

Brother Rice can't relish win over DePorres for long

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Coach Al Fracassa barely had time to savor Brother Rice's hard-fought 28-22 victory Saturday over Detroit DePorres when he was reminded of a gruesome reality: the schedule.

The Warriors are 4-1 and ranked among the top teams in Class A, but the season doesn't get any easier.

Rice travels to the University of Detroit-Jesuit Saturday in what should be a mild encounter before facing heavyweights Redford Catholic Central and Warren DeLaSalle.

Fracassa broke into a nervous sweat when asked about those Catholic League rivals.

"We have no easy games coming up," he said. "They have some big guys over (at DeLaSalle) and CC is always tough. We just have to take them one week at a time. I'm just glad we won this game (against De Porres)," he said.

Rice registered the victory thanks to a fourth-quarter touch-

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down with six minutes remaining. Quarterback Derek Canine hit sophomore fullback Ben Rowden with a scoring pass that covered 5 yards.

It was Rowden's third touchdown reception of the game. The others covered 41 and 14 yards.

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DePorres took an 8-0 lead only to have Rice score twice late in the first half to assume a 14-8 halftime lead.

Rice tied it 14-14, but Rice went ahead 22-14 and was driving again when luck came the Eagles' way. Marshall lost the handle on a pitchout only to have DePorres

defender Willie Bargiere pick up the loose ball and race 55 yards to retie the game.

Rice bounced right back, however, with the eventual game-winning drive. The Warriors went 57 yards in seven plays, capped by Canine's third touchdown pass in the game to Rowden — a play that was open all night.

"It was misleading. It was open so we had to use it," said Fracassa. "We've run that play before, but we've never run it for three touchdowns. We had to keep coming back with it because it was there."

"It was a good, exciting game against a championship team that knows how to win. They're the type of team that plays hard all the time and never gives up."

Marshall, a sophomore fullback who averages nearly seven yards per carry, finished with 107 on 19 carries. Canine completed 11 of 20 passes for 129 yards.

Rice's balanced attack included 134 rushing yards en route to a 203 total.

St. Agatha lone unbeaten remaining in Observerland

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To check the computer playoff rankings to see who may be headed for the post-season tournament. The only unbeaten school left in Observerland is Redford St. Agatha (5-0). The Aggies are also a good bet to make one of the four spots in Class D-Region IV.

In Class AA-Region II, Livonia Stevenson (4-1) and Wayne Memorial (4-1) are still in the hunt, with Westland John Glenn (3-2) and Plymouth Canton (3-2) poised to make moves.

In Class AA-Region III, Redford Catholic Central (3-2) faces an uphill battle after losing to Warren DeLaSalle.

In Class A-Region III, both Farmington High (4-1) and Farmington Harrison (4-1) are very much alive. Meanwhile, North Farmington (3-2) helped itself to a win by upsetting previously unbeaten Stevenson.

As for the prediction race, yours truly and the "Smiling Irishman," Dan O'Meara, each correctly picked 13 of 16 games.

O'Meara's overall mark for the season is 58-17, compared with 55-19 for Enors.

Here is a look at this week-end's action:

FRI DAY'S GAMES

(all at 7:30 p.m.)

Liv. Stevenson at Westland Glenn: Stevenson (4-1, 2-1) hasn't beaten the Rockets (3-2, 3-0) since 1987. The Lakes Division crown is at stake. Glenn could clinch a spot in the Western Lakes championship with a victory. Stevenson must find some type of passing attack to keep the Rockets' defense honest. PICKS: O'Meara casts his ballot with Stevenson, but Enors rides with Rockets.

Liv. Freehold at Liv. Churchill: The bad news is that both teams are winless. The good news is that somebody is going to come out a winner. Churchill's defense appears to be slightly better, but the Rockets seem to have the ability to score more points. Turnovers may determine this one. PICKS: O'Meara feels Freehold, but Enors gets charged up about Churchill.

Liv. Westwood at Clarendonville: Livonia High Westwood coach Dennis Tuomi missed his first game since 1960 after undergoing surgery last

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week for a detached retina. The Warriors (2-3, 1-3) led 7-0 against Harper Woods Lutheran East (coached by Tuoni's son), but came out a loser, 30-7. Clarendonville (3-2, 3-1), meanwhile, is on a roll with three straight wins. Tailback Martinus is averaging 170 yards per game. PICKS: Two votes for Clarendonville.

