

Foley topples Rice to gain Prep Bowl berth, 7-6

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STAFF WRITER

Brother Rice entered its Catholic League Central-East Division showdown against Madison Heights Bishop Foley averaging 21 points per game Friday. But the host Ventures smothered the Warriors with an aggressive defense to post an historic 7-6 victory.

The win enabled Foley to capture its first division title since 1981 when it was part of a three-way tie for the crown.

The Ventures shoot for their first Catholic League championship Nov. 1 at the Pontiac Silverdome against undefeated West Division champion Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Rice finishes 3-1 in the division and is 5-3 on the season.

FOOTBALL

"They're a very good team. We just couldn't get too much offense going against them," said Brother Rice coach Al Fracassa, whose team mustered just 45 yards in total offense. "They're a Cinderella team. There's no shame in losing to a team like that. All the credit goes to Foley."

"We know coming in they were a very quick team. They beat some very good football teams this year."

The game's only scoring took place in the first quarter, and Foley needed just five plays to march 80 yards to its touchdown.

A 38-yard pass from quarterback Pat Cavanaugh to Nick Smith took the Ventures to the

Rice 14-yard line. On the next play, Cavanaugh, who made every big play Foley needed, scampered 14 yards around right end for a touchdown with 52 seconds remaining in the first quarter. Chris Boyd booted the crucial extra point.

Rice struck back right away when, on the ensuing kickoff, Mike Scott raced 81 yards to paydirt. However, the Warriors missed the extra point and that cost them.

There was no scoring the rest of the game, although Brother Rice enjoyed the better field position through most of the second half. The Warriors could get no closer than the 30-yard line.

Kicker Kevin Gerback attempted a 47-yard field goal midway through the fourth quarter.

But he slipped as he approached the ball and the kick fell way short.

"We figured (the field goal attempt) was like a punt. We took a chance," Fracassa said. "We tried. If it would have went through, it would have been a nice call."

Foley registered 233 total yards, including 166 yards rushing. Cavanaugh, who picked up a number of key first downs late in the game when Rice needed to get the ball back, finished with 74 yards total rushing. Junior fullback Tom Devore finished with 54 yards on 20 carries.

But the story for Foley was its stellar defense that sacked Rice quarterback Pat Craddock four times for 22 yards.

"(Defensive coordinator) Mark

Chapman redesigned our defense to stun as often as we could," said Foley coach Tony Paitrite. "If we stayed back in our regular zone defense, they would have picked us apart. We had to go after them, and our defense just played great."

STEVENSON 38, CANTON 20: Uvona Stevenson turned a 22-second point drive into a 38-20 victory over Pleasant Canton.

The Spartans (2-6) struck for two touchdowns in the first quarter after recovering Canton fumbles on consecutive kickoffs.

Stevenson needed six plays to go 34 yards for its first score. Junior Jason Sarge ran the final 5.

The Spartans had another short drive of 38 yards and another that ended with Jason Allen's 15-yard run. He also ran for the two points.

Stevenson upped its lead to 21-10 lead

in the second quarter with Sarge's 6-yard touchdown run and Dan West's extra point.

The Chiefs (1-7) put six on the scoreboard via Jay Schmitt's 9-yard pass to Brian Muser, but the Spartans answered with two more TDs before the half ended.

Junior Ryan Van Belle connected with Phil Stuettens for a 55-yard scoring pass play, and he set up another TD with a 40-yard pass to Chris Gaine. That led to a 5-yard TD run by Allen.

A bad snap after the second TD gave the Spartans Van Belle catching a tipped pass for two points and a 38-6 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, Canton's Eric Frazer passed 20 yards to Casey McCusker for a touchdown.

Canton's Glenn Helmrich returned an interception 45 yards to the Stevenson 42 that led to another touchdown.

Allen passed 10 yards to Muser for the TD and two-point conversion, which made the score 38-20 late in the third.

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kind of broke us."

If that TD didn't take all the wind from the Central sails, Harrison's next score certainly did.

