

# Hawks battle rested Rocks

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Farmington Hills Harrison played one of the biggest games in the history of Michigan high school football Saturday when it met Birmingham Brother Rice in the Silverdome.

But the Hawks have no time to relax or bask in the afterglow of their stunning 32-6 victory.

Harrison is a three-time defending champion in the W.L.A.A. Salem, which has never won the Lakes Division and played for the league title, is expected to be a strong contender for that opportunity this year.

The weekend lineup also features a match-up between defending Class AA champ Redford Catholic Central and Class AA playoff qualifier Detroit.

In the friendly prediction race, we have an early leader. Dan O'Meara went 13-2 in the first full week of action and jumped ahead of Brad Emons, who is 9-6.

O'Meara is 15-2 overall, Emons 11-6.

For insight into the games this week and a chance to compare picks with the supposed experts, check out the following:

## FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all games at 7:30 p.m.)

Westland Glenn at Liv. Church: The Rocks and Church have one thing in common: the final scores in their first games. The difference is Glenn was on the winning end of a 28-0 outcome against Highland Park on Aug. 30, and the Chargers lost to Class A playoff qualifier Dearborn by that score Friday. The Rocks had an extra week to rest and prepare for this game, too. PICKS: A British prime minister more powerful than a U.S. senator? Politics may not matter on the football field where Glenn has more clout, both agree.

Farmington at W.L. Western: The Warriors expect to have a good year, and they got started the right way Friday by beating always-tough Novi 10-7. The Falcons are hoping for good things, too, but lost their opener 20-3 at West Bloomfield. PICKS: The edge goes to Western, both agree.

N. Farmington at Big, Canton: Records don't matter in this game. North is 0-1 but lost by a touchdown (21-14) to Pontiac Northern — one of the best Class AA teams in Oakland County and one of the best in the state. The Falcons were tied 14-13 until Northern scored with 1:14 remaining. Canton made a successful debut Friday by beating host Monroe 18-6 as sophomore Kevin Sharkey made his first start at quarterback. The Chiefs should have another fine year and could qualify

again for the playoffs. PICKS: Errors like the Falcons, while O'Meara thinks Canton has an edge on its home field.

Harper Woods at Liv. Clarencville: Both teams are Metro Conference play 0-1. The Trojans were beaten 17-7 by Center Line St. Clement, and Harper Woods was pounded 27-0 by Crosse Pointe University-Liggett. Despite that setback, Clarencville was 9-3 last season and has the potential for another good year. PICKS: The Trojans horse kick won't work for Harper Woods. Clarencville produces a victory, both agree.

Garden City at Romulus: Coach Dan Henry saw the host Eagles off with a victory in the new season, winning 13-6 over Taylor Truman. Garden City is starting after a 28-12 loss to Dearborn Heights. Crestwood. PICKS: Nobody should count out the Cougars, but both like Romulus in this one.

Redford Union at Wat. Kettering: Things were going well for RU last week, leading 14-0 over Livonia Stevenson. That was true until the Spartans rallied for 39 consecutive points in the one-sided victory. Can they rebound this week? They face an opponent that is coming off a big win. Kettering ripped 44-0 Lakeland 41-0. PICKS: The Captains could earn a promotion with another win like that. Kettering is the favorite, both agree.

Wayne Memorial at Trenton: Wayne squeaked by an Adrian team expected to be pretty good this year. The Spartans won the second year in a row, the Zebras won it in the final minute — this time stopping an attempted two-point conversion. Trenton had an extra week off after losing 14-0 to Plymouth Salem Aug. 30. The Trojans were 0-9 last year and are rebounding under first-year coach Bob Crummett. PICKS: Wayne wins its Wolverine A Conference opener, both agree.

Bishop Borgess at Ionia: The Spartans (1-0) are headed for central Michigan and O'Meara's old stomping grounds where he spent several years as sports editor of The Daily News in Greenville. Ionia and Greenville are old rivals, and the Bulldogs defeated their Class A opponent 21-13 last week. Ionia is one of the largest Class BB schools in the state, but so is Bishopsgate. Borgess beat the Bearcats 9-0 on the road last week and had two TDs called back because of penalties. Ionia plays in the rugged Mid-Michigan B League with Channing, Corona, St. John's and Alma, but St. John's could have trouble with Borgess backs Lionel Kennedy and John Valentine, who combined for 230 yards rushing against Bishopsgate. PICKS: Errors like Ionia, but O'Meara goes with Borgess for another week.