Phy. Canton at Northville: The Chiefs (3-2, 3-0), led by first-aid nose guard Shaun Dyer, have blanked two straight opponents and could be on a collision course with Farmington Hills Harrison in two weeks for the Western Division title in the WJAA. Northville (2-3, 1-2) has been struggling and could be in trouble if tailback Ariel Kersey is out after suffering an ankle injury. PICKS: Canton gets the nod.

Farmington at W.L. Central: The Falcons (4-1, 2-1) suffered their first loss last week at the hands of Glenn, but still remain in the hunt for the Lakes Division title and a playoff berth. Central (2-3, 0-3), which has lost three in a row, is very suspect on the defensive end. PICKS: The Falcons return to fight.

Wayne Memorial at Wyandotte: The Zebras (4-1, 2-1) rebounded from their loss to Monroe by rolling up 41 points against Woodhaven. Meanwhile, Wyandotte (2-3, 2-2) fell to a mediocre Dearborn Edsel Ford team last week, 35-12. The green light should be given to Stan Stevenson and company. PICKS: Wayne makes it a memorable night.

Redford Union at Monroe: Thanks to the new Mega Conference, this cross-over matchup is a mismatch. Monroe (2-0, 4-0) is the out-of-control team, led by tailback Jeff Gains. RU (3-2, 1-2) must find a running game after being limited to minus-37 last week in a 27-0 setback to Dearborn. PICKS: Try those Monroe shock absorbers.

Garfield City at Taylor Truman: Winless Truman is a welcome relief for the Cougars (1-4, 1-2), who met one of the state's top teams last week in Belle Isle. The Cougars couldn't overcome a 29-0 halftime deficit before losing 30-10, but a bright spot was quarterback Mike Barlow, who hit 11 of 17 passes for 120 yards. PICKS: GC writes a Truman Capote novel.

Red. Thornton at Melvindale: The Eagles (2-3, 2-2) gave up a ton of yards on the ground last week in a 27-7 loss to unbeaten Adam Park. John Short had 232 of those yards. Melvindale (2-3, 2-2) fell last week to Dearborn Heights Crestwood in overtime,

11-8. Thornton upended Crestwood a week earlier, 19-18 in overtime. PICKS: Thornton quenches its thirst. O'Meara says, but Enors takes the Redbirds.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

(all at 1 p.m. unless noted)

Phy. Salem at St. Pauline: Although coach Tom Moehner is hobnobbing with a knee injury after getting wiped out on the sideline two weeks ago against Stevenson, Salem (2-3, 1-2) managed to beat Walled Lake Central last week. Moehner, who sat up in the press box, had to feel what he saw from the bird's-eye view in tailback Mike Brannon, who had 178 yards in the Rockets' 35-15 win. North (3-2, 1-2) is looking better and better after upsetting Stevenson last week, 5-0. The Raiders, who lost close games to Glenn and Farmington, could easily be unbeaten at this juncture. PICKS: North winds blow O'Meara's way, but Enors believes Salem is Rock-solid.

W.L. Western at F.M. Harrison: The state-ranked Hawks (4-1, 3-0) have rebounded nicely since their opening-clash loss to Birmingham Brother Rice, but coach John Harrington has to be concerned about injuries. Quarterback Jake Larson is out for a while, and sophomore Kevin Dembroski is at the helm. Western (1-4, 1-2), meanwhile, is a mere shade of the 1992 Class A runner-up squad. The Warriors' only win is against winless Livonia Franklin. PICKS: Harrison executes a Western roundup.

Bishop Borgess at Det. Benedictine (2 p.m.): The Spartans are searching for their first win after getting clattered last week by Riverview. Benedictine (3-2, 3-2) is coming off a 25-15 win over Allen Park Central in a Catholic League Tri-Sectional game. PICKS: Benedictine doesn't have Derrick Alexander anymore, but still has enough to take Borgess.

St. Agatha vs. Waterford Our Lady (7:30 p.m.): At BU's Saint Paddy's, it's another tough C-Section test for the unbeaten Aggies, who got 172 yards in 33 carries from Bill Mott in a 10-0 win last Saturday over state-ranked Royal Oak. St. Agatha (5-0) is always dangerous under coach Mike Boyd. The Lakers are rated No. 4 in Class OD. PICKS: Lakers is Enors' choice, but O'Meara sticks with the Aggies.

