

Other area gridders undecided

By Steve Kowalski, staff writer

While some Oberlinland football standouts have already decided where they're headed after local school, others remain unsure.

Including Redford Catholic Central two-way star Frank Yoakam, a consensus all-star who has been virtually ignored by Division I colleges. Others still waiting, pending ACT scores or grades, include Farmington Hills Harrison stars Troy Granger, Jason and Mike Gloatzner and Dan Hight, and Plymouth Salem's Leon Hlster.

Yoakam originally planned visits to Western Michigan and Bowling Green, but each school canceled the trips after receiving commitments from other players.

CC coach Tom Mach expressed surprise over the recruitment of Yoakam, one of CC's best all-purpose players in several years who has been timed at near 4.5 seconds in the 40-yard dash.

Grades aren't a problem, because Yoakam said he carries about a 2.6 grade point average and he scored a 20 on his ACT test. After Detroit St. Martin DePorres upset CC, 16-15, for the Catholic League championship last October, DePorres coach Ron Thompson said: "We can't stop 84 (Yoakam). He's the only ballplayer we've faced in the last four years that we can't stop."

"I don't know what scouts are finding. I can't imagine," Mach said last week. "He's one of the best specialty people we've had in quite a while and wherever he goes I think he'll make an impact."

Yoakam said he plans on making a visit Thursday to Hillsdale College, a Division II school with a pipeline to CC, and might visit West Point. Not many other Division II programs have recruited Yoakam because most thought Division I schools would be after him early.

Tom Yoakam, Frank's father, said the recruiting process can be misleading.

Harrison's Jefferson going to EMU

Continued from Page 1 — — — a determining factor, but academics were also important because I felt academically I'll be challenging at Bowling Green."

BRUHOWSKI DIDN'T catch a pass as a tight end for CC last fall but he showed promise as a defensive end — and that's where he'll play at BG.

"What I liked about BG most is the players — they seemed to be a lot like myself, dedicated and hard working," Bruhowski said. "It seemed to be the program I wanted to be in. My host (BG defensive tackle Bob Dudley) was a guy full of enthusiasm."

Jefferson selected EMU after visiting the Ypsilanti campus as well as Grand Valley. He canceled a visit to Toledo. EMU plays in the MAC with Bowling Green and Jefferson looks forward to future battles with his former Harrison teammates.

"It's not going to change our friendships," he said. "We knocked

players he's had recruited in his 22 years as coach.

"We sent out nine profiles on kids and usually we send out three (prior to the season)," he said. "We usually have the 180-pound kid that can't play (he recruited at a higher level) but this year we have the 230, 270, 280-pound kids who get a look, and two (Granger and Duante Anderson) who can run 4.4-4.6. That's what they look for: size and speed."

Following is a look at where other Oberlinland stars are making visits or thinking about attending:

REDFORD CC

hery Zagajna, kicker, visiting Clemson and Wisconsin, University of Hartford (for soccer only).

Brian Brewer, lineman: Northwood, Grand Valley.

Gary Stasell, linebacker: visiting Hillsdale, Northwood and Saginaw Valley.

Matt Ruocy, defensive back: visiting Michigan Tech and several Ivy League schools.

Steve Lelger, lineman: visiting Michigan Tech.

Dan Gatzoff, fullback/defensive lineman: visited Northwood, but might opt for baseball.

Brett Walter, defensive back: visited Northwood, but considering playing baseball at Eastern and also trying out as a walk-on for the EMU football team.

Dan Crest, guard: visited Northwood, Dayton.

Jeff Tibaldi, running back: Northwood.

BISHOP GRESSING

Justin Guggala, linebacker: visiting Hillsdale.

Markus Hood, coach: Kenyon College (Ohio), Air Force, Holy Cross, Columbia.

NORTH FARMINGTON

Brad Pawlowski, lineman: Ivy League schools.

Vern Bantiff, guard: Michigan Tech.

Eric Porter, lineman: Hillsdale.

Brian Lee, receiver: Albion or Adrian.

FARMINGTON

Matt Biskosky, linebacker: Ivy League schools.

2 volleyball teams win

Farmington and Harrison began the Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball season Monday with victories, but North Farmington was not as successful.

The visiting Falcons won in three games, but they had to hold on against a steadily improving Plymouth Canton team, 15-10, 15-10, 16-4.

Harrison had a tougher time against visiting Livonia Franklin and needed five games to achieve a come-from-behind victory — 16-4, 10-15, 10-15, 15-9, 15-13.

Plymouth Salem defeated the host Raiders 15-5, 15-17, 16-8.

Farmington's Debbie Schroeder, a junior outside hitter, served seven consecutive points, including two aces, in the second game with the Chiefs.

JUNIOR SETTER Michelle Lorenz also had two aces during a run of nine straight points for the Falcons in the third game. She was 20-of-22 setting the ball in the match.

Schroeder and Rebekah Kling had five kills apiece to lead the Farmington attack. Kling had no errors and a .385 kill percentage, and Amy Sosnowski was near perfect (45-of-46) on her sets.

Jenny Sever played a strong all-round game, according to coach Julie Ingalls. Harrison (4-3-4) was led by junior middle hitter Julie Hest, who had 17 kills, five aces, eight blocks and five digs. She recorded seven kills out of 17 spalls in the fifth game.

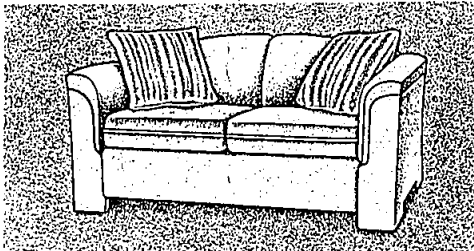
Sophomore setter Amanda Ault assisted on 22 kills and had four kills, four aces and two blocks. Senior Jodi Whitehead recorded five kills, four aces and three blocks, and junior Kelley West contributed two kills, three aces and five digs.

"IT WAS A good team effort," Harrison coach Ron Shortt said. "Heist played well, especially in the fifth game."

Junior outside hitter Jenny Reff served eight points in the second game in which the Raiders (6-4) came closest to beating Salem.

Senior Sarah Langren scored six points in the third game, and sophomore Becky Thurman did a "fine job" of passing and digging in the back row, North coach Sandy Lubienicki said.

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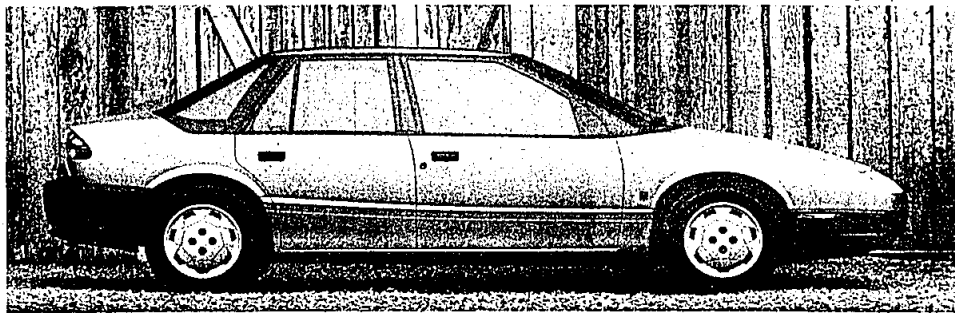
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