



2007 SEASON IN REVIEW

GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1: DETROIT CASS TECH AT ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S

**Milewski Field, Orchard Lake
August 25, 2007**

Cass Tech	0	6	0	0	6
OLSM	7	7	7	7	28

ORCHARD LAKE -- Only one member of Orchard Lake St. Mary's star-studded ballhandling crew from 2006 returned this season, but that one was enough, as senior running back Dominique White scored all four touchdowns in the Eaglets' 28-6 season-opening victory over visiting Detroit Cass Tech.

White, who came off the bench as part of St. Mary's running back rotation last year, scored once in each quarter, starting with a 27-yard run late in the first period. Sean Graham added the first of four extra points for a 7-0 lead.

In the second quarter, White caught a short swing pass and weaved through traffic, making several defenders miss on his way to a 40-yard touchdown.

"When I caught the flare, all I was thinking was, 'Get to the end zone,'" White said.

The Technicians scored their lone TD with 21 seconds remaining in the half as Cortez Smith ran five yards on fourth-and-goal. The extra point try was blocked.

Late in the third quarter, Tayler Peruski caught a Cass Tech punt on the fly and returned it 18 yards to the Technicians' 34. Quarterback Robert Bolden then hit Demetrius Jackson with a 33-yard pass to set up White's one-yard plunge.

White's final touchdown was a 15-yard burst, set up by junior fullback Justin Semmes' 25-yard run. White gave his teammates plenty of credit for his four-TD effort.

"The line blocked well," White said.

St. Mary's coach George Porritt was pleased with his team's season-opening performance.

"We did some good things," said Porritt. "We had some mental mistakes over here on our sidelines. But I am very pleased (about) running the ball. I thought Dominique White ran the ball extremely well. He's one of our senior leaders so we expect him to be able to run the ball."

Bolden, making his first varsity start as a sophomore, "did a nice job," Porritt said. "I thought (he made) a few mistakes in there, a couple mental mistakes. But other than that he did a nice job running the team today."

White carried 13 times for 60 yards. Bolden completed five of eight passes for 97 yards. St. Mary's totaled 121 yards on the ground and 218 overall. The Eaglets' defense held Tech to 55 yards of total offense and posted three quarterback sacks.

"I thought we did a nice job defensively," Porritt said. "I thought we were led by our senior (defensive end) Jason Semmes, who's one heck of a player, and (defensive tackle) Carl Goeckel. Those two were stalwarts on our

defensive line today."

Jason Semmes had a hand in two quarterback sacks while linebacker Donald Coleman shared one sack and added an interception.

Scoring Summary:

OLSM	White 27 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Bolden 40 yd pass to White (Graham kick)
DCT	Smith 5 yd run (Kick failed)
OLSM	White 1 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	White 15 yd run (Graham kick)

Team stats	DCT	OLSM
First downs	6	9
Rushed - Yards	33-27	32-118
Passes	4-14-1	5-8-0
Passing yards	37	99
Total offense	47-64	40-217
Fumbles - lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties - yards	2-10	3-25
Sacked - Yards Lost	2-20	0-0
Time of possession	26:52	21:08
3rd downs	2-12	2-8
4th downs	1-2	0-1
Punts - average	8-31.6	4-35.8
Return Yards	61	42

Individual Stats

Rushing: DCT – Blank 5-19, Smith 18-12, Thompson 1-0, Anchrum 9-(-4); OLSM – White 13-59, Semmes, Jus 2-29, LaVallis 2-13, Bolden 6-11, Murphy 2-4, Fioroni 2-2, Peruski 3-1, Charles 1-0, Thomas 1-(-1).

Passing: DCT – Anchrum 4-14-1-37; OLSM – Bolden 5-8-0-99.

Receiving: DCT – Cissoko 1-19, Jones 1-13, Mathis 1-9, Blank 1-(-4); OLSM – White 1-40, Jackson 1-34, Semmes, Jas 1-13, Sims 1-10, Peruski 1-2.

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GAME 2: ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S AT TOLEDO ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Toledo Waite Stadium September 7, 2007

OLSM	14	0	21	0	35
TSFDS	0	14	0	0	14

TOLEDO – After a week off without a game, the Eaglets visited Toledo to play the St. Francis de Sales Knights.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's broke open a 14-14 halftime tie with three third-quarter touchdowns for a 35-14 victory.

The Eaglets, who've yet to play a Catholic League game, are 2-0 overall. St. Francis de Sales dropped to 1-2.

Running back Dominique White opened the scoring for the Eaglets with a 31-yard run four minutes into the game. Sean Graham added the first of his five extra points for a 7-0 lead.

The Eaglets' defense helped set up the next score when Donald Coleman forced a fumble that was recovered by Carl Goeckel. St. Mary's took advantage of the turnover with a scoring drive capped by White's 27-yard touchdown run, with three minutes left in the opening quarter.

The Knights responded in the second quarter, scoring on a 16-yard pass from quarterback Maks Babuder to Brendan McHugh and a one-yard run by Chris Weiland to knot the score at halftime.

St. Mary's quickly regained the lead on White's third TD of the game – and seventh of the season – a one-yard plunge early in the third quarter. Dion Sims made it 28-14 when he scooped up an errant option pitch and ran 21 yards for a score. Justin Semmes closed the scoring with a one-yard dive with 1:07 left in the third.

Meanwhile, the St. Mary's defensive front, led by Goeckel, Matt Sargent and Jason Semmes, controlled the line of scrimmage and shut down the Knights' running attack in the second half.

White finished with 141 yards on 15 carries and also contributed an interception on defense. Justin Semmes carried 9 times for 34 yards and Sam Fioroni had 7 carries for 32 yards.

Sophomore quarterback Robert Bolden ran the offense smoothly and completed two of six passes for 34 yards.

Scoring Summary:

OLSM	White 31 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	White 27 yd run (Graham kick)
TSFDS	Babuder 6 yd pass to Kronbach (Dyer kick)
TSFDS	Weiland 1 yd run (Dyer kick)
OLSM	White 1 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Sims 28 yd fumble return (Graham kick)
OLSM	Justin Semmes 1 yd run (Graham kick)

Team stats	OLSM	TSFDS
First downs	15	9
Rushed – yards	255	67
Passes	2-6-1	7-20-1
Passing yards	34	77
Total offense	52-289	53-144
Fumbles – lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties – yards	9-95	4-40
Sacked - yards lost	1-6	1-7
3rd downs	5-8	4-13
4th downs	0-0	1-2
Punts – average	3-29.3	5-38.2
Return Yards	140	105

Individual Stats

Rushing: OLSM – White 15-141, Semmes 9-34, Fioroni 7-32, Charles 1-16, Peruski 3-16, Thomas 3-9, Murphy 3-4, Morris 1-3, Coleman 1-1, Bolden 3-(-1); TSFDS – Michalski 13-47, Babuder 7-14, Marinelli 1-5, Wawrzyniak 3-4, Brinkman 1-0, Weiland 8-(-3).
Passing: OLSM – Bolden 2-6-1-34; TSFDS – Babuder 7-20-1-77.
Receiving: OLSM – Peruski 1-19, Sims 1-15; TSFDS – McHugh 3-51, Lishewski 2-6, Michalski 1-14, Kronbach 1-6.

