

Small college showdown pits area players

By BRAD EMONS

Hillsdale and Northwood Institute will meet for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) football title with a lot of familiar names in the starting lineup.

Both sides can boast of former area prep standouts. Livonia Stevenson graduate Jim Dolmetsch, who calls the offensive signals for the Northmen, would like to end his career by putting a championship ring on his finger.

He is the top passer in the GLIAC

and has been a regular for three years. The former Spartan All-State quarterback has directed Northwood to a 6-1 record.

"This is something we set as a goal before the season started," said Dolmetsch. "It's the biggest of my career. We still have a chance at the playoffs (NAIA) and can establish the best record ever here."

Northwood and Hillsdale go into the showdown with 4-1 conference marks. Last weekend the Northmen lost a chance to clinch the title by losing to Grand Valley.

"We're the more experienced team," said Dolmetsch. "We have a lot of juniors and seniors and feel we should win."

Pre-season experts wrote off the Hillsdale Chargers with the exception of its own coach, Dick Lowry.

"In the pre-season poll we got one first-place vote and that was me," said the first-year coach, who left Wayne State after six years.

"Northwood is a very tough football team," he said. "Dolmetsch is an excellent passer. They have a lot of keys and no doubt he is one of them. He might be

the best quarterback in our conference."

DOLMETSCH is joined on the Northwood squad by Tim Quinn, formerly of Westland, who prepped at North Farmington, and Livonia Churchill's Ron Schueneman.

Quinn, a sophomore, starts at the strong cornerback spot while Schueneman plays on special teams.

Hillsdale relies on the blocking of Mike Broome, a 6-foot-2, 240-pound guard, and teammate Jerry Cifer, a 5-7, 180-pound tailback.

Cifer, who has racked up over 600 yards, and Broome, are graduates of Livonia Franklin.

They are joined by North Farmington's Pat Collins, a freshman starter at outside linebacker. Collins and Quinn were teammates on North Farmington's 1978 team which reached the Class A finals.

"I recruited them all," said Lowry. "Livonia and its surrounding area has always been a good recruiting spot."

Dolmetsch, who is majoring in business management, expects close to 6,000 fans turn out for Saturday's battle in Midland.

"I've really enjoyed my experience here," Dolmetsch said. "I like the small college atmosphere. I had a chance to go to some Mid-American schools, but I liked the people here."

"It's a good football league. I think I made the right move."

Northwood and Hillsdale are the smallest schools, enrollment-wise, in the GLIAC.

With Michigan out of town and Michigan State hosting Northwestern, the Northwood-Hillsdale game is being billed the state's best this weekend.

Warrior harriers 6th at state

The Birmingham Brother Rice cross country team finished sixth in the Class A state meet Saturday at the IMA Golf Course in Flint.

The Warriors finished with 199 points. Flint Kearsley, running on its home course, won the meet with 100 points.

Chris Dorsey led Rice with an eighth-place, finish (15:46). Joe Davey was 16th (15:53), Tim Sullivan was 19th (15:58), Mike Schuler was 69th (16:37), Mike Davey was 87th (16:46), Hader McKay was 94th (16:49), and Dave Kowal was 110th (16:53).

Groves' Geoff Smith was the area's top Class A runner at the meet. He finished sixth overall with a time of 15:40, his best of the year.

Smith placed second in regional competition to Sullivan one week earlier at Royal Oak Kimball.

Southfield-Lathrup's David Krasur placed 11th in the state meet with a 15:51 clocking.

Brother Rice was only three seconds and 10 points away from third place in the team results, according to coach Bob Stark. The Warriors were ranked second to Kearsley in the final coaches' state poll.

The sixth-place finish capped a successful season for Stark's squad. Rice won the regional and county crowns. It also won the Catholic League title.

CLASS D STATE MEET

Both the Detroit Country Day boys' and girls' cross country teams finished fourth in their respective Class D state meets on Saturday at Potteryville. The boys finished fourth with 117 points, just seven points behind second-

place Centerville's 110. Kingsley was first with 97 points.

The Country Day girls were fourth with 145 points. Ann Arbor Green Hills won the state championship easily with 61 points.

Matt Balding led the Country Day harriers in the boys' meet with a seventh-place finish (16:44). Don Cook was ninth (16:49).

Both Balding and Cook made all state Class D because of their placing in the top 10 finishers.

Glenn Martin finished 29th for the Yellow Jackets (17:29). Chuck Coglian was 34th (17:40), and Mike Kelly was 38th (17:42).

Alia Newman made all state for Country Day by finishing fifth in the girls' meet (20:24). Carol Simula was 28th (22:22). Ginnie Thompson was 34th (22:36). Susan Crawford was 38th (23:04). Lisa Sims was 40th (23:09), and

Paynter posted a winning time of 21:7.

Harrison will swim in the Western Six League meet Nov. 19-20 at Livonia Churchill.

North Farmington is 4-4-1 overall after its 98-73 loss to non-league West Bloomfield Tuesday night.

North won the free relay with the team of Mary Mansfield, Kirsten Kinsman, Michele Lister and Katy Harden posting a 3:53.4.

Harrison swimmers nip Novi

Nancy Whittemore won two individual events and swam on a winning relay Tuesday night as Farmington Harrison stopped non-league Novi High, 86-85. The win was Harrison's third against nine losses.

Harrison ensured the victory with a first-place finish in the meet's final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. The team of Helen Tucker, Sue Waak, Whit-

temore and Niki Allen won with a 4:09.3 clocking.

Whittemore won the 200 freestyle (2:13.6) and the 100 butterfly (1:10.5). Sue Pickett of Harrison won the diving event with 197.40 points, and teammate Tina Grant won the 100 back in 1:15.8.

Harrison's 200 medley relay (Grant, Linda Waak, Teena Hix and Joanne

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