

# Football titles up for grabs

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**L**EAUE CHAMPIONSHIPS will be on the line Friday night in the Western Lakes Activities Association and the Metro Conference.

Highly touted Farmington Hills Harrison and always-seller Westland Glenn will decide the WLAA winner for the third consecutive year when they meet under the lights at Glenn.

Harrison is rated No. 1 in Class B and Glenn No. 7 in Class A. Both are 7-0. No team other than these two has ever won the WLAA championship.

In the Metro Conference, once-beaten Livonia Clarenceville, enjoying its finest season in years and 6-1 overall, can claim a share of the title with a victory over visiting Auburn Hills Avondale.

The Mustangs are 7-0 and ranked No. 7 in Class B Avondale, a perennial power that has dominated this series, won 47-7 last year. The Trojans will be looking for revenge Friday night.

League member Detroit Lutheran West will be hoping for a Trojan victory, also. The Leopards share second place with Clarenceville — both with 4-1 marks — and would figure in a tri-championship should the Trojans win.

On the prognosticating scene, Brad Emons extended his lead over colleague Dan O'Meara last week. Emons was 10-5, the other guy (who ever remembers the runner-up, anyway) 7-9-6.

That puts Emons at 78-22 for the season, whereas 73-27, O'Meara, by the way, will relocate after this season to Minnesota — the home of such noted runners-up as Hubert Humphrey, the Vikings and Walter Mondale.

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
(All games at 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Farm. Harrison at Westland Glenn: The primaries are over. They took place

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last Friday when Harrison beat Plymouth Canton (28-7) and Glenn edged Plymouth Salem (7-6) to win division titles. The Hawks had a shaky second half that included four turnovers, and the Rockets had to convert a third-and-38 pass to keep alive its last-minute, game-winning drive. Regardless, this matchup can't be considered anything less than another classic Harrison-Glenn game. PICK: The Hawks, with the help of Matt Coleman's arm, wing their way to a second straight title.

Northville at Ply. Salem: These played on the second Friday of the season, and the Rockets won 14-0. That might seem like an usually low score for a team that boasts a 6-1 record, but the game was played in muddy, supple conditions. That was the bad-weather weekend when lightning and thunderstorms forced postponement of many games. PICK: Salem has a more impressive win this time and keeps alive its playoff hopes.

Walled Lake Western at Liv. Stevenson: The host Spartans are 3-5 after losing Farmington last week and has some momentum heading into this WLAA crossover game. The Warriors are 1-6 and might be down after Churchill drove for the winning score in the final seconds Friday, 23-21. PICK: O'Meara made a big mistake picking Western to win last week, but he puts his faith in the Warriors once again. Emons takes Stevenson.

Liv. Franklin at Walled Lake Central: The situation is the same as in the West-ern-Stevenson game. The Livonians are 2-6, the Walled Lakers 1-6. The latter, however, hasn't won since the first week of the season and is 0-6 against WLAA teams. The Patriots finally showed some offense a week ago when they pummeled Northville 25-7. PICK: Franklin adds to the Vikings' losing streak.

Avondale at Liv. Clarenceville: The Leopards struggled to beat Lutheran North (6-0) in their last game, which might raise the Clarencevilles' hopes. The Trojans beat the Mustangs 28-6. On the other hand, the Trojans lost to Lutheran West

6-0, and Avondale romped 42-6 over the Leopards. PICK: Neither the Clarenceville defense nor any zookeeper can restrain the Leopards. Emons likes Clarenceville in an upset.

Bay City Glenn at Garden City: The visitors from the north are 7-0 and playing for a possible Class A playoff berth. Glenn, champion of the White Pine Conference, has won league titles in five of the last eight years. The Batscats, a running team that has outscored its opponents an average 24-11, are led by halfback Bryce Sienitz (56-10), who has scored 14 touchdowns this fall. The host Cougars are 1-6. PICK: Glenn was this production of Calv-

Redford Union at Waterford Mori, 7 p.m.: The Panthers (0-7) haven't won since the season opener, only to finish but their chances for a second victory look pretty good this week. The Cougars are 2-5. Mori is led by wide receiver Al Avondale, a former soccer player in his first season of football. Through six games, he had 23 receptions for 366 yards and six TDs. He also gave the Cougars a field goal three times. The Panthers' leading rusher with 309 yards, PICK: O'Meara says Mori won't make apple sauce out of Mori.

