

ENDS FIRST UNBEATEN SEASON

St. Agatha Shares Football Title

History has been made by St. Agatha high school's 1964 football team.

For the first time—St. Agatha has won a title in the Catholic League, sharing the Northwest Division crown with Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

St. Agatha has completed an unbeaten season—six victories and one tie.

St. Agatha has gone through ten straight games (including the last three in 1963) without a defeat.

The Aggies capped their greatest season last Sunday when they downed St. Michael, 28-13, in their campaign's finale. Thus St. Agatha tied-Orchard Lake St. Mary for first place in the final standings with 5-0 records.

St. Mary's, which had finished its league campaign the week previous in tying St. Agatha, 19-10, dropped a non-league to St. Francis Xavier, 27-20, last Sunday.

"This was a truly great team," declared a jubilant Dave Brazil, the coach of St. Agatha.

"No coach could ask for any more from his players. We had great offense and fine defense when it counted."

In a way, Brazil wasn't too surprised that his team finished in the title bracket. He had a hunch going into the season that "this might be the year."

Back in September, Brazil had said: "If we can escape any serious injuries, we might surprise them all."

Two surprises helped St. Agatha. Brazil declared. One was the fine running and backfield work of Jim Reese. The other was the play of tackle Phil Davidson, whom Brazil had feared might miss the season because of injuries.

The quarterbacking of Rick Collins and the running of Gregory Jack drew the praises from Brazil. So did linemen Mike Romer, Ron Zimmerman, Don Gillis, Dan Pavlovic and Ed Shrock.

Against St. Michael with the chips so high, St. Agatha went ahead in the first period when Collins slipped a neat 10-yard touchdown pass to Larry Bigley.

A conversion by Greg Brauer made it 7-7. The lead didn't last very long. St. Michael roared back to get even on a touchdown by Ed Gecken on a three-yard buck and a conversion.

However, the score didn't remain deadlocked very long. Collins again took to the air before halftime, this time finding Roemer on a 15-yarder for a touchdown. Brauer made the point and St. Agatha went to the locker room with a 14-7 edge.

Early in the third period, Reese broke away on a 25-yard scoring run to extend the St. Agatha lead to 21-7 when Bigley made the point.

A touchdown by Bill Cook of St. Michael reduced the St. Agatha margin, but again not for long.

In the fourth quarter, it was Reese once more running into pay dirt. He went over from the 14 to sew up the victory and assure St. Agatha its greatest day and year in football history.

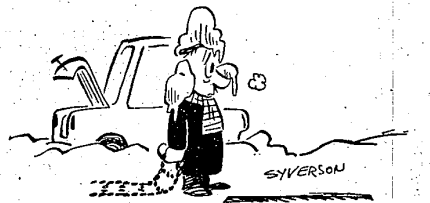
Final statistics showed that St. Agatha had totaled 297 yards to 180 for St. Michaels. Peck single-handedly gained 162 yards while Reese picked up 76 yards although he was sidelined during the game at different times with an injury.

There'll be no playoff for St. Agatha.

But the school will receive a beautiful trophy from Ralph Owen, the director of the Catholic League.

Several of the St. Agatha players also should receive post-season awards when the all-star teams are announced.

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Pop, Son Face For 3rd Time

Farmington Hosts Sthfield

The rivalry between pop and son resumes Friday afternoon. And, it will end at the same time.

This will be the story of Monte Charles (the dad) sending his football team (Southfield High) against the Farmington High (the son) in which his son, Bruce Charles, is one of the stars.

The scene of combat will be Farmington High's field at 3:30 p.m.

Pop and son have eluded twice before. Son has gone home the winner each time.

The Friday clash will be the last involving Charles vs. Charles. Bruce is in his senior year at Farmington. There also are reports that Dad may be ready to retire from his coaching at Southfield.

If Bruce doesn't give his father fits this Friday, it's likely that Roy Leach, Farmington's senior halfback, will Leach was the big story last Friday when Farmington struck back to knock off Roseville, 32-19, in a non-league.

Young Mr. Leach scored four of his team's five touchdowns for the finest game he has enjoyed in his prep career.

Warring from Roseville was no simple matter. Twice the Farmington team had to come from behind to get even.

Then Leach took over in the last half to sew up matters. Farmington had gone in front on the first play, of the second quarter when Leach slammed in from the fourth after a neat 75-yard run.

Leach also had a punt and pass had covered 25 yards and set up the counter.

Roseville rallied with two touchdowns and took a 12-6 lead.

But Leach got the equalizer and it was 12-12.

Roseville bounced back with another touchdown, but before the half was over, Wilson unloaded a tremendous 45-yard pass to Dick Johnston to make the score 19-16.

Wayne Johnston, Dick's brother, made the conversion and the teams went to the dressing room at halftime with the score even at 19-19.

When the second half started, Farmington went in for some great ball control.

Taking the ball on their own after the kickoff, the Farmington players marched on and on and finally Leach drove in from the three.

With Wayne Johnston converting, Farmington held a 26-19 command.

Near the end of the third period, a fumble recovery set the way for Leach to make his final touchdown. It came on a six-yard run.

What was the difference in the game?

Captain John Hayes of Farmington offered two major reasons:

1—Farmington recovered five Roseville fumbles.

2—in the second half, Farmington limited Roseville to only one touchdown.

