Rice returns to playoff chase

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It wasn't a normal Monday at Birmingham Brother Rice High School Likis week.

There was an air of excitement throughout the school.

The Warrior gridders returned to the state playoffs, and one could sense the state playoffs, and one could sense the state playoffs, and one rould sense the state playoffs, and one rould sense the state playoffs and 1978. But the Warriors' 27-3 and 1978. But the Warriors' 27-3 and 1978. But the Warriors' 27-3 and 1978. But the Marriors' 27-3 and 1978. But the Marriors' 27-3 and 1978. But the Marriors' 27-3 and 1978. The state of the

EVERYONE WANTED to share in playoffs.

the Warriors' excitement.
First there was Wally English, offensive coordinator for the University of
Pittshung. He visited Fracassa's office
Monday with high hopes of recruiting
seniors Brad Cochran, a wide receiver,
and Joe Bars, a defensive tackle. And
English's future interests are in 15sen-rold joint quarterback Dave
Varena, who has thrown 16 touchdown
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Yarema, who has thrown 16 touchdown passes this season.
English, one will recall, is the father of former Rice All-Stater Jon English, who quarterbacked the Warriors' 1977 and 1978 playoff teams.

Then there was Brother Dalton, Rice's former principal. He called Fracessas from his new residence in California Monday, Dalton wanted to know every detail of this 9-8 squad — who it defeated and who it will battle in the playoffs.

Dalton asked about North Farming-ton's playoff chances. He wanted to see a Brother Rice — North Farmington rematch. (The Warriors fell to North Farmington in the 1978 state semifi-nals.)

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FRACASSA told Dalton the Raiders were knocked out of playoff contention by arch-rival Farmington Harrison. But the Rice cacch had plenty to say about his squad's first-round opponent. Stering Heights Stevenson. "They're big, they're strong and they're aggressive," Fracasas said of Stevenson. "They run right at you, and they throw the ball. They are basically a very sound ball club. I have a lot of respect for Sterling Heights Stevenson."

The two undefeated teams clash at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Birmingham Groves, at 13 Mile and Evergreen. Game time was moved up one-half bour from its original starting time of 1

John Chesh and the John Chesh and John Chesh Les and John Chesh He is a big threat in the passing offense, engineered by 6-3, pound quaterback Steve Caulter.

RICE HAS SOME potent offensive threats of its own. Yarema is an excellent passer with three fine wide receivers in Steve Allen. Paul Jokisch and Cochran.

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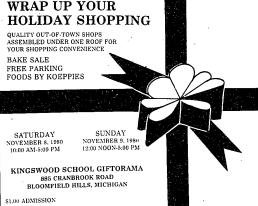
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