

Harrison defense smothers N'ville

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Farmington Hills Harrison coach John Herrington had two major concerns going into an important football game Friday night at Northville.

The Hawks would be facing an outstanding passer in Ryan Huzjak, and they would be doing so with a defensive secondary racked by injuries. Harrison countered with an awesome pass rush and a fine passing display by its own quarterback, effectively solving the dilemma and ultimately dominating the Mustangs 38-7.

The top-ranked Hawks clinched the Western Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association for the 10th consecutive year, improving to 4-0 in the division and 6-0 overall. Northville is 3-1 and 4-2.

While the offense managed to score points again, the determining factor was the Harrison defensive line's domination of the Mustangs, who had minus-27 yards rushing and just 53 in total offense.

"We had great pressure on the quarterback, and that was our total key for this game," Harrison tackle Jason Gloetzer said. "All week during practice we were saying 'pursue, pursue, pursue.' We accomplished it."

The Hawks refused to give Huzjak time to throw, thus stopping Northville's run-and-shoot offense before it could get started. Mike and Jason Gloetzer, John Spiz, Leon Jefferson, Mike Pesci and Rip Wolff combined to sack Huzjak 11 times for minus-73 yards.

"They brought the army," Northville coach Darrel Schumacher said. "We're a young team, and we did everything we could. But they have

bigger, stronger kids, and they pushed right through us.

Harrison is in a league all by itself. The rest of us play for second place and have to go through this. None of us have the kind of program (Herrington) has."

Harrison's pass rush more than compensated for the absence of Dan Hight (broken collarbone) and Greg Piscopink (torn knee ligaments) from the secondary.

PISCOPINK WAS hurt in the Livonia Churchill game and had arthroscopic surgery, but both players might be able to play again by the ninth game against Toledo Central Catholic.

"(Northville) scared the heck out of us all week, because that secondary has been together for three years," Herrington said. "We were very concerned about their great passer and not having our strong safety (Piscopink). We had trouble early, but the kids came through."

The Hawks adjusted their defense for Northville's pass-oriented offense, and the players in the secondary played a key role in its success, too.

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Dome possible site

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Of all the major sports stories making local headlines earlier this month, the one least read here might have been the most read worldwide.

We're talking about the Pontiac Silverdome, selected Thursday as one of 17 sites still in the running to host the 1994 World Cup.

No World Cup soccer game has ever been played indoors and the fact that the Silverdome and New Orleans Superdome are among the 17 remaining made headlines across the world.

After reviewing the 17 sites later this year, the Federation International de Football Association is expected to finalize the selection process in early 1992 by naming either eight or 12 sites.

ROGER FAULKNER, chairman of the Michigan World Cup Bid Committee, gains more confidence each day about the Silverdome's chances.

"I was talking today at the Detroit Athletic Club and told the crowd, 'Of all the sports stories that took place last week, including the Tiger Stadium issue, Earnie (Harwell) and Paul (Carey) leaving the Tigers and the Lions (surprising start), the most interesting global story, by far, was the inclusion of the two indoor sites,'" Faulkner said Tuesday night. "They're talking about it all over the world. It's the way they talk about it, the more likely FIFA will pick us."

"It's been a long process with a lot of up-and-downs, but since March there's been a lot of ups. We're into rhythm now. It's a question of just executing our plan."

SINCE ALL World Cup games must be played on a grass surface, the biggest question about using the Silverdome as a site was whether grass could

grow indoors.

That question was answered in early August when a study proved grass could stay green for a three-week span inside the Superdome.

Jim Duggan, executive director of the Michigan World Cup Bid Committee, believes FIFA would like to have some of the games played indoors because "it would make the (U.S. World Cup) unique, one that would set it apart from others."

Duggan said the Bid Committee's goal is to raise \$1.3 million in pledges before the end of the year to help convert the Silverdome and pay for Host Committee costs. So far, more than \$400,000 has been raised, with General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. pledging \$100,000 each.

LOCAL YOUTH soccer clubs have combined to raise \$100,000 in pledges, Duggan said.

If the Silverdome is selected as a site, Duggan said as much as \$100 million would be pumped into the area's economy during the period games would be played.

"It's not the best of times to be asking corporations for money," said Duggan, "but the flip side of that is if you asked the state to pay \$1 million and in return get \$100 million in economic impact and millions more in worldwide television exposure, they'd say it's a good deal."

The Bid Committee would also accept pledges from smaller sources, as low as \$25. Those who pledge will receive a limited edition World Cup Michigan T-Shirt, periodic updates on the progress of World Cup 1994 and two general admission tickets to the Detroit Redwings home opener on Nov. 9 at Cobo Arena.

For more information, call Duggan at 475-9433.

CC outduels Rice in Boys Bowl

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With Birmingham Brother Rice trailing 21-7 and trying to rally in the fourth quarter of Sunday's Boys Bowl, Redford Catholic Central defensive back Brett Walter did what came naturally on this day.

He took the ball away.

Walter intercepted a pass intended for Rice's sophomore tight end Mike Polick at the CC 12-yard line with 3:38 remaining at Pontiac's Wasler Stadium. The interception ended any hopes Rice might have had and set up Jeff Tibaldi's 85-yard touchdown run which came three plays later.

The Shamrocks overcame five turnovers and won, 35-7, making this their sixth Boys Bowl victory over Rice in the last seven years. The two teams combined for eight turnovers so it's no wonder a turnover helped decide the outcome.

"We were in a man-to-man defense, I was in his back pocket and

we both kind of caught the ball and I just wrestled it away," said Walter, describing his interception.

After Tibaldi's long run and Kerry Zavagnin's fourth straight extra point gave CC a 28-7 lead, Walter or Mike Gloetzer up front with Jason (25), Jefferson (25) and Spiz (19).

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CC quarterback Chris Barbara, who completed three of four passes for 56 yards, capped the seven-play drive with a quarterback sneak and Zavagnin's extra point made the score 14-0. Fullback Dan Gusoff, who finished with 67 yards on 19 carries, amassed 27 of those yards on five attempts during CC's second scoring drive.

Kelly blocked a Rice punt near the end of the second quarter, and Tibaldi scored five plays later on a nine-yard run to put the Shamrocks ahead, 21-0, at halftime.

Tibaldi, a senior tailback, lost three of four fumbles but still finished with a career-high 230 yards on 25 carries. After losing a fumble on CC's opening series, Tibaldi scored from eight yards out with 7:33 remaining in the first quarter to give CC a 7-0 lead.

Tibaldi fumbled only once in five previous games so he was as surprised as anyone else about his butlering.

"I think they were getting some helmets on the ball," he said.

CC defensive end Jason Krueger recovered a Rice fumble at the War-

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