

# Bears pose challenge for Hawks

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Three playoff opponents have been easy pickings for Farmington Harrison's unbeaten and Silverdome-bound football team.

The Hawks sailed into Saturday's 8 p.m. championship game by routing Clawson, Riverdale and Avondale 109-7. In fact, Harrison has been so dominant no team has come close to giving the Hawks a good test since the season opener — 12 weeks ago.

But the last and most important game could be a much different story when Harrison goes up against St. Joseph for the Class B title. The Bears play a rugged schedule that includes all the big schools in the southwest corner of the state.

"I think it will definitely be our toughest game," said Harrison coach John Herrington, who is preparing his fifth Hawk team for the big show in the 14-year history of the tournament. "They've got a great program, their players are huge and they're used to winning."

Both teams are the only Class B schools in their respective leagues, and each played its biggest game of the regular season in Week No. 8. Both defeated state-ranked 'A' teams.

ON THE SAME weekend the Hawks whipped Westland John Glenn 45-7 for the Western Lakes Activities Association title. St. Joseph knocked off rival Portage Central 21-14 for the Big 8 Conference championship.

Coach Ike Muhlenkamp, who has coached 11 league champions in his

**football**

STATE PLAYOFFS  
Saturday at Pontiac Silverdome

SESSION I

Class D: Schoolcraft (12-0) vs. Frankfort (12-0), 5 p.m.  
Class A: Redford Catholic Central (12-0) vs. Traverse City (12-0), 1 p.m.

SESSION II

Class C: Detroit St. Martin de Porres (11-1) vs. Riverdale (12-0), 5 p.m.  
Class B: Farmington Harrison (12-0) vs. St. Joseph (12-0), 8 p.m.

TICKETS: \$5 per session (available at gate).

21 years at St. Joseph, knew the Bears had arrived then.

"When we beat Portage Central, they were ripping everybody good, and we had to play them over there," he said.

"We could not have done it early in the year, but I told the kids if we kept getting better by the eighth week of the season we'd be ready to beat them. And we played a very good football game."

"That was their only loss — and they beat everybody else bad."

There might be a message in that for the No. 1-rated Hawks, who have trounced everybody but Southfield, a team they still beat by two touchdowns in the opener.

FURTHERMORE, Harrison was the favorite to win last year's cham-

pionship game, but Grand Rapids Catholic Central, with a team similar to the Bears, pulled off a 19-7 upset.

"The fact we won by a lot of big scores last year and got beat by Grand Rapids CO is something they look at," Herrington said. "I'm sure they feel they can play with us."

"The west side of the state doesn't get as much publicity, but they play good football."

Herrington, as he has been all along, is confident the Hawks will rise to the occasion in a close game, but Muhlenkamp knows his team can win the tight ones.

The Bears scored on an end-zone pass with eight seconds left to beat Battle Creek Central 21-14, and they drove 80 yards in four minutes to take the lead against Portage Central with three minutes remaining.

"We've played mistake-free football most of the year," Muhlenkamp said. "We haven't put ourselves in a position to lose. Somebody would have had to beat us to do it."

THE BEARS HAD to hold off a fourth-quarter rally by Frankfort last week to stay on track for the trip to the Dome. St. Joseph led 16-0 and had outgained the Eagles 250-50 through three quarters.

St. Joseph had fourth-and-1 at the Frankfort 4-yard line when the wheels came off. The Bears were guilty of illegal motion, they didn't get the first down and they lost the ball on a fumble. The Eagles scored twice on long runs and ended up making a game of it, 16-14.

"We had a switch of momentum there, and we didn't get it stopped," Muhlenkamp said.

It appeared the Hawks, leading 42-0 in the fourth quarter, were headed for their third straight post-

season shutout and seventh of the year in the semifinal game at Atwood Stadium. But an Avondale touchdown pass pulled that bid.

It was only the fourth TD allowed by Harrison's first-team defense. Had the Hawks held the Rhinos scoreless, they would have had a shot at becoming only the second team to go unscathed upon in the playoffs.

Dearborn Divine Child, the Class B champ in 1985, is the only team to accomplish it.

"We played a defense we don't usually play," safety Bryan Wauldron said. "We're not supposed to roll, we're supposed to stay in our zone. But I rolled to the left, and (the receiver) came in behind me."

"IT WAS A letdown for me, but I overcame stuff. I said, 'I got the interception (a team-high ninth to stop another late Avondale drive), and that kinda made up for it.'"

Fellow defensive back Rob MacDonald saw a silver lining in Harrison losing the shutout.

"At first, it was a letdown, but it will help us next week (in the state final)," he said. "It's a close game and they score, we won't worry about it. We'll just worry about winning and not getting the shutout."

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
(Summary)**

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Tupper at 6:45 p.m. on November 7, 1988, in Meeting Room A, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

**PRESENT:** Campbell, Hartsock, Richardson, Tupper, Yoder.

**ATTENDING:** City Manager Deadman.

The purpose of this meeting was to interview candidates for vacancies on various City Boards and Commissions.

After review of the resumes and oral comments of all applicants, Council will decide on the individuals who will assume the current vacancies.

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For information call the recreation department office at 473-9570.

● **ROLLER SKATERS**

Three roller skaters from the Bonaventure Skating Center — Marie Hayden, Jennifer Walker and Bonnie Tinsley — received trophies in the Michigan Inter-Club Invitational on Sunday, Nov. 13, in Traverse City.

Hayden was first in the Junior Olympic competition and second in the Primary Girls figures. Walker also skated to first place in the Junior Olympic figures, and Tinsley was second in the solo dance.

Following the conclusion of inter-club competition, the state championships are scheduled for next June 1-4, with regional and national events to follow.

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