

# Scribes try for perfection

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The first week is always the toughest for grid prognosticators, who often get good one by optimistic prep football coaches.

To refresh your memory, the Plymouth-Canton-Farmington sports editor was more successful than his counterpart, going 95-52 on the year.

Meanwhile, the Livonia-Westland-Garden City-Redford sports chief had a Pete Rose-like season, going 28-39.

Since neither reporter has been banned from the game of football, we've been given the green light to battle again, Las Vegas-style.

Remember, the Michigan High School Athletic Association frowns on gambling. Point spreads are taboo.

Hopefully, coaches and players won't take this weekly ritual seriously. Believe us, it's nothing personal when we pick against your team.

This is all in fun. So guys, girls and parents (did you hear us?), let's leave it that way.

## FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Red, Thurston at Dearborn (4 p.m.): Pioneer coach Chuck Baughman says "we're nothing special." But what about Thurston? The Eagles have a lot to prove after going 0-9 last year, including a 28-0 loss to Dearborn in the '88 opener. Can Thurston win again, but the score is much closer?

Redford St. Mary's at Clarencville (7 p.m.): It was no contest last year, Clarencville winning 28-0. St. Mary's is expected to be improved, while the Tro-

## grid predictions

Jane, under new coach Vic Bala, are young, inexperienced and a bit of a question mark. Picks: Bala wins his opener as likable Kendrick Harrington is the difference.

Liv. Stevenson at Redford Union (Hilbert): Last year's game was a wide-open affair with Stevenson prevailing, 20-14. Expect this one to be played close on the field. RU has superior size on the line. Picks: RU ready for a Panther's victory?

Wayne at Garden City: The word is that Wayne dominated Western Lakes member Northville all over the field in a scrimmage last week. The Zebras are low in numbers, but so are the Cougars, who could be in for another long season. Picks: The Zebras earn their stripes.

Sterling Heights at Liv. Churchill: One of the best matchups of the night. The series is 2-2 with Sterling Heights, considered one of the state's top Class A teams, winning the last two meetings. Junior quarterback Scott Denzine is very good for the Stallions. Churchill is an underdog, but how heavy? Picks: The Chargers are respectable, but Sterling Heights comes away the victor.

Highland Park at Westland Glenn: The Rockets haven't had many tough openers over the years, but they have been beaten once by the Polar Bears (in 1988). Glenn's aerial clinic, led by quarterback Eric Stover, will be touched again for 1989. Picks: The Rockets send Highland Park clobbering into space.

Ply. Canton at Monroe: Last year the Chiefs gave Monroe all they could handle

before losing by three. But this year's Monroe team is the fastest to repeat as Wolverine A League champs and return to the state Class A playoffs. Willie Jones, a mobile 300-pound plus tight end, is one of the reasons why. Canton, quarterback Karl Wukie needs protection. Picks: Monroe's shock absorbs Canton's best shot.

Trenton at Ply. Salem: Another good matchup pitting at Wolverine A team against a Western Lakes club. Salem rolled last season, but Trenton will not stand to be run over. Look for a very competitive matchup, but the Rocks' wishbone will be the difference. Picks: Salem punts its wishcraft.

Farm. Harrison at Saginaw Arthur Hill: The Class B champs (13-0) take a Class A qualifier (9-2) in the best battle of the night. Is an ambush awaiting Harrison? Look for a physical contest with quarterback Bill "The Trail" Coleman at his best. Picks: Emmons will never pick against the Hawks again. O'Meara won't argue with that logic.

Farmington at W. Bloomfield: The Lakers (2-7) expect to be better under second-year coach Joe Brandell. Meanwhile, Farmington (0-9) is trying to keep its head above water. Picks: It will be smooth sailing for the Lakers.

St. Agatha at Country Day: The Yellow Jackets (8-2) have made four straight playoff appearances under coach Joe O'Angelo. Agatha (6-3) will be no pushover with the return of quarterback Brian Kutch. DCD, led by returning quarterback Mike Monico and running back Aaron Sims, downed the Aggies last year 26-6. Picks: Agatha feels the Yellow Jackets' sting again.

## SATURDAY'S GAMES

Liv. Franklin at Lansing Sexton (1

p.m.): The Big Red (9-1) qualified for last year's Class A playoffs, losing 11-8 in the first round to Monroe. In overtime, running backs Howard Triplett and Curtis Bellen are fast, and quarterback Robert Vitarone is elusive. Satey Ricardo Johnson is a good one. Franklin (8-3) has lost the last two meetings (21-14 and 22-3), but boasts a veteran line. Picks: Sexton, despite a fine full of inexperience, prevails.

