

Warriors stop CC, make it four straight



Marty Fisher led the Brother Rice defensive attack on this play and the Warriors' defense turned in a stellar performance throughout last Sunday's contest against previously ranked Catholic Central. The win brought Rice a Number Three ranking in the state. (Photographed by Robert Kozloff)

By TOM SCHRAM

The road is now open for a Catholic League Central Division championship for Birmingham Brother Rice.

In its stiffest test to date, the Warriors overcame a fired-up Detroit Catholic Central team before 8,000 fans in the Boys Bowl Sunday 16-6 to up its season record to 4-0.

Catholic Central, formerly ranked second in the state, saw its league record fall to 0-2.

"THAT PUTS them out of the race unless something really freaky happens," said Brother Rice coach Al Fracassa.

"But it's still a race for us, we have to beat Notre Dame, which beat Catholic Central 34-0 last week and we have to play De La Salle which only lost 10-6 to Notre Dame."

Brother Rice dominated the game from the start, going 75 yards in five plays the first time it handled the ball.

Senior halfback Mike Cullen sprinted the last 35 yards for the score and K.C. Ryan booted the extra point to give the Warriors a lead which they would never relinquish.

IT LOOKED as if Brother Rice might run away with things as John Detloff recovered a Shamrock fumble on the ensuing kickoff and the Warriors took over on the CC 27 yard line.

An illegal procedure penalty and another 15 yarder for pass interference halted the drive on the Central 10 yard line, however.

At the seven minute mark of the second quarter, Catholic Central got right back in the game when Rice quarterback Don Henricks fumbled on a keeper play at the Rice five yard line.

Central quarterback Pete Cline promptly lost five yards and two downs trying to pass, but with third and goal from the nine, Cline gave the Shamrocks its only points of the day when he hit Patrick Ryan in the endzone to pull Central to within a point.

THE CONVERSION attempt was blocked and Rice stayed out in front.

The Warriors scored again with time expired in the half on a remarkable series of events which left most spectators baffled.

With 30 seconds left in the half, Rice punter Kevin Collins punted the ball away to the Catholic Central four yard line.

In an attempt to run the clock out, Shamrock quarterback Cline ran the ball into the line three times with the Warriors calling time out after each play. Finally, with eight seconds remaining and a fourth and ten situation, Catholic Central decided to run into the line a final time as Rice had no more time-outs.

IN THE ENSUING bedlam following the change of possession in which the clock does not start until the sideline markers are set, with four seconds on the clock and the ball about to be snapped a Catholic Central player left the bench and tackled the quarterback Hendricks before the ball could be snapped.

In the confusion, the clock expired, but Catholic Central was penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct and since a half cannot end on a defensive penalty, Rice was given one chance to score.

Fracassa opted for the field goal and Ryan again booted straight and true to run the count to 10-6 at intermission.

"I don't think that the Catholic Central coach did that purposely," said Fracassa. "We were going to win the sideline pass and then, if there was any time remaining, attempt the field goal."

"I THINK THAT the Catholic Central kid just got too enthusiastic," Fracassa said.

The final Rice tally of the day



Warrior runner Mike Cullen got an unexpected lift from Kurt Huffmaster, a Catholic Central tackle at the Boys Bowl last Sunday. An estimated 8,000 fans witnessed the game at Pontiac's Wiser Stadium. (Photographed by Robert Kozloff)

was set up by a K. C. Ryan interception. Ryan stole the ball on the CC 26 yard line and brought it back to the 12.

Three plays later, Mark Warner took it over from a yard out to complete the scoring with 2:35 remaining in the third quarter.

Neither team moved within striking distance thereafter and the game settled into a tight, defensive struggle.

BROTHER RICE had a sizeable advantage in total offense for the day, racking up 201 yards to the Shamrock's 130. Most notable

was the 161-45 advantage the Warriors enjoyed on the ground. Fracassa pointed out the play of Ryan, who led the team with 15 tackles along with an interception, field goal and conversion linebacker Dan Maclean and linemen Kevin Hart as keys to the victory.

"But this was really a team victory over a good club. We earned every yard we got out there. The game wasn't a fluke," he said.

Saturday night, Brother Rice will have a "breather" of sorts when it faces a weak Detroit Austin team at Groves. Game time is 8:00 p.m.

Lakers serve all wins

Area girls' tennis squads fared well on the courts last week in both league and non-league contests. Included in the action were: Seaholm vs. Rochester Adams.

The Maples took all but two matches to best Adams 5-2 and the victory put Seaholm 2-1 on the season.

Singles results were: Brielmater, (S), over Crombez 7-6, 7-6; Kandarian, (A), over C. Frye 6-1, 7-5; Campbell, (S), over Kresge 7-6, 6-4; and Dederian, (S), over Madden 6-2, 6-1.

In doubles action, Wisniewski and Owens, (S), beat O'Dowd and Schrock 6-4, 4-6, 3-3; Reed and Wheeler, (S), bested Movinhan and Taylor 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 and Lamb and Holderness, (A), topped Leonard and Brown, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Lahser at Royal Oak Dondero

Lahser maintained its perfect 6-0 record with a 7-0 shutout of the Oaks.

In singles results, Fuier, (L), bested Elston 6-2, 7-0; Lorenzetti won over Gadowski 6-3, 6-2; Grabow, (L), over Ske, 6-1, 7-5 and Medley over Thome, 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles action included Waggoner and Fienberg, (L), over Schiller and Karil Kochenderfer, 6-0, 6-0; Jampel and Kelton, (L), over Puggley and Fulkerson, 6-1, 6-2; and McHugh and Anderson, (L), over Kris Kochenderfer and Northway, 6-1, 6-1.

