington back, then took over.

He slammed one to the line. On the next play Linderman shot off tackle on a slant play and didn't stop running until he had scooted over the goal line.

The conversion by Tom Trausch hit the bar... and fell back... no point.

So, North Farmington carried a 6-0 lead to the dressing room at half time.

In the third period, North Farmington took advantage of a poor punt to get the ball on the Clarenceville 32.

It again was raining hard, but Oldershaw didn't care. He was living dangerously.

He passed again... and his target once more was McDonald.

Donald... McDonald snared the pigskin in the clear and when Trausch converted neatly, the Raiders had extended their lead to 13-0.

Later, North Farmington had another chance. Jerry Pound snared a pass fired by Clarenceville's Danny Freels and returned the ball to the Clarenceville 12.

But the Clarenceville line did its job... and repelled the North Farmington threat.

But it was too late now for Clarenceville to do anything.

This Friday, Clarenceville commences its Wayne-Chicago League title chase. North Farmington is home Saturday afternoon to meet Riverside at 2 p.m.

## Happy Debut At Franklin For Bentley

The transition from coaching basketball to football started on a happy note for Bob Bentley at Franklin High School last Saturday.

After a decade of turning out cage powers in Livonia—first at Bentley and Franklin—Bentley said it was "a challenge" to him personally to take a crack at guiding a football team.

Saturday, he saw his work pay off in an opening afternoon victory over Cherry Hill, 39-0.

The showing of the Franklin charges naturally cheered the coach.

There were many aspects of the team's play which delighted Bentley, as he later pointed out:

"The desire on this team was great, better than I have seen for a long time. The kids really got down field to block, which is something you don't see too often."

"They were also in there giving everything they had on defense and those young linemen of our learned old boys and showed us they knew how to think under pressure."

Does all of this mean Franklin could be a power this season?

"Well, let's not rush to say that," added the coach. "If we do well this Friday night over at Redford Union, we might have ourselves one very wonderful season."

In discussing the downfield blocking and the extra desire revealed by his players, Bentley offered Center Mike Stachurski as a good example.

There was the 70-yard pass-run play from Sam Antonazzo to Neal Thomas for a touchdown. Stachurski made his original block after passing the ball to his quarterback.

When Thomas, 65 yards away, made one final dash over a spring him loose for the touchdown, it was Stachurski who delivered set effort.

"That's what thrills a coach to see kids get down field and bang the opponents out of the way," added Bentley.

Franklin wasted no time in getting into the scoring column. The game was scarcely a minute old when Ken Bratheron of Franklin grabbed a

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