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for nine touchdowns and more than 600 yards with only one interception.

The military academies are recruiting Kreger as an option quarterback and the Mid-American Conference schools as a defensive player.

"He gets us going; he's a fierce competitor," Mifaud said. "He's very well rounded, offensively and defensively. He does a lot of different things."

The other three-year regulars are fullback Eric Green, halfback Colin Wilkinson, guard Keith McKee, tackle John Carney and wide receiver Mike Carney.

"Those guys have great experience and, even when they were sophomores starters, were 7-2 and just missed the playoffs," Mifaud said.

"And they're surrounded by a bunch of other kids who are competitive athletes. It's a team full of basketball and baseball players and track athletes."

The 242-pound Green and Wilkinson give the Pioneers a quality, inside-outside rushing attack. Include Kreger in the scheme and Dearborn has three credible running threats.

"The fullback is quicker than you think and he runs hard," Herrington said. "They like to put him in the middle and, when you commit to him, go outside. They throw pretty effectively to Wilkinson, but the pass is not their first option."

"It'll be a huge challenge for our defense. Trying to stop all the options in their attack will be very difficult, and they've scored a lot of points this year."

Green has rushed for close to 700 yards and five touchdowns. He's a great athlete for a big guy, according to Mifaud.

Wilkinson, who is being recruited by Big Ten and MAC schools, has scored 23 touchdowns — 18 rushing and five passing. He has over 1,400 rushing yards and another 400

GRID SCORES

HARRISON (10-0)

Harrison 48, Oxford 0
Harrison 47, Farmington 0
Harrison 35, Northville 0
Harrison 41, Livonia Franklin 6
Harrison 35, W.L. Western 13
Harrison 49, Plymouth Canton 0
Harrison 54, Livonia Churchill 10
Harrison 20, Westland Glenn 14
Harrison 43, Country Day 7
Harrison 42, Hartland 14
Harrison 414, opponents 64

DEARBORN (9-1)

Dearborn 19, Liv. Stevenson 7
Dearborn 14, Taylor Kennedy 0
Dearborn 26, Wyandotte 6
Dearborn 32, Belleville 28
Dearborn 48, Monroe 26
Dearborn 30, Wayne Memorial 0
Dearborn 21, Dearborn 14
Dearborn 49, Southgate 6
Dearborn 29, Edsel Ford 6
Dearborn 34, Redford Union 27
Dearborn 295, opponents 127

receiving.

"He's a tremendous athlete with a lot of speed," Mifaud said. "I heard he can high jump 6-8. He's an excellent, all-round athlete," Herrington said.

The Pioneers, tri-champions of the Mega Conference Red Division with Dearborn Fordson and Monroe, average almost 30 points a game. They scored a season-high 14 on Fordson and had another TD called back.

"You can't key on one back," Herrington said. "They vary the attack enough to keep you off balance. Kreger will keep the ball and cut up inside and, when you shut that off, he pitches the ball to Wilkinson on the outside."

Dearborn's offensive line averages 233 pounds per man,

including tight end Ryan Golem. The strength and experience appears to be on the right side with McKee (6-4, 249) and John Carney (6-3, 205).

"We have a nice line this year, very athletic," Mifaud said. "We have four basketball players who start on the line. They're big, strong athletes and they work really hard."

"It's the whole team concept. We have nice skill people in the backfield, but the effort doesn't mean a whole lot if you don't have some people making holes for them."

"They have great size and when they get on you it's tough to get off the blocks," Herrington said, adding he's concerned the Pioneers might be able to control the ball.

"They're pretty big and could wear a team down. But we've gone against a lot of big kids and we've got pretty good size ourselves."

The Hawks face a Dearborn defense that includes six two-way players and is anchored by 322-pound noseguard Steve Jacynski.

Mifaud's primary concern is containing, if not stopping, Harrison wide receiver Ricky Bryant.

"He's obviously a game-breaker, and anybody who has 31 touchdown receptions can break a game wide open any time," Mifaud said.

"Besides his great ability, that quarterback, (Dave) Pesci, I think is a tremendous quarterback. You put the two of them together and they're pretty hard to defend. Probably nobody has been able to stop them, so that's the biggest challenge — the combination of Bryant and Pesci."

"Besides them, they're not a two-man-team. They have a solid line all the way across and good, sturdy backs."



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golf outing and banquet was followed by a tailgate picnic and the actual dedication Saturday.

The event was organized by North Farmington administrator and coach Rick Jones and Don Roble, who was a captain and offensive guard on the undefeated 1965 team.

"That weekend was just fabulous," Holland said. "It's kind of humbling to have a field named in your honor, because you were doing something you loved to do and that was coaching football and young men."

"To Rick Jones, Donny Roble and the people who put that together, it was a just wonderful weekend for JoAnn and myself."

Holland started as an assistant coach under Warren McKenzie when the school opened in 1961 with only freshman and sophomore classes.

He became the head coach the following year, a position he held for the next 21 years, through the 1982 season. Holland became athletic director for Farmington Public Schools in 1983 and retired from that position last June.

"I have a lot of memories from coaching football and track for 22 years," Holland said, recalling the fun he had. "I just wish I was

a little younger and I could keep doing some those of things."

Holland's football teams won eight league championships in the old Tri-River and Northwest Suburban circuits, had only three losing seasons and compiled a 136-52-3 record.

The Raiders had three undefeated, 9-0 seasons under Holland in 1965, 1970 and 1978. In the pre-playoff era, the 1970 team was named the mythical Class A state champion.

Roble and Jones spent nine months organizing the event for the purpose of "giving back to Ron Holland" for all he did as a coach and role model for his players.

"Reliving the great memories we had of being together 20-30 years ago was really a lot of fun," Roble said.

A tribute to Ron Holland is, out of 150 guys, 75 or more came from distances like Texas, California, Oregon and Florida, and it was at a great deal of expense to these people. That they wanted to come and do this was really a tribute to Ron Holland."

Holland's 1978 squad was 11-1 and runner-up to Traverse City in the Class A tournament.

First-year North coach Rich Burrell was a member of the

Touchdown:

Harrison quarterback Dave Pesci gives the touchdown signal along with the official after scoring six points in the game with Hartland Saturday.

1978 team.

"We had always heard about the guys who went on before," Burrell said, "but to have them all in the same room spanning 30 years of his coaching career was really incredible. You truly realized what a big family you're part of."

As the Raiders went 1-8 this year, it was a positive experience for his players to connect with the past, he added.

"It was great for the current players to understand the history of the program," Burrell said. "Part of the rebuilding process is to connect with that tradition."

"They've always heard about guys like Mike and Craig Gow, Jeff Cohen, Mike Miller and Drew Mahalic. To have a chance to actually meet those guys and have those guys share with them what pride they have in the program was really moving."

Holland espoused the virtues of educational athletics, Burrell added, and it was a tribute to Holland to see so many former players who have been successful in life.

"What a privilege it was for me to be the head coach when the field was dedicated in his honor," Burrell said.

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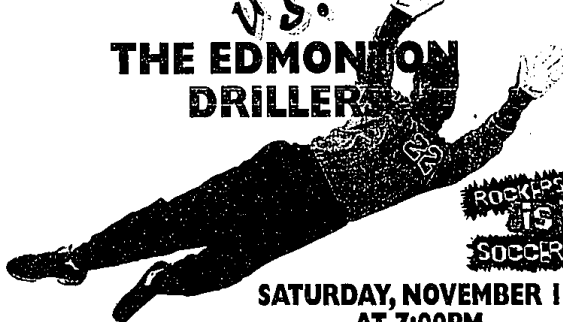
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