



Krista Snow of Harrison wrestles a 50-50 ball-away from Arlene Dowdell.

## North tops rival Hawks

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used them all." Seremet threw in three first-quarter triples and sparked North to an 18-12 lead. But Hopkins had 13 points to pull the Hawks within 25-24 at halftime.

THE RAIDERS have no juniors, just sophomores and freshmen other than Seremet. "I watched Eve Clear play all last year, and I knew it was my turn to step up and take charge of the game and our season," Seremet said. "I try to be positive and pick people up when they get down or confused. Because we're so young, people are still catching on to varsity basketball."

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# Division leaders have big games

By Dan O'Meara  
staff writer

At the midway point of the high school football season, several division races are beginning to come into focus, and some key games this weekend will all but decide the issues.

The Farmington Hills Harrison-Northville showdown Friday night and the annual Boys' Basketball meeting on Sunday between Bedford Catholic Central and rival Birmingham Brother Rice are the most important games in that regard.

Harrison and Northville are 3-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, and the winner will be a game up with one to go.

In the WLA Lakes Division, North Farmington has become the front-runner after beating Plymouth Salem and Westland John Glenn, but the Raiders must beat upstart Farmington this week and then Livonia Stevenson to avoid tie.

CC will become the favorite in the Central Division of the Catholic League if the Shamrocks can achieve a repeat win over Rice. CC was 1-1 last week.

In the prediction contest between Observer sports editors, Dan O'Meara was 11-4 last week and is 17-18 for the season. Brad Emme was 1-5 and is 55-55 overall.

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

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

**Liv. Churchill at Pky. Canton:** It will be homecoming at Canton as both teams try to end losing streaks and avoid the Western Division basement. The Chiefs (0-3) in the division and 1-4 overall haven't won since the first week when they beat Monroe. Churchill is 0-4. Canton lost 6-3 to overture to Franklin last week while the Chargers took a beating (14-0) from Harrison. PICKS: It will be close, but the Chiefs get the win.

**Pky. Salem at Liv. Stearns:** If Salem gets the ground game in gear, the Rocks (1-1) in the division and 2-3 overall will have the ball out of Leon Hester's hands in the first ball last week, but Pete Zampini and the Bulls countered Westland Salem after 3-15. The Spartans (1-3, 3-5) are coming off a 35-11 win over Walled Lake Central after losing to Farmington in overtime 16-7 the previous week. PICKS: Stearns isn't stop the Salem triple option.

**Westland Glenn at W.L. Central:** When was the last time Glenn (1-2, 3-2) lost two games

## grid predictions

in a row? A long time, to be sure. The Rocks are out of the Lakes Division race (though not the playoff picture) with losses to Salem and North Farmington, but they still have a fine team with an ability to diversify its offense. Central (0-4, 0-4) is winless and struggling, though quarterback Mike Glinski had a big game throwing the ball last week in defeat. PICKS: Glenn rebounds in a big way.

**Farm. Harrison at Northville:** The Hawks (1-2, 5-5) were considered a lock to win their 1991 straight division title, but they'll be challenged after all. Maybe. On paper it looks like a pretty good game. Both are in the middle of the division, and the winner should take the title. Harrison has key Franklin, and Northville (2-2, 4-1) must face Churchill. But can the Mustangs, who nearly upset Rice in the playoffs last year, hang with Harrison for four quarters? They did in 1987 when the unbeaten Hawks escaped with a 14-4 win at Northville. The Mustangs, who were 1-3 going into that game, have won four straight since losing the opener to unbeaten South Lyon. Harrison's offense will have to be sharp against Northville quarterback Ryan Hupke. The Hawks will miss safety Dan Hight, who was injured (broken collarbone) two weeks ago in the Canton game. But coach John Herington had already started working other players into the lineup, including Matt Gordon in the secondary. PICKS: Top-ranked Harrison keeps charging. ALC.

**Reedwood Union at Garden City:** After a successful non-league encounter with Jackson Northwood (7-1), RU returns to Northwest Suburban play, hoping to spoil homecoming festivities at Garden City. The Panthers (1-1, 2-3) are having a good year, led by quarterback Brian Thiele, who ran for two touchdowns and passed for another last week. The Cougars (0-2, 1-4) have lost their last two games. PICKS: RU is the best NFL team in Overland.

**Drake, Farmington at Wayne Memorial:** The Zebras (2-2, 3-3) snapped a two-game losing streak by beating Farmington, 21-6, but they got upstaged and state-ranked Fordson (4-4, 5-4). Wayne has struggled at times but is always capable of the upset. Expectations are high for the development of running back Bruce Calhoun, who had 141 yards against Belleville. The Zebras will need a good defensive effort to keep Farmington's run-oriented, ball-control offense from dominating. PICKS: The Tractors plow the field for another win.

