THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 13
Luth. Westland at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Don. Fordson at Wayne, 7:30 p.m.
Luth. N'west at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
Borgess at S'gate Aquinas, 7:30 p.m.
Wstld. Glenn at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Ply. Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Canton at Northville, 7:30 p.m.
F.H. Harrison at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14
Liv. Churchill at Liv. Franklin, 1 p.m.
W.L. Central at Farmington, 1 p.m.
D.H. Annapolis at Red. Thurston, 1 p.m.
Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 2 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. C.L. St. Clement at RU's Kraft Field, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Oct. 12
Lutheran East at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Hamtramck at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Northville at Liv. Franklin, 7 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Ply. Salem, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Westland Glenn, 7 p.m.
Ply. Canton at F.H. Harrison, 7 p.m.
Farmington at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Red. Thurston, 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Monroe, 7 p.m.
Borgess at F.H. Mercy, 7 p.m.
Gab. Richard at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13
Divine Child at Liv. Ladywood, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Warren Zoe, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Oak. Christian, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Friday, Oct. 13
Divine Child at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Grosse Ile, 4:30 p.m.
G.P. Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Warren Zoe at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
F.H. Harrison at B.H. Andover, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at ACSI Regional, TBA.
Saturday, Oct. 14
Ply. Canton at Troy High, 1 p.m.
Ply. Christian at ACSI Regional, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 14
Lakeland at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 14
Schoolcraft at Florissant Valley, 2 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 15
Schoolcraft at Lewis & Clark, 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 12
Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 6 p.m.
Siena Heights at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13
Madonna at UM-Dearborn Tourney, TBA.
Saturday, Oct. 14
Madonna at UM-Dearborn Tourney, TBA.
TBA — times to be announced.

RANKINGS

These unscientific rankings are evaluated each week by the Observer Sports Staff. Schools eligible to be ranked must come from Livonia, Westland, Redford, Garden City, Plymouth-Canton and Farmington.

PREP FOOTBALL
1. Redford Catholic Central.
2. Farmington Hills Harrison.
3. Livonia Stevenson.
4. Westland John Glenn.
5. Plymouth Canton.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
1. Redford Bishop Borgess.
2. Plymouth Canton.
3. Plymouth Salem.
4. Wayne Memorial.
5. Garden City.

BOYS SOCCER
1. Livonia Stevenson.
2. Plymouth Salem.
3. Redford Catholic Central.
4. Plymouth Canton.
5. Livonia Churchill.

GIRLS SWIMMING
1. Livonia Stevenson.
2. Farmington Hills Mercy.
3. Plymouth Salem.
4. North Farmington.
5. Plymouth Canton.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
1. Redford Catholic Central.
2. North Farmington.
3. Plymouth Salem.
4. Plymouth Canton.
5. Lutheran Westland.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
1. Livonia Stevenson.
2. Farmington.
3. Plymouth Salem.
4. Farmington Hills Mercy.
5. North Farmington.

GIRLS TENNIS
1. North Farmington.
2. Livonia Stevenson.
3. Farmington Hills Harrison.
4. Farmington.
5. Farmington Hills Mercy.

BOYS GOLF
1. Livonia Churchill.
2. Redford Catholic Central.
3. Plymouth Salem.
4. Westland John Glenn.
5. Farmington.

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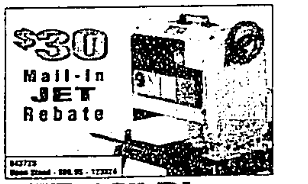

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FOOTBALL

Stretch drive

Glenn-Stevenson game key to playoffs

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

How about this?

The Lucky Irishman (Dan O'Meara) correctly picks 13 of 14 games last week and can't gain any ground.

Maybe that's why he's taking this week off.

The guy needs a vacation because his counterpart (yours truly) also went 13-1 to push his overall season record to 75-12.

O'Meara, with three weeks to make a run, still trails by seven games (68-19).

So what does the Irishman do?

He leaves his picks on my voice mail and says, "I'll take whoever you don't take in the Stevenson-John Glenn game."

Wait a minute, don't the prognosticators make their choices privately and submit them in a sealed envelope?

So what's next, Dan, picking against the spread?

Anyway, no need to call in the commissioner.

Here's a peak at Week No. 7.

GRID PICKS

FRIDAY'S GAMES
(all 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Lutheran Westland at Harper Woods (4 p.m.): Lutheran Westland (3-3, 3-2) proved last week, by blanking Clarenceville, that they can play some darn good football. But can they do it two weeks in a row? Harper Woods (4-2, 3-1), a non-league loser last week to Morenci (No. 4 in Class C) is led by tailback Kevin Pace, who rushed for 175 yards and three TDs against Clarenceville. **PICKS:** Harper Woods gets two votes.

Garden City at Redford Union (7 p.m.): The Cougars (2-4, 2-3) are on a two-game winning streak. They beat Taylor Kennedy last week behind Mark Longhi's 100 yards. Ironically, RU (1-5, 1-4) beat Taylor Kennedy, too. But the Panthers have been blanked the last two outings. **PICKS:** RU ready for an upset? An emphatic no, say the prognosticators.

