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not on the perennial scale of Harrison.

The Trojans defeated five teams this year that have won state titles in the past - Grand Rapids CC, Muskegon, East-Lansing, West Branch Ogemaw Heights, East Grand Rapids and East Lansing.

"I've known about the Fruitport program for a long time through our coaches association," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "We don't hear about the West Side schools as much, but they've had a successful program for a long time."

There is no looking past anybody at this point in the tournament, but that might have happened to East Lansing when it lost to Fruitport last week, 21-18.

"That surprised a lot of people who thought East Lansing would get another crack at Harrison," Wilson said.

"I think there was a lot of talk about getting ready for a rematch and the Silverdome. East Lansing might have been looking past us to the finals."

There will be one more game, and the whole season boils down to 46 minutes Saturday night for both teams.

The Hawks have had a great season and two-year run with a core group of players who have contributed much to a school-record, 35-game winning streak.

It will be a bitter-sweet experience for coaches and fans to watch a great Harrison team play just one more game.

"We look forward to going to the Dome, but I think it's gone so fast," Herrington said, adding it wasn't so long ago seniors such as Agim Shabab were in the Farmington Rockets youth football program.

"It'll be sad to see them leave, like every year. But, if they go out with a victory in the Dome, that will make it sweet."

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Pickoff play: Agim Shabab intercepted two Saginaw passes in last week's win.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME NOTES

COACHING RECORDS: Coach John Herrington is 298-58-1 in 32 seasons at Harrison. Fruitport coach Steve Wilson has an 87-42 record in 13 seasons.

LEAGUE CHAMPS: Harrison won the Western Lakes Activities Association title for the 15th time since 1982 by defeating Westland Glenn. Fruitport won the Western Lakes Activities Association West Division with a 4-0 record and wins over Ludington, Spring Lake, Orchard View and Monticue.

HAWKS HISTORY: Harrison is 61-8 in postseason play with 12 shutouts. The Hawks have won their last 22 playoff games in a row, going back to the first round of the 1997 tournament. In 69 playoff games, the Hawks have outscored the opposition, 2,063-847.

TALE OF TWO TITLES: Fruitport has been in the playoffs seven times in 13 years under coach Steve Wilson. This is its first time in the finals. In 1992 the Trojans won a regional title over Flint Powers but lost to Grand Rapids Kanawha Hills in the semis. After that, Fruitport was eliminated in the first round the next four times it made the playoffs.

BEST TEAM EVER? "It is in my opinion," coach Steve Wilson said of the 2001 Fruitport team. "It's the first time in 23 years the Trojans went undefeated in the regular season. The program started in 1965; the only other undefeated seasons were in 1971 and '72."

STATE RECORDS: Harrison owns the state records for most appearances in the playoffs (20), state-final games (15) and state championships (11). The Hawks have won 18 regional titles, too.

FOUR-POINT POINTS: Will the Hawks score that many points Saturday night. That's been their point total in the last two state finals. In fact, it's a number Harrison seems to like. The Hawks have scored that many points in five of their last 15 playoff games since 1998. Harrison's 602-point total is a school record, surpassing last year's total of 597.

KEY PLAYOFF WIN: Fruitport has been on a roll since squeaking past West Branch Ogemaw Heights in the first round of the tournament, 18-12. "If you look at our regular-season schedule, we pretty much handled everybody we played," Wilson said. "We weren't sure if we were that good or the teams we played weren't very good this year. The starters didn't play a lot in the second half. Then we got into the playoffs, and all of a sudden the kids played a full game and it was a war."

"We felt we got away with one, because we gave them a long TD run in the first quarter and that was the first time all year we were behind. (Fruitport took an 18-6 lead, but Ogemaw Heights returned a kickoff for a TD.) They got the ball into the fourth quarter, with 30 seconds left, they threw to a receiver who was open in the end zone, and the kid dropped the ball that could've cost us the game. We would've been eliminated in the first round."

"We could've very easily have been sitting at home. We played great defense except for 2½ plays and almost lost the game. That taught the kids a lesson about the playoffs. They had to play at a new level than they were used to in the regular season. Then we played an absolutely fantastic game against a very good Cadillac team, and things started to jell for us against East Grand Rapids and East Lansing. The kids have handled the pressure and new caliber of play."

POSITIVE APPROACH: Fruitport might be an underdog against Harrison, but the Trojans will arrive at the Silverdome with the right attitude, according to Wilson. When we found out Harrison would be a Division 3 school, we said we'd like to play Harrison, because that would mean we'd be in the finals," he said. "We've proven we belong in the Silverdome. I think we can compete with anybody, and I think we'll give Farmington Hills their best battle of the year. We didn't play the schedule they did, and we don't have the tradition they do. But our kids play with a lot of heart, and anything can happen in the finals."

