

Big games for Farmington, CC

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The big games this week involve Farmington and Redford Catholic Central. Both will be playing for championships on the eighth weekend of the high school football season.

Farmington plays host to Walled Lake Western at the Western Lakes Activities Association title, and it will be a historic matchup.

It's the first time since the WLA was organized in 1982 that neither Farmington Harrison nor Westland John Glenn will be among the combatants. It will be Western's third appearance in the championship game, having won once in 1992 and lost in 1996. Both times the Warriors faced Glenn.

Farmington, the Lakes Division co-champion with Livonia Stevenson, will play for the title a second time. It was the 1984 runner-up to Harrison.

A playoff bid is also at stake for the 6-2 Falcons, who need one more win to qualify, as do Redford Thurston, Garden City, Glenn and Redford St. Agatha.

Catholic Central can't be thinking about another appearance in the Prep Bowl just yet. If the Shamrocks don't win this week, they won't get a chance to defend their Catholic League title.

CC will face up-and-coming University of Detroit-Jesuit in a winner-take-all showdown for the Central-West Division championship Saturday night at Ferndale High School.

The winner will play the Birmingham Brother Rice-Orchard Lake St. Mary's winner for the league title Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Silverdome.

In the grid prediction contest, both writers were 11-4 last week. Dan O'Meara leads with an overall record of 85-18; Brad Ennos is 78-25.

GRID PICKS

FRIDAY GAMES

4:40 (7:30 p.m. kickoff)
Taylor Thomas (23, 2-6) at Redford Union (24, 5-4), 7 p.m.: The Panthers earned their first victory last week. Redford Union is coming in at 3-2-0. CC can avoid lying Woodward for the Mega-White center with its second straight win. Thomas has dropped three in a row, including a 20-23 loss to Allen Park last week. PICKS: The Cougars and their leading kicker.

7:30 (7:30 p.m. kickoff)
Thurston (23, 6-2) at Farmington (24, 7-0), 7 p.m.: It's the battle of the Eagles. Thurston has won four straight, including a 24-14 victory over Taylor Kennedy, but it hasn't forced the unbeaten and state-ranked Romulus. Romulus has beaten Greater Canton (21-7) and Tinton (20-7) — the teams that beat Thurston — in its last two games. PICKS: Romulus ends Thurston's win streak while extending its own.

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Ypsilanti (24, 6-2) at Wayne (24, 6-2), 7 p.m.: The Braves are doing better than expected in their first year in the Mega-Red, beating Ford, Dearborn and Belleville (29-7 last week) while losing only 10-14 to Farmington in its last four games. Plymouth Canton must wonder how it would be if it played in the Mega-Red, too. Wayne hopes for an upset that would provide some upside in a down year and give Ypsilanti the magic sixth victory. PICKS: The Braves qualify for the playoffs.

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Lincoln Park (24, 6-2) at Garden City (25, 7-1), 7 p.m.: These teams appear to be needed in opposite directions. After winning their first five, the Cougars have dropped two in a row, including a 7-0 loss Friday to Edsel Ford. Garden City is 2-1 in its last four games. The Red splitters give the Cougars a playoff berth this week, O'Meara says. Ennos remains blind to hometown CC.

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CC beats DeLaSalle in Boys Bowl 17-13

Redford Catholic Central's boys' basketball team defeated DeLaSalle 17-13 in a game that was a defensive struggle.

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and force them to throw, we'll be in pretty good shape."

But many will be surprised to know Western. Chris Payton has passed for nearly four times as many yards as he has gained rushing in an offense best known for its running game.

Payton is 37-of-64 passing for 446 yards and four touchdowns with two interceptions. He's the No. 2 runner behind Cody Cargill with 198 yards and 10 scores on 43 carries.

"We had the biggest problem when we ran into great defensive teams that packed it in against the run," Zdebicki said. "We made the decision to have a good passing game and give Chris the ability to do things that won't allow teams to put 8-9 guys in the box to stop the run."

"So far we've been OK with that, and Chris has done a great job in the passing game, as sophisticated as we think it is. I think we've been able to do a lot of variety; so they can't just sit and react."

Running from the fullback position, Cargill has taken over for Dave Johnson as the leading rusher and the go-to guy who gets tough yards up the middle. He has rushed 144 times for 738 yards and nine TDs.

"He hasn't had the number of carries David did, but when he gets the ball he's very productive," Zdebicki said. "He's so physically strong and the offensive line has been better than we could have expected."

The Warriors will have a challenge trying to stop Farmington's offense and move the ball against the Falcons, Zdebicki added.

Farmington is led by senior quarterback Grant Weber, who has run the ball 108 times for 727 yards and 10 touchdowns.

His passing stats are nearly identical to Payton's. Weber has completed 38 of 70 passes for 460 yards and two touchdowns with four interceptions.

"When they score, it's usually Weber with a big play or a turnover," Zdebicki said. "Our kids have played pretty well (defensively), but I don't know if we've seen the type of kids Farmington is offensively. It will be interesting to see how our kids react to that and adjust."