Dearborn Fordson at Wayne: The Tractors (5-1, 4-1), who pounded Woodhaven last week 30-0, are in playoff contention in Class AA-Region III. Wayne (2-4, 2-3) lost 33-14 to unbeaten and Mega-Red leader Belleville, but rolled up over 300 total yards. The big question is: Can the Zebras use their quick-strike capabilities? **PICKS:** Fordson rolls to another win.

Lutheran Northwest at Liv. Clarenceville: Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (0-6, 0-4) can't seem to give anybody a game. Last week Northwest was smashed by Lutheran East, 39-0. Clarenceville (2-4, 2-3) has dropped its three straight. Quarterback Rob Ashton injured his elbow against Lutheran Westland, but the Trojans still have two quality backs in Bryan DeCaire and Donahue Fulton. **PICKS:** The Trojans are riding high.

Bishop Borgess at S'gate Aquinas: Despite losing 20-12 last week to Detroit Benedictine, the Spartans (3-3, 1-2) are the surprise team in Observerland thus far after going 0-9 a year ago. Richard Paige is a quality quarterback, but Aquinas (4-2, 2-1) may have more weapons. **PICKS:** Aquinas wins to stay in the Tri-Sectional race.

Westland Glenn at Liv. Stevenson: This is the game of the week. A lot is at stake. If Stevenson wins, the Spartans (5-1, 4-0) will be outright Lakes Division champs and get another crack in the Western Lakes final against Farmington Hills Harrison. If Glenn (5-1, 3-1) prevails, the Rockets could force a three-way tie (in the event that Walled Lake Central beats Farmington). The game features two quality backs of similar style and number (wearing Barry Sanders' No. 20) — Gade Clark (Stevenson) and Jay Jackson (Glenn). The team that can control the line of scrimmage and throw the ball effectively on occasion will be the winner. **PICKS:** Emons gives Glenn the edge, but O'Meara likes Stevenson.

N. Farmington at Ply. Salem: Both teams are fighting to stay out of the basement in the WLAA's Lakes Division. The Rocks (1-5, 1-3) are tough team to figure out, while the Raiders (1-5, 0-4) aren't far behind. This one is definitely a tossup. **PICKS:** It's not Rock-solid, but Salem is the choice.

Ply. Canton at Northville: Canton (4-2, 3-1) is picking up momentum and could clinch second place in the WLAA's Western Division with a win. The Chiefs have a pair of game-breakers in quarterback Rob Johnson and wide receiver Ron Hunter. Meanwhile, Northville (4-2, 3-1) was fortunate to escape last week with a 26-21 victory over Livonia Churchill. **PICKS:** Hail to the Chiefs.

F.H. Harrison at W.L. Western: The Hawks (5-1, 4-0) proved last week that it's better to be lucky than good after rallying in the final two minutes to beat Livonia Franklin, 22-21. Was this another wake-up call for Harrison? The Hawks should have the edge in every department against Western (3-3, 2-2). Western, however, can match Harrison in the kicking game as Pat Gibson can hold his own against Hawks ace Kyle Vessel. **PICKS:** Harrison gets the victory.

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

Liv. Churchill at Liv. Franklin: Both teams played their hearts out last week, only to come up empty. The Patriots (1-5, 0-4) proved that they can play physical with a state-ranked team. Churchill (0-6, 0-5) also proved it can move the ball after scoring 12 points during the first five weeks. Todd Wilson is an exciting back to watch for Churchill and Paul Terek does a lot of things for Franklin. **PICKS:** Both go with the Patriots.

W.L. Central at Farmington: Central (4-2, 3-1) has more at stake in this one than the Falcons (2-4, 1-3). If the Vikings can win and Glenn beats Stevenson, they can earn a share of the WLAA's Lakes Division title. Farmington, meanwhile, will try to find other ways to generate more offense if teams continue to key on tailback Jake Siskosky. **PICKS:** O'Meara says Central finds a way to win, but Emons flies with the Falcons.

D.H. Annapolis at Red. Thurston: Something has to give in this Mega Conference-Blue Division encounter of cellar dwellers. The incentive is certainly there. Both teams are seeking their first victories for the season. **PICKS:** Go with the home team. The Eagles have landed.

Redford CC at U-D Jesuit (2 p.m.): The unbeaten Shamrocks (6-0, 3-0) have another mismatch this week. The Cubs (1-5, 0-2) have long gone into hibernation. Last week they were drilled by Detroit DePorres, 50-0. **PICKS:** CC coach Tom Mach empties his bench early.

St. Clement vs. St. Agatha (7:30 p.m. at RU's Kraft Field): The Aggies have dropped two straight, including an eye-popping 42-7 defeat to C-Section leader Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. Meanwhile, St. Clement (4-2, 2-1) rallied late to hand Royal Oak Shrine its first defeat of the season, 12-7. **PICKS:** Center Line stays in the league chase.

Rice, CC win league tilts

Even with starting quarterback Greg Call out with an injury, unbeaten Redford Catholic Central didn't miss a beat Saturday, romping to a 31-0 football victory over Orchard Lake St. Mary's in a game played at Livonia Clarenceville.