PLAYOFFS

FARMINGTON HARRISON GRID FOOTBALL HISTORY

2001 - DIVISION 3
Final: Harrison 42, Farmington 14
Regional: Harrison 42, Allen Park 7
District: Harrison 42, Chelsea 6
Regional: Harrison 42, Farmington 14
2000 - DIVISION 3
Final: Harrison 42, East Lansing 6
Semifinal: Harrison 35, Upper West 6
Regional: Harrison 40, Chelsea 6
District: Harrison 48, Allen Park 7
District: Harrison 54, Crestwood 0
1999 - DIVISION 3
Final: Harrison 42, O.A. Crestwood 0
Semifinal: Harrison 48, O.A. Crestwood 0
Regional: Harrison 34, First Powers 0
District: Harrison 47, St. Clair 14
District: Harrison 42, Farmington 14
1998 - CLASS A
Final: Harrison 35, Hudsonville 13
Semifinal: Harrison 35, Crestwood 10
Regional: Harrison 34, First Powers 0
District: Harrison 47, St. Clair 14
District: Harrison 42, Farmington 14
1997 - CLASS A
Final: Harrison 21, Midland 0
Semifinal: Harrison 21, Bertram 0
Regional: Harrison 33, Ypsilanti 0
Regional: Harrison 50, East Ford 23
1996 - CLASS A
Final: Grandville 24, Harrison 17
Semifinal: Harrison 52, O.P. North 34
Regional: Harrison 33, Ypsilanti 0
Regional: Harrison 45, Chaskey 0
1995 - CLASS A
Regional: South Lyon 40, Harrison 0
1994 - CLASS A
Final: Harrison 17, F.J. Central 14
Semifinal: Harrison 38, Kribak 0
Regional: Harrison 33, South Lyon 28
Regional: Harrison 43, Chaskey 0
1993 - CLASS A
Final: Harrison 12, Midland 0
Semifinal: Harrison 25, First 21
Regional: Harrison 23, Northville 10
Regional: Harrison 44, East Ford 23
1992 - CLASS B
Final: Harrison 34, Chaskey 0
Semifinal: Harrison 32, Crestwood 7
Regional: Harrison 32, Crestwood 7
Regional: Harrison 49, Tecumseh 13
1990 - CLASS B
Semifinal: O.A. Harrison 38
Regional: Harrison 45, Avondale 16
Regional: Harrison 22, Clintonville 10
1989 - CLASS B
Final: Harrison 28, Detroit 27
Semifinal: Harrison 3, E. Gr. Rapids 2
Regional: Harrison 28, Allen Park 6
Regional: Harrison 23, Riverview 7
1988 - CLASS B
Final: Harrison 44, St. Joseph 9
Semifinal: Harrison 42, Avondale 7
Regional: Harrison 35, Riverview 0
Regional: Harrison 32, Clawson 0
1987 - CLASS B
Final: O.A. Rapids 30, Harrison 7
Semifinal: Harrison 35, Maryville 20
Regional: Harrison 35, Monroe CC 6
Regional: Harrison 20, Allen Park 6
1986 - CLASS B
Regional: Marysville 22, Harrison 6
Regional: Harrison 30, D. Northern 18
Regional: Harrison 21, Riverview 14
1985 - CLASS A
Semifinal: Fordson 0, Harrison 0
Regional: Harrison 17, Southfield 6
1982 - CLASS A
Final: Harrison 17, Fordson 14, 20T
Regional: Harrison 6, Lakeland 2
Regional: Harrison 23, B.L. Lander 0
1981 - CLASS B
Final: Harrison 7, Muskegon CC 0
Regional: Harrison 36, Willow Run 0
Regional: Harrison 23, Maryville 13
1980 - CLASS B
Semifinal: Okemos 14, Harrison 3
Regional: Harrison 7, Lumen Christi 6
1970 - CLASS B
Final: Midland Dow 30, Harrison 27
Semifinal: Harrison 21, Lapeere 0

DIVISION 3 STATE-FINAL LINEUPS

HARRISON OFFENSE
CE: senior Dan Derocch (6-0, 200)
LT: senior Jason Lyngkila (6-4, 200)
RG: senior Pat Conner (6-0, 150)
RT: senior Dan Barnister (6-0, 217)
TE: senior Justin Armer (6-0, 217)
QB: senior Dave Condon (6-4, 215)
SE: senior Terrell Mayberry (5-11, 160)
FL: senior Agim Shabab (5-10, 160)
QB: senior Drew Stanton (6-0, 200)
FB: senior Steve Woff (5-8, 155)
TB: junior Marcus Woods (5-8, 180)

