

CC zaps Falcons; Rice up next

Must be a big game coming up. Redford Catholic Central was ailing it out Saturday against Dearborn Divine Child.

OK, so six passes isn't exactly an aerial circus, but six passes by Redford Catholic Central qualifies as a razzle-dazzle offense.

That was especially true on a cold, rainy night as the Shamrocks shot down the Falcons of Dearborn Divine Child, 23-8.

The weather may have had something to do with the fact the game was scoreless after a quarter. Maybe Divine Child did, too.

But Eron Kosmowski kicked a 38-yard field goal with 11:01 showing on the clock in the second quarter, and Catholic Central was off and running to its eighth win in as many tries. Divine Child drops to 3-5.

Two minutes later, Kevin Quay ripped off a 63-yard run to give the Shamrocks a 10-0 half-time lead. Quay averaged 15 yards a carry for 10 rushes.

John Spolsky scored on a 12-yard run with 8:59 left in the third quarter and tallied again on a 9-yard run with 4:19 to play to cement the outcome.

In between, Divine Child's Shaun Harvey scored on a 1-yard run with 14 seconds left in the third quarter.

Quarterback Greg Call threw six times in the game, completing two passes for 27 yards. Both completions were hauled in by senior tight end Eric Gilbo.

An upper-echelon football team must be able to run when it wants, and Catholic Central did just that — to the tune of 347 yards and 19 first downs against Divine Child.

Call had an interception — but as a defensive back, Kevin Thomas recovered a fumble for CC, which held DC to just six first downs and 93 total yards.

Defensive end Mike Smiley had 11 tackles and two sacks.

Ben Rowden's 60-yard fumble recovery gave the Warriors their other touchdown. Joe's Curran McCarthy booted two PATs, and Eric Marcy threw to Joe Kalcynski for a two-point conversion.

Down 20-0 in the third quarter, Rowley made the final score more respectable with a 4-yard touchdown run by John Cavanaugh and a 1-yard TD run by Shawn Blake. Jimmy Jorgensen kicked two PATs for Foley (3-5, 1-3).

Wildcats try to put loss behind them

BY STACY STEIN
STAFF WRITER

Ancient history. That's how Oxford High School football coach Bud Rowley views his team's 13-3 loss Friday to Lapeer East that brought down the curtain on Oxford's amazing run of six consecutive Flint Metro League titles.

With defending Class A state champion Farmington Harrison (7-1) on the schedule at 1 p.m. Saturday at Harrison and a Class BB playoff berth still a possibility, Rowley says he won't need to do much this week to get the Wildcats (5-3) fired up.

"You aren't a football player if you have a letdown this week," Rowley said. "Playing a team like Harrison on a Saturday afternoon with your season on the line is plenty of motivation."

Harrison features one of the state's most explosive tailbacks in Jason Granger.

"Granger is one of the top players in the state," Rowley said. "He can flat out run. We can't stop him, but we will try to slow him down."

Oxford's loss to undefeated Lapeer East (8-0) hurt, of course, but Rowley says it's important to put the end of the Wildcats' Flint Metro title run in perspective.

"We can't dwell on that," he said. "We've won six league ti-

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Underdog roots for underdogs

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It's desperation time for the un-lucky (7) Irishman.

Five games still separate yours truly (97-19) and Mr. Dan O'Meara (92-24).

Both, however, had mediocre performances in Week No. 8 — each going 11 for 16.

But the Irish Lady isn't about to sing just because the final week could create some chaos.

As for the other playoff race, the post-season jamboree, Redford Catholic (8-0) has already clinched a berth in Class AA-Region III, even if it loses its rematch Saturday in the Catholic League championship to Birmingham Brother Rice.

Meanwhile, two other Observer-land teams, Livonia Stevenson (6-2) and Westland John Glenn (6-2) are battling Dearborn Fordson (6-2) for the fourth and final playoff spot in that same region.

Farmington Hills Harrison (7-1) appears to be a lock in Class A-Region III. The defending champion Hawks appeared to be headed for the third seed behind South Lyon (7-0) and Dearborn (8-0), the latter team which has been unscathed upon.

In Class D-Region IV, Redford St. Agatha (4-4) could clinch a berth with a victory over Marine City Cardinal Mooney (5-3).

