

Harrison defense solid in middle

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4.4 speed and is a good open-field runner. I think we could be (an explosive team), because the running game always has the threat of going all the way with him at tailback."

Piscopink (6-2, 190) moves from wide receiver to tight end where he played as a sophomore. He was the leading pass catcher last year with 31 for 518 yards and six TDs, and his skills won't go to waste since Harrison likes to use its tight ends as deep receivers and not just blockers.

"WE'VE GOT two good wide receivers, we needed a tight end and he had the experience," Herrington said. "We think he's a (1988 all-state Bryan) Wauldron type who can get open."

Gloetznier (6-3, 252) is the lone returning starter on the line, of which no one will have to ask "Where's the beef?" At the other tackle will be senior Leon Jefferson (6-1, 285) with senior Mike Storry (6-7, 280) alternating into the lineup.

"I don't give out too many accolades, but he's one tough tackle," said Harrison line coach Bob Sutter of Gloetznier. "He loves to hit and he loves the challenge of going up against someone who is pretty good."

Fred Klotzer (6-1, 170) is the center, and the guards will be Frank Ankawil (5-10, 180) and John Spiz (5-10, 195). Chris Krizanek (5-11, 170) will play at the guard position, too.

"It's the biggest line we've ever had," Sutter said. "The advantage is we can come off the ball pretty hard, and they have decent quickness for their size, too."

"Hopefully, we can control the line of scrimmage and make short-yardage plays," Herrington said. "They're good drive blockers, and we hope our backs can get in behind them for some yardage."

PESCI (6-2, 205) gained valuable experience last year when he replaced an injured Mike Gloetznier, the twin brother of Jason, at upback and inside linebacker. He was third in rushing (20-148) and pass receiving (12-95), but his main function was to block for Devine.

"He recognizes situations well and sees the blitzes coming, having started there last year," Sutter said.

Playing quarterback will be senior Andy Fitzpatrick (6-4, 200), another three-year varsity player. In a limited role last year, he was 3-of-17 passing for 42 yards. But because of his size, he gives the Hawks a look they haven't had lately at that position.

"We'll run basically the same plays, but we may be able to throw over the middle a little more and use drop-back action," Herrington said. "We're counting on Andy to do good things this year. He's bigger and more confident, and he's shown excellent leadership."

Fitzpatrick's other receivers will be split ends Matt Gordon (5-8, 155) and Duante Anderson (6-2, 165), and Hight (5-8, 160) replaces Granger at swingback. Junior Jeff Clato (5-11, 160) will back up Hight, who had six catches for 133 yards and two TDs.

"Gordon may have the best hands on the team and runs good patterns," Herrington said. "Duante never played football before last year, but he's developing into an offensive threat and has excellent speed."

THE HAWKS will be strong up the middle on defense with Jefferson at noseguard, Jason Gloetznier and Spiz at the tackles, Pesci and Mike Gloetznier (6-3, 242) at linebacker.

"Mike Gloetznier is kinda inexperienced be-

cause he was out most of last year (with a broken collar bone)," Sutter said. "But he can make up for it with his ability and desire to hit."

Pesci, a tri-captain along with Jason Gloetznier and Piscopink, was the second-leading tackler behind all-star Blazo Sarcevic with 88 and will call the defensive signals. Jason Gloetznier made 49 stops, including 38 solos.

Sutter isn't concerned about the strength of his defense but its ability to pursue. The defensive ends — Chad Haney (5-11, 205), who transferred from Farmington under the open enrollment policy, and Wolf (5-10, 165) and Klotzer — will play a key role in that regard.

"Our concern is that we don't have any experience there, but we feel we have people who are making progress," Sutter said. "It's a matter of getting them to play the kind of defense we want them to play."

Another set of Gloetznier twins, Mark and Dave, could help at end or linebacker as the season progresses and more players get involved. Both are 6-foot, 185-pound juniors.

The secondary is another area of strength. In terms of experience, The Hawks return three starters — Piscopink at cornerback, Granger at cornerback and Hight at safety. Gordon will play halfback.

HIGHT WAS fourth in tackles (55) and led the team with seven interceptions. Piscopink recorded 41 tackles, Granger 32 tackles and three pass pickoffs. Fitzpatrick, who intercepted four passes, also has experience in the defensive backfield.

"I expect our defensive tradition should continue," said Sutter, also the defensive coordinator. "I'd be pretty upset if it didn't."

Ben Plinsky, a member of the soccer team, will handle extra points, field goals and kickoffs, and Pesci will do the punting.



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Jason Gloetznier, a 6-3, 250-pound senior, has all-state potential as a two-way tackle for the Hawks.

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● HAWK SOCCER

Harrison High suffered a 3-1 loss in its boys soccer debut Tuesday, but the Hawks could take heart in their performance since the opponent was Detroit Country Day, the defending Class C-D state champion.

Alex Dzyngel scored the lone goal for Harrison, which played the CDC to a scoreless halftime tie. Chris Castillo scored two goals for CDC.

● SWIMMING NEWS

The Michigan Stingray Swim Association invites prospective swimmers to participate in a four-evening clinic designed to introduce new swimmers to the Stingrays and its coaching staff.

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brecher. "Coleman's very bright, very hard-working and he moves around well. I'm very pleased with the way he approaches the game."

"(Gieselman) a guy who earned his way on the team. He has a strong arm, and he's a competitor. We're lucky all of them are bright."

Confidence is an important part of the job, and both Coleman and Gieselman have it — to varying degrees. Coleman seems certain he can do the job, but he also knows there's still much to learn.

"I feel pretty good," he said. "But all I can do is take advantage of the opportunity. I have to improve my strength, my knowledge of our offense and be more consistent with my throws."

"I have to learn the plays, know what's going on. If you have to stop

and think about it, you can't perform."

Coleman is far more comfortable this season than last. "I know what to expect this year," he said.

WHILE COLEMAN may be expected to succeed, Gieselman is still viewed by most as a longshot. He doesn't share those views. "I think my chances are as good as anybody's," he said. "Being a junior, it's now or never."

Like anyone who's been in a similar position, Gieselman uses his status as incentive. "We all know we wouldn't be here if we didn't have the ability," he said. "It makes me want to prove myself even more."

Still, Gieselman remains realistic. "In this game, you always have to prove yourself. I've done well, then I got hurt and had to prove myself all over again, so it's been kind of a roller-

football

coaster career for me here."

Gieselman suffered a knee injury against Purdue in '89, but has recovered. Since then, he has concentrated on bettering the weak points in his game. "I did a lot of running and spent a lot of time in the weight room," he said. "I'm in the best shape of my life."

"You've got to work on your mental attitude, too. You can't let this

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