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**Man arraigned in bank robbery**

**Teller spots suspect as former client**

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

A suspect in the robbery of the Family Service Credit Union, located at the northwest corner of Meadowbrook and 10 Mile roads, was arraigned last week after a credit union teller recognized the man as a former client.

Loyal Ray Tanner, 49, was arraigned last Thursday in front of Judge Michael Batchik at the 52-1

District Court in Novi on charges of bank robbery, which carries a penalty of up to life in prison.

**Loyal Tanner**

He is being held at the Oakland County Jail with a \$250,000 bond.

After receiving information connecting Tanner with the robbery on Aug. 24, the Novi Police Department, with the help of

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**Making the Mark**

**Novi schools earn top grades on state report card**

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

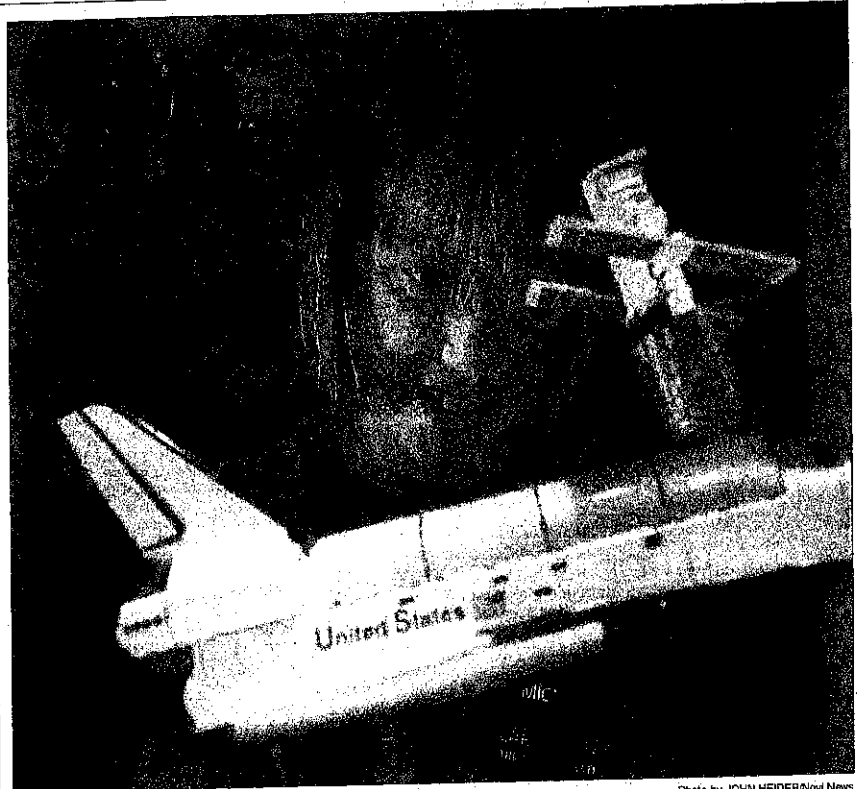
When you're one of the best, it's hard to get any better, but Novi Community Schools is doing just that, according to Michigan's recent Adequate Yearly Progress scores.

The progress scores are based on a combination of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores, an alternate assessment for

students with disabilities, the number of students who participated in state assessments and school attendance. More than 93 percent of Michigan elementary and middle schools made the cut this year, and Novi schools passed with flying colors.

Deerfield led the way for all Novi Schools, receiving an A at 100 percent improvement. The other elementary schools fared nearly as well, with Novi Woods scoring 99.7, while Orchard Hills and Parkview received 96.3 and 92.5 percent improvement, respectively, and Village Oaks scored at 88.7 percent improvement.

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Haleigh Pierce, 8, looks at a model of the space shuttle in her Novi home. Haleigh, who attended the Challenger Learning Center, was chosen to ask a question of the astronauts on the recent STS-118 space shuttle Endeavor mission.

**Local girl speaks with astronauts in space**

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

Eight-year-old Haleigh Pierce spent her summer vacation traveling to Hawaii, visiting her grandmother in Texas and talk-

ing to astronauts in space.

On Aug. 16, while orbiting earth, Barbara Morgan and Benjamin Drew of the STS-118 Space Shuttle Endeavor mission communicated via satellite with about 15 kids at the Challenger

Center for Greater Washington in Alexandria, Va.

The 20-minute question and answer downlink session with Mission Specialists Morgan and

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**Get the show on the road: 'Hit Parade' opens today for Novi Theatre**



Dancers rehearse for the upcoming Novi Parks and Recreation senior variety show at the Novi Civic Center.

By Tracy Mishler  
SPECIAL NEWS WRITER

Bill Evans is a singer. And he's ready for the show to begin.

As a fourth-year performer with the Novi Theatre's senior show, Evans said he hopes the audience will enjoy this year's senior variety series, "Hit Parade."

"It's not meant to be serious," he said. "It's entertaining, and we hope everyone has a good time."

Evans is one of 53 young-at-

heart seniors making this year's cast, from Novi, Northville, Redford, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Milford, Troy and Plymouth.

"I love to sing," he said. "Every show is exciting, and we've got a lot for people to enjoy with this one."

"Hit Parade" which opens its doors today, will take the audience on a trip down memory lane with music orchestrated by Frank Sinatra, Ethel Merman, Judy Garland and Jackie Gleason.

The Hit Parade was a list of

songs, both lyrical and instrumental, that were most popular. The term originated in the late 1930s and has also been used for broadcast programs featuring hit tunes, such as Your Hit Parade, which was broadcast on the radio and television for several years in the United States.

This year's production began early in the year, with director Debbie Lannen getting the show on the road.

"We're definitely ready," Lannen said. "This show is going to be wonderful and our perform-

ers really had a good time doing it."

**Let the show begin**

Lannen said the performers, made up of seniors ranging in age from 50 to 96, are dancers, singers and comedians, and will be dressed in tuxedos and evening gowns just as they were on the original "Hit Parade" in the 1930s to 1950s.

She said about 30 songs will be

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**NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER**

**FRIDAY**

Fans of Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, Ethel Merman and other same-era musicians may want to swing by the Novi Civic Center Theatre, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., at noon for the Novi Theatre's Senior Variety Series "Hit Parade" show. The show will feature a luncheon and 53 seniors from the area performing chart-topping songs from these artists and more. Other show times with a luncheon are at noon on Sept. 6, 7, 13 and 14.

**SATURDAY**

Help benefit The American Cancer Society by attending the Tiffany Michigan Hairdresser of the Year Competition at 6 p.m. at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. As part of the Trends Fall Show that runs through Monday, the live

competition, which includes a cocktail reception with cash bar, dinner and the award presentation is presented by The Nailco Group. Tickets cost \$100-150 and can be ordered by contacting Liz Mace at (248) 347-7700, ext. 2922. The Trends Fall Show is open from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday, offering a large selection of beauty supplies and products.

**SUNDAY**

The Run Fest and Fit Novi Festival has been canceled due to low registration, but that's no reason not to get out and get fit. For competitive cardiovascular exercisers, check out the Novi Sprint Triathlon and Duathlon one day earlier on Saturday at Lakeshore Park. The race will have contestants swimming 800 meters, biking 15 miles and running 5 kilometers. The race begins at 8 a.m. with a 7 a.m. registration deadline. It costs \$55-105 to participate in the race. For more information, contact the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department at (248) 347-0400.

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# MY RECREATION



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## Dollar martial art lessons boost malaria awareness

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Choi Kwang-Do Martial Art International and the Malaria Foundation International have teamed up to offer free martial art lessons.

Anyone who donates a minimum of \$1 to the Malaria Foundation, through Sept. 15 will receive a full month of free Choi Kwang-Do martial art lessons in Novi.

As a martial art focused on its health benefits, Choi Kwang-Do schools throughout Michigan, Georgia and Florida are helping to raise awareness of malaria, a disease that kills 3,000 people (mostly children) each day and affects 350-500 million people each year throughout more than 100 countries.

"We teach more of an emphasis on the importance of health. Our goal is to help people live a long, youthful, healthy life," said Ernie Herman, international instructor and owner of Herman Choi Kwang-Do Black Belt Academy in Novi. "It's good to help terminal illnesses we don't yet have cures for."

Choi Kwang-Do has grown in

popularity since its founding in 1967 because of its fluid movements that do not cause the joint pains that other lifelong martial artists may experience.

"We teach non-competitive and practical self-defense techniques usable in real life situations rather than in a tournament ring with rules. It's entirely different and the techniques are four to five times more effective than traditional techniques like Karate and Taekwondo," said Herman. "We use the whole body to punch rather than just the arm. With the traditional style, people have joint and spine pain. It's movements are very rigid and harsh."

