

Writers differ on Harrison-Glenn contest

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Last week, our, um, fearless prognosticators refused to differ on their 16 picks.

This week, each agreed to let me write this column. What are they thinking?

Well, for the record, Danny Boy and Brad went 13-3 and this week the pair promise to make things interesting and take different sides. The top matchup of the week features Farmington Hills Harrison at 1 p.m. Saturday at Harrison.

Emons and O'Meara disagree about who will end up 2-0 after Saturday's game. Just a bunch, but it probably has something to do with Emons working out of Westland and O'Meara working in Farmington.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)
Garden City (1-0) at Dear, Eked Ford (0-1), 3:30 p.m. Ford is picked

to win the White Division of the Mega Conference but the Thunderbirds are coming off a 21-0 season-opening loss to Howell. They return to action, the Most Valuable player of the Northwest Suburban League last year, Garden City go by Dearborn Heights Crestwood last week as running back Jason Workman enjoyed a big game. Pick it's a Ford.

Lutheran Westland (1-0) at Harper Woods (1-0), 4 p.m. Harper Woods beat Detroit Holy Redeemer 8-0 last week. Lutheran Westland swapped Marine City Cardinal Mooney, 34-0, in the season opener and is looking to avenge last year's loss to Harper Woods. This is a crossover game in the Metro Conference. If it's close, Lutheran Westland can win it with a strong kicking game. Pick Lutheran Westland.

W.L. Central (1-0) at Livonia Churchill (0-1); W.L. Central shut out Milford 23-0 in the season opener while Churchill was shut out in its opener against Dearborn, 10-0. Roger Wilson, a running back/kick returner and all-around choice last year in the Western Lakes Activities Association, leads Central, which is picked to finish third in

the division. Pick Churchill remains winless in the '90s.

Ply. Salem (1-0) at Northville (1-0); Salem is coming off an upset victory over Bellville and Northville won its season opener against South Lyon. The Rocks defense was especially impressive. Pick O'Meara takes Salem and Emons goes Northville.

N. Farmington (0-1) at Ply. Canton (0-1); Canton lost to Monroe in OT, 12-6, in the season opener. Ryan Oatach, a defensive receiver, back to back to back for North to worry about. North moved the ball against Pontiac Northern but is still looking for its first points of the season. Pick Canton forgets last week's frustration.

Farmington (0-1) at W.L. Western (0-1); Western, the Class A runnerup last year, fell to the second spot in last week's 7-0 loss to Novi. Where's Arnie Gillett? Even though Farmington lost to West Bloomfield 22-13 the Falcons' offense was more explosive than it's been in recent season openers. Heck, in any games, for that matter. Pick O'Meara flies with the Falcons, while

Emons goes with Western.

Redford Union (0-1) at Taylor Truman (0-1); Despite a season-opening 23-0 loss to 1992 Class A playoff qualifier Romulus, Taylor Truman is picked to finish second in the White Division of the Mega with five three-year starters returning. Redford Union looks forward to facing a smaller team after getting manhandled across the line of scrimmage by Livonia Stevenson in a season-opening rout. Pick Truman.

Taylor Kennedy (0-1) at Wayne Memorial (0-1); Wayne had no offense against Adrian, losing 23-7. Kennedy lost to Taylor Center in three OTs, 29-20. Pick Wayne.

Thurston (1-) at Trenton (0-1); Redford Thurston put it in full throttle in the second half of a 37-7 rout over Redford St. Agatha last week. Wayne-dot-be Trenton 6-0. The Tractors have lost 28 straight games but their defense isn't bad and they're much bigger than what Thurston's used to on the line. Pick Thurston.

Detroit Lutheran West (1-0) at

Clarencenville (0-1); Lutheran West, a Class D playoff qualifier with a 10-1 overall record last year, beat Southgate Aquinas 16-8 in the opener. Livonia Clarencenville, a 12-6 loser last week to Centerline, clearly will have its hands full against the Western Division favorite in the Metro. Pick Lutheran West.

Redford St. Agatha at New Haven; The Aggies hope to have more success than last week when Thurston rolled over them, but New Haven is a traditional power in the Southern Thumb League. Pick New Haven.

SATURDAY GAMES

(all times 1 p.m. unless noted)
Westland John Glenn (1-0) at Harrison (0-1); This is a matchup of teams with great styles. Who has the most weapons? Glenn had an easy time in its season opener against Detroit Murray Wright. Harrison dominated Dearborn Divine Child in the first half before gaining a 21-7 victory. Will the absence of tailback Scott Gurke (knee injury) hurt Harrison this week? Pick Emons likes the Rockets. O'Meara saw shades

of the old Hawks last week.

Livonia Stevenson (1-0) at Franklin (0-1); The Spartans were impressive last week, gaining more than 450 yards in a rout over Redford Union. The Patriots played Sterling Heights Stevenson fierce in a 21-12 loss. Pick O'Meara goes with the Patriots, while Emons picks against his alma mater and takes the Spartans.

Redford Bishop Borgese (0-1) vs. East Catholic (1-0) at Detroit Denby; East Catholic beat Sandusky 14-0 and is picked first in the Catholic League C-Section after going 7-2 team last year. East Catholic has a pair of huge linemen, Damon Mayer (6-foot, 340 pounds) and Leroy White (6-3½, 285 pounds) who are sure to make Borgese adjust. Pick East Catholic.

Redford CC vs. Windsor Brennan at Livonia Clarencenville; Tailback Freddie Taylor, fullback John Spolaky and the Shamrocks' huge line should have no trouble running over Brennan for the second year in a row. Pick CC.

