WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 13
Gerden City et Edual Foot.
Fordson at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Woodbaven et Redford Union, 7 p.m.
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Redford CC et A. Frichker, 7:30 p.m.
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Fermington et W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
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Crestwood et Thurston, noon.
W.L. Central at Harrison, 1 p.m.
Utgett et Luth. North, 1 p.m.
Utgett et Luth. Westland, 2 p.m.
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Harmson at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
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Churchill at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
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Canton at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
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Redford CC at Chippewa Walley, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Ply Christian vs. A.P. Finer-City
at Haggery Flaid (Hines), 4:30 p.m.
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at Haggerly Field (Hines), 4:30 p.m. (Huron Valley Tournament) Agape at Luth, Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Falcons leave competition behind in opener

Farmington High ran away from the competition Thursday in a season-opening quadrangular girls cross country meet at Willis Park.

The Falcons defeated Westland John Glenn in a Lakes Division dual, Farmington Harrison and Walled Lake Western by the same 17-46 score.

same 17-46 score. Farmington's Kate Adams was the overall winner with a 21:38

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time.
The Falcons had seven in the top 10 with Natolie Dawson finishing second (21:51), Ellon Adams third (22:33), Kristin Deborde seventh (23:36), Becky Lidgoy eighth (23:37), Michelle Martin ninth (23:38) and Betsy Luckscheiter 10th (23:45).
Harrison's Amy Schaner was

fourth (23:35), Lynn Andrzejewski 16th (24:39), Erin Brozovich 18th (25:00), Season Pokej 23rd (26:20) and Keyra French 27th (27:35).

"Four of our five are brand new to cross country, "Harrison new to cross country," Harrison new to cross country, "Harrison heter than we did today.

"A lot of girls ran their best times on a very tough course. I thought we did as well as we could. We're very young but we're learning."
Western's Angel Busher placed sixth (23:28). Crystal Kuzma 13th (24:18), Ranche Delmentte 14th (24:22), Meredith Hertop 20th (25:50) and Krissy Schantz. 22nd (25:50). Kelly Fradette of Glenn was fifth overall (23:26).

All of the North girls ran their best times with an average drop of one minute, he added. Bookli, who ran her first cross country meet, was the most impressive and ran a very respectable time, Pinnell said.

The overall winner was Churchill's Ashley Fillion.

Farmington High whipped Farmington Herrison, 16-47, in a boys quad meet at Willia Park Thursday, but the Falcons lost to John Glenn, 21-36, and Walled Lake Western, 21-34.

Farmington's Ryan Scheidies was sixth overall (19:01), Frie Phelps 10th (19:32), Adrow Kenerson 11th (19:33), Adrow Kenerson 11th (19:33), Adrow Kenerson 11th (19:35), and Falcons captured five of 19:522.

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Glenn Mes (18:27). P.J. Western's Erik Zingaro was the 19:21, Brian McNoff ninth (19:27) and Alex Ashinger 15th (19:52).

Glenn defeated Western, 21-34, and Harrison, 15-44.

Marlins pursue 7th straight league title

Burnisky ninth in the league race. The Marlins also have junior Erin Thomas healthy again. She missed most of last season with an injury, but she had a good track season and is pushing Segue for the lead role in cross country. In the freshman-sophomore

A seventh consecutive Catholic League championship seems very likely for the Farmington Hills Mercy girls cross country the Catholic League met and 12th the Solo and sophomore Betsy Gignac, who graduated. Soniors Jackie Segue, Hilary Harris and Daniele Werbelwarki, junior Christina Andriola and sophomore Alyasa Burnisky were key runners last year. Segue was third in the Catholic League meet and 12th in the regional, which qualified her for the state meet. Andriola was fourth. Harris seventh and Burnisky ninth in the league race.

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The Marlins began the season Saturday at the West Bloomfield Invitational.

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percent," Perkins said. "They know they can compete with the tough schools and programs.
"I'm proud of their effort and I think they felt good about it, too. This group could have done it toingth, but it didn't work out in our favor."
Senior Kellee Fournier made all three of her three-point attempts and finished with 13 points for North.
Senior Mollissa Gratz added

points for North.