Here is a look at Week No. 9:

THURSDAY'S GAME

Redford Thurston (4-7) vs. Redford Union (2-6), 8:30 p.m., at Pontiac Silverdome; Junior light and Matt Kukks has been an underrated player for the Eagles, while RU counters with William Munger, who gained over 100 yards in a 22-20 loss last week to Taylor Truman. PICKS: Emons says RU looks like the Lions against Frisco, but O'Meara joins the Eagles' nest.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
(all 7:30 p.m., unless noted)

Bishop Borgess (3-5) at Ecorse (1-7), 3:30 p.m.; This is a rematch of the season opener, won by Borgess 28-0.

Romulus (2-6) at Garden City (2-6); These are two Mega Conference teams that are meant for each other. Romulus is coming off a 34-22 win over Wayne Memorial, while the Cougars were pummeled by Dearborn Edsel Ford, 48-0. GC gave up 34 points in the first period alone. PICKS: The Mega-Division is supposed to be tougher than the Mega-White, so Romulus finds a way to win. Emons predicts, O'Meara, however, likes GC's chances.

Westland Glenn (5-2) at Wayne (2-6); Glenn can put itself in position to garner its eighth post-season playoff berth under Chuck Gordon since 1985 with a victory. The Rockets, who have the edge up front, have dominated the city series, 18-3. Wayne, perhaps better at the skill positions, lost last week in 1992. PICKS: It's a lift-off toward the playoffs for the Rockets again.

Ply. Canton (5-3) vs. Ply. Salem (2-6) at CEP; What appeared to be a lopsided matchup only weeks ago now looks a lot closer. Canton took itself out of Class AA-Region II playoff contention by losing to Walled Lake Central in a rematch, 10-3. The Rocks lost last week to Walled Lake Western, 28-14. PICKS: Emons says the Cougars repeat last year's victory, but O'Meara says the Salem is Rock solid.

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The Spartans, however, have lost four in a row after being defeated by Allen Park Cabrini. Ecorse, meanwhile, is coming off its first win of the year, a 32-0 victory against Taylor Light & Live. PICKS: Borgess makes it two for two against the Red Raiders.

Liv. Stevenson (8-2) at Liv. Churchill (0-6); A lot is at stake in this one. Stevenson, fighting Lakes Division rival Westland Glenn and Dearborn Fordson in Class AA-Region III, can keep its state playoff hopes alive with a victory. Churchill, meanwhile, is trying to avoid its fifth winless season in the past six years. PICKS: Stevenson wins and sits by the home Sunday night awaiting word from the MHSAA.

Liv. Franklin (2-8) at Trenton (4-4); Franklin, which has lost six games by a mere total of 32 points, has definitely played the tougher schedule this year. But Trenton, a runaway 53-6 winner last week over Redford Thurston, is a formidable team when running back Ryan Scola is in the lineup. PICKS: Emons goes with the home team, but O'Meara rides with the Patriots.

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SATURDAY'S GAMES

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South Lyon (7-0) at N. Farmington (2-6); Holy Mackerel! South Lyon is loaded again this year with the running duo of Mike Watson and Greg McGuire. The two combined for 450 yards rushing in a 47-6 beating of Highland last week. North, coming off a 20-7 win over winless Livonia Churchill, is going to have its hands full. PICKS: It's a jungle out there, South Lyon roars.

Oxford (5-3) at F.H. Harrison (7-1); Oxford has put together some very competitive, playoff teams the past few years, but these Hawks are flying high after beating Livonia Stevenson for its 11th Western Lakes championship, 31-18. Oxford, a member of the Flint Metro Conference, is coming off a 13-3 loss to Lapeer West. PICKS: Harrison wins its eighth straight.

Hamtramck (6-2, 5-1) at Lathrup Westland (3-5, 3-3); The Cosmos can claim a share of the Metro Conference title with a victory over the Warriors. But Harper Woods handed the Cosmos their first conference loss last week in the big way, 35-0. Lathrup Westland, a hard team to figure, stumbled last week against Class D-Region IV playoff leader Peck. PICKS: Where was Rudy Tomjanovich last week when Hamtramck needed him? Both stick with the Cosmos.

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