

# St. Agatha, Mulkarush past Liggett

Redford St. Agatha coach John Goddard didn't get to watch Mike Whelan try a field goal Saturday for Grosse Pointe University-Liggett — but you won't find Goddard complaining.

Whelan, one of the Midwest's best placekickers, got most of his work accomplished during pregame warmups. St. Agatha dominated the line of scrimmage and stunned favored Liggett, 27-0, at Hilbert Junior High.

It was a rout from start to finish as Agatha improved to 2-0 overall.

St. Agatha fielded the opening kickoff by Whelan and on the first play from scrimmage, fullback Pete Mulka raked 88 yards for a touchdown and a 6-0 lead. Liam Shivers' first of three extra points gave the Aggies a 7-0 lead.

Liggett, a Class C team, brought a state-ranking into the game but it was St. Agatha, which resembled a high-ranked team. The Aggies outgained the Knights, 228-190 in total yardage and had a one-two backfield combination which was next to impossible to stop.

Mulka finished the yards on 14 carries and three TDs and tailback Cordell Davis was a perfect complement, scoring once and gaining 90 yards on nine carries.

Despite the domination, Goddard prefers the Aggies' underdog status.

"I don't believe right now we're one of the state's top 10 teams (in Class C)," Goddard said. "Rankings don't mean anything and that's what we told the kids."

Mulka gave St. Agatha a 14-0 halftime lead.

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taking a hand-off from junior quarterback Paul Parsell and scoring on a 42-yard run in the second quarter. It was Davis' turn in the third quarter as the senior raced 56 yards for a score on the second play of a drive for a commanding 21-0 lead.

Mulka finished the scoring in the fourth quarter, capping a 50-yard drive with a 21-yard TD run. The Aggies' rushing game was so effective they needed to pass only one time — an 18-yard completion from Parsell to wide receiver River Pillington.

St. Agatha lost two fumbles and the Aggies' defense caused three fumbles by the Knights. Goddard said defensive linemen Shivers, Scott Brington and James Pierce dominated the line play.

"Defensively, our kids just stuffed them," Goddard said.

**REDFORD CC 23, MUMFORD 0:** Linebacker Dan Kelly and linebacker Gary Stiegel and Joe Hyatt picked off Saturday at Redford Catholic Central. Mumford out Saturday at Redford Catholic Central. Mumford dominated the non-league game against Detroit Mumford at Livonia Clarenceville.

Kelly, a nose guard, had one solo and 12 assisted tackles, while Stiegel finished with two solo and 10 as-

sis, and Herman, two solo and nine assists. Mumford quarterback Techallah Chapman completed only one of 11 passes for 4 yards and the Shamrocks limited Mumford to 105 yards in total offense.

CC placekicker Kerry Zavagnin booted two kickoffs in the end zone, punting for a 33.5 yard average, made a 21-yard field goal and kicked two extra points.

The Shamrocks gained 187 yards, all on the ground, with quarterback Chris Barbera, fullback Dan Gussoff and Jason Krueger all scoring on 11-yard runs. Mario Vassallo helped set up CC's first score with a 42-yard punt return.

CC's senior tailback Jeff Thibault led all rushers with 93 yards on 19 carries.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 34, ST. ALPHONSUS 14:** In another knockout Saturday, senior halfback Paul Selts had 117 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns, leading the Warriors to the win at home.

Lutheran Westland moved to 2-0 overall. Dearborn St. Alphonsus is 1-1.

Selts scored on runs of 33 and 9 yards and added two interceptions for the defense. Senior halfback Matt Grams gained 10 yards and a touchdown.

Lutheran Westland, which had 353 yards in total offense, led 20-4 at halftime and scored twice in the third quarter to seal the victory.

Lutheran Westland held St. Alphonsus to 150 total yards, and senior linebacker Troy Smith led the Warriors with five solo tackles and seven assisted tackles.

"We're improving," said Lutheran Westland coach Debra Thumel. "We looked good in some moments and had in other moments. I was pleased for the most part."

Lutheran Westland will play at Tekonsha on Friday at 7:30.

# Madonna 1st in tournament

Progress took a major step forward for Madonna University's volleyball team last weekend. The Lady Crusaders captured the Baldwin-Wallace College Invitational in Berea, Ohio, winning five straight matches to improve their record to 9-6.

In Saturday's title match, Madonna downed Alma 7-15, 15-8, 15-7. The opening game loss was the only game the Crusaders dropped in the tournament.

They defeated University of Michigan-Dearborn 15-2, 15-8 in the semifinals Saturday, and in pool play Friday topped John Carroll University (University Heights, Ohio) 15-12, 15-2, Bluffton College (Bluffton, Ohio) 15-12, 15-6, and St. Vincent College (Latrobe, Pa.) 15-5, 15-8.

"The kids really came together," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. "As far as offensively or defensively, every time we needed a big rally or to win a long rally, they rose to the occasion."

**SOPHOMORE MIDDLE-HITTER** Dana Hicks-Finley was named the tournament's most valuable player. "Her play was very, very good, both at the net and as middle-blocker," said Abraham. "She controlled the net and was a dominant hitter. She made us go on offense."

Hicks-Finley finished with 64 kills in the tournament, averaging nearly six a game with a .316 kill average.

