

the week ahead

LIVONIA SKATER 2ND

Stevensen High student Erin Quinn, representing Edgar Arena in Livonia, finished second in both Freestyle 6 and Spillout 6 at the 11th annual Ice Skating Institute of America Recreation Team Championships, Aug. 12-17 at Buffalo Grove, Ill.

Quinn also took fifth in Footwork 6 in the championships, which attracted 6,400 entries from 125 ice facilities in 23 states and five countries, with skaters ranging from 2 to 79 years.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Racquetette Health Club, 36400 Plymouth Road, Livonia, will hold a doubles beach volleyball finale, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The format is round robin with prizes for the first- and second-place teams in the A and B divisions.

The cost is \$10 per player. The registration deadline is noon Friday (forms available at Racquetette).

For more information, call 591-1212.

CARDS AN ACE

Lisa Anderson of Garden City recently scored a hole in one on the 135-yard No. 4 hole at Country Club Village in Northville.

The ace enables her to be entered in the 31st annual Crumple Rusty Nail Hole-in-One Sweepstakes.

DUFFERS TOURNEY

The American Cancer Society, in cooperation with the American Golf Corp., will host the Last Day of Golf, a hackers and duffers tourney, beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at Rouge Park Golf Course in Detroit.

The cost is \$50 per golf (includes greens fees, cart, food and beverages).

Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 961-5500.

CC wins 1st golf dual meet

Senior Pat Casey shot a 39 Tuesday to lead visiting Redford Catholic Central to a 163-181 boys golf victory over Warren DelaSalle at Cranston Golf Club. It was the season opener for both teams.

Senior David Hermann finished second for the Shamrocks with a 40, while senior Jeff Meiser (41) and Chris Perry (43) finished third and fourth, respectively.

Redford Thurston came up short at Tanglewood Golf Club Tuesday, losing to Northville, 214-225. Thurston (1-1) was led by Adam Stein, who fired a 40. Joe Wescott (43) and John Walsh (45) finished second and third respectively.

Keith Robertson (47), Dan Garnick (50) and Leo Scanlon (57) rounded out the Thurston fleet of golfers.

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Scribes try to prove Week 1 no fluke

By Brad Emmons and Dan O'Meara
staff writers

YOUR ADEPT AND knowledgeable prep prognosticators each went 2-for-2 last weekend as Plymouth Salem and Westland John Glenn came through in the clutch as the 1991 season opened a week early.

Piece of cake, eh?

Well it could be "Let 'em eat cake" this week as the season really gets into high gear.

This could be the toughest week of all. No scoring reports to lean on, not to mention the unknown factor of non-league matchups.

But our readers should not fret. Going on last year's percentages and the experience factor, don't be surprised if someone hits the jackpot and takes control of the race early on.

So sit back and check your percentages each week against ours. Let's see who comes out ahead?

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all 7:30 p.m., unless noted)

Red. Thurston at Dearborn Hts. Robichaud (4 p.m.): Thurston will have its hands full even without Robichaud's Tyrone Wheatley. Robichaud bombed the Eagles last year and went all the way to the state Class B championship. Ten let winners return for the Bulldogs, including last year's combined weight of 585 pounds. Thurston, meanwhile, has only eight linemen on its roster. PICKS: Go with Robichaud again, both agree.

N. Farmington at Pontiac Northern (7 p.m.): The Huskies, 6-3 a year ago, are picked to win the Greater Oakland League and gain a state playoff berth. Fifteen starters return including tailback Charles Talley, who rushed for over 1,000 yards. North Farmington, a disappointing 5-4 in 1990, returns 18 starters including quarterback Mark Temple, an underrated passer. PICKS: Emmons has a hunch and goes with North, but O'Meara likes the Huskies.

Dearborn at Liv. Churchill: It's not Sterling Heights in the opener this time for Churchill, but it doesn't get any easier with the Pioneers (9-2 a year ago) and state Class A qualifier. Dearborn has a strong field goal kicker in Rich Tusty. Churchill, 0-9 last year, will be unveiling its one-back attack. PICKS: The Chargers won't catch Dearborn napping. Ride with the Pioneers, both agree.

Redford Union at Liv. Stevenson: This was supposed to be a big night at RU's Kraft Field, but the stadium and field renovations are not quite ready, so Stevenson (5-4 in 1990) gets the homefield advantage for the second straight year and should be able to take advantage of it against the Panthers (2-7). This matchup pits RU passer Brian Thies against Spartan running back Chris Leht. PICKS: Stevenson struggles to victory, both agree.