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GAME 3: ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S AT DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD

Dearborn Crestwood High School September 15, 2007

OLSM	14	14	7	7	42
DDC	0	0	0	14	14

DEARBORN – Orchard Lake St. Mary's opened its Catholic League season with a decisive win over Dearborn Divine Child, 42-14.

Divine Child won the coin toss and elected to defer to the second half, setting the stage for the start of Suave LaVallis' big night. He returned the opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown, the longest kick-return for a touchdown since Dionte Allen's 78-yards in 2005 against these same Falcons.

Quarterback Robert Bolden ran for 18 yards to complete the first quarter scoring.

The Eaglets scored twice in the second quarter off runs of 9 yards by Justin Semmes and 3 yards by Sam Fioroni. Divine Child was able to move the ball on the Eaglets but were stopped repeatedly by big plays by the St. Mary's defense.

Junior wide receiver Dion Sims took a swing pass from quarterback Bolden 88 yards for the Eaglets' fifth touchdown of the evening to make the score 35-0 and start the running clock.

Falcon running back Adam Forster caught the Eaglet defense on a blitz and ran 53 yards for a touchdown to make the score 35-7 and stop the running clock as the third quarter ended.

With the game well in hand, St. Mary's head coach George Porritt gave the starters the rest of the night off.

Kevonte Williams scored midway through the final quarter to make the score 42-7, and restart the running clock.

The Falcons regained some respectability in the final minutes as the passing-receiving tandem of Martin Mitchell to Matt McWilliams started to click, and with 11 seconds left, connected on a 14-yard touchdown pass and catch to make the final score 42-14.

Eaglet quarterback Robert Bolden rushed 3 times for 29 yards and 1 touchdown and completed 2 of 3 for 92 yards passing for 1 touchdown.

Falcon quarterback Martin Mitchell completed 12 of 29 for 129 yards and 1 touchdown along with 2 interceptions by Eaglet defensive back Suave LaVallis.

LaVallis also had kickoff and punt returns totaling 189 yards for St. Mary's.

Scoring Summary:

OLSM	LaVallis 95 yd kickoff return (Kick failed)
OLSM	Bolden 18 yd run (White run)
OLSM	Justin Semmes 9 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Fioroni 3 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Bolden 88 yd pass to Sims (Graham kick)
DDC	Forster 53 yd run (Shelton kick)
OLSM	Williams 7 yd run (Graham kick)
DDC	Mitchell 14 yd pass to McWilliams (Shelton kick)

Team stats	OLSM	DDC
First downs	12	14
Rushed – yards	210	125
Passes	4-5-0	12-29-2
Passing yards	135	192
Total offense	38-345	53-317
Fumbles – lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties – yards	7-60	2-10
Sacked - yards lost	0-0	0-0
3rd downs	3-7	4-10
4th downs	0-0	0-1
Punts – average	3-32.3	4-36.0
Return Yards	195	121

Individual Stats

Rushing: OLSM – White 6-70, Semmes 6-35, Bolden 3-29, Williams 3-19, Morris 4-17, Tucker 3-16, Fioroni 5-16, Coleman 1-7, Charles 2-1; DDC – Forster 11-72, Barnes 9-32, Mitchell 3-21, Popiel 1-0.

Passing: OLSM – Bolden 2-3-0-92, Morris 2-2-0-43; DDC – Mitchell 12-29-2-192.

Receiving: OLSM – Sims 2-121, Jackson 1-10, Peruski 1-4; DDC – McWilliams 7-118, Nagle 2-15, Frank 1-30, Barnes 1-16, Forster 1-13.

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GAME 4: BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE AT ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S

**Milewski Field, Orchard Lake
September 22, 2007**

BBR	7	7	0	7	21
OLSM	7	12	21	0	40

ORCHARD LAKE – The Eaglets came into Homecoming undefeated at 3-0 and untested, having scored 105 points while only allowing 34. Further, the Eaglets' record at Homecoming was a remarkable 35-4. So, who comes to town? The Warriors of Birmingham Brother Rice.

The inquiry of how good Orchard Lake St. Mary's was entering the game was punctuated by a question mark.

The answer of 'really good' given by the Eaglets was punctuated by multiple exclamation points.

Offense, defense, special teams, you name the facet of the game and the Eaglets made statements in every one, romping to a stunning, 40-21 beatdown of Brother Rice in a showdown of traditional football powers in the county and the Catholic League Central Division.

As surprising as the final margin of victory was, the fact that the game wasn't even that close was even more alarming.

One of Brother Rice's three touchdowns came late in the game during garbage time, while the other two were largely a result of gift-wrapped turnovers by St. Mary's.

"We weren't sure what we were yet," St. Mary's head coach George Porritt said. "We got it rolling, it was Homecoming, and we were very fortunate."

Not to mention very dominant, as the stats spoke to just how superior St. Mary's (4-0, 2-0) was.

St. Mary's controlled the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball, outrushing the Warriors, 290-33, and collecting 21 first downs to Brother Rice's eight.

Six of those eight first downs for Brother Rice (3-2, 1-1) came in the fourth quarter, when the game was already decided.

In addition, St. Mary's had 31:20 of possession time to 16:40 for Brother Rice.

"They destroyed us in every phase of the game," Brother Rice head coach Al Fracassa said. "They were good and I think this is the best they've looked. It was one of those days."

Indeed it was, as St. Mary's opened the scoring with 8:37 left in the first quarter on a 27-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Robert Bolden to junior wideout Dion Sims.

Brother Rice tied the game at 7-7 with 3:23 remaining in the first on a 45-yard fumble return for a touchdown by senior Mazen Jaddou, but the Eaglets regained the lead at 13-7 with 7:53 to go in the first half on a 19-yard touchdown run by senior Dominique White, who capped off a drive that went 85 yards in 14 plays with 7:25 elapsed off of the clock.

Following a Brother Rice punt, St. Mary's coughed up the punt return on its own 19-yard line, giving the Warriors a golden opportunity. Two plays later, Brother Rice senior running back Caulton Ray scored on a 9-yard touchdown run to make it 14-13 Brother Rice with 5:34 remaining in the first half.

Unfortunately for Brother Rice, the roof caved in after

that.

St. Mary's took a 19-14 lead with 49 seconds left in the first half on a 26-yard touchdown pass from Bolden to senior Demetrius Jackson before the floodgates really opened in the second half.

The Eaglets scored on their first possession of the second half on a 28-yard touchdown run by White, and then took a 33-14 lead on a 72-yard punt return for a touchdown by junior Suave LaVallis.

St. Mary's then grabbed a 40-14 lead with 4:13 left in the third on a 42-yard touchdown run by junior Sam Fioroni.

Brother Rice rounded out the scoring with 2:24 remaining in the game on a 25-yard touchdown pass from sophomore Frankie Popp to junior Mark Makoski.

White finished with 114 yards rushing and those two touchdowns on 14 carries and junior Justin Semmes rushed for 78 yards on 15 carries to lead St. Mary's.

"We have a good team and we wanted to show our abilities," White said. "We did it today."

