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Some of the Farmington Hills players include Ryan Murray, Brian Books, Todd Miller, Robert Roth, Rick Dugan and Mike Dugan.

For information about next year's league, call Rose at his Sports Academy baseball and basketball indoor facility at 380-0800.

**Scheduling problems**  
Redford Catholic Central athletic director Bob Santello has trouble every year scheduling four non-league opponents for the Shamrocks' football team.

Schools don't want to play the three-time state champion, so CC has had to fill out its schedule in recent years with teams from Toledo and even one from Windsor, Ontario.

Rumor has it, Windsor Brennan Catholic snuck a 12th player on the field to score its only touchdown in a 37-7 CC victory earlier this year. (Canadian rules football allow 12 players on the field.)

So let's get Canada off the schedule and start an annual

regular-season game matching CC and Traverse City, another three-time state champion. And let's have the game played at Central Michigan University's 20,000-seat Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

Mount Pleasant is about 2 1/2 hours away from the Detroit area and three hours from Traverse City so fans from both schools wouldn't have to worry about traveling nearly six hours to watch.

The Saturday of Labor Day Weekend would be a perfect date because CMU doesn't like scheduling home games over the holiday. And I won't have to wait until CMU's homecoming game to visit my alma mater.

Now, how do we get those Toledo schools off the schedule?

Let's talk about a game CC knows it will play every year: The Boys Bowl against Birmingham Brother Rice.

The Shamrocks have won seven of the last eight meetings but Rice has its best team in years and CC might be hurting in Sunday's 49th Boys Bowl if starting center/defensive tackle

Nick Kallas can't play because of an ankle injury.

CC's student body will be deafening at Friday's pep assembly but the Warriors will keep them silent after halftime. The Shamrocks have a strong secondary but look for Rice quarterback Derek Canine to enjoy a big day and the Warriors to win, 21-10.

**Bad timing**

It would be nice to send a writer out to Friday night's boys soccer game, matching state powers Livonia Stevenson and Birmingham Country Day, but it's impossible with football games going at the same time.

Friday night soccer has become a disturbing trend.

State-ranked Livonia Churchill played consecutive Friday nights in Troy, against Athens one week and Troy the next. Maybe Churchill students want another excuse to avoid watching their football team, which has lost 32 straight games.

But I'm for tradition. Friday nights should be for football, not soccer.

## SOCCER

appt. (CC meets Birmingham Brother Rice 4 p.m. Friday at Redford's Bell Creek Park.)

Gonlies Jeremy Podolak and Matt McGivney combined on the shutout.

On Saturday, CC scored a 2-1 non-league victory over Plymouth Salem in a match at Bell Creek.

Wolos scored both CC goals at 11 and 34 minutes, respectively, of the second half. John Zugel and

Borchert earned the assists.

Mike Kokoszka went all the way in goal for CC.

**FRANKLIN 2, NORTHVILLE 2:** On Monday, Livonia Franklin and the visiting Mustangs battled to a draw in a Western Division game in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Victor Rodopoulos scored the Patriots' first goal from Jason Buelew.

Marty Smith added the second from Robert Vega to give Franklin a 2-1 half-time lead.

Franklin is 5-4-2 overall and 2-1-1 in the division.

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it), but he still fazed in his picks from way out in Westland. Which way to the beach, Dan?

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

**Clarencville at Harper Wds. Lutheran East (7 p.m.):** The Trojans (2-3, 2-2) routed Lutheran Northwest last week, 37-0. Meanwhile, East (2-3, 2-2) was blanked by Lutheran North, 21-0. The key may be how much time quarterback Luvic Luca has to get the ball to his favorite receiver, Mark Kallio. PICKS: O'Meara flies with the Eagles, but Emons has a hunch it's Clarencville.

**Monroe at Redford Union (7 p.m. at Kraft Field):** RU (0-5) is still looking for its first win after almost upsetting Dearborn last week. Monroe (1-4) has lost four straight since beating Plymouth Canton in overtime. This is a Mega crossover. PICKS: Mega Red (Monroe) prevails over Mega White (RU).

**W.L. Western at Liv. Churchill:** Western (2-3, 1-2) is jockeying for position in the Western Division in the Western Lakes, while Churchill (0-5, 0-3) is just trying to get a victory. The Chargers have scored only 14 points all season, but the defense is respectable. PICKS: Western hands Churchill loss No. 33 in a row.

**Liv. Franklin at Northville:** First-year Franklin coach Jim Karoub got his first victory last week against Churchill. The Patriots (1-4, 1-2) got their ground game going, but had little yardage in the air after throwing for an average of 169 yards per game the first four games. Northville (4-1, 2-1) is thinking playoffs after whipping Canton last week, 14-0. PICKS: Northville has Karoub and the Patriots beating the Mustangs are tops in the W.L.A.