Cardinal Mooney at Lutheran Westland (1 p.m.): Cardinal Mooney is down to 15 players, while Lutheran Westland (2-6) is on the rise. Look for veterans Steve Aumann and Mike Hardies to pile up the points for the West Warriors. Picks: Take Lutheran Westland.

N. Farmington at S'field-Lathrup (2 p.m.): The secret cannot be kept any longer. North (2-2) is loaded and could be knocking on the door for a Western Lakes Activities Association title. Lathrup (3-6) is sinking in quick sand. The Chargers will surely miss tightback Uric King, who graduated. Picks: North's Raiders put one in the air.

Bish. Borgess vs. Orchard Lk. St. Mary (3 p.m.): Pontiac Silverdome: Bish. Borgess makes his in-debut as Borgess coach and it won't be a pleasant one. The Eagles (10-1), who beat Brother Rice last year and then lost in the second round of the Class C playoffs to state champion Detroit St. Ignace, should have another devastating attack led by quarterback Vaughn Bryant and tightback Joe Jefferson. Picks: Last year's 47-7 St. Mary's win could be repeated.

Redford CC vs. Det. Osborn (5:30 p.m.): Pontiac Silverdome: The second game of the tripe-header could also be a mismatch with the Shamrocks (12-1) rocking and rolling in their opener. CC can match whatever speed the Knights throw at them. Picks: The Shamrocks win blow-out No. 2.

# Area schools challenge for league titles

Here's a look at how other Oberlinland teams expect to fare in leagues outside the coverage area:

REDFORD ST. AGATHA, defending champion of the Catholic League's C Division, has another fighting chance to take the crown this fall. Quarterback Brian Kutch returns for his junior year, along with five other offensive starters, and seven on defense.

Also back to graduation was Mike Boyle, an offensive tackle now playing at Eastern Michigan. Tackle Scott Maher (6-2, 220) and guard Pat Wagner (6-3, 235) return, however, for their senior campaigns.

Also back defensively are a trio of linemen - Wagner, John DiPonio (5-8, 170) and Mark Sievers (5-6, 155).

AS USUAL, Dearborn Fordson figures to be the team to beat in the Wolverine A League, but if Wayne Memorial gets blocking up front, the Zebras could challenge.

Senior quarterback Brent Tapp (5-8, 145) is the leading returnee on offense, and Wayne's secondary is paced by the return of all-league defensive back Pierre Hixon.

TRI-RIVER LEAGUE member Redford Thurston was 9-9 last year under the first-year guidance of Bob Snell. Missing from that team is multitasking Tim Wojcik, who is playing at Central Michigan, and the wisdom, which wasn't welcomed back.

Instead, Thurston will employ the power-I formation, and Snell is excited about the addition of California transfer Mike Turner, a fullback and linebacker. Thurston plays at defending Tri-River League champion Allen Park on Friday, Oct. 6, when Snell hopes the Eagles are still in contention for the title.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND plays an independent schedule in 1989, the second year of its varsity existence.

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tence. Returning is three-year starting quarterback Steve Aumann, and he'll get backfield support from halfbacks Jason Zielinski and David Gielow and fullback Erik Smith.

Speed is a concern, with coach Dennis Tuomi's fastest player running only 5.1 in the 40-yard dash (slow by high school standards). The punting will be done by tight end Mike Hardies, who averaged just shy of 40 yards per boot last year.

LIVONIA CLARENCVILLE's new coach is Vic Bala, who knows what it takes to have a successful program. Bala spent eight years at Dearborn, coaching at Dearborn Divine Child, a traditionally strong Class B team in the Catholic League.

Clarencville was third in the Metro Conference last year at 4-3, 6-3 overall. The good news is the Trojans won't have to play three-time defending champion Auburn Hills Avondale until Friday, Oct. 20, at home.

Avondale has won 21 straight league games and 27 consecutive regular-season games, and the longer Clarencville avoids the Rhinos, the better. Avondale reached the Class B semifinals before losing to eventual champion Farmington Hills Harrison. The Rhinos' most exciting returnee is junior receiver Kevin Woodmore, who last year caught 10 passes for more than 400 yards.

Clarencville will use the run-and-shoot offense, and the leading returnee is quarterback Chris Foss, a vital member of the new offense.

