

FOOTBALL

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
FOOTBALL PLAYOFF RANKINGS

CLASS AA

Region III: 1. Monroe (5-0, 92,200); 2. Bellevue (5-0, 89,600); 3. Flint Caman-Aurora (5-1, 88,000); 4. Easton (4-1, 82,400); 5. Ann Arbor (4-1, 80,400); 6. Walled Lake Central (3-2, 80,200); 7. Ann Arbor Pioneer (3-2, 79,533); 8. Howell (3-2, 88,950); 9. Plymouth Central (3-2, 88,800); 10. Westland (3-2, 85,400).

Region III: 1. Troy (5-0, 102,400); 2. Redford Catholic Central (5-0, 97,900); 3. Detroit Henry Ford (5-0, 96,000); 4. Dearborn (4-1, 79,200); 5. Westland Lakeshore (4-1, 77,200); 6. Livonia Stevenson (4-1, 78,200); 7. Detroit Murray-Wright (4-1, 62,600); 8. Detroit Northern (4-0, 66,400); 9. Detroit Central (3-2, 57,000); 10. Detroit City (3-2, 64,000); 11. Detroit Catholic (3-2, 54,000).

CLASS A

Region III: 1. Detroit Catholic (5-0, 96,200); 2. South Lyon (5-0, 80,000); 3. Dearborn (5-0, 80,400); 4. Farmington Hills (4-1, 80,400); 5. Northville (3-2, 57,300); 6. Southgate Anderson (3-2, 55,400); 7. Ypsilanti (3-2, 49,400); 8. Tenet Center (3-2, 47,000); 9. Taylor Truman (3-2, 46,800); 10. Detroit Southwestern (2-3, 41,400).

Region IV: 1. Royal Oak Kumbal (5-0, 97,600); 2. Pontiac Central (4-1, 72,600); 3. Birmingham Brother Rice (4-1, 72,600); 4. Berkley (4-1, 71,000); 5. Mount Clemens (4-1, 66,200); 6. Hazel Park (4-1, 64,400); 7. Birmingham Graceland (3-2, 59,800); 8. Grosse Pointe North (3-2, 54,200); 9. Farmdale (3-2, 51,000); 10. Birmingham Groves (3-2, 47,800).

CLASS D

Region IV: 1. Peck (4-1, 37,400); 2. Mary City Cardinal Moorey (3-2, 30,200); 3. Redford St. Agatha (3-2, 28,800); 4. North Grand Westland (3-2, 24,800); 5. Pontiac Notre Dame (2-3, 22,400); 6. Adrian Madison (2-3, 21,200); 7. Wyandotte St. Carmel (2-3, 15,533); 8. Taylor Light & Life Christian (4-1, 7,933); 9. Detroit East Catholic (4-1, 7,800); 10. Hamtramck St. Florian (0-5, 2,500).

RANKINGS

These unsolicited rankings are based on each week by the Observer Sports Staff. Teams eligible to be ranked must come from Livonia, Westland, Redford, Garden City, Plymouth-Canton and Farmington.

PREP FOOTBALL

1. Redford Catholic Central.
2. Farmington Hills Harrison.
3. Livonia Stevenson.
4. Westland John Glenn.
5. Plymouth Canton.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

1. Redford Bishop Borgessa.
2. Plymouth Canton.
3. Plymouth Salem.
4. Garden City.
5. Wayne Memorial.

BOYS SOCCER

1. Livonia Stevenson.
2. Plymouth Salem.
3. Redford Catholic Central.
4. Plymouth Canton.
5. Livonia Churchill.

GIRLS SWIMMING

1. Livonia Stevenson.
2. Farmington Hills Mercy.
3. Plymouth Salem.
4. North Farmington.
5. Plymouth Canton.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

1. Redford Catholic Central.
2. North Farmington.
3. Plymouth Salem.
4. Plymouth Canton.
5. Lutheran Westland.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

1. Livonia Stevenson.
2. Farmington.
3. Plymouth Salem.
4. Farmington Hills Mercy.
5. North Farmington.

GIRLS TENNIS

1. North Farmington.
2. Livonia Stevenson.
3. Farmington.
4. Farmington Hills Harrison.
5. Farmington Hills Mercy.

BOYS GOLF

1. Livonia Churchill.
2. Plymouth Salem.
3. Redford Catholic Central.
4. North Farmington.
5. Livonia Stevenson.

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Area contenders emerge

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

By the high school football season enters its sixth week, divisional races and the playoff picture come into sharper focus.

