Experts attempt to rebound

By Dan O'Moara and Brad Emone stall writers

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As for the Observer prognosticating due of I Emons and O'Meara, there was a little too much of the latter a week

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Not only were many of last Friday's games delayed and/or postponed until Saturday because of severe thunderstorms, but the fearless forecasters also took a bath with a some erroneous predictions.

O'Meara was 8-5 last week and Emons 7-6. Both were wrong on the Taylor Center-Thurston, Borgess-Heddord Union, Wyandotte-Wayne, Clarenceville-Lutheran East and St. (Agatha-Taverse City St. Francis games.

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After two weeks of making predictions, the lone separator has been the Lutheran Westland-Peck game, because it's the only game the two have disagreed on. O'Meara is 20-7 overall, Emons 19-8.

Oh, well, enough about last week's disasters and poor percentages. It's upward and onward. There's some redeeming to be done.

The prep seers are eager to turn those blues into yellow rays of sunshine. They are heartened by the prespects of removing crow from a sports writer's diet.

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In a pair of games pitting unbeaten teams, Redford Catholic Central
plays at Ann Arbor Pioneer on Friday night and Westland John Glenn
visits North Farmington on Saturday

So let's give it another try. The envelope, please:

grid predictions

FRIDAY'S GAMES (All games 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Farmington at Pty, Salam: The visiting Falcons are 0-2 while the unbeaten Rocks (2-0) are oil to a rolling start and building up steam. Can Farmington handle Ryan Johnson and the wishbone offence? Pick: Salem's momentum has a steamroller effect on Farmington.

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W.L. Central at Uv. Slovenson: Contral (1-1) was manhandled last week by Farmington Hills Enteron. Han No. 1-10 July 100 July

winner, so the dogs goes to Northwise.

Harper Woods at Clarenceville:
Clarenceville has always been trouble for
O'Meara, who picks the Trojans to lose
when they win and vice versa. But he
thinks he has things figured out this wook.
First-year coach Vice Balaj's team is 2-0,
Harper Woods 0-2, Pick: The Trojans
take a third victory.

Garden City at Ypstlanti Lincola: The Raispillers have been a hard-luck team in the early going, locing tricle in overtime to Willow Run and Tecumseh, Garden City also is 0-2 but has been outscored 70-7. Pick: Abe Lincoln would be proud

Reddord Union at Dearborn, 4 p.m.: Both teams (1-1) have been up and down, and that makes this Northwest Suburban Lengue opener a hard game to predict. RU best Stevenson and lost to Bishop Bergess. Dearborn lost to This on and beat Allen Park Called Pick. Tota a col and flash the heat Pioneers. Emonds is sicking with RU.

Red. Thurston at Annapolis, 4 p.m.;
The auphoria surrounding Thurston's opening win furned sour last week when the Eagles lost to Taylor Center, but Annapolis to 0-2. If Jessey Walker than a good day, Thurston should do OK. Pickt: It's another potential coin-tesser; but give the edge to the Eagles.

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Wayne Memodal at Monroe: Monroe has been beaton handly twice, and the 39-9 loss to Furdison indicates the Trigola.

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way into the win column. Reddind Co. at . A.A. Plonoer: The Shamrocks railled from an 18-0 halfilling critical fast year to beat the defending to Casa A champs 22-18. That win everyod a set of the color of the col

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p.m.: Liggett boasts a 2-0 record while
the Aggles are 1-1, but that deen't mean
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Lick: Maybe Churchill's soason with paraslel WWIII when O'i Winnie led the Brillish to
corrollar! Victory, but that means the
Chargers must undergo the blitz this
week.

Canton claims best-ball crown

Fred Libbing, boys golf coach at Plymouth Canton, likes his team's chances this year in light of what the Chiefs did Tuesday.
Canton, led by the twosome of Rod Jesena and Jon Paupore, won the 19th Annual John F. Sandman Best-Ball Tournament at Brae Burn Golf Course, besting 22 other challengers for the title.
"If we don't do well, it's because a lot of other teams are a helluva lot better," Libbing said, "because the potential is there to win the division or even the league."
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Jesena, a junior in his third year on the team, and Paupore, a second-year sophomore, combined for a medal-winning round of lunder-par 67. In addition, the all-senior duo of Mike Kostick and Geoff Alien provided solid back-up with 69 and helped the Chiefs to a 136 team total.

Par at Brue Burn is 68 since the No. 4 hole — a 560-yard, double-dogleg par-5 — is undergoing reconstruction and has been reduced to a 150-yard par-3. The tee for the tournament was placed at the second dogleg.