Redford CC vs. B.W. Notre Dame (7:30 p.m.): At BU's Saint Paddy's, the Shamrocks (3-2, 0-1) could get a much-needed win after losing two in a row to state powers Orchard Lake St. Mary and Warren DeLaSalle.

No. 1 DeLaSalle prevails, ends CC streak in division

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Redford Catholic Central's football winning streak in the Catholic League Central Division, which dated back to 1989, has come to an end.

CC committed four turnovers Saturday night and lost 14-6 to Warren DeLaSalle, the top-ranked Class AA team in the state, before an overflow crowd estimated at 5,000 at Roseville Memorial Field.

The Shamrocks, who had a 218-207 edge in total yards lost, its second straight game, falling to 0-1 in the division and 3-2 overall. The Pilots are 1-0 and 5-0.

DeLaSalle scored both touchdowns after recovering CC fumbles.

CC quarterback Greg Clark, making his first start, completed five of 11 passes for 96 yards and one interception. John Spolek led CC rushers with 87 yards on 17 carries.

DeLaSalle scored first on a 41-yard run by Vince Thomas with 2:40 left in the first quarter to cap a 55-yard drive. The score came three plays after DeLaSalle recovered a CC fumble at the Pilots' 45.

CC answered with a 35-yard field goal by Ron Bialobreski with 1:30 left in the half to cut the lead to 7-5.

A strange series of fumbles led

to DeLaSalle's final points. CC fumbled at its own 45 and DeLaSalle recovered, only to fumble the ball back at the CC 10.

But CC fumbled again, and the Pilots got the ball at the CC 14.

DeLaSalle picked up a first down on fourth-and-goal from the CC 4, and the Pilots scored three plays later on a 4-yard pass to Jerry Trondle. The ball was tipped at the line of scrimmage by one of CC's linemen.

DeLaSalle took a safety late in the game to give CC its final points.

CLARENDONVILLE 27, HARPER WOODS 8: The Trojans chipped up 314 yards on the ground Saturday en route to a Metro Conference win at Harper Woods. Clarendonville, which has won three straight, is now 3-2 overall and 3-1 in the Metro.

Martino Beman, a 5-foot-10, 160-pound senior tailback, led Clarendonville 160 yards on 13 carries. He had TD runs of 73 and 8 yards in the second half.

"He's quick and fast, and is a shifty runner," Clarendonville coach Chuck Donaldson said. "Everyone ran well."

Steve Spies, who had a 49-yard TD run in the opening quarter, finished with 87 yards on seven carries. Quarterback Jim Fawley, who was four of eight for 54 yards, hit John Rose with a 9-yard TD in the second quarter

to give the Trojans a 13-0 lead. Harper Woods, winless in five starts, trailed 15-6 at halftime after John Wilson scored on a 3-yard run.

Clarendonville's defense, which has only allowed six points over the last three games, was led by Beman and Kyle McElroy with seven tackles apiece.

Ray Kastl and Steve Parks each added six tackles. Kastl also had a sack. Harper Woods was limited to 94 yards total offense.

"Considering the weather and the conditions, we played well," Donaldson said.

ST. MARTY'S 14, DYWIDE CHURCH: After trailing 13-6 at halftime, St. Mary's scored 14 fourth-quarter points to capture its Catholic League AA Division opener Saturday in Dearborn.

Dwight Childs' Brandon O'Connell opened the game with a 35-yard second-quarter field goal.

The third quarter was scoreless before the top-ranked (Class C) Eagles found paydirt. Quarterback Dwayne Johnson tossed a 21-yard scoring pass to Aaron Miller for one touchdown, and Johnson ran for the second touchdown on a 49-yard quarterback draw. Phillip Martin ran in the two-point conversion after the second touchdown.

DC scored the last touchdown with less than a minute remaining. St. Mary's gained 277 total yards, including 201 rushing. Johnson and Martin ran for 70 and 70 yards, respectively.

Aaron Miller caught five passes for 44 yards. Defensively, Darryl Adams stood out with four pass break-ups. St. Mary's (5-0 overall, 1-0 Division) hosts Madison Heights Bishop Foley 1 p.m. Saturday.

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