

# Gusoff leads CC win

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After teasing Redford Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach on his first run from scrimmage Saturday, senior fullback Dan Gusoff spent the rest of the afternoon pleasing CC's coaching staff.

Gusoff fumbled his first handoff from quarterback Chris Barbara, but finished with a career-high 138 yards on 24 carries as CC beat Pontiac Central, 37-15, in a Class AA first-round playoff game at Pontiac's Warner Stadium.

CC lost fumbles on its first two possessions of the game and Mach wasn't in the mood to see another, especially with CC already trailing 8-0 on Louis Adams' 40-yard touchdown run midway through the first quarter.

So what did Gusoff do?

HE FUMBLED, only this time the ball bounced right back up to the 6-foot, 230-pound senior, and he carried it for a 10-yard gain.

"I didn't think I'd get it again after that," joked Gusoff. "I thought that was it for me."

Eleven plays later, senior Frank Yoakam capped a 66-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown run and Brett Walker caught a two-point conversion pass to tie the score, 8-8, and send CC on its way.

"We knew we were far from being out of the game because you can't beat us 8-0," Gusoff said.

The Shamrocks led 23-15 at halftime and scored 22 points in the second-half points to move their record to 9-1 overall. Detroit Henry Ford beat Dearborn Fordson, 27-17, in the other Region III battle Saturday, setting up a Ford-CC matchup at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Livonia Clarenceville.

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"Our offensive line just blew them right out," Gusoff said. "A lot of teams key on Tibbels. There were just some big holes and I ran the holes."

"Gusoff ran like a real fullback, he got big, tough yards inside, like I was hoping he'd do," Mach said.

The loss ended Pontiac Central's season at 7-3 overall.

Pontiac Central didn't have a full week to prepare for the game after being into the playoffs late Tuesday when Detroit Mumford was banned from the Region III playoffs for using an ineligible player.

The Chiefs' preparation received another blow when their biggest lineman, 6-foot-3, 275-pound senior Xavier Bond, came down with pneumonia Tuesday and could not play.

PONTIAC CENTRAL trailed 13-15 late in the first half and could have been in better position but failed to score after driving inside CC's 10-yard line in the final minute.

"You can say we could have been, should have been, would have been, but we couldn't match up with their line," Pontiac Central coach Ivor Sparks said. "They're fundamentally sound. I wouldn't say they're the best team we've faced, but don't misunderstand, CC is a good ballclub and we couldn't come back."

CC intercepted three of Pontiac Central quarterback Fruguwa Miller's passes in the second half and scored on its first three possessions to finish the game's scoring. Miller finished the day air-of-11 through the air for 47 yards but was intercepted twice by CC linebacker Joe Herman and once by Yoakam and Ken Rya.

Yoakam scored two TDs for the Shamrocks on runs of 4 and 10 yards and Barbara completed three of five passes for 41 yards, including a beautiful 21-yard pass to wide receiver Mario Vassallo to set up CC's second score of the game.

CC and Birmingham Brother Rice combined for nine turnovers (in a 35-7 CC win) the last time the Shamrocks played at Warner so Mach is probably happy not to play again on the field this season.

"It must be the field," joked Mach, before getting serious. "In the state play, mistakes can mean the difference between winning and losing because emotions are high."

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# Boy wonder Hills youth fine bowler

KIDS ARE TRULY amazing when it comes to bowling.

I was watching 14-year old Jason Johnson at Drakeville Lanes in Farmington Hills as he was taking some extra practice shots. Johnson just fired his first 300 game in the Monday Youth Double, where he is carrying a 216 average. He also competes in the Sunday Youth Classic traveling league.

Johnson, a southpaw, was well schooled by his father, Jerry, who took him as far as he could before turning his coaching over to Leo Snow.

How many more 300 games can Johnson bowl? Only time will tell.

Another name to watch for is Scott Moscow. This youngster is only 4 and has a high score of 169 and a high series of 484. Instead of bowling with his peers, Moscow is bowling with 11- and 12-year-olds in the prep division at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

Moscow is somewhat unusual with his style inasmuch as he throws without using the holes and his stride is similar to that of former baseball player Pete Rose, where he lands on his stomach. But he can throw strike after strike.

In addition to his league play, his father, Rick, takes him out for plenty of practice during open bowling.

Speaking of kids, it's time to register for the Santa Bowl, Dec. 21 at Merri Bowl in Livonia. The event features one game of bowling, shots and a visit from Santa.

The Santa Bowl is 45 and you must make reservations in advance. Call 427-2000 for more details.

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Livory Oaks — Rob Gagnon, 246-236/654; Scott Young, 210/618; Al Starchan, 258/648.

Wednesday Junior House — Brent Smith, 245/661; Rob Johnson, 234/612; Greg Goga, 234/552; Gary Smolander, 261/690; Len Berlyn, 265/636; Ron Raymond, 241; Rob Sad, 233.

Country Keglers — Dave Kulig, 235/611; Paul Potlitz, 222/602; Walt Ulrich, 233; Scott Seifman, 222/597.

Wednesday Ladies — Bonnie Brunk, 235/563; Lisa Watson, 219/566; Karen Matbauer, 213/568.