To help kick off the fundraising campaign, Choi Kwang-Do had its members compete for the chance to train with Grandmaster Kwang Do Choi, founder and the only ninth-degree black belt, who Herman refers to as "the world's greatest martial artist of all time."

Grandmaster Choi focuses on how "a positive mental attitude affects all parts of life," Herman said. "There's a lot of emphasis on character development and

discipline." The southeastern Michigan students who raised the most money over the first month trained with Choi on Aug. 11 at the Novi location. This included three of Herman's young black belts, Carly Rouston, Kelsey DeRidder, and Shannon Rouston, who could not attend, which allowed runner up Joyce Cucksey to attend in her place.

With the fundraising campaign winding down, more than \$20,000 has been raised worldwide, primarily in Michigan and Georgia, where Choi and the International headquarters are based in Atlanta.

Herman, who became a student 22 years ago when she was 8, opened the Novi school in March 2005 and has taught classes in Novi and Beverly Hills for the past six years. She became a Kwanjambum, or "international instructor," 10 years ago and runs the school with help from her parents, brother and husband, Jeff.

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With a scream and a kick Allie Glumb, 12, kicks a pad as she works with Choi Kwang-Do instructor Jeff Herman. The Novi martial art academy has joined in on the international effort to bring awareness and prevention of malaria.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

## Fit Novi Series continues with Saturday and future events

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Physical fitness and a healthy well-being. These are principles the City of Novi is trying to instill in its residents.

"We're promoting a healthy, active community," said Tracie Ringle, communications and resource development supervisor for Novi Parks. "Michigan is cited for its high obesity rates. We have beautiful parks and good neighborhoods where people can really get out and move. There's also all the sports parks. All of these things are available for community mem-

Want to race?

Contact the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department at (248) 347-0400 or stop by their office in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., to register for the Sept. 8 Sprint Triathlon and Duathlon and the Nov. 30 Candy Cane 5k and Santa Fun Run.

hers to really get out."

The success of the Fit Novi Series events will continue with

Saturday's Sprint Triathlon and Duathlon and the Nov. 30 Candy Cane 5k and Santa Fun Run. The June 30 X-Tri triathlon and duathlon at Lakeshore Park brought out 55 racers earlier this summer.

"We have 120 people signed up so far and we're confident we can get 200 (total) or more," Ringle said of the event this Saturday.

The Sprint Triathlon and Duathlon will include an 800-meter swim, 15-mile bike ride and 5-kilometer run for triathletes and a 2-mile run substituted in for the 800-meter swim for duathletes. The races are

taking registration until 7 a.m. on Sept. 8, with the gun-shot start at 8 a.m.

The Candy Cane 5k and Santa Fun Run will include a 5-kilometer race for the entire family just in time for this winter's holiday season. The event will include hot chocolate, the holiday parade and tree lighting and an appearance from the jolly big man himself, Santa Claus.

Novi residents will also be designated with fit mate, fit female and fit family awards, based on a culmination of points earned throughout the entire Fit Novi Series.

The upcoming weekend for

the Fit Novi Series was supposed to include the double-header of the Run Fest and Fit Festival on Sunday, one day after the Sprint Triathlon and Duathlon. However, the Sunday festival was canceled in a joint decision by the sponsoring Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce and 3 Disciplines Racing.

"Only 23 people signed up and only two of those were from Novi," Ringle said. "We didn't feel it was equitable and beneficial to the community. It wouldn't be justifiable in closing the roads. We want to support

strong, advantageous events and this wasn't going to meet those standards."

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# MY EDUCATION

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**Making Music**  
The Novi High School marching band performs during last Friday's halftime of the Wildcats' home game.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News



**On Guard**  
Members of the Novi High School marching band's color guard perform before last Friday's game against Milford.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

### Novi High School marching band

The following is the September NHS marching band calendar of important events:

\* Saturday, Sept. 8 exhibition only event at Walled Lake Central High School with opening ceremony at 6 p.m. See Web site for schedule and directions.

\* Saturday, Sept. 15 FAN-FARE event at Novi High School. Nineteen bands are scheduled to perform beginning at 4 p.m. The Novi High School marching band is scheduled to perform in exhibition only at 9:45 p.m.

\* Friday, Sept. 21 the Novi High School home football game vs Lakeland High School.

### Class NOTES

The band will perform a pre-game show and during halftime.

\* Saturday, Sept. 22 the Novi High School band's Fall Boilie and Can Drive.

\* Saturday, Sept. 29 the Trenton Invitational at Trenton High School. More information to follow.

The Novi Wildcat Band now has a Web site providing infor-

mation for upcoming events. Everything from dates, maps, event schedules, etc. is available. Access to this information may be found by visiting <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/parents/comm/for/WePages/HSB/HSB.html>. Access may also be found through the Novi School District Web site at [www.novi.k12.mi.us](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us), then link to the high school home page and click on the "High School Band Web site."

### Free and reduced lunch program

Oakland County schools have released the policy for

free and reduced-price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program.

The chart breaking down the criteria for the 2007-08 school year is now on the Oakland Schools Web site at [www.oakland.k12.mi.us](http://www.oakland.k12.mi.us). Application forms are being sent to the homes of students and will also be available in the school office. Families may apply for meal benefits at any time during the school year.

For more information, please contact Mary Claya, child nutrition consultant,

Oakland Schools at (248) 209-2102.

### Fireup Fest

Following the Wildcats' football game Friday, Sept. 21, Music Go Round and Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry are sponsoring "Fireup Fest," to be held at the Civic Center parking lot. The event, running from about 9:30 p.m. to midnight, will feature a Battle of the Bands, rock climbing wall, food and additional entertainment. Wristbands will be sold at \$5 each (additional fee required for rock climbing).

Call Mallory Wothers at (248) 347-0596 for more information.

### Novi Athletic Booster's All Sports Pass

Now is the time to purchase an athletic booster all-sports pass for entry into all home athletic events throughout the 2007-08 school year. Tournaments, invitational and playoff games are excluded. The family pass includes all family members living in the same household for \$140. Individual passes are \$40. Please bring photo identification. For more information contact Michele Rydzewski at [myrdzewski01@yahoo.com](mailto:myrdzewski01@yahoo.com) or [mtra.robinson@hotmail.com](mailto:mtra.robinson@hotmail.com).

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**DePaul University**

The following Novi students were named to the Dean's List for spring semester at DePaul University in Chicago this summer: Samantha I. Perry, Charles Wilber Adams, Ashley M. Foster and Philip Tracy Calhoun.

The following students also graduated from DePaul University in Chicago this summer: Ashley Foster and Eric Woelker.

**SYNOPSIS OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

In accordance with Section 380.1272 of The School Code, the Novi Board of Education conducted a Public Hearing on August 16, 2007 to ascertain the need to implement a breakfast program. No member of the public spoke at this hearing. (Based upon no public support, the Novi Board of Education will not offer a breakfast program in 2007-2008. (9-6-07 NN 374393)

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## MY SCENE

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By Pam Fleming  
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Barbara Eko Murphy says it's never too late to become an artist.

The Northville Township resident and retired Livonia elementary school teacher didn't start studying painting until 2000 at the age of 67. "In 1999, I was forced to retire from teaching because I had three heart operations in a year," she said. "The doctors told me to take yoga or tai chi to learn how to relax. I took those, and then I started taking art lessons."

She'll be one of the plein air artists at the Northville Art House during the upcoming Victorian Festival and currently has an exhibit at the Picasso Cafe in Novi. Plein air simply means painting outdoors. Murphy participated in a previous plein air event in July presented by the Country Club Garden Club Walk of Northville.

"Gardenviews brought statues and flowers to the event," Murphy said. "It was such a success that we're going to repeat it."

Artists at the festival will use live models and the surrounding scenery as their subjects. Except this time, the models will be dressed in Victorian clothing.

"We'll be catching them in that moment of time with the lighting of the day," Murphy said.

### Learning life drawing

On Tuesdays, Murphy drives to Mary Step's home in Novi, where eight-12 artists draw live models two-three days a week and has studied drawing and watercolors since 2001.

"My focus has shifted this year mainly to life drawing, because that is my passion," Murphy said.

The artist said drawing live models is difficult because the creator has to learn human

### Where to see the artist's work

Area residents can meet artist Barbara Eko Murphy during the Northville Victorian Festival, where she will be one of several artists participating in a plein air painting event from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cody Street.

Her work is also on display through Sept. 29 at the Picasso Cafe, 39815 Grand River Avenue, in Novi. Cafe hours are 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. The cafe features a different artist each month. For more information, call the cafe at (248) 427-0600.

