

# Area playoff teams are hopeful of a long run



**Grid picks**  
Jim Toth

Wipe the slates clean and buckle those chin straps a little tighter because the second, and most exciting, season of high school football is about to begin.

The 2002 Michigan High School Athletic Association kicks off its post-season mayhem this weekend with first-round matchups in all eight divisions of competition.

And, as usual, the Observer & Eccentric area will be well represented as 12 teams don helmets and pads in taking their first step toward claiming a state title. One-half of those teams will compete for the Division 2 crown, while three others will vie for Division 3 supremacy.

In all, 10 games involve area teams Friday and Saturday.

Walled Lake Central (6-3) at Lake Orion (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday: This is a heavy-weight matchup in the first season. Coach Chuck

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Apogee Vikings are making their second playoff appearance and rely on strength and determination to overpower their opponents. That philosophy was successful enough to gain a playoff berth, but not a playoff win. The Vikings have two main weapons, starting with QB Nate Recknagel and a RB Roy Allison, to have it end this quickly.

**PICK LAKE ORION**  
Oxford (6-3) at Lapeer East (8-1) 1 p.m. Saturday: It was only one month ago these two teams squared off with the Eagles holding on for a 24-21 victory. There will be a little different scenario emerging here as the Wildcats, unlike the previous matchup, will field a near-healthy team. QB Kyle Rowley returns to ground the Eagles.

**PICK OXFORD**  
Pontiac Northern (6-3) at Farmington Harrison (7-2), 1 p.m. Saturday: After a slow start, the Vikings appeared to have another state title run. Senior tailback Marcus Woods spearheaded those hopes following an outstanding season that saw the shifty Hawks become the school's all-time leading rusher. The Huskies have boasted over the play of their ball-hawking defense this year, but the Vikings are firmly in light to bring back a championship.

**PICK HARRISON**  
North Farmington (6-2) vs. Brother Rice (7-2), 1 p.m. Saturday at Crown: It hasn't been a spectacular six wins, the Raiders have chalked up just very solid. They've been a wall offensively, not allowing a single point the last four games, but they'll need to elevate their play offensively to knock off the Warriors. With a healthy Doug Pickett in charge, the Warriors win their duel with the Raiders.

**PICK DETROIT**  
Warren DalaSalle (6-3) at Rochester Adams (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday: The Highlanders hope their march through Warren-area schools is as successful as their march through the regular-season where only a slip-up to Lake Orion marred an otherwise perfect ledger. Coach Jim DeJaeger's troops have shown a great deal of diversity offensively and that type of play will keep the Pilots guessing.

## ECCENTRIC STAFF'S FOOTBALL PICKS

WEEK 10	Jim Toth	Marty Budner	Tim Smith	Dan Stickrad	Ken Abramczyk	Dan O'Meara
<b>FRIDAY</b>						
Walled Lake Central at Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion
Warren DeLaSalle at Roch. Adams	Adams	Adams	DeLaSalle	Adams	Adams	Adams
Detroit Henry Ford at Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Marysville at Birmingham Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm	Marysville	Seaholm
Cranbrook Kingswood at Center Line	Center Line	Center Line	Cranbrook	Center Line	Center Line	Center Line
<b>SATURDAY</b>						
Oxford at Lapeer East	Oxford	Lapeer East	Oxford	Oxford	Oxford	Lapeer East
Pontiac Northern at Farm. Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
N. Farmington at Birm. Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice
B.H. Andover at B.H. Lahser	Lahser	Lahser	Lahser	Lahser	Lahser	Lahser
Det. Country Day at Det. Crockett	Country Day	Country Day	Crockett	Country Day	Country Day	Country Day
<b>LAST WEEK</b>	15-3 (.833)	11-5 (.688)	9-7 (.563)	10-6 (.625)	11-5 (.688)	11-5 (.688)
<b>SEASON TOTAL</b>	104-39 (.727)	117-42 (.736)	107-52 (.673)	110-49 (.692)	116-43 (.730)	118-41 (.742)

**PICK ADAMS**  
Detroit Henry Ford (5-3) at Farmington (8-1), 7 p.m. Friday: It's not the way the Falcons wanted to enter the playoffs, but their loss last week to rival North Farmington should light a fire that will single any hopes the Trojans have of advancing. Defensive standouts Brad Walsh and Chad Burns stop the Trojans.

**PICK FARMINGTON**  
B.H. Andover (6-3) at B.H. Lahser (9-0), 7

p.m. Saturday: Could it be different this time? It could, but not very likely. The Knights clearly proved they were the better team just last Friday when they steam-rolled the Knights, 28-0. Even the rivalry aspect won't be enough for the Broncos to say they, at least, can share the 'word'.

**PICK LAHSER**  
Marysville (6-3) at Birmingham Seaholm (7-2), 7 p.m. Friday: These two playoff-tested teams should put up quite a battle. The Maples take a four-game winning streak into

the game, but will have their hands full trying to slow the Vikings wing led by QB Brandon Fanion and RB Matt Beaudry.

