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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEST MICHIGAN AREA TOP TEN: Week #7



BRET BAKITA

1. Muskegon Mona Shores - (6-0) - Convincing win for the Sailors over a solid FHN team...33-7! How fun is it going to be to watch the Sailors against the competition in the Div. 2 playoffs!!

2. Unity Christian - (6-0) - SEE ABOVE...but instead it's Div. 4, and how about the dominance of the Crusaders in I think the deepest division in the OK-Conference...the new look OK-Gold! Big rivalry match-up with Carson Vis and South Christian this Friday night!!

3. Byron Center - (5-1) - Tough game for the Bulldogs on the road at Reeths-Puffer, but the important thing was they finished and got the victory (42-28)...Senior QB, Landon Tungate with 5 TDs.

4. Zeeland West - (5-1) - Nice bounce back win over FHC at home (28-7). That is life in the OK-Gold this season....get back up with another win after a loss!

5. Hudsonville - (5-1) - I think the Eagles are getting stronger and more confident each week, but they have the big battle with Grandville and Tank Terry coming up at home Friday night!

6. GR Catholic Central - (5-1): They might be young and a little beat up, but they are still the Cougars..and the team to beat in the NEW OK-Black division....(42-18) over an unbeaten Holland Chr.

7. Rockford - (4-2) - The Rams put together all 3 phases with even a TD on special teams due to a blocked punt, and Isaac Poot showed why he is so dangerous when he touches the ball out of the backfield - 191 yards and 3 rushing TDs!

8. Northview - (6-0) - The Wildcats are scoring a ton of points....(49-6) over Ottawa Hills last Friday night in the win, but the road gets tougher now with GR Catholic Central, Holland Christian and FHN to end the regular season.

9. Forest Hills Eastern - (5-1) - The Hawks have been waiting for this one...a showdown with West Catholic to pretty much decide the OK-White division crown and a chance at a big signature win going into the Div. 4 playoffs! This will be our 96.1-The Game...Game of the Week this Friday night with coverage starting at 6pm.

10. Forest Hills Central - (4-2) - The Rangers lost the rematch of last year's Div. 3 Semifinal game with Zeeland West last week, but FHC could get a second crack at the Dux in the playoffs!



JASON HUTTON

1. Mona Shores (6-0) - The Sailors have run the gauntlet through the first 6 games and still remain undefeated. They'll clinch at least a share of the OK Green with a win Friday against Grand Rapids Union (0-6)

2. Byron Center (5-1) - The Bulldogs trailed in the 2nd half Friday at Puffer, but found a way to win. The anticipation of what the D2 playoffs could look like is exciting.

3. Hudsonville (5-1) - The Eagles just keep rolling, a win this Friday against visiting Grandville would give them the OK Red title for the first time since 2016.

4. Unity Christian (6-0) - This week the Sadlers are using Grandville as their home field for the 2nd time and it's the 6th time in 7 games they are the designated home team. It's a big rivalry game too against South Christian (4-2).

5. Zeeland West (5-1) - The Dux got back on track last week with an impressive win over FHC (4-2). They will need help to win the OK Gold, but appear headed toward some home playoff games in Division 3.

6. Rockford (4-2) - The Rams looked like the team we saw start 3-0 last week in a win over Caledonia, and they are now primed to extend the state's all-time longest playoff streak to 29 years in a row.

7. Muskegon (2-3) - The Big Reds are back in the top 10 and get set to host a Reeths-Puffer team that cannot be taken lately on Friday night.

8. Grandville (3-3) - Make it 3 straight wins for the Dawgs who can pull even at the top of the OK Red with a win at Hudsonville.

9. GR Catholic Central (5-1) - The young Cougars are showing improvement each week and the Odin Spencer to Jami Williams connection is tough to stop.

10. Northview (6-0) - The Cats got a big win at EGR in week 4, now they get a shot at an even bigger one as they visit CC in a battle for 1st place in the OK Black.



TOM KENDRA

1. Mona Shores (6-0) - The Sailors have been consistently excellent, overpowering a good Forest Hills Northern team last week.

2. Hudsonville Unity Christian (6-0) - The Eagles perfect record will be put to the test with its final three regular-season games against South Christian, Zeeland East, and top-ranked Pontiac Notre Dame.