The Hawks took the opening kickoff of the second half and marched deep into Central territory before the Vikings recovered a fumble at their own 9-yard line.

The turnover appeared to give Central new life, but a Viking fumble four plays later gave the Hawks the ball back at the Central 24.

Senior tailback Chris Ghanan capped a quick, five-play drive for Harrison when he plowed into the end zone from 3 yards out for a 19-6 Harrison

lead.

Ghanan, who was held to 28 yards on 10 carries in the first half, exploded for 104 yards on 18 carries in the second half to spark the Hawks.

"I just wasn't running well in the first half," Ghanan said. "The line was getting it done all night; I just wasn't running well in the first half."

"We beat them pretty bad the first time we played (48-28 on Sept. 13), so we really didn't know what to expect."

"Central is a very good team,

and I don't think we expected them to play so well in the first half. At halftime, the coaches told us we'd have to come out and get it done in the second

half, and that's what we did."

After being held to just 92 yards of total offense in the first half, the Hawks totaled 171 in the second half.

Harrison added an insurance touchdown in the fourth quarter. Senior quarterback Jared Hopkins, who was 10-of-11 for 106 yards, capped an 80-yard, 11-play drive with a 1-yard TD run with 9:28 left in the game.

Junior quarterback David Pesci threw a two-point conversion pass to junior tight end Mike Head for the final margin of victory.

"That's the best football team in the state," Harper said. "I've watched a lot of games this year and seen a lot of teams, and Har-

rison is the best I've seen. I don't see anyone who can beat them in Class A."

Harrison opened the scoring in the first quarter when the Hawks marched 90 yards to paydirt. Ghanan put the Hawks on the scoreboard with a 3-yard run, and Zack Cornwell kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Central answered on its ensuing possession. Facing fourth-and-8 from the 19, junior quarterback Cory Heitsch (11-of-23 for 134 yards) hooked up with senior tight end Dave Shaw for a TD pass. The extra point kick sailed wide.

Harrison will close out the regular season Saturday afternoon game at Detroit Country Day.

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opening kickoff.

Glenann marched 70 yards in nine plays to gain a 7-0 halftime lead capped by junior quarterback Nick Hudson's 1-yard sneak with 1:48 left in the first half.

The Rockets then took the opening kickoff and drove 80 yards in 13 plays culminating in Heard's 1-yard TD run on fourth-and-goal. The score was set up by Hudson's 36-yard pass to Jason Croton.

"We knew we were going to keep the ball away from them," Glenann coach Chuck Gordon said. "And our offensive line did an outstanding job. Sean ran extremely hard and Reggie ran well, too."

But the tide quickly turned in Glenann's favor as junior tailback Dave Johnson, who led all rushers with 130 yards in 17 carries, scored on a 39-yard run with 3:27 left in the quarter. The Warriors, however, missed the two-point pass and trailed by eight, 14-6.

Then with 14 seconds left in the third period, quarterback Frank Stanford partied the waters with an electrifying 82-yard punt return. Johnson then ran in for the two-pointer to make it 14-14.

"We knew he (Stanford) is a tremendous threat back there and our plan was to kick the ball away from him, and on that play we did," Gordon said. "He had to

go over and field the ball. He made a tremendous individual effort. He's one of the fastest and most elusive guys in the state."

Punt field position finally caught up with Glenann in the fourth quarter.

Take a look at the Glenn 34, the Warriors went five straight plays to Johnson, who took it for 19 yards out for the game-winner with 2:22 remaining.

The Warriors' defense also came alive, holding Glenn to a net-3 yards in the final quarter.

"Our (defensive) coordinator Mike Zdebski did a great job of putting together some nice packages," Apap said. "Once we were able to adjust and stop the run, then some nice things happened against the pass. And our kids played some great coverage defense."

Glenann had the edge in total offense, 213-192.

Stanford did not complete a pass in four attempts, but he had 51 yards in 13 carries.