HARRISON DEFENSE
NG: senior Chris Kucio (5-10, 105)
LT: junior Joe Graham (6-2, 285)
RT: senior Aaron Kennedy (6-2, 220)
LE: junior Daniel Ayotunde (6-0, 202)
RE: junior Marcus Woods (5-8, 180)
LB: senior Bill Richeson (5-11, 200)
LB: junior Jake Ghanem (5-10, 190)
SS: senior Dave Condon (6-4, 215)
CB: senior Terrell Mayberry (5-11, 160)
CB: senior Agim Shabab (5-10, 160)
FS: senior Drew Stanton (6-0, 212)

FRUITPORT OFFENSE
CE: senior Justin McFarland (6-0, 202)
LT: senior Ken Bortell (6-0, 208)
RG: senior Josh Lawson (6-3, 204)
RT: senior Greg Smith (6-4, 264)
TE: junior Jack Nummenor (6-0, 281)
LB: junior Andy Rizzo (6-0, 195)
RE: senior Luke Ferguson (6-2, 205)
QB: senior Jonanda Pendell (6-3, 185)
LB: junior Greg Schultz (5-11, 220)
HB: senior Mark Langlois (5-9, 105)
HB: senior Philip Wilson (6-1, 220)

FRUITPORT DEFENSE
NG: junior Greg Schultz (5-11, 220)
LT: senior Josh May (6-2, 254)
RT: senior Robert Stark (6-2, 218)
LE: senior Matt Syme (6-3, 175)
RE: senior Robert Newton (6-1, 175)
LB: senior Philip Wilson (6-1, 220)
LB: senior Mike Williams (5-10, 180)
LB: senior Mike Boone (5-11, 175)
RC: senior Mark Langlois (5-9, 105)
RC: senior Greg Woods (5-1, 150)
RB: senior John Rumpel (5-10, 148)

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backs," Steve Wilson said. "One is a phenomenal running back (Langlois). Schultz runs the trap, which is important for the Wing-T, and we run Philip on the backside to take some of the heat off Mark."

"Offensively, we don't expect any one kid to be a superstar, although Mark is that kind of athlete. We like to spread it around, but we do give it to Mark most of the time."

"We also create a situation where we fake it to Marcus, draw a lot of attention there and give it to one of the other backs on a counter."

Herrington knows this game will be played between the tackles when the Hawks are on defense.

"The first thing you notice when you watch them on film is their execution on offense," Herrington said. "They hide the football and fake very well."

"It's the opposite of what we've played the last two weeks. They use two tight ends, so we have to adjust our defense."

A player who shouldn't be overlooked is Fruitport quarterback Jonanda Pendell, who has completed 27 of 48 passes for 666 yards and six touchdowns (half going to Langlois).

"Fruitport's three running backs also play defense and are

the only two-way players. Langlois plays cornerback, Schultz noseguard and Wilson inside linebacker. Tackle Robert Stark is another defensive standout.

"We average 40 points a game, but really it's been the defense that has kept us in a lot of ballgames," Steve Wilson said.

"The biggest thing about our win Saturday (over East Lansing) was defensive play. There, we think we were very good. We're not going to get pretty solid and consistent across the board."

Herrington also is impressed by Fruitport's aggressiveness on defense. The Hawks will try to spread the field and perhaps catch the Trojans gambling.

"We'll try to take advantage of our speed, Herrington said. "It's good, period; on the carpet, it will be even better."

"Saginaw was hard to beat deep, so we got the ball to Agim (Shabab) in the flats and let him work one-on-one, and then we kept with (tailback) Marcus (Woods). We kept the down markers moving."

Steve Wilson knows all about the individual talent on the Harrison team, including quarterback Drew Stanton, a Michigan State recruit who has passed for 2,608 yards (118-of-178) and 29 touchdowns with five interceptions.

And that's not all. He remembers when Stanton's dad, Gaylord, was a star running back at Muskegon High in the late '60s. Wilson also played for the Big Red and was in the Class of '73.

"(Gaylord) was one of the guys we looked up to growing up, and I was surprised when I found out it's his son who is quarterbacking the Harrison team," Wilson said. "If (Drew) plays anything like his dad, he's one tough hombre."

You can be sure Wilson has the Trojans working on their pass defense this week. The Hawks have several good receivers led by Shabab, who has 65 catches for 1,311 yards and 17 touchdowns.

"It's not a case of (Stanton) picking you apart with little short stuff," Wilson said. "He throws the thing 50 yards on a rope and hits the target on a dime."

