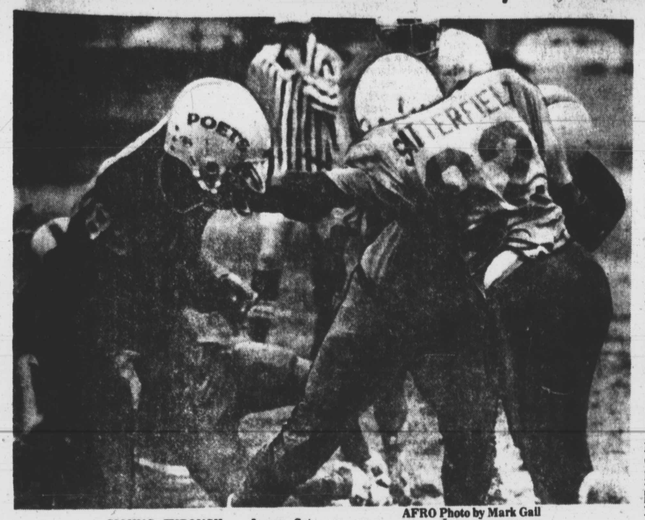
School Sports Scene

POETS CRUSH NORTHERN

Unbeaten Dunbar, Lakers on collision course



COMING THROUGH — James Satterfield of Northern tries to get past Dunbar's Chris Phillips, (no. 82), late in the third quarter as Northern fell to Dunbar 20-6.

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"It's so hard, so hard to beat a Poet," were the words of a popular song heard around Dunbar, as the Poets beat the Vikings of Northern 20 to 6 in exciting MSA action last Friday.

The loss was a big blow to Northern, last year's co-champion of the MSA's "B" Conference, and comes on the heels of an injury to the team's star quarterback a day before the game.

The Eastsiders managed to stop one of the mosttpotent offenses in the city, as the Vikings have ammassed 114 points in four conference victories.

The Dunbar defense, which has only given up 12 points without a loss in three conference games, continued their mastery of the gridiron.

The Dunbar scores came on an 80-yard interception return by linebacker James Rhinehart; a Rodney Cofield-Brian Maddox pass connection for 39 yards; and an 80-yard kickoff return by the swift Maddox.

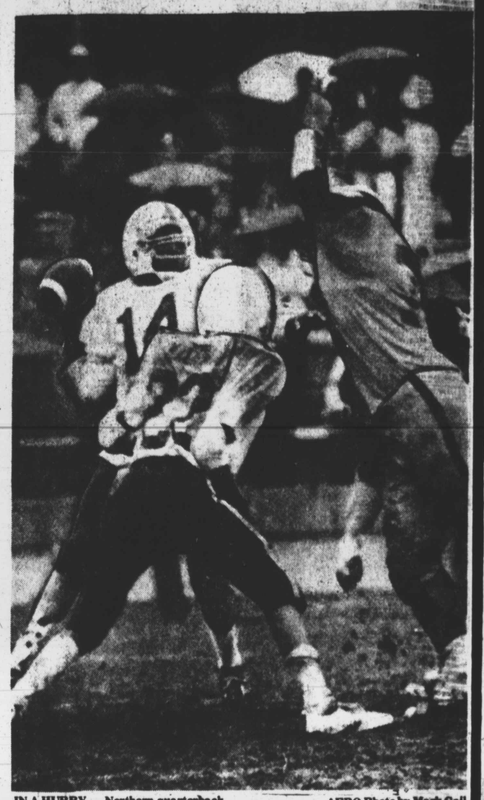
Northern's lone score came on a 70-yard touchdown jaunt by Ellis Staten.

The win leaves Dunbar with an untarnished 4-0 record. The only other prep team in the city with no losses is Lake Clifton. The Lakers have won three and tied one.

A match-up between the two schools, which is being touted as the 'battle of the champions' doesn't take place until Nov. 7 at Dunbar.

In other prep gridiron action:

Poly trounced Calvert Hall 20-7; Lake Clifton rolled over hapless Patterson by a score of 48-12; the Mervo-Forest Park score looked like a baseball final, (6-4) as the Mustangs eeked out a win; City was blanked by county rival Landsdowne 7-0; and Mt. St. Joe beat Northwestern 17-6.



IN A HURRY — Northern quarterback Brian Phillips draws back in a hurry before being hit by a Dunbar defender in last Friday's big "B" conference showdown.

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Lake Clifton girls volley-ball squad nets 7th straight victory

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The Lake Clifton girls' volleyball team coasted to a fourth straight victory with a sweep of Douglass, 15-8and 15-10 as that school's record dropped to 1 and 3.

Lakers coach Ruth Travis, whose team has finished in second place for the past two years, believes that hard work and mastery of the basics has helped her team.

"I try to teach my kids the 4-2 defense, which consists of four players hitting and two players setting thelay. This is a hard some to play properly; it is not "jungle ball," said coach Travis. "Jungle ball" is just hitting the ball over the net with no thought or strategy." Douglass coach Doris Miller aagreed. "Some coaches teach 'jungle ball' which cheats the player of learning a skill. It just takes a lot of hard work and time on the players' part as well as the coached."

Coach Miller stated that with a few ore games under her team's belt, it will have the experience it needs. Experience is a problem for the Ducks, who are in a rebuilding stage after boasting a 13-1 record only two years ago.

Last year the team suffered through a 3-11 record.

GOOD TRY — April Butler and Stacia Smith, (no. 10), of Douglass make a good try, but fail to get the ball over the net in a recent match against Lake Clifton. The Lakers took the series 15-8 and 15-10.

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Sports schedule

OCTOBER 11
Cross Country — Boys
Poly, Carver and Mervo at The Hereford Invit., Hereford, Md.
OCTOBER 13
Soccer
Patterson at Poly
J.V. Soccer
Poly at Patterson
Volleyball
Douglass at Forest Park
Southern at Lake Clifton
Western at Edmondson
Eastern at Northern
City at Patterson
Walbrook at Mervo
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Dunbar at Carver.
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Western at Edmondson
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Some players to watch

WALBROOK WHIZ — Yolanda Ballantine is a senior who runs cross country for the Warriors. Yolanda also is a track star, and last year she set an MSA girl's record in the two mile run.

WESTERN WONDER — Gina Harper of Western High combines athletic prowess with scholastic excellence. The senior has played volleyball for the past two years and is also a member of the National Honor Society.

DOUGLASS DEMON — Chancey Adams, a senior running back at Douglass High, stunned the crowd during the school's opener when he rushed for 237 yards and three touchdowns.

WESTERN AQUA-WOMAN — Kathy Powers is a junior swimming sensation at Western High School and has been a mainstay of the team for three years. She copped the girl's MSA diving championship last year.