Scoring Summary:

OLSM	Bolden 27 yd to Sims (Graham kick)
BBR	Jaddou 45 yd fumble return (Kelly kick)
OLSM	White 19 yd run (Kick blocked)
BBR	Ray 9 yd run (Kelly kick)
OLSM	Bolden 26 yd pass to Jackson (Pass failed)
OLSM	White 28 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	LaVallis 72 yd punt return (Graham kick)
OLSM	Fioroni 42 yd run (Graham kick)
BBR	Popp 25 yd pass to Makoski (Kelly kick)

Team stats	BBR	OLSM
First downs	8	21
Rushed – yards	33	290
Passess	14-23-1	7-8-0
Passing yards	142	97
Total offense	41-175	62-387
Fumbles – lost	0-0	1-2
Penalties – yards	3-25	2-22
Sacked - yards lost	2-13	0-0
3rd downs	3-10	8-13
4th downs	0-1	2-2
Punts – average	6-36.5	2-47.0
Return yards	85	125

Individual Stats

Rushing: BBR – Ray 12-41, Jaddou 1-3, Henneghan 1-0, Popp 4-(-11); OLSM – White 14-114, Semmes 15-78, Fioroni 5-66, Bolden 9-26, LaVallis 2-6, Charles 3-5, Coleman 2-3, Williams 2-(-2), Tucker 2-(-6).

Passing: BBR – Popp 14-23-1-142; OLSM – Bolden 7-8-0-97.

Receiving: BBR – Dorsey-Austin 8-89, Makoski 2-40, Farney 2-10, Martin 1-2, Thomas 1-1; OLSM – Sims 4-50, Jackson 1-26, Jason Semmes 1-11, Peruski 1-10.

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GAME 5: ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S AT NOVI DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Novi Detroit Catholic Central Stadium September 30, 2007

OLSM	3	7	0	0	10
DCC	0	7	7	7	21

NOVI – Coming off a big victory over Brother Rice at Homecoming, the Eaglets appeared to be hitting on all cylinders coming into the annual Boys Bowl game at Catholic Central's home stadium in Novi. But the Shamrocks derailed the Eaglet Express with a come-from-behind victory, 21-10, in a rare Sunday afternoon game for the Eaglets.

Catholic Central had not beaten St. Mary's since leaving Redford in 2004 and were beaten twice by identical 28-7 scores in 2006.

Trailing by 10 points late in the first half, Catholic Central scored 21 unanswered points to end St. Mary's unbeaten string at four in the 63rd annual Boys Bowl game.

"This is one of the best wins in a long, long time. Our guys did a great job. The key to the game was believing in ourselves," said Shamrock coach Tom Mach.

"Penalties hurt us in the last couple of games but we kept on working and believing. The guys never quit and pushed each other hard. I'm happy for the kids. I didn't have to do anything special to get them up for this game," he added.

Nor did the fans, as the game was played before an estimated crowd of 5,400 wildly enthusiastic fans.

The Eaglets go on the scoreboard late in the first quarter, as Sean Graham booted a 24-yard field goal after a drive stalled at the Shamrock 6-yard line.

Dominique White went over from 3 yards out to finish a 71-yard scoring drive, giving St. Mary's (4-1) a 10-0 advantage with just over four minutes to go until halftime, but it was a struggle to move the ball on the ground, nonetheless.

"We just couldn't get our running game going," Eaglet head coach George Porritt said. "They simply shut us down in the second half."

The statistics bear out Coach Porritt's comments, as White gained 58 yards in the first half, but got only 7 in the second half. Suave Lavallis gained 52 all-purpose yards in the contest for the Eaglets, but 51 of those came before halftime.

The Shamrocks (4-2) got on the board before the half, as well, as Cory Amble scored from 24 yards out for Catholic Central with just 1:18 left, and Chris Singer kicked the first of his three PATs, cutting St. Mary's lead to 10-7.

Amble set up the score when he returned a punt 30 yards, and quarterback Ryan Houska completed a pass to Joe Kinville and ran for 10 yards, as well, before Amble's touchdown scamper.

With 3:36 to go in the third quarter, Houska completed a pass to Scott Kovanda, who found himself in the clear on the left side of the field and scored from 40 yards out, giving Catholic Central the lead, 14-10.

The third score for the Shamrocks came with just 4:45 left in the game as Kinville intercepted an errant Robert Bolden pass and returned it 16 yards for the score.

Amble had 80 of his 88 yards in the first half, while Joe

Kinville added 28 and Anthony Capatina tallied 25 yards.

Both teams had numerous scoring opportunities, but penalties and incomplete passes stymied the threats with much of the hard-fought contest played outside either team's 35-yard line. Catholic Central maintained possession by converting three times on 4th down.

St. Mary's completed 11 of 20 passes and 11 first downs while the Shamrocks hit on just 3 of 7 and had nine first downs. Overall, the Eaglets had a slight advantage in total offense, 203 yards to 188 for Catholic Central.

Scoring Summary:

OLSM	Graham 24 yd FG
OLSM	White 3 yd run (Graham kick)
DCC	Amble 24 yd run (Singer kick)
DCC	Houska 40 yd pass to Kovanda (Singer kick)
DCC	Kinville 16 yd interception return (Singer kick)

Team stats	OLSM	DCC
First downs	11	9
Rushed – yards	104	124
Passes	11-20-2	3-7-1
Passing yards	99	64
Total offense	56-203	49-188
Fumbles – lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties – yards	5-35	4-29
Sacked - yards lost	2-19	2-14
3rd downs	5-14	2-13
4th downs	0-0	3-3
Punts – average	6-30.8	6-37.5
Return yards	64	74

Individual Stats

Rushing: OLSM – White 15-65, Semmes 9-19, LaVallis 3-18, Fioroni 1-1, Bolden 7-1, Coleman 1-0; DCC – Amble 13-88, Capatina 15-25, Kinville 4-17, Morris 1 – (-3), Houska 9 – (-3).

Passing: OLSM – Bolden 11-20-2-99; DCC Houska 3-7-1-64.

Receiving: OLSM – Sims 5-83, LaVallis 2-2, Peruski 2-1, White 1-11, Jason Semmes 1-2; DCC – Kovanda 1-40, Leiter 1-13, Kinville 1-11.

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GAME 6: ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S AT UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT JESUIT

Ferndale High School October 5, 2007

OLSM	21	0	21	0	42
UDJ	0	7	0	7	14

FERNDALE – Orchard Lake St. Mary's displayed its running back depth as six different ballcarriers scored touchdowns en route to a 42-14 Eaglets victory over U-D Jesuit. The game was played at Ferndale High, the Cubs' home field.

"A lot of different kids got to carry the ball and I was very pleased with the running game," said St. Mary's head coach George Porritt.

St. Mary's improved to 5-1 overall, 3-1 in the Catholic League Central Division. U-D Jesuit dropped to 0-6, 0-4. The fifth victory of their eight-game regular season guaranteed the Eaglets a state playoff berth.

The Eaglets dominated the game's first quarter about as thoroughly as possible, scoring three times on offense while forcing the Cubs to go three-and-out twice. St. Mary's took the opening kickoff and drove 63 yards on nine plays plus a penalty, with Rodney Woodland running the final ten yards for the opening touchdown.

Quarterback Robert Bolden threw just one pass in the quarter, but he made it count, hitting junior Dion Sims – who attended U-D Jesuit as a freshman – for 53 yards, setting up Bolden's eight-yard touchdown run. Tayler Peruski's 41-yard run late in the quarter made it 21-0 after the third of Sean Graham's six extra point kicks.

