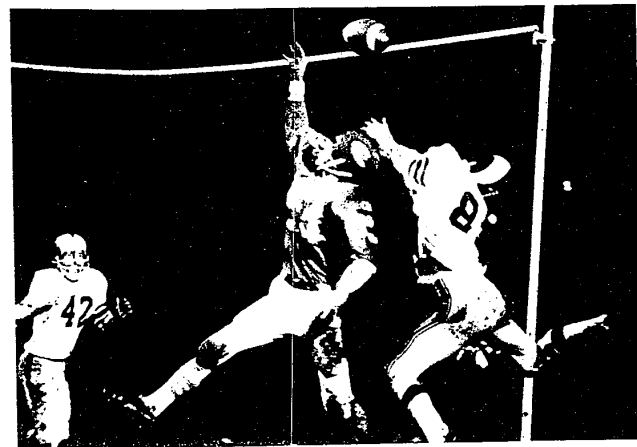


GC East Has Close Call, But Still Wins, 21-19



BREAKING UP A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT -- Garden City East's Andrew Arena (23) deflects a pass intended for Taylor Center's Tom Jarvis in

the end zone. This play later proved to be the game deciding margin with East winning by two points. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

The old cliché that you can't keep a good team down forever held true to form when Garden City East's Andrew Arena (23) deflected a pass intended for Taylor Center's Tom Jarvis in the end zone. This play later proved to be the game deciding margin with East winning by two points. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Garden City East rebounded from a 19-7 deficit to score 14 points in the final seven minutes and score win No. 9 in 1972. Taylor Center scored from one yard out.

Now comes the season's finale with none other than city rival Garden City West which is enjoying a four game winning streak and stands 5-3 overall.

"West has nothing to lose and everything to gain," said East Coach Gary Humphrey. "We better play some good football."

A PERFECT SEASON and high state recognition will be on the line for the Panther footballers in what Humphrey said will be his last game as head coach at East.

Rich McColm recovered a bad snap from center that sailed over the punter's head and it was East's ball deep in Taylor territory. Dennis Burton and Steve Orr drove it in close and Orr carried it in from two yards out. Rich Jose converted and East led 7-0.

Taylor marched back with Jim Gendron scoring from one yard out.

THE CONVERSION was good and it was tied at seven all at the half. Taylor came out roaring in the third quarter with two six pointers to take a 19-7 lead. Gendron tallied on a nine yard spurt and accounted for another on a scoring toss to Ron Barnhart.

The kick missed on the first tally and Andy Arena knocked down a pass on the second

attempt in what proved to be the winning margin.

With seven minutes remaining and down by 12, East quarterback Orr knew he had to get something going. "Stevie told me the outside was open and I gave him the OK," said Humphrey. "He started hitting and away we went."

JUNIOR FULLBACK Don McIntyre capped a 60 yard drive with a two yard plunge and Jose converted to make it 19-14 with three minutes left.

East kicked off and on the second play, Taylor went to the air, much to the amazement of East. Mike Small intercepted the pass and the Panthers had control on Taylor's 30.

Two passes fell short and Orr was thrown for a loss. "Burton then came over to me and told me that he could

beat his man," added Humphrey. "I told him to go ahead with what they thought they could do."

ORR HIT Burton on the fourth down play and the East fullback sprouted 47 yards to paydirt. Jose converted and the Panthers were ahead, 21-19.

Taylor drove back to the East 25 but the Panther defense held its ground and turned the ball over to its offense. Now there's West.

East fell short in the first down department with Taylor collecting 17 to only nine by East. East picked up 127 yards passing on five of 12 while Taylor hit on five of 10 for 87.

The East junior varsity squad kept pace with the varsity, topping North Farmington, 24-18, for win No. 7 and capturing the Northwest Conference.

NF Dumps Harrison In City Grid Clash, 12-0

North Farmington's football team has a good thing going in Farmington.

The Raiders from North Farmington and have lost only once to Farmington High in 10 meetings, that back in '66, 20-7.

Football in Farmington is Ron Holland and his always talented Raiders. The North-Harrison matchup wasn't for the top showing North has

given this '72 season, but it was enough for a 14-0 victory.

The Raiders stand 7-1 overall while Harrison slipped to 3-3, a far cry from its '71 championship days in the Western Six.

North must now match talents with another city foe in Farmington High, on the Raider gridiron at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11.

DEFENSE was "in" word against Harrison. Neither offense was clicking.

Harrison led in the first down department, six to five, and rushed for 79 yards to North's 36. North hit on five of 14 passes for 22 yards and Harrison connected on seven of 16 for 58 aerial yards.

North did lead in one department.

RAIDER DEFENDERS picked off four of Sam Pink's passes while Harrison intercepted two of John Dwyer's passes.

Bill Herpich and Pink hauled in the two for Harrison. Mike Daley had a field day in the North backfield, picking off three stray passes with Dwyer hauling in the fourth.

One big difference came in the penalty column. Harrison collected 155 yards, North only 40.

Stevenson High Hosts Big-Time Wrestling Show

Big time wrestling will be making the sports scene at Stevenson High School in Livonia.

The Stevenson Booster Club is sponsoring the wrestling show at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10.

The featured match will pit the Mighty Igor and Lou Klein against "The Kangaroos." The midweight girls, Celeste Fontaine (91 pounds) and Cuddie Anderson (94 pounds) will follow, with Tanya West against Heather Feather in the heavyweight section.

Heather Feather weighs in at 367 pounds. Crybaby Cannon will go up against Rick O'Toole in addition to mixed tag team matches.

Aggies Lose, 12-7

St. Agatha closed out its '72 football campaign with a loss to league champion Ann Arbor St. Thomas, 12-7.

The 3-4 Aggies finished in a three-way tie for fourth place with Orchard Lake St. Mary and Our Lady of Lourdes while St. Thomas romped to a 6-1 season.

It was a "sloppy finish" to a disappointing season for Coach Mike Bennane. His Aggies opened the season with a 35-12 romp over Holy Cross and a 27-0 win over Orchard Lake but thereafter it was downhill with the St. Florian homecoming victory the lone bright spot.

The St. Thomas contest was almost no contest at all. "I have never seen a football field in worse condition than Ann Arbor's," said Bennane. "From the 20 to 20, it was a foot deep in mud." "It sure didn't help our option minded offense," added Bennane.

ST. THOMAS jumped ahead 6-0 in the first quarter when Pete O'Neil slipped in from the three to cap a 38 yard march.

With five minutes remaining in the half, O'Neil hit on a six yard pass and the half ended with St. Thomas up, 12-0.

St. Thomas took the second half kickoff, ran three plays and punted.

TOM NEMES returned the punt 42 yards for an Aggie score, breaking two tackles. Pat Brown converted and the score was sliced to 12-7.

St. Agatha drove to the St. Thomas seven later in the third quarter but fumbled. The Aggies missed on another scoring drive in the fourth quarter when Bob Killefeld came up inches short of a first down on the St. Thomas 18.

St. Thomas accounted for 14 first downs and St. Agatha 12.

The rushing department saw St. Thomas net 192 yards and St. Agatha 183, with Nemes pounding out 74 yards.

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