Murphy will also have a show from December 2007-January 2008 at the Dearborn Centennial Library.

For more information, go to [www.barbaraekomurphy.com](http://www.barbaraekomurphy.com).

### Learning life drawing

"It's difficult to get a likeness of a model," she said, adding that the masters, such as Michaelangelo and Leonardo Da Vinci, studied cadavers and drew thousands of images in order to perfect their art.

One of her instructors, Gail Mally-Mack, who teaches at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center, encourages her to show less in her drawings or paintings so the viewer can complete the images themselves.

Amy Foster, another teacher at the center, trains Murphy to study the masters and approach her drawing more technically. Laura Whitesides Host at the center instructs Murphy in various water media.

"They're stretching me in different directions," she said. "Hopefully, all this will help me develop my own style."



Barbara Eko Murphy uses charcoal to sketch a portrait in the Novi basement of Mary Step on a recent Tuesday afternoon. Murphy and other artists gathered there to paint, sketch and draw a model. Murphy has an exhibit at Novi's Picasso Cafe on Grand River Avenue and she and other plein air painters will re-convene at Northville's Art House during the Victorian Festival.

### Picasso Cafe display

Picasso Cafe in Novi has a different artist each month, and Murphy's card club meets at the cafe the first Thursday of every month for breakfast to see the art.

"I approached Alton Attee, the owner, about three years ago and

asked him if he would like to show art in his restaurant because the name Picasso Cafe leads itself to art displays."

He said yes and since then has welcomed artists' work from across Metro Detroit. Other businesses interested in displaying artists' work can contact Murphy, who can put them in touch with various art clubs.

"I'd rather show my art in libraries, restaurants, hospitals and other places rather than have it sitting in my art studio," she said. "It helps the business as well as the artist."

A native of Detroit, Murphy has been in more than 70 juried fine art shows and 23 one-woman shows since 2001. Her work can be purchased at the

Northville Art House Gift Shop and at the Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale.

"I hope to be a student of art for the rest of my life," she said. "I'm a passionate artist, and I want to perfect my skill."

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

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# 'Cats furious rally not enough



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A bunch of Wildcats, including Justin Carr, Brendan Murphy and Pat Schlenke bring down Milford quarterback Jordan Kidd.

## Novi runs out of time against Milford in 29-21 loss

By Jeff Theisen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Milford ripped off 29 unanswered points after Novi scored on the opening drive, and the Mavericks held on for a 29-21 victory Friday in Wildcat territory.

Ashawn Hall ripped off a 79-yard run just seconds into the contest, but it was all Mavericks for the next three quarters.

Milford quarterback Jordan Kidd connect-

ed on 10 of his 16 passes for 189 yards and four touchdowns. He also added another 68 yards on 20 carries.

Mark Heard and the passing offense were working on a furious comeback, but time was against the Wildcats and eventually ran out before they could get one crack at tying the game.

Heard finished with 191 yards and two touchdowns on 12-for-23 passing with two interceptions.

"Mark Heard had good protection," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourcy said. He pointed out the play of the offensive linemen: Joe Shada, Sammy Valkanos, Mark Bernier, Tyler Mouch, Tyler Hoover, Shane Lemere and Danny Enright. "They were providing adequate time for Mark to put the ball in the air."

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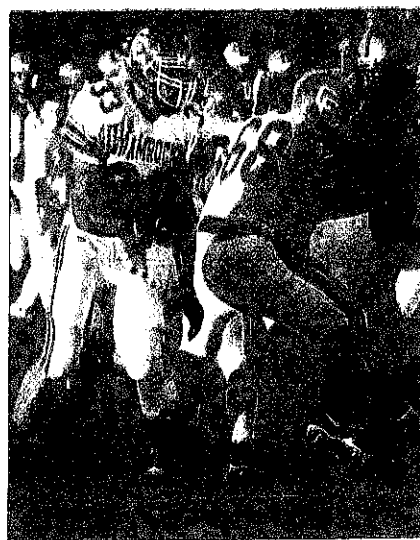


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Joe Kinville hits a hole as Mike Martin (68) keeps an Irish defender out of his path.

## Shamrocks pound Irish

Catholic Central defense stands strong during shutout

By Jeff Theisen  
NEWS SPORTS REPORTER

It's hard to believe it by looking at the score, but Catholic Central actually struggled early in a 49-0 blanketing at Notre Dame Prep.

The Shamrocks had fumble fever early, but the defense was more than up to the task against the Irish.

Catholic Central fumbled on three of its first four plays, twice leaving the Irish with the ball in Shamrock territory. But the sudden changes didn't throw off the defense.

"We started out with a fumble on the kickoff, and then we got it back," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "Then we had another play and fumbled, and they got the ball around the 20. Our defense did a great job of holding them."

"Sometime into the next couple of plays, we fumbled again. Our defense did a great job of stopping them."

Once the fumbles went away, the offense stepped on the gas pedal and never let off.

"After (the fumbles), they got into the game and did a great job of blocking and tackling," Mach said. "We were able to move the ball effectively on offense."

Joe Kinville led the charge with three touchdowns and 129 yards on 10 carries. Anthony Capatina found the endzone twice. Ryan Houska and Jon Vigi each scored one touchdown.

Kinville started the scoring with a 24-yard scoring run with 4:50 left in the first quarter.

Houska was next with a 13-yard run with 40 seconds left in

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Novi's Adam Pyett, left, leaps up to contest the ball against Milford opponent James Thomas during Tuesday night's home game.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

## Novi sees early successes

■ Robinson tallies 5 points in game

By Jeff Theisen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Wildcat soccer is off to a good start, staying undefeated at 3-0-1 after the first four games.

Novi started the season beating Ann Arbor Huron 3-2 on Aug. 20. Huron scored just a couple of minutes into the game. With a lot of new Wildcat players, it would've been easy to get rattled, but Novi responded a few minutes later with a goal from Nathan Robinson. The Wildcats took its first lead of the year when Robinson fed Roland Razburgaj a

pass in front of an open net with six minutes left in the first half. Razburgaj scored again 10 minutes into the second half off a feed from Miles Reichley. Huron scored on a corner kick six minutes later, but Tommy Duquette and the Novi defense kept the ball out of the net the rest of the way.

The Wildcats earned a 1-1 tie Aug. 22 against Rochester. The Eagles brought the play in the first half, but the score remained tied at the break. Garrett Gauruder scored the opening goal on a breakaway pass from Max Wujczyk 17 minutes in. Rochester evened the score with 13 minutes left on a breakaway, and that would be it for the scoring.

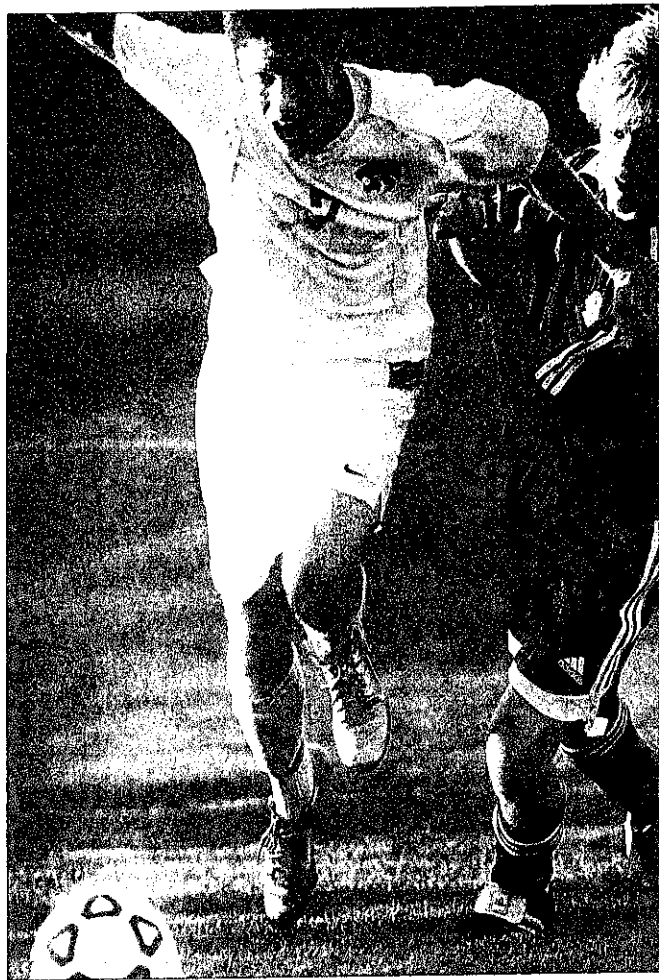
Novi got back in the win column against KVC foe Milford with a 2-

0 victory. Gauruder took a pass from Reichley, worked around a defender and scored with five minutes left in the first half. Seventeen minutes into the second half, Max Wujczyk found the back of the net to cap the scoring. Demsluk (four saves) and Duquette (six saves) combined for the shutout.