## SATURDAY'S GAMES

(all games at 1 p.m. unless noted)

Liv. Stevenson at Liv. Franklin: Livonia football got the needed shot of these teams. Both had impressive wins — Stevenson coming back to trounce RU and Franklin upsetting a traditional power in Lake Orion 14-3. It looks like a toss-up with both teams

having a good running back in Chris Lett. The Spartans or the Patriots. PICKS: Franklin has the home-field edge, but Stevenson comes out ahead, both agree.

Ply. Salem at Farm. Harrison: The first-time meeting between these teams (both 1-0) should be quite a game. Harrison is No. 1 in Class BB, Salem No. 5 in Class AA. Both feature possible elite running backs in Roy Granger of Harrison (195 yards and four TDs against Rice) and Leon Hater of Salem. Salem coach Tom Mashner was unable to scout Saturday's Harrison-Rice game because he attended the wedding of Rich Hewitt, arguably the greatest football player in Salem history.

The teams did exchange game films, however. What he saw was Granger running wild and a bone-crushing defense, which held Rice to 17 yards rushing. But Salem also has a tradition for playing great defense, and that should help to make this game interesting. While many were understandably awed by Harrison's win over the Warriors, Mashner might remind his players: Northville could have beaten Rice in the Class A semifinals last year, and the Rocks had beaten Northville when the teams met in an eighth-game rematch. PICKS: Don't expect them to be out of top, but Harrison's size and strength on the line combined with the speed of Granger makes it hard to envision a loss for the Hawks. Both agree, it's Harrison.

D.H. Crestwood at Red. Thurston: The Thurston Eagles will probably have their fill of Dearborn Heights teams. They opened with a 32-2 loss to defending Class B champ Redwood and this week face Crestwood, which defeated Garden City 28-14. The Eagles must figure a way to stop running back Chuck Reynolds, who ran through the Garden City defense for 284 yards and two TDs. PICKS: The Chargers win on other game at Thurston's expense, both agree.

St. Alphonsus at Luth. Westland: Both teams enjoyed successful openers. Lutheran Westland beating Cardinal Rooney 20-13 and St. Al's knocking off Ivy Redeemer 13-6. Lutheran Westland is fast becoming a respectable football school under coach Dennis Tuomi. If it isn't already, Luth. Westland was 5-4 last year and shows signs of being even better. PICKS: The Warriors will be the undefeated team after this game, both agree.

Redford CC vs. Det. Mumford at Clarencville, 7:30 p.m. Mumford should be another tough opponent on the Shamrocks' rugged schedule. CC whipped Temperance Redford 24-8 in the opener, but the special teams accounted for 15 of the points. Under ordinary circumstances, that would be a big concern. But the Shamrocks have been successful for years with just one offense and a rock-solid defense. And the CC defense looks pretty good. Mumford lost a close game to Southfield in the playoffs last year and opened this year with an 18-14 win over Detroit Cooley. PICKS: CC can't afford to look past the Mustangs to next week's rematch of Class AA final at Detroit King. The Shamrocks won't let that happen, both agree.

# Marlins anticipate trio's return

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Farmington Hills Mercy has won its first three dual meets, but the Marlins could be even better once they get their entire team together.

Three players were absent from the lineup — two with shoulder injuries and one completing an overseas trip — as coach Jim Kerwin's team defeated Plymouth Salem, Allen Park Cabrini and Harper Woods Regis.

Senior Allison Gabrys is expected back this week from Australia where she spent the summer, and Kerwin is hopeful senior Suzie Sarafa and freshman Jackie Rakovich will be soon recovered and playing again.

"We've done well, considering we had three starters out," Kerwin said. "It will make us stronger than we already are. It will give us more depth."

The Marlins were 7-4 in duals last year and once again finished second behind rival Birmingham Marian in the Catholic League. Mercy has been runner-up in dual meets and the tournament for the last four years.

