# Harrison buries Hartland in 2nd half, 42-14

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Hartland learned that Saturday, staying in the game for
nearly 2%, quarters before the
Hawks buried the visiting
Eagles, 42-14.
"It was a tough game and we
had to fight back." Harrison
coach John Herrington said. "In
the playoffs, it's going to be
tough every game. The score is
not indicative of how tough the
game was."

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The victory sends Harrison (10.0) into regional finals for the 15th time. The Hawks will play host to Dearborn (9-1) in the championship game Saturday. Harrison bad to overcome an early deficit to lead 14-7 at half-time, but Hartland (7-3) forged a tie score at the start of the third warriage.

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That's when senior Ricky Bryant made three big plays to get the Harrison offense rolling. The Hawks scored the last 28

get the Harrison ollense rolling. The Hawks scored the last 28 points to win going away. "We were on the edge of turning the game around, but we needed a break to go our way, Hartland coach Tab Kellepourey said. "But they stepped up again; kids like Ricky Bryant stepped up, and they took it over."

After the Eagles took the second-half kickoff 55 yards for the tying touchdown, 14-14, Bryant returned the ensuing kick 82 yards to the Hartland 9.

Senior fullback Matt Turney banged over from the 1 on fourth down, and senior Joe Ghannam's third of six extra points gave Harrison a 21-14 lend.

On the next Harrison possession, Bryant caught a 48-yard touchdown pass from senior Dove Pees and doubled the Har-

touchdown pass from senior Dave Pesci and doubled the Har-

rison advantage.

Bryant started his route by going inside, circled outside and up the left sideline and was wide open when Pesci delivered the ball.

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It was Bryant's 31st career TD reception, breaking the Michigan high school record, which he had shared with Jamie Mazurek, who played at Maple City-Glen Lake.

Hartland threatened again, however, Quarterback lan Begin was stopped at the line but pitched to Tim Kellepourey, who carried 39 yards to the Harrison. But the Hawks made a goalline stand and stopped Begin on fourth down from the I.

"We knew if we set it up, it would be big momentum changer," senior linebacker Mike Iloud said. "Conch (Bob Sutter) gave us that play all week and we just.

us that play all week and we just keyed to it. That's their big play on the goal line."

On second down from the 5, Pesci passed to Bryant, who

made a spectacular, diving catch for a 34-yard reception to get Harrison out of the hole.

After some nice runs by senior fullback Blake Ashley and junior tailback Kevin Woods, Pesci capped another scoring drive with a 4-yard run with 6:22 left in the game.

"Right after we stopped them, Pesci told us We're going to have a 99-yard drive" and sureenough, senior guard Brett Foster said. "On the goal line, we knew we couldn't let them score. We knew we needed at least a two-touchdown lead."

Senior tailback Corey Davis scored the last Harrison touchdown on a 1-yard run — one play after he ran 32 yards and barely missed breaking the plane.

Hartland stunned Harrison early, intercepting Pesci and driving 41 yards in eight plays for a 7-0 lead on Begin's 21-yard keeper around right ed.

Then, Hartland blocked a punt and recovered at the Harrison

15, but the Hawks dug in defensively and Scott Greene's 37-yard field-goal attorput was wide.

"We knew, from a defensive standpoint, early on we'd have some problems, because it's hard to mimic their offensive speed in practice," Sutter said. "We didn't anticipate it would be a touch down problem."

"We came out a little flat but as the game went on we got it together," Hoad said. "We had to suck it up and get the job done.

"I don't know if it was jitters or what. We did the same thing last year and came back strong, and it expected us to do the same today."

The Hawks marched 80 yards to even the score, 7-7, with senior tailback Mark Reed's 6-yard run on the first play of the second quarter.

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Harrison scored the next time that the ball, too. A 43-yard run by Woods helped set up Pesci's 13-yard TD pass to Hoad.

# Catholic Central rallies again to defeat Fordson

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The defining moment in Saturday night's Class AA football regional semifinal between Detroit Catholic Central and Dearborn Fordson came with the score tied 6-6 and 10:45 remaining

The scoreboard clock doesn't move ofter touchdowns but whoever had on a wristwatch knows it took more than five minutes for Fordson to kick the extra point after a four-yard tunchdown run by senior tailback Rendell Winston tied the score Subse

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CC was assessed two offsides penalties and Fordson one for illegal procedure before the Tractors' placekieer Kassem Anani finally put one through the uprights for a 7-6 lead.

Watching how fierce both teams battled for the extra point, so often taken for granted, showed the game at Pontine's Wisner Stadium, which ended in a 12-7 win for CC, was more like awar.

a war.
"The extra point meant the dif-

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ference between winning or losing at that point and we wanted to block it, they wanted to kick it, "CC coach Tom Mach said.

For the second-straight week, CC needed a touchdown late in the fourth quarter to rally for victory.

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Steve Ivy's 46-yard yard punt return, following the blocks of Justin Cessante and Eric Tessier, gave the Shamrocks possession at Fordson's 38 with 3:30 remaining.

Following a one-yard run by Kyle Entsminger, CC quarter-back Dave Lusky found Matt Loridas open in the secondary for a 30-yard gain to the 7.

On first down, Entsminger took a pitch and followed the block of Kava into the end zone for a 12-7 lead with 2:19 left. A twa-point conversion pass was intercepted.

Fordson had a final chance but a fourth down and eight pass frum its 42 was knocked down by CC linebacker Casey Rogwoski.

"My heart right now is pounding," Mach said, referring to the Shamrocks 22-15 comeback win have Orthard Lake St. Mary's in the Grathalic League championship gome. This team will not quit. Two weeks in a row our back were to the wall and we put to the standard and the standard a



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