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Just when I thought I was getting the hang of it – actually I wasn't – a few new teams football season just to make sure the 2002 cam-

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From the established — Farmington Harrison — to the inaugura! – Stoney Creek — play in the Cakland Activities Association promises to be rough and rugger.
The same can be said of the Catholic League, Metro Conference and Flint Metro League in which other area teams compete.
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It may be a little premature to assume all the answers, but like the athletes themselves, the time is here to plunge head first into another season of pigskin propositions. prognostications.

GP Liggatt at Rochaster Hills Lutheran Northwest (4 p.m. Thursday): What better way to open the season than with a victory. The Crussders have a legitimate opportunity to do just that with an esperience beautified realuring the likes of Jason Sader, Steve Swanson and Aaron Eller, but the Knights counter with weapons of their own to escape with a win.

Counter with weapons of their own to escape with a win . Pick Look. Pick Look

PICK TROY.
Troy Athens at Southfield-Lathrup (7 p.m.
Thursdey): Opponents will have difficulty
moving the Chargers' big men Frederick
McConneil (6-4, 10) all year, look for a more
experienced Stephon Thompson, Jr. to benefit at 03 and outscore the Red Marks.
PICK LATRIAN.

Rochester Adams at West Bloomfield (7 p.m. Thursday): Hope the Lakers like playing defense. They'll have to be at their best because OB Mike Jones and company can score at any time. PICK: ADAMS.

Clarkston at Birmingham Groves (7 p.m.

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PICK: CLARKSTON.
Farndale at Auburn Hills Avondale (7
p.m. Thursday): What's this, an Avondale
drive opening with a pass play? Maybe even
an enlice possession of passes, too? Con't
be surprised, but it you're a Yellow Jacket an, be patient. There will be a fot of new aces, a fot of fearning, and this week, a esoned opponent. PICK: FERNDALE.

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Bertilyar Biocomilaid Hills Labser (7 p.m.
Thursday): Berkley Bears where have you
been? The year was 1990 the last time the
Kinghts opened the football season with a
min. QB Berts feeleus and teammates have
Ideas of changing that.
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Waterford Mott at Birmingham Seaholm (7 p.m. Thursday): This clash has a David and
Goliah Ital to U il as the Corsalrs will took to
power past the Alaples. The size and esperience (Wolt returns 19 starters) stomps the
Maples.

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Miller the Buros are countie upon to do the same in Division IV. A few more familiar faces. In dry Jares Ricksey (PEIS), get the job cone for the Ralears.

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Farmington at Medican Heights Medican for Jun. Thursday. The Falcons are picked near the lop of Uhision IV. and the Eagles will have to joul to all its slops to escape the cellar of Oblishon IV. Enough said.

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Carabrachish progress (T30 p.m. Thereday);
CB Ryan Karolak returns to circut a spread
offense capable of southing from anywhere on

Davison at Oxford (7:30 p.m. Friday):
Where don't the Wildcals have the edge? QB
Kyle Rowley and teammates Luis Gomez and
Ryan Marsh lead their team to victory.
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Kyle Rowley and teamment was experienced by Again Mark Head their team to victory. PICK 000000.
Orchard Lake St. Mary's vs. Ultica Ultimahowar at Silverdome (Seturdey): The Engless took the last quere of last year and draw the Engles, this season's pre-season fool, according to many. Delense is always that hay 10 the Engles success and this hard that the Company of the Engles success and this hard that the Season's professor of the Season's professor of the Engles success and this hard that the Season's professor of the Season's professor of the Hawks, will need to be in niced to be in office season form to educe in Warriors inhebating corps of Hayan Official. At Gloutsos and Jeff Magmatta.

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"Everyone has to be there (to make it work). You can't be absent or injured."

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By having two separate
units, the Ralders were able to
get a lot more done in the preseason, Burrell added.

"The offense is being challenged every day by the
defense," he said, "Were going
to get a lot better and (do it)
quicker."

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In contrast to the size of teams and players, Farmington and North might see more speed in the OAA with teams like Ferndale, Oak Park and Pontiac Central on the schedule.

"That's what we're anticipating," Farmington coach John

ing," Farmington coach John Bechtel said, adding the Falcons have plenty of speed

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PICK HARRISON.

Count railbacks have the capability of taking it the distance, he said.

