

My take on week one of the 2011 season

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Here is a list of some things I took from Friday Night Lights – Aug. 19 edition.

Eastern-West Washington

The jury is still out on how good the Musketeers will be this season, but no one will question their heart following their 18-7 win over visiting West Washington.

A serious ATV accident to a player's sister; A player's mom battling terminal cancer and on the day of the season-opening game, the death of a player's dad.

They not only fight through it all and play, but they play pretty well.

This Friday's game at Clarksville should be a better guide to how good the Musketeers are. They looked fast – faster than they have in the history of the program. Against a usually-quick Clarksville team we will get a better idea of if EHS players are that fast or if West Washington's players are a step slower than they have been in recent years.

If the Musketeers stay healthy, their line and running back Trey Albertson will cause defensive coordinators fits this season.

Don't cry too many tears for West Washington this season. The Senators have just six seniors coming off a very impressive season a year ago.

The win-loss record doesn't look promising with a very difficult schedule, but a rebuild year this year will turn quickly into a re-loading situation in 2012 for Head Coach Phillip Bowsman and company.

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Salem-Paoli

I think there was some people in the Lion camp that actually thought a win at Paoli was a possibility.

I guess the 67-0 loss is proof that Rome wasn't built in a day and Head Coach Mo Moriarity and his staff have their work cut out for them.

Salem will win a few games this year – mark it down, but they are at least two seasons away from getting back to where the kind of losses they suffered at Paoli don't happen.

The good news is 109 kids signed up to play youth league football for the Lions. That's grades three through sixth. If that trend continues and those kids stick with it, it won't take long for Coach Mo to get the ship on course.

Plus, don't take anything away from Paoli. The Rams have been one of the premiere programs in the area for the last four seasons.

I am interested to see how Salem looks against Silver Creek Friday. The contest is a home game for Silver Creek, but will be played at Salem because the Dragon field is still not suitable for play.

Floyd Central-Male

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Head Coach Brian Glesing has helped to make Floyd Central one of the better teams in the southern half of the state.

Over the past three seasons, the Highlanders have won a lot of big games, but they haven't been where they needed to be on defense.

They opened the season by giving up 285 yards of total offense to Louisville Male, but that's not too shabby.

Male competes every season for a state championship in Kentucky and this year will be no different.

If the FC defense continues to show improvement, the Highlanders should not only be in the hunt for a Hoosier Hills Conference title, but could put together a strong run in the IHSAA State Tournament.

There is a lot of football to play and a lot of things can happen between now and then, but the Highlanders have a lot of pieces to the puzzle.

Look for a high energy game Friday as FC hosts one of their biggest rivals, Providence.

Other tidbits

I am interested to see if Madison has improved that much or if Charlestown is down a little bit this year.

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The Cubs snapped a 14-game losing streak with their win over the Pirates.

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Silver Creek scored a lot of points at Springs Valley for a first-year program. I am looking forward to see how they matchup Friday against Salem. That will be a battle of two programs trying to build. A win for Salem would show they are moving in the right direction, a win by the Dragons will send a message to the rest of the conference that SC will be in the MSC hunt in the next couple of season.

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North Harrison picked up a win over Crawford County and again it will be interesting to see if the Cougars are a program on the rise or if the Wolfpack are still the whipping post of Southern Indiana.

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