The Eaglets' engine stalled briefly in a sloppy second quarter as they committed two turnovers and five penalties. U-D Jesuit scored midway through the quarter when Bruce Chapman took a short pass from quarterback Devin Gardner and raced 63 yards to bring the Cubs to within 21-7.

St. Mary's resumed its dominance in the third quarter as three interceptions set up Eaglet scores. First, linebacker Shane Halaas picked off a Gardner pass and returned it to U-D Jesuit's 16 to set up Dominique White's one-yard score. Gary Hunter recorded the next two interceptions. Hunter's first pick set up a two-play, 68-yard drive, consisting of Justin Semmes' 35-yard run and Sam Fioroni's 33-yard touchdown dash. Hunter's second interception led to a nine-yard TD carry by Alex Tucker.

U-D Jesuit closed the scoring with a 11-yard pass from Gardner to Michael Joiner-Hill in the fourth quarter.

St. Mary's finished with 306 yards rushing plus 96 passing. White carried 12 times for 85 yards while Semmes ran five times for 51. U-D Jesuit was held to 35 yards on the ground, while Gardner completed 14 of 28 passes for 224 yards through the air, although a good chunk of that yardage came against St. Mary's reserves in the final quarter. The Eaglets sacked Gardner five times for 32 yards in losses.

"I thought our defense did a very good job," Porritt said. "They've got some big playmakers. You know (Chapman), he can run. That was a great play that young man made."

St. Mary's schedule should be formidable for the

remainder of the season, beginning October 13 when the Eaglets play host to Warren De La Salle. The Pilots were 6-0 overall, 3-0 in the Central, pending the contest at Brother Rice.

"I like where we're at right now," Porritt said. "We've got a great game next week at our place and that's what we aim for at the beginning of the year, so that's fun."

Scoring Summary:

OLSM	Woodland 10 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Bolden 8 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Peruski 41 yd run (Graham kick)
UDJ	Gardner 63 yd pass to Chapman (Bayer kick)
OLSM	White 1 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Fioroni 33 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Tucker 9 yd run (Graham kick)
UDJ	Gardner 11 yd pass to Joiner-Hill (Bayer kick)

Team stats	OLSM	UDJ
First downs	18	13
Rushed – yards	306	35
Passes	3-8-1	14-28-3
Passing yards	96	224
Total offense	39-402	54-259
Fumbles – lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties – yards	14-135	14-118
Sacked - yards lost	0-0	5-32
3rd downs	1-3	2-11
4th downs	0-0	1-2
Punts – average	2-39.0	5-34.6
Return yards	33	133

Individual Stats

Rushing: OLSM – White 12-85, Semmes 5-51, Fioroni 3-42, Peruski 1-41, Woodland 2-28, Bolden 2-18, Thomas 3-17, Tucker 1-9, Murphy 2-5; UDJ – Winn 16-31, Gardner 9-6, Joiner-Hill 1-(-2).

Passing: OLSM – Bolden 2-6-1-74, Thomas 1-1-0-22; UDJ – Gardner 14-28-3-224.

Receiving: OLSM – Sims 1-53, Jason Semmes 1-22, White 1-21; UDJ – Joiner-Hill 7-85, Chapman 3-76, Harris 2-32, Winn 1-18, Kopesky 1-13.

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GAME 7: WARREN DE LA SALLE AT ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S

**Milewski Field, Orchard Lake
October 13, 2007**

DLS	0	7	0	6	13
OLSM	7	7	7	7	28

ORCHARD LAKE –Orchard Lake St. Mary's saved its best drive for last, controlling the clock for more than half the final quarter before scoring the decisive touchdown in a 28-13 victory over visiting Warren De La Salle. The Eaglets, 6-1, earned a spot in the Catholic League championship game against Birmingham Brother Rice Saturday at Ford Field. The Pilots dropped to 6-2.

The contest was a defensive battle for most of the afternoon, with the Eaglets clinging to a 14-7 advantage late in the third quarter. St. Mary's then drove 60 yards in six plays – assisted by a 15-yard personal foul call against the Pilots and capped by Dominique White's 20-yard touchdown run. Sean Graham booted the third of his four extra points to open a 21-7 lead.

De La Salle, playing without star running back Chad O'Shell, answered with a five-play, 70-yard drive. Kyle Torzy's 27-yard run in the first minute of the fourth quarter trimmed the margin to 21-13, as Torzy's extra point try hit the upright.

St. Mary's re-gained possession at its 26 and proceeded to take 6:45 off the clock with a 16-play drive, including 15 running plays.

Quarterback Robert Bolden completed his only pass attempt of the drive, connecting with Tayler Peruski for 15 yards, to midfield. Otherwise, White carried six times for 29 yards, Sam Fioroni gained 15 yards on three tries and fullback Justin Semmes, who spent much of the day banging his helmet against a tough De La Salle front line, had six carries for 15 yards, including a one-yard touchdown plunge with 4:15 remaining in the game.

"I thought my offensive line down the stretch, they were making nice holes for Domo and Sam," said St. Mary's head coach George Porritt. "What a beautiful drive that last drive was...and I credit that whole offensive line."

The Eaglets line – tackles Christian Brandt and Mike Kaiser, guards Matt Sargent and Tim Wyderko, center Mark Carroll and tight end Jason Semmes – earned Porritt's praise by helping St. Mary's control the ball for 17:35 of the second half.

Porritt called De La Salle "a tough defensive football team, but that offensive line – when you can win football games like that you can be proud of those kids."

Defensively, Sargent also snuffed out the Pilots' last hope with his fourth down sack of De La Salle quarterback Josh Sinagoga with 2:19 remaining. The Eaglets then ran out the clock.

St. Mary's defense and special teams set up the game's first score, after Kris Morris' coffin corner punt went out of bounds at the De La Salle three late in the first quarter. The Pilots managed a first down before an Earnest Thomas quarterback sack forced a fumble which Jason Semmes recovered at the Pilots' 11. Two plays later, Bolden threw a nine-yard touchdown pass to Justin Semmes for a 7-0 lead.

De La Salle responded with its only solid drive of the half, moving 70 yards in five plays capped by Torzy's 35-yard touchdown run.

Bolden stood out on St. Mary's next possession, an 80-yard scoring drive. The sophomore completed a 15-yard pass to Dion Sims, then ran 26 yards on an option keeper. Bolden finished the drive with a 15-yard scoring pass to Jason Semmes, giving the Semmes brothers three TDs on the day.

St. Mary's finished with 219 yards on the ground and 74 through the air. White gained 102 yards on 19 carries while Bolden completed six of 12 passes. Dion Sims threw an interception on a gadget play.

In the second half, St. Mary's ran 39 plays, while De La Salle ran 17.

"We had a lot of screw-ups," De La Salle head coach Paul Verska said. "You can't give a good team the ball inside your 30-yard line three times and expect to win."

