

9th week of season features plenty of big games

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There's no doubt about it. The finest football played anywhere in the state in 2002 is right here in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. The neighboring communities have seen five schools already lock up spots in next week's first round of state tournament football action, with two more anxiously sitting on the

bubble. Bloomfield Hills Lahser leads the group of five already qualified as the Knights have compiled a perfect 6-0 ledger heading into their season finale with rival Andover - another of those teams already in. Birmingham Seaholm is in based on its 6-2 record as are Birmingham Brother Rice and Cranbrook Kingswood.

The two sitting on the fence are Birmingham Groves, which faces Seaholm, and Detroit Country Day, which battles Warren DeLaSalle. It wouldn't be surprising to find all seven local teams involved in round-robin play next week and seeking those coveted state championship trophies.

The Falcons-Maples and Knights-Barons battles are just two of 16 crucial contests this weekend involving Eccentric-area teams. (Last week's picks: 15 right, 3 wrong. Season's mark: 104 right, 29 wrong.)

O.L. St. Mary's vs. Jackson Lumen Christi at Withington Stadium (7:30 p.m. Thursday): The Eagles could play an all-star team this week and be victorious. It's just been that type of roller coaster ride for coach George Forrell's boys, and coming off two straight losses the track is pointed upward.

PICK ST. MARY'S. Birmingham Groves at Birmingham Seaholm (7 p.m. Friday): The Battle for Birmingham shapes up as the battle for so much more - league championship, playoffs, home field in the playoffs, bragging rights, etc. The stakes are greater for the Falcons as a victory claims the DAA Division II title and spot in the playoffs.

Lake Orion at Clarkson (7 p.m. Friday): Like quite a few other games this weekend, there is so much on the line for these two DAA Division I rivals. The Dragons with a win would gain a share of the league crown and most assuredly open post-season play at home. For the Wolves, a victory means a berth in the playoffs. Expect a shootout, but one the Dragons win behind the efforts of Nate Recknagel and Roger Allison.

PICK LAKE ORION. North Farmington at Farmington (7 p.m. Friday): I'm sold. The Falcons have knocked off eight consecutive opponents without much fanfare and a ninth awaits. It won't be easy facing the Raiders, but it hasn't been all season.

PICK FARMINGTON. Rochester at Rochester Adams (7 p.m. Friday): Nothing would be any sweeter for the Falcons than to end a troubled season by knocking off the Highlanders. Coach Jim DeLong's squad will pose a severe test defensively for the Falcons and should also limit the Falcons' offensive success. Still look for a nail-biter, and what else, a field goal game.

PICK ADAMS. Troy Athens at Troy (7 p.m. Friday): The season has been disappointing for both teams, and nothing would be more uplifting than concluding with a win. It's been three seasons since the Colts got the

better of the deal, but home field and a little more consistent play on both sides of the ball turn the tide.

PICK TROY. West Bloomfield at Farmington Harrison (7 p.m. Friday): The Hawks are firing high after stumbling a couple of times early this season. QB Jake Ghanaman has been at the center of the success and once again will be in the spotlight as the Hawks line up for the playoffs.

PICK HARRISON. Auburn Hills Avondale at Royal Oak Borden (7 p.m. Friday): Paris Holman, who topped the 400-yard rushing mark in a Yellow Jackets win last week, should find more daylight and provide more positive results as coach Steve Gutsch's squad finishes above the 500 plateau.

PICK AVONDALE. Stoney Creek at Fenton (7 p.m. Friday): Season end ends pretty much the way it began for the Cougars - with a loss. But that doesn't mean it was a complete disappointment. The Cougars will be looking to win again like something of value to build on for next season.

PICK FENTON. Birmingham Brother Rice at Muskegon (7:30 p.m. Friday): If there's a team with a tougher regular-season schedule I'd like to see it. The Warriors have needed nothing short of a miracle the past eight weeks and will be called on for more of the same against the state's No. 3-ranked Big Reds. Travel and mental fatigue catch up with the Warriors.

PICK MUSKEGON. B.H. Andover at B.H. Lahser (7:30 p.m. Friday): The Knights have been on a pedestal all season and who better than the tenacious Barons to attempt to crash the party? Coach Dan Lett's squad has already claimed

the DAA Division IV crown and sport an 8-0 ledger, thanks largely in part to the efforts of the killer BT. They'll again be hungry as they look to end a three-game skid to their rivals.

PICK LAHSER. Warren DeLaSalle at Country Day (7:30 p.m. Friday): The Yellow Jackets are sitting on the playoff bubble, so a victory here is crucial. Their talent and determination not to disappoint build up that playoff fever.

PICK COUNTRY DAY. Holly at Oxford (7:30 p.m. Friday): Last week the magic number for wins was two for the Wildcats. This week it's one, and with that coming against Holly, the Wildcats can set their sights on extending the season.

PICK OXFORD. Cranbrook at Livonia Clarenceville (7:30 p.m. Friday): The Trojans have the Metro Conference title wrapped up, while the Cranes would like to strengthen their playoff positioning. Both teams have a lot to offer offensively, so the final possession may be key.

