

Hawks should fly over Falcons in season opener

By DAN O'MEARA AND BRAD EMONS Staff Writers

Another high school football season gets started this weekend, and that means the return of the weekly Observer grid predictions.

The first week consists of a 16-game slate and offers plenty of interesting matchups. Two of the best happen Saturday: Redford Catholic Central vs. Detroit Henry Ford and Farmington Hills Harrison at Dearborn Divine Child.

With the return of prep football, Observer Sports Editors Brad Emons and Dan O'Meara will resume their weekly duel (at some point in the season). O'Meara has finished on top four years in a row and five of the last six.

But the Fearless Forecasters never do to brave this week. Both are playing their cards close to the vest at the start.

The picks were made independently, but both agreed on every call. Such a lack of nerve is certain to generate snickers and jeers from some quarters (especially the Plymouth-Canton pressbox crew).

So while we do offer insight into each game, the Observer guys

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plan to show more gumption and provide more suspense in future weeks.

FRIDAY GAMES

(all times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)
 Liv. Stevenson (3-0) at Redford (1-1), 7 p.m.; Dearborn vs. Liv. Stevenson has the most size of any Jack Reardon team, but the Spartans are inexperienced. RU had a huge team last year but lost most of its starters to graduation. The Panthers look to veteran quarterback Mike Bjerke and tight end Jason Mitchell to lead the offense. RU won 17-14 last year. PICK: RU.

Dearborn (4-5) at Liv. Churchill (0-9); Dearborn hopes to get back to the playoffs and is expected to have a good team. The Panthers return 10 starters and have been grooming sophomore Kevin Kruger to be the quarterback. Fubick Hussein Berry and tailback Brian Gleitschur are key seniors. John Muskat, Kevin Taylor and Ben Cook are the top linemen. An early win would help the Chargers' confidence. PICK: Dearborn.

Murray-Wright at Wald. Glenn: The Rockets won the air war and controlled the ground action last year when they routed the Pilots 35-7. Murray-Wright is led by quarterback William Messinger. Glenn is everybody's choice as the West-om Lakes favorite. PICK: Glenn.

Wayne Memorial (7-3) at Adrian (10-2); This was the top opening game last year when the No. 1-ranked Madras edged Wayne 21-13. The Zebras lost all

but three starters from their playoff team. Adrian lost many of its linemen but is favored to win the South Central Conference again. Senior David Ritz (5-1, 180) returns at quarterback, but the top player is tackle/linebacker Adam Lige (5-11, 215), who is being recruited by Big Ten schools and Notre Dame. Senior Chad Bilyak is a fine receiver/dolenebacker. PICK: Adrian.

Belleville (5-4) at Pky. Salem (4-8); Salem exchanged one old Suburban Rival (Tronion) for another in its season opener. Belleville is led by senior QB and third-year starter Ralph Trullit, who poses a dual threat. The Tigers have good team speed but a lot of two-way players. Top players are tackle Curtis Balogh (5-3, 235), speedy receiver Curtis Lanford (5-7, 155), lineman Justin Cary (5-2, 235) and fullback/linebacker Josh Spiller (5-10, 200). PICK: Belleville.

Ply. Canton (4-5) at Monroe (4-8); The Chiefs will be seeing red — and not because both teams wear that color. Canton wants to avenge last year's 14-13 loss. The Chiefs appeared to have the game won but gave up a touchdown in the 9-2 and has a lot of players back. The Chiefs hope some excellent skill players will enable them to put points on the board. PICK: Canton.

Farmington (1-8) at W. Bloomfield (5-4); The Lakers will try to make it seven straight season-opening victories over Farmington. West Bloomfield graduated many of its linemen but has a lot of skill players back. The top seniors are quarterback Craig Curry (5-10, 200), tailback Eric Williams (5-10, 185) and three-year inebacker Toby Tobin (5-10, 185). The

Falcons also have good skill players but need to strengthen the line. PICK: West Bloomfield.

D.H. Crestwood (5-4) at Garden City (7-2); Garden City won 18-8 last year and began one of its best seasons in years, eventually winning a share of the North-west Suburban League title. An unbeaten JV team should help restock the store. Crestwood lost the majority of its team to graduation but has some skill players back, including quarterback Mark Lemond, Aaron Fisher (5-10, 190) will be the main runner, and Mason Seub (5-10, 180) is the only experienced lineman. PICK: Garden City.

