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Harrison wins, 17-7

Field goal helps Hawks down Plymouth Salem

By BILL COLLINS

The Farmington Harrison Hawks came up with timely scoring, and supported by an obstinate defense, downed the Plymouth Salem Hawks 17-7, in the annual season finale between the clubs at Plymouth's Centennial Park Stadium Friday night.

Harrison, runner-up in the Western Six conference, ran 14 rushing plays en route to its first score. The Hawks took possession of the opening kickoff from their own 40-yard line and used six minutes moving the 60 yards for the game's initial score.

Junior fullback John Pasne clinched the drive on a one-yard drive. Paul Rogind's conversion gave Harrison a 7-0 lead. Harrison held the Hawks on their series and drove to Salem's 34 before fumbling the ball away.

Harrison was unable to get the wheels of their offensive machine in gear.

Quarterback Jeff Thorne threw four passes in the half for the Hawks, three of his aerials being intercepted by the alert Salem secondary.

Senior cornerback Joe Scott, safety Dick Bradburn, and Kevin Grabin pilfered Thorne's passes which forced the offense to keep on the ground.

Although Harrison held the upper hand in total yardage in the first half, 119 to 23, and in first downs nine to one, the halftime score saw the Hawks lead by a touchdown, 7-0.

The third quarter was indicative of the solid defensive play that both teams displayed.

Salem was unable to make a first down, while Harrison could gain only

one against a Salem defense which tightened up considerably after the Hawks' scoring drive.

Harrison padded their margin midway through the final stanza. The running tandem of Paul Rogind and Mike Bowden gained big chunks of yardage to keep this drive alive. Greg White's 25-yard catch set up a field goal attempt for Rogind at the Salem 27 yard line.

Rogind split the uprights from 42 yards out to put Harrison up 10-0 with 7:23 left in the game. What momentum Harrison might've accumulated after Rogind's kick diminished on Salem's next series.

On their first play from scrimmage after the kickoff the Hawks quickly

closed the deficit to three points. Quarterback Ben Wilcox, who completed four of nine passes for 101 yards, found fullback Charlie Johnson with a pass on a slant pattern over the middle.

Johnson muscled his way out of the grasp of three Harrison defenders to complete a 76-yard scoring play to make matters more exciting. Rick Doherty's conversion made it 10-7 with 6:55 remaining in the game.

On Salem's next series Harrison scored the victory when Tim Harsha returned an intercepted pass 65 yards for a touchdown. That score made the final Farmington Harrison 17, Plymouth Salem 7.

Plymouth Salem mustered 197 total yards, 96 on the ground while passing for 101 yards. Harrison counted 163 net yards with 114 being accomplished between the running of Rogind, Bowden and Pasne.

Harrison finished the year with a 7-2 mark which compares with an 8-1 record of a year ago. The Hawks have had three seniors among the starters and will obviously be one of the powers in the Western Six conference next fall.

Plymouth Salem closes out its '75 campaign with a mediocre 4-5 mark, which was an indication of how graduation and lack of experience hurt Salem this year. The Hawks were undefeated last season and MHSAA champions.

"Our kids never quit. I know 4-5 isn't an impressive record, but we can always point to the fact that we never gave up. I'm very proud of them," said coach Tom Mosher after the game.



Coach John Herrington during a recent Harrison game. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

In season finale

Blue Jays rip Lathrup in city grid battle

By TOM BAER

People are saying Southfield High School's young football team could be an area powerhouse next season.

It's a pretty safe bet that Southfield will field an excellent squad in 1976. But the Blue Jays will have to come of age without one fine running back—senior Rick Wieland, a 5'9 1/2-pound speedster who's been logging some impressive rushing yardage this season.

Wieland piled up 196 yards, including a 70-yard touchdown run, to lead Southfield past city rival Lathrup, 14-0, last Friday on Lathrup's field.

"If there's a better back in the area, I'll see it, I just want to see him," said Southfield coach John Fin-

layson, who has wanted Wieland to carry the team to a 6-0 season in 1975.

Southfield fans may have seen an emotional charge out of their team last night. Lathrup had it was one of the worst (Clayton) games in years. Both touchdowns came in the first quarter. Halfback Greg Gagner scored the first TD. He carried the ball, ran into a teammate, fumbled and recovered and raced nine yards into the end zone.

Southfield scored the next time it had the ball. Wieland went 70 yards with tackle Tim Oliver providing a key block. Quarterback Jon Vici kicked both extra points.

"Early in the game we had good blocking and we ran the ball real well," Finlayson said. "Our option

play was working real well. We passed the ball well enough except when we were real close to scoring a touchdown. Then we threw a couple.

Southfield missed an opportunity to score late in the second quarter when a Vici pass was intercepted by Pat Barker on the Lathrup 11. Quarterback Guided Southfield to the Lathrup seven before throwing an interception into the hands of tackle Tim Fritz who tip the ball to Jim Wising.

