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C'wood to test Hawks

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Farmington Hills Harrison is accustomed to shredding an opponent's defense with the speed of tailback Roy Granger.

But now the top-ranked Hawks will face a lightning-fast back themselves Saturday when they play No. 10 Dearborn Heights Crestwood in the first round of the Class BB football playoffs. Kickoff is 1:30 p.m. at Harrison.

Chuck Reynolds hopes to put the Hawks on the receiving end this time and challenge a defense traditionally strong against the run.

"He's a lot like Granger in being able to put a move on you," Crestwood coach Floyd Carter said, "and he has the ability to break tackles, too."

Reynolds, the best back in school history, has nearly 2,000 yards in total offense. The 5-foot-10, 170-pound senior has scored 21 touchdowns and rushed for 1,678 yards.

HE HAD 210 yards and three TDs on 33 carries last week as the Chargers toppled defending Class B champion Dearborn Heights Robichaud to make possible their first playoff appearance.

"He has great feet and is very quick," Harrison coach John Herrington said, adding Reynolds runs the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds. "We can't let him get into the secondary or we'll have trouble running him down. He has to be stopped."

The Hawks weren't expecting to play Crestwood, which jumped into the picture on the last weekend. Harry



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Andy Fitzpatrick, taking a hit in the season opener with Brother Rice, has passed for more than 1,000 yards for Harrison.

Raiders ready for 'A' playoff with Ypsilanti

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Some might think North Farmington, with a 6-3 record, is the Cinderella team in the Class A football playoffs.

Coach Jim O'Leary doesn't see it that way, though he borrowed from the fairy tale to describe North's first post-season appearance in 13 years.

The Raiders will play host Ypsilanti at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in a first-round regional game at Shadford Field. The Braves are 7-2 and champions of the four-team South Central Conference.

"We got to the big dance and now we have an opportunity to find the glass slipper," said O'Leary, who was an assistant coach under Ron Holland when the Raiders last made the playoffs in 1978.

North upset top-ranked Brother Rice in the Class A semifinals that year but lost to Traverse City in the Silverdome the following week.

THE RAIDERS, coming off consecutive losses to undefeated teams (Harrison and South Lyon), might be a sleeper in the tournament but not an underdog either than in some pregame predictions, according to O'Leary.

Ironically, North demonstrated its potential in defeat. The Raiders were one play and one yard from beating the Hawks and Lions. The Harrison game was decided in overtime, and North was stopped on the South Lyon 1-yard line in the last minute.

"The playoffs will make it easier (for North to rebound) because, one,

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the next loss and we're out and, two, we can go against the best and stay with them," he said.

"When you come that close, the kids realize they can go with anyone. We have to be mentally and physically prepared. I guarantee we will play hard on Saturday."

"I'll take our schedule and put it against anybody in the state. Every year our league has teams in the playoffs and has done very well."

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Oakland CC cagers have high goals for campaign

By C.J. Rieak
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Opinions will vary, of course, but almost any coach in the Eastern Conference would trade places with Oakland Community College's Lynn Reed.

What Reed rates as a successful season is high on most other's scale. For example, The Raiders were 22-9 a year ago, finishing a respectable third in the conference.

Neither impressed Reed. His objectives are the NCAA Division II Tournament and the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. O.C.C. did not fare well in either last season, so Reed wasn't satisfied.

He thinks this year's team has the talent to change that. That hardly surprises his fellow coaches around the conference. O.C.C. always has talent. It's making it mesh, getting it channeled toward the same goal, that's the challenge.

During the early stages of the season — which starts today for the Raiders; they play Three Rivers (Mo.) CC, Mississippi County CC and Shelby State in Three Rivers through Saturday — Reed plans to do a lot of shuffling. "It will take us a while to see who will produce," he said. "Our depth and strength in numbers will carry us."

ONE PLAYER he can count on is 6-foot-4 sophomore forward Rashe Revere. The Detroit DePue graduate led O.C.C. in scoring last year, averaging nearly 17 points a game.

But, as usual, this will not be a one-man team. Also back are Dashawn Stewart, a 6-foot guard from Detroit Redford noted for his defense and jumping ability; Darin Brandt, a 5-9 guard from Clarkston with strong passing ability; and Khari Maxwell, a 6-5 forward from Auburn Hills Oakland Christian who possesses good, all-around ability — particularly on defense.

Two newcomers Reed is counting on are Larry Daniels, a 6-7, 230-pound widebody from Detroit Cockey who can dominate inside, and Dale Craft, a 6-6 forward from

Romeo. Both are transfers, Daniels from Navarro (Texas) CC and Craft from Macomb CC, both can score, and both should start.

Rod Hall, a 6-foot guard from Roseville, is another transfer from Macomb CC who should start in the backcourt. "He's just a good player," said Reed.

He feels the same way about Bill Knight, a 6-6 forward from Clarkston; Myron Banks, a 6-6 forward from Detroit Redford; and Troy Coleman, a 6-2 guard from Dearborn St. Alphonsus.

AND THEN there's the three local talents: Bill Thurston, a 6-5 forward from Rochester who redshirted last year after breaking his toe; Kevin Woodmore, a 5-9 guard from Auburn Hills Avondale with great quickness and defensive ability; and Scott Ross, a 6-5 sophomore from Walled Lake Central who played some last year.

Reed figures this team will be superior to last season's in many ways. Gone are Devin Bell (now at Austin Peay), Starlin Stevens (Wisconsin-Parkside), Ed Whitaker (Michigan Tech) and Jerry Priessorn (was at St. Louis University, but has since left school).

"I think we'll be a better pressing team than in the past," he said. "We have excellent defensive guards, and we've got good size and depth. We're awfully strong through 13 players."

But — in keeping with a longtime coaching tradition — Reed can see plenty of areas for improvement. "I think we're weak defensively on our front line," he said. "We're a good rebounding team, and there's a wide range of ways we can beat you. We can run, we can press, and we're big enough to play any style we have to to beat you."

"But we're going to have to play better interior defense, and we're going to have to improve our perimeter shooting."

With all that talent, Reed should be able to sort through it quickly enough to be able to challenge Macomb CC, Henry Ford CC and Highland Park CC for the conference championship. Again.

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Harrison places 13th in 'B'

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Farmington Hills Harrison, competing for the first time at the state level, finished 13th in the Class B boys cross country championships Saturday in Big Rapids.

"At first we were disappointed," Harrison coach John Reed said, "but we have to put things in perspective."

"Three years ago we were 9-9, lost every meet and were last at Schoolcraft. It's only been three years and already we moved up to 13th in the state."

The Hawks, who won a regional championship, had hoped to finish in

the top five. Fremont won the team title for the second time in three years with 122 points. Harrison scored 351.

"There were a heckuva lot of teams sitting at home Saturday," Reed said. "The kids already are talking about going back next year."

"THEY KNOW we'll be in Class A, but we have to put things in perspective," Reed said. "The kids already are talking about going back next year."

Harrison's top runner Jason Zdyrski was most affected by the 40-degree weather and finished 65th (18:01). Mike Deans placed 37th

(17:44). Justin Dreyer 49th (17:51). Par Larsson 95th (18:23) and Tim Bisson 105th (18:30). Freshmen Todd Haney and Justin Koonce were 106th and 117th out of 186 runners at 18:31 and 18:41, respectively.

Reed completed his fourth year at Harrison with 20 runners on the team. When he became the coach, he had only five.

The Hawks were 9-1 in duals, won the regional and finished second in the W.L.A.A. They also were third at the Schoolcraft, Redford Union and Walled Lake invitational and fifth at West Bloomfield.