**Hammarsch at Liv. Claremontville:** As if the Trojans weren't struggling enough as it was, Claremontville (0-4 in the Metro Conference, 0-5) was dealt another setback two weeks ago when coach Mark Ladd left to take a job in Georgia. The Trojans suffered their worst loss (56-4) to Cranbrook last week as interim coach Russ McKenzie made his debut. Hammarsch (0-4, 1-4) isn't doing much better in terms of record, but the Cougars only lost to Cranbrook by a 1-0 score. PICKS: Hammarsch keeps the Trojans winless.

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

(all 1 p.m. unless noted)

**Taylor Truman at Red. Thornton, some Thornton (1-3 in the Tri-Tri, 1-4) got their first victory last week when the Eagles rallied from a 14-4 halftime deficit to win 31-14 over Annapolis. Paul Jaramani rushed for 175 yards and scored all three touchdowns to lead Thornton. This game is considered a toss-up, though Truman (2-2, 2-3) is a little better in the win-loss column. PICKS: A switch from last week, Emme takes Thornton while O'Meara picks Truman.**

**W.L. Western at Liv. Franklin:** The first half of the season has been bitter-sweet for the Patriots (2-1 in the Western Division, 2-3). Franklin is having a better-than-expected year, but the Patriots could be doing even better. Franklin should be 4-1 and possibly 5-0. The Patriots were beating Northville 14-0 but lost 23-18 in overtime. Trailing 14-13 against Stevenson, Franklin was moving the ball when an interception was returned for the winning TD. Coach Armand Vignani wasn't sure who would play quarterback — either Keith Roberts, who had a 64-yard run in the fourth quarter of a 4-4 win over Canton, or Dennis Little, who was brought up from the JV team. David Little, who began the season at QB, is injured and won't play, though he might do some kicking. Western (1-3, 3-7) lost to Northville last week, 14-6. PICKS: O'Meara picks the Patriots. Emme says Western is best.

**N. Farmington at Farmington:** The Raiders (2-2 in the Lakes, 4-1) must guard against the upset, because Farmington has its best team in several years. North needs wins over the Patriots (2-1, 3-3) and Stevenson to clinch the division outright and reach the WLA championship game for the first time in five years. Farmington has a fine defense, led by

senior linebacker Matt Kiskadee, and will have in trip North tailback Todd Anderson. The Patriots played well against Salem despite the apparent one-sided score. "I've seen Farmington play and they look tough," North quarterback Mark Temple said. "We're not going to look past them." PICKS: The Raiders stay on track for an all-Farmington WLA final on Saturday, Oct. 26.

**Lack. Westland at Litchfield:** The Warriors (4-1) rebounded from their only loss with a 20-13 win over Lathrop Northwood, but they face a formidable foe in Class D Litchfield, which is 3-3 after beating Camden-Frontier 56-28. Lathrop Westland called from a 13-4 halftime deficit with two fourth-quarter TDs to beat Northwood. PICKS: The Warriors are no dogs. They win one for the home crowd.

**St. Agatha at Waterford Over Lady:** The unbeaten Aggies (3-0 in the C-Section, 3-0) have another key Catholic League divisional game with perennial power Our Lady of the Lakes. St. Agatha is 7-6, 10 in Class C this week. The Lakers No. 9 in Class D. The Aggies broke a 27-0 tie to beat Shrine 11-37 Saturday night, and they have a fine back in Carlisle Davis, who rushed for 111 yards and three TDs, including an 89-yard kickoff return. "St. Agatha is a legitimate team, a very good team," Shrine coach Jim MacDougall said. Lakes (1-1, 6-1) has lost only to unbeaten St. Clement and is coming off a 15-13 win over Ann Arbor Richard. PICKS: Emme likes the Lakers and their history of success, but O'Meara will side with the Aggies for another week.

**Blissie Bergeson vs. Benedictine at Garden City Jr. High:** Bergeson (1-1 in the Tri-Section, 2-3) broke a three-game losing streak with an 8-0 defeat of Livonia Riverdale and scored within Benedictine. The Ravens (0-2, 0-2) have played division leaders Saginaw Novici and Allen Park Central the last two weeks. PICKS: The Spartans move to .500 for the season.

### SUNDAY'S GAME

**Catholic Central vs. Brother Rice, 2 p.m. at Postle-Wise Stadium:** The Warriors could be CC's last big obstacle on the way to another division crown. The Shamrocks (1-4, 5-8) have already played DeLaSalle and will have a decent Detroit-Jenett team and winless Notre Dame remaining. Rice (1-4, 3-1) has won three straight after losing to Harrison and Ypsilanti. The Warriors might not be as strong as in past years, but they're still Rice and they're still pretty good. CC has proved itself as one of the state's top teams, beating King, DLS and DeLaSalle in consecutive games by an average of 21 1/2 touchdowns apiece. PICKS: The Shamrocks make Rice a victim, too.

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