Groves at Dondero. Local teams made it two straight over the Royal Oak squad as the Falcons all, shutout Dondero 7-0.

Singles results were: Peggy Cullen, (G), over Elston, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; Betsy Cox (G), defeated Gadowski 6-2, 7-6 and Patsy Cox (G), over Thome 6-2, 4-0 (fortuit).

Doubles scores included Beersford and Gosdon, (G), topped Kaoli and Karil Kochenderfer 6-0, 6-3; Tylicki and Gloria, (G), over Payl-

sey and Fulkerson 6-1, 6-0 and Kulhak and Spohler over Northway and Kris Kochenderfer 6-4, 7-5.

Walled Lake Western at West Bloomfield

The Lakers scored their fifth consecutive victory of the season with a 5-0 non-league win over Western.

Kathy Boyle (WB), opened the singles portion of the meeting with a win over Mead, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3; Hagopian over Draheim, 6-2, 6-0 and Karen Boyle over Harrington, 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles results were: Neubaucher and Bayoff, (WB), over Unick and Payne, 6-1, 6-7, 7-5; and Tracy Boyle and Keys beat Cousino and Driskill, 6-1, 6-1.

Area girls' tennis teams have been keeping a busy schedule on the courts as play began its fifth week.

Last Friday unbeaten Lahser took on Groves and the Knights came away with a 5-2 win.

Dale Feuer (L) opened the singles action with a two of three set win over Peggy Cullen, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5; Betsy Cox (G) defeated Kris Lorenzetti, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Marcia Grabow (L) beat Debbie Agnello, 6-2, 6-3 and Cindy Medley (L) over Patsy Cox, 6-4, 6-3.

Lahser took two of three doubles matches. Debbie Fienberg and Kay Waggoner (L) topped Bonnie Berresford and Debbie Greene, 6-4, 6-1; Donna Tylicki and Karen Gloria (G) over Delia Jampel and Kelli Kelton, 6-3, 6-4 and Judy Anderson and Kathy McHugh (L) over Jan Rex and Shelly Stohler, 6-4, 6-3.

West Bloomfield continued its perfect record, now 7-0, by defeating Milford 5-0.

Singles results were: Peggy Hagopian over Vicki Ross 6-0, 6-0;

Karen Boyle defeating Cheryl Murquardt 6-2, 6-0; and Claudia Keys over Carol Skinner 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles results were: Tracy Boyle and Kathy Boyle defeating Mary Hathaway and Debbie Drown 6-1, 6-2; Mary Neubaucher and Laura Bayoff over Kim Aates and Janice Burke 6-0, 6-0.

Kimball at Lahser

The Knights made it a clean sweep 7-0.

In singles pairings, Dale Feuer won over Judy Boyle, 6-2, 6-2; Chris Lorenzetti over Judi Stiff, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; Marsha Grabow beat Wendy Williams, 6-0, 6-0 and Julie Kelsey over Linda Baker, 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles results were: Kay Waggoner and Debby Fienberg, (L), over Joyce Kraimer and Doris Pierce, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4 and Kelli Kelton and Delia Jampel, (L), over Linda Pafnik and Debby Greene, 6-3, 6-1.

Jackets roll

Detroit Country Day School evened its record at 2-2 Saturday by beating Harper Woods 14-6.

David Merritt, CDCS all purpose senior back led the team, scoring touchdowns, sacking up 140 yards in rushing, an interception and numerous tackles.

Coming off their best practice week, according to coach Gene Rielly, Country Day's defense had little problem adjusting to the day rarely seen single wing offense used by Harper Woods.

Rielly had expressed concern because his team had beaten Harper Woods each of the last four years and he felt they might have become complacent. But the Jackets were coming off two defeats and this never became a problem.

The first quarter was nothing more than a punting duel as neither team could stimulate any type of offensive drive. However, the Yellow Jacket offense moved into high gear in the second quarter the first time they received possession of the ball.

Action was highlighted by a 25 yard keeper by quarterback Willard Holt and capped by a 10 yard run on an option pitch to David Merritt as Country Day went 85 yards in 10 plays for their first score. The bid for the two point conversion failed.

After the ensuing kick-off a Harper Woods drive was stopped by a David Merritt interception on Country Day's 40 yard line. But a Country Day clipping penalty

brought the ball back to the 27.

The first half ended with Holt, on a razor-dazzle play, throwing a screen to Merritt who again threw 30 yards downfield to John Gargaro putting Country Day on the Harper Woods 10 when the clock expired.

Early in the third quarter, Harper Woods knotted the game 6-6 following a fumble recovery on the Country Day 33 yard line.

Doug Elsey went the final 12 yards on a power sweep to get Harper Woods back in the game.

This was too much for the Yellow Jacket defense as Harper Woods single completion for the day and a 12 yard power sweep, by Doug Elsey, put them on the board. The score was tied at 6-6 as the Knight's extra point conversion fell short.

Late in the third period Merritt carried the ball on every play of a 65 yard drive finally plunging up to the middle for the final five yards and a touchdown. Merritt then carried the ball in for the two point conversion.

Country Day showed their defensive strength in the fourth quarter as Harper Woods launched two strong offensive drives but were stopped both times within the Jacket 20 yard line.

Country Day will attempt to bring its record above .500 mark for the first time this season since its first game next week when it travels to Goodrich for a non-conference game.

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