

Brother Rice falls short of upsetting Ohio team

Brother Rice entertained a nationally-ranked team (by USA Today) Saturday and nearly pulled off an upset, Toledo St. Francis escaped with a 16-10 victory at Birmingham Groves.

St. Francis opened the scoring with a first-quarter safety and led 9-0 in the second quarter on Adam Hamilton's 2-yard run.

Rice (1-1) scored with 52 seconds left in the half on a 36-yard pass from Pat Cradock to Mark Goebel. Kevin Gerbeck's extra point and 30-yard field goal midway in the final quarter gave Rice a 10-9 lead.

St. Francis scored the winning touchdown with 1:56 remaining when Emil Price raced in from 5 yards to cap an 80-yard drive.

Toledo dominated on the ground with 285 yards to Rice's 40. Rice passed for 159 as Cradock completed 13 of 28. Goebel had five catches for 63 yards.

LITH. NORTH 20, CLARENCEVILLE 24: The host Mustangs (2-0) scored all 20 points in the first half and held off a Clarenceville comeback in the second half Saturday.

"I'll break for us," coach Chuck Donaldson said. "We haven't quite put it all together yet, but we're very close."

The Mustangs recovered a fumbled punt at the Clarenceville 50-yard line and scored. Dan Morley returned a punt 60 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter, and McComb made it 20-0, capping a 60-yard drive with a 20-yard pass.

In the third quarter, Clarenceville's Craig Rose hit Justin Villanueva with a 47-yard TD pass. Clarenceville made a two-point attempt to make it 20-8.

Walter Ragland had an 80-yard TD run in the fourth quarter to cut North's lead to 20-14. He rushed for 198 yards on 18 attempts.

About nine minutes remained, but the Trojans couldn't find the end zone again as a pair of drives stalled on fourth down.

Shamrocks set to battle Pilots

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Divisional matchups take center stage this week in the Western Lakes Activities Association. And it appears the preseason football favorites in the Western Division — Farmington Hills Harrison and Walled Lake Western — have solidified their state rankings after two weeks of play.

Meanwhile, in the Lakes Division, state-ranked Westland John Glenn, which is also off to a 2-0 start, appears to be primed for another WLA title run.

The Catholic League has two intriguing matchups.

State-ranked Redford Catholic Central (2-0) could get a stiff test this week when Warren DeLaSalle (2-0) comes to play the Shamrocks Saturday at Livonia Clarenceville.

Another interesting matchup is the Redford Bishop Borgess (1-1) vs. neighbor Redford St. Agatha (1-1) in the first football meeting ever between the two schools, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Redford Union's Kraft Field.

Perhaps a team to keep an eye on is Redford Thurston (2-0), a member of the Mega Conference's Blue Division. The Eagles are off to a 1-0 divisional start.

As for your prognosticators, Dan O'Meara went 13-2 last week while yours truly finished 12-3.

O'Meara, 28-4 overall, enjoys a three-game advantage. Emons is 25-7 overall.

Here's closer look at this weekend's games.

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

Red. Thurston (2-0, 1-0) at Woodhaven (1-1, 1-0); 7: The Eagles have put two shutouts on the board and have one of the area's most underrated quarterbacks in Nick Dedeluk. Woodhaven, guided by former Bishop Borgess coach Craig James, edged Redford Union last week, 14-13. PICKS: Both believe the Eagles will soar.

Crabrook (2-0, 2-0) at Clarenceville (0-2, 0-2): The records could be deceiving because the unbeaten Cranes have played the Metro Conference's two weak sisters (Hamtramck and Luther West). Clarenceville has lost a pair of heartbreakers and could be ready to break loose this week. PICKS: Both believe Clarenceville rides high on its Trojan horse.

Lutheran Westland (0-2, 0-2) at Hamtramck (0-2, 0-3): This Metro Confer-

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ence matchup could be even. The Warriors have been outscored 82-14 in its first two encounters. Coach Gary Kamin plans to shake up his lineup this week. Hamtramck is coming off an 18-2 loss to Crabrook. PICKS: Fill a coin. Emons goes with Rudy Tomjanovich and Hamtramck and so does O'Meara.

Northville (0-2, 0-0) at Churchill (1-1, 0-0): Last year Churchill lost a heartbreaker to the Mustangs. Northville gave South Lyon a loss in its season opener and lost 21-3 last week to Plymouth Salem. This is a game Chargers feel they can win. PICKS: Emons says the Chargers win in overtime, but O'Meara sides with the Mustangs.

Farmington (1-1, 0-0) at Westland Glenn (2-0, 0-0): The Rockets were less than sharp offensively in last week's 16-0 victory over Plymouth Canton, but Glenn coach Chuck Gordon was pleased with junior quarterback Nick Hudson, who filled in admirably for the injured Justin Berent, hitting nine of 11 passes. Berent will start this week.

Farmington, which won its season opener against Novi, found the going tough in a 50-12 loss to defending Class AA champion Walled Lake Western. PICKS: Glenn tees off on the Falcons.

W.L. Western (2-0, 0-0) at Ft. Canton (0-2, 0-3): Canton will conclude its brutal three-game stretch against one of the state's fastest teams, led by quarterback Frank Stanford and fullback Dave Johnson. The Chiefs made it respectable last week against Glenn. Can Canton do it again? PICKS: No doubts here, Western gets two affirmative votes.

