

# St. Rita gives Rice 'huge' test in opener

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staff writer

It's been said, "Marriages are made in heaven." That being the case, the Big Guy Himself must have arranged this one — Birmingham Brother Rice vs. Chicago St. Rita.

Call it high school football at its finest as two parochial powerhouses from states separated by Lake Michigan get ready to put pride on the line at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Both teams finished last season with 8-1 marks. St. Rita, the Illinois state champion in 1978, qualified for the state's 16-team playoffs three straight years. Brother Rice, meanwhile, has qualified for the state playoffs four times, and has won state titles in 1977, 1980 and 1983.

The Mustangs, who have earned the distinction of being the state's No. 1 Class A team in the preseason poll, will field a team of players with the potential to play beyond the high school level.

**THE LEADER ON St. Rita's** Blue Chip list is linebacker John Foley, a 6-foot-3, 230-pound senior who also plays fullback. Foley is listed in the Street and Smith College Football Yearbook as one of the best linebackers in the country.

St. Rita's size surely stands out. The list of heavyweights includes senior tackle John Zaleski (6-4, 245), nose guard Ed Randle (6-2, 250), senior offensive guard Jason Legielski (6-3, 240) and junior offensive tackle Joe Allen (6-5, 260).

Additionally, the Mustangs have Eric Howard, a breakout running back. Rice coach Al Fracassa compares favorably with Notre Dame Heisman Trophy candidate Allen Pinkett.

"It's going to take a complete effort on our part," Fracassa said. "Our team is made up of a bunch of guys who haven't played much. We're going into the game with that attitude. We feel if we play hard, we have a chance to beat anybody."

Even though St. Rita will have the

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size advantage over Rice, Fracassa is hoping his team can negate its shortcoming.

"It's not how big you are, it's what you have inside that counts," Fracassa said. "It's a psychological thing. I tell my kids that they are high school players just like our kids. They might be bigger, but they're the same age. We're not afraid. We've never been afraid of any team, and we want to keep that tradition going."

ST. RITA COACH Todd Wernet, in his first year with the Mustangs, doesn't think his team's size should make too much of a difference against Brother Rice.

"Brother Rice is sound fundamentally," said Wernet, a 28-year-old who was the head coach the past two years at

Chicago DeLaSalle and is a 1976 St. Rita graduate. "Size not always is the difference. Good coaching at this level makes a big difference, and we know Al Fracassa is a good football coach."

"Brother Rice has a solid program and always has a football team with good fundamentals. It will be a good test for us, and that's what we're looking for."

St. Rita opened its season Saturday with a 21-0 victory over Lyons Township High School. Fracassa attended the game to get a closer look at the highly-touted Mustangs.

"I need three more days of practice," Fracassa said Tuesday. "They're the No. 1 team in Illinois and they have several big time players. They have great athletes in the secondary and

they have a fine running back, Eric Howard. Boy, is he good. That kid can go all the way, a lot like that Pinkett at Notre Dame."

"That's a big football team we're playing. I expect a tough, hard-fought and close football game."

**WERNET**, who played offensive guard at Rice University, is optimistic about the season, but isn't saying his squad is as great as some make it out to be.

"Some people like to believe we are (loaded)," Wernet said. "We have people with good size, and I do feel we'll be competitive. For myself, it's a bit of a year of transition."

We have 18 starters gone from last year. We have a new group of kids, but they're people I feel can play. Early in the season we may experience — well, I don't want to say growing pains. We have a new person at quarterback and new people at our skill positions and in the defensive backfield."

One thing that concerns Wernet is

the fact that his team will fly to Michigan, play in the Silverdome, and then board the chartered plane and fly back home.

"I'm concerned about that," he said. "I want the kids to block out the travel and focus on the game. It's easy for 16-year-old kids to lose perspective, because this is a whole new experience. I just hope it isn't a detriment."

As far as the game itself, Wernet is concerned about simple fundamentals.

"We want to play our type of game. We just want to play the game we are best suited for and that's to play good defense and consistent offense. Hopefully, we can get people deep in their own end with our defense and our punter (Zaleski). We want to get good field position."