3. Hudsonville (5-1) - The Eagles averaged 13 yards per rush at Grand Haven, picking up their fifth win in a row.

4. Byron Center (5-1) - BC showed resilience last week, rallying from a touchdown deficit late in the third quarter at Reeths-Puffer. This week is another tough road test at Forest Hills Northern.

5. Zeeland West (5-1) - The Dux defense completely shut down the run, leading to a big revenge win over Forest Hills Central.

6. GR Catholic Central (5-1) - Jami Williams grabs four touchdown passes as the Cougars knocked Holland Christian from the unbeaten ranks.

7. Rockford (4-2) - Isaac Poot scores 3 TDs, including a 90-yard burst, to get the Rams back on track v. Caledonia.

8. Grandville (3-3) - Don't look now, but here comes the Bulldogs, who bring plenty of momentum into this week's blockbuster at Hudsonville.

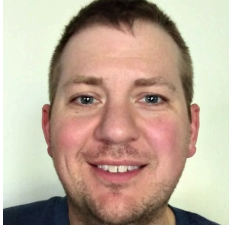
9. Forest Hills Central (4-2) - The Rangers running game bogged down last week at Zeeland West, and now the much-improved Chix come to town.

10. Northview (6-0) - The Wildcats have a chance to prove they are for real this week at GR Catholic Central, with the O-K Black title in the balance.

Honorable Mention

Forest Hills Eastern (5-1)

West Catholic (4-2)



BUCK GENO

#1. Muskegon Mona Shores (6-0) – the Sailors edified their #1 ranking with a convincing 33-7 win over scrappy Forest Hills Northern. They will host GR Union this week, a Week 9 matchup with Toledo (OH) Central Catholic looms large.

#2. Hudsonville Unity Christian (6-0) – Craig Tibbe's squad cruised to a 46-14 decision over Wyoming, next up is the rivalry game with South Christian that very well may decide a piece of the OK-Gold division race.

#3. Hudsonville (5-1) – the Eagles keel hauled the Grand Haven Buccaneers on Homecoming night, now a dangerous 2 game stretch for Hudsonville as Grandville and Caledonia look to play spoiler to their hopes of winning an outright OK-title.

#4. Byron Center (5-1) – the 'Dogs struggled to defuse the Reeths-Puffer Rockets, but Landon Tungate stepped up big to put BC in the win column once again. Next up, those aforementioned plucky Huskies from FHN.

#5. – Rockford (4-2) – the orange & black attack got back on track as they shook off a choppy 1st half performance to pull away from Caledonia 34-13. A fired up West Ottawa group who got their first win of the season last Friday awaits the Rams in this week's contest.

#6. Zeeland West (5-1) – John Shillito steered his team to a solid 28-7 bounceback victory over FHC. Trey Sloothaak took the reins back just in time as the Dux look ahead to games with South Christian and West Catholic to end the regular season.

#7. Forest Hills Eastern (5-1) – escaping from the Bayou with a 34-28 victory over the hard-luck Spring Lake Lakers, the Hawks set their sights on the marquee OK-White matchup with West Catholic in our Grand Rapids-area Game Of The Week.

#8. West Catholic (4-2) – Wayland was no match for the Falcons' powerful offensive attack in a 38-0 decision last Friday. Now time for a conference championship elimination match this week against Forest Hills Eastern before two tough games with Hamilton and Zeeland West to end the regular season.

#9. Grand Rapids Catholic Central (5-1) – I know that I've been excommunicated for not having the Cougars in/around my Top 10 for much of the year, but their schedule held too many unknowns for me to properly judge their ceiling. An impressive 42-18 win over previously unbeaten Holland Chr. passes the smell test, so the Cougars get back in... but undefeated Northview looms this Friday.

#10. Northview (6-0) – see above for the Wildcats' game this week, Ryan Oshnock's crew took care of business vs. Ottawa Hills to set up this Ok-Black ladder match to determine part of the conference championship.

Honorable Mention: Coopersville (5-1) – the 100th season of Broncos football has seen them shrug off a big loss to West Catholic to put themselves in the driver's seat of the inaugural River Cities Alliance race. A tough game against Kenowa Hills this week could set up a winner-take-all championship in Week 9.

