

Shamrocks whip Eagles on gridiron

Detroit Catholic Central recorded its second football shutout of the season Sunday with a 23-0 victory over host Detroit St. Martin DePorres.

The game was the opener for both teams in the Catholic League Central Division West. The win raised CC's record to 4-0 overall; DePorres fell to 1-3.

The Shamrocks compiled 236 yards rushing and 36 passing, picking up 19 first downs to the Eagles' nine. DePorres had 108 total yards, 76 rushing.

Senior tailback John Kava had 89 yards in 20 carries with one touchdown. Senior fullback Mike Wilk had 64 yards rushing in 18 carries, scoring two touchdowns.

Senior quarterback John Hill completed four of eight passes and also rushed for 67 yards in 10 attempts.

The Shamrocks opened the

scoring with a 37-yard field goal from Mike Sgroi with 7:25 left in the first quarter.

The drive, which started at the DePorres 46, stalled when the Eagles stopped the Shamrocks short of a first down at the 20.

The Shamrocks drove 56 yards in nine plays, Kava's 1-yard run giving them a 9-0 lead with 8:02 left in the half. An 11-yard pass on third down and four to Dave Groth kept the drive alive. Sgroi missed the extra point.

The Shamrocks took the opening kickoff of the second half and drove 68 yards in 12 plays, all runs, for a 16-0 lead.

Wilk's 1-yard run with 6:36 left in the third finished the drive. Sgroi kicked the PAT.

CC threatened again the next time they had the ball but were stopped on fourth-and-goal at the 1 after a 13-play drive.

DePorres couldn't advance the ball past its own 24 and gave possession back to CC after Jeremiah Hicks stopped a run on fourth-and-one.

CC took nine plays to score for the last time on a 1-yard run by Wilk with 2:51 remaining.

Hicks was CC's leading tackler, recording one sack among his 11 total tackles.

W.L. WESTERN 38, FRANKLIN 12: Three touchdowns in each half Friday was more than enough for Walled Lake Western to beat by Livonia Franklin.

The Warriors (4-0) opened the scoring in the first quarter when Dave Morandi returned a punt 75 yards. Following a Franklin touchdown in the second period, the Warriors responded with an 83-yard kickoff return by Lorenzo Parker and a 5-yard TD run by Chris Payton.

In the third quarter, Cody Cargill added a 26-yard scoring run and hauled in a 9-yard pass from Payton for a second TD. Western's final score came late in the game on a 2-yard run by Ryan Ziem. The Warriors held a 308-247 edge in total yards.

ST. MARY'S 41, NOTRE DAME 0: Orchard Lake St. Mary's (4-0) scored in every quarter Saturday to dominate winless Harper Woods Notre Dame.

Quarterback Jeremiah Gonzales ran for a pair of touchdowns (11 and 89 yards), threw 77 yards to Maurice Seagriff for another and ran in a two-point conversion. Gonzales finished with five carries for 108 yards and completed six of eight passes for 141 yards.

Quinn Williams and Anthony Sherrell scored touchdowns on runs of 14 and 4 yards, respectively. Hubert Payne scored the last touchdown on a 41-yard return of a fumble.

BROTHER RICE 23, DELASALLE 19: Quarterback Matt Baker tossed a 29-yard pass to Matt Mueller with 3:22 remaining Saturday to lift host Brother Rice past Warren DeLaSalle.

The two hooked up for an 11-yard touchdown play in the first quarter. The third TD was scored by Mark Goebl on a 19-yard run. The Warriors (3-1) took a voluntary safety as time expired.

GRAND RAPIDS CO 32, COUNTRY DAY 21: Detroit Country Day had more turnovers than a restaurant at lunchtime Friday in losing to host Grand Rapids Catholic Central. The Yellow Jackets (2-2) had four passes intercepted and lost a fumble.

Jeremy Bietler had 16 receptions for 219 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown pass. Quarterback Matt Collins completed 22 of 42 passes for 291 yards.

Trojans rout Spartans in penalty-filled game

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FOOTBALL

The football coaches at Redford Bishop Borgess and Livonia Clarencville are likely counting flags instead of sheep to get to sleep at night.

Sometime next week, maybe they'll count all the ones that were thrown at Friday's game at Clarencville.

Clarencville's 22-8 win over Borgess was all about penalties.

There was the 65-yard touchdown run by Clarencville's Tim Shaw called back.

There was the 60-yard fumble return for a touchdown by Borgess' Jason Smith called back.

There was Borgess' on Clarencville's five yard line, fourth and two - offside Clarencville, first and goal Borgess.

And then two plays later, Borgess was called for holding, resulting in a stalled drive.

The non-league game left

Borgess with a 2-2 record and Clarencville at 4-0. Each still has hopes of a state playoff berth with six wins being the magic number to qualify.

"There were too many (penalties)," Borgess coach Werner Blakely said. "We had crucial penalties at crucial times. I thought we controlled the ball well in the first half."

...but I have to do a better job of preparing my team. We'll find out what kind of a coach I am in the next few weeks."

The Spartans were called for 14 penalties for 130 yards.

The Trojans had eight penalties for 67 yards.

"In the first half, I felt like I was at the dentist with no novocaine with the penalties, the turnovers, the missed opportunities," Clarencville coach Greg Hudkins said.

Daryl Robinson rushed for 78 yards on 15 carries for the Spartans.

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he hasn't had a lower moment in his coaching career.

"Obviously, that was worse, when you lose a young man," Herrington said. "But this is more devastating than any loss we had, because the kids didn't lose it on the field. They didn't have anything to do with it."

Under a new playoff format instituted this year, every team with a 6-3 record will qualify, but that means the Hawks must win all five of their remaining games.

Herrington must win Oct. 1 at undefeated Walled Lake Western to share the Western Division title and will have to beat the Lakes Division champion for the Western Lakes Activities Association crown Oct. 16.

"We thought, after the

Northville game, we had a good chance," Herrington said. "Obviously, with two losses in games that were victories, it's going to hurt a lot."

"We'll all pull together and do the best we can. (Plymouth) Canton is very good, and Country Day is a tough team down the road. It's going to be tough."

Like the old cliché, the Hawks will play them one at a time, he added.

"We have improved dramatically since the first game, and I think the kids will bounce back from this and play very well," Herrington said.

"We were just saying 'That's the way life goes. Sometimes you have ups, and sometimes you have downs. We have to try to fight back from this one.'"

The new playoff system will include some 6-4 teams across the enrollment spectrum to round out the field in eight divisions, but that would leave a lot to chance.

If the Hawks do finish 6-3, they would undoubtedly be a lower-seeded team in the district tournament.

"We wouldn't host a game, but we wouldn't care," Herrington said.

Since the playoffs began in 1975, the Hawks have qualified 17 times, played in a record 12 championship games, won nine state titles and compiled a 47-8 record. Detroit DePorres has won 10 state titles under two coaches. That means Herrington has the most of any coach in playoff history.

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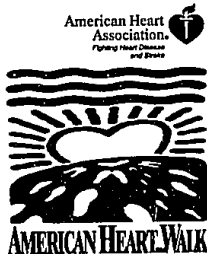
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