Glenann minus top receiver Eric Jones down the stretch (out with a third-quarter concussion), connected on just two of 14 passes for 33 yards.

But it was Stanford's punt return for a TD that was the pivotal play.

"When we were in trouble Frank broke us out," Apap said. "It was like gunpowder blowing up."

Despite the loss, Gordon witnessed a different bunch of Rockets than the previous game.

"A week ago we made too many mistakes," he said. "This week we played like a Glenn team — hard and physical."

Falcons finish with win

Farmington High finished its dual-meet season with a 104-81 victory over host Westland John Glenn in girls swimming Thursday.

Kristel Mathis won the 200-yard individual medley (2:32.51) and the 500 freestyle (5:50.57).

Karen Mathis took first place in the backstroke (1:07.76) and Tim Cavicchioli the breaststroke with a personal-best time (1:15.19).

Sarah Cohn and Karen Mathis helped the Falcons win a pair of relays, teaming with Heather Bruce and Cavicchioli in the

medley (2:04.41) and with Stefanie Fitzpatrick and Meredith Crawford in the 400 freestyle (4:18.37).

Bruce and Courtney Blackford also had personal-best swims in the backstroke with respective times of 1:07.93 and 1:12.63.

Farmington finishes 2-6 in dual meets.

"The girls stepped it up and swam well," Farmington coach Lisa Collins said, adding the Falcons were losing by three points after the 500 freestyle. "It's a good win for us. It's a nice way to finish the season."

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor McShane at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 1997 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Luhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards, Deputy Clerk Schmidt.

Minutes of the Regular and Special Meeting of October 6, 1997 were approved as submitted.

Mayor McShane reported on Make a Difference Day.

Minutes of other Boards were received and filed.

Council tabled the request for a fence variance at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Council supported the increase in the Tri-Party program.

Council scheduled a Public Hearing on the 1998-99 Community Development Block Grant Program on November 3, 1997 at 8:00 p.m.

Council approved Charge Order No. 7-11 and final payment to the Larson Company for the Underground Storage Tank Removal Project.

Council approved payment to Innovative Environmental Solutions, Inc. for Environmental Testing and Reporting on the Underground Storage Tank Removal Project.

Council approved the emergency purchase of replacement Public Safety Patrol vehicles.

Council authorized adjustments to the Museum Porch Column Replacement Project.

Public comments were heard.

Council commented and announcements were heard.

Council set a meeting to interview applicants for Boards and Commissions on November 3, 1997 at 8:30 p.m.

Council adopted Ordinance No. C-642-97 amending parking regulations on Prospect Street.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

JOANNE M. MC SHANE, Mayor

PAUL M. MC SHANE, City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 20, 1997

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vagnozzi at 7:30 p.m. Council Present: Bush, Bates, Ellis, Grant, Oliverio, Sever, and Vagnozzi.

Council Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Hobbs, City Clerk Dorman, Assistant City Manager Brock, Directors Biassell, Lassley, and Attorney Donobue.

CITY COUNCIL FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS

• Received verbal presentation on Parks & Recreation Millage Renewal Proposal.

• Postponed report on Storm Water Management Policies and Procedures.

• Denied request for "payment in lieu of taxes" proposal for housing project on Grand River, west of Drake Road.

• Adopted resolution recognizing the Farmington Hills Hockey Association as a non-profit organization.

• Denied application to Ameritech to relocate overhead lines at Farmers Sports Park.

APPROVED:

• Vetoation of partial watermain assessment for Sam's Club, Haggerty Road

• Purchase of 25th Anniversary Commemorative Coins from Northwest Mint in the amount of \$4,087.60.

• Entering into study session following regular council meeting to discuss future study session dates.

• City Council meeting minutes of September 16, 1997.

AWARD BID/PURCHASE ORDERS FOR:

• 1998-99 Capital Improvements for Heritage Park Ice rink to Best Asphalt in the amount of \$19,500.00.

• Sand chloride for winter control for DPW to Construction Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$25,960.00.

ALDO VAGNOZZI, Mayor

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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