

FOOTBALL

CC to face DePorres' challenge

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

The big game this week doesn't happen until Sunday, when Redford Catholic Central plays DePorres.

The two have faced each other in a Catholic League crossover in recent years, but this time the game carries more weight since both are now in the same division.

Both teams are 3-0 and it looks like the 1995 meeting should be another hard-bitting class.

The next-best game has Livonia Stevenson playing host to Walled Lake Central in a Lakes Division encounter Friday night. In the prediction contest, Brad Emons and Dan O'Meara were both 11-4 last week. Emons maintains a six-game lead with a 37-7 record; the opposition struggles to stay in the game at 31-13.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

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

Dearborn at Redford Union, 7:30. The Panthers (1-2, 1-1) got a needed win Friday by beating Taylor Kennedy for their first win, but now they face unbeaten and state-ranked Dearborn. The Pioneers (3-0, 2-0) have not allowed a point in three games. Dearborn has the opposition 98-0 so far. PICKS: The Pioneers blaze another trail.

Woodhaven at Wayne Memorial: Someone will be a winner this week. Both teams are 0-3 and looking for that first win. The Zebras can forget about that SS-0 loss to mighty Monroe. The Warriors are coached by Craig James, who was previously at Bishop Borgess, Allen Park Central and Taylor Center. Woodhaven has lost to Garden, Romulus and Wyandotte. The Warriors are led by fullback Aaron Wilson and two-way tackle Kirk Cassel. PICKS: Wayne puts one in the win column.

Garden City at A.A. Harrison: The fiber para (2-1) will be another formidable foe for Garden City (0-3), which has already

played Crestwood and Dearborn. Huron led 21-7 against Brighton last week and survived a comeback to win 21-19. The Rita stopped a two-point conversion attempt with 4:41 left in the game. Huron QB Nick Versha completed 24 of 39 passes for 272 yards and three touchdowns. PICKS: We smell a Rat in this prediction.

Red. Thurston at Allen Park: The Eagles (0-3, 0-2) are having a tough time, and it doesn't get any easier when they go to Allen Park this week. The state-ranked Jaguars (3-0, 2-0) have nipped the Mega Blue for so long they should be in the first Division. PICKS: Allen Park keeps a perfect record.

W.L. Central at Liv. Stevenson: The Spartans (2-1, 1-0) have momentum following their 21-19 victory over Farmington. QB Dean Bacheiler passed for a pair of touchdowns, and Grade Clark ran for one with a good second effort. The Vikings (2-1, 1-0) pose a definite threat with a veteran defense that dominated North Farmington 19-0. PICKS: Stevenson wins another close one.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

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Lath. North at Lath. Westland: The host Warriors (2-1, 2-0) have won two straight and put their perfect Metro Conference record to the test against winless Macomb Lutheran North. Junior Albert Cook scored two TDs in the 20-10 win over Cranbrook. The Mustangs appear to have played the tougher schedule with losses to Lutheran East and unbeaton Harper Woods. PICKS: Lutheran North ends the streak.

Liv. Churchill at F.H. Harrison: The Hawks (2-1, 1-0) needed a strong second half last week to turn back Plymouth Central 28-14 and begin defense of their Western Division title. Harrison still has Jason Granger, and he's always a threat to score from anywhere on the field. The Chargers (2, 0-2) have yet to score a point, and it's never easy to score on a Harrison defense. PICKS: The Hawks keep a win streak going.

Ply. Canton at Liv. Franklin: Both teams are pretty good despite their records (1-2, 0-1). The Patriots gave the fine-tuned Sterling Heights Stevenson a battle, upset Livonia Stevenson and suffered a 7-6 loss to Northville. Coach Rick Lee had to wonder about the Northville duo after two starters (Paul Terk and Aaron Smith) collided in warmups and couldn't play. The Patriots have lost to mighty Monroe and Harrison while beating Walled Lake Central. The question is whether or not Franklin can stop Canton's passing combo of Rob Johnson and Ron Hunter. PICKS: The coin toss favors Canton.

Farmington at Ply. Salem: Both teams are frustrated and eager for some success. When was a Salem team ever 0-3? The Rocks have played quality teams like Westland and Western Glen but have scored only seven points in three games. Farmington (1-2, 0-1) has suffered two disappointing losses with their only win against Livonia Churchill. The Falcons need to avoid fumbles and bear down. PICKS: Farmington gets back to .500, according to O'Meara, but Emons says the Rocks are a solid pick.

Shamrock surprise catches DeLaSalle; Rice rolls past U-D

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Warren DeLaSalle football coach Ross McDonald wasn't surprised by what Redford Catholic Central did, but who the Shamrocks ran, but who the Shamrocks ran.

Senior tailback Kevin Quay, out last week with an injury, got the start Saturday night and scored one touchdown while gaining 116 yards on 23 carries in CC's 31-13 victory over DeLaSalle before an overflow crowd at Clarenceville High School.

McDonald was expecting to see shifty junior tailback Greg Alcala in the CC lineup, but Shamrock's coach Tom Mech pulled a surprise. The Shamrocks scored on their first three possessions to go up 21-0.

The Pilots didn't see Alcala until the final minutes, when the game was already decided. The Shamrocks opened up a 21-7 halftime lead on the Pilots, who ran only eight plays in the first half compared to 41 by CC.

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CC went ahead 28-17 on a 16-yard run by Spolsky with 11:09 left in the third quarter to cap a six-play, 53-yard drive. The Pilots scored within the next minute as Biltoni threw three passes to Matt Handzo and capped a 60-yard drive with an 8-yard keeper with 10:38 remaining.

The Shamrocks weren't through, however. Call raced 47 yards down the sideline to set up Kosmowski's field goal with 7:10 remaining.

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