The Wildcat offense broke out big time against Pinckney, posting a 5-0 whipping. Novi ended a couple of near misses in the opening moments when Robinson buried a give-and-go pass from Gauruder. Robinson scored again on a feed from Adam Pyett, and the Wildcats took a 2-0 lead into halftime. Robinson recorded the

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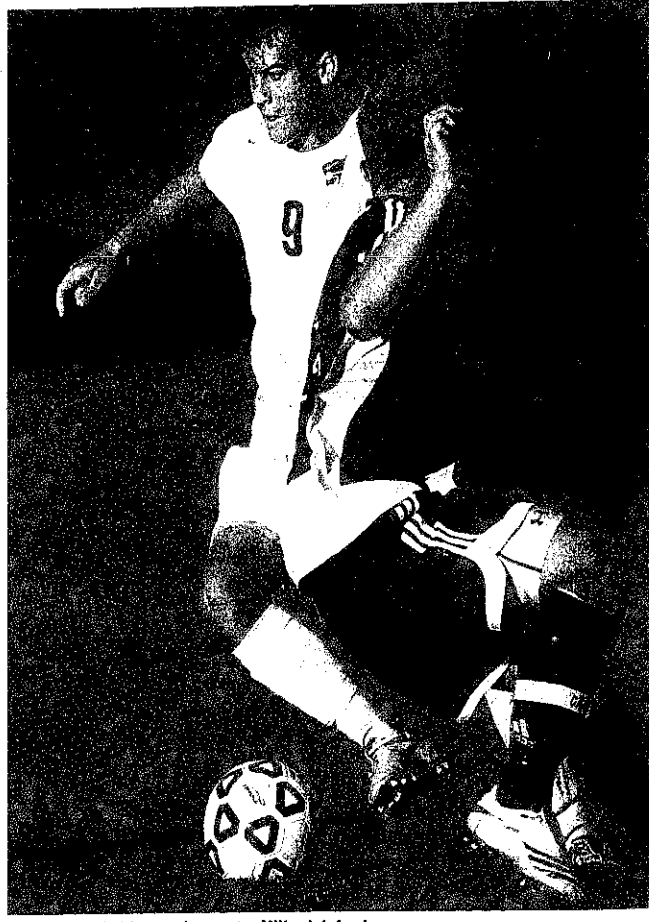
Wildcat Miles Reichley fights off a Milford defender on his way to the ball during Novi's recent home game.



Novi's Garrett Gauruder, left, goes up high for a header in the Wildcats' home game against the Milford Mavericks. Novi won, 2-0.



Playing the first half of the Wildcats' game against Milford, Novi goalie Craig Demshuk made this save — as a Maverick leaps past him at right — to keep the score even.



Novi's Nate Robinson zips past a Milford defender.

**Soccer**

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natural hat trick off a breakaway feed from Rydzewski seven minutes in. Ruzhynski scored on a feed from Robinson seven minutes later. Robinson scored his fourth and the final goal of the game off a direct kick with 20 minutes left. Demshuk (two saves) and Duquette (three saves) combined for the shutout.

**CC Soccer**

The Catholic Central soccer team opened the season 4-1-1, including winning the Gary Balconi Invitational Tournament at Plymouth-Canton on Aug. 25.

Riding the momentum, the Shamrocks opened league play with a 1-0 win against U-D Jesuit before dismantling Orchard Lake St. Mary's 6-0.

Catholic Central opened the year with a 2-0 loss to Clarkson.

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**Novi edges Northville**

**Wildcats show depth with 4 doubles wins**

By Jeff Theisen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi held court against rival Northville, winning 5-4, on a picture-perfect Thursday afternoon.

The featured match at No. 1 singles was an epic. Novi's Mani Mahadavan pushed Northville incoming transfer to the limit, but Melvin Joseph held on for a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 win that lasted around three and a half hours.

The Mustangs continued to show its strength in the singles department. Tim Wasielewski beat Ryan Bell 7-5, 6-4 at No. 3 and Mike Hagan beat Carson Crandall 7-6, 6-2 at No. 4 singles.

Novi's lone singles win came at No. 2 from Gouthan Kondapi 6-3, 6-2 against Steve Irvine.

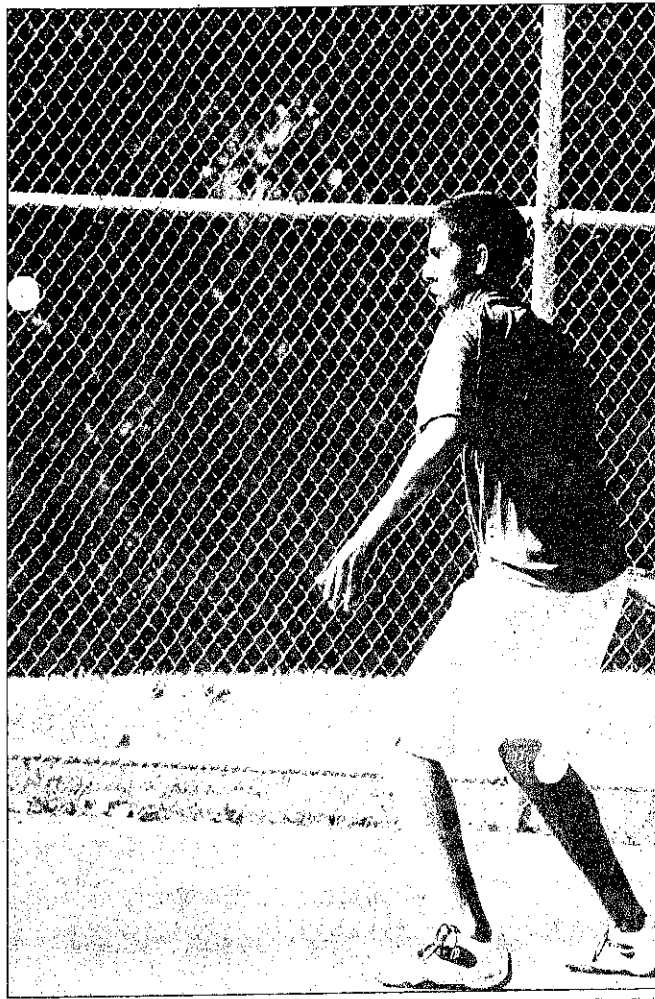
The Wildcats got four of their five points from the doubles teams.

Novi's wins came from Justin Farooq and Amani Sohni 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 at No. 1 against Andy Mills and Graham McLennay, Tim Oh and Greg Richard won 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 at No. 3 against Dan Mills and Brian Lovett; Nathan Farooq and Vishnu Venugopal won 6-3, 6-4 against Nick Kalweit and Evan Gatz at No. 4, and Derek Richard and Brent Womak won 6-4, 6-3 against Alex Shashito and Ian Laje.

The Northville doubles win came at No. 2. Lee Schechter and Phil Irvine beat Ryan Goodman and Jason Iiso 6-2, 6-2.

"It was great competition between two really strong teams," Novi head coach Jim Hanson said.

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Novi's Mani Mahadavan gets ready to volley back to Northville's Melvin Joseph.

Photo by Shawn Clark

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**JV Pom Pon Car Wash**

The Northville JV pom pon team will be at Busch's market Saturday and Sunday for a fundraiser. The team will be selling \$25 dollar gift cards for the Wash Zone car wash, located in the Busch's Market plaza at Five Mile and Sheldon roads. Redeem your gift card that weekend and you can have your vehicle vacuumed and hand-dried by the team members. Fifty percent of the card sale profits will go to support the pom pon team's 2007-08 competition schedule. Cards and the complimentary services will be available from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. that weekend. If you can't make it but would like to purchase a card, please contact Karlyn Jones at [karlynjones@comcast.net](mailto:karlynjones@comcast.net) or Susan Evans at [snorme@yahoo.com](mailto:snorme@yahoo.com).

**Northville 13U Travel Softball**

The Northville Broncos 13 and younger travel softball team will hold tryouts 4-6 p.m. Sept. 8 and 9 at Community Park and 5:30-7 p.m. Sept. 11. Community Park is located on Beck Road between Five and Six Mile. For more information, contact LeRoy Asher at (248) 380-0402.