Senior Melissa Gratz added eight points and had four rebounds.

rebounds.

Junior Katie Vihtelic had the cast removed Thursday from her left wrist, and Perkins hopes she will be able to play later this

week.
Libby Voshell and Chris Warner scored 11 points apiece for
Brighton. Lori Mason tossed in
nine: Audrey Mooradian and
Lori Moore added seven each.
It was the first loss for the
Raiders (2-1) and the first win

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Unbeaten Ann Arbor Pioneer
(3-0) handed host Farmington
Hills Mercy a first-round defeat
in the annual Mercy Hoops Classic Thursday, 68-46.
The Pioneers jumped in front
in the first quarter, 17-9, and led
32-16 at halltime.
The Marlins were able to close
the gap to 42-29 after three
quarters and got as close as
eight at one point.
Junior Jessie Brennan scored
a game-high 20 points for Mercy
(1-1), and Julio Epton paced the
Pioneers with 17 points.
"Pioneer has an outstanding
team," Morey coach Dave Collina
said. "We outplayed them in the
second half, but we have to play
well early in the game.
"They doubled us on the
boards. If there was one thing
that hurt us, it was the fact they
had a lot of second shots."

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Rice's hopes rest with defense

BY MARTY BUDNER STAFF WRITER

The offensive sparkplug is one. What to do? Concentrate

The offensive sparkplug is gone. What to do? Concentrate on defense.

That about sums up Brother Rice's blue rint for a successful 1997 grid season. The Warriors, of course, won their first eight games last year, including a huge regular-season Eoya Bowl triumph over artival Catholic Central. They churd the Central Division Liberature of the Central Division Liberature of the Central Division Extitle with a 4-0 red Byt side and the Central Division Extitle with a 4-0 red Byt side and the Central Division Extitle with a 4-0 red Byt side and the Central Division Extitution of the Central Division Experience of the Central Division Experienc

dafensive this season.
"I'm really concentrating on defense this season.
"I'm really concentrating on defense this year," said Fracassa, whose team finished 8-2.
"We're really committed to playing our best people on defense. We have all of our experience on defense. Overall, think we're a little quicket this year. We've gotten quicket this year. Year of the properties of the properti

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ers. They will make the big dif-ference for us on defense. We'll have to rely on our linebackers to carry us."

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to carry us."
Al Jones takes over as Rice's defensive coordinator this year, replacing Ron Kalczynski, who retired from coaching after the 1996 school season.
The Rice defense, which allowed just 91 points last year, will be anchored by returning senior captains Karl Pawlewicz and damyon Small. Pawlewicz and damyon Small. Pawlewicz astate champion swimmer, and Small will anchor the Rice defense as inside linebackers.
Senior Mike Hart, Rice's biggest player at 6-foot-6, 230 pounds and the grandson of former Detroit Lion Leon Hart, will be stationed on the defensive line. The other defensive line. The defensive backfield startors will be senior Dante Terry and junior Mike Scott at safeties and junior Ron Jackson and senior Justin Turk at the corners.

Offensively, Brother Rice's

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Eric Marcy, won the starting assignment this season.

"He's a lender. He's waited his turn and is doing a good job," said Fracassa. "I believe in passing. If it wasn't for our passing game last year, we wouldn't have won as many as we did."

At 6-2'k, senior captain Jason Barrios is small in stature but he will play a large role in Rice's rushing game.

"He's the core of our offense right now, He's a 100-percent great kid," Fracassa said.

The returning linemen include senior tight end Phil Vincenti (6-3, 210) and senior left guard Pat Rivard (6-10, 220). Senior tackle Justin Marshall (6-0, 250), senior center Keenan Robinson (6-1, 235), junior tackle Carl Hammaker (6-9, 260) and junior guard Brooks Hartnett (6-10 220) will be the other linemen.

The receivers are seniors Brent Lovasseur Turk, Smal and junior Ron Jackson.

"We don't have that broak away runner this year," Fracas sa said. Woll be a short-yardag team trying to pick up firs downs.

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downs. "Dopth is a weakness. If we get two or three people hurt there's a big difference between them and the caliber of people coming in. That's not saying anything against some of the others, but that's just the way it is."

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