

Touchdown recalls doom Harrison gridders

By TOM BAER

Birmingham Groves upset Farmington Harrison, 12-7, in a nonleague football game last Saturday on Harrison's field.

It was a frustrating game for coach John Herrington and the Harrison squad. And a lot of that frustration is the type that doesn't show up in the statistical summary.

Harrison "scored" the first three times it had the ball, but two of the touchdowns were called back because of Hawk penalties.

"That seemed to take the edge off

us," Herrington said. "Groves kind of wore us down in the second half. We fumbled the second-half kickoff, which I think was the turning point in the game."

Harrison scored the first time it had the ball. A 40-yard drive ended with quarterback Jeff Thorne going over from the three. Paul Rogind, a soccer-style place kicker who normally sends the ball out of the end zone on kickoffs, kicked the point after.

Rogind is also a good running back and a rugged defensive safety. He proved his worth later in the quarter when he returned a Groves punt 42

yards for what looked like an exciting touchdown. But just as Rogind was going over the goal line, a Harrison player threw a block below the waist, resulting in a 15-yard penalty and a TD called back.

"It was a needless block, a mental error, because Paul had crossed the goal line," Herrington said.

LATER IN THE first half, Harrison scored again on a running play. But the officials ruled that a Harrison half-back had gone in motion toward the line of scrimmage before the snap.

The illegal motion nullified the play—and the touchdown.

The officials' call left Herrington steaming.

"We watched the film, and no way," he said. "He (the Harrison back) didn't move (toward the line). It shouldn't have been a penalty, but that doesn't help the situation now."

Harrison then fumbled the second-half kickoff. Groves recovered and marched in for a touchdown, a five-yard dash by senior halfback Barry Mazade. The PAT attempt failed, and Harrison led, 7-0.

Mazade, a devastating runner at 6-2, 180 pounds, scored Groves' next touchdown on an 18-yard scamper in the fourth quarter. This time Groves ran for the points—and failed.

Late in the game, Harrison's offense finally got moving, and the Hawks penetrated to the Groves' 20 yardline. But Groves defensive half-back Mark Gritton picked off a Hawk pass to end the threat.

Harrison's Mike Bowden, a 6-1, 185-pound junior tailback, was the game's leading rusher with 75 yards in 23 carries. Mazade followed with 73 yards in 11 carries.

Harrison's statistics show that Groves outrushed the Hawks, 154 yards to 108. Harrison held a 65-4 edge in passing yardage.

"WE STILL have a long ways to go," Herrington said. His squad opens its Western Six League season on Saturday at home against Plymouth Canton.

Upset!

	FG	HIS
First down rushing	5	5
First down passing	0	3
First down penalty	1	4
Yards rushing	154	108
Yards passing	6	45
Passes completed	13	6-11
Fumbles	3-2	5-2
Penalties, yards lost	3-20	6-55
Points average	43.0	33.2
Groves	0	6
Harrison	7	0

Scoring

Harrison—Jeff Thorne 3 run; Paul Rogind kick.
Birmingham Groves—Barry Mazade 4 run; kick failed.
Birmingham Groves—Barry Mazade 18 run; run failed.

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"We're so small. We didn't have anybody playing over 185 pounds. Groves' tackles were 220 and 230. We just hope we can do a little better on defense so we don't get blown off the ball. Our biggest problem is that we're not able to play tough enough defense so that we can get the ball back. Our opposition (Farmington High and Groves) hasn't scored a lot

on us, but they've controlled the ball for so long. We don't get any good field position for the offense."

Canton dropped its opener to Livonia Bentley, but then came back to whip Dearborn Heights Annapolis last Friday. Canton has a fine quarterback in senior Tom Close.

Canton is a fairly wound team, although fairly young," Herrington said.



Coach John Herrington has words with Jeff Thorne

Falcons take 2nd again at Schoolcraft meet

Farmington High cross country coach Gerald Young should be used to finishing second in the Schoolcraft Invitational cross country meet. That's where his Falcons have finished in the past two meets.

Inkster Cherry Hill won the meet with 132 team points, just two fewer than Farmington. Livonia Churchill was third with 140. Garden City East

had 165. Livonia Bentley 198. Northville High 214. Dearborn High 218. Plymouth Salem 267. North Farmington 281 and Westland John Glenn 291. Farmington Harrison finished 17th in the 32-team meet.