**Northville 12U Travel Softball**

The Northville Broncos Girls Softball Team is holding tryouts for the 2008 12U teams. Tryouts will be held at Millennium Park (Six Mile between Beck and Sheldon) 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 8 and 4-6 p.m. Sept. 9. Girls must be 12 years old on or before Jan. 1, 2008. In case of bad weather, the tryouts will be held Sept. 11. For questions, contact Bruno Petrucci at (248) 207-6969/[petrucci101@comcast.net](mailto:petrucci101@comcast.net) or Stacey Badeen at (248) 342-7256/[stbadeen@tbsm.com](mailto:stbadeen@tbsm.com).

**Novi Tastefest**

The Novi athletic boosters invite everyone for the "ultimate tailgate" at the Sept. 21 home football game.

Several restaurants will offer their specialties from 5 p.m. to halftime. All proceeds will benefit Novi High School. Tickets will be sold for \$1 at the event and menu items are priced between two and five tickets.

Contact Lynda Favorite at [lynda@noviathletics.com](mailto:lynda@noviathletics.com) or Kara Mandeville at [yoga3@aol.com](mailto:yoga3@aol.com) with any questions.

**Mustang Stampede of Pride**

The Northville Athletic Booster Club will host an auction 7-11 p.m. Nov. 3 with all benefits going to Mustang athletics.

Donations of all kinds (event tickets, travel vouchers to name a few)



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**2007 Pony League Champs!**

Novi Green completed an outstanding season by winning the NYBL Tournament and advancing to the Pony League World Series against the Milford Bulldogs. Novi won 17-3 and finished the season 16-1. Pictured from left: Nick Kuczejda, Mason Paw, Eric Ticklenburg, Andrew Check, Scott Sanford, Stephen Ratkovich, Jon Hart, Derek Poppenger, Brian Herron, coach Ron Herron, Michael Gurney, Colleen Kolis, Gary Hoen, coach Mike Check and coach Don Kolis. Not pictured: Bryan Korona and Tommy Goers.

**Novi/Catholic Central sports schedules**

**Novi**

- Football: 9/7 at Pinckney, 6:55 p.m.
- Cross Country: 9/6 vs. Milford, 4 p.m.; 9/8 at Britton Dearfield Relays, 9 a.m.; 9/11 at Pinckney, 4 p.m.
- Tennis: 9/8 at W. Bloomfield, 8 a.m.; 9/10 vs. Saline, 4 p.m.; 9/12 at Milford, 4 p.m.
- Volleyball: (JV start times, varsity follows) 9/6 vs. Milford, 5 p.m.; 9/11 at Pinckney, 5 p.m.
- Soccer: 9/6 vs. Lakeland, 7 p.m.; 9/11 at Brighton, 7 p.m.
- Swim and Dive: 9/6 vs. Milford, 6 p.m.; 9/11 vs. Northville, 6 p.m.
- Golf: 9/8 at Pinckney, 3 p.m.; 9/11 at Hawk Meadows vs. Howell, 3 p.m.

**Catholic Central**

- Football: 9/8 vs. London Catholic Central, 7 p.m.
- Cross Country: 9/8 W. Bloomfield Invite at Kensington Park, 10:30 a.m.
- Tennis: 9/8 at Saline, 4 p.m.; 9/10 vs. U-D, 4 p.m.
- Soccer: 9/8 at De La Salle, 1 p.m.; 9/11 at Brother Rice, 4 p.m.

**Extremely good!**

The CW3 Extreme U11 boys soccer team recently won the Dearborn Soccer Club preseason tournament. After losing its first game to the Livonia Express, the boys came back with impressive wins against host Dearborn and a second Livonia team. In the final, they beat Livonia Express on a 10th 'nyer shoot out goal by Andrew Young of Novi.

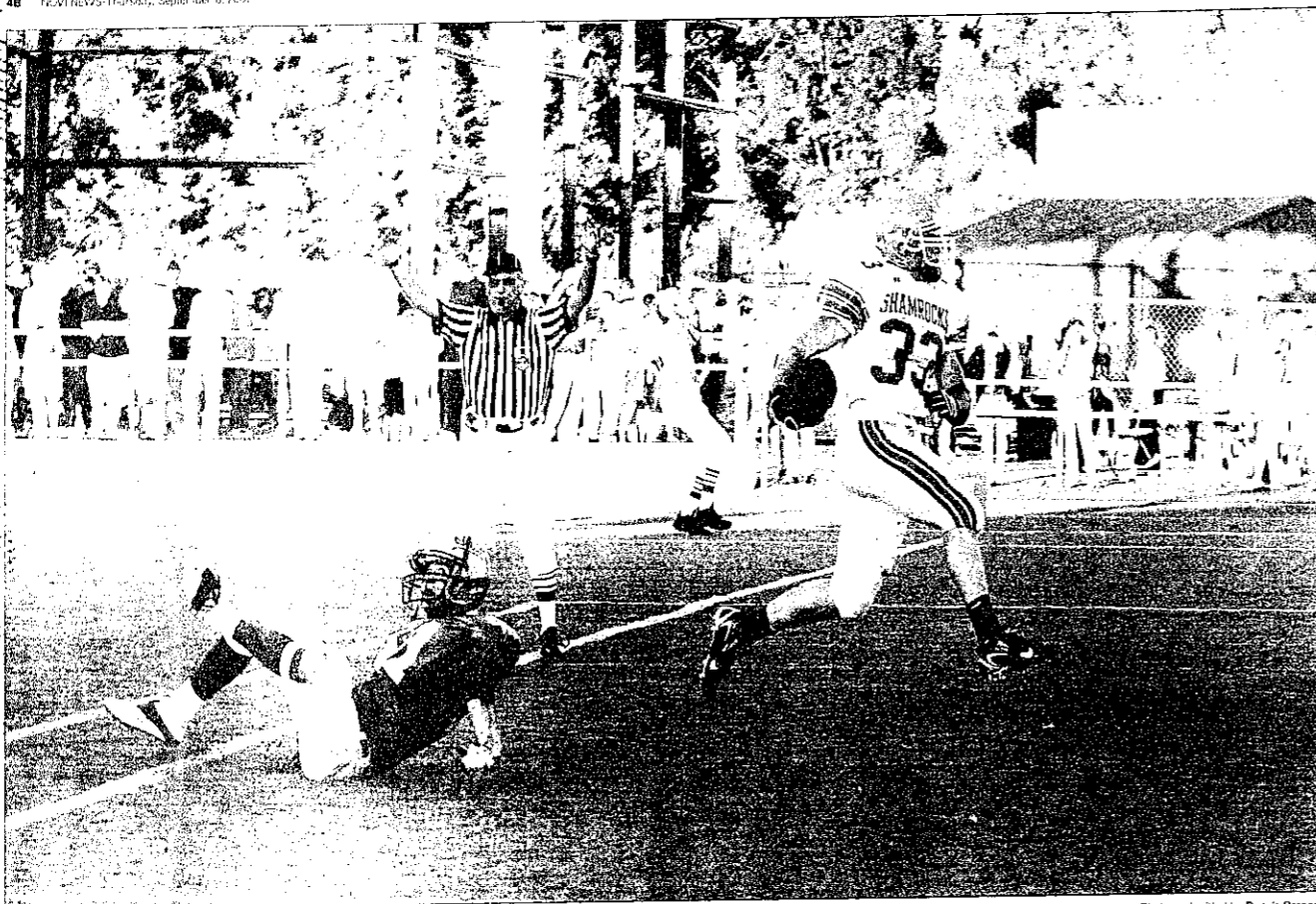
Front row, from left: Mike James and Alexander Baeza (Novi). Second row: Nick Michela, Ryan Kames, Aiden Beasley, Collin Gottschalk, David Schulte (Novi) and Ethan Bidoul. Third row: Parker Hoesey, Michael Baas, Andrew Young (Novi), Ben Mazer and Jeff James. Back row: Coach Dave Hoesey and assistant coach Bruce Young.



