Lakes Division

1st week features important match-ups

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THURSTON OVER Walled Lake Western — who'd a thunk it?

That was just a sample of the frustration suffered by your expert (?) prognosticators last week.

The week was not a total washout, however. Emons was 8-6 last week, upping his season mark to 16-11. McCosky, suffering costly losses thanks to North Farmington, Clarenceville, John Glenn and Thurston, went 7-7. The rookie just missed nudging the .500 mark. He's 13-14.

Here are this week's choices (Northwest Suburban League game predictions appear on page 1C):

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL at LIVONIA BENTLEY (7:30 p.m. Friday). Who can figure out Bentley from week to week?

Unbeaten Walled Lake, meanwhile, is no longer a pretender anymore in the Lakes Division of the WLAA. Quarterback Tom Menard threw for 161 yards and two touchdowns in last week's 24-13 win over North Farmington.

But beware, Bentley beat Central last year on a Chad Darke field goal with 10 seconds left. Picks — McCosky likes Central by a TD, while Emons disagrees, Bentley by three again.

CLARENCEVILLE at LUTHERAN EAST (7:30 p.m. Friday). The Trojans were impressive in beating Lutheran North as junior Rob McCamant made 18 tackles from his "Tiger Back" spot.

Lutheran East is coming off a 21-6 defeat to Metro Conference favorite Detroit Country Day. Picks — McCosky likes East by three, while Emons takes Clarenceville by six.

PLYMOUTH CANTON at LIVONIA CHURCHILL (7:30 p.m. Friday). Both teams are 0-2, but find new life as the WLAA schedule begins.

Canton moved the ball well against Salem, but couldn't put it in the end zone. Churchill, meanwhile, moved the ball too late in a 21-7 loss to Ann Arbor Huron. The coin please. Picks — McCosky sticks by Canton in a three-pointer. Emons likes Churchill because of the home field in OT.

LIVONIA STEVENSON at PLYMOUTH SALEM (7:30 p.m. Friday). An early season Lakes Division showdown as both teams are unbeaten.

The two lines are small, but quick. It's wishbone versus pro-style.

Stevenson can pass with quarterback Dan Gilmartin, while Salem likes the pitch and run. The key for Salem could be quarterback Mark Tindall. The coin please. Picks — McCosky likes the Rocks by six. *Emons goes with Stevenson* by seven.

FARMINGTON HARRISON at NORTHVILLE (7:30 p.m. Friday). Another WLAA showdown featuring unbeaten teams.

Northville clobbered Thurston in its opener (47-0) and followed up with a come-from-behind 14-10 win over Westland John Glenn.

Harrison, the state's top-ranked Class A team, needs to shore up its passing game and can't underestimate Northville, which is playing at home. Picks — McCosky and Emons like Harrison by 14 and nine, respectively.

FARMINGTON vs. WALLED LAKE WESTERN (7:30 p.m. Friday at Walled Lake Central). Western still may be in shock after losing to Thurston, while Farmington played well in a 21-0 loss to Harrison.

The Falcons are 1-1 and have a stingy defense, but the offense is still lacking. Picks — McCosky and Emons agree. Farmington by two and eight, respectively.

BISHOP BORGESS at MADISON HEIGHTS BISHOP FOLEY (2:30 p.m. Saturday). The Spartans are now 2-0, boasting a high-powered running attack led by Chuck Gregory and Fred Owens.

Foley is coming off a 10-7 overtime win against Center Line St. Clement. Borgess continues to look like a contender. Picks — McCosky and Emons like Borgess by 10 and 12, respectively.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL vs. DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD (7:30 p.m. Saturday at Clarenceville). The Shamrocks rebounded in high style, beating Ypsilanti, 7-0, dropping Eric Ball's rushing total from 298 to 36 in one week.

Divine Child is 1-1. The Falcons opened with a tough 3-0 loss to Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, but drilled Ecorse last week, 35-0, as Sean LaFountaine scored 2 TDs and rushed for 121 yards.

Tom Bridenstine, filling in for David Lewis, gained 114 in the CC win. Should be another hard hitting, defensive struggle. Picks — McCosky likes CC by three and Emons agrees, but by 12.

REDFORD ST. AGATHA vs. ALLEN PARK CABRINI (2:30 Sunday at Allen Park). Class B Cabrini (2-0) has one of the state's top passers in Terry Andryslak.

"He (Andryslak) is super and they're an excellent team," said Agatha coach John Goddard. "If we play like we did last week (a 7-6 loss to Redford St. Mary's,) we couldn't beat the 'Little Sisters of the Poor.'" Picks — Emons and McCosky like Cabrini by 12 and eight points, respectively.

grid predictions

swimming

WESTERN LAKES CONFERENCE
GIRLS' SWIM RELAYS
at Plymouth Salem

TEAM STANDINGS — 1. Livonia Stevenson, 86 points; 2. (tie) Plymouth Salem and Northville, 71 each; 4. Plymouth Canton, 65; 5. Farmington Harrison, 44; 6. Livonia Churchill, 45; 7. Farmington, 20; 8. Walled Lake Central, 8; 9. Walled Lake Western, 2.

