

Shamrocks down Pilots, 14-0

It's good to be lucky. But very often in athletics you also have to be good to be fortunate.

And Redford Catholic Central, ranked No. 1 in Class AA football, was both Saturday night, coming up with two late scores to remain undefeated with a 14-0 win over host Warren DeLaSalle.

Justice Chris Dueueke scored on runs of 4 and 3 yards following fourth-quarter turnovers.

FOOTBALL

The game was delayed a half hour by lightning, which was followed by a steady rain.

Rich Deputala recovered a fumble on the DeLaSalle 12, and Dueueke carried it from there. The Shamrocks missed the extra point and led 6-0 with 5:42 to play.

DeLaSalle fumbled the kickoff with CC's Jason Marzre falling on the ball at the 11.

Dueueke got the call four times in a row, and his last rush was successful. Just to make sure, he also ran in the two-point conversion to make it 14-0 with 3:30 left.

The Shamrocks held a 185-47 edge in total offense and a 13-5 margin in first downs.

Dueueke, a 6-foot-1, 215-pound full-back, was a workhorse, rushing 24 times for 93 yards. CC had a total of 148 yards on the ground in 46 attempts.

Quarterback Greg Call completed half his eight passes for 37 yards and also picked up an interception on defense.

DeLaSalle was held to 28 yards rushing in 17 tries and only 30 through the air (4-of-7).

Linebacker Milan Brooks was in on eight tackles, four solo, for the Shamrocks. Defensive tackle Brian Douglas, substiting for the injured Dan Dominguez, recorded 10 tackles (eight assisted) with one of CC's four sacks.

CLARENCVILLE 21, CRANBROOK 10: The visiting Trojans earned their first football victory of the season Saturday while giving Metro Conference co-leader Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook its first loss.

Donahue Fulton scored on first-quarter runs of 52 and 2 yards for Clarencville, which scored all 21 points in the first half to improve to 1-2.

Sophomore running back Walter Ragland led the victorious Trojans in rushing with 90 yards in 10 carries.

Quarterback Paulo Hernandez also had a 2-yard touchdown run, while

defenders Justin Villaverde and Mino Deljesevic combined to tackle the Cranbrook punter for a two-point safety.

Linebacker Jason Dilts led the Clarencville defense with 10 tackles, while defensive end Mike Archer had eight. Deljesevic, a senior, had an interception and fumble recovery, Chris Lakin also picked off a pass.

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City teams try to rebound

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GRID PICKS

Overland still boasts four undefeated varsity football teams, but one will fall from the ranks of perfection this week.

That's because two, Westland John Glenn and Plymouth Salem, meet head-to-head in a key Lakes Division contest Friday at Salem.

Both are 3-0, just as Wayne Memorial and Redford Catholic Central are.

The Shamrocks have a tough game in their Catholic League Central Division opener Saturday against Detroit DePorres (0-0) at Clarencville.

But there's rarely an easy game on the CC schedule.

The Shamrocks beat the Eagles 36-6 last year, but CC has a lot of new starters and faces a senior-dominated DePorres squad.

"We've played three hard games and managed to win them," CC coach Tom Mach said. "I think we're getting better. Our kids have a little more experience now."

"I think we're in good shape right now. Going into the next several weeks, we'd better be."

CC plays unbeaten teams (as of this writing) in three of its next four games: Brother Rice, Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Divine Child.

Other key games have Northville at Livonia Franklin on Friday night, Plymouth Canton at Farmington Harrison on Saturday afternoon.

In the fall campaign, Brad Emons was 11-4 last and Dan O'Meara 10-5. Emons holds a two-game lead, 38-9 to 36-11.

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

Redford Union at Dearborn, 4 p.m.; Dearborn (2-0, 3-0) recorded its 12th consecutive regular-season shutout Friday with its 49-0 win over Garden City. Including the playoffs, the Pioneers have won 13 of their last 14 games by shutout. The Panthers (0-2, 0-3) missed their best chance yet for a victory when they lost to Taylor Kennedy, 14-6. PICK: Another shutout? Either way Dearborn comes out ahead.

Churchill at W.L. Western: The Warriors (1-0, 2-1) looked like the real deal Saturday in beating Farmington Harrison, 14-3. Western dominated with an offense that mixed the pass and run and a quick, aggressive defense. The Warriors, legitimate contenders now for the division crown, have winless Churchill (0-1, 0-3) and Northville (0-1, 0-3) before facing Plymouth Canton and Livonia Franklin. PICK: Western marches on.

Northville at Franklin: It will be a historic night at Franklin High when the Patriots (1-0, 2-1) play their first night game under their new lights. A big crowd is expected for the inaugural event. Franklin has won two

straight and needs another win against the Mustangs (0-1, 0-3) to stay on track heading into a challenging three-week run against the other Western Division contenders. PICK: The Patriots celebrate the occasion with a victory.

Farmington at Stevenson: This one has been close the last two years, and the teams appear evenly matched again. The Spartans won 7-0 two years ago in a game to decide the Lakes Division championship and 21-19 last year. Both teams lost their division opener, slipping to 1-2 overall, and need a win to keep from falling farther behind. PICK: It's another close one, but Stevenson keeps the streak going.

John Glenn at Salem: The Rockets (1-0, 3-0) are probably the favorite of most observers to win the Lakes Division, and a win here will help to confirm that notion. But Glenn can't be looking ahead to Oct. 11 and a showdown with Walled Lake Central. The Rockets (1-0, 3-0) have been the surprise team in Observant this year, and they just might have another in store this week. Salem escaped with a 21-14 victory Saturday at winless North Farmington to give coach Tom Mashimer his 200th career victory. PICK: Glenn causes the Salem bubble to burst.