Shamrocks crush Trojans in grid season opener, 24-0

Brother Rice crowns King as defense shines in debut

BY BRAD EMONS
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It appears Redford Catholic Central's football team hasn't missed a beat since winning last year's state Class AA football championship.

The Shamrocks started slowly, but finished with a bang in demolishing Detroit Henry Ford in Saturday's season opener at the Pontiac Silverdome, 24-0.

"Everybody on the line is new, we had nine guys on offense starting their first game and eight on defense," CC coach Tom Mach said. "I'm really proud of the way they played."

"In the first half we made mistakes, but that is to be expected. But I'm happy with the way we regrouped in the second half. We pounded it in and played our kind of football."

Senior tailback Fred Taylor certainly picked up where he left off in 1992, rushing for 142 yards in 12 carries.

He opened the scoring with 10:55 left in the second quarter, rushing 82 yards for a touchdown. Taylor, the 5-foot-9, 170-pound

senior, broke into the clear and fought off Ford tackler Londell Bright on his way to the end zone.

CC, which ran only one series and gained 2 yards in the first quarter. But the Shamrocks grinded their way down the field against the undermanned Ford defense over the final three periods.

With 9:52 remaining in the third quarter, Taylor broke free again on a 36-yard TD run.

The Shamrocks added a 43-yard field goal from Adam Borcherdt with 37 seconds left in the quarter to make it 17-0.

In the final quarter, it was a vintage CC scoring drive. The Shamrocks moved 72 yards in 14 plays, consuming 8:31 on the clock, capped by John Spolaky's 2-yard TD run with 1:19 left.

"It's tough when you've got to play both sides of the ball," Henry Ford coach Mike Marshall said. "We started four freshmen. We had six guys who played little league last year. We just got worn down. They (CC) just don't make

mistakes."

Spolaky, a 5-foot-9, 215-pound sophomore who bench presses 355 pounds, was impressive in his debut. He rushed for 85 yards in 17 carries and showed the ability to catch the ball out of the backfield (two catches for 23 yards).

"John is the prototype full-back," Mach said. "He's a rough customer who likes to go inside. It's nothing fancy, just good power and speed. He's just a super kid and a hard worker who is only going to get better."

New CC quarterback Barry Lingelbach, an underdog under the past two seasons to Chris Barbara, also showed flashes of promise.

The 5-11, 170-pound senior hit five of six passes for 48 yards, but also showed the ability to scramble and run. Lingelbach rushed for 29 yards in five carries.

"He handled himself real well and made good decisions," Mach said. "He gives us some versatility this year. I think he'll get better every game, too."

CC racked up 308 total yards to Henry Ford's 121.

Henry Ford committed a pair of turnovers as Ken Mexico and Dan Wozniak picked off passes. The Shamrocks held on fourth down early in the second quarter after the Trojans marched down to the CC 20.

"When we had to bear down defensively, we did well," Mach said. "We hit well and were aggressive. We did a lot of the basics right."

BY BILL PARKER
STAFF WRITER

Good defense wins championships.

Birmingham Brother Rice football coach Al Fracassa knows that.

Good defense also frustrates opponents.

The Detroit Martin Luther King football team knows that.

The Warrior's swarming, hard-hitting defense frustrated King cutting an 42 yards of total offense Saturday as Rice rolled to a season-opening 27-0 victory over the Crusaders in the second game of a triple-header in the 13th annual Prep Kickoff Classic at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"Defense wins championships," said Fracassa. "We like to put our good kids on defense and make the best of what we can put on offense."

That offense turns out to be pretty good in itself. Behind King cutting an 42 yards of total offense Saturday as Rice rolled to a season-opening 27-0 victory over the Crusaders in the second game of a triple-header in the 13th annual Prep Kickoff Classic at the Pontiac Silverdome.

But the offense didn't get off to the smoothest of starts. Junior quarterback Derek Canino (6-foot-10) for 57 yards and one touchdown was hit hard as he released a pass on Rice's opening play from scrimmage. King's Karon Bibly intercepted the pass and returned it to midfield. That was the lone highlight for the Crusaders.

The Warriors got the ball back

three plays later when senior linebacker Vince Callahan pounced on a fumble at the King 40-yard line. Harvey (22 carries for 135 yards and one touchdown) gained 36 yards on four straight carries for Rice, and Canine capped the drive when he connected with senior wide receiver Brian Kalczynski on a 4-yard TD pass.

The point-after attempt failed as Rice settled for a 6-0 lead.

The defense set up Rice's second TD early in the second quarter when junior defensive end Anthony Vittinglio and junior linebacker Ryan Lawlor sacked King QB Damon Williams on third down, forcing the Crusaders to punt from deep in their own territory.

Rice marched 57 yards on three

plays on the ensuing drive, including a 36-yard gain by Harvey, and moved ahead 12-0 on a one-yard run by Canine.

Junior linebacker Walter Jenkins sparked the Warriors early in the third when he joined the Crusaders in the backfield with back-to-back tackles. After King punted from its own 14, Rice marched 57 yards on three plays for a two-point plunge by Harvey. The two-point conversion pass from Canine to Harvey gave Rice a 20-0 lead.

The Warrior defense accounted for the final touchdown when sophomore defensive back Joe Fulgenzi scooped up a fumble and raced 32 yards into the end zone. Owen Townsend kicked the extra point for the final points.

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Most recently a bacteria called *Helicobacter pylori* has also been implicated as a significant factor as well. These factors may have an additive effect when combined, aspirin increased the risk of gastric ulcer in patients of all ages, whereas the use of NSAID drugs increased the risk only in people who are older than 55 years of age and more in females particularly. Caution in excess might help ulcer formation. Identification of these risk factors is important for successful treatment and prevention of recurrence and complications of peptic ulcer disease.

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