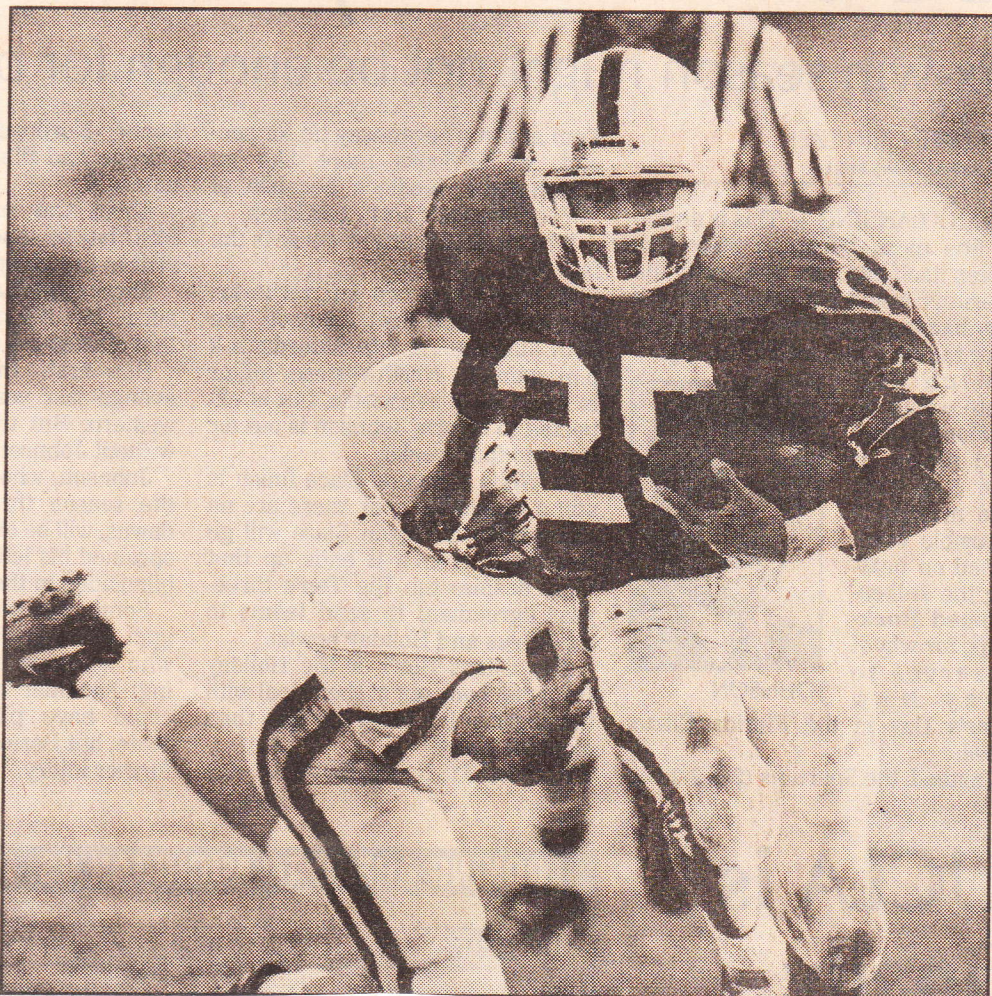


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Gabriel Richard running back Eric Galvez breaks away from a Center Line St. Clement defender to score a touchdown on a 90-yard kickoff return in the fourth quarter Sunday. The score was one of two in the Irish's late comeback for a 27-26 victory at Hollway Field.

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Richard rallies, 27-26

Irish tie for title but don't earn Silverdome trip

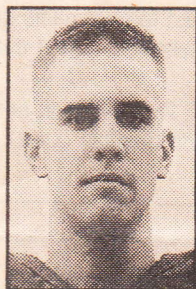
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Gabriel Richard had two goals entering its football game with Center Line St. Clement at Hollway Field Sunday.

■ Defeat the unbeaten Crusaders and finish in a three-way tie for the Detroit Catholic League 'C' title.

■ Win by at least eight points in order to represent the league in the Catholic League Prep Bowl at the Pontiac Silverdome Saturday.

The Fighting Irish (6-2, 5-1 DCL) accomplished the first goal, but fell short in the second in a stunning 27-26 come-from-behind



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victory. And they did it all without the help of their most versatile player, Carl Pickett.

Pickett, who starts at half-back, defensive back and punter and leads the team in touchdowns, injured his left knee during Richard's first series and never returned.

"Carl is by far our most outstanding athlete," Richard quarterback John Priestap said. "When he went down, it let everybody else know, 'Hey, look I have to pick up my game.'"

And that they did. From the de-

fense to the offensive line, from receivers Oliver Galvez and Mike Olech to running backs Andy Vigo and Matt Strozski and from Priestap to kick returner Eric Galvez, everyone seemed to contribute something to the win.

Strozski opened the scoring in the second quarter on a two-yard run, and then Priestap hit Oliver Galvez with a 75-yard scoring pass on Richard's next play to put the Irish ahead 12-0 at halftime.

But the lead didn't last long as St. Clement (7-1, 5-1) scored twice on its next three plays after successive Richard fumbles to take a 14-12 lead three minutes into the third quarter.

"The kids wanted to go to the Silverdome so bad that they were really too excited and didn't execute very well," Richard coach Curt Ellis said.

St. Clement added two more touchdowns on a 22-yard run and 70-yard interception return, but missed the extra points, to lead 26-12 with 6:35 to go in the game.

Just when it appeared Center Line would claim the outright C-Section title, Eric Galvez gave the Irish some hope when he returned the ensuing kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown.

St. Clement gave the ball right back when it fumbled on the kickoff return and Andy Wloydga recovered at the Crusaders' 36.

Five plays later, Olech out-jumped a defender to haul in a 25-yard TD pass from Priestap.

"Coach had enough faith in me to call another pass, and I had

enough faith in my line to know that I was going to get it off," Priestap said.

"I knew if I got the ball in the area, Mike was going to come down with the catch. I don't want to compare us to (Michigan's) Desmond (Howard) and Elvis (Grbac), but Mike did that for me all summer and made me a better player. We're both neighbors in Brighton and we played catch all summer."

St. Clement had a chance to win the game on the final play but missed a 27-yard field-goal attempt.

"If you want to be a championship caliber team, you have to have somebody step in that's going to do the job for you," Ellis said. "Fortunately we were able to do that."

Girls' Basketball

Ida 75, Ypsilanti 38 — Ida took a 44-15 lead into halftime and went on to the victory Saturday. "We had a little trouble with our defense," Ypsilanti coach Colleen Greene said.

College Volleyball

Michigan d. Northwestern 15-11, 15-9, 15-10 — The Wolverines (14-7, 6-4 Big Ten) were led by Aimee Smith with 15 kills and Tarnisha Thompson with 49 assists Saturday. "I thought we did some things today better than we've done all year, especially defensively," Michigan coach Greg Giovanazzi said. Michigan recorded 22 blocks and 72 digs. "It was a good weekend for us (U-M lost to 8th-ranked Illinois in a tough match Saturday)," he said. "This win gives us our momentum back."

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