**Ply. Salem at Westland Glenn:** This game, for all intents and purposes, will determine the Lakes Division champ in the W.L.A. Salem (3-2, 2-1) beat Glenn on its last trip (1991) to the Launching Pad (Glenn's home turf). The state-ranked Rockets (5-0, 3-0) may use Derek Besco again at tailback, while Salem counters with burl Rob Shepley at full-

back. PICKS: Glenn sends the Rocks into orbit.

**Farm. Harrison at Ply. Canton:** The Hawks (4-1, 3-0) can wrap up the Western Division title in the W.L.A. with a win, setting up a rematch with Glenn. The Chiefs (3-2, 2-1) don't seem to have enough offense as evidenced by last week's 14-0 setback to Northville. PICKS: The Hawks are back in the W.L.A. championship game after a year off.

**N. Farmington at W.L. Central:** These are two struggling W.L.A.-Lakes Division teams trying to veer back on course. Central (2-3, 0-3) has yet to win the Lakes after losing last week to winless Farmington. North (1-4, 1-2) couldn't get on the board last week in a 21-0 loss at Salem. PICKS: The coin please. O'Meara figures it's North, but Emons tries his luck with Central.

**Garden City at Taylor Truman:** Garden City (3-2, 2-1) is still in the Mega White race after losing a crossover last week to Belleville, 20-9. Truman (2-3, 2-1) has not been blown out of any games this year, but lost last week to city rival Kennedy, 10-8. PICKS: Both schools are nicknamed the Cougars, but stick with the GC cats.

**Wyandotte at Wayne Memorial:** This was supposed to be a crown year for the Zebras (4-1, 4-0) after last season's run into the state playoffs. But a freshman quarterback named Lorenzo Guess and a speedy supporting cast have Wayne contending again for a title in the new Mega White. Remember, the Bears (2-3, 1-3) have given Wayne trouble in the past. PICKS: Wayne shows True Grit.

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

(all 1 p.m. unless noted)

**Liv. Stevenson at Farmington:** The Spartans (4-1, 2-1) proved they could play with the big boys after giving Glenn a scare last week. Farmington (1-4, 1-2) earned its first win of the year by rallying to beat Walled Lake Central. Coach Lauri Niskanen has the Falcons on the tight track. PICKS: Stevenson struggles, but comes away with a win.

**Methuendale at Red. Thurston:** The Ea-

gles (3-2, 2-2) muffed their big chance last week against Allen Park, falling 20-12. Methuendale (2-3, 2-2), meanwhile, lost to Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 22-13. The good news is that Thurston is back playing against an old Tri-River League foe. PICKS: Thurston gets back on the winning track.

**Luth. Westland at Lutheran N'west:** No its and buts about it. Northwest (0-5, 0-2) is the worst team in the West Division of the Metro Conference. This is a game Lutheran Westland (1-4, 0-3) can win. PICKS: Lutheran Westland coach Dennis Tuomi goes home a happy man on Saturday.

**St. Agatha at Waterford Our Lady:** The Aggies (3-2, 1-1) had their three-game winning streak broken by old coach John Goddard (now at Royal Oak Shrine), 21-6. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (5-0, 2-0) is rated No. 3 in Class D by the Detroit Free Press and No. 7 in the News. PICKS: It's a joint operating agreement. Land of Lakes is best.

**Blasop Borgese vs. Det. Benedictine (1:30 p.m. at Garden City Jr. High):** The Spartans (0-5, 0-2) haven't won a game since West Bayview's was coach. Borgese is fighting a 15-game losing streak (dating back to 1991). Coach Craig James' team made a respectable showing last week in a 22-6 loss to Tri-Sectional co-leader Riverview Gabriel Richard. Benedictine (2-3, 1-1), behind Antoine Flowers' three TDs, ripped Allen Park Gabriel last week, 44-21. PICKS: Benedictine given the edge.

### SUNDAY'S GAME

**Redford CC vs. Birm. Brother Rice (2 p.m. at Pontiac's Warner Stadium):** This is supposed to be Rice's year. The unbeaten Warriors (5-0, 1-0) are nationally-ranked, state-ranked and possess a strong passing combination in quarterback Derek Canine and wide receiver Brian Kaczynski. Marcus Harvey is also a quick tailback. CC (4-1, 1-0) must compensate for the loss of center/defensive tackle Nick Kallas, who is questionable because of an injury. The Shamrocks, however, all the intangibles going for them as underdog. PICKS: Emons picks the Shamrocks, but O'Meara likes Rice.

## Kopmeyer turns trick for CC

Matt Kopmeyer's hat trick spurred Redford Catholic Central to an easy 8-0 Catholic League Central Division boys soccer victory Tuesday over host Harper Woods Notre Dame.

Rich Walos added one goal and four assists for the winners, now 6-2-3 overall and 3-0-3 in the Central.

Jamie Heitert, Tom Derhake, Adam Borchert and Dan Mulvihill also scored goals for the Shamrocks, who remain in the hunt for a Catholic League playoff

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