The game will be the first of three non-league tests for Brother Rice. The Warriors travel to Lansing Sexton Sept. 13, then play at Glen Oak in Canton, Ohio, Sept. 21.

"This is the toughest schedule I think we've ever had," Fracassa said.

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### COACHES NEEDED

Detroit Country Day school has non-teaching coaching vacancies for a variety of sports including, but not limited to, soccer head coach and assistant, plus a junior varsity head coach and assistant field hockey coach. Those interested should contact Country Day athletic director Chuck Schmitt by phone (646-7717 Ext. 49).

### TRACK TRIUMPH

Southfield's Bill Walworth, 61, a member of the Motor City Track Club, recently was a triple winner at the 1985 National Masters Track & Field Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. Walworth, competing in the Senior Masters Division (60-69), took firsts in the shot put (48 feet 6 1/2), the discus (145-4), and the hammer (131-2 1/4).

### TOURNAMENT ON TV

The finals of the 1986 Michigan High School Boys Basketball Tournament will be televised, it was announced by

the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and Harold Shively, president of WXMI-TV in Grand Rapids, recently.

Under the cooperative program, designed to make airing the games financially feasible for the state's TV stations, WXMI-TV will produce and provide the satellite feed throughout Michigan. The finals in Class A, B, C, and D are slated for March 22, 1986.

Also, the joint commitment hopes to televise the 1986 Girls Basketball Finals and the 1986 Boys Hockey Finals.

### ALL-STATE TENNIS

The three coaches of the year and the three all-state boys' tennis team for the 1985 prep spring season were selected by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association during the summer.

Included were Steve Heroldia (Bloomfield Hills Laber) and Kurt Streng (Birmingham Brother Rice) in Class A, and Ray Ashare and David Drew (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook) in

Class B. Andover's Keith Johnson was selected Class A Coach of the Year.

### RECREATION SCHEDULE

Macomb Community College's Athletic Department has announced the September open recreation schedule.

The Sunrise Special, for the early person, runs 6:30-7:50 a.m. Monday-Friday. The cost of \$1.25 a day, or \$4 a week, allows participants the run of the building, including racquetball, basketball, weight lifting, swimming or jogging.

The recently revamped fieldhouse is open for jogging and basketball in the evenings. The hours are 8-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 6-8 p.m. on Friday. The pool also has reopened. Hours are Monday-Friday noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday 6-8 p.m.

Costs for both activities are \$1 for MCC students with a valid ID card, \$1.50 for Macomb County residents and \$2 for other residents. Children under 12 pay 50 cents.

The racquetball/handball/wallyball

courts are available; Monday 11 a.m. to noon, 2-6 p.m., and 8-10 p.m., Tuesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2-6 p.m., Wednesday 11 a.m. to noon, and 2-6 p.m., Friday 6-8 p.m.

The court costs \$4 (per hour) for MCC students with a valid ID, \$5 for Macomb County residents and \$6 for other county residents. Wallyball costs are \$12. Court reservations must be made at the fieldhouse.

Further information can be obtained by calling the athletic department at 445-7476.

### SCUBA AWARD

The US Scuba Center in Rochester received the PADI's (Professional Association of Diving Instruction) Prestigious Five-Star Rating recently. There are just a few stores in the country with such a rating.

In order to receive a PADI Five-Star rating, a store must be an established business with a record of providing quality service to the local diving community. US Scuba qualified for each PADI's Star Service Awards in business ethics, community involvement, equipment service, pure air and educational proficiency.

### WATERMAN SHOW

US Scuba, in Rochester, in cooperation with four other diving stores in Michigan, will present "The Stan Waterman Show" at the Troy Athens High School Auditorium on Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Waterman, known in both the diving and movie world, produced "Blue Water, White Death" and was involved with the underwater filming and production of "Jaws" and "The Deep." He won an Emmy for cinematography for his work with ABC's "The American Sportsman Show."

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## Sisters on the run

Farmington Hills sisters Sarah (left) and Diane Montgomery will team up in the Blue Zoo 10K, a run for women only 9 a.m. Sunday at the Detroit Zoo. The Montgomery sisters are serious about

the run, averaging 30-50 miles of road work a week in preparation. Those interested in participating in the Blue Cross-Blue Shield sponsored event should call 774-5940.

## What's new

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