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1989 -- CLASS B

First round: Harrison 23, Rivervice

Regional: Harrison 28, Allen Park 6. Semificial: Harrison 3, East Grand lapids 2. Flamin: Harrison vs. DeWitt, 8 p.m. aturday.

1988 - CLASS B

First round: Harrison 32, Clawson

Regional: Harrison 35, Riverview 0. Semilinal: Harrison 42, Auburn Hills

vondale 7. Final; Harrison 44, St. Joseph 9.

1987 - CLASS B

First round: Harrison 29, Allen Park 6.
Regional: Harrison 35, Monroe St. Mary-Catholic Central 6. Samilinal: Harrison 35, Marysville 20.

EU. Final: Grand Rapids Catholic Cen-ral 19, Harrison 7.

1986 -- CLASS B

First round: Harrison 21, Riverview 14. Regionat: Harrison 36, Detroit forthern 18. Semilinal: Marysville 22, Harrison 6.

1984 -- CLASS A

Regional: Harrison 17, Burningham Seaholm 6 Senfillnei: Dearborn Fordson 9, Harrison 6.

1982 - CLASS A

regional: Harnson 23, Bloomfield fills Lahser 0. Semilinal; Harnson 6, Milford Lake-ind 3. Regional: Harrison 23 Bloomfield

land 3.
Final: Harrison 17, Dearborn Ford-son 14, double OT.

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1980 -- CLASS B

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1976 — CLASS A

Semilinal: Harrison 21, Madiso leights Lamphere 0. Final: Midland Dow 36, Harrison 27.

DEWITT FOOTBALL

1989 - CLASS B First round: DeWitt 8, Ludington 6. Regional: DeWitt 27, Cheboygan 8. Semilinal: DeWitt 38, Zeeland 26, Final: DeWitt vs. Farmington Hills larrison, 8 p.m. Saturday.

1988 - CLASS C First round: DeWitt 35, Hartford 7, Regional: DeWitt 48, Vermontville

Regional: DeWitt 48, Varmontville Maple Vélley 8. Semifinal: Detroit DePoires 20. DeWitt 9. 1982 - CLASS C

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Panthers take lesson from Harrison

DeWilt's plan is to copy a page from the Farmington Hills Harrison football annals Saturday night in the Class B champlonship game. The Panthers, who fell a game shy of the Class C final in 1988, hope to attain that ultimate goal this No-vember but in the higher classifica-tion.

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DeWitt, a 20-9 loser to eventual
winner Detroit DePorres a year ago,
has beaten three straight Class B
playoff foes to reach the final.
Ironically, the Panthers will be
playing Harrison, which performed
the more impressive feat of winning
a Class A crown in 1982 following a

a Class A crown in 1982 following a championship season in Class B, at 8 p.m. in the Pontiac Silverdome. Both teams are 12-0. The Hawks were ranked No. 1 all season, and DeWitt Inlaided the year in the No. 10 position. "It's incredible they could be so successful moving up a class," Harrison coath John Herrington said, "but we don't want them to be too successful.

successful.

"WE'D LIKE to end the decade the way we started — winning a championship."

The David-and-Gollath anology can be used to describe the DeWitt-Harrison matchup.

The Hawks, who are the only Class B school in the Western Lakes Activities Association and are accustomed to being the Hitle guy in that respect, like a constant of the control o

coach.
"For us to beat (Harrison), it will take a real effort on our part. On the other hand, anything is possible."
Herrington knows that, too. In

"JUST BECAUSE they're a small B doesn't mean a thing," Herrington said. "When you get to the state final, it's not going to be a walkover. Even last year (when Harrison beat St. Joseph 44-9), it was only 14-9 at halttime."