St. Clement (9-3) at Clarenceville (4-8); St. Clement went to the semifinals of the Class D playoffs last year and looks to have another good team. The Crusaders, tri-champions of the Catholic League C-Section, lost most of their backfield but return four of five (big) down linemen. Top skill players are end Andy Szymanski (41 catches), quarterback Mike Chikowski and tailback Tony Casuso (5-10, 210), a transfer from Harper Woods Notre Dame. PICK: St. Clement.

SATURDAY GAMES

(all times 1 p.m. unless noted)
 S.H. Stevenson (7-2) at Liv. Franklin (7-2); The Patriots have a new opponent for the opener. Sterling Heights Stevenson has the most consistent East Side program over the last 15 years. The Titans, expected to be among the top teams in the state, return five starters on offense, six on defense. Their top player is running back Mike Carpenter, a three-year starter who rushed for 623 yards. Others are quarterback Jason Tassamer, center Carmine Madonna (5-9, 260), and

Joe Rubin and inebacker Ryan Wood (5-11, 180). PICK: Stevenson.

H. Farmington (4-5) at Pontiac Northern (8-1); Two long touchdown runs broken up an otherwise close game last year as the Huskies won 20-7. The Raiders are young and inexperienced while Pontiac is favored to win the Greater Oakland Activities League again. The Huskies feature tailback Eric Weston, who still rushed for 800-plus yards despite playing behind Charles Talley, and quarterback James Jones (5-0, 180) is a good passer. Tight end Cosovos Giles (5-0, 245), without DeQuandro Smith (5-4, 130) and defensive end Derek Taylor (5-3, 195) are other key players. PICK: Pontiac.

Luth. Westland (5-8) at Cardinal Mooney; Lutheran Westland squeaked out an 8-0 victory last year but then lost its next six games. The Warriors are led by senior and three-year starter Steve Faith, who had 1,100 yards rushing and receiving. He also plays safety on defense. Lutheran Westland lost just five players to graduation and boasts an experienced squad. PICK: Lutheran.

Tiffin (Ohio) Calvert (4-6) at Blabop Borgese (0-9); 1:30 p.m. at Garden City Jr. High. Borgese hopes to rebound as the Hawks played out a 21-14 overtime win. Harrison is supposed to be improved but lost senior tailback Scott Gatto with a preseason knee injury. The Falcons, who also lost a lot of close games, are led by senior tailback Kevin Adams, a three-year starter. Quarterback Ryan Stupakis and lineman Kris Ciesler are key players. PICK: Harrison.

Redford CC (13-0) vs. Detroit Henry Ford, 7 p.m. at Pontiac Silverdome; Could this one be a preview of a November playoff game? The Shamrocks are the defending Class AA champions and will have another quality team. Henry Ford is considered one of the best in the Detroit area and won the Public School League, and running back/linebacker Leon Merritt is rated one of the top players in the state. PICK: CC.

St. Agatha (7-3) vs. Red. Thurston (6-3); 7:30 p.m. at RV's Kraft Field; Both teams had successful seasons, following a 6-0 victory by the Aggies in the opener. St. Agatha was a tri-champion of the Catholic League C-Section but has a new coach in Gary Tut, formerly at Walled Lake Central. Thurston features one of the best skill players in Observerland in senior wide receiver Jeff Lance, an all-area pick who caught 55 passes for 466 yards. Thurston has a fine quarterback (Kevin Parsell) to replace all-area player John Adams, and tailback Pete Quinn is a good running threat. PICK: Thurston.

Farm. Harrison (4-5) vs. Divine Child (5-9); 7:30 p.m. at D.H. Crestwood; Two of the state's perennial powers battle again, although you wouldn't know that from the records last year when both were down. Even that game was exciting as the Hawks pulled out a 21-14 overtime win. Harrison is supposed to be improved but lost senior tailback Scott Gatto with a preseason knee injury. The Falcons, who also lost a lot of close games, are led by senior tailback Kevin Adams, a three-year starter. Quarterback Ryan Stupakis and lineman Kris Ciesler are key players. PICK: Harrison.