## football schedules

1989 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON Hawks  
Coach: John Harrington

Sept. 1	at Sag. Arthur Hill	7:30
Sept. 9	W. L. Central	1:00
Sept. 16	Liv. Churchill	1:00
Sept. 22	at Northville	7:30
Sept. 30	Liv. Franklin	1:00
Oct. 6	at W.L. Western	7:30
Oct. 13	at Ply. Canton	7:30
Oct. 21	at W.L.A. crossover	TBA
Oct. 28	Farmington	1:00

NORTH FARMINGTON Raiders  
Coach: Jim O'Leary

Sept. 2	at South Lathrup	2:00
Sept. 8	at Liv. Churchill	7:30
Sept. 16	Wald. John Glenn	1:00
Sept. 23	at Farmington	1:00
Sept. 30	Liv. Stevenson	1:00
Oct. 6	at Ply. Salem	7:30
Oct. 13	at W.L. Central	7:30
Oct. 21	W.L.A. crossover	1:00
Oct. 28	Redford Union	1:00

FARMINGTON Falcons  
Coach: Rick Milhizer

Sept. 1	at W. Bloomfield	7:30
Sept. 8	at Ply. Canton	7:30
Sept. 15	at Ply. Salem	7:30
Sept. 23	North Farmington	1:00
Sept. 29	at John Glenn	7:30
Oct. 6	W.L. Central	1:00
Oct. 14	Liv. Stevenson	1:00
Oct. 21	W.L.A. crossover	1:00
Oct. 28	at Farm. Harrison	1:00

PLYMOUTH CANTON Chiefs  
Coach: Bob Kheonle

Sept. 1	at Monroe	7:30
Sept. 8	Farmington	7:30
Sept. 16	at Liv. Franklin	1:00
Sept. 22	Liv. Churchill	7:30
Sept. 29	W.L. Western	7:30
Oct. 6	at Northville	7:30
Oct. 13	Farm. Harrison	7:30
Oct. 20	at W.L.A. crossover	TBA
Oct. 27	at Ply. Salem	7:30

PLYMOUTH SALEM Rocks  
Coach: Tom Moshimer

Sept. 1	Trenton	7:30
Sept. 8	at Northville	7:30
Sept. 15	Farmington	7:30
Sept. 22	at Liv. Stevenson	7:30
Sept. 29	at W.L. Central	7:30
Oct. 6	North Farmington	7:30
Oct. 13	at John Glenn	7:30
Oct. 20	W.L.A. crossover	7:30
Oct. 27	Ply. Canton	7:30

LIVONIA FRANKLIN Patriots  
Coach: Armand Vigna

Sept. 2	at Lan. Sexton	1:00
Sept. 9	Liv. Stevenson	1:00
Sept. 16	Ply. Canton	1:00
Sept. 23	W.L. Western	1:00
Sept. 30	at Farm. Harrison	1:00
Oct. 7	Liv. Churchill	1:00
Oct. 13	at Northville	7:30
Oct. 20	at W.L.A. crossover	TBA
Oct. 28	Garden City	1:00

LIVONIA CHURCHILL Chargers  
Coach: Herb Osterland

Sept. 1	Sterling Heights	7:30
Sept. 8	North Farmington	7:30
Sept. 16	Farm. Harrison	1:00

Sept. 22	at Ply. Canton	7:30
Sept. 29	Northville	7:30
Oct. 7	at Liv. Franklin	1:00
Oct. 13	W.L. Western	1:00
Oct. 20	at W.L.A. crossover	TBA
Oct. 27	Liv. Stevenson	7:30

LIVONIA STEVENSON Spartans  
Coach: Jack Reardon

Sept. 1	at Redford Union	7:30
Sept. 8	at Liv. Franklin	1:00
Sept. 15	W.L. Central	7:30
Sept. 22	Ply. Salem	7:30
Sept. 30	at N. Farmington	1:00
Oct. 6	Wald. John Glenn	7:30
Oct. 14	at Farmington	1:00
Oct. 20	W.L.A. crossover	7:30
Oct. 27	at Liv. Churchill	7:30

LIVONIA CLARENCVILLE Trojans  
Coach: Vic Bala

Sept. 1	Redford St. Mary	7:30
Sept. 8	at Luth. East	7:30
Sept. 15	Harper Woods	7:30
Sept. 22	at Luth. North	7:30
Sept. 29	at Luth. West	7:00
Oct. 7	at Cranbrook	7:00
Oct. 13	Hamtramck	7:30
Oct. 20	Avondale	7:30
Oct. 28	at Thurston	1:00

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Rockets  
Coach: Chuck Gordon

