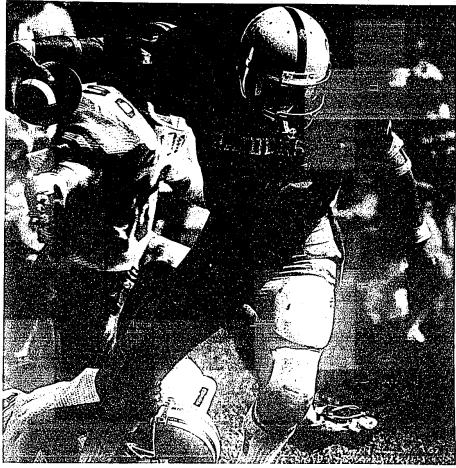
Harrison's grid season far from disaster



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This was the year when success turned on John Herrington Harrison football team.

Was 1935 as unsuccessful season for the Hawks? Heck no. The team was 7-2. There are programs that would send their athletic directors up the river for a 7-2 season. (There are programs that would send their ADs up the river for neason at all, but that's an entirely different issue). But at Harrison a 7-2 season devoid of a league championable and a state playoff bert is a bit shocking, let alone the stands, some of the parents were bickering (belleve il).

In previous years, the Hawks would blast through their Western Lakes schedule with ease, winning games by imaging of 40 points or better.

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The games were closer. Harrison 14,
Northville 6: Harrison 16, Canton 3;
Harrison 18, Walled Lake Westerff 7.
Franklin 9, Harrison 7. John Glenn
28, Harrison 7.
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Would ge that, John Herrington has
won 110 games in 24 seasons at Hartson. He's isch but 35. He's limited thamplomships, including a string of five
straight that was snapped this season
by John Glenn.

Would you have the nerve to walk up
to this man and say, "Hey, John, what's
the deal? Can't you put up more than
18 points against Canton? Lesing your
touch, are you, John?

In reality, John Herrington, Bob
Sutter, Bob Sallow and Steve Dolloway
may have turned in their best coaching
efforts of the past five years.

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were good players. The rest, relatively
speaking, could be classified as adequate.

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In past years, Harrison has fielded four, five and six all-state-caliber players on the same team. Last year's team had an All-American, three all-staters and eight All-Area players.

Herrington and his staff got a ton a of mileage out of the 1095 Hawks, more than perhaps even Herrington expected.

I WOULD classify Harrison's season a success. On the other hand, North Farmington's 1985 season would be classified disaster. On paper, Jim O'Leary's Raiders

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were as good as any team in the Western Lakes — including John Glenn.
Sadly, the Raiders never poiled it together. Trauma began in the summer.
O'Leary found his senior class less than
responsive in practice. The bad attitude trickled down to the juniors and
sophomores. He also found himself
without a quarterback.
The first visible sign of trouble came
in week No. 2 — a 20-0 loss to Walled
Lake Western.
A 7-0 overtime loss to John Gleen in
week No. 1 ripped the heart out of the
Raiders and triggered a three-game
losing streat — each of the three losses
in O'r. The season ended 4-5 for the
Raiders.
We had more discipline problems
this year than in any other year I've
been here," O'Leary said. "We never
got the leadership we needed from our
seniors."

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Look for the Raiders to rebound alrong next year. Gerry Haight, Jay Sturts, South Selzer and Brian Schlerioh — all juniors who performed well this season — should step up to provide the leadership that was missing in 1985.

MOST WILL consider 1985 to be a disaster for Don Kuick's Farmington High program too. After a 7-2 season in 1984, the Falcons looked to be a strong contender to keep their Lakes Division crown.

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But the team showed tremendous poise, I felt. The Falcons were absolutely demolished in their first three games, lesing to Southfield, Harrison and Glenn by a combined score of 103-14.

Many teams (re: North Farmington) would have thrown in the towel after such a start. Farmington, ded by Jim Laird, Craig Petersmark and Joe Bob Wenson, railled to win four of its final six games.

Something endeared me to this Farmington team. They could be ashad or as good as any team in the area at any given time during a game. They could be hugging and sisping five like the 1979 Pittsburgh 'We are Family-Pirates one minute and fighting with each other on the field the next. The Falcons were many things this season, but they were never dail.

Stevie 'D' wins again

ivonia middleweight Steve Darnell raised his ing record to 10-0-1 Saturday night with a unan-use six-round decision over hometown favorite y Watson of Grand Rapids. It was a good light for me because he was a y hitter, said Darnell, "I moved him around

heavy hitter," said Darnell, "I moved him around and picked my spots." The loss dropped Waison to 6-3. He had posted four knockout victories in a row before meeting the Livenian. Darnell was originally scheduled to fight Jose Serno of Los Angeles on the Hagler-Hearns under-

card Nov. 14 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. But an injury to Marvin Hagler, the world middleweight champion, postponed the fight until March.

"I hadn't fought since July 25 so my manager got ne this fight when the other felt through," said Dar-ell. I needed to get moving again." Darnell said there is a possibility he could be on the Donald Curry-Milton McCrory Welterweight hampionship undercard Dec. 8 in Lake Tahoe,



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