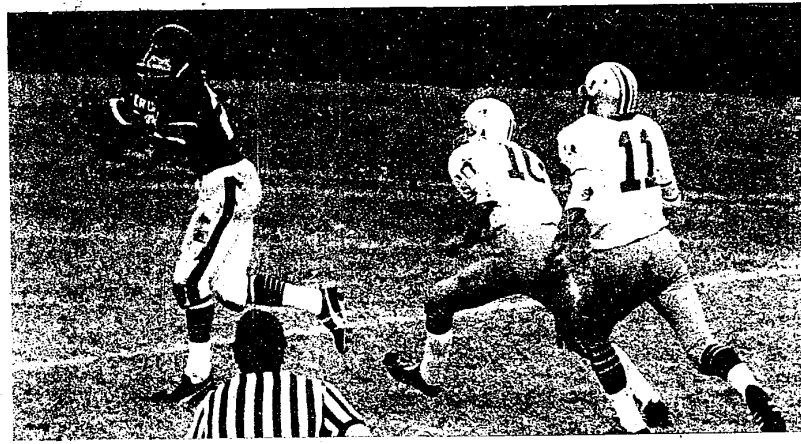




FAKED FIELD GOAL — Churchill place kicker Ernie Comini goes through the motions, but quarterback Bob Blaies has the ball (arrow) and is making a move towards the outside. Blaies cut loose with a 19 yard pass, and for the results, see picture on the right.



TO TOUCHDOWN PASS PLAY — Churchill's Phil Damaska hauls in a 19 yard pass from Bobby Blaies after the faked field goal for the opening score in the 21-0 victory over Walled Lake Western. (Observer photos by Tom Donoghue)

GC West Putting It All-Together Just Too Late

The best Garden City West can do in the Tri-River football conference is a tie for second place.

Riverside and Southgate are in the battle for first with identical 5-1 marks, West is next at 4-2. It's the final weekend of league action and Riverside meets Southgate.

The winner wins the title.

West, meanwhile, travels to Cherry Hill, a victory meaning a tie with the Riverside-Southgate loser.

But West Coach Bob Draheim knows he has the best team right now in the Tri-River.

The Tigers have just put it all together too late, but what a finish.

WEST UPENDED previously unbeaten Riverside, 6-0, to match the victory a week before against previously unbeaten Southgate, 22-12.

It may be a bittersweet feeling but at least Coach Draheim will have the satisfaction of beating the two teams ahead of his. The Taylor Kennedy and

Westland Jays Host Plymouth Tonight At 8

Junior B hockey moves into full swing this week with the two Observerland teams pitted against one another Wednesday night.

The Westland Jays host the Plymouth Pilgrims at Sportsman Arena in Westland, tonight (Nov. 1) at 8 p.m.

Westland is 3-4 in the Michigan Junior Hockey League while Plymouth is still without a win at 0-2.

Plymouth lost to Royal Oak, 12-3, and Fraser, 13-0.

MICHIGAN JUNIOR B

HOCKEY STANDINGS				
NATIONAL				
	W	L	T	P
Fraser	4	1	0	8
Westland	3	4	0	6
Royal Oak	3	4	0	6
Plymouth	0	2	0	4
AMERICAN				
	W	L	T	P
St. Clair Shores	6	0	0	12
Ecône	2	0	0	4
Port Huron	2	4	0	4
Waterford	1	4	0	2

By TOM DONOGHUE
Sports Editor

Churchill's '72 football season has been a seven lettered word said three times over.

DEFENSE!
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Call it unbelievable, call it lucky, label it weak opposition, call it whatever you want.

But the fact remains that Churchill High School, which stands at 7-0, shut out every team in the Western Six Conference and is now on a six game shutout streak.

The Charger defense has given up only one touchdown, six points, in seven games.

THURSTON SCORED a touchdown in the opener on the Churchill gridiron, with 5:55 remaining in the first quarter of the game, the Eagles started a march from their 44. Charger Phil Skender had a pass intercepted but dropped it and John Stein hit John Roy for 18 yards and a touchdown.

That is the only score against Churchill, with the Chargers chalking up shutout victories over John Glenn, Waterford, Farmington

Harrison, Northville, Waterford, Mott and Walled Lake Western.

Next on tap this weekend will be none other than neighborhood city rival Franklin High School.

CHURCHILL JOURNIES to the Patriot gridiron for a Saturday afternoon clash (Nov. 4). Kickoff is slated for 2 p.m. and hitting to commence at one second after kickoff.

"Franklin is a tough club," said Churchill Coach Ken Kaestner. "They beat North Farmington on the field but lost on the scoreboard."

"It's going to boil down to a battle between two fine defenses and two fine quarterbacks," added Kaestner. "We could shut them out, anything can and usually does happen in these neighborhood rival games."

