

Hail to Champs--Bentley and North Farmington

Clip Trenton, 7-6, in Big Upset

Sing out, all Livonia Bentley High football rooters. Sing out, loud and clear. Let them hear you everywhere: "Hail to the champs. Bentley's Champs."

For the second straight year, Coach Larry Joiner has led his young football warriors to a championship in the Suburban Six League.

In 1964, Bentley shared the title with Trenton. Whether Bentley wins the '65 pennant outright, or must split it again with Trenton, depends on what happens this Friday night as the league campaign ends.

If Bentley beats or ties Redford Union on the Bentley Field, it will make no difference what happens to Trenton in its game with Belleville.

Should Bentley lose to RU, and Trenton beat Belleville, there'd be co-champs once more. A Bentley loss and a Trenton loss would mean an outright crown for the Livonians.

Bentley grabbed control of the league's race last Friday night in the suburban area's "battle of the week" which pitted Bentley vs. Trenton.

Both teams took the field with spotless 5-0 records. When the night ended, there stood Bentley with a glorious 7-6 victory—a 6-0 record and nothing worse than a share of the league flag.

And, Trenton? While the Downriver team had been stunned . . . "upset" cried the papers the next morning

in describing what had happened in the rain and the mud at Trenton.

Down at Trenton they still can't understand how their idols could have lost.

Consider these statistics:

1—Trenton ran 55 plays to Bentley's 22.

2—Trenton engineered 16 first downs to Bentley's two.

3—Trenton rolled up 297 yards to Bentley's 91.

"It just proves statistics mean nothing," laughed Bentley coach Joiner at the game's finish.

"Your kids rose up and stopped them when we had to. That's what counts."

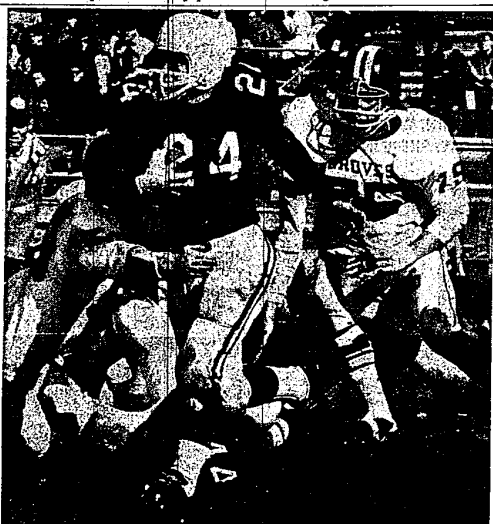
Bentley made the most of one big break. It came in the second period.

Trenton tried a kick. A bad snap from center led

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BREAKING LOOSE for a sizeable gain as he helps his team roll to a 19-6 victory around end is Franklin High's Gary Junk (24) over Groves.

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RU Tops Plymouth In Mud

A 500 season!

That's the goal of Redford Union high school's football team which has won two and lost four with two games remaining on its 1965 schedule.

This Friday RU plays at Bentley before winding up the campaign the next Saturday against Township rival Thurston.

"I think we have a great chance to win the final two," said RU coach John Rogers after his charges outlasted Plymouth, 20-6, in the battle of the mud last Friday night.

"We're a better team than our record would indicate," added Rogers. "Our boys have been improving with every game that comes as a great deal."

All three of the RU touchdowns against Plymouth came on fairly long strikes. Here's the way the RU team tallied:

1—A 40-yard march in which

Jim Johnston, Terry Shirley and Red Ferguson lugged the ball. It was Johnston on a 15-yard chase that ended in the end zone who put RU on the scoreboard first. He added the conversion and RU held a 7-0 lead.

2—Johnston registered TD No. 2 on a 40-yard dash off tackle. He kicked up a lot of mud as pursuers tried in vain to catch him. Johnston added the point and RU went to the dressing room at halftime with a 14-0 lead.

3—The final RU tally had to be the most electrifying play of the night. Shirley took the ball at his own 20, hit the line and was off to the land of the roses. He naturally received some nifty blocks before he was able to break into the clear.