"I DIDN'T THINK we'd win it, but I thought we'd come in close," Libbing said. "The guys turned in a helluva round. I don't know what the rest of the season looks like, but if they keep turning in those kind of

"Tm real proud of the kids. They work hard in practice every day and want to improve. There has to be lightning or a tornado to cancel practice; that's how motivated they are."

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Ann Arbor Ploneer was second with 142. Billy Lyle and Chih Chang also shot 69 and won a sudden-death playoff against Kostick and Allen for second-place honors. Walled Lake Western was third at 145, and defending champion Plymouth Salem Jinished one stroke back in fourth place. Western's Chris Sobiteck and Chris Schneider combined for a 70,

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and Eric Matthews and Jason Taterton paced the Rocks with 71. Salem's Dan Alcock and Dave Weaver carded a 75.
"We won the tournament last year and our score was 146," Sa-lem coach Rick Wilson sald. "50 I'm not disappointed with our score. Normally, it's a good score."

AMONG OTHER Observerland AMONG OTHER Observerland schools, Redford Thurston and Trenton tied for fifth (148), Redford Union was seventh (149), Walled Lake Central 15th (155), Walled Lake Central 15th (155), Carden City tied for 17th (161), Livonia Franklin 20th (162) and Westland John Glenn 23rd (170).

Canton also defeated Salem in a dual meet last Thursday at Brae Burn, 201-203. Allen was medalist with 39.

"That's the first time we've beaten Salem in a while," Libbing said, adding it was Canton's first championship in the best-bail tournament, "and that bodes well for the rest of the year. We won over 22 other schools, and that's quite an bonor."

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Aggies coach takes victory swim

"It took five years, but Redford St. Agatha football coach John Goddard Inally took a victory dip in the Grand Traverse Bay.

After being kidded and goaded by a couple of local prep prognosticators, Goddard gladdy jumped in for a late Saturday night swim after his 14 ggies defeated bost Traverse City "It was great," said Goddard, who ('removed his shoes before taking the 'plunge. "It wasn't even 10 seconds L'aller the game had ended when the kids were aiready yelling. 'Coach is "loging swimming. Coach is going "Swimming. Coach is going "Swimming. Coach is going "Swimming. The past We had so the state our lumps there in the past. We had so yelling the swimming over the past. We had so yelling the swimming to a without his many in the past. We had say. It wasn't had for a switch the Bay. It wasn't had for a switch the great wasn't fire free football.

Both scores came as the result of turnovers. St. Francis (0.2) committed six on the night.

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In the first quarter, defensive end
John DiPonio caused a fumble and
Teammate Joe Boards, the other deJefensive end, secoped it up and ram-bled in 12 yards for a touchdown,
Jegatha added the two-point conversion when holder Ken Kroll hit Kevia

Smith with a pass in the end zone.)

In the second quarter, defensive back Fred Schlek picked off a pass and ran 51 yards for a touchdown. (He missed the extra point.)

The defense then took over as Britan Kutch added a pair of interceptions and DiPonlo recovered two more furmbles.

Spearheaded by the play of Krol, a senior linebacker, the Aggies beld St. Francis to 160 yards in total offense. "We felt we could beat them last year and we wound up getting thumped 46-12, but we said this time we've got to get up early and then see how they would react." Goddard said. "We did just that."

Goddard may have to go swimming again this week.

His Aggies [1-1] travel Friday (4 p.m. start) to Grosse Pointe University-Liggett.

"Lake St. Clair?" quizzed the reporter.

"There are a lot of carp in there."

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"There are a lot of carp in there,"
Goddard sald, "but I'd guess I'd do it
every time if it meant a win for us."

REDFORD CC 7, LANSING EASTERN B: State-ranked Rediord Catholic Carinet (24) beat the elements (thundershowers) and the Quakers (6-3) in a non-leaguer Saturday at Livonia Clareoccille High.
The Shamrocks were outganded in total yardage, 190-45, but socred the game's only touchdown with 38 seconds left to play in the first quarter when junior

quarterback Jason Carr hil Leo Kowalyk with a 5-yard pass. (Kerry Zavagnin kicked the extra point.)

CCa defense, meanwhile, got a boost from Mike Maths, who thwarted an Eastern drive when he picked off a pass at the goal line and returned it 20 yards in the second period.

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Sammock's top Laether with oon sack, four solos and five assists. Lhebacker fellet Walsh was in on nine tackles, recording a sack, three assists and five solos.

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Dave Owens, CC's leading ball carrier with 124 yards in a season-opening 31-0 win over Detroil Osborn, was held in check. The senior Inliback had 49 yards in 16 carrier, but had a 30-yard TD run wiped out in the fourth quarter because of a holding teal. (Junior Fullback Jon Barbara led CC with 54 yards in 13 carriers.)

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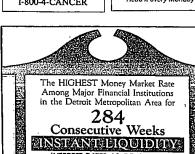


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