

# Grid season in key phase

By BRAD EMONS and DAN O'MEARA

Unlike the presidential polls, the high school football prognostication race is a dead heat going into November.

The candidates can debate all they want, but it's not going to sway the standings going into week No. 7.

The Irishman (O'Meara) and the Welshman (Emons) are an identical 63-24 for the season.

O'Meara picked up ground last week, correctly picking 10 of 13 games, while Emons slipped to 8-5.

Four league championship berths are at stake this week, and there's at least one for each week and day.

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Ply. Canton at Liv. Churchill: It's been a tough climb for the Chargers (0-0), who are trying to beat a 2-4 game losing streak. The Chiefs (1-5) came back down to earth after beating Farmington Harrison, losing 28-0 to Livonia Franklin. PICKS: It's not a halt of time victory, but Canton prevails.

Liv. Franklin at W.L. Western: Western is 6-0, but not its invincible self after rallying from a 24-14 deficit last week after beating Northville in overtime, 30-27. Arnie O'Neil is the leading senior tailback whom the Patriots' defense must stop. The kicking game will also be a factor as Western has the upper hand with Travis Hecques. Franklin (5-1) looked better out of the shotgun last week, scoring a season-high 28 points against Canton. PICKS: O'Meara goes with Western. Emons sticks his neck out for the Patriots.

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Clarenceville at Hamtramck (4 p.m.): With a few breaks here and there, Livonia Clarenceville may be 5-1 right now instead of 2-4. Coach Russ Mackenzie's team has been very competitive in the Metro. Hamtramck (1-5) won for the first time last week, pulling a mild surprise against 4-1 Harper Woods, 18-14. PICKS: Clarenceville grounds the Cosmos.

Luth. Westland at Lutheran East: Lutheran High Westland coach Dennis Tom and his son, an assistant at Harper Woods Lutheran East, exchanged films right in their own home. East (5-1) leads the Metro's East Division after escaping Clarenceville last week, 32-30. Meanwhile, the young Warriors (1-5) are still

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against Taylor Truman (4-2), which is also in the hunt behind the running of Stobie Davis. Adams looks like he'll play, but Watson's questions remain. PICKS: Every S. sounds right for both prognosticators.

Shamrocks vs. Saginaw Nouvel (20 p.m.) at Garden City Jr. High: Nouvel (5-1) is one of the state's top teams in Class CC, while Borgess (6-0) is trying to overcome a rough season. The Spartans will have their hands full in this Tri-Sectional matchup. PICKS: There's nothing novel about Nouvel.

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

Northville at Farm. Harrison: The Mustangs (4-2) have proven they can play with the big boys in the Western Division of the WLA. After losing a heart-breaker last week to Western, can they get up for a Harrison (3-3) team which is still searching for some identity in '92? PICKS: O'Meara rides with the Mustangs, but Emons rides with the Hawks.

Farmington at N. Farmington: The Falcons (3-5) came close last week against Salem, while North (3-3) was only close for a quarter against powerful John Glenn. North must get its passing game in gear or Farmington could pull off the surprise. PICKS: North gets back on the winning track.

Wayne at Dearborn Fordson (1:30 p.m.): The Zebras (4-2) have done well against Fordson (5-1) in the past, especially on the Trojans' home turf. Senior tailback Bruce Calhoun will have to turn it up a notch if Wayne hopes to gain a piece of the Wolverine A League pie. Fordson has won five straight since being demolished by Detroit DePue in its opener. PICKS: Fordson's Tractors stall Wayne.

Redford CC vs. UD-Jesuit (7:30 p.m. at Clarenceville): The Shamrocks should be able to breathe a little easier after two goal victories over Dearborn and Birmingham Brother Rice. University of Detroit-Jesuit (-5) is coming off a 3-0 loss to Madison Heights Bishop Foley. PICKS: CC rider on the wings.

**SUNDAY'S GAME**

Red. St. Agatha at C.L. St. Clement (2:30 p.m. at Center Line High): The Crusaders (5-0) are having a dream season, led by veteran quarterback Phil Doherty and running back Ray Henke. The Aggies (5-1), defending C-Section champs, have a tough defense, led by Brian Shivers. PICKS: The Aggies ironically pass the torch to St. Clement.

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**ALL-OAKLAND COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
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**GIRLS RESULTS:** 1. Highland Milford, 106; 2. Rochester Adams, 153; 3. Walled Lake Western, 165; 4. Berkley, 167; 5. Troy, 167; 6. Walled Lake Central, 207; 7. Rochester, 241; 8. North Farmington, 281; 9. Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy, 294; 10. Farmington, 287; 11. Southfield Christian, 307; 12. Farmington Harrison, 351; 13. Troy Athens, 378.