Sarafa will play singles when she returns, and challenge matches will determine who plays singles and doubles in the restructured lineup.

In matches thus far, sophomore Meghan Leadbetter has played No. 1 singles, freshman Kristen Kuksa No. 2, senior Julie Schaefer No. 3 and senior Karuna Mantana No. 4.

The doubles players have been seniors Marsha McIntyre and Na-

## tennis

FARMINGTON MERCY & HARPER WOODS REGINA O (Monday at Oakland Center, College).  
No. 1 singles: Meghan Leadbetter (M) defeated Michelle Ammons, 6-2, 6-3.  
No. 2: Kristen Kuksa (M) def. Terri Koss, 5-7, 8-6, 9-1.  
No. 3: Julie Schaefer (M) def. Jerry Gervais, 6-3, 6-3.  
No. 4: Karuna Mantana (M) def. Danny Ammons, 6-0, 6-0.  
No. 1 doubles: Marsha McIntyre-Nadine Haines (M) def. Kristine Edwards-Denise Gier, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2.  
No. 2: Rachel Fitz-Nicole Zakaria (M) def. Kim Krohn-Carrie Bouda, 6-1, 6-0.  
No. 3: Peggy Maier-Kidnie Koehn (M) def. Jessica Parrish-Kelly Perez, 6-1, 6-0.  
Records: Mercy is 2-0 in the Catholic League and 3-0 overall.

dine Nemes at No. 1, junior Rachel Fitz and senior Nicole Zakaria at No. 2, senior Jeaneane Lousia and sophomore Michelle Uler at No. 3 and juniors Peggy Mueller and Kristina Kudliko at No. 4.  
"I think we have a pretty good ballclub," Kerwin said. "If we can stay injury free, we'll have a good year. I'd like to qualify for state because it's a good experience for the girls to go there and see the best players."

## FARMINGTON

Farmington alumna and former

tennis player Brenda Payne has taken charge of the program and hopes to give it coaching stability after numerous changes in recent years.

The Falcons, who entered the week with a 1-1 record following a win over Redford Union, have 13 returning players.

The top players are seniors Stacie Cornwell and Sara Stevens, who rotated between Nos. 1 and 2 singles last year and most likely will again.

"Both of them have the basic skills and know the game of tennis," Payne said. "I don't have to teach them a lot."

"Stacie and Sara have been taking lessons and play the year round, too."

Junior Laura McWilliam played No. 2 singles, and freshman Julie Haight has a lot of tennis experience and is another candidate for singles play.

Other returning players are seniors Jenny Sutherland, Elaine Sarala, Kiran Arora and Julie Noonan, junior Joanna Young and sophomores Wendy Michalski, Lauren Tucker, Wendy Novak, Deanna Hehl and Amber Schoettel.

First-year players include junior Amy Murphy and freshmen Devon Woodruff, Leslie Britt, Kelly Cornwell and Amy Kilner.

"I want to have consistency and work with these freshmen," Payne said. "We're trying to build the team. We have good seniors who want to play, but we're trying to build for next year and the year after that, too."

## sports shorts

### WORLD RUNNER-UP

Northwest Pipe Softball Club finished second in the Amateur Softball Association over-35 world tournament on Labor Day weekend in Meridian, Miss.

Area players selected to the all-world team were Charlie Mitchell, Rick Trudeau and Don Fradette.

The team's only losses were to the first-place team, both games being decided by five runs or less.

"We played the best teams in the United States, and when the dust had settled, we lost to only one," Northwest Pipe sponsor/manager Jerry Bird said.

Northwest Pipe won its league with a 19-1 record and placed second in the state ASA and USSSA tournaments.

### SWIMMING NEWS

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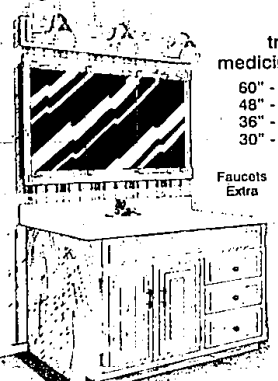
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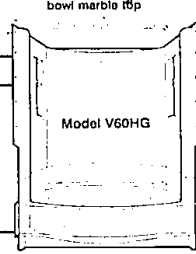
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