PICK CLARENCEVILLE. R.H. Lutheran Northwest at Lutheran Westland (7 p.m. Saturday): The 2002 season is about to come to an end for the Crusaders, and none too soon either. They have managed to play some better football of late, but still not good enough to finish on a high note.

PICK LUTHERAN WESTLAND. Southfield Lathrup at Southfield (3 p.m. Saturday): They have been identical in nearly all aspects this season, so a close and highly-emotional game is on the docket. The Blue Jays have more firepower on the offensive side and enough elsewhere to get the job done.

PICK SOUTHFIELD.

O & E STAFF'S FOOTBALL PICKS

| WEEK 9 | Jim Toth | Marty Budner | Tim Smith | Dan Stickrad | Ken Abramczyk | Dan O'Meara |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| THURSDAY | | | | | | |
| O.L. St. Mary's vs. J. Lumen Christi | St. Mary's | St. Mary's | St. Mary's | St. Mary's | St. Mary's | St. Mary's |
| FRIDAY | | | | | | |
| Birm. Groves at Birm. Seaholm | Groves | Seaholm | Seaholm | Seaholm | Groves | Groves |
| Lake Orion at Clarkson | Lake Orion | Lake Orion | Lake Orion | Lake Orion | Lake Orion | Lake Orion |
| N. Farmington at Farmington | Farmington | Farmington | Farmington | Farmington | Farmington | Farmington |
| Rochester at Rochester Adams | Adams | Adams | Adams | Adams | Adams | Adams |
| Troy Athens at Troy | Troy | Troy | Troy | Troy | Troy | Troy |
| W. Bloomfield at Farm. Harrison | Harrison | Harrison | W. Bloomfield | Harrison | Harrison | Harrison |
| A.H. Avondale at R.O. Dondero | Avondale | Avondale | Avondale | Avondale | Avondale | Avondale |
| Stoney Creek at Fenton | Fenton | Fenton | Fenton | Fenton | Fenton | Fenton |
| Birm. Brother Rice at Muskegon | Muskegon | Muskegon | Brother Rice | Brother Rice | Muskegon | Muskegon |
| B.H. Andover at B.H. Lahser | Lahser | Andover | Andover | Lahser | Lahser | Lahser |
| W. De La Salle at D. Country Day | Country Day | Country Day | Country Day | Country Day | Country Day | Country Day |
| Holly at Oxford | Oxford | Oxford | Oxford | Oxford | Oxford | Oxford |
| Cranbrook at L. Clarenceville | Clarenceville | Clarenceville | Clarenceville | Cranbrook | Clarenceville | Clarenceville |
| SATURDAY | | | | | | |
| Southfield Lathrup at Southfield | Southfield | Southfield | Southfield | Southfield | Southfield | Southfield |
| R.H. Lutheran NW at Lutheran West | Lutheran West | Lutheran West | Lutheran West | Lutheran West | Lutheran West | Lutheran West |
| LAST WEEK | 15-3 (.833) | 15-3 (.833) | 16-2 (.889) | 17-1 (.944) | 15-3 (.833) | 17-1 (.944) |
| SEASON TOTAL | 104-39 (.727) | 106-37 (.741) | 98-45 (.685) | 100-43 (.699) | 105-38 (.734) | 107-36 (.748) |

GENERAL ELECTION CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the Qualify 4 Electors:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENERAL ELECTION

will be held in the CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

Precincts No. 1-21

County of OAKLAND, State of MICHIGAN

on

TUESDAY, November 5, 2002

AT THE PLACES AS INDICATED BELOW:

- Precinct 1 - Fairview School
- Precinct 2 - North Farmington High School
- Precinct 3 - Forest Elementary School
- Precinct 4 - Faith Covenant Church
- Precinct 5 - Grace Chapel Church
- Precinct 6 - North Congregational Church
- Precinct 7 - Hope Lutheran Church
- Precinct 8 - Fire Station #4
- Precinct 9 - Dunckel Middle School
- Precinct 10 - Kenbrook Elementary School
- Precinct 11 - Highmeadow Common Campus
- Precinct 12 - Woodcreek Elementary School
- Precinct 13 - Farmington Hills Activities Center
- Precinct 14 - Alameda School
- Precinct 15 - First Presbyterian Church
- Precinct 16 - Hillside Elementary School
- Precinct 17 - Grace Chapel Church
- Precinct 18 - East Middle School
- Precinct 19 - East Middle School
- Precinct 20 - William Grace Elementary School
- Precinct 21 - Landon Elementary School
- Precinct 22 - Finnish Center
- Precinct 23 - Finnish Center
- Precinct 24 - Power Middle School
- Precinct 25 - Gill Elementary School
- Precinct 26 - St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- Precinct 27 - St. Alexander's Church

ALL OF THE ABOVE POLLING PLACES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO VOTERS WHO ARE HANDICAPPED.

An elector who is blind, disabled or unable to read or write may be assisted with his or her ballot by any person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer of an officer or agent of a union to which the voter belongs.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

STATE Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Two Members of the State Board of Education, Two Members of the Board of Regents of University of Michigan, Two Members of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, and Two Members of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University.

