

# Football from page 1C

yard run, junior Josh Christenson scored on a 4-yard run and senior James Gusoff on a 1-yard run.

Senior quarterback Greg Call completed three of nine passes for 41 yards, including a 12-yard TD pass to Jeremy Jakary.

Aaron Rock made six of seven extra-point attempts, with his only miss coming after a bad snap.

The Shamrocks finished with 241 total yards.

U-D avoided a shutout when quarterback Joe Clinton threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to James Carson with 3:03 left.

A running clock is used whenever a team gets a 35-point lead in high school football. A running clock was used in this game the entire second half and part of the second quarter.

The Shamrocks ran only six plays from scrimmage after half-time.

Joe Sgroi, Nick Mastroianni, Newell Bentley, Gino DiGiandomenico and Brian Teehey had fumble recoveries for CC.

Teehey and John Daguanno had one sack each. Sgroi led the Shamrocks with six tackles.

Call returned an interception 26 yards, which led to CC's first score in the first quarter.

**JOHN GLENN 41, FARMINGTON 6:** The unbeaten Rockets built a 35-0 half-time lead Saturday en route to a Western Lakes Activities Association victory.

Glenn (7-0) finished their Lakes Division schedule with a 5-0 record. Farmington is 1-6 overall and 0-5 in the Lakes.

The Rockets played off at Walled Lake Western (6-1) for the WLA championship. They won the first meeting on Sept. 13 against Western, 28-17.

Glenn had a 337-203 advantage in

total yardage, limiting the host Falcons to 27 yards rushing.

Louis Hartwig scored two rushing touchdowns, both from 15 yards. Antonio Gibson scored on a 5-yard run, and Matt Grigle and Shaun Ringholt each scored on 1-yard runs.

The other Glenn score came on a 57-yard touchdown pass from backup quarterback Nick Hudson to David Jarrett.

Farmington avoided a shutout when wide receiver Dave Viane caught a 7-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter.

Glenn, the Class AA-Region III leader, recorded three interceptions, two by Jarrett.

Starting quarterback Justin Berent completed nine of 14 passes for 89 yards. Hudson threw for 79 yards, completing two of three passes.

Todd Vicielli led the Rockets with 51 yards rushing in 11 carries.

**BROTHER RICE 24, DELASALLE 7:** Senior tailback Brian Marshall moved within 65 rushing yards of 1,000 for the season Saturday, and Birmingham Brother Rice clinched a share of the Catholic League Central-East Division title.

Marshall, who gained 125 yards on 26 carries and has 935 yards for the season, snapped a 7-7 tie in the third quarter with a 4-yard touchdown run. Kevin Gerback added the extra point for a 14-7 lead.

The Warriors, who are 3-0 in the division and 7-0 overall, play at Madison Heights Bishop Foley at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and can clinch the division championship outright with a victory.

Gerback booted a 35-yard field goal before the third quarter ended. The Warriors put the game away in the fourth quarter on quarterback Eric Marcy's 33-yard touchdown pass to Mike Scott.

Marcy finished 19-of-29 passing for 277 yards and 16 scores. He also hooked up with Dave Matthews on a 27-yard strike in the first quarter to bring the Warriors within 7-6.

Matt Clarembro gave the Pilots (2-1, 5-2) a first-quarter lead, 6-0, when he ran in from 31 yards. The extra point

made it 7-0, but Rice's defense didn't surrender a point the rest of the way as Scott and Jamyon Small ended drives with interceptions.

The Warriors amassed 468 total yards to Delasalle's 230. Matthews caught eight passes for 122 yards and Scott had three catches for 67 yards.

**ST. MARY'S 24, NOTRE DAME 7:** The Eagles (4-3) snapped a three-game skid Sunday with the victory at Harper Woods Notre Dame (3-4) in a Catholic League crossover game.

Malcolm McInnis carried the offensive lead for St. Mary's. The senior tailback rushed for 127 yards on 21 carries and scored touchdowns on runs of 3 and 16 yards.

His 40-yard punt return set up the game-winning touchdown with 14:43 left in the game. Brad Mitchell set up St. Mary's the first TD with an interception.

The Eagles held Notre Dame to 155 yards of total offense. Vashun Daniels was the spark on defense, finishing with 10 solo tackles, including four for a loss of yardage.

Freshman quarterback Jermaine Gonzalez completed four of nine passes for 50 yards in his first varsity start.

**CLARENCEVILLE 38, LUTHER EAST 23:** Senior tailback Donahue Fulton had over 100 all-purpose yards Friday, sparking Livonia Clarenceville (3-4, 3-4) to the Metro Conference victory over visiting Harper Woods Lutheran East (4-3, 3-3).

Fulton scored on runs of 1 and 16 yards. He also took a swing pass from quarterback Paulo Hernandez and raced 75 yards for a score.