Wayne Memorial at Trenton: These teams are having heated in opposite directions all season, and the trend should continue with this game. The Zebras are 5-2, their last 2-5. The Tigers are coming off a 20-0 loss to first-place Dearborn Fordson, a team Wayne nearly beat but for a late touchdown that gave the Tigers a 22-17 victory. PICK: The Zebras hit a high note against Trenton.

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
(all games 1 p.m. unless noted)

Liv. Churchill at Farmington: The Chargers (2-5) own a 100-game winning streak after a pair start, although they played tough competition the first four weeks. Farmington (1-6) can't let something about playing a rugged schedule, but the Falcons missed their chance to win last straight game by losing to Stevenson last week. PICK: Churchill keeps the fans cheering.

Ply. Canton at N. Farmington: This is the best of the rest among the WLAA crossover games. Canton is 6-1, the Raiders 5-2. Canton's defense will present a

problem for the Chiefs offense, which went flat against Harrison. But the question is: Can the Raiders move the ball on a pretty good Canton defense? PICK: The Chiefs rebound and keep their playoff hopes alive, too. North is Emons' choice.

Taylor Kennedy at Red. Thurston: Kennedy has won three straight — all by shutout — since losing 11-0 to Allen Park. The Eagles have ranked Ann Arbor, Melvindale and Truman by a combined 46-0 count. Kennedy and Allen Park are leaders in the Tri-Valley with 4-1 records. Thurston (3-4) is on Cloud Nine after whipping Crenshaw 27-0. PICK: The visiting Eagles bring Thurston back down to earth.

N. Branch Wesleyan at Luth. Westland: This is a game that has been the remainder of its schedule, because injuries have reduced the number of players to just 10 players. Luthien Westland goes to 4-4 with-out a straight win.

Born. Brother Rice vs. Bishop Borgess, 7:30 p.m. at Garden City: Junior High: The Spartans saved the best for last, but that isn't necessarily good. Borgess (1-6) will have a hard time handling the onslaught (2-0) and No. 1-ranked Warriors come calling, even if quarterback Bob Otter injured shoulder is out. "We're healthy as we can get," said Borgess coach Walt Raczlowicz. "But maybe I should be that Old Roberts' treatment." PICK: Rice makes it hurt. Borgess looks for help from Mother Teresa.

Redford CC vs. Warren Detsaile, 7:30 p.m. at Livonia Clarenceville: Don't look for a high-scoring game here. The Shamrocks don't score a lot of points, and Detsaile isn't capable of it, not against a defense like CC's. The Shamrocks are 6-1, the East Stars 3-4. PICK: CC says the Patriots guard.

St. Agatha vs. Dtn. St. Alphonsus, 7:30 p.m. at RU's Kraft Field: It's hard to see a game at this time. The Catholic League's St. Agatha's is 2-1. The Aggies have won two straight and are 6-1 overall. St. Alphonsus, coached by former St. Agatha assistant coach Westland, has a winning record of 6-2. The Aggies have won straight out five times and have scored only 16 points. PICK: The Aggies march into the Shamrocks' next weekend's annual Prep Bowl.

# Raiders gear up for Canton

No championship will be at stake Saturday afternoon, but North Farmington will be a football team with a mission.

The Raiders, 5-2 overall, play host to once-beaten Plymouth Canton in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game at 1 p.m.

North finished third in the Lakes Division, and the Chiefs (6-1) were in contention for the Western Division crown until losing to Farmington Hills Harrison last Friday.

"The kids have a couple things to prove," North coach Jim O'Leary said. "They want to show a hard fight (in the Lakes), and they want to prove to the next best team over there we're not bad either."