The Eaglets now face the challenge of playing Brother Rice a second time, after beating the Warriors 40-21 on Sept. 22. Rice is 6-2 on the season. Both teams are 4-1 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Scoring Summary:

OLSM	Bolden 9 yd pass to Justin Semmes (Graham kick)
DLS	Torzy 35 yd run (Torzy kick)
OLSM	Bolden 15 yd pass to Jason Semmes (Graham kick)
OLSM	White 20 yd run (Graham kick)
DLS	Torzy 27 yd run (Kick failed)
OLSM	Justin Semmes 1 yd run (Graham kick)

Team stats	DLS	OLSM
First downs	12	17
Rushed – yards	147	219
Passes	7-13-0	6-13-1
Passing yards	74	63
Total offense	42-221	69-282
Fumbles – lost	3-3	0-0
Penalties – yards	4-45	3-25
Sacked - yards lost	5-31	0-0
3rd downs	3-10	9-15
4th downs	0-2	1-1
Punts – average	4-34.0	4-29.8
Return yards	88	53

Individual Stats

Rushing: DLS – Torzy 8-96, Privett 11-52, John Martinez 1-12, Zabawa 1-3, Dortch 1-1, Sinagoga 7 – (-17); OLSM – White 19-102, Semmes 21-50, Bolden 8-42, Fioroni 5-19, Woodland 3-6.
Passing: DLS – Sinagoga 7-13-0-74; OLSM – Bolden 6-12-0-63, Sims 0-1-1-0.
Receiving: DLS – Pitts 4-44, Blackburn 1-16, Jim Martinez 1-11, John Martinez 1-3; OLSM – Sims 2-24, Jason Semmes 2-15, Peruski 1-15, Justin Semmes 1-9.

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GAME 8: PREP BOWL A-B CHAMPIONSHIP: BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE VS. ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S

**Ford Field, Detroit
October 20, 2007**

BBR	14	14	0	17	45
OLSM	0	14	0	0	14

DETROIT – Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Birmingham Brother Rice met for the Catholic League A-B Championship for the second time in three years. In 2005, the Eaglets defeated the Warriors 20-7 in the second meeting of that season.

As in 2005, the Eaglets had defeated the Warriors in their first meeting this season, a 40-21 thumping at Homecoming four weeks earlier.

It was a different Brother Rice team that came to Ford Field this time. The Warriors had won three straight league games to finish the league season at 4-1. The Eaglets, also 4-1, were coming off victories over U-D Jesuit and De La Salle.

The end result was not pretty as Brother Rice destroyed St. Mary's, 45-14.

"I wish I could tell you," Brother Rice head coach Al Fracassa said. "It's just that they felt like playing football. And they didn't feel like playing football the first time we played them. I don't know if it's their stadium. I don't know what the heck it is. It's football."

Brother Rice (7-2) ran the Eaglets (6-2) ragged. The Warriors finished with 177 yards rushing, with Michigan State-bound Caulton Ray accounting for 155 yards and two touchdowns on the ground, including 114 in the first half.

Warriors senior quarterback Andy Lentz completed 11 of 16 passes for 140 yards and two touchdowns and had plenty of time in the pocket.

After bolting to a 28-14 lead in the opening half, Brother Rice scored 17 unanswered points to win going away.

The turning point came when the Eaglets faced a fourth-and-2 at their own 24-yard line just three minutes into the second half. St. Mary's decided to go for it instead of kick it away.

Junior defensive lineman Vinnie Celani stormed through the line for a quarterback sack at the 15-yard line.

That led to a 26-yard field goal by Ryan Kelly giving Brother Rice a three-score cushion.

The Warriors added two more scores -- a 2-yard run by senior fullback Mazen Jaddou with 5:46 to go in the game and a 30-yard interception return by junior defensive back Danny Henneghan with 4:49 to go.

St. Mary's was held to 205 yards of total offense.

Dominique White rumbled for 41 yards on 12 carries to lead the charge.

After giving up a 14-point lead, the Warriors responded with two, impressive drives in the final 6:32 of the opening half.

First, Lentz connected with junior wideout Mark Makoski from 18 yards out as Brother Rice moved 72 yards in seven plays after the Eaglets tied the game.

Then, senior defensive back Nick Thomas put the Warriors in position to score again before the intermission by intercepting a pass that gave them the ball at midfield.

From there, the Warriors needed just over a minute and eight plays to score on a 2-yard by Ray.

Brother Rice got on the board first, scoring on each of its first two possessions of the game.

The Warriors took the opening kickoff and marched 74 yards in just seven plays, Ray capped the drive by going around the left end for the final 7 yards.

Brother Rice increased the lead to 14-0 when Lentz connected with Ron Dorsey-Austin on a 23-yard scoring pass to cap a 58-yard drive in seven plays.

St. Mary's used two big plays to crawl back into the game. First, sophomore quarterback Robert Bolden eluded a fierce rush and found junior wideout Dion Sims for a 45-yard bomb as the Eaglets needed just three plays to complete a 76-yard drive. Then, St. Mary's pounced on a fumble at the Brother Rice 23-yard line just four plays after narrowing the gap to 14-7.

Seven plays later, senior running back Dominique White went over the top from 1 yard out. Sean Graham added the extra point and just that fast the score was knotted at 14-all.

Little did anyone know at the time that would be the last time the Eaglets would dent the scoreboard.

Scoring Summary:

BBR	Ray 7 yd run (Kelly kick)
BBR	Lentz 23 yd pass to Dorsey-Austin (Kelly kick)
OLSM	Bolden 45 yd pass to Sims (Graham kick)
OLSM	White 1 yd run (Graham kick)
BBR	Lentz 18 yd pass to Makoski (Kelly kick)
BBR	Ray 2 yd run (Kelly kick)
BBR	Kelly 26 yd FG
BBR	Jaddou 2 yd run (Kelly kick)
BBR	Henneghan 25 yd interception return (Kelly kick)

Team stats	BBR	OLSM
First downs	17	11
Rushed – yards	177	109
Passes	11-17-0	5-14-2
Passing yards	140	96
Total offense	50-317	54-205
Fumbles – lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties – yards	6-55	5-30
Sacked - yards lost	2-11	2-10
3rd downs	6-9	3-9
4th downs	0-0	0-5
Punts – average	2-24.0	1-38.0
Return yards	57	51

Individual Stats

Rushing: BBR – Ray 24-155, Lentz 4-13, Dorsey-Austin 1-8, Jaddou 1-2, Marshall 1-0, Makoski 1-0, Popp 1-(-1); OLSM – White 12-41, Semmes 8-25, Fioroni 3-13, Tucker 2-11, Thomas 2-8, Murphy 2-5, Bolden 8-4, Woodland 3-2.
Passing: BBR – Lentz 11-16-0-140, Makoski 0-1-0-0; OLSM – Bolden 5-11-1-96, Morris 0-1-0-0, Thomas 0-2-1-0.
Receiving: BBR – Dorsey-Austin 7-100, Martin 2-18, Makoski 1-18, Ray 1-4; OLSM – Sims 3-77, Jackson 1-10, Justin Semmes 1-9.

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GAME 9: MHSAA PLAYOFFS: DETROIT RENAISSANCE AT ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S

**Milewski Field, Orchard Lake
October 27, 2007**

DPR	7	0	0	0	7
OLSM	7	0	14	7	28

ORCHARD LAKE – Orchard Lake St. Mary's hosted the Phoenix of Detroit Renaissance in the opening round of the MHSAA Division III playoffs.

The Eaglets took advantage of the late-arriving Phoenix, striking early and then pitching a second-half shutout to win 28-7.

"We came through with a great defense in the second half," said OLSM coach George Porritt. "We got through today. It's going to be tough and preparation begins Monday. We get to play on our home field again and that's special."

