

# Bentley Battles Franklin--Perfect Season at Stake

## Nips RU for Loop Laurels

The first perfect season in Bentley high's glorious football history.

It could happen Friday night—expressed Bentley can continue its record going for one more game and down arch-rival Franklin on the Bentley gridiron.

Never before has one game meant so much for Bentley. Just consider these facts:

1—A win would give Bentley an all-winning season, eight victories in eight games. (The best mark the school ever has fashioned on the gridiron was in 1956 when Bentley won seven and played one tie.)

2—The city championship of Livonia rides on the outcome. Bentley can't forget how Franklin last year—and by winning also wrapped up a perfect campaign.

All of this could be added to what Bentley accomplished last Friday in besting Redford Union, 14-7. The triumph enabled Bentley to reign as undisputed champs of the Suburban Six League with a 50 record.

Overall, Bentley now stands 7-0.

Franklin has been charging along at a fast clip after losing its first league game to North Farmington.

"You can bet that Bob Bentley will have Franklin up for us," declared Larry Joiner, the Bentley coach.

Franklin's season stands by itself. It's a SPECIAL season. Win this one and the past can be forgotten. It's like Army vs. Navy.

Redford Union, coached by John Rogers, didn't act like a weak sister against Bentley. The Townshipers arose with one of their finest efforts in a long time.

"They had a real job team," said Joiner, in referring to Redford Union. "They are scared us."

Battling all the way, RU put on a great goal line stand in the final period.

With the score tied at 7-7, Bentley put on a search that carried them inside the Redford Union ten with just over three minutes left.

Three Bentley pla's netted virtually nothing. The ball rested on the RU six. It was fourth down again. Could RU stop Bentley again? What would Bentley try now?

A short grunting pass from Greg Coleman to Mike DeGutis provided the payoff.

DeGutis hauled the ball in as he crossed the goal line.

Bentley had scored in the second period after Mike McCauley had intercepted a pass at midfield. With Bob Elmer carrying twice and Jim Matveia once, Bentley picked up 22 yards to the RU 28.

Then the ball went to Bill Woods who slipped through and went all the way for the touchdown.

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STOPPED COLD on an attempted sweep. The Livonians maintained their undefeated record and is Bentley's Bob Elmer (24) who is ways with a 14-7 victory, met by Redford Union's Kent Griffiths (64).

## One-Man Show Fails to Win for Trojans

Imagine setting records, but still being unhappy.

So it went last Friday night for Chris Hawkins, the fleet halfback of Clarencville high school's football team.

Hawkins was pretty much a one-man show for the Trojans as they lost to Holly, 40-32.

Hawkins ran for 356 yards in 27 carries—a 13.2 average per try to set one record.

He scored all but one of the Clarencville points — another mark.

He lifted his season's yardage total to 1,082 yards — which has to be a third record for Clarencville. And the team still has two games left.

But young Mr. Hawkins' scoring feat.

Touchdown No. 1 came on a 47-yard run. Then he went 40.

His third TD was the longest of the night—57.

The other two were shorter—five yards and four yards.

Hawkins ran for one extra point. Dave Kalpio stepped over for the other conversion.

He barged from the three. Then he went in from the five, the two and the eight.

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and that's what counts the most," he told his coach, Ralph Tenby.

By coincidence, Hawkins found himself matched against another running whiz, Mark Thelen of Holly. Thelen was just as brilliant as Hawkins, perhaps a trifle more.

He accounted for 39 of the 40 Holly points.

Clarencville which has won two of its six league games in Wayne-Oakland action, fell behind 13-0 after one quarter. It was 27-12 at the half, 34-18 at three-quarters and 40-32 at the final buzzer.

"We had the offense, but not the defense," said Tenby. "Holly was in the same boat."

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# Raiders Reign in League

One goal achieved... two more to go!

That's the football story at North Farmington high school, newly crowned undisputed champions of the Northwest Suburban League.

The Raiders hauled in the flag last Friday afternoon by beating Oak Park, 14-0.

The victory gave North Farmington a 5-0 sweep of its league rivals and marked the first time that any of the school's teams ever had won a clear-cut championship. There have been some co-champions in the past in the school's five-year history.

With the win, the Raiders also stretched their unbeaten-untied streak to seven in a row.

Ahead stand Detroit Denby, a perennial prep powerhouse to be met Saturday afternoon at North Farmington, and then the annual city-clash with Farmington High the following weekend. Denby is the newly crowned East Side champ in Detroit.

A perfect season would bring with it the two extra goals of the North Farmington team. One target, of course, is the Raiders' all-winning campaign (7-1-1 was the best heretofore) and the second aim is to beat Farmington High.

It took a fourth-quarter effort for North Farmington to beat a stubborn rival from Oak Park, which had been taking kickings from rival after rival.

For three periods neither side had scored. Twice North Farmington had marched into ending distance for Bengt.

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Hansen, the great kicking star from Sweden, to try field goals. Once he failed from the 15, the second time a try was blocked on the 20.

Finally in the fourth period, North Farmington began a march from the Oak Park 40-yard line which paid off in Craig Wyckinski plunging the final yard for a touchdown.

North Farmington went the entire way on the ground. First it was Wyckinski and then Bruce Whetter who juggled the ball.

With Hansen's conversion, North Farmington led 7-0. On the succeeding kickoff, the Raiders gambled. They tried an on-side kick. It worked.