**PICK SEAHOLM**  
Cranbrook (6-3) at Center Line (8-0), 7 p.m. Friday: This matchup provides a contrast in styles as the Panthers hope their wide open philosophy confuses the physical nature of the hungry Panthers and their Power 1. QB Ryan Karasik holds the key for the Panthers, but he will have to be at the top of his game to offset the offensive talents of Panthers Jason

Graham (QB) and Mark May (RB).  
**PICK CENTER LINE**  
Country Day (4-4) vs. Detroit Crockett (5-4), 7 p.m. Saturday at Mumford: Not many teams can get into the playoffs with only four wins, so it just goes to show the rugged battles the Yellow Jackals had to endure on a weekly basis. That battle-tested nature, along with the excitement of starting fresh, will rejuvenate the Yellow Jackals and send them on to the next round.  
**PICK COUNTRY DAY**

## Catholic Central coasts to Prep Bowl crown, 45-14

Redford-Detroit Catholic Central showed how football should be played at Ford Field on Saturday night, rolling out to a 21-0 lead in the opening quarter and ending up with a 45-14 win over Dearborn Divine Child to capture the Prep Bowl title.

"Our first goal this season was to win the Central Division and the second was to win the Prep Bowl," CC coach Tom Mach said. "So when we did that, I was quite elated. I was proud to win a division, which I think was one of the best in the state. In the first half, we made big plays when

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we had to. We came focused and ready to play." Yes, they did. The Shumrocks (9-0) racked up 342 yards in total offense.

And while the Falcons (7-2) had 286 yards, all of it was passing as DC was held to just minus-5 yards on the ground.

"We had a total first half - offense, defense and kicking," said Mach. "I was pleased with the way we came to play and the way we were executing on everything." CC scored three times in the

first quarter. The first on a 34-yard touchdown by Eric Vojtkofsky, the second on a 29-yard pass from Dave Thomas to Sean Shabrestani - set up by a Brian Hanley fumble recovery - and the third a 14-yard TD run from Derek Brooks.

The chasm yawned wider in the second quarter as Randall Means had a 72-yard scoring run, Brooks hit Jeff McMichael on a 61-yard halfback TD pass and Jason Gingell had a 33-yard field goal as time expired.

The Falcons got some back in the third quarter as Jon Brewis hit Ryan Shay on a 24-

yard TD pass and them hit Bryan Kisabeth on the two-point conversion.

In the fourth, Brewis and Kisabeth connected on a 10-yard TD pass, but Brooks countered with a 28-yard TD run.

Brooks and Means both had 102 yards rushing while Vojtkofsky had 36.

Darnell Tyson led the defense with 9.5 tackles, while Alex Wojcik had eight stops and a fumble recovery and Landon Langham added an interception.

Brewis led DC with 291 yards passing.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS</b> <b>DISTRICT TOURNAMENT</b> Friday, Nov. 1 Detroit Henry Ford at Farmington, 1 p.m. Highland Park at Clarendonville, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 Pontiac Northern at Farm. Harrison, 1 p.m. N. Farmington vs. Brother Rice, 1 p.m. at Groves Liv. Stevenson vs. Redford CC, 1 p.m. at RL <b>BOYS CROSS COUNTRY</b> Saturday, Nov. 2 State meets at MS in Brooklyn	<b>GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY</b> Saturday, Nov. 2 State meets at MS in Brooklyn Division I girls state meet, 2 p.m. Div. II girls state meet, 1:30 p.m. <b>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE</b> Friday, Nov. 1 Whalers at Guelph Storm, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 Whalers vs. London (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.
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## GRID SCORES

<b>PONTIAC NORTHERN (6-3)</b> Northern 29, Pontiac Central 0. Northern 31, Troy Athens 7. Northern 33, Waterford Kettering 0. Northern 19, Southfield 0. Northern 18, West Bloomfield 15. Birmingham Groves 30, Northern 7. Birmingham Seaholm 10, Northern 7. Northern 7, Southfield-Lathrup 0. Royal Oak Kimball 10, Northern 6. Northern 149, opponents 72. <b>DETROIT HENRY FORD (5-3)</b> MacKenzie 38, Henry Ford 14 Henry Ford 52, Cady 8 Henry Ford 48, Northwestern 0 Henry Ford 36, Cady 9	<b>REDFORD 70, HENRY FORD 14</b> Renaissance 33, Henry Ford 36 Henry Ford 28, Cass Tech 14 Henry Ford 32, Northern 16 Henry Ford 260, opponents 134 <b>BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE (7-2)</b> Brother Rice 34, Harrison 20 Brother Rice 25, Oxford 28 Brother Rice 25, Bishop Foley 27 Catholic Central 21, Brother Rice 14 Brother Rice 28, DeLaSalle 12 Brother Rice 17, Under Detroit Jesuit 14 Brother Rice 21, Detroit Country Day 13 Brother Rice 20, O.L. St. Mary's 23 Muskegon 45, Brother Rice 27 Brother Rice 233, opponents 201
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