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cate you about Fowlerville. The Gladiators were outscored 147-117, out-thumped by Chelsea in the opener (35-13) and have an 0-3 playoff record. On the other hand, the school's logo does look really cool on the town's water tower.

Actually, there is no actually. Harrison has outscored its opponents by an average of 44-10 this year. And if Fowlerville scores more than 10 points on Harrison, O'Meara is gonna re-paint his head green and gold. PICKS: Harrison - Besudry, Risko, O'Meara, Emmons.

Dundee (6-3) at Clarencville (9-0), 7:30 p.m. Here's Brad Emmons' scouting report on Clarencville: "I'll tell you what. They had a class spread at Rickers on Sunday night. All the team went to watch the playoff show. Man, the food was great. They had roastin' potatoes, salad, chicken, pasta, green beans and vegetable medley, dessert, roll, drinks."

He hasn't said a word about the game. He can't get over the fact that he got fed and someone else picked up the tab. He got teary-eyed over someone giving him a free tippin'-roll.

Actually, the Trojans COULD be surprised in this one. Not with, but could. If Tim Shaw, Pete Shaw, Andrew Shaw, Artie Shaw, Rita Shaw, and Greg Hudkins-Shaw got caught looking ahead to Country Day next week, the Vikings have a chance. If not, they'll be stocking shelves at Cabela's on Sunday. PICKS: O'ville - Besudry, Emmons, Risko, O'Meara.

SATURDAY GAME
Detroit Cody (8-3) vs. Redford CC (6-3) at RU's Kraft Field, 2 p.m.; OK, the burning question here is not, "Why is 6-3 CC hosting a game?" It's... OK, you got me. Why is 6-3 CC hosting a game? Granted, this playoff group - with East Tech and King - isn't exactly the toughest around. I have the distinct feeling that with the Comets making their first playoff appearance ever and their first winning record since 1991, they might have a little bit of that deer-in-the-headlights look.

Actually, it could be a close game. Actually, no. Unless something really stupid happens, CC should roll through the next two weeks. PICKS: CC - Besudry, Emmons, O'Meara, Risko.

Trojans take step up in post-season

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Now the real football season starts for Livonia Clarencville.

The Trojans, who breezed through the regular season with a 9-0 record while outscoring their opponents 345-28, take on Dundee (6-3) in a Division 5 district game at 7:30 p.m.

Coch Greg Hudkins wasn't shocked when he learned his team had moved up to Division 5. Last year Clarencville made it to the semifinals in Division 6 before losing to Schoolcraft. But things fell differently this year as a total of 13 5-4 teams made the 256-team field.

Lurking as a potential district final matchup for Clarencville is 5-4 Detroit Country Day.

Ironically, Clarencville is very familiar with playoff foes the past three years from the Lenawee County Athletic Association.

FOOTBALL

Dundee's three losses were to LCAA foes Hudson, Erie-Mason and Clinton.

Last year Clarencville eliminated Erie-Mason and Hudson, while in 1999 the Trojans fell to Clinton in the first round.

Dundee, making its first playoff appearance since 1992, runs a ver offense and a 5-3 defensive setup geared to stop run.

"They like to pack it in defensively," Hudkins said. "They run the same thing as Cranbrook, with a little different version."

Dundee quarterback Nick Gildersleeve, brother of this year coach Cory Gildersleeve, is a threat to run and pass.

He has rushed for 504 yards and nine touchdowns, and he is 60-for-129 passing for 782 yards and seven TDs while playing the last three games with a broken finger on his throwing hand.

"He's a pretty talented kid and a tough kid," Hudkins said. "He has a strong arm and a quick release."

Dan Fugate, a 6-foot-3, 205-pound wide receiver, has 36 catches for 494 yards and five TDs. He also plays defensive back and may be the team's best athlete, according to Hudkins.

"He was a state qualifier in four track events, a 6-7 high jumper," Hudkins said. "We've got to shut down their passing because we've been successful at shutting down the run."