A.A. Huron at Garden City: After losing their first game to Saline, the River Rats (2-1) have won two straight over Lansing Everett and Dearborn Heights Football. Mike Kost's 33-yard field goal in overtime gave Huron a 9-6 win over the latter. The Rats like to rely on the passing arm of senior quarterback Nick Verske, son of coach Paul Verske. Even with the Dearborn game out of the way, it doesn't get any easier for Garden City (0-3). PICK: Rats! A win for Huron!

Wayne at Woodhaven: The Zebras (2-0, 3-0) saw their stock rise considerably with their 20-18 defeat of state-ranked Monroe. Wayne is a team on a roll and could well be 6-0, barring an upset along the way, going into its Oct. 19 showdown at Dearborn Fordson. After a big win, the Zebras have to guard against just such a letdown when they face winless Woodhaven (0-2, 0-3), which lost 45-27 to Wyandotte. PICK: Chalk up No. 4 for the Zebras.

Harper Woods at Clarencville: Harper Woods (3-0, 3-0) had an impressive, 35-21 victory over Crowsfoot foe Lutheran East last week and is atop the Metro Conference standings. The Trojans (1-2, 1-2) knocked off previously undefeated Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook for their first victory Saturday, but the Pioneers will be a more formidable foe. PICK: Harper Woods stays unbeaten.

SATURDAY GAMES
(all times 1 p.m. unless noted)

Canton at Harrison: The Hawks (0-1, 2-1) couldn't stop Western QB Frank Stanford's running and passing, so what will they do against Canton quarterback Rob Johnson? Johnson ran for three touchdowns, including a 71-yarder, and passed for two in Canton's 41-14 win over Northville. Defending champ Harrison must find its offense again and win, or be out of the division race after only two games. The Chiefs

(1-0, 2-1) have won two straight and, like a shark, smell blood: they sense Harrison can be taken. PICK: Harrison rebounds in a close game, says O'Meara, but Emons predicts a Canton victory.

W.L. Central at N. Farmington: The Raiders (0-1, 0-3) played unbeaten Salem to a draw, and who knows who might have happened if the Rockets hadn't recovered an errant snap in the end zone for the winning TD. North's next three opponents are 7-2. The Vikings (1-0, 2-1) roared back from a loss to Canton and routed Farmington, 42-13. The key questions: Will injured North QB Brad Rivers play? Will Central's size wear down the Raiders? PICK: Central wins its third.

Allen Park at Thornton: The Eagles (1-1, 2-1) have been the hardest team in Observant to predict. Regard, Redford, Thurston's 36-19 defeat of Crowsfoot was an eye opener. Matt Koskie ran for two TDs, and Mark Dombrowski passed for two. Now, if the Eagles can do it again this week, we will really be impressed. Thurston faces perennial league-blue and Class 1B finalist Allen Park (2-0, 3-0). The Jags coasted to a 39-6 win over Ann Arbor in which the Allen Park defense had seven interceptions. PICK: Allen Park, its stilling kind of the hit.


Memphis at Luth. Western: The Warriors (2-1, 2-1) sent the Hamtramck Cosmos into orbit Saturday by taking a 34-8 win, their second straight after a loss to Harper Woods. Luthwestern took a break from Metro Conference play with a non-league game against the Class C Yellowjackets (1-2) from the Thumb area. Memphis beat Capes 27-19 and lost to New Haven 38-33 last week. This is the last of four straight road games for the Jockets, who play their last five at home. PICK: Another win for the Warriors.

St. Agatha vs. A.A. Richard at Rite's Kraft Field: The Aggies dropped to 0-3 by losing to Cardinal Mooney, 30-20. They start Catholic League C Section play this week. Gabriel Richard has been an easy win in recent years, but the Fighting Irish are 2-1 so far. They racked up 413 yards rushing last week in a 54-0 win over St. Florian. Richard also beat Tekonsha (26-0) but lost to East Catholic (28-6). PICK: Richard take a turn at winning.

Borgess vs. East Catholic at Detroit Dewby: Both teams are 2-1 and picked to finish at the bottom of the Catholic Tri-Sectional. Borgess rebounded from a loss to Mount Clemens to beat Inkster 24-14. The Chargers lost to Dearborn (40-0) and beat Ann Arbor Richard (28-6) and Eccles (62-0). PICK: The home field tips the advantage in favor of East Catholic.

Redford CC vs. Dearborn, 7:30 p.m. at Clarencville: This one matches the No. 1 Class AA team (CC) against the No. 1 CC team, the defending AA champ against the defending CC champ. Both are 3-0. The Eagles have beaten East Catholic, Villanova (Ontario) and Bishop Foley. The Shamrocks have played the tougher schedule with victories over Farmington, Ann Arbor Pioneer and DeLaSalle. DePorres is led by quarterback Kevin Glenn, a four-year starter. PICK: The Eagles have won by impressive scores but haven't seen a defense as good as CC's. The Shamrocks eke out a win.

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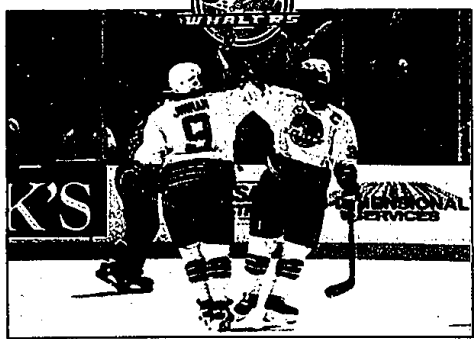
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