Sophomore Walter Ringland took care of the rest of the scoring for the Trojans, scoring on runs of 30, 5 and 9 yards.

Clarenceville led by only three, 26-23, heading into the final quarter before Ringland put it away with a pair of short TD runs.

Defensively, Jason Dillaho was in on 12 tackles, while Justin Vitanuwa added 10.

East got its touchdowns on a pair of 3-yard runs by Robbie Mison and a 20-yard run by Donny Daggett.

# Area teams eye playoffs

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Two weeks left until we pick our next president.

Two weeks to go when we will also determine which Observersland teams are headed to the state football playoffs.

Nobody in the area, however, is a lock like Bill Clinton just yet.

On Friday, Westland John Glenn (7-0) faces a treacherous rematch with host Walled Lake Western (6-1) for the Western Lakes Activities Association crown. Glenn won the first meeting (Sept. 12) by a 28-17 count.

The Rockets then close out their season with rival Wayne. Farmington Harrison (6-1) also has a rematch of sorts this weekend, 1 p.m. Saturday at home against Livonia Stevenson (6-2) in the second-place WLA crossover.

Harrison has edged Stevenson for the last two WLAAs crowns.

Harrison then closes out its season at home against defending Class B state champion Detroit Country Day (4-2).

Another playoff possibility is Lutheran High Westland (6-1), which needs wins over Harper Woods Lutheran East (4-3) and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (0-7) to beat out Deckerville (6-1) and Harper Woods (6-1) in Class C-Region IV.

Redford Catholic Central (5-2) is a longshot in Class AA-Region III, but could put itself in position with a victory this Saturday over unbeaten Dearborn Divine Child (7-0).

As for the prediction race, it's a dead heat as both prognosticators (yours truly and Dan O'Meara) went 13-2 last week for an 86-19 season count.

## FRIDAY GAMES (all 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Clarenceville at Hamtramck (4:30 p.m.): Hamtramck (3-4, 3-3) has been somewhat of a disappointment in the Metro Conference, but there's no doubt that Livonia Clarenceville (3-4, 3-4) can hang with the league's best. PICKS: The Cosmos can't stop Donahue Fulton, but beat the Trojans.

Trenton at Redford Union (7 p.m.): The best of the Mega-White Division, Trenton (7-0, 5-0), Class A-Region III playoff bound, takes on color-dweller

## GRID PICKS

RU (0-7, 0-5): Trenton is coming off an important win over Dearborn, 7-6. PICKS: RU can't stop quarterback Ryan Skokola and Trenton.

St. Agatha at Notre Dame Prep: The Aggies (0-7, 0-4) got ripped last week by Center Line St. Clement, 49-0, while Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (2-5, 1-3) pulled a Lou Holtz, losing to Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 20-0. PICKS: Lou Holtz saves his job at Notre Dame Prep with a Catholic C-Section win.

Lutheran Westland at Lutheran East: The Warriors (6-1, 5-1) looked shaky in their last Friday night outing (a 13 over Clarenceville), but this team appears to be on a mission. East (4-3, 3-3), with the Bruce and Dennis Tuomi connection, is coming off a 38-23 loss to Clarenceville. PICKS: The Warriors find a way to win.

Edsel Ford at Garden City: Dearborn Edsel Ford is 5-2 overall and 3-2 in the Mega-White after a 27-7 victory last week over Taylor Kennedy. Westerville GC (1-6, 1-4) earned its first win of the year against Redford Union, 19-6, as junior tailback Mike Wrobel rushed for 191 yards. PICKS: The Edsels are not quite obsolete. GC becomes the team.

Romulus at Wayne: The Zebras (4-3, 3-3) showed much promise winning their first four, but now find themselves in a funk after losing their last three, including a 35-14 shellacking last week by Dearborn Fordson. Romulus (1-6, 1-4) shouldn't be considered dangerous, but after losing only 21-6 to Mega-Red Division leader Wyandotte, the Eagles appear to be more than a match. PICKS: Wayne show true grit with a victory.

W.L. Central at Franklin: This is a battle of third-place divisional teams in the Western Lakes. Both have 4-3 records. Central coach Darrell Harper, who is harboring playoff aspirations in Class AA-Region II although nowhere to be found among the top 10 last week, cried foul when the WLA athletic directors originally had his Vikings paired against Plymouth Canton (3-4) in the crossover. He may also realize that Franklin has looked lousy in its last two meetings. PICKS: Central maximizes its playoff points. Emons says, but O'Meara feels Patriots.

Ply. Salem at Northville: Thanks to the grips of the Walled Lake Central people, Salem (4-3) gets a rematch with Northville (1-6), a team the Rocks barely beat. In the second week, 17-14, Salem's aerial opponent in the crossover was rival Canton, but they didn't meet in consecutive weeks. PICKS: Salem wins by more than a touchdown this time.