Franklin has beaten Churchill in each of the meetings between the two, 7-0 and 7-6.

CHURCHILL SEALED UP the Western Six championship with a 21-0 victory over Walled Lake Western and now has the distinction of shutting out every opponent in the league.

But shutout No. 6 wasn't

without its anxious moments. Walled Lake started moving the ball late in the first quarter on a drive started from its 31. Walled Lake's Pete Dewey picked up three first downs barreling into the tough "Charger Fiveome" and it was first down on the Churchill 21.

Churchill's Kevin Arnold and Dan Lamarand stopped an end run and on a third and 11 play, Tim McMahon and John Dechtel dropped Western quarterback Frank Marotta for a 13 yard loss and Walled Lake was forced to punt.

CHURCHILL RAN seven plays and punted, Western picked up a first down on its 33 but Kevin Nissen fumbled and Churchill's Marty Bay pounced on it. Charger's ball on Western's 37, three and a half minutes left in the half.

Bobby Blaies hit Dave Brubaker for 11 yards and a first down but was thrown for a 12 yard loss on the next play. On a third and 22 play, Phil Damaska put on a show of broken field running and advanced it to the 19 but it was six yards short of a first down.

Ernie Comini was called in for what appeared to be a 37 yard field goal attempt. Blaies took the snap and instead of placing the ball, jumped up and moved to the right, tossing a 19 yard pass to

Damaska who was alone in the end zone for the score.

A pass interference penalty was called as two Western defenders attempted to break up the pass, waving their hands in the air with their backs to the passer, but the call was declined and Churchill was on the board.

Comini did kick on the next play, a one point conversion, and Churchill led at the half, 7-0.

WESTERN didn't even retire to the locker rooms at the half. The Walled Lake club remained on the field and ran through their plays.

Churchill, meanwhile, took too long in the locker room and received a 15 yard penalty for delay of the game.

So Churchill kicked off from its 25. Western couldn't move the ball and was forced to punt. Jim Foster of Churchill blocked the punt, the Chargers had the ball on Western's 21, failed to move it in and a 28 yard field goal by Comini went wide.

With 9:59 remaining, the Chargers took control at midfield after a nine yard punt by Western.

Blaies hit Ron Miller for seven yards, Arnold ran for two, Blaies hit Phil Skender for six, Damaska picked up a first down on a seven yard

counter, Blaies hit Miller again for six yards, Damaska ran for eight and Blaies hit Brubaker for eight down to Western's five.

Damaska scored on the next play. Comini's kick sailed through the uprights, and Churchill led, 14-0.

Western threatened to halt the shutout streak with about four minutes left on a six play drive to Churchill's 29 but on a fourth down and six situation, Arnold dropped Western's quarterback for an 11 yard loss. Churchill took over and marched 60 yards to score on a four yard run by Skender.

Churchill didn't dominate the offensive game but managed to score enough to keep a goose egg in the loss column.

THE CHARGERS collected seven first downs to Western's five and rushed for only 57 yards to Western's 78.

Western's passing game netted only seven yards on one of five while Churchill's aerial assault netted 196 yards on 16 of 22 passes.

Blaies hit on 14 of 18 for 126 yards and one touchdown and Mark Roncoli made good on two of four.

Blaies has now totaled 832 yards in the air, including eight touchdowns in the seven games.

Now comes a taste of North-west Suburban football.

observerland Prep Schedule

FOOTBALL	
FRIDAY	
Plymouth at Edsel Ford, 3:30 p.m.	
Belleville at Bentley, 7:30 p.m.	
Brighton at Clarenceville, 8 p.m.	
Taylor Center at GC East, 8 p.m.	
John Glenn at Lahser, 8 p.m.	
Allen Park at Redford Union, 8 p.m.	
Lathrup at RO Kimball, 8 p.m.	
SATURDAY	
Churchill at Franklin, 2 p.m.	
Southfield at Farmington, 2 p.m.	
N. Farmington at Harrison, 2 p.m.	
GC West at Cherry Hill, 2 p.m.	
Stevenson at Thurston, 2 p.m.	
St. Agatha at AA St. Thomas, 7:30 p.m.	
Borgess at RO Shrine, 8 p.m.	

Bulldogs Win 9th

Jay Kirksey set a Bentley cross country record and the Bulldogs barriers scored their ninth win against one loss in a Suburban Eight triumph over Dearborn Edsel Ford, 18-42.

Bentley captured the first two places and fourth through seventh with Kirksey clocking in at 16:29, breaking his own record of 16:42.

Tom Hoesy came in second and Edsel Ford's Bob Wetmore placed third. Paul Bien ran fourth, Alex Charns fifth, Chuck Kovach sixth and Paul Speaker seventh.

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