St. Mary's scored first, taking the opening kickoff on its own 30-yard line and driving the length of the field in less than a minute on three fine running plays by Justin Semmes, Sam Fioroni, and Dominique White, the latter going the final 23 yards.

Sean Graham added the first of his four PATs as the Eaglets led, 7-0, just 58 seconds into the contest. The visitors were hampered on the first series as four starters were late arrivals for the game due to taking ACT tests earlier in the day.

Detroit Renaissance (6-4) stormed back to tie the game, driving 62 yards in 11 plays with Dana Dixon taking an 11-yard pass for the touchdown and Phillip Norris adding the point after with 5:21 to go in the first quarter of play.

Neither team scored again in the first half, although St. Mary's drove to the Phoenix 13-yard line before Sean Graham attempted a 31-yard field goal. The kick was wide, however, with 5:42 left till intermission.

Robert Bolden scored to put St. Mary's ahead for good with 5:34 remaining in the third quarter on a 9-yard run. That capped a short, 38-yard drive, set up by an 8-yard Phoenix punt that landed at its own 40.

On their next series of downs, the Phoenix again got off a bad punt and St. Mary's took over at the Renaissance 29-yard line. Justin Semmes carried the ball five of seven times and went over from 4 yards out with just 20 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

The Phoenix came back with a decent kickoff return to the 32, but two plays later, Suave LaVallis intercepted for the Eaglets and returned it to the 19. Two plays later, Sam Fioroni went 17 yards around left end for the touchdown to complete the scoring.

"I thought a turning point in the game was that first touchdown (of the second half) we got and then the interception seemed to put them away," Coach Porritt said.

St. Mary's rolled up 242 total yards offensively while Renaissance managed 124 yards on offense. The Eaglets attempted just one pass while the visitors completed 13 of 21 and had the one interception. The Phoenix had 10 first downs to the Eaglets' 15, but St. Mary's was penalized nine times for 75 yards while the Phoenix had just five for 35 yards.

In addition to Semmes' 84 yards on 18 carries, Dominique

White gained 80 yards on 13 carries and Fioroni had 48 yards on six carries. QB Robert Bolden added 20 yards to the rushing total.

Charles Hollowell gained 45 tough yards for Renaissance while Samuel Gaymon and Jordan Kelly each caught four passes for 29 yards.

Phoenix QB Jeray Carraway completed 13 of 21 passes for 111 yards and 1 touchdown along with 1 interception.

Scoring Summary:

OLSM	White 23 yd run (Graham kick)
DRP	Carraway 11 yd pass to Dixon (Norris kick)
OLSM	Bolden 9 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Justin Semmes 4 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Fioroni 17 yd run (Graham kick)

Team stats	DRP	OLSM
First downs	10	15
Rushed - yards	13	242
Passes	13-21-1	0-1-0
Passing yards	111	0
Total offense	46-124	46-242
Fumbles - lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties - yards	5-35	9-75
Sacked - yards lost	4-42	1-4
3rd downs	2-9	7-11
4th downs	0-2	0-1
Punts - average	4-15.5	2-35.0
Return yards	55	34

Individual Stats

Rushing: DRP – Hollowell 18-45, Carraway 7-(-32); OLSM – Semmes 18-84, White 13-80, Fioroni 6-48, Bolden 6-20, Woodland 2-10.

Passing: DRP – Carraway 13-21-1-111; OLSM – Bolden 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: DRP – Gaymon 4-29, Kelly 4-29, Dixon 3-25, Collins 2-28.

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GAME 10: MHSAA PLAYOFFS: ST. CLAIR AT ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S

Milewski Field, Orchard Lake
November 3, 2007

SC	0	0	0	7	7
OLSM	13	8	3	14	38

ORCHARD LAKE – Dominique White scored three first-half touchdowns, including two on fourth down, to lead Orchard Lake St. Mary's past visiting St. Clair, 38-7, in a Division 3 district final.

"He's an outstanding runner," said Eaglets head coach George Porritt. "He had that one broken run that I thought was a big play, that got us our third touchdown."

The 'broken run' began as an option play. On fourth-and-six from St. Clair's 31, White took quarterback Robert Bolden's pitch and started to his left. Seeing nothing but Saints in front of him, White pivoted, ran to the right and turned the corner for what could've been about a 10-yard gain. But the senior did a 360-degree spin, escaped and continued down the sideline for a 31-yard touchdown run.

"You better know that he might do that," Porritt said of White's decision to reverse his field. "Not that we want him to, but sometimes you've got to let a runner be a runner."

White's running, and a defense that stifled St. Clair's running attack, helped the Eaglets improve to 8-2 overall. St. Mary's will visit Melvindale (10-1) in regional play.

St. Clair finished the season 8-3.

The Eaglets took charge of the game quickly. Suave LaVallis returned a punt 42 yards to St. Clair's 14 early in the first quarter. Two plays later, White swept right for an 11-yard touchdown. Sean Graham added the first of three extra points for a 7-0 lead.

Later in the quarter, the Eaglets drove 77 yards on eight plays, overcoming a holding penalty along the way. QB Robert Bolden opened the drive with a 32-yard completion to wideout Dion Sims. White got into the act late in the possession, running for 11 yards on two carries after a holding call, leaving St. Mary's in a fourth-and-three situation. White then took a pitchout and swept right, racing 26 yards untouched for 13-0 lead after the extra point try was blocked.

After White performed his pirouette routine in the second quarter to make it 19-0, Sam Fioroni ran in a two-point conversion.

The Eaglets added a 27-yard Graham field goal in the third quarter, then defensive lineman Carl Goeckel scooped up a fumble and ran ten yards for a score early in the fourth. St. Clair got on the board on an 7-yard run by quarterback Kyle Mahaffy, then Fioroni closed the scoring with a 14-yard run.

White led St. Mary's 169-yard rushing effort, running 12 times for 104 yards. Bolden completed five of 11 passes for 77 yards, with four completions going to Sims, totaling 69 yards.

St. Clair was held to 70 yards rushing and 53 passing. Other than their late scoring drive, the Saints offense only crossed midfield once, reaching St. Mary's 42 early in the second quarter.

Scoring Summary:

OLSM	White 11 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	White 26 yd run (Kick blocked)
OLSM	White 31 yd run (Fioroni run)
OLSM	Graham 27 yd FG
OLSM	Goeckel 10 yd fumble return (Graham kick)
SC	Mahaffy 7 yd run (Hunter kick)
OLSM	Fioroni 14 yd run (Graham kick)

Team stats	SC	OLSM
First downs	8	13
Rushed - yards	70	169
Passes	6-15-1	5-11-0
Passing yards	53	77
Total offense	46-123	53-246
Fumbles - lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties - yards	6-45	5-50
Sacked - yards lost	0-0	2-13
3rd downs	1-10	3-13
4th downs	0-1	3-4
Punts - average	8-23.9	3-37.7
Return yards	134	106

Individual Stats

Rushing: SC – Mahaffy 17-41, Jepson 1-12, Potvin 2-6, Muggleberg 4-4, Meldrum 3-3, Lanzi 1-2, Cook 2-2, Frantz 1-0; OLSM – White 12-104, Semmes 10-35, Fioroni 4-23, Woodland 5-11, Murphy 1-2, Thomas 1-2, Tucker 1-(-1), Peruski 1-(-1), Bolden 7-(-6).