RELAYS RESULTS

400-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — 1. Stevenson (Sullivan, Murphy, Nolan and Quinlan), 4:32.8; 2. Churchill, 4:33.8; 3. Salem, 4:44.2; 4. Northville, 5:01.2; 5. Canton, 5:03.7; 6. Walled Lake Central, 5:07.8.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Salem (Mullen, Elliott, Shaffer and Taylor), 4:11.85; 2. Canton, 4:14.2; 3. Harrison, 4:33.0; 4. Stevenson, 4:33.2; 5. Northville, 4:44.8; 6. Churchill, 5:08.5.

200 BREASTSTROKE RELAY — 1. Canton (Elliott, Schendel, Brenan and Johnson), 2:22.3; 2. Stevenson, 2:25.0; 3. Salem, 2:27.48; 4. Northville, 2:31.6; 5. Churchill, 2:36.8; 6. Western, 2:58.3.

200 BACKSTROKE RELAY — 1. Stevenson (Tasarmina, Sullivan, M. Sadek and S. Sadek), 2:00.8; 2. Northville, 2:06.3; 3. Canton, 2:12.4; 4. Churchill, 2:12.8; 5. Salem, 2:14.15; 6. Western, disqualified.

200 BUTTERFLY RELAY — 1. Salem (Sheinsky, Vennaugh, Dionsopoulos and Murphy), 2:18.12; 2. Churchill, 2:19.3; 3. Northville, 2:27.3; 4. Stevenson, 2:31.6; 5. Farmington, 2:41.1.

DIVING RELAY — 1. Canton (Neville and Sherwood), no point totals available; 2. Northville, 3. Farmington, 4. Harrison, 5. Churchill, 6. Salem.

400 IM RELAY — 1. Northville (S. Thompson, Pellicelli, Bales and K. Thompson), 4:32.6; 2. Canton, 4:32.9; 3. Stevenson, 4:36.7; 4. Harrison, 4:41.5; 5. Salem, 4:47.9; 6. Farmington, 5:11.8.

CRESCENDO RELAY — 1. Stevenson (Dudek, Nolan, Sullivan and Schoenle), 5:00.4; 2. Harrison, 5:07.0; 3. Salem, 5:31.1; 4. Central, 5:31.2; 5. Canton, 5:09.5; 6. Farmington, 6:15.2.

200 MEDLEY RELAY — 1. Stevenson (S. Sadek, Murphy, Tasarmina and Quinlan), 1:58.2; 2. Northville, 2:07.4; 3. Salem, 2:15.6; 4. Harrison, 2:33.1; 5. Canton, 2:39.6; 6. Farmington, 2:50.4.

200 FREESTYLE — 1. Harrison (Hart, Schwedt, Tucker and Radzik), 1:51.8; 2. Churchill, 1:55.5; 3. Northville, 2:00.9; 4. Farmington, 2:01.0; 5. Canton, 2:01.9; 6. Salem, 2:01.8.

cross country

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL

FINAL BOYS TEAM STANDINGS — 1. Livonia Churchill, 119 points; 2. Northville, 128; 3. Redford Union, 139; 4. Westland John Glenn, 141; 5. Plymouth Salem, 151; 6. Wayne Memorial, 154; 7. Farmington, 179; 8. Livonia Franklin, 213; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 221; 10. Plymouth Canton, 223; 11. North Farmington, 237; 12. Garden City, 286; 13. Farmington Harrison, 295; 14. Livonia Bentley, 316; 15. Bishop Borgess, 392; 16. Redford Thurston, 453.

Individual results (top 10 make All-Invitational) — 1. Ken Dubois (LS), 16:00; 2. Dave Atkins (RU), 16:25; 3. Don Miller (LC), 16:27; 4. Jay Hunt (JG), 16:34; 5. Doug Plachta (LC), 16:37; 6. Scott Steiner (PS), 16:47; 7. Dave Homann (GC), 16:51; 8. Eric Buchanan (RU), 16:51; 9. Kirk Armstrong (NF), 16:52; 10. Paul Schwartz (LC), 16:54; 11. James Ertman (WM), 16:55; 12. Ronald Tolson (WM), 17:00; 13. Jim O'Neill (N), 17:08; 14. Bret Thirjung (WM), 17:19; 15. Dave Dunneback (F), 17:14; 16. Mark Crabty (PC), 17:18; 17. Chris Inch (F), 17:22; 18. Pat Campbell (N), 17:23; 19. Brian Pritchard (GC), 17:29; 20. Tracy Osborne (WM), 17:30; 21. Eric Pedersen (PS), 17:31; 22. Phil Madis (PS), 17:32; 23. Jim Ripley (N), 17:33; 24. Mike Baker (F), 17:34; 25. Steve Bauer (LF), 17:35.

