

## Fumble Helps Beat Rocks

## Falcons Win In Thriller

What pleases any coach the most? That's easy—when his charges improve from one week to another. This was the case, from a



BREAKING LOOSE for a long gain, thanks to some excellent blocking, is Quarterback Mike Cedberg of Plymouth. The Rocks had an advantage most of the way but lost out in the closing minutes of play when a bad pass from center resulted in a Farmington High touchdown to make the final score, 12-6.

## Look At Thurston Statistics DO Err

Statistics don't tell the real story of a football game. An inspection of the vital facts after Highland Park's battle with Thurston Friday would lead many to figure the Packers won.

After all, they outscored Thurston, 136-87, and picked up 78 yards in the air to only 58 for Thurston.

BUT IN THE end, Thurston had engineered a 12-7 victory to gain a 1-1 standing on the season and make coach Bill McDonald feel a little happier.

"This was a fine team effort," said the Thurston coach. "We capitalized on our opportunities and that's very important."

Opportunity No. 1 came before the game was two minutes old.

Thurston kicked to the Packers who quickly fumbled on

their own six. Thurston gained possession and three plays later, Bob (Bo) Bryant slammed across from four yards out for the touchdown.

THE TOWNSHIPERS had another big chance in the second quarter. With Crisp Mutch, Bryant and Jerry Shaffer sharing ground honors, they marched to the Packers five, before finally being stopped.

To begin the third period, Thurston struck in a BIG way. Larry Lutton rifled a pass to Dave Roberts on a play that covered 50 yards and resulted in what proved the winning touchdown.

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Two Mistakes Wreck East

"Two mistakes..." Coach Gary Humphrey, of Garden City East, was sitting in a corner of the dressing room after his football team dropped a 13-0 defeat to Willow Run.

"Two mistakes..." Both, said the coach, came in the second period. Both came on pass defensive maneuvers.

Each produced a touchdown for Willow Run.

Forget the two plays, and East would have at least left the field with a tie.

JERRY MCCOY of Willow Run was the man who threw both passes. First he shot one to David Hart who scampered 75 yards for a touchdown.

Later it was to Jim Chandler for 25 yards and a score.

"Our young kids just became a little confused," explained the East coach. "A mixup in assignments—and they (meaning Willow Run) were off to the races."

"You have to expect such things when you have a team with the kind of inexperience we have this year. Give us a little time. These kids show definite signs they'll improve into something."

Besides patching up a lead or two in the defense, the East coach was working this week to bolster the team's offense.

EAST MADE only one serious threat in the game, gaining a second-and-three situation in the third period. But East was stopped—and never had another good chance the rest of the way.

Jim Burton did a fine job of ball carrying for East, while John Chute, a junior, moved into the quarterbacking job in the third period and it appears he now has the job for keeps.

Rick Laginski and Jim Sapiti contributed excellent defensive efforts for the losers who held Willow Run to 140 yards rushing and 101 passing. East made 108 on the ground and only 10 on passes.

Humphrey expects that Chute's arm will help shape up an improved passing attack for East in the games ahead.

## No Attack Costs West 2nd Loss

The job confronting coach Harold Burkholder and his Garden City West High football team this week centers around offense.

Burkholder had only high praise for the job his defense chalked up Saturday night in a 12-0 loss to Riverside.

"Those kids did everything you could ask of them and they were not responsible for either touchdown Riverside made," explained Burkholder.

AS FOR THE offense, West didn't do much in the way of gaining and also was guilty of twice giving away the ball. Each time the result was a touchdown for Riverside.

"I realize my young team will make mistakes," added Burkholder. "But we must be able to gain more than 81 yards on

the ground and 37 passing if we are to put together any kind of a winning year."

West has scored only one touchdown in its first two games, both defeats.

THE SLOW START has Burkholder wondering if history isn't about to repeat. West also had early-season blues last season before finishing with a winning second-half.

The first Riverside touchdown resulted from a pithout that went wild for West. The ball was fumbled and Jim Fabias, a tackle, fell on it in the end zone for a score.

Then in third quarter, West turned an intercepted pass into a touchdown with Bruce Dyer going the final five yards.

West never made a serious threat.

Franklin Harrier Sets 2 Records

It was a week of records for Jack Clark of Franklin's cross country team.

He was clocked in 10:14 for the two-mile course when Franklin won a triangular meet with 26 points to 42 for Stevenson and 61 for Moore.

But the 10:14 didn't stand up long as a Franklin varsity record. Two days later, Clark raced the distance in 10:12.8 as Franklin won over Groves, 28-29.