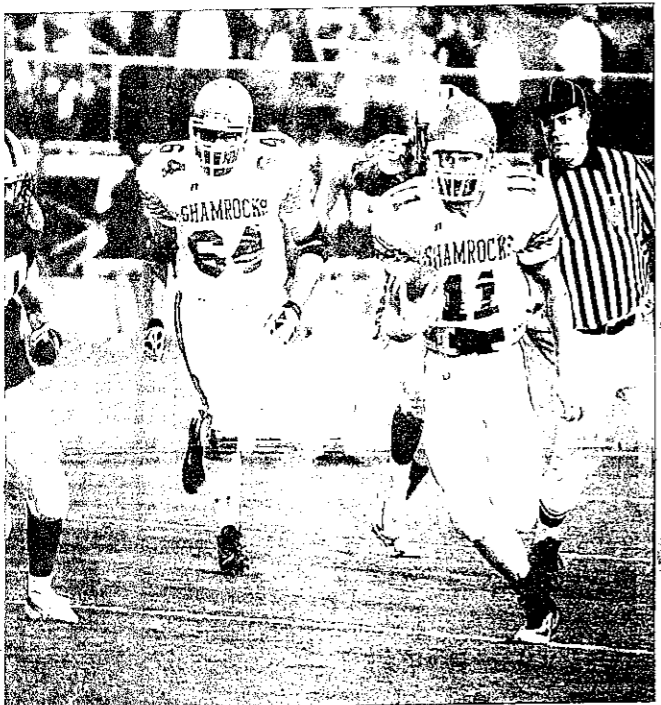
**Quick start!**

Former Novi and current U-M freshman soccer player Stephanie Crawford talked her first collegiate goal in the first game of the Wolverines' season Aug. 23 against Ohio University. More information on Crawford and the U-M soccer team can be found at [www.umich.edu](http://www.umich.edu).

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Joe Kinville scores one of his three touchdowns against Notre Dame Prep last Thursday.



Catholic Central quarterback Ryan Houska carries the ball against Notre Dame Prep.

### SHAMROCKS: Running game dominates Irish

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run in the fourth. He finished with 76 yards on just three carries.

As a team, the Shamrocks rolled up 441 yards of rushing.

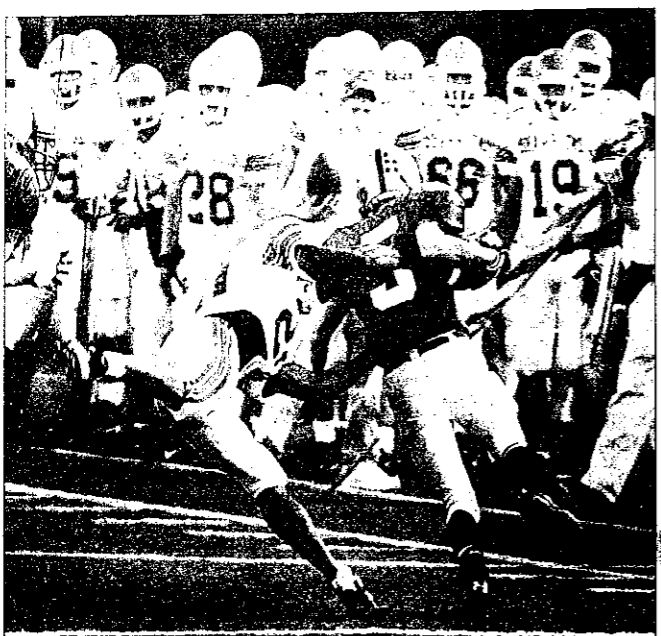
Mach was pleased to get a win, despite five total fumbles by his team. But he hopes it's just another in a long line of lessons learned this year.

"I think it was good for us to go through that, but we certainly don't want to do that again," Mach said. "We didn't let those mistakes lead to anything."

With the offense putting up big numbers and the defense not allowing a point, the Shamrock coaches were able to get a lot of players into the game.

"A lot of guys got a chance to get their feet wet in a varsity game, which will be good for them down the line," Mach said.

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Mel Farr makes a tackle on an Irish runner during last Thursday's game.

## Shamrock schedule goes international for a week

By Jeff Theisen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central will play its international portion of the schedule this Saturday at home.

London Catholic Central comes in from Canada, as it has for several years.

London is one of the top teams in Canada for its division, but it also plays a different type of game.

Canadian rules allow only three plays for a first down, so they tend to pass more. They also have a slightly bigger field, but the biggest difference is the endzone is twice as deep. Several other rules are different, but when they come to Novi to play Catholic Central, all those rules are gone. They play under MHSAA and on the Shamrocks' field.

"It's kind of an interesting game," Catholic Central Tom Mach said. "We've been playing them for quite a few years now, so they're used to it."

The Shamrocks showed they can pass the ball, completing their first and only pass of the year against the Irish last week. Don't expect to see a lot of passing against London, unless Mach and his coaching staff think this is the game to work on.

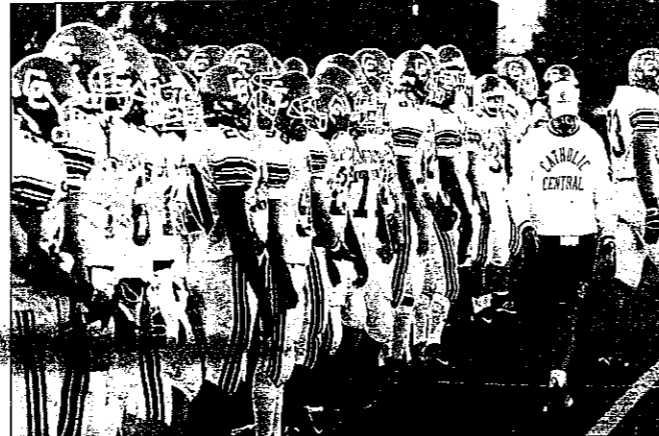
Mach is enjoying the 2-0 start. He gave his players

### Saturday's game

Who: Catholic Central (2-0) vs. London Catholic Central (Canada)  
When: 7 p.m.  
Where: Catholic Central



Novi running back Anthony Capatina runs upfield against the Irish.



Novi Catholic Central's head coach Tom Mach roams the sidelines during the Shamrocks' 49-0 victory against Notre Dame Prep.

## Pirates stand in way of first Wildcat victory

By Jeff Theisen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi will get a new test this week with its first game on the road. After falling to 0-2 at home, the Wildcats will travel to Pinckney.

"We're going to be on the road, and we're going to see what kind of team we have when we travel," said Novi head coach Tab Kelleppoury. "That's always something new with the group of kids that you have."

"We're going into hostile territory, and how we're going to respond we'll find out."

The Pirates opened the season with a 29-18 win at home against Salem and lost its KVC opener on the road at Brighton, 36-21.

On offense, the Pirates have averaged 25 points in the two games.

"Pinckney, they'll throw the ball like hot Kelleppoury said. They run a lot of quick pitch. There's a lot of east to west football, and then they break it off with the trap underneath."

Novi fell short against Milford



### Friday's Game

Who: Novi (0-2) vs. Pinckney (1-1)  
Where: at Pinckney  
When: 6:55 p.m.

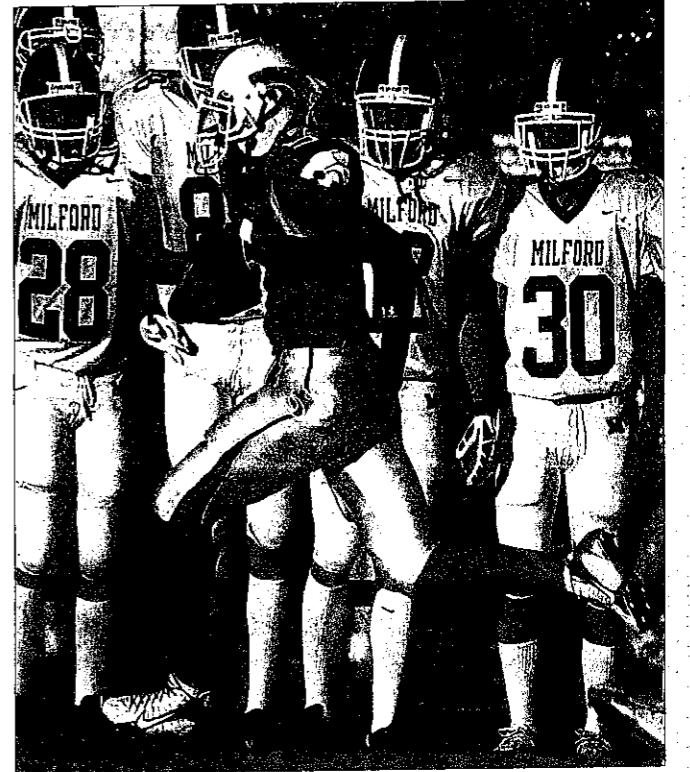
after mounting a furious rally in the fourth quarter. Heard threw for almost half of his 191 yards in the fourth quarter.

Friday will show if the Novi offense can stay locked in for all four quarters.