"I don't believe we've seen a defense as good as theirs this year. For what they do, they have a nice looking scheme with athletes that fit the job description and have been successful all year long."

MOORE WESTERN OFFENSE: Halfbacks (widebacks) Brian Tumlin and Steve Bell do more in terms of pass receiving than running the ball. Bell has 15 catches and Tumlin 11 for 128 yards apiece. Tumlin has caught one TD pass.

"Brian is a speedy young man who, when he gets to the open field, has the potential to be gone every time; where as, Steve is more of a hard-running player who isn't going to be an impact," Zdebicki said.

DEFENSIVE LEADERS: Farmington

inside linebacker Roy Crittenden is one of the leading tacklers in Oakland County with 39 solos and 63 assists (102 total).

Matt Webb, another inside linebacker, has 66 tackles, outside linebackers Brian Binkley and Ben Lukas 63 and 60, respectively. Todd Anthony has five pass interceptions.

One of Western's defensive leaders is outside linebacker James King, who has 13 sacks and 60 total tackles. Todd Anthony has five pass interceptions.

MOORE FALCON OFFENSE: Fullback David Peterson is the second-leading rusher with 103 yards and two touchdowns on 66 carries. Scott Cove is the top receiver with 10 catches for 157 yards and no TDs. Weber threw his first 10 passes last week to Anthony and Mike Griffin.

KICKING GAME KEY: Both teams have good kickers, who could provide the deciding points for one of their teams in a low-scoring, defensive game. Farmington's Stephen Wayne has kicked four of seven field goals. All he makes were in the 27- to 30-yard range. He has converted 12 of 13 extra points.

Western's Alan Mulholland has attempted five field goals and booted two from 35 and 32 yards. He is 15-of-21 on extra points.

"We always look at three things in any big game — special teams, turnovers and penalties," Zdebicki said. "Whoever does a better job in those three categories will have a significantly better chance of winning the game."

BEST DEFENSIVE GAME: The Falcons had their last effort on defense Friday when they held Stevenson to 51 total yards in a 13-0 victory, but Binkley doesn't think it was Farmington's best overall game.

"We played outstanding on defense," he said. "The kids were in the right spots most of the night and played very physical. We didn't give them a chance to breathe, and our kids made outstanding plays."

"We have probably played better on the offensive side of the ball. We had a stretch where we were running the ball 350 yards a week, and we'd like to get back to that point. We're not delusional to think we can do that against Western, but we need to be more effective when we have the ball."

"We haven't really had a breakout offensive game, and I hope it's coming. I hope it's in the bag at some point. Whether we can bring it out this week, I don't know; they're so talented. But we are capable of improving in every phase of our game."

GOOD TEST FOR FALCONS: Farmington could qualify for the playoffs if it defeats Western and achieves the necessary six wins to become an automatic qualifier. Friday's game with the Warriors will also serve as a measuring stick for the Falcons in that regard, according to Binkley.

"We're interested in getting in the playoffs and having a big year," he said. "But we're not underestimating the importance of this week. Winning the league championship has been a goal of ours from the start, and it's an amazing opportunity for us. We hope we're up to the task and have the ability to play with these people."

"We don't know how good we are; I know we don't know how good we can be, still think we can be an outstanding team, and I don't think we're there yet. They're an outstanding team and that's why it's a real measuring stick for us."

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Notice is hereby given that on November 10, 1999, LeRoy Efrank Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the Judicial Sales process, by public auction, the following storage units:

UNIT#	NAME	ITEMS FOR SALE
B-4	Michelle Pratt	Household Goods
B-32B	Alfred & Annela Abo	Household Goods
C-20	Alfred & Annela Abo	Household Goods

The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be held at the following location: 3876 Grand River, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 and will begin at 1:00 PM and continue until all units are sold.
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On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 30450 Nine Mile Road, Farmington, MI 48335, (248) 473-4290, on November 22, 1999 at 12:00 PM, the personal property described below:
To the Matter of:
Trans America Construction Co., Space H004 - Toilet, space heater, doors, misc tools/equip.
Manda Rogers, Space A015 - Boxes, dresser, file cabinet.
Suzanna Wheat, Space C004 - Washer, refrigerator, microwave, AC, boxes.
Michael J. Palus, Space C002 - Misc. boxes, records, washer.
Patricia Smith, Space C009 - Couch, misc. boxes.
Eugene Tompkins, Space F047 - Van seat, comp. persons, tools, box.
Boydia Mages, Space G000 - Bedroom furniture, entertainment center, chair, bags.
Thomas O'Hagan, Space H073 - Sports equipment, electric saw, ladder, misc. Remanufactured Recreational Service, Inc., Space H023 - Chair, misc. boxes, bed frame.
Christa M. Stewart, Space H001 - Dishes, mattress, table/chair, misc.
On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 12500 Northwinds Pk., Livonia, MI 48150, (734) 401-0208, on November 22, 1999 at 11:30 A.M. the personal property described below:
To the Matter of:
Gregory Orde, Space E115 - Treadmill, file cabinet, desk.
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