

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.

Once he found his first handoff from quarterback Carl Barber, he finished with a run of 138 yards on 24 carries as CC beat Pontiac Central, 37-15, in a Class AA first-round playoff game at Pontiac's Wawer 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 FUMBBLED, 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," joked Gusoff. "I thought it was the last time I'd get it for me."

Eleven plays later, senior Frank Yosakam capped a 68-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run and Brett Walter 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 half-time and scored 22 unanswered second-half points to move their record to 9-1 overall. Detroit Henry Ford beat Dearborn Fordson, 17-14, in the other regional battle Saturday, setting up a Ford-C-C matchup at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Livonia Clarenceville.

CC outgained Pontiac Central, 341-48, in total yardage, but suffered five turnovers and had to overcome several penalties before putting away its opponent from the Saginaw Valley League. Gusoff came into the game with 338 yards on 97 carries and seven touchowns, but never had as much fun.

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Gusoff was the perfect complement on offense to tailback Jeff Tibaldi, who finished with 112 yards on 21 carries.

"Our offensive line just blew them right out," Gusoff said. "A lot of teams key on Tibaldi. 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's Michigan was banned from the Region III playoffs for using illegal player.

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

PONTIAC CENTRAL trailed 3-15 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 Irv Speaks said. "They're fundamentally sound. I wouldn't say they're the best team we've faced, but I don't understand, CC is a good football team and we couldn't come up with it."

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

Yosakam scored two TDs for the Shamrocks, running 10 yards and 10 yards and Bondra 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.

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Boy wonder

Hills youth fine bowler

KIDS ARE TRULY amazing when it comes to bowling.

At 14, John Johnson of Farmington Hills is taking some extra practice shots. Johnson just fired his first 300 game in the Monday Youth Doubles, where he is carrying a 21 average. He also competes in the Tuesday Youth Doubles and the Wednesday Youth Doubles.

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

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

Another name to watch for is Scott Moscow. This youngster is only 6 and has a high score of 169 and a high series of 44. Instead of bowling with his peers, Moscow is bowled with 11- and 12-year-olds in the pre-division at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

Moscow is somewhat unusual with his style: he uses his thumb to roll without using the holes and his slide is similar to a professional player. Pete Rose, who has lands on his stomach. But he can throw strikes.

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

Scott's dad, John, is a member of the Santa Bowl, Dec. 31 at Merritt Bowl in Livonia. The event features one game of bowling, a show and a visit from Santa.

The Santa Bowl is \$5 and you must purchase a ticket in advance. Call 427-2904 for more details.

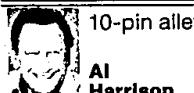
Merri Bowl is the scene of a 300 game by Fred Young in the Senior House League Wednesday. This young man just recovered from a broken right hand, having the pins removed from the fracture after resuming bowling only five weeks ago.

Merri Bowl's Paul Grauer has been named September's "Bowler of the Month" by the Metroturf Hall of Fame.

Grauer, a member of the Ansara's Big Boy team, averaged 235.11 during the month. The 36-year-old lefty has bowled for over 20 years with eight sanctioned four-game tournaments, including a score of 854.

Grauer averaged 231 during the 1980-81 season and recently captured his second St. Croix Senior Major title in Grand Rapids.

He attended the Greater Detroit Hall of Fame induction last Sunday at the Ukrainian Cultural Center. This year's inductees included Yvonne Barnes, Robert Chamberlain, Robert



10-pin alley

Al
Harrison

Golke, Jack Born and Robert Wissamuller.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Country Lanes (Farmington Hills): Greenfield Mixed League — John Stachuk, 225 pins and 80 series; Bill Funks, 235/637; Gloria Mertz, 210/313; Tim Hettlinger, 210/305 (140 average); Ron Raymond, 210/305 (140 average); Brian Ladd, 210/305 (140 average); Paul Pastula, 222/507.

Lively Ones — Rip Gagnon, 246/236/654.

Scott Young, 210/319; Al Starchuck, 256/646.

245/651; Rob Johnson, 234/612; Greg Gogos, 234/592; Gary Smuckler, 261/590; Len Berry, 263/636; Ron Raymond, 241; Rob Sad, 231; Ron Wissamuller, 230/511.

Paul Pastula, 222/502; Walt Ulrich, 233; Scott

233/597.

Woodland Lanes (Wyandotte): Bonnie Brank, 235/235; Lisa Wartler, 210/556; Karen Matzner, 213/568.

C/L Lanes (Cass): Wendy Lord, 235/235.

Country Lanes — Brian Bardel, 247/610.

Dick Dohckoff, 235.

W.H. Birth Brotherhood Eddie Jacobson — Jason Johnson, 223/500; Jeff Johnson, 244/579; Gary Koenig, 246; Mark Rosen, 234; John Fleen, 233; Steve Borsen, 233/630.

Sandy Mandel, 227.

Drakehouse Lanes (Farmington Hills): Men's Doubles — Jason Johnson, 300/682.

W.H. Birth Ben Lutz Bowling — Dean Fries, 244/546; Mark Rosen, 243/546; Phil Horowitz, 255/544; Alan Zuck, 245; Barry Schrader, 238.

Woodland Lanes (Wyandotte): Susan Pritchard, 233/500; Mark Johnson, 233/500; Tom Hert, 208; Joe Boni, 231; Sandy Wotels, 234.

Woodland Lanes (Wyandotte): Steve Williams, 219; Mike Lelebenko, 275; Ray Shepherd, 257.

Tuesday Night Ladies — Lila Byrd, 210.

Wednesday Night Merchants — Steve Andrews, 245/275/659; Steve Stort, 247/275/606; Jeff Horner, 235/604; Nick Wilk, 239/623; Mike Vacheta, 223.

Wednesday Night Men's — Eric Kirby, 255/641; Jason Salique, 247/658; Alan Dziedzicowski, 270/623; Tim Whittaker, 224/616.

Wednesday Night Classics — Steve Williams, 219; Mike Lelebenko, 275; Ray Shepherd, 257.

Tuesday Night Rollers Mixed — Tim Phillips, 247/275/659; Linda Sorensen, 233 each; Linda Sorensen, 233 each.

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