The Raiders, who lost 9-0 to Westland John Glenn and 21-18 to Plymouth Salem in overtime, were not at their best Friday when they blanked host Walled Lake Central 21-0 in the Lakes finale.

"We didn't practice very inspired, and we didn't play very inspired — and it showed," O'Leary said. "It's hard to get your kids up for a team that lost to Farmington 38-7."

"(The Raiders) thought they'd win it with talent as opposed to having to play with emotion and intensity, and that's what won it for us."

The defense again was instrumental in North's first-half touchdowns that put the Raiders on top 14-0.

Noesguard Lucien Van Cleve blocked a Central punt, and quarterback Jon Kraus threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Chris White on first down. The blocked punt was the sixth of the year by North.

After recovering a fumble at the Viking 16-yard line later in the second quarter, it took North three plays to score again. Brad Hirschman ran the final 5 yards, and Mike Cowen added the second of three PAT kicks.

The Raiders had an 84-yard TD pass from Eric Dietter to White called back because of an illegal block, and White, after running 20 yards to the Central 16, fumbled the ball, which rolled into the end zone for a touchdown. North also was penalized for an illegal lateral on the play.

Kraus, who was 3-for-8 passing for 77 yards, capped a third-quar-

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ter drive that consisted of 13 plays and covered 53 yards with a 3-yard run. Kraus also rushed for 48 yards on seven carries, and Dietter was 2-for-3 passing for 50 yards.

North outgained the Vikings 272-172. Central quarterback Lawrence Kerver was 5-for-16 passing for 90 yards but threw three interceptions. North's David Rankin had two pass hits, giving the all-junior secondary 16 for the season.

STEVENAGE AT FARMINGTON TO THE LAKES, 1 p.m. to be played in the first quarter after Rain. Farmington led 13-0 at the half. Stevenson was 1-0, and Farmington was 1-0. Farmington was 1-0, and Farmington was 1-0.

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Eric Moyer, who plays tight end and spent time at quarterback last year, helped the Raiders after Rain. Farmington led 13-0 at the half.

Moyer's role: Brian Vachon, who had an outstanding day with 12 interceptions for 140 yards, had the Falcons on the ground on 5-yard line and he capped the final play. Moyer's interception was a complete turnover.

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# CC gridders put stranglehold on Fighting Irish

Led by senior tackle Ryan Bell (eight tackles and one sack), Redford Catholic Central recorded its sixth shutout in seven games Saturday, defeating host Harper Woods Notre Dame, 7-0.

CC is 6-1 overall and 3-1 in the Central, while the Irish slipped to 3-4 and 2-2.

Dave Owens scored the game's lone TD late in the first half on a 6-yard run, capping an 87-yard, 14-play drive. The senior tailback finished with 142 yards rushing in 29 carries. (Owens now has 801 yards rushing in 167 attempts this season for a 4.8 yard per carry average.)

Jack Davidson, a junior starting his second straight game at quarterback, completed five of six passes for 60 yards. Jason Carr, coming off a broken thumb, also saw action.

CC outgained the Irish in total offense, 250-176. Notre Dame's leading rusher, DeJuan Reynolds, who did not enter the

lineup until the second quarter (due to injury). He finished with just 41 yards in 17 carries. CC also limited the Irish to five completions in 19 passing attempts. (The Shamrocks' Brian Chaney intercepted a pass late in the game.)

Notre Dame missed a pair of scoring chances, failing on field goal attempts of 43 and 52 yards.

DeLaSalle 17, BISHOP BORGESS 8. In another Catholic League-Central encounter Saturday at Riverside Military Field, Warren Detsaile (13-4, 1-0) defeated visiting Redford Bishop Borgess (11-6, 0-4). Borgess' last despite outgaining the Patriots in total yardage, 243-190. Detsaile took a 3-0 halftime lead on a 39-yard field goal. Detsaile, who had 100 yards in 10 carries in the first half, finished with 100 yards in 10 carries in the first half. Borgess' Anthony Hood, who finished the game with 100 yards in 10 carries in the first half, finished with 100 yards in 10 carries in the first half.

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