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Country Keglers — Brian Barbel, 247/616; Dick Dickson, 235.

Elita Ben Brotherhood Eddie Jacobson — Mark Kinger, 257-230/660; Barry Fahman, 246/678; Gary Kinger, 246; Mark Rosen, 234; Joe Tash, 233; Steve Newman, 233/60; Sandy Mandel, 227.

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# Braves defeat Raiders

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North struggled offensively but did better running against the Braves (8-3) in the second half. Anderson had 111 yards on 31 attempts. Temple completed eight of 14 passes for 84 yards.

"We gave up a couple big plays but so did they," O'Leary said. "They have such quickness, we couldn't get outside. We started to come up inside and had a lot more success."

"Obviously, we played good defense," Kohn said. "Any time you turn over the ball and win it's because the defense is doing the job."

The Raiders didn't give up the long run, and it was ironic that a running team like Ypsilanti won the game with a TD pass. The Braves rushed for 124 yards — Hayward had 73 on 11 carries — and threw for 77.

"Their defensive scheme was sound," Kohn said. "We felt after our first two possessions, we would have to throw the ball. In the second half, we return the kickoff (because of the fumble) until the fourth quarter. There's not as much time to probe and find out what you can and can't do."

"I think our speed was nullified a bit because the field was slippery. A lot of what we do is laterally, and we couldn't seem to turn the corner."

NORTH PLAYED most of the game without end Mike Jehle, who suffered a concussion, and much of the second half without fullback Jon Sturtz, who left with a hip pointer.

"When you lose two starters from your offense and secondary, takes a lot away," O'Leary said. "We were limited in what we could do running the ball, and we planned to throw more to Sturtz. We had to go with a different tight end. With Jehle and Lee in there, it makes it tough (for opponents)."

# Mercy downs dual-meet foe

Farmington Hills Mercy stayed undefeated in four Catholic League Central Division swimming meets Wednesday with a 108-72 win over Harper Woods Regina at East Detroit High School.

The meet was highlighted by three winners achieving four new state qualifying times for the Marlins.

Freshmen Katie Scallan and Nancy Harvey and sophomore Michelle Welch bettered their state standards. Scallan had a time of 3:24.99 in the 500-yard freestyle, while Harvey swam the 100 breaststroke in 1:12.41, and Welch won the 100 butterfly in 1:02.60.

"We entered the meet knowing these three girls were capable of getting their cuts," coach Terri Eudy-Teters said. "They swam smart races, especially at the finish. It is something we stress in practice and it paid off."

Junior Erika Smith added to her four state-qualifying times with another, this one in the 500 freestyle (8:33.01). Other event winners were April Kula, 100 freestyle (1:04) and 200 freestyle (2:15); Katie Lynum, 200 individual medley (2:45); and Patty Calab, 100 backstroke (1:19).

Lynn Leslie and Allison Strand also placed in the 100 freestyle with times of 2:17.99 and 2:19.31, respectively.

Mercy swims this Sunday in the Catholic League finals at Oakland University.

"We have a full team qualified for the league meet," Eudy-Teters said. "With these cuts tonight and other good swimmers, we have good momentum going into the league and the state meet. It is going to be exciting, both the swimming and diving."

# Hawks coast in swim dual

Behind four personal best times from senior Stacy Krause, the Farmington Hills Harrison swim team captured all but one event in its 128-60 victory at Walled Lake Western.

Krause won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:09.78, the breaststroke in 1:17.46 and was on two first-place relay teams, which recorded their best times of the year.

The Hawks (5-5) won every relay. Lisa Schaner, Wendy Leland, Krause and Nicole Loxton won the medley relay in 2:08.9.

Cassie O'Sullivan, Loxton, Leland and Jenny Domino teamed to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:34.17), and the foursome of O'Sullivan, Domino, Dana Dine and Krause won the 400 freestyle relay in 4:15.42.

Harrison also received a personal best time from Domino in the 200 freestyle (1:11.01) and from O'Sullivan in the 100 freestyle (1:04.83). Leland Trager won the diving with 246.75 points.

Schaner took her second first of the meet in the backstroke (1:10.46), while Leland did the same in the 50 freestyle (1:04.43). Elaine Trager won the diving with 246.75 points.

## FLAMES WIN TITLE

The Farmington Flames, an under-19 girls team, won their second consecutive Western Suburban Soccer League championship with a 7-1 record.

Flames goalkeeper Julie Stone recorded three shutouts and allowed only seven goals. The team had balanced scoring with 10 different players scoring the team's 27 goals. Fran Karim was the leading scorer with seven goals, and Christine Zupanick had five. Nicole Yezman excelled on defense, and Wendy Wahl was a key player among the halfbacks.

Team members from Farmington and Farmington Hills are Kelly Cholski, Colleen Christoff, Emily Grey, Karim, Janelle Kohler, Jill McCluskey, Andrea Meluzio, Jenny Kahn, Robin LaFulfiller, Stone, Molly Horton, Stephanie Moore, Rachael Walsh, Michelle Williams and Wendy Wahl from Southfield and Zupanick from Livonia. The Flames are coached by Rod Yezman and Dave Wahl.

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## COACH NEEDED

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