Passing: SC – Mahaffy 6-15-1-53; OLSM – Bolden 5-11-0-77.

Receiving: SC – Jepson 3-14, O'Brien 1-15, Magee 1-12, Morley 1-12; OLSM Sims 4-69, Woodland 1-8.

OLSM EAGLET FOOTBALL 2008

GAME 11: MHSAA PLAYOFFS: ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S AT MELVINDALE

Melvindale High School November 9, 2007

OLSM	7	14	7	7	35
MHS	0	6	0	6	12

MELVINDALE – It was smashmouth football at its best.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's ran over Melvindale in a Division 3 regional championship game, 35-12.

St. Mary's (9-2) moved on the ground for 335 yards. They scored on all three of their first half possessions to take control with a 21-6 lead. They then scored on the opening drive of the third quarter to open a commanding 28-6 cushion.

Justin Semmes, a physical, 6-foot-1, 220-pound junior fullback, led the attack with 119 yards on 29 carries and touchdown runs of 1, 9, and 1 yards.

"It all starts up front," Semmes said. "The O line executed well. They opened the holes and I just ran hard through them. It was a great team effort."

Senior tailback Dominique White gained 115 yards on 13 carries. He had 40 yards on five carries during the first scoring drive. Junior Sam Fioroni had 82 yards on 10 chances.

"We're not used to having the ball shoved down our throats like that," Melvindale head coach Phil Howard said. "I felt we needed to get the big stop after the first half, but we couldn't do it. They just kept doing what they did before."

The game was a contrast of styles, with St. Mary's moving the ball with the run, and Melvindale attempting to move through the air.

St. Mary's was more successful. They picked up 171 of their 209 yards in the first half behind the running of White and Semmes.

"I thought we ran the dive pretty good and our power game very successfully," said St. Mary's head coach George Porritt. "I thought that was the key for us. When you're running the ball and you can keep a potent (Melvindale) offense off the field, that's a big plus."

Even when the Cardinals offense was on the field, it was stifled by St. Mary's defense. Other than their one scoring drive, in the second quarter, the Cardinals only managed one first down – via penalty – until the game's final minutes.

St. Mary's used multiple defensive backs against Melvindale's wide-open offense. Even when quarterback Jais'son Holt found an open man, it was generally for short yardage. He completed 13 of 28 passes for 100 yards on the night.

"We were trying to keep everything funneled in front of us," Porritt explained. "Coach (Frank) Janosz and the staff did a nice job because (the Cardinals) have got some big playmakers."

Melvindale (10-2) had a golden opportunity to set the tempo on the opening series. Wayne Pettus returned the opening kickoff 49 yards to the St. Mary's 36. Melvindale wasted the field position when it failed to move the ball, then on fourth-and-five got off a 1-yard punt.

St. Mary's quickly showed it would be tough to stop, moving 70 yards on 12 plays, culminating with Semmes' 1-yard run.

The Eaglets opened up a 14-0 cushion on Semmes' second touchdown, this time a 9-yard run to end a 65-yard, 10-play drive.

Melvindale then picked up 64 of its 72 first-half yards on its lone touchdown drive. Jais'son Holt completed 8 of 12 passes on the drive for 62 yards. He also executed two fourth-down plays, including the final one, his 1-yard TD.

The Eaglets answered with a 75-yard drive. This time, they went with a rare pass and sophomore Robert Bolden found Dion Sims down the left sideline for a 38-yard play. Bolden scored on a 4-yard run with 1:10 left in the half.

Holt completed 13 of 28 passes for 100 yards. The Cardinals rushed for 26 yards and had negative yardage until Pettus' 33-yard touchdown run with 2:14 left.

Scoring Summary:

OLSM	Justin Semmes 1 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Justin Semmes 9 yd run (Graham kick)
MHS	Holt 1 yd run (Kick blocked)
OLSM	Bolden 4 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Justin Semmes 1 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Bolden 1 yd run (Graham kick)
MHS	Pettus 33 yd run (Pass failed)

Team stats	OLSM	MHS
First downs	20	9
Rushed - yards	335	26
Passes	1-3-1	13-28-0
Passing yards	38	100
Total offense	61-373	43-126
Fumbles - lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties - yards	2-18	1-5
Sacked - yards lost	0-0	1-6
3rd downs	7-9	3-10
4th downs	1-1	2-2
Punts - average	1-39.0	5-29.2
Return yards	69	101

Individual Stats

Rushing: OLSM – Semmes 29-119, White 13-115, Fioroni 10-82, Bolden 4-17, Woodland 1-1, Thomas 1-1; MHS – Pettus 5-29, McKinney 1-3, Holt 3(-3), Taylor 6(-3).

Passing: OLSM – Bolden 1-3-1-38; MHS – Holt 13-28-0-100.

Receiving: OLSM – Sims 1-38; MHS – Gordon 6-69, McKinney 5-19, Patterson 2-12.

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GAME 12: MHSAA DIVISION III SEMIFINALS: ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S VS. EAST LANSING

South Lyon High School November 17, 2007

OLSM	21	7	14	7	49
East Lansing	0	7	0	14	21

SOUTH LYON – Dominique White rushed for 142 yards and two touchdowns and had a key interception in the first quarter that helped St. Mary's defeat East Lansing, 49-21.

With the victory, St. Mary's will make its eighth trip to the state finals.

Sam Fioroni added 104 yards and three touchdowns on the ground and Justin Semmes chipped in 63 as St. Mary's grinded out 363 yards rushing in the game.

The Eaglets' last trip to the finals was in 2004, when they lost to Muskegon, 31-7. So far they've outscored their playoff opponents, 133-47, and have won four state titles since 1975.

"I thought overall we played very well. I thought our two fronts, offensive and defensive line really established themselves, made our running game get going and made it tough for their running game to get going," said St. Mary's head coach George Porritt.

St. Mary's, 10-2, scored on its first three possessions, getting touchdowns from three different ballcarriers. Not to be outdone, the Eaglets defense set up two of those scores by forcing turnovers on East Lansing's side of the field.

The Trojans came out throwing on their first possession but it backfired when White intercepted quarterback Cameron Bruce's third pass, returning it to East Lansing's 28. Eight plays later, St. Mary's quarterback Robert Bolden crossed the goal line on a one-yard sneak. White scored the third touchdown on an seven-yard run, following Earnest Thomas' fumble recovery. Sean Graham's extra point gave St. Mary's a 21-0 lead just 7:27 into the game.

White's 46-yard run in the second quarter led to an eight-yard scoring run for the senior and a 28-0 lead. In the final two minutes of the half the Trojans, who finished the year 9-4, finally posted their initial first down, triggering a 66-yard drive capped by Eric Couthen's one-yard TD plunge.

In the third quarter, Matt Sargent's blocked punt helped set up Fioroni's second touchdown, a five-yard run. A 23-yard completion from Bolden to Jason Semmes keyed a 74-yard drive which resulted in a one-yard TD run by Fioroni for a 42-7 lead entering the final period.

Through three quarters, St. Mary's held the Trojans to just 16 net yards rushing plus 65 passing.

Rodney Woodland scored St. Mary's final touchdown on a 37-yard run.

