

Raiders, Andover face title match-ups

By OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTS STAFF

The big game of the week in Oakland County, as well as in the state of Michigan, will take place Saturday when Birmingham Brother Rice entertains Harper Woods Notre Dame in a battle of top ten, unbeaten teams. That game is slated for 7:30 p.m. with Birmingham Groves as the site.

There are several other fine games on hand this weekend throughout the county with the best being a Saturday afternoon clash for the Northwest Suburban League championship between North Farmington and Livonia Franklin.

Last year's heavily favored North team lost a perfect season and the league championship to Franklin when it was upset 14-0. This year the Raiders may well remember that loss when the two have at it again in a 2:30 p.m. match at North.

The revenge motive will probably be the difference in an otherwise pretty even match-up. West Bloomfield is at Clarkston Friday in a match which will eliminate one team from the Wayne-Oakland League title race. Both are 3-1 in league and 5-1 overall and the winner can gain a tie for the title if Bloomfield Hills Andover is upset by Clarenceville.

The Barons, however, will be playing their homecoming game and should make the other match-up academic as they should have no trouble with a weak Clarenceville squad.

Troy High School is at the crux of its season. After losing its first four games, the Colts have kicked up their heels in the final quarter for two weeks in a row to take thrillers Troy will play Madison Friday night and a victory could start a whole new tradition at Troy while a loss will put the Colts back where they started.

N. Farmington-Franklin

At the risk of being called Hoimers, the Oakland County Sports Staff is picking North Farmington to whip Livonia Franklin this Saturday in the game which will settle the championship in the Northwest Suburban League. Actually, this game is too close to call. Everything else being equal, Ron Holland and his Raiders will remember what happened last year—and they'll want to do something to wipe out the bitter memories.

Harrison-Canton

Harrison is rolling now, and coach John Herrington may bring the problems prosperity brings. The Hawks may experience a letdown after trouncing Churchill last week, but Sam Pink and the gang will beat Plymouth Canton and win the Western Six football crown.

Farmington-Stevenson

Here's another game which could go either way. As far as predictions go, let's leave it to you—a tossup.

Lathrup-Dondero

Lathrup should defeat Royal Oak Dondero and win the Metro Suburban Association crown, but the Chargers had better show more offense than they did against Eisenhower last Friday. Lathrup coach Darrell Harper will see to it that they do.

Southfield-Kimball

Southfield High over Royal Oak Kimball? Why not. The game doesn't mean much as far as the Southeastern Michigan Association.

Western Six League

| Team | W | L | W | L |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Harrison | 4 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Churchill | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Canton | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Northville | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Waterford Mott | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| W. L. Western | 0 | 4 | 0 | 6 |

Northwest Suburban League

| Team | W | L | W | L |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| North Farmington | 4 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Franklin | 4 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| G. C. East | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| John Glenn | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Thurston | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Oak Park | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 |

Inter Lakes League

| Team | W | L | W | L |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Stevenson | 4 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Farmington | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| W. L. Central | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Pont. Northern | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Waterford | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Lakeland | 0 | 4 | 0 | 6 |

Metro Suburban Association

| Team | W | L | W | L |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|
| Lathrup | 4 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Dondero | 4 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Reich Adams | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Eisenhower | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| B. H. Lahser | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Birm. Groves | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |

Southeastern Michigan Association

| Team | W | L | W | L |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|
| Hazel Park | 4 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| R. O. Kimball | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Berkley | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Southfield | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Seaholm | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Ferndale | 0 | 4 | 0 | 6 |

tion standings go, but it means plenty to coach John Finlayson and the Blue Jays, who are still trying to have a decent season.

Clarenceville at Andover

The Barons can wrap up the Wayne-Oakland title tomorrow night with a win which would be an added treat to homecoming festivities. Clarenceville jumped off to an early lead against Clarkston last week, but they were then routed 54-12. Andover looks like a shoo-in to take the championship.

Ferndale at Seaholm

The Maples should get a break in the schedule this week after losing to overpowering Hazel Park last Friday. Ferndale has come upon hard times in football as the Eagles are entrenched in last place of the SMA. Seaholm gets the green light to bounce back.

West Bloomfield at Clarkston

Coach Dominic Livedoti's squad bounced back last week with a narrow 14-12 win over Kettering. Mistakes have hurt the Lakers and they can't afford any against the Clarkston-11 who are tied with WB for second place. The Lakers are the sentimental favorites.