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DeWitt, however, is a surprise participant in the final. Most people expected a Grand Rapids-area team to be there Saturday, but the Pantheres, who opened the year against three Class Cteams and played all B teams after that, beat an excellent Zeeland team, which had beaten Grand Rapids West Catholic. But even Thornton admits to being a little surprised at the way things have turned out for his team. "I knew we had a good bunch of kids in Class C, but the step up is really hard," he said. "There's a low more intensity in Class B. In Class C, you're looking at seven or eight good players on each team. In Class B, paged in the said of the control of the said of the said

Thornton told his players, who have won back-to-back Ingham County League championships since it was reorganized two years ago, they would have to go undefeated if they were to qualify for the Class B playoffs.

they were to quanty for the Grand playoffs.

DeWitt, a bedroom community of about 3,500 north of Lansing, is buzzing with excitement now, but the move to Class B tempered the enthuslasm early in the season.

"IF WE CAME back and won another loague title. I thought that would be a legitimate goal," Thornton said. "Had we stayed in Class C, there would have been more excitement when August came around." DeWitt's first playoff victory, an 8-6 win over Ludington, was a harbinger of good fortune. The Panthers, playing in the mud on a windy day,

outmuscled a big Orioles ballclub.
"We had to play a power football
game and they were huge," Thornton
said. "We were fortunate to beat

said. "We were resumment them.
"Our seouts came back and said 'If we can beat Ludington, we've got a shot,' and it turned out we had to play them first. So far the scouts were right; it seems to have gotten easier."

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Thornton isn't conceding anything to the state's No. 1-rated team, but he doesn't expect that trend to con-tinue against Harrison.
DeWitt beat Zeeland in a 38-26 shootout, and Thornton would like to see that kind of game Saturday, if only for the sake of an exciting fi-nale.

THE PANTHERS have a high-scoring offense, averaging 35 points per game, which is led by halfback Mike Cowdrey, who hasn't played in the fourth quarter of the team's last 21 games because of the one-sided

scores.

DeWitt, which used to play in the Capital Circuit League with teams such as Lansing Catholic Central, Okemos and Mason before joining the smaller ICL, dominated its mid-

the smaller ICL, dominated its mid-Michigan opponents.
DeWitt, however, has a defense to match its offense. The Panthers al-lowed less than a field goal per game in the regular season, and Zeeland was the first team to score more than one touchdown against their de-fense.

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"On paper, it looks like we're more of an offensive team, but our defense has done the Job all year," Thornton said. "Because of the way we've scored — we hit early and got the offense off the field — they've had to be on the field 70 percent of the time.

had to be on the field 70 percent of the time.
"Other teams have looked at us as an offensive team, but I think they found out differently when they played us."
Linebacker Tony Miller, who av-erages 14 to 15 stops per game, is the leading tackler, and John Teilord and Jeff Orwat are the next highest.

HARRISON'S offense, ted by quarterback Mill Coleman, tailback Matt Conley and a beefed-up line av-eraging almost 220 between the tac-kles when Jeff Peer is at center, will test the DeWitt defense.

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Matt Contex cludes East Grand Rapids' Aaron Tishkowski on Matt Conley cludes East Grand Rapids Auron crackers on the icy surface in Atwood Stadium Friday night. Field condi-tions were more suitable for hockey, but Harrison moved on to the state final with a 3-2 victory.

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North JVs undefeated

North Farmington posted its first undefeated junior varsity football season in 10 years this fall.

The Raiders were 9-9, including a torfeit win over Southfield-Lathrup the first week, and won the Western Lakes Activities Association title with a 21-0 defeat of Farmington Hills Harrison. In other games, North defeated Livonia Churchill 40-0, Westland John Glean 20-0, Farmington 52-8, Livonia Stevenson 34-0, Plymouth Salem 30-7, Walled Lake Central 28-7 and Redford Union 27-8.

The team was coached by Irv Horwitz and Todd Schultz. The all-sophomore squad consisted of 31 players with 14 playing key roles.

"It's a good group," Horwitz said, "There are no stars. They just all play well."

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