

G's Win in Years Big Game, 13-6

Speedsters Thrill Crowd



GLADWIN'S MICKEY Hetherington races under the clutching fingers of a Beaverton tackler as he speeds over the goal line for Gladwin's first touchdown in the opening quarter.



KEN GOVITZ, Beaverton halfback, fends off a would-be Gladwin tackler with a straightarm as he reels off one of the Beavers' longest gains.—Photos by Ruble,

The Flying G's made their second successful defense of their conference championship here Friday evening in downing Beaverton's Beavers, 13-6.

The victory retained the G's lead in the Northeastern Michigan Conference standings, tied with West Branch at two wins and no defeats.

All of Gladwin's scoring was in the first half of the game and Beaverton's marker came in the third period.

The Gs struck early for their first touchdown. Receiving the initial kickoff, Coach Baum's men marched relentlessly for 82 yards to their opening score. Fullback John Rountree received on his own 20 yard stripe and hustled the ball back to the 38. With Quarterback Joe Clark sending Rountree and Halfback Mickey Hetherington through holes opened by the line, carrying the ball himself on the option play, and sparked by a 20-yard pass to End Joe Heath, the touchdown was set up on the 3 yard line from where Mickey Hetherington carried it across. Heath place kicked the extra point.

Soon after the second period opened the G's again got possession of the ball on their own 15 after stalling the Beavers' first scoring threat. In 10 plays Gladwin moved to the Beaverton 38, from where Clark broke over his own right tackle and threaded his way through the Beaverton defense to pay dirt. The try for PAT failed.

A short time later the half ended.

After the rest period, the G's kicked to the Beavers and held for three downs. On the kick, a Flying G player broke through and blocked the ball.

Gladwin made four thrusts at the line for 13 yards and on the fifth play, Beaverton Halfback Jake McKimmy intercepted a Clark aerial on the 25 and lugged it back to the 38. A pass from Quarterback Bob Phillips to Halfback Ken Govitz covered 38 yards. On the second play, a handoff with perfect deception sprung McKimmy loose for the Beaverton touchdown. The PAT was no good.

The G's took the kickoff on their 17 and powered it to the Beaver 3, but a recovered bobbie set them back on the 9. There's where they were when the third period opened and where they lost the ball on downs when the Beaverton defense stiffened.

Neither team was able to mount a score producing attack in the closing minutes of the game.