FINAL GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS — 1. Livonia Churchill, 94; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 117; 3. Plymouth Salem, 122; 4. Farmington Harrison, 127; 5. Redford Union, 134; 6. Bishop Borgess, 149; 7. Westland John Glenn, 157; 8. Livonia Ladywood, 194; 9. Northville, 237; 10. Livonia Franklin, 315; 11. North Farmington, 394; 12. Trenton, 451. Other teams competing — Livonia Bentley, Farmington, Garden City, Plymouth Canton, Redford Thurston and Wayne Memorial.

Individual results (top 10 make All-Invitational) — 1. Julie Recia (LC), no times available; 2. Cindy Panowicz (N); 3. Susan Taligian (LS); 4. Lauri Runk (FH); 5. Katie Showich (RT); 6. Wendy Nuechterlein (N); 7. Kelly Wool (N); 8. Sherry Williams (RU); 9. Dorene Dodek (LC); 10. Trish Donnelly (PS); 11. Paige Cummins (PS); 12. Karen Opp (JG); 13. Laura Granillo (JG); 14. Kris White (BB); 15. Jenny Anderson (FH); 16. Shelly Simons (PS); 17. Amy Miyazaki (PS); 18. Sue Willey (LL); 19. Michele Economou (LS); 20. Suzanne Hamblin (NF); 21. Melly Mogielski (RU); 22. Denise Durrer (RU); 23. Janis Bilinski (RU); 24. Kelly Holzwart (LF); 25. Kathy Adams (RU).

Calling coaches: stats on the way

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 29, the Observer sports section will feature the popular Stats Page.

This page will include top girls swim times, basketball rankings, as well as scoring and rebound leaders, plus football and soccer standings.

Basketball coaches are asked to phone in their team's statistics to North Farmington head basketball coach Greg Grodzicki, Sunday and Monday evenings between 7 and 10. His phone number is 464-8830.

Swim times should be reported to Plymouth Salem coach Chuck Olson between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., or between 2:15 and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Olson can be reached at 453-3100, ext. 298.

Soccer standings and statistics will be compiled by Paul King.

in the pocket
by W.W. Edgar

Men's All-stars sound warning for new season

There is no question about it now. The all time records in the Detroit area are in danger and the bowling season is only a month old.

The first warning came in the men's all-star classic when the Stroh team posted a 3532 series at Astro Lanes. Then, the women came to the fore when Cheryl Daniels, bowling with women all stars, came through with a 781 at Luxury Lanes. This is only six pins shy of the record posted last season by Penny Behn. Cheryl also holds fourth place on the all time list with a 773 bowled in the 1981-82 season.

THE HIGH SCORING predicted before the season opened is showing up with each succeeding week. For example, not a week goes by that several more sharpeshooters are admitted to the 700 club.

It used to be a great achievement when a bowler fashioned a 700. It is becoming a bit common place now.

Two more members were admitted this week when Chuck O'Rourke fired a 741 in the men's league at Merri-Bowl and Tim Nippa came through with a 704 at Woodland lanes.

O'Rouke had a middle game of 279 and Nippa was helped by an opening 257.

GARDEN LANES. Bruno De Nambro missed the coveted 700 club by just three pins while firing in the Parents without Partners league. He had a 268, but couldn't get the last three pins.

Among the other high counts Marvin Stone had a 630 in the Road Commission loop and Mora Via turned in a 595 to pace the women's league.

MERRI-BOWL. While Chuch O'Rouke fired his 741 there were others who did well. Steve Mitchell topped the Saturday night loop with 691 and Brad Lloyd had a 265 single while Randy Smith turned in a 655 with a 278 game in the men's doubles.

WOODLAND LANES. Judy Honbert showed the way in the Early Birds loop with a 243 in 534 and Sharon Barliakos had a 240 for high single.

WESTLAND Bowl Tom Wojnowski was high man in the all star loop with a 638 and Dave Barnhardt paced the Monday Men with a 605.

The best bowling of the week came in the youth league where Dave Burgo showed the way with 636 and John Berlonggre had high single with 235.

OTHER GOOD SHOWINGS. Gladys Siekas took top place for the week in in the Bel-Aire women's classic with a 650. Jack Van Buhler was aided by a 233 middle game to pace the Super Bowlers at the Super Bowl with a 602.

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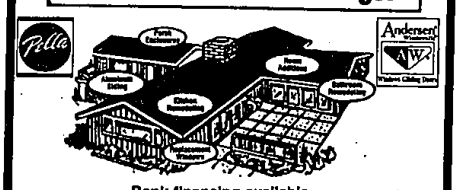

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