

CC pursues state crown

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Redford Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach will deserve Thanksgiving Day dinner after all the fast food he and his staff have eaten this week.

Assistant coach Brian Tressler walked into the coaches room with both hands full of McDonald's burgers on Monday night, the first of many fast-food runs made this week.

There hasn't been much time for a home-cooked meal with the holiday shortening up the practice week. Saginaw Arthur Hill the opponent in Saturday's Class AA state championship game.

The Shamrocks (11-1 overall), trying to repeat as Class AA champ, meets Arthur Hill at 1 p.m. at the Pontiac Silverdome. The AA game follows the DD game, which starts at 10 a.m. Tickets for the two-game session cost \$8.50, parking included.

Arthur Hill brings a 10-2 record into the game and knocked off then top-ranked Traverse City, 21-18, less than two weeks ago. Arthur Hill, which runs option football, beat Flint Central, 32-28, in the first playoff game and marched Adrian in last week's semifinal, 29-0.

"It tells you they're as good as any team in the state," Mach said. "They look very quick and come off the blocks really well."

MACH TALKS a lot more favorably about Arthur Hill's chances than the Lumberjacks' coach Jim Euriak. For all the Lumberjacks have accomplished, Euriak reminds him when they were 3-2 earlier this year and wondering how they could somehow finish the regular season with a 5-4 record.

"Even the guy who covers us for the Saginaw News writes after every win, 'How do you do it?'" Euriak said.

The Lumberjacks average less than 200 pounds per man on the offensive line and their biggest starter is 6-foot, 260-pound tackle Yohance

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REDFORD CC

23	Temperance Bedford	6
24	Detroit Mumford	0
24	Detroit King	6
24	Warren DeLaSalle	7
21	Detroit DePoires	6
21	Burn Brother Rice	7
21	U-D High-Jessell	0
35	Notre Dame	0
16	Detroit DePoires	16
37	Pontiac Central	15
38	Detroit Ford	8
10	Detroit High	7
293	11-1-0	84

ARTHUR HILL

21	Saginaw Heritage	7
27	Flint Central	21
6	Flint Northwestern	8
31	Bay City Western	18
0	Muskegon	12
26	Bay City Central	20
21	Flint Northern	14
16	Midland Dow	6
13	Saginaw	0
32	Flint Central	28
21	Traverse City	18
29	Adrian	0
243	10-2-0	152

Simmons, who is overweight in Euriak's estimation.

"If he got the fat off, he'd weigh 230," Euriak said. "As a team, we're not very big, not for this game."

This is the first time Euriak has taken Arthur Hill to the state finals in seven years as coach. His 1987 and '88 teams qualified for the playoffs and reached the Class A regional final before losing.

Arthur Hill's never played in the Silverdome but CC beat Detroit Martin Luther King, 21-0, in last year's AA championship at the dome and beat Temperance-Bedford 24-6 in this year's season opener.

"Look at all the things in their favor," Euriak said. "CC's not in awe of the dome. Half of our guys have never seen the dome, let alone been in it. Every year they all look 255 on the line and 185 in the backfield — it's as if they just replace the name on the back of the jersey."

"But we will come to play the game and try to keep things in perspective. If we win it's great for the community and kids. If we lose it's still been a wonderful experience."

ARTHUR HILL's quarterback is 6-foot-1, 195-pound junior Marvin Wright, who has completed 33-68 passes for 450 yards and run for nearly 500 yards. Wright scored a touchdown rushing, passing and on a fumble recovery in the win over Adrian and Euriak is gaining more confidence each week in his ability.

Wright has thrown seven interceptions, but none in the last five games. "During the middle of the season he was throwing as many to the other team as he was to us," Euriak said.

As for the receivers, their job is to block or they don't play, Euriak said. Arthur Hill is thin at running back compared to the last two years when Shonie Peoples (University of Michigan) and Brian Pruitt (Central Michigan) lined up at tailback. This year's tailback is 5-10, 165-pound Howard Foster and the fullback is 5-9, 190-pound Taj Mustapha, who has gained about 600 yards.

CC might be without linebacker Joe Herman, who reaggravated a shoulder injury in last week's 10-7 win over Detroit Martin Luther King.

CC quarterback Chris Barbara completed only one-of-10 passes for 15 yards in the win King last week, but he led to the Shamrocks' only TD.

"Barbara hit the one that counted and he threw a couple that I thought he did a good job on that weren't caught," Mach said. "We didn't get to the dome passing, we got there running."

OCC runner-up in hoop tournament

Oakland Community College won its first game in the Sinclair Ohio Basketball Tournament Friday but lost to the host school in the final Saturday.

The Raiders defeated Ashbury State 65-50 behind 17 points each from sophomore guard Rashe Revere and freshman forward Myron Banks.

Guard Randall Buckley had a game-high 26 points in a losing cause for Ashbury.

Sinclair defeated OCC 100-91 to win the championship. Guard Tony Blackledge paced the winners with a game-high 22 points. OCC trailed 46-40 at halftime.

ORCHARD LAKE ST. Mary's cruised to a 128-34 men's basketball win Sunday over visiting Fanshawe at

Dombrowski Field House.