CC challenge

AA state champions will attempt to repeat

By STEVE KOWALSKI Staff Writer

According to some pre-season polls, Redford Catholic Central doesn't have the best football team in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Rival Birmingham Brother Rice owns that early distinction, being ranked nationally by the USA Today and first in the Detroit Free Press state poll.

But don't count out the Shamrocks from defending their Class AA state championship.

For one thing, Rice is a Class A team and wouldn't meet the Shamrocks in the state playoffs.

The other reason is more obvious.

Even though the Shamrocks lose star players every year to graduation, a new group of potential standouts is ready to step in.

What else explains five trips to the state finals in the last six years and two state championships over the same period? The tradition starts when the players come in as freshmen.

This year, the Shamrocks have 163 players in the program, 51 on the varsity.

"All of them have the tradition and pride and know what it takes to win," said CC coach Tom

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honor: two-year starting quarterback Chris Barbara, who led the Shamrocks to a 25-1 overall record.

Inheriting the position is 5-foot-11, 170-pound senior Barry Lingelbach, a strong-armed quarterback who didn't throw a pass as a backup last year. The No. 2 quarterback is 6-0, 175-pound junior Gary Galvin, who was the junior varsity's No. 1 quarterback in '92.

Leading targets will be 5-8, 165-pound junior Jeff Gajewski, 6-1, 170-pound junior Matt Ambrozak and 6-1, 175-pound senior Dave Morelli.

Tailback is set as 5-9 170-pound senior Freddie Taylor returns after gaining 1,200 yards with a 5.5 yard average, 15 touchdowns and earning second-team All-Observer honors.

"We could be one of the best in the state if he gets some blocking — and he'll get some blocking," Mach said.

The Shamrocks will be without graduated fullback Jason Krueger but one of the most impressive sophomores in recent years at CC, 6-9, 215-pounder John Spolsky, is ready to step in.

Spolsky already bench presses 350 pounds.

"I've never seen a sophomore like him," said Mach, who had to think back to 1983 when lineman Nick Varajon made an impression as a sophomore.

Reserve backs include senior Jon Wolfe (5-10, 175) and Dobbs. Off in the state, return five starters on offense, six on defense. Their top player is running back Mike Carpenter, a three-year starter who rushed for 623 yards. Others are quarterback Jason Tassamer, center Carmine Madonna (5-9, 260), and

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KATHRYN A. DORNAN
 City Clerk

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OAKLAND AND WAYNE COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Special Edition of Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan, will be held in the School District on Monday, October 4, 1993.

TAKE NOTICE THEREFORE, that any qualified elector of the School District who has not already registered as an elector of the School District may register at the following place on the days and hours indicated:

PLACE: For those persons living within the School District and living within the City of Livonia:
 Livonia City Hall
 33001 Five Mile Road
 Livonia, MI 48151

For those persons living within the School District and within the Township of Redford:
 Redford Township Hall
 15145 Beech Road
 Redford Township, Wayne County
 Detroit, MI 48239

For those persons living within the School District and within the City of Farmington Hills:
 Farmington Hills City Hall
 3155 Eleven Mile Road
 Farmington Hills, MI 48024

DAYS AND HOURS:
 Each day during the office hours until Tuesday, September 7, 1993, at 5:00 o'clock P.M. Persons planning to register should determine when the several municipal offices or the Secretary of State driver's license bureau offices will be open for registration.

LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION:
 September 7, 1993, but not after 5:00 o'clock P.M., Local Time, on said date. Persons registering after that time and date will not be eligible to vote at the Special Election.

TAKE NOTICE, that those qualified electors who have not heretofore registered with the Clerk of the City or Township in which such elector resides or through registration at a Secretary of State driver's license bureau must do so to be eligible to vote in the forthcoming election. Those persons who are only registered to vote in this School District at the Special Election need not re-register.

TAKE NOTICE, that the following proposition will be submitted at the Special Election:

PROPOSITION TO RESTORE MILLAGE
 Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be levied against all taxable property in Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan be increased by 0.875 mill (80.875¢ per each one thousand dollars of state equalized value) for 1994, to be used for general operating expenses of the School District? If approved, this millage would raise an estimated \$211,849 for the School District in 1994 and return the School District to millage rates previously authorized by the voters.

Dated: August 12, 1993

By Order of the Board of Education
 /s/ Lisa M. Burr
 Lisa M. Burr, Secretary of
 Clarenceville School District of
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 Board of Education

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