Lahser at Utica Eisenhower

The Knights put it all together a week ago rolling up an impressive 42 points against Rochester Adams. Eisenhower has been only so-so against area teams and Lahser should post its second consecutive victory.

DCDS at Hamtramck

Coach Gene Reilly has moved his

League Overall

| Wayne-Oakland League | W | L | W | L |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Andover | 4 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Clarkston | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| W. Bloomfield | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Kettering | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Clarenceville | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Milford | 0 | 4 | 0 | 6 |

Catholic Central Division

| | W | L | W | L |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Brother Rice | 4 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Notre Dame | 4 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Catholic Central | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| De La Salle | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| U. of D. High | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Austin | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 |

Metro Conference

| League Overall | W | L | W | L |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Lutheran West | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Univ.-Liggett | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Country Day | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Harper Woods | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Lutheran East | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Hamtramck | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4 |

Others

| | | |
|-----------|---|---|
| Cranbrook | 3 | 3 |
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Oakland A League

| North Division | W | L | W | L |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Lake Orion | 5 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Avondale | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Romeo | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Utica | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Oxford | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Athens | 0 | 5 | 0 | 6 |

South Division

| | W | L | W | L |
|------------|---|---|---|---|
| Lamphere | 5 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Utica Ford | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Madison | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Troy | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Rochester | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Clawson | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 |

squad to a 4-2 record and the Yellow Jackets have shown poise on a number of occasions refusing to quit when the chips were down. Hamtramck is making a comeback in football, but the Yellow Jackets get the nod.

University, Cleveland, O. at Cranbrook

The Cranes have suffered two stunning defeats at the hands of Kiski and Shady-side. The offense has had trouble putting points on the board, and there is no immediate relief as league champs University comes to town.

Notre Dame at Brother Rice

All the marbles will be on the table in this one as the two unbeaten in the Catholic Central Division clash. The Irish upset Catholic

Central earlier in the year and have been winning ever since. The Warriors have done everything right this season and should continue against Notre Dame in a thriller.

Troy at Madison

Tom Conley's Colts are coming on with fourth quarter heroics, while Madison fell to lowly Clawson last week. And the beat goes on. Give the Colts an edge here, and they may not even wait until the last minute this week.

Birmingham Groves at Adams

Groves almost upset Metro-Suburban leader Dondero last week. Adams took a tremendous wallop at the hands of Lahser. So, putting two and two together, we get five, and pick Adams in the upset.

Lamphere at Rochester

The Rams clinched the Oakland A Southern division last week, by knocking off previously unbeaten Utica Ford. Dick Ulrich's Falcons may still be in shock from Troy's last second victory over them. That was past shock, this week its present shock. Lamphere in a waltz.

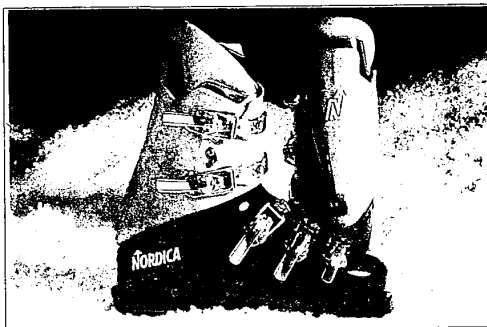
Avondale at Oxford

Here's an interesting game, matching two comparatively similar teams. Avondale fell to Romeo in a brutal game a week ago, while Oxford more or less had an easy scrimmage with Athens. This game is a pick'em, so go out there and root home your favorite.

Lake Orion at Athens

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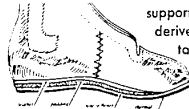
Up until Nordica, the emergence of plastic boots over leather disappointed many skiers. One almost universal complaint was that "the feel for the snow" seemed lost forever. The plastics gave too much ankle support and skiing suffered.

Taped ankle effect

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Comfort and warmth

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Open-sole construction

The open-sole beam construction concentrates a skier's weight directly over the ski edges by two stiffening ribs. These ribs are attached to the shell's thin, soft sole. This design allows for more sensitive feel of the ski through the sole of the boot. Another aspect of Nordica's "feel for the snow".

Norfit Injection—the ultimate custom fitting service

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Straight boot talk

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