Farmington senior Stuart Glatfelter finished sixth with a 16:41 clocking. Falcon sophomore Harold Rutla took 13th place in 18:51. Arno Sat. Farmington's No. 1 runner, didn't partici-

pate in the meet because of injuries. Also missing was Farmington's No. 5 man, Mike Gallagher, for the same reason.

"We're pretty happy," Young said. "Our kids ran pretty well for the most part. We finished second by only two points. With him (Sat) in there, I think we would have had no problem winning."

"It's hard to lose by two points. You think of all the things which could have been and should have been and might have been. It's the second straight year we've been second."

North Farmington played two runners in the scoring column. They were Dave Good (seventh place in 16:41—"Just a flash apart from Glatfelter," according to Young) and Dave Levy (13rd place in 17:16). Farmington Harrison's Mike Redford finished 11th in 16:48.

SMA-MSA League Meet

The Metro Suburban Association and the Southeastern Michigan Association are about even when it comes to cross country.

And it showed last Saturday at the annual combined SMA-MSA League Meet at Royal Oak Kimball. The leagues finished in a dead heat.

Birmingham Groves (MSA) won the team title followed by Rochester Adams (MSA) and Kimball (SMA). Hazel Park (SMA) finished fourth followed by Ferndale (SMA), Royal Oak Dondoro (MSA), Berkley (SMA), Bloomfield Hills Lahar (MSA), Southfield High (SMA), Southfield-Lathrup (MSA), Birmingham Seaholm (SMA) and Ulica Eisenhower (MSA).

Groves' Joel Menges turned in the fastest time, 15:22. Southfield's Scott Stone finished second in 15:30. Lathrup's best man was junior Dave Clifford, who finished 25th in 17:02.

"We weren't real good, although we showed some improvement," said Lathrup coach Dale Petzold. "We're just going to have to continue to do that. Hopefully, we be a little more respectable later on in the season."

Sports coming up

Football

Friday (Sept. 26) Livonia Stevenson at Farmington High, 2200 Shawnee Road, 3:30 p.m.

Friday (Sept. 26) Bloomfield Hills Lahar at Southfield-Lathrup, 1001 Twelve Mile Road, 8 p.m.

Friday (Sept. 26) Southfield High at Birmingham Groves, 3426 W. Lincoln, 8 p.m.

Saturday (Sept. 27) Plymouth Canton at Farmington Harrison, 2908 Twelve Mile Road, 2 p.m.

Saturday (Sept. 27) North Farmington at Livonia Franklin, 31000 Joy Road, 2 p.m.

Cross Country

Thursday (Sept. 25) Berkley High at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lahar roads, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday (Sept. 25) Westland John Glenn at North Farmington, 2200 Thirteen Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Thursday (Sept. 25) Southfield-Lathrup at Birmingham Groves, Thirteen Mile and Evergreen roads, 4 p.m.

Saturday (Sept. 27) Southfield High and Southfield-Lathrup in Oakland University Invitational, Walton and Squirrel roads, 9 a.m.

Girls' Tennis

Thursday (Sept. 25) Royal Park at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lahar roads, 4 p.m.

Thursday (Sept. 25) Country Day at Farmington High, 2200 Shawnee Road, 4 p.m.

Thursday (Sept. 25) Livonia Churchill at Farmington Harrison, 2908 Twelve Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Thursday (Sept. 25) North Farmington at Westland John Glenn, 2008 Marquette, Wayne, 4 p.m.

Friday (Sept. 26) Southfield-Lathrup at Rochester Adams, Adams and Tinsford roads, 4 p.m.

Girls' Swimming

Thursday (Sept. 25) Farmington High at Southfield-Lathrup, 1001 Twelve Mile Road, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday (Sept. 25) St. Clair River South Lake at Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, Eleven Mile and Middlebelt roads, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday (Sept. 25) Livonia Churchill at Farmington Harrison, 2908 Twelve Mile Road, 4 p.m.

Thursday (Sept. 25) North Farmington at Bloomfield Hills Lahar, 2008 Andover Road, 1:30 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

Thursday (Sept. 25) Livonia Stevenson at Farmington High, 2200 Shawnee Road, 7 p.m.

Thursday (Sept. 25) Southfield High at Birmingham Groves, 3426 W. Lincoln, 4:15 p.m.

Sunday (Sept. 28) Detroit Immaculate at Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, Eleven Mile and Middlebelt roads, 2:30 p.m.

Soccer

Thursday (Sept. 25) Livonia Stevenson at Southfield Christian, 2200 Lahar Road, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday (Sept. 27) Capital City Christian at Southfield Christian, 2200 Lahar Road, 3 p.m.

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