Dearborn Heights Crestwood at Garden City: Who do you like in the one? Crestwood (4-5) is picked to finish in the middle of the pack in the Tri-River League, while GC (4-5) is rebuilding. The untalented Cougars may lack depth, but Crestwood is not deep either. PICKS: Emmons likes Garden City's chances, but O'Meara differs and goes with the visiting Chargers.

Wayne Memorial at Adrian: Could be the best matchup of the night. Wayne (6-3 last year) was a thriller in the final minute to turn the tide (5-4) into synch. Can lightning strike twice for Jason Welmore, Greg Canino, Jermaine Ellis, Rick Barnes and Co.? PICKS: O'Meara likes the revenge factor for Adrian, but Emmons earns his stripes by picking the Zebras.

Farmington at W. Bloomfield: West Bloomfield (3-6) will rely on defense as right starters return. Meanwhile, Farmington (2-7) is working on a two-game winning streak under second-year coach Bernie Call. Chris Marling, who scored 12 touchdowns last year for the Falcons, is one of 10 returning starters. PICKS: Marling will have the Lakers snarling, Emmons predicts, while O'Meara sticks with the home team.

Phy. Canton at Monroe: Canton (9-2) is coming off its best season ever in the school's history, but lost a ton of talent including quarterback Karl Wulke, wide receiver Brett Howell and running back/defensive back Jason Riggs. Watch for tight end Steve Kubi and fullback Mark Mestras to pick up the slack. Sophomore Kevin Shankle may get the start at QB. Monroe (4-5) is keyed by tightback Wayne Adams and running back Mike The well is far from dry for Canton, go with the Chiefs, both agree.

Center Line St. Clement at Clarenceville: The Crusaders have seven starters returning from last year's 3-6 squad. Clarenceville (6-3) lost all-purpose back Kendrick Harrison, but could have a better overall team behind the running of Carl Holston. PICKS: The coin please — O'Meara takes St. Clement, but Emmons sticks with the host Trojans.

Bishop Borgessa at Bridgeport: The Spartans (6-3) were hard hit by graduation and may be hard-pressed to win for the second straight year against Bearcats, who return a huge line. That should make things easier for 5-foot-10, 175-pound tailback Jim Carre, who rushed for 524 yards last year. Bridgeport's JV squad finished 6-3 a year ago. PICKS: The speed factor is not a factor this year, as Bridgeport prevails, according to Emmons. Borgessa, however, has a hunch on O'Meara.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

(all 1 p.m., unless noted)

Lake Orion at Liv. Franklin: The Patriots (3-6) never seem to have an easy opener whether it's a Midland Dow, a Dearborn Fordson, a Lansing Sexton and now a Lake Orion (7-2). The defending Greater Oakland champions lost 19 starters, including All-State back Jim Vaccaro. But even though the Dragons lost their final two games of 1990, they're still a team to be reckoned with. The Patriots have the skill people this season, led by fullback Aaron Shakerian, but can the line match Orion's? PICKS: Another dismal opener for Franklin, both agree.

Cardinal Mooney at Lutheran Westland: Marine City Cardinal Mooney (1-8) hopes to surprise in the D-Section of the Catholic League with 23 players returning off the varsity. Lutheran Westland (5-4) is trying to improve on last year's record behind the efforts of returning quarterback Jason Zelinski and tackle James Hardy. PICKS: The only people that will be surprised are yours truly and his sidekick if Mooney wins. Both like the host Warriors.

St. Agatha vs. Del. Redford St. Mary (7:30 p.m. at Clarenceville): The Apples expect to be much improved over last year's 2-7 club. The Rustics (4-5) feature a speedy backfield, led by freshman James Fleming. Agatha, however, should have the better running game with the return of fullback Pete Mulka and tailback Cardell Davis. PICKS: You've got to like the Apples in this one, as both concur.

PREP KICK-OFF CLASSIC

at PONTIAC RIVEROOME

Redford CC vs. Temperance-Bedford (4 p.m.): The defending Class AA champs, if you recall, had a tough time with the Kicking Mules in last year's opener, winning by a mere count of 10-8. Bedford, which beat mighty Dearborn Fordson 50-0 in last year's season finale before losing in the first round of the state playoffs, will miss quarterback Brett Parachek (now at Eastern Michigan). CC (11-2) has a new, but talented cast. PICKS: Shamrocks won't need any kick this time, both agree.