Farmington Harrison and Livonia Stevenson are on course for a rematch in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game.

Westland John Glenn, as well as Livonia Franklin, Walled Lake Western and North Farmington, stand in the way of that happening.

Looking farther ahead, Class AA Glenn, Redford Catholic Central and Stevenson and Class A Harrison have good playoff chances.

Redford St. Agatha (10) and Plymouth Canton (AA) are on the bubble.

A final word on the '95 Boys Bowl. It was quite possibly the best game in the long history of the event.

Brother Rice had the game won twice, 20-17 late in the fourth quarter and 23-20 in overtime. But CC rallied each time to win 26-23.

CC's last-minute drive to force overtime, a booming field goal by Eron Kosmowski and a decision on fourth-and-one to go for the winning TD in overtime provided plenty of high drama.

On the prediction front, Brad Emmons gained another game and leads by seven over Dan O'Meara, 62-11 to 55-18. Emmons was 12-3 last week, O'Meara 11-4.

GRID PICKS

to be 5-0 going into this game but have had some bad breaks and just missed. Farmington is coming off a 21-12 win over North Farmington. PICKS: Glenn will score.

Ply. Salem at W.L. Central: Momentum belongs to the Vikings (2-1, 3-2), who suddenly became Lakes Division contenders with their big win over Glenn. Salem (1-2, 1-4) tries to rebound from a 27-0 loss to Lakes Frontrunner Livonia Stevenson. Aside from their 35-24 win over Farmington, the Rocks have scored only 13 points and will need more to beat Central. PICKS: The Vikings stay in contention.

W.L. Western at Ply. Canton: This one looks like a tossup between even teams. Both are 2-1 in the Western Division (beating Church and Franklin) and 2-2 overall. The Chicks have won two straight and hope the home-field advantage helps to make it three. PICKS: Canton keeps the streak going.

Wayne Memorial at Belleville: The Zebras (2-2, 2-3) appear to be coming together as a team, winning their last two games over Woodhaven and Wyandotte. Lorenzo Guess passed for two TDs and ran for another as Wayne beat the Beams 20-8. But now comes the big test against state-ranked Belleville (4-0, 5-0). PICKS: Ian Gold and the Tigers won't be stopped.

Taylor Kennedy at Garden City: The Cougars (1-2, 1-4) got their first win last week, trouncing Truman 35-14, and the confidence gained from it should help against winless Kennedy (0-4, 0-5). The Eagles aren't flying too high these days, losing 9-0 to Southgate last week and averaging just five points a game. PICKS: The Cougars get the edge.

Redford Union at Southgate: The Panthers (1-2, 1-4) need some offense. They haven't scored a point since beating Kennedy three weeks ago. Southgate (3-1, 3-2) has a superior record, but the game will determine if the Titans are really a better team. PICKS: Southgate puts out a win.

Red. Thurston at Taylor Central: The Eagles (0-4, 0-5) have their best chance to get something started since the second week of the season. Thurston has played Crestwood, Allen Park and Newdale in its last three games, but the Rams (2-2, 3-2) won't exactly be pushovers either. Center has beaten Kennedy, Ann Arbor and Garden City. PICKS: Thurston has to wait longer for its first victory.

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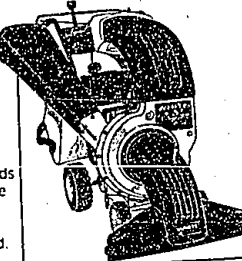


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