

RU Rebounds Over Plymouth

Hagglings about the athletic front around Redford Union High school.

Students can't help but be excited about the pitching exploits of one of their graduates, Ricky Clark, this past summer for the California Angels.

Although only a rookie, Clark won more games than any other hurler.

But the current crop of RU athletes also are doing a noteworthy job—especially in foot-

ball. Three games and three victories—that's the RU story this fall under Coach John Rogers. The streak remained alive Friday night when Redford Union got off on the right track in Suburban Six League action by roaring from behind to beat Plymouth, 14-7.

It was a strange sort of a game, especially in the first half. Redford Union had to wonder

what the football felt like. During the first and second quarters, the RU players were on offense for only eight plays, while Plymouth had the ball for 32.

The Rocks also got off on top with a 7-0 lead in the second period.

But RU got moving in the third period, scoring twice on passes by Bill Fahey. At the same time the RU defense turned the door on Plymouth's with an interception by Jim Childress on the RU 20 cutting off the last Rocks' threat in the fourth period.

Plymouth had taken the lead when Tom Elias, the Rocks' top ground gainer, slammed across from 2-yards out, Mike Cedeno ran the point and that made it 7-0.

Then after the intermission, Redford Union took command. Fahey, a nifty map with the arm, found Jim Walker in the clear on a 22-yard drive for touchdown No. 1.

A plunge by George Corombos produced the extra point and tied the score at 7-7.

Shortly afterward, Plymouth had to punt and RU was on the move again, down to the Rocks' 12. At that point, Fahey slipped back, fired to Bill Mieras for the winning touchdown.

It was incidental that Corombos ran the extra point to make it 14-7.

In the second half, RU enjoyed a slight amount of ball superiority, 22 plays to 18.

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CLARENCEVILLE's Ken Griffin (in white) moves in front of Clarkston's Kurt Maslowski for a pass interception in Friday's game.

Raiders 'Bomb' Thurston, 21-6

One play, and the entire completion of the North Farmington-Thurston High football game changed.

It was late in the second quarter.

Thurston had pushed North

Farmington back to its five-yard line.

The Townshippers were in command on the scoreboard, 6-0.

All was looking up for Thurston. Then...boom.....

It happened.

Ace quarterback Norm DeCourcy of North Farmington faked into his end zone. The young man, who fires the QB around like a professional QB, cut loose on a toss to Mike McCoy.

De around the 40, McCoy had the ball in. From there on he was off to the races. The score now was tied and with the conversion North Farmington went to the dressing room at halftime with a 6-6 edge and were in to win 21-6.

'You'd have to say the game changed right there,' said Thurston coach Bill McDonald.

'That one play gave North Farmington the big lift. It took something out of us, although our kids still kept in there tough right down to the final moments of the game.'

Actually the DeCourcy to McCoy bomb was only 'a retaliation' strike for North Farmington.

Thurston had taken the lead on a 70-yard pass from Lusk to Jerry Schaffer in the first period.

The Townshippers had started the series back on their own five. Two running plays... then the big loss by Lusk.

After that touchdown, Thurston contained North Farmington, until DeCourcy unloaded.

In the third period, North Farmington started on its own 10 and went the length of the field to score again when John Thomas pushed his way over from a yard out.

Thurston had a chance to cut the gap in the fourth, making it the North Farmington seven when it had first and goal. But North Farmington arose to stop the threat and then Thomas swept over from the five to put the game into the old bag.

DeCourcy and his North Farmington mates rolled up a total of 317 yards, gaining 23 on the ground and 129 via the airways as he completed six out of 13 passes.

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Prep Grid Schedule

Friday's Games

Redford Union at Bentley, 7:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Brighton, 8 p.m.
Farmington at Waterford, 8 p.m.
Riverview at Garden City East, 8 p.m.
John Glenn at Groves, 8 p.m.
Allen Park at Plymouth, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Franklin at Thurston, 2 p.m.
Flint Northwest at Stevenson, 2 p.m.
North Farmington at Oak Park, 1:30 p.m.
Garden City West at Taylor Kennedy, 2 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. St. Andrew at Chicago-Wyoming, 2 p.m.

Sunday's Game

Pontiac Catholic vs. Our Lady of Sorrows at Pontiac Wisner, 2:30 p.m.

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