## Trojans plan to stop Polar Bears in their tracks

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FROM PAGE DI 15th, 20th, 22nd and 27th, respectively. Sophomore Brian Masters was 35th (20:09). "It was easily our best per-formance of the year," Reed and - The kids were pumped and ready to go, and they man great nee. We couldn't have saked for anything more than what they rave us.

Starf watts Speed kills, but Livonia Clarenceville football coach Greg Hudkins hopes to set a speed trap, perhaps even a roadblock this Friday against Highland Park. They're fast all over," said Hudkins, who has guided the Trojans (6-1 overall) to the playoffs in each of his four years, "Defensively, we have to contain their speed. We really can't be as aggressive as we like. We'll have to use some zone coverage." The to as aggressive as we like the opener of the Division 5-District 2 state playoffs. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Friday at Charenceville. The Polar Bears, making asked for anything more than what they gave us. "Brian ran extremely well. He and the top suy broke away from the field before the half-mile mark. The SL Mary's gay made a move, and Brian decid-ed to hold his position and well's for attack

qualify for state. His time was OK, but he His time was Ok, but ne didn't have to push real hard. He should be rested to run well at the state meet. We're hoping a good place at the regional can translate into a really good place at state."

The Polar Bears, making their second straight playoff appearance under sixth-year coach Cedric Dortch, are 7-2

ransiate into a really good place at state." Coats was 4 ist in the state last year, and Reed lopes he can finish in the top 30 this time and earn all-state honors. The state meet will be 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. "Six of our seven are seniors, and it's a nice way to finish their cross country carcers to participate in the state meet," Reed said. "It's a great ribute to four years of hard work that they get to go as a team and run together one more time. "We're shooting for every kid to run a good time. If we do that, we'll go home happy."

OTHER STATE QUALIFIERS

Seven other runners from Parmington schools qualified for state meets individually. In the Division I glits region-al at Kimball, North's Farmington senior Susan Barrows was skuth (20:20.8), Farmington junior Rachnel Button seventh (20:27.0), Farmington senior Claired Czapilicki 10th (20:32.6) and Czapilicki 10th (20:32.6) and Czojilicki 10th (20:32.6), morth senior Jeff Mataya was 10th (J6:358) in the boys race.

(20:34.6). North senior Jeff Mataya was 10th (16:58) in the boys race. Harrison sophomore Shannon Bailey placed second (20:22) and an senior Irina Matlennikova ninth (21:49) in the Division II girls meet at Kimball. Troy Athens' Thereas Martin was the Division J girls winner in 19:28.9, and Detroit Renaissance's Kelly Samoson

Renaissance's Kelly Sampson won the Division II girls race in 19:25.

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Barrows returned from a back higury that had sidelined her for much of the season to earn a return trip to the state meet Saturday. "She had a real good per-formance, considering sile had been out since Oct. 5," North coach Bill Pinnell said. "It was med to see her till yn the good to see her still run the 20:20 time and qualify for state. The last time she raced

state. The last time she raced was the county meet. "I definitely expected her to finish in the top 15.1 figured she could have an average race for herself and still get in the top 10 and qualify, which was the biggest concern." Barrows, who was 116th in the state last year, had a similar situation then. She was coming back from a stress fracture in a foot to run in the regional and state meets.

foot to run in the regional and state meets. North's Katie Milan was 25th (21:34) and Jackie Murrenus 29th (21:35), and both ran their best times of the season. Amy Miller was 38th (22:40) and Katie Petersen 54th (23:52). The ninth-place Farmington boys were led by Ryan Kiblaw in 29th place (77:51). Dan Clay (18:53), Patrick Whinnery (18:53), Attack (19:54) and Kyle Mason (18:53) were 44th, 54th, 55th and 36th, respectively.

respectively. "The week before, at the con-"The week before, at the con-ference meet, we really strug-gled, coach Chip Bridges said. We ran much better at the regional, which made us feel a. Ilite bit better, We beat a cou-ple teams that had beaten us at the conference meet. I was pleased with the effort Saturday, and I think we learned a lot."

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#### FOOTBALL .

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overali with their only losses coming against two Observeriand schools, Redford Thurston (14-6) and Farmington (14-0). Highland Parks Michael Dunwoody, a 5-foot-9, 145-pound senior tailback, has rushed for 778 yards and 10 touchdowns. Dortch describes Dunwoody as 'an explosive game-breaker.' Meanwhile, the fullback is 5-11, 230-pound Dennis Stepter, a senior who has rushed for 656 yards. Highland Park, a run-oriented team, has used as many as four quarterbacks this

many as four quarterbacks this scason, but expected to get the start Friday is sophomore Juan

Clark. Clark. Clarenceville, meanwhile, will counter with 5-9, 183-pound junior tailback Jeff

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Fioretti, who has rushed for 1,135 yards in nine games. The Trojans may also be get-ting at bornus his week as start-ling quartroack Pete Shaw could back in the lineup after missing the entire regular sea-son with a broken collarbone suffered on the fourt hpay of Charenecville's presenson scrim-mage. Shaw a 6-4, 171-pound senior, passed for 1,300 yards last year as the Trojans finished 13-1 and reached the Division 5 state championship game. If he's available, starting quarterback Josh Silvernail, a senior, will become the teams 'slash' player, a weapon for sure for the Trojans. "What Pete brings is three years experience as a starter, a yuy who can get us in-and-out of plays," Hudkins said. 'He hides the ball really well. He's not as auhletic as Josh, but he makes decisions fast and it's

usually the right one. "Josh probably has the best pair of hands on our team. If we can get him some open space, he's got enough speed that he's dangerous in the open fold."

field." Sounds like a win-win situa-tion for the Trojans, whose only loss this season is to Harper Woods Holy Trinity, 20-7. Highland Park's forte, how-ever, is its takeaway-to-ture over entities.

turnover ratio. The Polar Bears have picked

six-man front. It's a penetrat-ing, aggressive-style defense." We have to attack their speed, go right at them and try and catch them out of position." Clarenceville's leaders on defense have been senior line-backer Andrew Shaw and jun-ior defensive tackle Frank Pointer. The 6-foot, 206-pound Shaw, a first-team All-Observer pick a year ago at offensive guard, had a team-high 17 tack-les in a season-ending 16-8 win over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, while the 6-foot, 268-pound Pointer registered a season-high four sacks. "We've got to stop the run." Hudkins said. "They'll use a bunch of formations, but it's usually dives and power traps. They'll kick out the end and pull out the guard."

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The Polar Bears have picked off 37 passes – seven each by cornerback Ken Jordan and free safety Greg Dinkins – along with 14 caused fumbles. Led by linebackers Donald Jackson and Anthony McCornick, the Highland Park defense has allowed just 50 points. "Defensively, they fly" Huddins said. They'll use a five-man front and jump to a

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