Roy Leach on his way to one of the four Farmington touchdowns he scored against Roseville.



NORTH FARMINGTON'S Doug going in State Class A regional cross

Shear (76) leading the pack in the early country meet at Cass Benton Harbor.

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In the final tabulation of statistics, the facts and figures concerning Leach were astronomical.

He not only scored four times, but he also gained 142 yards in 28 tries. In all, Farmington made 188 yards rushing, so one can see just how much of the running job Leach accomplished.

Farmington did well passing, too. Wilson hit on six out of seven and Charles two out of four for a total of 139 yards.

Roseville made 110 yards passing and 123 on the grounds. In first downs, Farmington had the edge, 8-4. Farmington now has a 4-3 record for the season with three of the wins coming during day-time games.

"Maybe we like the real sunshine better," says Coach Hayes. After Friday's afternoon affair with Southfield, Farmington closes a week from Saturday—also in the afternoon—in the city title game at North Farmington.

Area Harriers

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Scott Bradley was the individual winner in "A" as he led Birmingham to victory. He was timed in 16:28.1.

Farmington placed third overall with 85 points. Watson was seventh, Anderson, ninth; Karwaski 13th, Ron McGraw 25th and Chip Terry 31st.

Franklin totaled 174 points as Lee was 15th and Ryan 16th. Thurston had 235 points with Don Bristol the school's top finisher in 33rd spot. Redford Union had 258 points, North Farmington 297 points with Rich North in 21st spot. Bentley Jaged with 468 points as Bill Burkett hit the line in 62nd.

R.U., Franklin Champs

It was Redford Union all the way in Suburban Six League cross country competition in 1964. The Townshippers roared to unbeaten through the regular dual meet season and then dominated in last week's league meet at Cass Benton Park.

R. U. piled up 38 points to runner-up Trenton's 42. Plymouth had 87, Bentley 105, Belleville 131 and Allen Park 143.

The individual winner of the overall meet was Trenton's John Daniel who was timed in 10:30.

Jack Shepherd and Bob Gifford of R. U. finished second and third, respectively. Fred Turk of R. U. was fifth, John Rhodes eighth and Fred Alexander tenth to round out the first five for the new champs.

For Plymouth, John Bates (4), Mike Bentley (8), Dave Tirlan (22), Dave Allen (23) and Bob Ketch (29) finished in the first five for their school.

Bentley's placers were Jeff Boegler (13), John Hondricher, Dave Chope, Dab Schaefer and Mike Lee.

By the narrow margin of one point, Franklin high nosed out Thurston, 35-36, for the Northwest Suburban League

cross country championship. Third place went to North Farmington with 51 points. Groves had 119, Oak Park 151 and Wayne John Glenn 153.

The individual honors went to Thurston's Don Bristol who beat out Franklin's Tom Lee in the final 200 yards.

Don Ryan of Franklin was third. Then came Rich North and Doug Wood, both of North Farmington.

Gary Francis (eighth), Craig Roberts (ninth) and Rich Hansen (13) rounded out the Franklin place-finishers.

had the privilege to write about Rex. He was competing at Farmington high when the word filtered down to us on the now deceased Detroit Times that the school had come up with a new track great.

In meet after meet, the reports about Cavley became more glittering.

Before long it was state regional time . . . and Cavley outdistanced his opponents. He went to the state and set records in the highs and lows.

This happened in his sophomore, junior and senior years. He was the greatest schoolboy track story of the time in the state.

When he finished at Farmington high, Rex had offers from colleges in every section of the country.

He picked Southern California . . . and why not? The weather is such out there a young man, who likes to run track, can work outdoors the years around.

There's never snow, or sleet, or ice. Heck, why are we plugging the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce?

But distance . . . he it the 2,500 miles between Farmington and Los Angeles or the 6,000 or 7,000 miles between Farmington and Tokyo couldn't make either Cavley or Farmington forget.

Farmington still is home to Cavley and to Cavley there's no place like home—Farmington.

Old Boxer Lives Here

Veteran prize fighters are among the most delightful of men. They are often phisical, and invariably gentle . . . and they have memory for detail that harks back to a simpler, less troubled time. Such a citizen resides in Farmington. His name is Frank Engle, and he lives at 21520 Orchard Lake Rd.

Before he hung up his gloves, Frankie had about 200 fights. He won most of them, including the featherweight championship of Michigan.

He was also a ranking contender for the world's championship in his division. But that prize was held, at the time, by one of the immortals—Johnny Kilbane.

Engle used to work out with another of the great ones—Benjy Leonard—at the old Grupp's A. C. in New York. Engle could "sweetie" or not boxing has a great one; but Leonard is the stuff of such legend that having been in the ring with him is

honor enough. Engle went to work for the Ford Motor Co. in 1918—while he was still an active fighter. He worked for Ford for almost half a century. When he retired from the ring, he taught the many art at the Boy's Club and at the Y.A.C.

He recently discovered that he has an enlarged heart. But his stomach is still flat, and his muscles are still hard. To keep them that way he daily performs the traditional ritual of the veteran boxer—he boxes himself.

When called upon to demonstrate his old technique, he flashes his hands out with a speed that marks him as a man who was once a professional.

At Buck, of the New York Post, recently observed that "whether or not boxing has a future, it certainly has a past." Part of that past lives on in Farmington.