"If they leave (Phillip)

Champion alone on the edge, that will be a problem (for

opponents). We're just so much quicker and we are strong!" The Falcons were 0-9 last year but could see a quick turnaround in their confidence level with a few wins, Bechtel

"The only thing missing is a whole string of victories," he

"If we do that, this place will be bouncing. People will be sky high."

HAWKS START SATURDAY

Farmington Harrison will play Catholic League power Birminghaum Brother Rice in the season opener for the fourth time since 1991. The Hawks won the first meeting but have lost three in a row to the Warriors. The teams also met in the ninth game of 1993 and the '94 and '95 openers. Kickoff for this year's game is 4 p.m.

and 95 openers. Kiekoni for this year's game is 4 p.m. Saturday at the Pontine Silverdome. The Hawks enter the season with a 36-game winning streak - the longest in school history - and coach John Herrington

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(299-58-1) on the verge of getting his 300th career victory.

"I hope we get it this year, Herrington said. "To think the coaching staff has been here the whole time, it's a big millestone, but we don't want to lose sight of (the immediate objective). We want to win the first game and have fun."

Those things, as well as a No. 47 national ranking in a poll by Student Sports magazine, were the achievements of past Harrison teams, he added. "Obviously, this team's first goal is to beat Rice, but it's nice to have things like that going for you," Herrington said.

The Hawks, who won 15 WIAA titles, begin their OAA Division I schedule next week when Rochester comes to Harrison. "Clarkston was the only

Harrison.

"Clarkston was the only (OAA) team we played, and that was a scrimmage," Herrington said.
"The (WLAA) was an out-

The (WLAA) was an out-standing league, as you can tell by all the teams that made the playoffs. "We were successful in a league with big schools, and

BROTHER RICE Head coach: Al Fracessa, 34th year.
 Assistant coaches; Horm Krawczak; Chuck Padder; David Sofren; Rick Corone; Rick Fracessa; Hike Lodish; Jamle Boerket; Adam

nlewski, League affiliation: Calholic League

Central Division.

2001 record: 7-4 (overall): 3-4 (reaque).

Rey offensive players: Cody Noten (6-1, 245), junior, 00; Anthony Jackson (5-9, 170), senior, WR: Doug Pickens (6-1, 183), senior, WR: 2004 Pickens (6-1, 183), senior, 08: At Gioutos (6-0, 205), senior, Rikke Decker (6-3, 275), senior, 01; Jason Horton (5-10, 208), senior, RB.

nior, RB. Key defensive players: Ryan Brillain (6-

Two-day tryouts for the 2003 Michigan Panthers 16-and-under travel baseball team will be 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7-8, at Harrison High School (12 Mile Road hetween Orchard Lake and Middlebelt). The team will play approxi-mately 45 games in league and tournament play. Last season's 15-and-under team competed in

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we're going into another tought league with hig schools.

The only difference I see is we'll be playing a good football program each week and they'er all double one we're which could wear on you by the end of the season.

We're cautiously optimistic, he added. It's so difficult to play teams you've never played, we have no souting reports. On the other hand, they don't have a scouting report on u

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have a scouting report on us from the last 20 years."

Many of the Harrison play-

ers, especially the seniors, are bigger and stronger, which enhances Herrington's opti-

mism.
We've seen some tremen-We've seen some tremen-dous development from the kids since they came in as freshman, and I think the credit for that goes to (strength coaches) Bill Slobin and Steve Welse, "Herrington said. "The improvement some kids made from junior to sen-ior year makes me feel good about the season."

3, 227), senior, LS; Jeff Magnatta (5-11, 205), senior, LB; Karl Eschbach (6-1, 245), senior, NT; Yauqhn Tomlin (6-1, 260), senior, DT.

— Team strengths: Experience with smart returning quarterbach; solid defense; strong two way play of Stachowika of Gloutos; key returning players at skill positions.

All Fracessa says: "I filmit we have enough gury coming back that we can field a decent earn. Hopefult, the young gury we have will develop and improve as the season goes on. We have to find a whole new Gentriew line. There's no breather in our schedule, so we'll, have to play our hearts ord each gent. Hopef the defense will be the strength of our team.

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more information, call coach Bill Richards 6-9 p.m. weekdays or 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends at (248) 344-2792.

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