The Raiders coed the ball at midfield and started another march that paid off in a touchdown.

Once more it was strictly a ground maneuver. Whetter and Tom Ware took turns along with Wyckinski until they reached the 15 from where Ware took the ball the rest of the way.

Not once in the game did Oak Park threaten. How could the Parkers in the wake of the defense thrown up by North Farmington!

Consider these statistics for the Parkers.

1—They managed just 21 yards rushing all afternoon.

2—In the air, the Parkers made one pass in five tries. It was a dandy completion, good for 24 yards.

3—The Parkers' total offense—a robust 45 yards.

"Everybody on our defensive unit was tremendous," said Ron Holland, the North Farmington coach.

"It would be impossible to single out one player over another," the happy coach declared.

In first down, North Farmington rolled up 15 to exactly ONE for the losers.

On the ground the Raiders managed 215 yards while quarterback Oldershaw hit on 8 of 24 passes in the air going for 105 yards.

Wyckinski led the victors with 54 yards, Whetter had 43 and Ware 47.

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is North Farmington's Skip Gillies (81) as he bleached.

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## Observer Sports News

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## Rocks Bid To Salvage a Triumph

Barring an upset, Plymouth high will end its first football season since 1949 without a victory when the Rocks square off against Walled Lake Friday night.

The Rocks in seven games to date have managed just one tie. The other six contests ended in losses.

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## West's Rally Pays Off

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ground and just a shade more passing.

"Maybe my half-time pep talk had something to do with our change in play," said West coach Harold Burkholder.

Burkholder naturally was pleased with the way his team fought back.

Riverside jumped into an early 7-0 lead when Ried plunged one yard in the first period and Coffman nailed the point.

A 45-yard sweep by Bob Ardell in the second period and a conversion by sophomore Mike Alexander enabled West to knot the score at 7-7.

But a West fumble and some good passes made it possible

for Riverside to shoot back in front, 14-7, by the intermission. Yasenchak grabbed the scoring aerial and Dyer the pass for the point.

In the second half, West went to work in earnest. The team's offense began to click.

The defense tightened up. Ardell again carried for the team's second touchdown. This time he swept for 36 yards.

A pass from Bret Feigener to Terry Thompson equalled the count at 14-14.

Late in the game, with the score still tied at 14-14, West put together its payoff march.

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## Prep Schedule

Wednesday's Game  
Clarencville Reserves vs. Stevenson at Bentley, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games  
Cherry Hill at Garden City West, 8 p.m.  
Franklin at Southfield, 8 p.m.  
Clarencville at Holly, 8 p.m.  
Plymouth at Walled Lake, 8 p.m.  
Garden City East at Ecorse, 4 p.m.

Saturday's Games  
Redford Union at Thurston, 2 p.m.  
Detroit Denby at North Farmington, 2 p.m.

Sunday's Game  
Ann Arbor St. Thomas at Our Lady of Sorrows, 2 p.m.

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## FREE BASKETBALLS FOR KIDS

## Pistons Set Sights On 2 Major Events

Two big nights involving the Detroit Pistons are coming up at Cobo Arena.

Next Friday Nov. 5, 11:11 he Dave DeBusschere Night as the St. Francis Club of the University of Detroit salutes the Pistons.

Then, the following Friday, Nov. 12, the Pistons will stage their "Basketball Give-away Night," as part of the evening's festivities which will mark the first Cobo Arena appearance of the revamped San Francisco Warriors.

Each youngster, 15 and under who attends the game on Nov. 12 and purchases a ticket, will receive free from the Pistons an OFFICIAL basketball. Last year, more than 5,000 turned out for a similar attraction at Cobo Arena.

The Pistons have announced that the basketballs will be passed out at several dispersal points in the arena so as to avoid any long lines or excessive waiting.

"Everybody should have his basketball by the time the tip-off goes up at 8 p.m.," Assistant Executive Manager George Maskin said.

The Cincinnati Royals again are built around Robertson and Jerry Lucas, who form one of the most devastating one-two punches in basketball.

Robertson is regarded by most experts as the best all-around player in the history of the game.

There's little that he can't do. He's among the NBA's leading scorers... he tops the circuit in assists... he's a stalwart on defense and despite his 6-5 size, he gets more than his share of rebounds.

Robertson works on the backline with Adrian Smith, former All-America at Kentucky. Up front, Lucas has Jack Twyman and Tom Hawkins as his leading running mates with Wayne Embury at center.

San Francisco has bounced out a fine start after finishing last in the Western Division last season. The Warriors plucked a great newcomer in Rick Barry, ex-star at Miami University.

Barry has fitted in well with Nate Thurmond, the Warriors' great center; Guy Rodgers, the veteran guard and forwards like Tom Meschery and McCoy McLemore.

## RU-Rock Runners Place 1-2

Runners from Redford Union and Plymouth ran one-two in the annual Suburban Six League cross country championship meet.

However, the team title went to Trenton with 57 points. Redford Union took second with 53, followed by Bentley with 68, Plymouth 106, Belleville 138 and Allen Park 179.

The individual winner was Redford Union's Jack Shephard in the time of 11:30. Ed Suedeman of Plymouth trailed Shephard across the line.

Wayne State University boasts an all-time record of eleven wins, three losses and one tie with Case Tech in a football series which began in 1945.