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AVONDALE NOTES: The Rhinos are
in the Class B playolfs for the third
straigh year. This is the first time, how-ever, that Avondale has advanced be-yond the first round.

The Rhinos sort to Okemos two years
ago, 21-6, and to Manysville jast year, 28-13. They are 9-0 in the last three reg-

ular setons and 63-18 since 1980, ex-cludinghe playoff losses.

PLANG ON TURF: Since both have quick tems, Harrison coach John Herrington desn't expect the artificial turf in AtwoodStadium to be a decided advantageor either one.

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"If It's soggy day, we'll be glad wa're ne on grass," he said. "If the ground I (racen, we'd want to be on grass. Wan we played Marywrile in 6th our the wards we're the surface was not be said to be compared. "If the surface was not pleased last year when the thawks showed up to find the field still overed with snow from the candous fait."

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"It should have been cleared at 8 in
the moring, but they were clearing
snow (iveninules before the game," he

said.
Thoughthe Hawks fell behind 20-7 to Marysville the afternoon sun dried the field, and tarrison rallied under cold but relatively by conditions for a 35-20 vic-

PASSIX UPDATE: In not quite two full seasons as the Harrison quarter-back, and the many has completed 195 and the property of the property of

CC, Eagles in 'A' semi

Youngblood is a two-year starter and only on of two Eisenhower players who go both ways, offensively and defensively. He also doubles as a defensive back.)

"Joel is very versatile," Lantry said. "We do't run him on the option, but he's a scrambler. He's a real competitor, very digoing and well-liked. He's a "Student."

THIS SEASON, Youngblood has thrown for 1,560 yards (104-for-161) and 18 touchdowns. He's been intercepted seven times.

"Joel has a lot of receivers he can go to," Latry said. "We have four guys

with at least 20 catches or more."

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"We're more of a ball-control offense," he slid. "We have one back that gone for over 1,000 yards (Mike Nezich) and another that's around 600. We like to control the ball if we can."

But Lantry knows CC can control the ball effectively, too.

"They are big offensively," said the Elsenower coach. "That offensive line is buge by most high school standards, as able to power you, especially No. 70, the right tackfulled to the standards, and bid to power you, especially No. 70, the right tackfulled to the line andpush you around."

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Tough 'D' Harrison hallmark

By Dan O'Mears staff writer

Farmington Harrison's offense is averaging a whopping 41 points per game, but the guys who play defense for the Hawks probably get thred of hearing about that.

The reason befund that the Harrison defense has been just as impressive. The Hawkshing per game and less that the heart of the Hawkshing per game and less than 100 intolal offense.

Officially, opponents have scored 47 points on Harrison — a paltry sum at that But the first-team unit has given up a mere three touch-downs, less than half of the team total.

Furthermore, two of those came in the wake of turnovers. In the season opener, Southfield scored on a 4-yard run following an interception, and Northville converted after the Hawks fumbled on their 11-yard line.

"That's one TD, the way I look at it," sald coach John Herrington, acknowledging a second-half pass by Westland John Glenn in the league champlonship game to be a legitimate score. "And that was on fourth down and 19, too."

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WITH ONLY TWO returning starters — tackle Jeff Skinner and halfback Chad Burgess, defense was a question mark in August. But it has become just as formidable as the offense, posting seven shutouts in 11 games for the No. 1-rated and unbeaten Hawks.

"Wee knew we had quickness, and we thought we would be OK," Herrington said. "The development of (Eryan) Waudron at safety and (Carl) Schumacher and (Scot) Michos al inbescher has best grant of the control of the con

ington said.

Noseguard Jason Buchanan and tackle Joe Hannawa, though not heavy by lineman standards, provide much of the quickness up front. Rob MacDonald and Jason Lichtman round out what has become one of the best secondary units in the area, if not the state.

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The Hawks have intercepted 26 passes and turned the ball over to the offense via turnovers or convert-



Scott Nichols, a senior linebacker for Harrison, chases down Riverview quarterback Bob Guiney. The 185-pound Nichols has been a key player for the Hawks.

downs it times.

Harrison's defensive challenge
this week is to contain Auburn Hills
Avondale's veer-option running attack when the teams meet at 1:30
p.m. Saturday in a Class B semifinal
game at Flint Atwood Stadium.

THE HAWKS FACED the veer carlier this year when they played Livonia Franklin, but the Patriots ran it from the I-formation instead of the split-back alignment used by the Rhinos.

Avondale is predominantly a running tearn with two backs over or near 1,000 yards rushing, Senior upback Dennis Long has 1,081 yards and junior tailback Jervon Lang 987.

The two are nearly identical in every statistical category, with Long also scoring 17 touchdowns and Lang 15, Long carrying the ball 170 times and Lang 167.

But the Rhinos, who also boast a potent offense averaging 22% points, aren't afraid to throw since they have a strong-armed quarterback in 6-3, 175-pound senior Jeff THE HAWKS FACED the veer

ed opposing miscues into touchdowns's times.

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"They get you defending the option and get everybody coming up on the run, and they throw the ball downfield to Damian Woodmore."

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KUCEMBA HAS BEEN successful on 41 of 93 attempts for 762 yards and seven TDs, with all but five completions going to the Woodmore brothers, senior swingback Damian and junior wide receiver Kervin.

Damian, who also is part or speedy defensive secondary where he has made 31 tackles and eight interceptions, has caught it plasses for 423 yards and inve TDs. Kevin 20 for 423 yards and three TDs.

The Rhinos also average 210 pounds up front, which includes five interior linemen and the tight end. Nobody goes less than 185, but much of the size is centered in a pair of the property of the size is centered in a pair of the control of the size is centered in a pair of 641, 280) and Pat Sawyers (4-0, 240).

Harrison takes aim at Rhinos

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the pass," Herrington said, "and we have to control their inside lineback-ers, who are good, strong defensive players."

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MARK HARPER (6-0, 205) and Rod Fakhoury (5-10, 185) are vital to Avondale's 4-3 defense, and Brad Davis, who returned an interception 56 yards for a TD against the Panthers, spearheads the secondary.

Sophomore tackie Dedrick Johnson (6-1, 190) developed into a strong player as the season progressed, and 6-foot-2, 260-pound tackie Tate Andersen gives the Rhinos as big man in the middle.

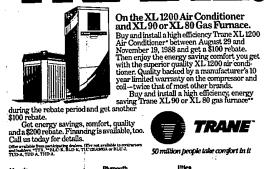
Harrison's leading receiver, Bryan Wauldron, needs just 16 yards to set a school record for carer pass receiving yards. In two years, he has 69 catches for 1,643 yards, bringing him within 15 of Brian Smolinski's mark of 1,659 set in 1984-85. The latter did it with 91 receptions.

The 6-foot-2, 170-pound senior, who also has eight interceptions on defense, has made 40 catches for an amazing 931 yards and has caught 12 of his 18 career TD passes this year.

The record should fall easily since Wauldron is averaging 23.2 yard, per catch, as well as 34 receptions and 84.6 yards per game.

"I think he's had an outstanding year on offense and defense," Herrington said. "I think he's an all-stater—a Dream Team player. I don't think there's a better two-way player in the state."

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