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**  
1. Wendy Robertson (Troy), 19:18.9; 2. Emily Shively (North Farmington), 19:46.1; 3. Jenny Roy (Walled Lake Western), 19:53.8; 4. Casey Grant (Troy), 20:01; 5. Laura Wright (Southfield Christian), 20:03; 6. Sharmila Prasad (Mercy), 20:06; 7. Colleen Juhl (Milford), 20:14.8; 8. Dana Gelfand (Farmington), 20:17; 9. Bridget Byrns (Walled Lake Western), 20:20; 10. Amy Freund (Mercy), 20:22; 11. Nichole Leach (Berkley), 20:25; 12. Leah Schall (Clarkston), 20:28; 13. Debbie Barton (Holly), 20:31; 14. Gabriela Dorsch (Hoch-

ter), 20:32; 15. Lela Bateman (Berkley), 20:40; 16. Jenny Schenck (Milford), 20:42; 17. Danielle Kovach (Holly), 20:47; 18. Leslie Weiss (Milford), 20:52; 19. Allison Klemmer (Athera), 20:52; 20. Erica Stanton (Southfield Christian), 20:52; 21. Nicole Blaise (Marion), 21:00; 22. Mary Law (Adams), 21:01; 23. Julie Townsend (Southfield), 21:02; 24. Tabitha Belcher (Walled Lake Central), 21:03; 25. Jenny Goodby (Adams), 21:03; 26. Angela Dillipio (Adams), 21:03; 27. Sarah Decker (Southfield Christian), 21:04; 28. Jennie Segely (Milford), 21:04; 29. Kim Clifton (Adams), 21:12; 30. Sarah Scherla (Berkley).

**BOYS RESULTS:** 1. Rochester Adams, 104; 2. White Lake Lakeview, 91; 3. Berkley, 104; 4. Lake Orion, 101; 5. Oxford, 225; 6. Birmingham Brother Rice, 243; 7. Rochester, 294; 8. Walled Lake Western, 300; 9. Holly, 332; 10. Troy, 344; 11. Farmington Harrison, 358; 12. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, 365; 13. Highland Milford, 384; 14. Farmington, 408; 15. Clarkston, 425; 10. Heart Park, 425; 17. Novi, 425; 18. Orionville-Brandon, 458; 19. Troy Athens, 507; 20. North Farmington, 532; 21. Auburn Hills Avondale, 553; 22. Waterford

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1. Clint Vanden (Lake Orion), 16:12.2; 2. Mark Goodfellow (Oxford), 16:21; 3. Jeff Ferrell (Waterford), 16:23; 4. Jeff Doyle (Adams), 16:23; 5. Dave Cline (Farmington), 16:24; 6. Jeff Runkowski (Milford), 16:30; 7. Guy Whitaker (Birmingham), 16:31; 8. Shelby Barker (Clarkston), 16:38; 9. Jeff Kovach (Adams), 16:44; 10. Scott Grace (Lake Orion), 16:45; 11. Jeff Cieske (Lakeview), 16:46; 12. Tim Gass (Birmingham), 16:46; 13. Dave Colie (Lakeview), 16:51; 14. Shawn Dupuis (Berkley), 16:51; 15. Chris Kelle (Clarkston), 16:52; 16. John Crawford (Novi), 16:53.



Best finish: Mercy's Sharmila Prasad was the top runner Tuesday in a girls triple dual cross country meet.

## Shamrocks win division

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## Shively takes 2nd in county

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The Raiders finished ninth as a team so Shively's time of 19:46 was easily the North highlight. Shively came in ahead of Walled Lake Western's all-state candidate Jennifer Ray, who placed third.

North placed fifth as a team a year ago.

"Emily was ski-high after the race," North coach Bill Pinnell said. "It's the first time she's beaten Ray this year. She ran an excellent race and stayed 20 yards behind throughout. Emily looked strong the whole race and went by Ray going up the final hill."

Milford won the meet with 106 points. Rochester Adams came in second place (153), followed by Walled Lake Western (155), Berkley (160), Troy (161), Walled Lake Central (240), Rochester (241), North Farmington (261), Farmington Hills Mercy (264) and Farmington (287).

"Going in I kind of had us picked for 10th but we could have finished anywhere from sixth to 10th depending on how well we ran," Pinnell said.

North's Korie Simpson recorded her personal best time by 30 seconds and placed 43rd (21:37); Alicia Crossland was 47th (21:55); Keegan Keefeover was 64th (22:25); and Nora Curiel was 105th (23:29).

Mercy was led by senior Sharmila Prasad, who came in sixth place (20:05) and Amy Freund, who took 10th (20:22).

Mary Thewes placed 54th (22:03), while Nicole Pryor was 91st (23:03) and Erin Blazewski came in 100th (23:25).

Mercy's Catholic League meet Tuesday against Birmingham Marian was canceled after Marian forfeited so the Marlins participated in a three-team dual meet at Birmingham Country Day.

Mercy beat Country Day, 17-6, Southfield Christian, 15-50, and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 15-50.

The Marlins placed the top three runners: Prasad was first (21:00), Freund took second (21:51) and Thewes was third (22:00).

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## CC gets berth in soccer playoffs

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For the first time in 10 years, Warren DeLaSalle won't be playing in the Catholic League boys soccer playoffs.

Redford Catholic Central tied DeLaSalle, 2-2, Monday at Bell Creek Park, eliminating the Pilots from post-season play in the Catholic League.

CC, 9-2-2 overall, won the Central Division with a 6-1-1 record and will host Riverview Gabriel Richard today in a first-round playoff game. Birmingham Brother Rice, which came in second place during the regular season, also plays today against Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

The winners will meet for the Catholic League championship Saturday at Harper Woods Notre Dame.

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