

Rivalries, title games top action

Prep football season draws to a close

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Battles of unbeaten, league championships and annual crown rivalries will all help spice the final weekend of the 1974 prep football season.

The final game of the year means the end of the road for most seniors, while a chosen few can look forward to a college career.

Two of the most important contests in the area, and perhaps the state, will take place at Farmington Harrison and Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

HARRISON WILL take on 10th ranked Plymouth Salem in a matchup of unbeaten. Both squads feature highly explosive offenses and each has been impressive thus far.

At Eastern University, Brother Rice and Bishop Foley will square off to decide the Catholic League Championship.

Besides bringing together two powerful teams, the game offers some added human interest. Rick and Dave Fracassa are members of the Foley squad and they are son of Rice coach Al Fracassa.

ANOTHER ALL-in-the-family affair takes place on Friday night at Birmingham Groves. Coach Bill Rankin and his Ma-

ples will oppose Seaholm, coached by Bob Rankin. Further north, the Bloomfield Hills football title will be on the line as Andover visits Lahser.

LOCAL FOOTBALL supremacy is also at stake in Troy. Rochester Farmington and Southfield with Troy Colts hosting winless Athens. Rochester Adams travels to Rochester High; Farmington plays North Farmington and Southfield Lathrup is at Southfield.

In other contests, West Bloomfield closes the season out at home against Fraser and Avondale goes to Clarkston. On Saturday, Cranbrook faces Nichols at home.

Farmington at N. Farmington This game is sure to be a rugged defensive battle with North Farmington coming out on top. Farmington nipped Southfield last week, while North Farmington lost to Harrison in the final seconds. Both schools can look back on fine seasons.

Plymouth Salem at Harrison Salem is undefeated. Harrison is undefeated. What will happen in this season-ending game is anybody's guess. The game will be played at Harrison and that should give coach John Herrington's Hawks a slight edge.

Lathrup at Southfield Southfield High (2-6 overall) has

had a mediocre season, but the Blue Jays should win this traditional final game. Lathrup has suffered too many injuries this season. Lathrup has won the last three Charger-Blue Jay games.

Seaholm at Groves The annual meeting of the cross-town rivals and the Rankin Brothers takes place in Falcon territory this Friday. Each team has been up and down all season, with the Maples pulling the latest surprise in an upset over Dundero. The contest is a toss-up, but Seaholm could get the edge if Groves injured running back Jeff Rygiel is unable to play.

Andover at Lahser The two Bloomfield Hills schools get together and Andover coach Frank Buford has referred to the game as the "Bloomfield Championship." Both Buford and Lahser's Ted Guthard are capable coaches who will have their teams ready. The Barons have been the better of the two teams this year, but in rivalries anything goes. Andover is the favorite.

Fraser at W. Bloomfield The Hustling Lakers got back on the winning track last week by defeating Walled Lake Central. Coach Donnie Livodoti has dedicated the season to the squad's seniors and they should conclude their careers on a winning note.

Nichols at Cranbrook The season finally for the Cranes is coming up and late-season blues have hampered the locals. Cranbrook will be putized this week by Nichols and they will need an upset to win.

Brother Rice vs. Bishop Foley (At Eastern Michigan University)

The Prep Bowl features two Oakland County teams in the Catholic League finals. Foley features two of Rice coach Al Fracassa's sons, but they'll probably need more than their dad's trade secrets to beat the powerful Warriors.

Adams at Rochester Neither is particularly proud of its record for the year, but Adams' losses have come to more difficult rivals than has Rochester's. In a close one, let's give the nod to Adams.

Avondale at Clarkston This one shouldn't be close. Clarkston has just gotten through mauling Adams, 49-8, and it was one of its less impressive victories.

Athens at Troy Give us this day our daily bread.