Sept. 1	Highland Park	7:30
Sept. 8	W.L. Central	7:30
Sept. 16	at N. Farmington	1:00
Sept. 22	at W.L. Central	7:30
Sept. 29	Farmington	7:30
Oct. 6	at Liv. Stevenson	7:30
Oct. 13	Plymouth Salem	7:30
Oct. 20	at W.L.A. crossover	7:30
Oct. 27	at Wayne Memorial	7:30

WAYNE MEMORIAL Zebras  
Coach: Chuck Howton

Sept. 1	at Dearborn	4:00
Sept. 8	at Taylor Center	4:00
Sept. 15	at D.H. Annopols	4:00
Sept. 23	Taylor Truman	1:00
Sept. 30	at Melvindale	4:00
Oct. 6	at Allen Park	7:30
Oct. 14	D.H. Crestwood	1:00
Oct. 21	Taylor Kennedy	1:00
Oct. 28	Liv. Clarencville	1:00

REDFORD THURSTON Eagles  
Coach: Bob Snell

Sept. 1	at Dearborn	4:00
Sept. 8	at Taylor Center	4:00
Sept. 15	at D.H. Annopols	4:00
Sept. 23	Taylor Truman	1:00
Sept. 30	at Melvindale	4:00
Oct. 6	at Allen Park	7:30
Oct. 14	D.H. Crestwood	1:00
Oct. 21	Taylor Kennedy	1:00
Oct. 28	Liv. Clarencville	1:00

REDFORD ST. AGATHA Aggies  
Coach: John Goddard

Sept. 1	at Country Day	7:30
Sept. 9	at T.C. St. Francis	7:30
Sept. 15	at Univ. Liggett	4:00
Sept. 23	at AA Richard	7:30
Sept. 30	Redford St. Mary	7:30
Oct. 7	at Wat. Our Lady	1:00
Oct. 14	St. Clement	7:30
Oct. 21	St. Alphonsus	7:30
Oct. 29	Catholic League final	TBA

LUTHERAN WESTLAND Warriors  
Coach: Dennis Tuomi

Sept. 2	Cardinal Mooney	1:00
Sept. 9	at Pock	1:00
Sept. 15	at Tekonsha	7:30
Sept. 23	Univ. Liggett	1:00
Sept. 30	Lutheran Northwest	1:00
Oct. 7	Detroit St. Hedwig	1:00
Oct. 13	at Waldron	7:00
Oct. 21	N. Branch Wesleyan	1:00
Oct. 27	at Lutheran West	7:00

Sept. 1	Wayne Memorial	7:30
Sept. 8	at Romulus	7:30
Sept. 15	at Ypsil. Lincoln	7:30
Sept. 22	Woodhaven	7:30
Sept. 29	at Edsel Ford	7:30
Oct. 6	Redford Union	7:30
Oct. 13	Dearborn	7:30
Oct. 20	Bay City Glenn	7:30
Oct. 28	at Liv. Franklin	1:00

REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS  
Coach: Walt Bazylewicz

Sept. 1	*O.L. St. Mary	3:00
Sept. 8	*Redford Union	7:30
Sept. 15	*Divine Child	7:30
Sept. 23	at Redford CC	7:30
Sept. 30	*Notre Dame	7:30
Oct. 7	Bishop Gallagher	1:00
Oct. 14	*at DeLaSalle	7:30
Oct. 21	*Brother Rice	7:30
Oct. 29	Catholic League final	TBA

\*at Pontiac Silverdome  
\*\*at Hilbert Jr. High (Borgess home game)  
\*\*\*at Roseville Memorial Field

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL Shamrocks  
Coach: Tom Mach

Sept. 2	*Detroit Osborn	5:30
Sept. 9	Lansing Eastern	7:30
Sept. 15	at AA Pioneer	7:30
Sept. 23	Bishop Borgess	7:30
Sept. 30	*at Bish. Gallagher	7:30
Oct. 7	*Brother Rice	7:30
Oct. 14	*at Notre Dame	1:30
Oct. 21	DeLaSalle	7:30
Oct. 29	Catholic League final	TBA

\*at Pontiac Silverdome  
\*\*at Roseville Memorial Field  
\*\*\*at Pontiac Wiser Stadium

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Sept. 9	at T.C. St. Francis	7:30
Sept. 15	at Univ. Liggett	4:00
Sept. 23	at AA Richard	7:30
Sept. 30	Redford St. Mary	7:30
Oct. 7	at Wat. Our Lady	1:00
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Sept. 30	Lutheran Northwest	1:00
Oct. 7	Detroit St. Hedwig	1:00
Oct. 13	at Waldron	7:00
Oct. 21	N. Branch Wesleyan	1:00
Oct. 27	at Lutheran West	7:00

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