

Farrell Clinches the Top Spot

By Bill Travers

Monsignor Farrell is No. 1 in New York City.

The Lions earned that honor yesterday by winning a hard-fought 24-14 victory over neighboring Tottenville before 6,000 fans to complete an unbeaten season.

By winning, Farrell, tied once by Poly Prep, edged PSAL champion Jefferson and runner-up New Dorp to finish atop The News Top Ten.

Three first-half touchdowns for the Lions were enough for victory as the teams settled down to a defensive battle after intermission. Throughout the second half, Farrell's tough defense and the punting of Steve Zangla kept the Pirates deep in their own territory.

Zangla's 47-yard boot late in

the final quarter went dead on the Pirates' two.

A few plays later, Tottenville quarterback Tony Carchietta was rushed on a pass attempt and stepped out of the end zone for a safety.

Tottenville kicked and Farrell ran out the clock.

Farrell halfback Pete Fanizzi, who was injured in the third quarter, was the game's MVP. Gary Cali was Tottenville's MVP.

Tottenville got on the board first when Carchietta combined with Cali on a 54-yard scoring bomb to cap a 66-yard drive with 4:29 left in the first period.

Farrell drove from its own 39 to the Pirates' 26 but was topped. That's when the Lions got a big break.

On Tottenville's first play from scrimmage, halfback Mike Kotula was hit at the line of scrimmage, the ball popping high into the air, and defensive back John Wallace grabbed it and was gone to the races on a 26-

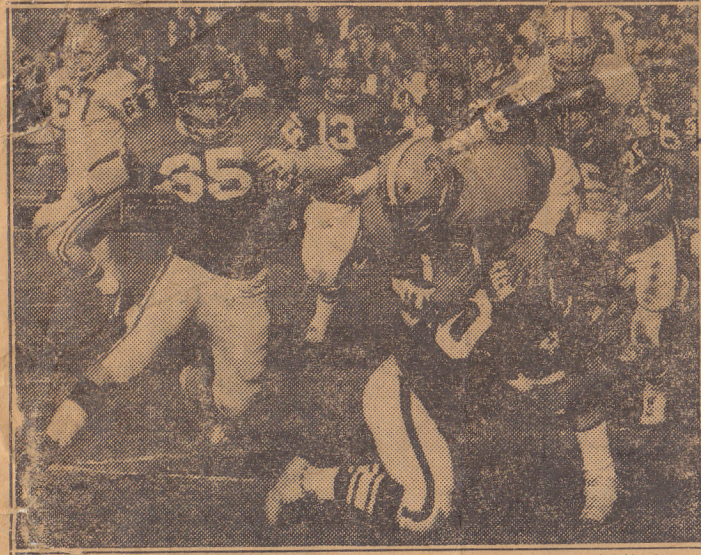
yard TD jaunt. George Silvas' kick made it 7-6 with 30 seconds left in the quarter.

Early in the second session, Farrell marched 44 yards on seven plays and Bob Tetosa took it in on a quarterback sneak. Silvas' kick made it 14-6. The big play was a 30-yard run to the three by Fanazzi.

Tottenville was jolted for three straight losses after the kickoff by Pete Tarangelo, Bob Belfino and John Cameron and was forced to punt.

On Farrell's first play from the Tottenville 40, Petosa rolled left, hit Fanizzi in the flank and the talented halfback went all the way to score. He added a two-point conversion for a 22-6 edge.

But the Pirates didn't quit and the combination of Carchietta and Cali put them back on the board again on a 60-yard pass play. Kotula's conversion made it 22-14 at halftime.



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Pete Fanizzi of Monsignor Farrell is thrown for loss by Tottenville linebacker Paul Marxen in first period.

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| 1. Farrell | 1. Staples | 1. St. Dominic's | 1. East Islip |
| 2. Jefferson | 2. Fairfield Prep | 2. Farmingdale | 2. Glenn |
| 3. New Drop | 3. Brien McMahon | 3. Port Washington | 3. Ward Melville |
| 4. Canarsie | 4. Greenwich | 4. North Shore | 4. Central Islip |
| 5. Poly Prep | 5. Newton | 5. Great Neck North | 5. Newfield |
| 6. Stepinac | 6. Danbury | 6. Levittown Memorial | 6. Southampton |
| 7. Clinton | 7. Darien | 7. West Hempstead | 7. Lindenhurst |
| 8. S'field Gardens | 8. Bunnell | 8. Carey | 8. Half Hollow Hills |
| 9. Brooklyn Tech | 9. Harding | 9. Elmont | 9. Whitman |
| 10. St. Francis | 10. Trumbull | 10. Massapequa | 10. Riverhead |