Sophomore Adam Tubaro took the signal-calling reins as CC improved to 6-0 overall and 2-0 in the division.

St. Mary's, downing the Shamrocks last year 20-0, falls to 4-2 and 0-2.

Senior fullback John Spolsky (59 yards in 12 carries) scored CC's first touchdown on a 6-yard run with 5:17 left in the opening quarter. Judah May's interception set up the return.

With 38 seconds left in the same period, Eron Kosmowski, who was four-for-four on extra points, booted a 41-yard field goal.

Spolsky then turned a screen pass from Tubaro into a 56-yard gain and Kevin Quay scored from 4 yards with 4:36 left in the second period to give CC a 17-0 half-time advantage.

Quay, who led CC in rushing with 97 yards in 19 carries, scored on a 4-yard run with 8:20 left in the third.

Tubaro then scored on a 1-yard sneak with 10:59 left in the final quarter to cap the scoring.

CC rolled up 294 yards total offense, 234 on the ground. Tubaro was two of four for 60 yards.

St. Mary's was held to 71 total yards, 69 on the ground. The Eaglets completed only one of 15 passes.

Defensively, linebackers Milam Brooks and Tom Smiley were each in on eight tackles. Chuck O'Connor added a fumble recovery.

BROTHER RICE 24, NOTRE DAME 21: For the second straight week Brother Rice allowed more than 21 points. But this time the Warriors managed a win.

The Warriors, who fell in overtime last week to arch rival Catholic Central, 26-23, are now 5-1 on the season. Notre Dame fell to 3-3.

Brian Marshall led the Rice attack with four touchdowns on runs of 9, 5, 1 and 26 yards. The 5-foot-9, 190-pound junior tailback finished with 259 yards on 37 carries.

Rice's last touchdown was a 5-yard run by Eric Marcy.

Brother Rice, which ran 67 plays to 41 for Notre Dame and had twice as many first downs (19-8), kept the ball on the ground and finished with 328 rushing yards. The Warriors had 70 more yards through the air as senior quarterback David Sofran completed three of five passes.

Brother Rice is third in the latest Region 4 Class A playoff standings with 76.262 points. Undefeated Royal Oak Kimball is first (102.667) and once-beaten Pontiac Central is second (80.667) in that region.

The Warriors play Warren De La Salle 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Birmingham Groves in a Catholic League Central East Division showdown. Both are 2-0 in the division; DeLaSalle is 4-2 overall.

Clarenceville loses to Warriors

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Lutheran Westland's football team cleaned up its act Saturday.

The Warriors, who have been plagued by penalties and fumbles all season, earned their first victory ever over Metro Conference foe Livonia Clarenceville with a 21-0 homecoming triumph.

The Warriors are now 3-3 overall and 3-2 in the Metro, while Clarenceville falls to 2-4 and 2-3.

"I told our kids that if we don't make mistakes, we can play with anybody on our schedule," said Lutheran Westland first-year head coach Scott Wiemer, who was doused afterward with a container of water. "We finally played the way we're capable of, and that makes me happy."

Lutheran Westland's only penalty came with 4:45 left when the outcome was already in the books. The Warriors did not cough up a fumble and allowed only a pair of harmless interceptions.

Ironically, Clarenceville moved the ball better in the opening half, but drives stalled at the Warriors' 24, 33 and 45-yard lines.

"We moved the ball up and down between the 30s," Clarenceville coach Chuck Donaldson said. "Our backs ran well, but once we got down to the 20 or 30, I don't know why we stopped moving the ball."

The first Warriors' score occurred with 4:29 left in the half when Wiemer decided to go for a first down on fourth-and-3 at the 50. Senior Mat Baltz bolted through a stacked-up Trojans' defense and raced 50 yards for a touchdown.

"We were out of defensive alignment," Donaldson said. "One of our linebackers was not there and the kid broke through the hole, and he was gone."

The fact the Warriors decided not to punt might have thrown the Trojans off.

"We ran unbalanced right after going left all game, and it seemed to catch them off-guard," Wiemer said.

It was all Warriors in the second half.

Junior tailback Albert Cook, who led all rushers with 137 yards in 15 carries, scored on a 6-yard TD run in the third quarter and added a 54-yard TD run in the final quarter.

The Warriors rolled up 310 yards total offense, 261 coming on the ground. Quarterback Kris Skov was five of eight for 49 yards, but was intercepted twice (by Donahue Fulton and Craig Rose).

Clarenceville had 119 yards on the ground, led by Bryan DeCaire's 71 yards in 15 carries. Quarterback Rob Ashton, who left the game late in the third quarter with an elbow injury, was four of seven for 21 yards.

The Warriors' defense, led by the inside penetration of 6-foot-1, 256-pound tackle LeRoy Turner, kept Clarenceville off the board.

"Our defense had me worried the first half because they marched up and down the field on us," Wiemer said. "But we did a good job after that, and we didn't want their tight end (John Rose) to beat us because he's their big-play guy."