Dave Collins was second for Franklin in the triangular meet and took fourth in the meet with Groves while Russ O'Sullivan was sixth. Steve Pearce seventh and John Peatrice eighth.

## Break Ground For New Oval

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the \$4 1/2-million super speedway to be located in the Irish Hills will take place next Wednesday afternoon.

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JOCKEY DAVID WHITED, (right), the leading rider at the current Detroit Race Course meeting, is congratulated by Trainer T. V. Smith, for whom he rides frequently, following another victory. Whited has a commanding lead in a bid for the riding title which went a year ago to Bob Gallimore.

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## 7 DRC Stakes On Card

Seven stakes with a value of \$150,000 remain to be contested at the Detroit Race Course as the 84th meeting at the Livonia track moves into its ninth week.

The \$20,000-added Fancy Flyer Handicap, for three-year-olds and up at a mile and 1/16, tops the Saturday program and the following week's new stake, The Milette, with a purse of \$35,000 added, is on the card.

The Fancy Flyer has drawn 26 nominations. If owner Robert Ballis and trainer David Sazer decide to send back Eastern Illinois from Chicago, the Fancy Flyer could offer a replay of some of the dramatic moments of the recent Michigan Mile.

Estreno II, the Argentine-bred import who furnished the biggest upset in The Milette's 1986 history, is among the Fancy Flyer nominees.

ALSO NAMED are five fillies he humbled in The Mile. These are Tendering Wind, which finished as the runner-up after the disqualification of Handsome Boy; Carpenter's Rule, the third place finisher; Stanislas and Williamson Kid.

Other nominees include the Canadian star, Pool To Market, Dunham, Roving Satellite, Miracle Hill, Power of Destiny and Del Bee.

The Milette, designed to be a companion stake for The Mile, is for fillies and mares. It has drawn an excellent list of 25 nominations.

The Milette nominees include Mrs. E.K. Thomas' Furl Sail, the leading candidate for "Fillicy-of-the-Year" honors among the three-year-olds; the Hoboe Farm's Mac's Sparkler, recent winner of the \$75,000 Beldame at Aqueduct; May's Guide; Slush II; Amy; Margaret; then, Be Cagay and Bonavita.

Jack Van Berg, who trains the large and powerful string of his father, Marion H. Van Berg, is making a runaway of the trainer's race at the DRC.

VAN BERG, the top trainer here in 1985, has a commanding lead over Route Warren and Dewey Smith, who are in a tight battle for the runner-up spot. Smith, who trains the stable of Detroit's T.A. Griesom, was the DRC's leading trainer in 1986.

David Whited, who duelled with Bob Gallimore, for riding honors during the first half of the meeting, now has moved into a comfortable lead over his nearest rival, Larry Snyder.

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## Sorrors Rips Waterford Agatha Sinks Cecilia

It was a jolly Sunday, too, for the Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Agatha High School football teams.

Both won in the Catholic League, but in different fashions. Sorrows had an early time mainly \$100 in checks had been

losing its season's opener, bounced back with a 6-0 victory over St. Cecilia.

Tim LaFond and Mark Hartwig were the big guns in the Sorrows feast as the team made ready for next Sunday's pivotal divisional battle with Orchard Lake St. Mary at Farmington High.

LaFond scampered for three touchdowns and Hartwig, too. The game was never close once LaFond spring loose for a 45-yard touchdown in the first quarter.

Moments later, John VanDeusen tackled a Waterford back in the end zone and Sorrows picked up two more points on a safety.

Then Waterford had the kick, Hartwig snared the ball on his own 45 and dashed 55 yards to score.

That ended the first period. In the second stanza, Waterford reached the Sorrows three, only to lose a fumble when John Hughes covered it for Sorrows.

LaFond immediately stilt off tackle for 97 yards and another touchdown.

NOT TO BE outdone, Quarterback Mike Briford rushed around end for 66 yards and then Mike Barnes hit from the 10 just before the half ended to boost Sorrows' lead to 36-6.

From then on Sorrows eased up.

LaFond went over from the 15 in the third period and Hartwig wrapped up the scoring with an eight-yard dash in the last quarter.

The one and only play that counted for St. Agatha came on a short pass. Mike Wiesnak hit Dan Greeny on a two-yarder for the touchdown that decided the game.

Coach Jerry Slevest of St. Agatha cheered the work of his defense. "Our boys rose to the occasion and this is what won it for us," the coach said.

In contrast, Bentley made 246 yards rushing and added 40 more in the air.

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