Western Six League

Team	W	L	W	L
Farm. Harrison	5	0	8	0
Northville High	3	2	6	2
Plymouth Canton	3	2	3	5
Livonia Churchill	3	2	4	4
Waterford Mott	1	4	3	5
W.L. Western	0	5	1	8

Northwest Suburban League

Team	W	L	W	L
Livonia Franklin	5	0	0	0
North Farmington	4	1	3	3
Westland John Glenn	2	3	4	3
Garden City East	2	3	2	6
Thurston High	2	3	2	6
Oak Park High	0	5	1	8

Inter Lakes League

Team	W	L	W	L
Livonia Stevenson	5	0	7	1
Farmington High	3	2	4	3
Pontiac Northern	3	2	3	3
Walled Lake Central	3	2	5	3
Waterford High	1	4	2	6
Milford Lakeland	0	5	0	8

Metro Suburban Association

Team	W	L	W	L
Royal Oak Dundero	5	0	6	2
Southfield/Lathrup	4	1	5	3
B.H. Lahser	2	3	5	3
Rochester Adams	2	3	5	3
Birmingham Groves	1	4	4	6
Utica Eisenhower	1	4	2	6

Southeastern Michigan Association

Team	W	L	W	L
Harold Park	5	0	8	0
Royal Oak Kimball	4	1	6	2
Birmingham Seaholm	2	3	4	4
Berkley High	2	3	5	5
Southfield High	2	3	5	5
Ferndale High	0	5	0	8

Wayne Oakland Conference

Team	W	L	W	L
Andover	5	0	7	1
Clarkston	4	1	7	1
W. Bloomfield	2	3	5	3
Kettering	3	3	5	3
Clarensville	1	4	1	7
Milford	0	5	0	8

Catholic Central Division

Team	W	L	W	L
Brother Rice	5	0	8	0
Notre Dame	4	1	6	2
Catholic Central	3	2	4	4
De La Salle	2	3	4	4
U. of D. High	1	4	2	6
Austin	0	5	2	6

Metro Conference

Team	W	L	W	L
Lutheran West	4	0	5	1
Country Day	4	1	6	2
Univ-Laggett	3	2	6	2
Lutheran East	2	2	4	3
Harper Woods	1	4	2	5
Hamtramck	0	5	2	6

Others

Cranbrook	3	5
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Oakland A League North Division

Team	W	L	W	L
Lake Orion	6	1	6	2
Romeo	4	3	5	3
Avondale	3	4	4	4
Utica	3	4	3	5
Oxford	0	7	0	8
Athens	0	7	0	8

Oakland A League South Division

Team	W	L	W	L
Lampshire	7	0	7	1
Ford	6	1	7	1
Madison	4	3	5	3
Troy	3	3	5	3
Recheater	2	5	2	6
Clawson	1	6	1	7

Flu-bug weakens Cranes

A flu-weakened Cranbrook team lost to Western Reserve 20-15 in football action last weekend.

"We were just trying to scrape together a team after being hit by the flu-bug last week," said Cranbrook coach Del Walden.

The trip to Hudson, O. was not a total loss — a number of Cranbrook underclassmen picked up experience underclass Reserve.

AFTER THE home team jumped off to a 6-0 lead in the opening quarter, Crane defensive back Art Ferrell intercepted a pass five yards deep in the Cranbrook endzone and raced 105-yards for a TD and a new school record.

Quarterback Scott Wheaton tossed to Jeff Fauver for the two point conversion and the home-towners were ahead momentarily 6-7. Western then turned one of six Cranbrook turnovers for the day into a touchdown to recapture the lead.

"We weren't that sharp," Walden said. "you can't have that many turnovers against an average team."

"**WE'RE BASICALLY** a young team, and the experience will help us," he added.

In the fourth quarter, Wheaton again, passed 10 yards to Jim Kellogg for the final Crane score.

According to Walden, the six-foot 190-pound quarterback should have a "good shot" at college ball.

With one game remaining in his prep career, Wheaton has passed for 1,500 yards in three years, rushed for more than 1,000 yards and has accounted for 24 touchdowns either passing or running.

"**HE'S GOT** good speed and size, and he's the kind of kid that should play somewhere after his career here," Walden said.

He also predicted a rosy future for junior lineman Mark Smith. "Smith held down one side of our line this year," Walden said.

Cranbrook wraps up the '74 football season against Nichols, at home this Saturday.

Runners can enter "open"

Long distance runners can match their skills with a variety of competitors on Sunday, Nov. 24, 1974 at the West Bloomfield Open-Three Mile Run.

The race will be held at the Highland Lakes Campus of Oakland Community College, Union Lake. Entry fees postmarked before Nov. 14 are set at \$2.50 and the late entry fee is \$3.50.

Trophies and medals will be awarded for four divisions which include Under 18 years of age, 18-30, Over 30 and Women.

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