Plymouth, which has only a tie to show in its six starts, avoided a shutout with a 30-yard march in the last period. John Adams cracked the final six for the Rocks who have dropped five ties to drop into last place in the Suburban Six League standings.

Redford Union, 1-3 in the league, outlasted Plymouth, 20-6, in the final game of the season which was played for the most part on the ground.

RU tried five passes and made only one. Plymouth first seven times, but none was completed.

The wet ball didn't help either team.

Bob Gagliotto, Rick Carlson, Ken Griffith and Glen Davis turned in notable defensive efforts for the winners. Davis also handled the quarterbacking again for Redford Union and continued to lead the attack in impressive style.

The RU sophomores got a good chance to show Rogers a few things and Glen Whitelaw, a back, gave indications he'll be a standout in another year.

Former Michigan State football halfback Wayne Fonets has a young son, 11, named Arnold, who's a member of Ohio State's 1965 grid varsity.



WAITING FOR PASS IS End Chuck Viane for touchdown in 17-14 victory over Thurston. (91), of North Farmington High, as he heads

Farmington Beaten by Lakers for Title

Forty seconds!

Yep, 40 seconds! That's how close Farmington high school's football team came to pulling off its second major upset in as many weeks last Friday night.

A week before, unheralded Farmington had knocked East Detroit from the ranks of the unbeaten-untied and also from the first ten in the State Class A ratings.

Now Farmington found itself up against Walled Lake in a showdown for the Inter-lakes Conference championship.

The Falcons had to win to tie the Lakers for the crown. But a deadlock would have meant something, too, for the Falcons, because they took the field at Walled Lake as distinct underdogs.

Until 40 seconds remained on the clock in the last period, Farmington had battled Walled Lake on even terms.

The score read 13-13.

Walled Lake had the ball on the Farmington 26. Terry Lehman dropped back and uncorked a pass. It went to Jack Ashby who pulled it down with ease and stepped on to the end zone to tie the Lakers their seventh straight tie and

brexit the hearts of every Farmington rooter.

Farmington had fought back after spotting the Lakers a 13-0 lead.

Rick Herren had counted on runs of 2 and 3 yards for the Lakers. The first score resulted from a long march; the second after the Lakers had blocked a punt and recovered the ball on the Farmington 14.

"I guess that was the big break of the game for them," said losing coach Dick Tyler.

Farmington struck back on the passing of Mike Wilson who defied the elements—the rain and a muddy field.

Wilson, operating like a Bart Starr or Johnny Unitas, hit on 16 of 28 passes in the game. He made three out of five for one touchdown in the first half and 12 out of 21 for another TD in the second.

All totaled, Wilson's aerials were good for 199 yards, which constituted just about all of Farmington's offense.

On the ground the Falcons were held to a meager 45 yards.

Wilson clicked to Steve Moore for five yards on Farmington's first touchdown just before the first half ended.

Glenn Defies Elements To Rip Oak Park

It was muddy and damp. But John Glenn high's football team warmed the hearts of its fans by rolling to an easy 32-6 victory over Oak Park in a Northwest Suburban League game.

The outcome of the game never was in doubt.

Glenn cashed one touchdown in the first quarter, two in the second and one each in third and final stanzas while holding Oak Park to a single TD in the third quarter.

Jerry Young began the scoring for Glenn with a four-yard run off tackle.

The second-period tallies came on a pair of longer maneuvers.

Pete Mike Mahabian scooted over from 18 yards out. Then came a neat 23-yard TD pass from Jack Holland to Dennis Jackson.

The last two Glenn touchdowns both were scored by Ron Kuban. He raced in from the second and one each in third and final stanzas while holding Oak Park to a single TD in the third quarter.

In between Kuban's tallies, Cy Weiner dashed four yards to save Oak Park from being shutout.

Prep Schedule

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Redford Union at Bentley, 8 p.m.

Allen Park at Plymouth, 8 p.m.

Holly at Clarencetown, 8 p.m.

North Farmington at Oak Park, 3:30 p.m.