Sophomore outside hitter Tonia Smith contributed 51 kills (.311), senior middle-blocker Kristy McFarland had 27 kills, freshman outside

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hitter Maureen Paulin had 18 kills and sophomore outside hitter Melissa Mars had 15 kills. Freshman middle-blocker Julie Adams added eight solo blocks.

Senior Jenny Sladewski paced the defense with 41 digs. Sophomore Evette Sluder and freshman Sue Bell had 21 aces. Senior Penny Baker and sophomore Maize Piliut split time at setter and, according to Abraham, "both did a great job."

Madonna plays at Hillsdale at 7 p.m. tonight, then hosts Alma at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

ON TUESDAY, the Crusaders traveled to Wayne State and came up losers, 15-12, 16-14, 15-7. Although Abraham praised his team's effort, he added it wasn't quite enough.

"We played extremely well, offensively and defensively," said Abraham. "We just didn't put them away when we had them on the ropes. But it was a great match."

Madonna had an 11-7 lead in each of the first two games and couldn't hold it. Junior Elena Oprka paced the Crusaders with 14 kills. Hicks-Finley had 13, Smith got 10 and McFarland finished with seven. Sladewski's 14 digs were best among we had them on the ropes. But it was a great match."

The loss left Madonna with a 9-7 record.

# CC-King matchup highlights weekend

By Brad Emmons and Dan O'Meara staff writers

**THE GAP CLOSED** just a bit between your two expert prognosticators.

After getting a mediocre 8-6 last week, the smiling Irishman (Dan O'Meara) now stands 13-8 on the season.

He still maintains a two-game lead over the frowning Welshman (Brad Emmons), who cut that four-game deficit in half over the weekend, going 10-4 up his record to 21-10 overall.

As for Week No. 3, what's in store?

For the Western Lakes Activities Association, it marks divisional openings. League play also opens up in the Western Suburban League, while the Metro Class (Class AA) 21st, after opening 10-7 during the regular season.

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How many unbeaten teams are left in Observeland? The answer is seven — Redford Catholic Central, Westland John Glenn, Livonia Franklin D. Roosevelt, Westland Wayne Memorial, Lutheran High Westland and Redford St. Agatha.

That number could be cut in half after this weekend. Here is a preview of the action:

**(7:30 p.m. unless noted)**

**Pick 100 CC at Dearborn (7:30 a.m.):** An other blockbuster battle between the powers of the Catholic League and the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Catholic League's Redford St. Agatha (12-0) will take on the Western Lakes' Dearborn (8-6). Dearborn is the defending champion of the Catholic League, while St. Agatha is the defending champion of the Western Lakes. PICKS: King is a definite slugging, says Emmons, but O'Meara says:

**Redford Union at Dearborn (p.m.):** The Warriors (13-1) get a boost after beating Westland Kettering last week by a point. Dearborn is the defending champion of the Catholic League, while Redford Union is the defending champion of the Western Lakes. PICKS: King is a definite slugging, says Emmons, but O'Meara says:

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## grid predictions

North of the track twice at Central Eastern Park? PICKS: O'Meara will be counting out both and yet Emmons likes the Rocks' chances.

**Ply. Canton at Northville:** The Chiefs (1-1) somehow must find a way to contain Northville (1-1) quarterback Ryan Huzak. One of the top signal callers in the state. This could be a wide open, high-scoring affair. PICKS: Canton finds a way to win, both agree.

**Farm. Harrison vs. W.L. Western (at Watled Lake Central):** The euphoria at Western has subsided. After getting a rare win against Farmington last Friday to Farmington. What joy and Hyde team will show up this week? PICKS: Western fans into a large crowd as the season begins to get rolling.

**Garden City at Ypsilanti:** The Flyers (1-1) rely on their defense. The Warriors (1-1) are unbeaten in the Catholic League. Garden City is the defending champion of the Catholic League, while Ypsilanti is the defending champion of the Western Lakes. PICKS: King is a definite slugging, says Emmons, but O'Meara says:

**Wyandotte at Wayne Memorial:** This game could be for the Western Lakes League. Both teams are unbeaten. Wyandotte seems to have absorbed the loss of running back Joe Alfano (140 yards), who was lost before the season to knee surgery. Wyandotte is the defending champion of the Catholic League, while Wayne Memorial is the defending champion of the Western Lakes. PICKS: King is a definite slugging, says Emmons, but O'Meara says:

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**W.L. Central at Farmington:** The Falcons (1-1), fresh from a win against Western, are looking to make a clean sweep against the Walrus. The home field should help for sure. Central (0-2) lost last week to Northville and stout QB Ryan Hurjak, 34-20. PICKS: Farmington puts the Vikings in the cellar of the Lakes Division.

**Taylor Kennedy at Red. Thurston:** There are a lot of similarities between the two schools. Both teams are nicknamed the Eagles and are both 0-2. Both are picked up finish near the middle-to-bottom of the Tri-River League. Thurston has only scored two points thus far in losses to Redford and Greenwood, while Kennedy tied 13 last week in a defeat against city rival Truman. PICKS: No ties in this one, both like JFK over Lee M.

**Lutheran North at Liv. Clarenceville:** Turn out the lights, the Trojans are playing a rare afternoon game at home. Lutheran North (1-1) is a state playoff team a year ago, has a strong defense led by linebacker Aaron Carpenter. The Mustangs, who topped Bloomfield in a game last week, were picked by some to challenge Avondale for the Metro Conference title. PICKS: The Trojans take it 3-0.

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