"A lot of times around here it's been smashmouth football. Some schools are throwing a little more. It's not the same caliber (as Harrison), but we've contained it very well."

It's a situation where you have to play at the next level. In the state final, you're playing the best there is in the state."

A good offense will be Fruitport's best defense, according to Wilson, who knows Woods (1,500 yards and 32 touchdowns) gives the Hawks an excellent rushing attack, too.

"If we have a chance, we have to control the possession clock," he said. "Our offense is not real flashy, but we're hoping we can control the line of scrimmage and move the ball."

"If we keep their offense off the field, we have a chance of staying in the game. If we get a lot of three-and-outs where we have to punt and let their offense get on the field, we'll have a hard time controlling it."

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bates at 7:30 p.m.

Council Present: Bates, Barnett, Brickner, Ellis, Grant, McTee and Oliverio.

Council Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Dornan, Assistant City Manager Whinnery, Assistant to the City Manager Arbenowake, Directors Blaisell, Boyer and Coutegon and Attorney Donohue.

CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:


- Swearing in of newly elected Mayor Bates and Council Members Ellis, Grant, and Oliverio.
- Elected Council Member McTee as the new Mayor Pro-tem.
- Received presentation from 3rd Grade Classes at Forest Elementary school.
- Received Monthly Legislative Report.
- Received Attorney's Report.

APPROVED:

- Vacation of Clairview Drive and Clairview Court in Glen Acres and Glen Acres No. 2 Subdivisions.
- Request from Culinary Essence LLC to transfer ownership of 2000 Class C licensed business located at 27925 Golf Point from Copper Creek Golf Course, Inc.
- Introduction of:
 - Special Ordinance authorizing conveyance of City property.
 - Ordinance to amend Chapter 35, Water and Sewers, City Code, regulating discharges into sewer system as required by Federal law as a customer of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.
- Designation of Gynaster Optional Club as a non-profit organization operating in the City for purposes of conducting a fundraiser.
- Employment requests under Section 10.01 of City Code.
- City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2001.
- Cancellation of City Council Regular Meeting of November 26, 2001.
- Contract for Westbrook Culvert Lining repair to Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. in amount of \$28,458.


NANCY BATES, Mayor
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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HARRISON (13-0)
Harrison 55, Oxford 14
Harrison 55, Plymouth Salem 12
Harrison 44, Valed Lake Western 0
Harrison 45, Plymouth Canton 35
Harrison 33, Shreve Chaskey 0
Harrison 41, Northville 20
Harrison 54, Livonia Franklin 7
Harrison 48, Westland John Dorn 7
Harrison 42, B.H.O. Country Day 0

Division 3 state playoffs
Harrison 49, Farmington 14
Harrison 42, Chelsea 6
Harrison 42, Allen Park 7
Harrison 31, Saginaw 14
Harrison 602, opponents 322

FRUITPORT (13-0)
Fruitport 42, GR Forest Hills Central 7
Fruitport 34, OR Catholic Central 7
Fruitport 42, Fremont 7
Fruitport 85, Ludington 14
Fruitport 37, Spring Lake 0
Fruitport 28, Muskegon Orchard View 6
Fruitport 49, Marquette 0
Fruitport 58, Howard City Yr County 0
Fruitport 44, Muskegon Fresh-Puff 12

Division 3 state playoffs
Fruitport 18, W.B. Ogemaw Hts. 12
Fruitport 35, Cadillac 6
Fruitport 42, East Grand Rapids 30
Fruitport 21, East Lansing 18
Fruitport 630, opponents 320

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, the undersigned will sell by public auction for cash only, removal within 24 hours. For sale are storage units for which rent and fees are past due.

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 34050 Nine Mile Road, Farmington, MI 48335, (248) 473-4020, on December 18, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. The personal property described below.

In the matter of:

SPACE 00301 DONA CUNNINGHAM Misc. items
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SPACE 0062 MICHAEL PALUS Items, misc. boxes
SPACE 0050 HOWARD A. GORMAN TV, microwave, desk, washer/dryer, speakers, misc. bags/boxes, safe, bunk beds
SPACE 0055 JOSEPH JUDKINS Monitor, misc. boxes/bags, misc. books, misc. pictures, misc. lamps, mattress/frame
SPACE 0023 GREGORY HESTER Sofa/love seat, mattress, headboard, fridge, books
SPACE 0052 MR. MAURICE JACKSON Kids bike, microwave, misc. dresses/misc. items
SPACE 0026 MAT McGEE Luggage, table chair, misc. bags/boxes.

All sales subject to adjournment.

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