Riverside at Garden City West, 8 p.m.

Garden City East at Taylor Center, 8 p.m.

Farmington at Rosville, 8 p.m.

Glenn at Birmingham Groves, 8 p.m.

Franklin at Thurston, 2 p.m.

Stevenson at River Rouge reserves, 10 a.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Our Lady of Sorrows at Royal Oak St. Mary's, 2:30 p.m.

St. Theresa at St. Agatha, 2:30 p.m.

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A Boot Defeats Thurston

Only Oak Park stands between North Farmington high school and a sweep to the Northwest Suburban League's 1965 football championship.

The Raiders already are assured of no less than a tie for the crown.

They made sure of that last Saturday in outlasting Thurston, 17-14, in a game decided by the educated toe of Gint Hansen, the North Farmington exchange student from Sweden.

With the win, North Farmington stretched its league record to 4-0; its overall mark to 6-0.

All that's left in the league for the Raiders is Oak Park this Friday afternoon.

If North Farmington ties or wins, the outright crown will belong to the Raiders. An Oak Park triumph would provide 1964 Franklin a chance to share the flag by beating Thurston Saturday afternoon.

Thurston, 2-2 in the league and 4-2 over all, was gunning for a chance to pull even with North Farmington. The Townshippers pressed the Raiders all the way.

In fact, with a few moments left, Randy Ault of Thurston reared out of a mixup and heading all by himself for a touchdown. Or it seemed for Thurston fans.

But the officials had ruled they had whistled the ball dead before Ault stole it from a North Farmington back.

The Raiders of Coach Ron Holland capitalized on a Thurston fumble following the opening kickoff to post a 7-0 score in quick fashion.

The recovery took place on the Thurston 33. Two plays later, crack North Farmington quarterback Bill Oldershaw rolled to his right, found an opening and scooted 23 yards to score.

Hansen rushed in to make the conversion.

Thurston didn't stay behind very long. Taking the next kickoff, the Townshippers made no mistakes. Punting away on the ground with first place Reg Barringer and then Paul Santangelo carrying the ball, the Raiders forced march to the North Farmington one.

Then the ball went to Barringer who cracked across for the touchdown. A perfect conversion by Dan Harris evened the score at 7-7.

Just before the first half ended, Hansen put his foot to work again. This time, he dropped back to the Thurston 17 and kicked a neat field goal. The ball actually covered 27 yards.

This put North Farmington on top, 10-7, at the intermission.

However, Thurston had threatened when Barry Simeone ran 45 yards with an intercepted pass to the North Farmington 25 where the Townshippers' attack bogged down. A field goal by Harris failed, because of a poor snap from center.

There was no scoring in the third period as North Farmington held the upper hand and played in the Thurston end for the longest part.

Early in the fourth quarter, North Farmington went to the air and on a 34-yard strike from Oldershaw to Chuck Viane fashioned a touchdown that put the Raiders on top 17-7 after Hansen had clicked for his second extra point of the game.

Less than three minutes remained when Barringer turned in the game's most spectacular run. He hauled in a North Farmington punt on the own nine and went winging his way for 81 yards and a touchdown.

Harris ended the scoring with successful conversion.

North Farmington rolled up 229 yards to 121 for Thurston. In first downs, the winners had 10 to Thurston's seven. Six of Thurston first downs came in the first half.

In passing, Oldershaw hit on five of 16, while Thurston tried only three and made one. Thurston fumbled twice and lost the ball each time.

Both coaches held their charges at the end.

"We fought all the way, and came through when we had to," said North Farmington's Ron Holland.

"I was proud of my kids, even in defeat," said Thurston's Bill McDonald. "The early fumble really hurt us."

Perry Four Stars
For Adrian College

Perry For is presently Adrian College's No. 1 punter. Perry is a sophomore and won two varsity letters last year as a freshman.

He was named the league's best first baseman last spring and was one of the team's top hitters. Perry plays offensive end and is battling for Adrian's leading pass receiver.

Perry came to Adrian from Livonia Bentley High School.