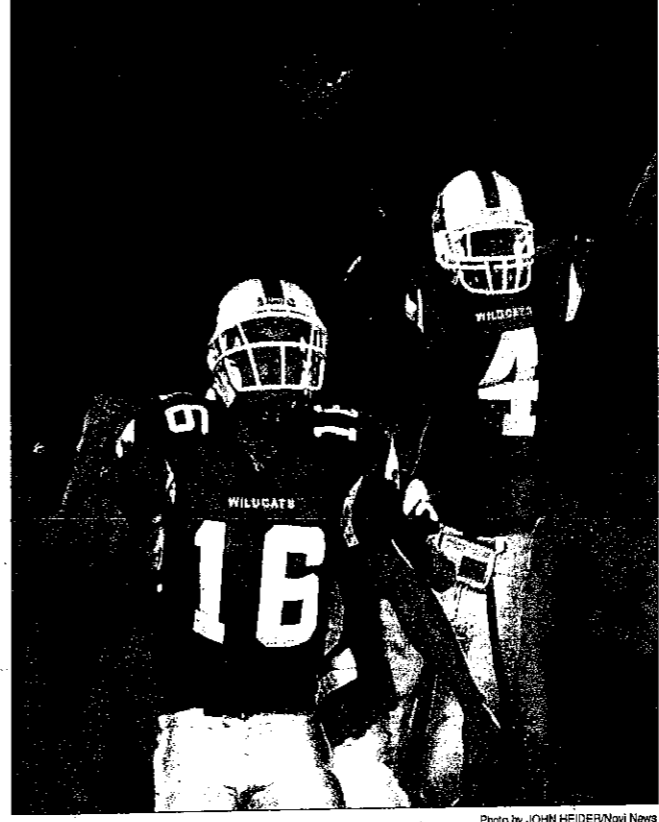
The Wildcats have suffered two close losses to start the year, and Kelleppoury knows his whole program is ready to crack the win column.

"We're going to be all right, but it's going to be a fight every Friday night," Kelleppoury said. "We've got seven left. We're going to have to start to pull together to win here so the kids understand what it's like to sing the fight song after the end of the contest."

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Dashing past the Maverick sidelines, Wildcat Arshaun Hall ran 79 yards for a touchdown early on in Novi's home game against Milford.



Wildcat Paul Favorite, left, and Brandon Bryant celebrate a defensive stop made against Milford.

## Time runs out on Wildcats

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| Team    | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4  | Total |
| Milford | 7 | 13 | 3 | 6  | 29    |
| Novi    | 7 | 0  | 0 | 14 | 21    |

"Mark has a nice release. When we take some good receivers and get up the field vertically on people, we've got a chance to get some yards quick."

**Quick six**

Things couldn't have started better for Novi. While fans were still looking for seats in a packed house, Hall took a handoff and found a hole before busting free down the Milford sideline.

"Arshaun Hall is really a nice kid," Kelleppoury said. "He runs the 100 meters for us, so he can fly that way. His ability to get away from people that are in position, and they can't get their hands on him, when you see that kind of stuff, sometimes it's difficult to describe, but when you see it, you understand that he has some special talents."

**Mavericks begin run**

But Milford answered back just three offensive plays later. Kidd hit a streaking Nick Haller over the middle and he raced into the endzone from 70 yards out.

It was just 1:20 into the game, and already 14 points were on the board. But the defenses took over the rest of the quarter and it remained tied at seven, headed into the second quarter.

Milford took the lead with just 7:40 left in the half when Kidd hit Haller for a 25-yard score.

The Wildcats didn't just sit on the ball and had a golden opportunity to score. Heard lofted a long pass to Brandon Bradford, who was well behind the defense, but he couldn't haul in the deep pass.

On the next play, the Mavericks strip forced a fumble and recovered it at the Novi 32.

These plays later, Kidd struck again. He hit Kyle Podvin with a 3-yard score with just 13 seconds

left in the half.

What looked to be a tie game wound up leaving the Mavericks with a 20-7 lead at the break.

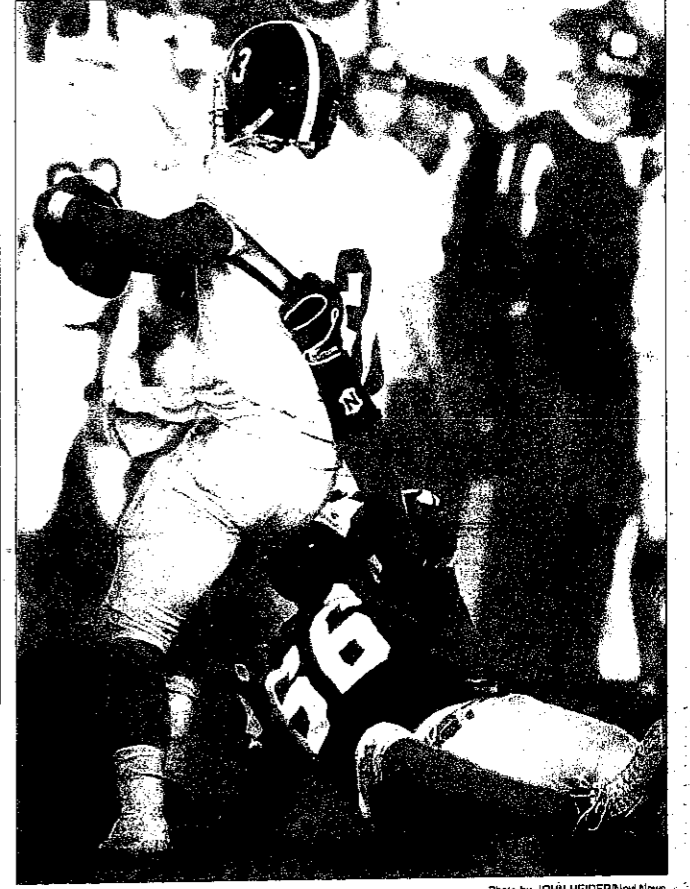
The lone points in the third quarter came from a 24-yard field goal by Maverick kicker Paul Consiglio.

What looked to be the final nail in the coffin came from Kidd's fourth touchdown pass of the day. Facing a fourth-and-long and a long field goal, the Mavericks went with a jump-ball pass in the corner of the endzone. Carter Fox timed his jump perfectly and came down with the ball in traffic for a 29-7 lead with 11:49 left.

**Wildcat comeback begins**

The Wildcats didn't give up and started to mount its best sustained offensive pressure this year.

"That's the important part —



Novi defensive lineman Tyler Hoover drags down Milford QB Jordan Kidd during Friday's game.

## Novi JV, freshmen knock off Milford

Submitted to the Novi News

The Novi JV Wildcats got off to another fast start this week and didn't look back, blanking Milford 27-0.

Another strong performance by the offensive line got the Wildcats rolling on the first of four long scoring drives in the game. After long runs from Jimmy Picher, Tommy Szymanski and Ricky Enright, Justin Hopton scored for the Wildcats.

The defense, led by strong open field tackles from Szymanski and tackles in the backfield by Jordan Jobbori and Ryan Jok, stopped Milford for the second straight drive. Novi quickly capitalized with another long drive that included a pass reception to Jeremy Minus from Ricky Enright, followed by a 15-yard touchdown run by Picher.

Novi almost added a third score prior to the end of the first half, but was stopped in the red zone, leaving the score 14-0 at halftime.

Milford tried to muster a comeback with an early drive in the second half, but that was stalled at mid-field, bringing Novi's offense back on the field. Later in the quarter, Adam Paul ramblbed for 35 yards and Enright threw a 24-yard touchdown pass to Picher.

Milford continued to stay in the game with some first downs, but strong inside play by Brett and Garrett Jewell helped stall several Milford drives. Alex Engbretsen had a touchdown-

ing tackle and Jordan Scheffler put the finishing touches on another strong defensive stand with a tackle to stop Milford.

Tim Hartland came in to lead the Wildcat offense on two long drives. Masaru Nogami, Adam Troher and Brent Kahn carried the ball for positive yardage. Kahn broke off a 55-yard run and Nogami finished off a drive with a 5-yard touchdown run.

The Novi defense remained strong and posted the shutout.

**Novi Freshmen knock off Milford**

The Novi Freshmen handed the Milford Mavericks a loss last week, beating them soundly, 28-8.

The game opened with a quick Novi score on a reception by Brady Sheldon, Midway through the quarter, on back to back carries, Beau Bielski put a second touchdown on the board. Nolan Valeau delivered extra points on both touchdowns for a 14-0 lead.

Milford's offensive line came back with a vengeance in the second quarter. Following an 80-yard drive, a 15-yard pass completion put six points on the board for Milford. An offside penalty against Novi positioned Milford for a successful two-point conversion, and put them within a single touchdown of Novi.