Southfield gained 287 yards on the ground and 57 through the air. Lathrup rushed for 137 yards and passed for 27. Mike Clancy, a senior fullback led Lathrup with 82 yards in 10 carries.

Lathrup finished the season with a 16 overall record and a 2-3 mark in the Metro Suburban Association.

Harrison 4th in WSL

North Farmington tops girls' swimming meet

By TOM BAER

North Farmington swimming coach Pat Duthe inherited a winner when he took over the girls' team this fall. Duthe, who replaced Carol Massey as girls' coach, guided North Farmington to its fourth straight Northwest Suburban League title since the Raiders tied Birmingham Groves for the crown in 1970. The Raiders won the NSL meet last Thursday, scoring 434 points.

Westland John Glenn finished second with 399 points, and Livonia Franklin was third with 246. First Thurston High and Garden City East don't have girls' swimming teams.

"I was very pleased with our girls," said Duthe, whose team finished 7-2 overall and 2-0 in the NSL. "Some of the hard work they put in all season paid off for them."

North won every event except diving and the 100-yard backstroke. Raider senior Jane MacLaren won two events—the 200-yard individual medley in 2:28.3, and the 100-yard breastroke in a league-record 1:12.3. She also swam on North's 200-yard med-

ley relay, which set a league record of 2:05.4.

North's Patty Gasser established two more league records by winning the 200-yard freestyle (2:10.0) and the 100-yard freestyle (59.8). Patty's sister, Sue, won the 50-yard freestyle in a record 26.8, while teammate Debbie Somerville set a league standard in the 200-yard freestyle with a 6:10.8 clocking.

North's 400-yard free relay (Cathy Burk, Debbie Hatch, Debbie Somerville and Patty Gasser) won in a record 4:05.5. Miss Hatch provided yet another first place with a 1:09.7 effort in the 100-yard butterfly.

John Glenn's Julie Winter won the diving event with 279.40 points, and teammate Cathy McGuire won the 100 back in 1:12.7.

North Farmington will be well represented in the girls' state meet Nov. 14-15 at the University of Michigan. Both Raider relays have qualified as well as Patty Gasser (100, 200 and 500 freestyle), Sue Gasser (50 free), Jane MacLaren (100 breast).

Western Six League Meet
Farmington Harrison, under first-

year coach Kathy Suchyta, finished fourth in the Western Six League Meet last Thursday in its own pool. The Hawks compiled 102 team points. Northville High won the league meet and title, scoring 318 points, 64 more than runner-up Walled Lake Western. Livonia Churchill was third with 228 points, and Plymouth Canton was fifth with 133. Waterford Mott doesn't have girls' swimming.

"We expected to take fourth place, because Plymouth Canton is the only team we beat in dual meets," said Miss Suchyta, who teaches chemistry at Harrison. "But Canton gave us a rough go. The scores were quite close."

"It was an upset that Walled Lake Western finished ahead of Livonia Churchill," she continued. "Churchill had beaten Western twice in dual meets."

Harrison's best performance came from Karen Rudel, a junior. She won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:45.0, and finished second in the 200-yard IM in 2:21. Harrison's Linda Lehey took second in the 200 free and fourth in the 100 free.

Miss Rudel has qualified for the state meet in the 200 free, 50 free, 100 free, 500 free, 100 backstroke and 200 IM.

"She's an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) swimmer with the Livonia Bulldogs," Miss Suchyta said. "That's the key to success. If you look at the girls who place in the state meet, you'll find that most of them are AAU swimmers."

Harrison diver Karen Kennedy will participate in the state diving regional on Tuesday (Nov. 11) at Bloomfield Hills Lathrup.

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Tuesday (Nov. 11) Southfield Lathrup at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lathrup roads, 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday (Nov. 11) Pontiac Northern at Farmington High, 3200 Shaw Ave. 7 p.m.

Wednesday (Nov. 12) Farmington Our Lady of Mercy vs. Bishop Duggan in Catholic League semifinal game, Madam Heights Bishop Foley, 2200 Campbell Road, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday (Nov. 13) Rochester Adams at Southfield Lathrup, 19301 Twelve Mile Road, 4:15 p.m.

Thursday (Nov. 13) Whitmore Lake at

Southfield Christian, 2600 Lahser Road, 6 p.m.

Thursday (Nov. 13) Waterford Township High at Farmington High, 3200 Shaw Ave. Road, 7 p.m.

Thursday (Nov. 13) Southfield High at Ferndale High, 6000 Ferndale, 4 p.m.

Girls' Swimming

Friday and Saturday (Nov. 14-15) Qualifying swimmers from Southfield Lathrup Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, Farmington Harrison, North Farmington and Farmington High will participate in the Great A state meet at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, events begin at 8:30 a.m.

Meet results:
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