Ply. Salem (1-1, 0-0) at W.L. Central (1-1, 0-0): The Rocks got over 100

yards from running back Tony Bernhardt last week and their defense held Northville down. Central, which is expected to challenge Glenn for the Lakes Division title this season, laid an egg in last week's crushing 48-28 loss to Farmington Hills Harrison. PICKS: Central finds a way to win.

Wayne (0-2, 0-3) at Belleville (2-0, 0-1): The young Zebras gave state-ranked Dearborn Fordson a tussle last week before losing 12-6. Meanwhile, Belleville has posted wins so far over Salem (20-7) and Southgate (35-14). Quarterback C.J. Grantham, who returned a punt last week for a TD in a dangerous runner. PICKS: The Tigers take a big chunk out of Wayne.

Dtn. Fordson (2-0) at Garden City (0-2): Who came up with this matchup, the Mega Men himself? Guilty! No wonder GC Bob Elminger unexpectedly left to become defensive coordinator at Ann Arbor Pioneer. The state-ranked Tractors, who struggled last week to beat Wayne after trouncing Dearborn Divine Child in the opener, should have all the parts in place this week against the Cougars. PICKS: It's going to be a long night for GC.

Redford Union (0-2, 0-3) at Ypsilanti (1-1, 1-0): The Panthers showed improvement in last week's 14-13 loss to Woodhaven. Ypsi, a newcomer to the Mega's Blue Division, lost its season opener to state-ranked Lansing Eastern (30-0) and came back last week in the final 1:27 to edge Highland Park (23-20). PICKS: It's Ypsi all the way.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

(all 2 p.m. unless noted)

Liv. Franklin (1-1, 0-0) at F.H. Harrison (2-0, 0-0): The Patriots' defense has been solid for the most part, but the offense has been inconsistent. This

week's opponent has all the pieces in place for a state title run. All Harrison coach John Harrington has to do is remind his team that an undermanned Patriot club nearly pulled out an upset on the Hawks' field just two years ago. PICKS: Harrison will make life miserable for the Patriots.

Liv. Stevenson (1-1, 0-0) at N. Farmington (2-0, 0-0): Stevenson got a boost last week when quarterback Ryan Valle came alive in the final period to pull out a last-second victory over Franklin. North, led by tailback Kirk Mondous, could be the Lakes Division surprise this season if it can get by the Spartans. PICKS: Stevenson makes it two straight, both agree.

Bishop Borgess (1-1) vs. Redford St. Agatha (1-1), 7:30 p.m. at RU's Kraft Field: Agatha went last Saturday to the upper peninsula and spanked Pickford to the tune of a 34-14 win. (Any snow up there yet?) Meanwhile, Borgess, which routed Ecotone in its opener, 58-0, came back down to earth when North Adams-Jerome pinned a 48-20 loss on the Spartans last Saturday. PICKS: The Aggies get two votes.

Redford CC (2-0) vs. Warren DeLaSalle (2-0), 7:30 p.m. at Clarenceville: Could be the best game of the weekend. CC continues to go to the air with quarterback Adam Tubaro, who has thrown over 100 yards in back-to-back games (check the record book Tom Machi). DeLaSalle opened its season impressively with a 37-34 win over Detroit Public School League contender Detroit King and followed that up last week with a 34-0 shutout over Holt. PICKS: CC is ready for the challenge with a solid effort.

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Hopkins looked like Bobby Layne late in the first half when he threw an old-style jump pass over the line of scrimmage to senior Justin Golden for a 10-yard touchdown. Cornwell's third of six extra points made it 27-0.

To start the second half, the Vikings drove the field to register their first points on Cory Heitsch's 26-yard pass to Lance LaPratt and one of Nathan Nagy's four PATs.

The Hawks countered with Ghanam's 16-yard touchdown run and the second Hopkins-Bryant scoring pass for a 41-7 lead late in the third quarter after which Harrison started substituting freely.

Central's Jeff Mathison caught a 35-yard pass from Heitsch and returned a punt 90 yards for touchdowns that pulled the Vikings within 41-21 early in the fourth quarter.

The Hawks responded with a 2-yard TD run by junior fullback Matt Turney, and the Vikings finished the scoring with a 12-play drive culminating in Craig Atkinson's 5-yard run with 46 seconds left.

"We got to the point we wanted to see what our other players

could do, and that's the reason kids are out for football, to get some playing time," Harrington said.

"The score doesn't really concern us, although, when they scored a couple quick ones, we inserted the first offense again to make sure we got the ball down the field."

"The second team did score a touchdown, and they were able to control the ball. I was disappointed because we had a lot of good kids on that second defense, and they let Walled Lake run through them."

Heitsch was 12-of-23 passing for 130 yards. Ross Mathison caught three passes for 27 yards, Jeff Mathison two for 31. Nathan Bruce rushed seven times for 30 yards. Mathison added 25 yards on Heitsch's 23.

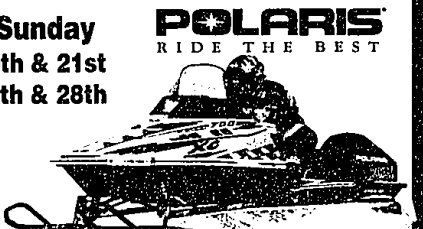
"The bad news is we got killed; the good news is we have seven (games) left," Harper said, adding the Vikings will regroup and prepare for a run at the Lakes Division title.

"In that respect, it was a good game to get us ready, because (Harrison) is the best team in Class A, bar none. They out physicalized us today, but we'll learn from it and get better."

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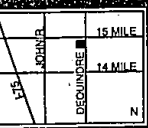
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