

Prep gridders make adjustments for Week 2

The butterflies are gone. The starters are in place. The coaching staffs are busy making adjustments.

It must be between weeks one and two of the prep football season.

Week 1 provided some answers as to what the future holds for Eccentric-area teams. Troy is improved, Rochester Adams and Lake Orion will indeed provide a new challenge to OAA newcomers.

or Farmington Harrison and Birmingham Brother Rice and Orchard Lake St. Mary's already can be considered state title contenders.

All 24 area squads take to the gridiron Thursday through Saturday in hopes of making Week 2 a successful one.

(Last week's picks: 11 right, 5 wrong. Season's mark: same) Stoney Creek at Bloomfield Hills Andover (7 p.m. Thursday): They showed up. They played. They took their lumps. It's going to be that way quite a few times this season for the Cougars.

The Barons, meanwhile, are riding a high after holding off North Farmington in their opener and have thoughts towards more of the same.

PICK: ANDOVER Southfield Lathrup at Birmingham Groves (7 p.m. Thursday): Both teams are coming off disappointing openers. Both teams are hungry to make amends. Only one can.

PICK: GROVES Clawson at Farmington (7 p.m. Thursday): The Falcons were dominant on both sides of the ball in last week's win and freshman running back Phillip Champion enters the fray with thoughts for more of the same against the

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ECCENTRIC STAFF'S FOOTBALL PICKS

WEEK 2	Jim Toth	Marty Budner	Tim Smith	Dan Stickrad	Ken Abramczyk	Dan O'Meara
THURSDAY						
Stoney Creek at B.H. Andover	Andover	Andover	Andover	Andover	Andover	Andover
Southfield-Lathrup at Birm. Groves	Groves	Groves	Groves	Groves	Lathrup	Groves
Hamtramck at Cranbrook-Kingswood	Cranbrook	Cranbrook	Cranbrook	Cranbrook	Cranbrook	Cranbrook
Clawson at Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington	Farmington
Southfield at Birmingham Seaholm	Seaholm	Seaholm	Southfield	Southfield	Southfield	Seaholm
R.O. Dondero at N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington	N. Farmington
W. Bloomfield at Waterford Kettering	W. Bloomfield	W. Bloomfield	W. Bloomfield	W. Bloomfield	Kettering	Kettering
FRIDAY						
A.H. Avondale at Pontiac Central	Avondale	Avondale	Avondale	Avondale	Avondale	Avondale
Roch. Adams at Clarkston	Adams	Adams	Clarkston	Adams	Adams	Adams
Birm. Brother Rice at Oxford	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Brother Rice	Oxford	Brother Rice	Brother Rice
Waterford Mott at Troy	Troy	Troy	Troy	Troy	Troy	Troy
B.H. Lahser at Oak Park	Oak Park	B.H. Lahser	B.H. Lahser	Oak Park	B.H. Lahser	Oak Park
Rochester at Farm. Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Pontiac Northern at Troy Athens	Northern	Northern	Troy Athens	Troy Athens	Troy Athens	Troy Athens
R.O. Kimball at Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion	Lake Orion
SATURDAY						
Detroit Country Day at St. Mary's	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	St. Mary's
R.H. Lutheran NW at Lutheran North	Lutheran N.	Lutheran N.	Lutheran N.	Lutheran N.	Lutheran N.	Lutheran N.
LAST WEEK	11 - 5 (.688)	11 - 5 (.688)	11 - 5 (.688)	8 - 8 (.500)	10 - 6 (.625)	12 - 4 (.750)
SEASON TOTAL	11 - 5 (.688)	11 - 5 (.688)	11 - 5 (.688)	8 - 8 (.500)	10 - 6 (.625)	12 - 4 (.750)

Friday: Both teams can score and both teams will score. The Huskies just a little more.

PICK: HUSKIES

Royal Oak Kimball at Lake Orion (7 p.m. Friday): Neither team has given up a point yet. The difference, however, is the Dragons did it against Southfield, while Kimball blanked Dondero. Nate Recknagel and Roger Allison combine to down the Knights.

PICK: LAKE ORION

Birmingham Brother Rice at Oxford (7:30 p.m. Friday): Boy did the Warriors look good last week against Harrison, and boy, does that spell trouble for the Wildcats. Doug Piccini leads the offense and LBs Ryan Brittain and Tony Gioutsos the defense in another Warriors' win.

PICK: BROTHER RICE

Detroit Country Day at St. Mary's (11 p.m. Saturday): This is not the time to renew this classic confrontation. The Yellow Jackets were late last week, while the Eagles jumped into the campaign with an impressive win over Eisenhower, that game one effort leads to a game two victory.

PICK: ST. MARY'S

Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest at Lutheran North (11 p.m. Saturday): Duct the Cougars weren't expecting that type of win. They rebound, but not enough for victory.

PICK: LUTHERAN NORTH

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HAWKS

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Rice came right back with the tying score. After being sacked by Woods for a 9-yard loss on third down, Pickens connected with Jackson on the next play.

But then Woods returned the kickoff 72 yards for a TD. The Warriors tried to keep the ball away from him by squibbling the kick, but the Hawks let the ball roll deep to Woods, who cut outside and up the left side-line.

Rice had a good return by Jackson to the Harrison 40, and Rice went the rest of the way in nine plays with 1:02 remaining in the second quarter. Brian Balzerini's PAT made the halftime score 14-14.

The Warriors capitalized on Ryan Brittain's fumble recovery early in the second half to take the lead.

Ghannam, the Harrison

quarterback, was blind-sided, and Rice got the ball at the Harrison 8. The Warriors needed two plays to score and gain a 21-14 lead.

On first down later in the third quarter, Woods was wide open behind the Rice secondary and caught a 65-yard pass from Ghannam for a 21-20 score. The PAT was no good.

Rice scored on its next two possessions to decide the issue. Mahler caught a pass in the right flat, avoided the linebacker covering and outran a defensive back for the score with 5:06 to play in the third.

In the final minute of that quarter, Gioutsos capped a 55-yard drive on the seventh play with his TD catch.

"I think our young quarterback is starting to come of age, but our receivers did a heckuva job catching the ball," Fracassa said.

Ghannam had a pass intercepted by the Rice 9 by Jeff Stachowiak, and a sure TD pass

was later dropped in the end zone. The Warriors kept the ball on the ground after that and used up the final seven minutes.

Rice outgained Harrison, 364-212. Horton rushed 15 times for a team-high 83 yards, and Jackson had 38 yards on 14 carries. Mahler caught four passes for 110 yards.

The Hawks were able to run the ball well enough. But they had a net rushing total of only 91 yards, because Ghannam (4-of-10 passing for 121) was sacked five times for a minus-50.

"The passing game needs to improve," Herrington said. "It was there at times, but people are going to gang up on Marcus if we don't throw the ball more effectively."

"I was expecting a lot more from us. We have a lot of things to work on next week. Hopefully, those things are correctable."

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