Farmington at Puy. Canton: Farmington (1-6) is coming off a 41-6 loss to

Lakes Division champion Glenn, while Canton (3-4) lost to Western Division champ Walled Lake Western, 33-13. Confused? PICKS: It's easy pickings for Canton.

H. Farmington at Liv. Churchill: Both teams are 0-7 and this is their chance to redeem themselves. North may have the better defense, while Churchill might enjoy the advantage on offense. PICKS: Flip a coin; it says North.

W.L. Western at Westland Glenn: The two teams met in 1992 with Western taking the Western Lakes title. Glenn (7-0) has a balanced offensive attack, led by the passing of 6-foot-6 junior quarterback Justin Berent, the area's most accurate passer, and the running of Reggie Spearman. Western relies on the wing-t offense and a stunting defense, led by 6-4, 220-pound outside linebacker Kevin Crane. The Warriors are quick on both sides of the ball. PICKS: Emons sticks with Glenn in a cliffhanger, but O'Meara sides with Western.

## SATURDAY GAMES (all at 2 p.m. unless noted)

Liv. Stevenson at F.H. Harrison: The Spartans (5-2) are steadily improving, but will remain an underdog against Harrison (6-1), which is fighting for a playoff berth. Stevenson's Cade Clark is only 13 yards away from the 1,000-yard mark. Harrison got its passing game, going last week as quarterback Kevin Bembek rolled the flank line secondary for 255 yards. PICKS: Harrison keeps it going.

Taylor Truman at Red. Thurston: Both teams are 4-3 overall and 3-3 in the Mega-Blue. Truman shut out Dearborn Heights Crestwood last week, 36-0, as the Hardin brothers, Wes and Mike, teamed up for three touchdowns passes. Meanwhile Thurston struggled to beat last-place Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 21-12. PICKS: It's a history lesson for the Eagles; the Truman Doctrine goes into effect.

Bishop Borgess vs. A.P. Cabini at the Dowdler Community Center: Borgess (2-5, 0-4) lost to playoff-bound Southgate Aquinas, 41-0, while Cabini (2-5, 2-2) edged Detroit East Catholic last week, 5-0. PICKS: Cabini stops the Spartans.

Dn. Divine Child vs. Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m. at D.H. Crestwood: Some people accused CC (7-0, 3-0) of playing a soft schedule. Hunt? The Falcons played toe-to-toe with the Detroit Snore's No. 1-ranked DePores and beat them fair and square, 14-13. Catholic Central (5-2, 2-1) can claim a share of the Catholic League Central-West crown and get a rematch with Brother Rice by playing spoiler. PICKS: The Shamrocks don't need luck, just a little offense to beat CC.

## FOOTBALL

### MHAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFF COMPUTER RANKINGS

(Leave teams in bold)

**Class AA (Region III):** 1. Detroit Creek Central (7-0), 94.857; 2. Walled Lake Western (6-1), 87.714; 3. Brighton (6-1), 85.405; 4. Monroe (5-2), 75.286; 5. Ann Arbor Huron (5-2), 67.229; 6. Howell (4-3), 50.975; 7. Plymouth Salem (4-3), 55.871; 8. Belleville (4-3), 55.286; 9. Walled Lake Central (4-3), 54.280; 10. Flint Carmen-Ainsworth (4-3), 53.429.

**Class AA (Region III):** 1. Trenton (7-0), 109.571; 2. South Lyon (6-0), 101.714; 3. Detroit Chassay (6-1), 83.286; 4. Farmington Hills Harrison (6-1), 80.714; 5. Wyandotte Roosevelt (5-2), 75.857; 6. Novi (5-2), 70.833; 7. Dearborn (5-2), 67.714; 8. Saline (5-1), 60.571; 9. Dearborn Edsel Ford (5-2), 60.429; 10. Southgate Anderson (4-3), 58.286.

**Class BB (Region IV):** 1. Marysville (7-0), 98.857; 2. Allen Park (7-0), 94.857; 3. Dear-

born Divine Child (7-0), 82.286; 4. Marine City (7-0), 76.857; 5. Gibraltar Carlson (6-1), 76.286; 6. Detroit Renaissance (5-2), 67.714; 7. Warren Woods Tower (5-2), 60.286; 8. Warren Lincoln (5-2), 58.871; 9. Taylor Truman (4-3), 46.857; 10. Redford Thurston (4-3), 46.874.

**Class C (Region V):** 1. Southgate Aquinas (7-0), 74.286; 2. Almont (7-0), 70.857; 3. Lutheran High Westland (6-1), 67.000; 4. Deckerville (6-1), 60.857; 5. Harper Woods (6-1), 60.000; 6. Unionville-Sebevering (5-2), 54.871; 7. New Haven (4-3), 45.714; 8. Waterford Our Lady (5-2), 41.696; 9. Royal Oak Shiloh (5-2), 41.286; 10. Detroit Lyette (5-2), 37.857.

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