As play continued, the Milford QB was pressed by Novi into a scramble to avoid a sack, but he was run out of bounds by Novi, with Austin Wertheimer credited

with the tackle. On the next play, a final Milford drive was stopped by Brady Sheldon and Krister Engja.

The second half opened with Novi leading 14-8. In early play, Zach Mohr shared credit with Krister Engja for a well-executed pass play that resulted in a first down. When the ball reached the 3-yard line, Novi fumbled, and Milford recovered the ball. Moments later, on another Novi fumble, Valeau recovered the ball, saving another potential turnover.

The Novi offense got back on track when Dominic Sabo finished off a double reverse for a gain. A quarterback draw play positioned Zach Mohr to get over the line for a third Novi touchdown. Kicker Nolan Valeau delivered the extra point for a 21-8 lead.

An early Milford drive in the fourth quarter was stopped by Michael Brandt. A tremendous Novi defensive effort held off the fourth down, in spite of a powerful Milford running back who carried three Novi linemen as passengers. Novi then launched a grinding game inside the 40-yard line in an attempt to run out the clock.

However, with four minutes left in the quarter, Dakota Budde took a backbreaking punt through the Milford line to push the ball into touchdown range for Novi. With two minutes left, David Spurling scored from 8 yards for the final touchdown. Valeau kicked the ball through the uprights, making 4-for-4 attempts during the game.

## Home Owners Do You Know... How to Avoid Roof Leaks?

Roofing problems can develop at any time. Most asphalt/fiberglass shingles are made to last about 15 years, but roofs could begin to present some problems at the age of 8 to 10 years. Roof leaks are often difficult to find and can be the cause of significant structural damage that may appear sometime later.

### SIGNS OF ATTIC LEAKS/MOISTURE:

- STRUCTURAL SAGGING: WAVY ROOF FRAME AND SHEATHING
- DAMAGED, WORN OR MISSING SHINGLES; MOSS GROWTH
- CORRODED FLASHING (AROUND CHIMNEY, DORMER, VENTS AND IN VALLEY)
- RAISED SHINGLES ALONG THE BOTTOM OF THE ROOF
- ICICLES HANGING FROM GUTTER IN THE WINTER (POTENTIAL ICE DAMS)
- STAINED / DISCOLORED OR DELAMINATING SHEATHING
- RUSTED NAILS AND RUST STAINS ON SHEATHING



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- DAMP OR DISCOLORED INSULATION
- WATER SPOTS OR BLACK MARKS ON THE CEILING OR AT THE JUNCTION BETWEEN CEILING AND WALL.

### WATER MARKS AROUND CEILING FIXTURES SOURCES OF ROOF LEAKS / MOISTURE:

**RAIN/WIND** - Some roof problems occur when wind forces the rain under the edges of the roof or shingles. Two factors contributing to this phenomenon is an improperly sloped roof or failure to adhere, using roofing cement, the asphalt/fiberglass shingle tabs in high wind areas.

**ICE DAM** - is an accumulation of ice at the lower edge of a sloped roof. They form when there is a layer of snow on the roof, which melts due to heat loss from the house into the attic. The water refreezes at the eave because it extends past the warm interior of the house and the backup of water seeps underneath the roof covering.

**MOSS** - Wood and built-up roofs are vulnerable to the deterioration by moss for its ability to retain moisture and its root system penetrating the roof surface.

**WATER VAPOR** - Until the late 1970s residential construction codes did not require thermal or vapor barriers that are now standard practice. Exfiltration of warm moist air to drier colder air results in condensation (first in the winter), mold, mildew and wood decay. It causes curling, cupping and shrinkage in asphalt/fiberglass shingles, corrosion of metal roofing and rotting of wood shakes and shingles.

### FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO LEAKS/MOISTURE:

- POOR ROOF SLOPE DESIGN; INCORRECT SHINGLE INSTALLATION
- EXCESSIVE EXPOSURE LENGTH, IMPROPER JOINT LOCATIONS OR NO UNDERLAY ON WOOD SHAKE/SHINGLE ROOFS
- WATER PONDING OR CLOGGED ROOF DRAINS ON FLAT ROOFS
- MISSING OR DAMAGED SHINGLES; EXPOSED NAILS
- IMPROPER FLASHING OR SEALING (AROUND PROTRUSIONS OR VALLEYS)
- INADEQUATE EAVE PROTECTION
- IMPROPERLY HUNG GUTTERS OR DRIP EDGES
- DETERIORATED CHIMNEY (FRODED MORTAR or CRACK CHIMNEY CAP)
- INSUFFICIENT INSULATION; INSUFFICIENT VENTILATION
- VENT PIPES OR EXHAUST PIPES TERMINATING INTO THE ATTIC

Drawings for area of ROOF LEAKS



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Sloped/flat - water/ice builds up at the junction of the two differently pitched roofs (such as an unheated attached garage) or an extremely poor design where a sloped roof plane meets a wall; water/snow can accumulate in this "valley" and cause damage.

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# A Remarkable Year

## KSD student dances her way to Hollywood

**It's** been a remarkable year for 17-year-old dancer, Ashley Charlick.

The recent Milford High School graduate started her year off in January by performing with singer Seal at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Charlick and Savannah Bloomberg, fellow dancer from Karen's School of Dance, along with four others were chosen from dozens who auditioned for the job.

"It was an amazing experience to be on stage with Seal," says Charlick. "Even though we only had one number where we performed with him, he was really nice and took the time to meet all of the dancers."

Later that month, Charlick and other dancers from Karen's School of Dance in Highland, where she has danced since she was 3 years old under the direction of owner, Karen Kem, participated in a convention hosted by LA Dance Force. For two days she attended workshops and classes culminating with the opportunity to audition for a panel of judges who were awarding scholarships.

At the conclusion of the convention, three dancers, including Charlick, received a four-week scholarship to the EDGE Performing Arts Center in Los Angeles. Additionally, the three winners were filmed while performing during the convention's closing ceremonies for an opportunity to be selected to perform with an exclusive LA dance troupe — Dance With The Force. At the end of the convention tour in June, 10 winners were selected from 16 cities and 48 finalists. This national recognition is the ultimate summer dance intensive and performance award and is a chance of a lifetime experience to be submerged in the Los Angeles dance world — and Ashley Charlick danced her way to that honor.

In February, Charlick auditioned for the Wayne State University dance program, and was offered a full four-year scholarship to their program.

From March through May, Charlick and the Karen's School of Dance dancers competed at several regional dance competitions, where she took first overall honors with her solo in four out of five competitions. Charlick and four other elite level dancers from KSD, Savannah Bloomberg, Hailey Donaldson, Tracy Freeman and Gabby Renel, also took first overall with their jazz number, "How Come You Don't Call Me?," during every competition.

"I couldn't have asked for a better season," Charlick says.

The year continued its positive trend in June when Charlick graduated from Milford High School, and into July when the KSD dancers attended the 2007 KAR National Dance Competition in Chicago and won the title of National Champions for their elite level jazz number, "How Come You Don't Call Me?" Individually, Charlick also won the title of 2007 Miss Dance America and the 2007 Dance Spirit Magazine Future Star Award.

Two days after returning from Nationals in Chicago, LA Dance Force flew Charlick to Los Angeles and where she and the other nine winners of Dance With The Force, were provided unlimited dance classes at the EDGE Performing Arts Center. Each dancer also received a photo session with leading



Photo by ERIK HYLER

Ashley Charlick, a dancer from Karen's School of Dance, won a scholarship to the EDGE Performing Arts Center and a photo shoot with LA-based photographer, Erik Hyler.

LA photographer, Erik Hyler, and a full portfolio of photos. At the end of July, the 10 dancers performed for three nights at the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center in Hollywood for an audience filled with friends and family, not to mention the LA dance community, including choreographers, producers, directors and agents.

"It was a lot of work, but a great experience," says Charlick, who returned to Michigan in early August. "I love Los Angeles, and would love to live there eventually."

First, Charlick needs to earn some money. Living in Los Angeles is expensive, and as a dancer, Charlick will need to take a lot of

classes and attend auditions to establish herself in the LA dance community. So much time on the dance floor means she won't have as much time to work a job to support herself. So, Charlick plans to stay in Michigan for one more year, taking classes at Karen's School of Dance, where she is also on staff, as well as working with several other dance-related opportunities until she has built herself a "nest egg" to help her get by in Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, Charlick plans to continue attending dance conventions and auditioning. She turns 18 in September when she'll be old enough to audition for "So You Think You Can Dance."

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"I really wanted to audition this year, but I wasn't old enough," says Charlick. "I love to dance. It's what I feel I was meant to do," says Charlick. "I look back at this year so far, and I can't believe everything that has happened to me. It's really been remarkable."

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