Junior Rob Ebersberg is the leading rusher with 1,187 yards in 103 carries and 13 TDs. Ted Rath has 502 yards and 68 TDs. Clarencville quarterback Pete Shaw might have to throw more if Dundee tries to jam the line of scrimmage to stop the one-two running tandem of Tim Shaw and Steve Mendows.

Pete Shaw has been effective through the air, completing 39 of 73 passes for 828 yards with only three interceptions. The Trojans will be minus senior tight end and middle linebacker Bill Nesbitt, who was lost for the year when he broke his ankle in a non-football mishap.

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"The Hawks aren't feeling the pressure of being so highly-touted and attempting to remain king of the hill, however."

"They don't seem to feel it at all," Herrington said. "They're very loose. They don't talk much

about the national ranking.

"Most of the pressure is within us to perform at a high level. We've done it all year. We've really had an outstanding year going into the playoffs."

"It's the most fun time of year for high school kids. They came in very excited (Monday), wanting to know about Fowlerville and wondering if we had a scouting report. We're ready to go."

Fowlerville, while it has fared well in most nine-game seasons, can't compare in terms of playoff tradition. The Gladiators are in the tournament for the fourth time but have yet to win a post-season game.

"We would've been in the playoffs 13 of the last 15 years with the present system," Wallace said. "We've had a lot of 7-2 and 8-1 teams that never got in because of point totals."

"We were 9-0 one year and played Montrose, which had a 72-game winning streak. Marshall was the defending champion in 1997; we played Harper Creek, which went to the semis, in 1999, and this year we have

Harrison.

"Somewhere along the way I think I did something to anger the football gods. But I'm kidding around. We're looking forward to it; we have nothing to lose, and they have a great team."

The Gladiators rely on quarterback Zach Douglass, who does a little bit of everything, and tailback Tim Scott, who has rushed for nearly 1,200 yards and plays bigger than his size (5-7, 160).

"(Douglass) is really talented," Wallace said, adding he also does the kicking, plays defensive back, punts and returns punts. "He'll return kickoffs Friday, too. He has to be on the field as much as possible for us to have a chance. And we do have a chance!"

"(Scott) is just a small kid; he's small in stature but plays with a big heart and is really fast. He tells me he's 160, but I figure he's more like 150."

Fowlerville is small team, averaging 175-80 pounds on the offensive line. It runs from the I-

formation but "Friday will probably do anything and everything," according to Wallace.

"We rely on team work, attitude and playing as hard as we can play," he said. "That I can guarantee; we will play hard and won't give up. That's the character of Fowlerville football."

Harrison lost junior fullback and inside linebacker Kevin Zerbo for the season with a damaged ACL, and the Hawks are hoping to have junior defensive end James Cook back soon from an injury.

Senior Steve Wolff has replaced Zerbo on offense, junior Jake Ghanann on defense. Greg Hocking has been playing in place of Cook.

"Jake has been doing a good job, but it's a tough to replace Zerbo, who I think is one of the outstanding linebackers in the state," Herrington said.

"I think the defense is underrated a little bit. I think some people think it's not as good as it has been in the past, but it's a pretty solid defense."

GRID SCORES

HARRISON (9-0)
Harrison 55, Oxford 14.
Harrison 56, Py. Salem 13.
Harrison 44, W.L. Western 10.
Harrison 45, Py. Canton 35.
Harrison 33, Liv. Churchill 0.
Harrison 61, Northville 20.
Harrison 54, Liv. Franklin 7.
Harrison 48, John Glenn 7.
Harrison 42, Country Day 0.
Harrison 43B, opponents 66.
FOWLERVILLE (5-3)
Chelsea 35, Fowlerville 13.
Fowlerville 27, Portland 12.
Fowlerville 15, O.R. Christian 14.
Dewitt 32, Fowlerville 6.
Fowlerville 2, Perry O (forfeit).
Fowlerville 23, Williamston 6.
Fowlerville 21, Flint Northern 20.
Hastlet 31, Fowlerville 13.
Fowlerville 27, Corona 7.
Fowlerville 147, opponents 157.

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