CONGRESSIONAL United States Senator Representative in Congress-9th District

LEGISLATIVE State Senator - 14th District Representative in State Legislature

27th District

COUNTY County Commissioner - 14th and 16th

Districts AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

Two Justices of the Supreme Court, Three Judges of the Court of Appeals - 2nd District, Six Judges of the 6th Circuit Court, Judge of the 6th Circuit Court (PARTIAL TERM), Judge of the 6th Circuit Court (NEW JUDGESHIP), Judge of the Probate Court (PARTIAL TERM), Judge of the 47th District Court.

AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

STATE PROPOSAL 02-1 A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 289 OF 2001 - AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW

STATE PROPOSAL 02-2 A PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE BONDS FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS PROJECTS, STORM WATER PROJECTS AND WATER POLLUTION PROJECTS

STATE PROPOSAL 02-3 A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO GRANT STATE CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH BINDING ARBITRATION.

STATE PROPOSAL 02-4 A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REALLOCATE THE "TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUE" RECEIVED BY THE STATE FROM CIGARETTE MANUFACTURERS

COUNTY PROPOSAL K METROPOLITAN ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL - ARTS, PARKS, AND KIDS MILEAGE PROPOSAL - COUNTY OF OAKLAND AND COUNTY OF WAYNE

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED.

I, C. Hugh Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of September 24, 2002 the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the County of Oakland, is as follows:

| Local Unit | Yoted Increase | Years Increase Effective |
|---------------------------|----------------|--|
| City of Farmington Hills | 1.00 | 1996 to 2008 inclusive |
| Oakland Community College | 1.00 | 2002 to 2008 inclusive |
| Clarenceville Schools | .75 | 2002 to 2011 inclusive |
| | 18.00 | 1996 to 2004 inclusive |
| | | 1996 to 2005 inclusive (Non-Homestead) |
| Farmington Public Schools | 18.00 | 2002 to 2008 inclusive |
| Willard Lakes Schools | 18.00 | 1996 to 2005 inclusive (Non-Homestead) |
| | 4.30 | 1996 to 2005 inclusive |

THE POLLS of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

NOTICE - ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS

The last day to request an Absentee Voter Ballot for mailing the General Election of November 5, 2002 is until 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 2, 2002. The City Clerk's Office, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, will be open on November 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

RATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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THIS WEEKEND!

FRIDAY @ 7:30 pm
WHALERS vs. BELLEVILLE

SATURDAY @ 7:30 pm
WHALERS vs. SUDBURY

UPCOMING HOME GAMES
WHALERS vs. LONDON KNIGHTS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd @ 7:30 pm

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CITY OF FARMINGTON GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WARD #1 (PRECINCTS NOS. 1-6):

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that a General Election will be held in the CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2002

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN 7 O'CLOCK A.M. UNTIL 8 O'CLOCK P.M. AT THE POLLING PLACES LISTED BELOW:

- Precinct #1 - Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street
- Precinct #2 - Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas Street
- Precinct #3 - Farmington Senior High School, 32000 Shawanaw
- Precinct #4 - Flinders Elementary School, 38500 Flinders Street
- Precinct #5 - Longacre Elementary School, 34850 Arundel
- Precinct #6 - Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas Street

For the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

STATE Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Two Members of the State Board of Education, Two Members of the Board of Regents of University of Michigan, Two Members of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, and Two Members of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University

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COUNTY County Commissioner

JUDICIAL Two Justices of the Supreme Court, Three Judges of the Court of Appeals - 2nd District, Six Judges of the Circuit Court, Judge of the Circuit Court (PARTIAL TERM), Two Judges of the Circuit Court (NEW JUDGESHIP), Judge of the Probate Court, Judge of the Probate Court (PARTIAL TERM), Judge of the District Court (NON-INCUMBENT POSITION - 47th District)

FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

STATE PROPOSAL 02-1 A referendum on Public Act 289 of 2001 - An Act to amend certain sections of Michigan Election Law.

STATE PROPOSAL 02-2 A Proposal to authorize Bonds for Sewage Treatment Works Projects, Storm Water Projects and Water Pollution Projects

STATE PROPOSAL 02-3 A Proposal to amend the State Constitution to grant State Classified Employees the Constitutional right to collective bargaining with binding arbitration.

STATE PROPOSAL 02-4 A proposed Constitutional amendment to reallocate the "Tobacco Settlement Revenue" received by the State from cigarette manufacturers

COUNTY PROPOSAL K Metropolitan Arts and Culture Council - Arts, Parks, and Kids Mileage Proposal - County of Oakland and County of Wayne

County Treasurer's Statement as required by Act No. 62 of the Public Acts of 1933 as amended.

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| County of Oakland | .25 | 2002 to 2011 incl. |
| Oakland Community College | 1.00 | Unlimited |
| County School District of Oakland County | .60 | Unlimited |
| | .60 | Unlimited |
| | .75 | Unlimited |
| | 1.1704 | Unlimited |
| | .2279 | Unlimited |
| City of Farmington | .60 | 2002 to 2005 incl. |
| Farmington Public Schools | 18.00 | 2002 to 2006 incl. |

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PATSY K. KANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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