Farm. Harrison vs. Birm. Brother Rice (7 p.m.): Two giants in Michigan high school football collide for the first time. Rice (11-2), the defending Class A champs, features a dangerous backfield in sophomore Marcus Harvey and senior Sean Johnson. Harrison (10-2), which some rate as one of the top five teams in the state, has a slew of returnees led by tight end Greg Piscopini and tailback Roy Granger, who moves in from Farmington to replace the graduated Gary Devine. What a matchup! PICKS: Got to fly with the Hawks as Rice gets booted.

Note: Tickets for the double-header are \$5 (available at the door). Gates open at 3 p.m.

Temple leads North's hopes at QB

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of positive factors, however.

The Raiders have been undefeated at the JV level for the past two seasons and, with plenty of veteran players on their 42-man roster, are expected to challenge the defending champ Glenn and Salem for the Lakes Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"These kids will be playing the same kids and teams they did the last couple years," O'Leary said, "so it helps to know the competition and have beaten them. But it's a different level, too, when you get up on the varsity."

North returns eight players who were full- or part-time starters on offense, including senior quarterback Mark Temple (6-1, 170). The Raiders began last season with Chris White at quarterback, but Temple started the last six games and passed for 810 yards.

"He has a great arm and is a great executioner," O'Leary said. "We've been working with him since the beginning of the year. He's gotten a lot of reps, and I think that's made a tremendous difference."

NORTH-THOUGH it lost a pair of offensive receivers in White and Dave Rankin, will continue to throw the ball but expects to be a run-oriented team with a handful of good running backs, according to O'Leary. "We hope we can have the ball on the ground, play good defense and not make turnovers," he said. "Our receivers are decent but they don't have the speed of a White or a Rankin."

Senior Jon Sturtz (5-11, 190) started at tailback when needed because of injuries at that position, but he

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likely will get the call at upback.

"He's a good blocker and good ball carrier, and he's worked hard to get ready for this year," O'Leary said. Senior Jack Wilks (6-6, 180) finished last season as the No. 1 tailback, and the Raiders also have junior Todd Anderson (5-11, 165), who rushed for 1,300 yards and scored 25 touchdowns on the JV team.

Senior Jason Horwitz (5-10, 175) will be the swingback with Wilks and Sturtz able to play that position, too. Sturtz will have help from junior Jason Kong (6-0, 200) at upback.

"WE DON'T have great team speed other than Anderson, but they're all good runners," O'Leary said. "We've got good north-south runs. Anderson has some great moves and is real fluid."

Returning starters on the offensive line are senior guard Vern Ratliff (5-10, 225) and senior tackle Eric Porter (6-2, 205). Senior Doug Fletcher (5-10, 170) is the center and senior Mike Hamill (5-10, 170) the other guard. The tackle on the opposite side is senior Brad

Pawlowski (6-5, 240), a college prospect like his older brother, Todd, a freshman at Northwestern University. An alternative lineup has senior Adam Chalmers (6-10, 190) playing guard and allowing Hamill to move to center.

The light ends are senior Brian Lee (6-1, 175) and Mike Jehle (5-9, 150), both of whom can also play split end, which means the Raiders would have to change personnel to change formations.

O'Leary believes he has a future prospect in sophomore tight end Scott Lord (6-4, 210), who set a freshman record last year with 36 receptions and six TDs.

"The line is doing a good job, but our problem is going to be depth," O'Leary said. "The first group of kids has been working together since Day One and has really come a long way."

NORTH HAS a tradition for playing good defense, and O'Leary thinks the Raiders will continue that. Ralph Tenby, the line coach in recent years, has assumed the duties of defensive coordinator, the role he had under former coach Ron Holland.

"He's a very intense person and I

think it reflects in the defense," O'Leary said.

Ratliff (noseguard), Porter (tackle), Pawlowski (outside linebacker), Hamill (inside linebacker), Jehle (free safety), Horwitz (cornerback) and Sturtz (monsterback) are returning starters on defense.

"Mike Hamill is as good as any we've had," O'Leary said, responding to a question about North's tradition for good middle linebackers. "He might be small but is tough. Anybody would be happy to coach a guy like him."

Senior Howard Krugel (5-8, 240) will play tackle and join Ratliff and Porter on the line.

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