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left tackle Jeff Skillman (6-2, 210). St. Mary's will counter with an aggressive defensive front. Senior captains Brendon Macklin (6-0, 245), a nose guard, anchors the front and has 96 tackles on the year. Defensive end Brandon McGlinch (6-3, 205) checks in with 84 tackles, and tackle Bryan Leith (5-9, 165) has 60. They're joined up front by tackle Jon Sgalia (6-1, 255), with 38 tackles.

"I've always believed these games are won and lost in the trenches," Porritt said. "Their offensive line comes off the ball nice and low. They have good continuity. What we have to do is disrupt them and our defensive front has been pretty good at doing that all year."

When St. Mary's goes on offense Trenton will have its hands full. The speedy Eaglets are averaging better than 30 points per game and no one has been able to stop them yet this year.

"We have to try to engage their speed," said Czarnecki. "You're

never going to stuff St. Mary's because they have too many weapons. They seem to be a big play-oriented team. They aren't lacking for speed or aggressiveness. What we have to do is frustrate them and make them drive the ball on us. We can't give up the big plays."

Galczyk doubles as a defensive tackle and leads the team in tackles with 95, including 12 for a loss, and sacks with seven. Oldham and senior linebacker Michael Zack (6-2, 201), who has over 80 tackles in seven games (he missed three games with a deep thigh bruise but returned to action last week) are also defensive leaders for the Trojans.

"Our speed can be a problem for people," Porritt said. "The biggest thing will be how they adjust to our speed during the course of the game."

Chadsey didn't make those adjustments last week as St. Mary's raced to an easy triumph. Jermaine Gonzales opened the scoring with a 43-yard touchdown pass to junior flanker Mau-

rice Scarright in the first quarter. Chad D'Amico's extra point kick gave the Eaglets a 7-0 lead. St. Mary's went on top 14-0 following a 3-yard plunge by James Gonzales early in the second.

Chadsey's Terrence Stunness (the PSL MVP) caught a 15-yard TD pass from Kievar Roland, then kicked the extra point to pull the Explorers to within 14-7. But Jermaine Gonzales went back to work and threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Grant Mason on a slant for a 21-7 halftime lead.

Jermaine Gonzales scored on a 23-yard TD run on the option in the third quarter and McGlinch added a safety in the fourth quarter for the final margin of victory.

The St. Mary's defense, led by Macklin with 11 solos and McGlinch with eight solos, a sack and the safety, clamped down in the second half. The Eaglets stuffed Chadsey's rushing game and limited the Explorers to just 57 yards rushing in the second half after they had gained 150 in the first half.

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minute with a touchdown to beat Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 22-16, in the Catholic League championship game at the Silverdome.

"We have to pick it up from the last two games," Cessante said. "We know we have it there, but no one will lay down for us. I'll get tougher. I think we'll meet the challenge this week. Troy has a real good passing game, just like St. Mary's."

Troy has a massive offensive line led by 6-6, 290-pound senior tackle Brian Ottney, who has committed to Michigan State. Senior quarterback Mike Clinton has a strong arm and a pair of premier wide receivers in Mark Boehms and Tim Fralick.

The leading ball carrier is senior tailback Sheldon Sofer, and Mach is also impressed by 6-1, 215-pound senior fullback Matt Graves.

"Troy presents different types of problems," Mach said. "They stretch you a lot on offense, make you make a lot of adjustments with your secondary. They do a lot of motion and use the pass to open up the run."

"They're very big and physical on both sides of the ball and Fralick is excellent - in fact they have two wide receivers that are very good. The quarterback is very good, the same young guy we played last year. He has a very accurate arm and good feet. If you don't contain him he's going to run on you. The fullback panekes people. Their backs have a lot of power, aren't the fastest runners, but pound for pound sure deliver the blow when they get there."

The Shamrocks' offensive attack could be without leading rusher Kyle Entsminger, who hobbled off the field with ice on his knee after the Fordson win.

Entsminger, who scored all of the Shamrocks winning touchdown on a 7-yard, fourth-quarter run, was held to 46 yards in 14 carries. He leads the Shamrocks

with 739 yards in 129 carries. CC junior fullback John Kava scored his team-high 16th touchdown against Fordson and finished with 94 yards in 21 carries, giving him 617 yards for the season.

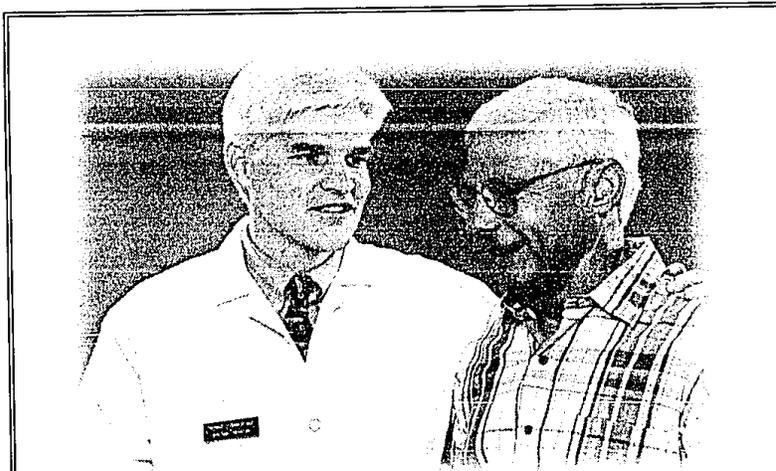
The biggest thing CC senior quarterback Dave Lusky needed after the Fordson game was rest. He had a gutsy effort, completing four of nine passes for 91 yards with two interceptions. He also intercepted a pass that led to CC's first touchdown.

He also handled the punting and most of the placekicking duties. His favorite target is senior tight end Nick Brzezinski but junior tight end/wide receiver

or Matt Loridas has become a viable option with Jason Woehlke out the last three weeks with an ankle injury.

Now if the two teams can only get mild temperatures and sunny skies to play under. Well, maybe the Shamrocks aren't hoping for that.

"Adverse conditions seem to bring out the best in our kids," Mach said. "They like to play in those situations. Last year they were excited about the snow, had fun doing it. It was a real tough game and in those conditions we decided to throw a little bit more and it ended up working to our advantage."



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Whalers stay No. 1 in OHL with 4-4 draw

Harold Druken's third goal of the game salvaged a 4-4 tie for the Plymouth Whalers Sunday with the host Sarnia Sting.

It was the second tie in two nights between the two Ontario Hockey League rivals. On Saturday at Compuware Arena, the two battled to a 3-3 draw.

The two ties and Friday's 5-4 triumph over Owen Sound, retained the top spot in the OHL for the Whalers, now 15-2-2.

Druken, who now has a league-leading 24 goals, knotted the game for the fourth time when he scored with 9:44 left in the third period. Adam Colangelo and Eric Goody assisted; for Colangelo, it was his second of the game.

Jamie Lalonde got the Whalers' first goal, tying it at 1-1 5:47 into the second period. Druken took over after that, tying it at 2-2 at 14:38 of the second and at 3-3 with a short-handed goal with just 39 seconds left in the second.

Peter Sarno scored two goals and assisted on a third for Sarnia.

Rob Zepp made 33 saves in goal for Plymouth. Greg Hewitt had 21 stops for the Sting.