The Eagles (3-1) led 70-19 at halftime.

Jeff Suspect paced the winners with a game-high 19 points. Terrance Hughes and Mike Morrison each added 15. Marc Eversley and Brian Koscielski chipped in 11 each, while Kevin Nickefield scored 10.

John Archer tallied 11 in a losing cause for Fanshawe. Western Ontario invaded Dombrowski Field House on Nov. 20 and nipped St. Mary's 93-90.

The Eagles led by a 51-48 margin at the half.

Suspect paced St. Mary's with 22 points. Jimmy Bolden contributed 16, Koscielski 15 and Eversley 11. Mike Lynch led Western Ontario (8-2) with a game-high 23 points. Brad Campbell added 20.

Marlins top area team

Farmington Hills Mercy did best among Observerland teams in the Class A girls swimming championships, finishing 10th at Eastern Michigan University.

Ann Arbor Pioneer, with a 46-point edge after the preliminaries Friday, withstood a surge by Ann Arbor Huron to win the meet Saturday with 152 points. Huron was second (142) and Bloomfield Hills Lahser third (108). The Marlins had 58 points.

Mercy had standout individual performances from juniors Erika Smith and Jenny McCombs and senior Katie Knipper.

Smith placed fifth in the 200-yard freestyle and 11th in the 100 freestyle with times of 1:56.36 and 53.95, both being lifetime best swims. McCombs set a Mercy record in the backstroke en route to a ninth-place finish with a 3:27.77 time.

Knipper concluded her outstanding career at Mercy with a fifth-place time of 1:07.88 in the breaststroke. She finished ninth as a freshman and was in the top six the last two years.

Smith, who had five cuts for the meet, turned in her excellent times in two events with fast-qualifying times. She dropped three seconds off her seed time in the 200 freestyle while 11 of the 12 finalists in the 100 freestyle broke 54 seconds.

McCombs used a strong finish in the last 50 yards of her race to qualify 11th and moved up to ninth in the finals. Senior Mandy Speer, who placed 13th at 1:01.51, also broke the school record prior to McCombs' swim.

THE MARLINS began the finals with a third-place finish in the 200 medley relay, posting the top Observerland time of 1:50.92 and going one second than they did in the prelims. McCombs, Knipper, Speer and Smith were the four swimmers.

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It was the fourth time Knipper had helped the Marlins score in that event. Mercy was second in her freshman year and was the event in 1989 with a school record time of 1:49.49.

All four swimmers had season-best splits with Smith's 24.60 freestyle leg sealing third place ahead of Birmingham Groves. The relay also qualifies as an automatic All-America unit for non-public high schools.

In addition to the medley relay, the Marlins placed ninth in the 400 freestyle at 3:41.81, also tops in Observerland. The swimmers were Speer, Andrea Hoeftlein, Smith and Amy Machacek. The time was the second fastest for a Mercy team behind the 1989 record of 3:37.75. The 200 freestyle relay was 14th at 1:42.64.

Though not scoring, other Mercy individual swimmers were Hoeftlein, Speer, Michelle Welch, Katie Scallen and Nancy Harvey.

Mercy diver Amy Dombrowski was 20th in an event in which the oldest meet record — 475.45 points by Pioneer's Vicki Kimball in 1978 — fell to Jenny Dixon of Lahser with 483.30.

THE MARLINS also were 10th in team scoring in 1988 and 1990. They were third in 1989 and won the inaugural state meet in 1972.

Farmington Hills Harrison was 24th among 35 teams in the Class B meet with nine points. The Hawks scored in the medley relay and had two individuals place.

The foursome of Stacey Krause, Dana Dixon, Lisa Schander and Veronica Forberger was 12th in the relay with a final time of 2:50.53, but they set a varsity record in the prelims with a 1:59.66.

Krause also placed 10th in the backstroke, scoring for the third time at state with a 1:03.94 finish. She broke her own school record with a 1:03.16 swim in the prelims. Dixon was ninth in the breaststroke at 1:12.50.

"I was real happy with the state meet, but it was hard for the kids coming off the conference meet," Harrison coach Terese Button-Peterson said.

"Even though we didn't have a lot of success, it was a real emotional meet. The state was, too. But it's hard to get the kids to really believe 'Yeah, I belong here.' It was Stacey's fourth year at state and she felt that she belonged."

"It was the first year I took more than one swimmer, and it was a real nice accomplishment to have a relay score."

Forberger (100 freestyle) and Wendy Leland (breaststroke) also swam in individual events, and Krause also competed in the IM. Cassie O'Sullivan and Jenny Domino joined Leland, Dixon, Forberger, Schander and Krause on the freestyle relay teams at state.

North Farmington and Farmington were represented at the Class A meet but did not score.

Karrie Kranz the 200 and 100 freestyles, Sherri Richardson the 200 freestyle and Carrie Worthen the breaststroke. Becky Ashburn and Shannon O'Brien comprised half the 400 free relay, which included Richardson and Kranz.

Jill Hawkins swam the 50 and 100 freestyles for Farmington and Becky Weary the butterfly.

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