

Hawk 2nd, Raiders 3rd in high school grid ranking

There is little change in this week's Oakland County Observer & Eccentric football rankings, as the same seven teams continue to impress the pollsters.

The top three squads remain in the same order as last week, as Birmingham Brother Rice, Farmington Harrison and North Farmington lead the way.

The Warriors raised their record to 8-0 last week with a 35-7 shellacking of Harper Woods Notre Dame. That victory advances Rice to the Catholic League playoffs where it meets Class B state-ranked Detroit DeLaSalle at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

In prep cage ranking

Mercy retains top spot

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy and Bloomfield Hills Lahser have dominated girls' basketball in the Observer & Eccentric circulation area all year.

At the end of last week those two schools owned a combined 25-0 record, and neither has showed signs of letting up. For those efforts, they continue to top the weekly O&E poll.

"Mercy, perfect through a dozen games, remains the top-ranked team. Undeatable Lahser (13-0) is a very close second.

A pair of Birmingham schools — Marian and Groves — hold down the third and fourth spots, respectively.

Rochester, Southfield and Farmington round out the top seven.

Local squads to clash

al season finale Saturday afternoon at North.

Coach Hal Beardsley's Farmington club won its second in a row last night after six straight losses with an 8-0 showing over Brighton High.

Tailback Greg Konis capped a 32-yard drive by running one yard for the game's only touchdown.

Rochester was sixth last week, but moved to the No. 5 spot, and Southfield jumped from seventh to sixth. Southfield fell from fifth to seventh.

The Marlins, coached by Larry Baker, received two of the three possible first-place votes from the O&E sports editors. Mercy has played a tougher schedule, beating such formidable opponents as Harper Woods Regina and Marian.

Mercy registered its 12th win of the season last week against Redford Bishop Borgess, 67-37. The Marlins are a well-balanced scoring unit as four players scored in double figures, led by Suzanne Dietz' 14 points.

The Knights, who played Thursday and Friday last week instead of the customary Tuesday and Thursday, beat Adams and Southfield-Lathrup. Fran Kienle and Sarah Albert combined for 39 points on Friday to outscore the entire Charger team.

Lahser was forced to play Friday because the referees failed to show for Tuesday's regularly scheduled game. "I've never heard of that happening before," said Lahser coach John Hansen.

The rankings are compiled each week by sports editors Tom Baer, Marty Budner and Dennis O'Connor. The O&E circulation area includes the Birmingham, Farmington, Rochester, Southfield, Troy and West Bloomfield area.

The accompanying team records do not include Tuesday evening's games.

CAGE RANKINGS	
1. Mercy	12-0
2. Lahser	13-0
3. Marian	8-4
4. Groves	11-3
5. Rochester	8-4
6. Southfield	6-5
7. Farmington	6-6

GRID RANKINGS	
1. Brother Rice	8-0
2. Harrison	8-0
3. North Farmington	7-1
4. Avondale	8-0
5. Andover	6-2
6. Groves	6-2
7. Lathrup	5-3

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