For East Lansing, Temwa Phiri scored on a six-yard run while the Trojans' 2,000-yard runner, Isaac Harper, finally broke loose in the last minute and scored on a 55-yard dash.

The Eaglets now go to Ford Field to do battle with East Grand Rapids in the championship game looking to win their first state title in seven years.

"Our boys should be happy to have a chance to practice on Thanksgiving," Porritt said. "We have had some good teams in recent years but I feel like this team could be the

best. They are making the most of their ability and this next week should be exciting for all of us."

Scoring Summary:

OLSM	Fioroni 46 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Bolden 1 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	White 7 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	White 8 yd run (Graham kick)
EL	Couthen 1 yd run (Bracken kick)
OLSM	Fioroni 5 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Fioroni 1 yd run (Graham kick)
EL	Phiri 6 yd run (Bracken kick)
OLSM	Woodland 37 yd run (Graham kick)
EL	Harper 55 yd run (Bracken kick)

Team stats	OLSM	EL
First downs	18	10
Rushed - yards	363	144
Passes	2-5-0	7-13-1
Passing yards	33	77
Total offense	63-396	44-221
Fumbles - lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties - yards	4-45	2-10
Sacked - yards lost	0-0	1-5
3rd downs	5-10	4-11
4th downs	1-1	0-0
Punts - average	3-42.3	6-35.3
Return yards	95	102

Individual Stats

Rushing: OLSM – White 17-142, Fioroni 14-104, Semmes 15-63, Woodland 2-34, Peruski 3-16, Murphy 1-3, Charles 1-3, Bolden 1-1, Tucker 1-1, Coleman 1-(-2), Thomas 2-(-2); EL – Harper 23-125, Couthen 3-7, Phiri 1-6, Bruce 3-6, Dolan 1-0.

Passing: OLSM – Bolden 2-5-0-33; EL – Bruce 7-13-1-77.

Receiving: OLSM – Jason Semmes 1-22, LaVallis 1-11; EL – Dolan 2-62, Spencer 2-17, Bracken 2-8, Harper 1-(-10).

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GAME 13: MHSAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP: ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S VS. EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Ford Field, Detroit
November 24, 2007**

OLSM	7	0	7	0	3	7	7	8	0	39
East Grand Rapids	0	7	7	0	3	7	7	8	7	46

DETROIT – Orchard Lake St. Mary's and East Grand Rapids authored what many are calling 'The Longest Game' - the five-overtime classic that lasted three hours and 25 minutes.

East Grand Rapids defeated St. Mary's 46-39 to claim the Division 3 state championship. Regulation time ended with the teams tied 14-14. The winning points came in the fifth overtime on a 4-yard run by Joe Glendening and the ensuing extra point off the toe of Michael Wilson. St. Mary's failed to score on its final possession, dropping the epic clash when an attempted fourth-down pass from Robert Bolden to Tayler Peruski fell incomplete.

The Eaglets struck first in the final when senior running back Dominique White scored his eighth rushing touchdown of the postseason on a 15-yard scamper at 5:56 to cap a nine-play, 65-yard drive.

The Pioneers got their featured back — junior fullback Joe Glendening — rolling after getting shut out on their first five possessions. Glendening broke a 68-yard run with 39 seconds remaining in the first quarter to tie the game 7-7. The Pioneers then took a 14-7 lead with their first possession of the second half when Glendening capped an eight-play, 55-yard drive with a 9-yard run at 6:48 in the third.

The Eaglets answered back the very next possession, tying the score, 14-14, on an 8-yard run by junior running back Sam Fioroni at 4:18.

After a scoreless fourth quarter, the two teams went into overtime, where each team gets one possession starting at the opponent's 10-yard line.

The squads traded field goals in the first overtime

In the second overtime, St. Mary's struck first when White ran around the left side for a 2-yard score on fourth down from the 2, as St. Mary's head coach George Porritt elected to run the ball rather than kick a field goal.

East Grand Rapids answered with senior quarterback Calvin Blair connecting with junior tight end Chris Blair on a 13-yard pass, knotting the score at 24-24.

Senior tight end Zach Flood added a 10-yard touchdown reception to start the third overtime and take a 31-24 lead, which was answered by White on a 3-yard run on third down.

In the fourth overtime, St. Mary's was stopped at the goal line on third down, setting up a scoring plunge by sophomore quarterback Robert Bolden on fourth down.

On the ensuing extra point, the Eaglets faked the kick and took a 39-31 lead with senior holder/quarterback Kris Morris connecting with junior receiver Dion Sims for two points.

"It was time to try something to end the game," Porritt said

of the two-point conversion and fourth-down running play. "Fatigue was starting to be a part of that game. Looking into the kids' eyes, it was time to score."

The Pioneers responded with a touchdown on a 1-yard run on fourth down from Glendening and matched the two-point conversion with Blair once again on the receiving end for the score.

With the score knotted at 39-39 in the fifth overtime, East scored first to take a 46-39 lead with Glendening scoring his fourth touchdown of the game from 4 yards out.

St. Mary's had its possession end after an incompleton on fourth-and-goal from the 9, sealing East Grand Rapids' second straight Division 3 state title.

"It was a great football game, and an extremely well-played football game," Porritt said. "I can't remember one turnover, and both teams played real well. They're a great a football team, and I thought we were, too."

Since 1989, St. Mary's has only had one losing season -- a 3-6 mark in 2002, on the heels of a 12-2 mark the previous year, when the Eaglets were runner-up in the state title game. The Eaglets finished this year with a 10-3 mark, the seventh time they've won 10 or more games.

Scoring Summary:

OLSM	White 15 yd run (Graham kick)
EGR	Glendening 68 yd run (Wilson kick)
EGR	Glendening 9 yd run (Wilson kick)
OLSM	Fioroni 8 yd run (Graham kick)
EGR	Wilson 21 yd FG
OLSM	Graham 25 yd FG
OLSM	White 2 yd run (Graham kick)
EGR	Cal Blair 13 yd pass to Chris Blair (Wilson kick)
EGR	Cal Blair 10 yd pass to Flood (Wilson kick)
OLSM	White 3 yd run (Graham kick)
OLSM	Bolden 1 yd run (Morris pass to Sims good)
EGR	Glendening 1 yd run (Cal Blair pass to Chris Blair good)
EGR	Glendening 4 yd run (Wilson kick)

Team stats	OLSM	EGR
First downs	18	13
Rushed - yards	288	226
Passes	10-18-0	10-19-0
Passing yards	106	96
Total offense	78-391	61-319
Fumbles - lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties - yards	5-30	6-61
Sacked - yards lost	0-0	1-11
3rd downs	4-17	4-14
4th downs	3-5	1-1
Punts - average	6-37.0	7-41.9
Return yards	2	76

Individual Stats

Rushing: OLSM – White 29-166, Semmes 16-77, Peruski 4-30, Fioroni 7-25, Coleman 1-0, Bolden 4-(-10); EGR – Glendening 30-168, Blair 6-29, Ankney 7-29.

Passing: OLSM – Bolden 9-17-0-103, Morris 1-1-0-3; EGR – Blair 10-19-0-96.

Receiving: OLSM – Sims 6-67, Peruski 2-26, Justin Semmes 1-14, LaVallis 1-(-1); EGR – Glendening 4-30, Chris Blair 4-54, Flood 1-10, Ankney 1-2.