

# Scrambles galore in Western-6 league

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

One would need more than the ability of a Sherlock Holmes to figure out which squad will win the Western Six League football race this season.

One of the main reasons for such a wide open chase stems from an expected 'down' year from last season's king Farmington Harrison. Coach John Herrington's Hawks year-in and year-out have been league contenders but things may be different this year with the loss of quarterback Brett Homovc and company to graduation.

However, the Hawks must still be considered in the race, along with Livonia Churchill, as these two teams consistently offer respectable league competition.

Northville and Waterford Mott are also considered as possible league champions, as they enter the scramble which should prove to be an interesting race.

Plymouth Canton and Walled Lake Western are the only Western-6 squads which are not expected to figure in the chase.

**JOHN HERRINGTON** has a very respectable 48-25-1 career record in his eight years at Harrison. His record includes a trip to the Silverdome in 1976 where his Hawks lost in the championship game for the Class A state title.

Five seniors are expected to lead the Hawks this season. They include quarterback Drew Norton, tailback Mark Worley, tackle Mark Heppard, swingback and

defensive halfback Jon Brancheau and center-linebacker Kurt Stearns.

And, as usual, Herrington is looking forward to his annual non-league rivalry against cross-town opponent North Farmington.

**IN ADDITION** to its league foes, Livonia Churchill sports one of the toughest non-league schedules in the state with the likes of East Lansing, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Franklin and Ann Arbor Huron.

Coach Ken Kaestner hopes to rely on seven seniors as the heart of his squad.

The offense will feature quarterback Rick Coppola, tailback Doran Mason, tackle Paul Neville and guard Mark Przybylewski. The Chargers may sport the toughest defensive secondary in the league thanks to Dave Krick, Larry LaCarter and Ken Katschor.

**IT LOOKS** like another uphill climb for the Chiefs of Plymouth Canton, as head coach Dave Schuele looks for any kind of improvement on last year's winless season.

One person who may add some offense to the Chiefs' attack is quarterback Scott Dawson, a transfer player from Inkster Cherry Hill who can throw the football. Senior running back Rusty Mandle will also provide some offensive punch.

Other top prospects include senior guard Charlie Nyhus and senior linebacker Bill VanHoosier.

## OL St. Mary's favored to repeat in 2d Division

By JOHN BOZZO

First year head coach Al Dicken has a tough act to follow at Orchard Lake St. Mary's High School.

Dicken, who takes over for Art Paddy, was an assistant coach at West Bloomfield for four years.

Last season Paddy led Orchard Lake's Eagles to a perfect 12-0 record which included the State Class C, Catholic League Second Division and Second Division West titles.

Another person with a big pair of shoes to fill is junior quarterback Jim Kinville. He replaces everyone's All-State choice, Jim Paciorek, who is now on scholarship at the University of Michigan.

Dicken probably takes some of his own advice to Kinville for himself.

"We're telling him (Jim Kinville) that Jim Paciorek is gone," Dicken said. "He doesn't have to compare himself to anyone."

Although unfamiliar with all the teams on St. Mary's schedule this season, Dicken said the opening game with Detroit Country Day School will provide as stern a test as his team will face.

**ORCHARD LAKE** opened last season with a crushing 30-12 victory over Country Day's Yellow Jackets. While the Eagles went on to claim state fame, Country Day just missed the same honors.

Country Day was the Metro Conference champion. The Yellow Jacket gridders

went undefeated through the rest of the season, but lost their first Class D state playoff game to eventual champion Flint Holy Rosary.

Besides Kinville, Dicken listed five key players for this fall: senior defensive back and offensive running back Dave Kay; senior running back and defensive back Tom Sikora; senior offensive and defensive end Nua Vucinaj; senior offensive and defensive tackle Frank Zimolzak; and big strapping (6-4, 205 pound) offensive and defensive tackle Matt Martin.

Frank Janosz is Dicken's defensive coordinator. John Becktel is a varsity assistant.

**REDFORD ST. AGATHA** head coach John Goddard lists St. Mary's as one of his top opponents this season. Redford fell to the Eagles 34-12 one year ago.

Goddard has a 12-6 record in his two previous seasons. He is also expecting a tough time from Clarenceville, a team that shut out Redford 22-0 last year.

There are two seniors and three juniors who Goddard expects will be his best performers this season. They are: senior guard Dennis Rice, senior defensive tackle-offensive end Howard Shrock; junior halfback Al Jones; junior tackle John Werth; and junior halfback Curtis King.

Kirt Wentzel is the Redford offensive line coach. Tim Lafferty coaches the defensive line. Bill Murphy handles the junior varsity.

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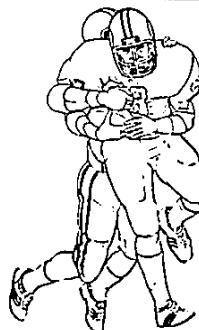
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