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Hawks claim regional title

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You couldn't blame the Detroit Northern football players if they went home and took a second look at their calendars after losing to Farmington Harrison 36-18 in the Class B regional championship Saturday at Westland John Glenn.

Although the calendars will still say Nov. 15, it sure must have seemed like Halloween to the Eskies. Trick or treat, Harrison tricked them after while treating itself to a berth in the state Class B semifinals Friday night at Flint's Atwood Stadium against Marysville.

"All our tricks came out today," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "We knew we would have to pull out all stops to win this one."

Trick No. 1 came after the Hawks' first TD. Harrison's Kurt Davis recovered a fumble at the Northern 20 yard line early in the first quarter. Three plays later, Scott Bissell ran in from the 4. Then the Hawks scored the two-point conversion off the infamous Captain Jack play. (See related story).

Trick No. 2 broke Northern's back. Harrison led 15-12 at half-time. In their first offensive pos-

session of the second half, the Hawks drove from their own 43 to the Northern 19 where the drive stalled. Herrington sent Mark Calvaruso on to try a 36-yard field goal. Surprise. Harrison quarterback Mark Murray — who is the holder on field goal attempts — picked up the ball, rolled to his right and drilled a pass to Dave Krollick for a critical touchdown.

"We knew before the game that if we faked to the right we had a chance to be successful," Herrington said.

TRICKY WASN'T the Hawks only asset on Saturday. They did a superb job of controlling both sides of the line of scrimmage against a team of superior size. Harrison checked all-PBL back Arthur Mitchell on just 23 yards. Northern managed all of 54 yards rushing, total. On the other side of the ball, the Hawks managed to grind out 108 yards rushing — 67 accumulated by Bissell.

"You know, we always thought we were pretty good at stopping the run," Herrington said. "But we had to use five defensive backs so much (because of Northern's explosive passing attack) I was very concerned."

Assistant coach Bob Sutter, Har-

risson's defensive coordinator, was not at all surprised by his team's performance in the trenches. "We told our kids that it was going to be an offensive linemen's game," Sutter said. "Our kids believe they can block, they believe they can get the job done."

THE OTHER major weapon in the Hawk arsenal Saturday was Murray. Ignoring the chilly weather and in the face of consistent pressure from the Northern defense, Murray may have had his finest day. He completed 16 of 24 passes for 177 yards and two TDs.

"Mark was great, wasn't he," Herrington said. "He has a tendency to overthrow and that cost him a couple of times today." Murray had two passes picked off by Dellus Morris.

Murray's counterpart, Northern quarterback Marcus Honey, was also effective. He completed 15 of 28 for 202 yards. He completed six of the passes to Alvin Buckley for 146 yards. And he completed a 30-yard TD pass to Morris. He, too, incurred some misfortune. Chad Burgess, Bissell and Schwedt each had an interception.

Still, it was quite a shootout.

AFTER HARRISON jumped ahead 8-0, Northern came back with two quick scores: a 21-yard run by Honey and the 30-yard pass to Morris. Northern failed on two-point conversion attempts both times.

The Hawks took the lead for good right before the close of the first half. Mark Bonasso sacked Honey at the Northern 8 on a third down play. After a short punt, the Hawks took over at the 29 with 56 seconds left.

"I think it was the first time we ran our two-minute offense and we took it in. That was nice," Herrington said.

Murray hit Gary Schwedt for 17 yards, Davis for another 11. With time ticking away, and Harrison out of timeouts, Murray hit Schwedt in the end zone from the 1. Calvaruso's kick gave the Hawks a 15-12 half-time lead.

The Hawks increased the lead to 29-12 in the second half. First, the TD pass to Krollick off the fake field goal. Then, at the outset of the fourth quarter, Harrison intercepted 38 yards in seven plays, scoring on Bissell's 1-yard plunge.

NORTHERN FOUGHT back. With 8:16 left, Mitchell capped an 80-yard drive with an 11-yard score. Again Northern failed a two-point try. It was 29-18.

Northern got the ball back with 6:00 left, but the drive ended quickly when Schwedt, again the anchor of the Hawks' defense, picked off Honey's pass at the Northern 27.

Six plays later Bissell scored his third TD, a 3-yard run.

"Well, looks like we got another week of work," Herrington said. And the smile that reached ear-to-ear told those who saw it that the veteran coach didn't mind a bit.

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Chad Burgess gets upended by Northern's Darlus Morris Saturday but before the Harrison defensive back picked off quarterback Marcus Honey's pass at 1st and Harrison 4 yard line.

Hawks open up vast bag of tricks

By Larry O'Conner
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The regional football playoffs became Farmington Harrison's stage for some foolery Saturday.

And the acting job was enough to bring the Hawks back for an encore against Marysville Saturday at Flint Atwood Stadium.

Saturday's featured act in Harrison's presentation of fake plays came in the third stanza on a fake field goal attempt which resulted in the Hawks' third touchdown.

Harrison lined up what looked like a 36-yard field goal try. Instead, quarterback Mark Murray, who was the holder, rolled out after taking the snap and threw to tight end Dave Krollick for a touchdown.

The TD turned out to be the winning edge for the Hawks. "I JUST rolled out, came around end and took my time," said Murray, who fired a strike to Krollick. "He was wide open."

"It (the pass) was perfect," said Krollick. "We've been working on that play all week in practice."

The 28-yard Harrison coach/director John Herrington came at a crucial time and put Detroit Northern behind for good.

"We saw on the first field goal attempt that they rushed," said Herrington, no stranger to the Broadway of high school football playoffs. "You've got to have a quarterback who can throw the ball well in that situation."

But it wasn't the only trick play Herrington called against Northern Detroit.

The first presentation of trickery came in the following stanza on the point after attempt following Scott Bissell's touchdown. Everyone, except kicker Mark Calvaruso, lined up on the far left side of the field.

While Detroit Northern stood in the center of the field waiting for the kick, Gary Schwedt ran it in uncontested for two points.

"IF THEY don't cover it, you do it," said Herrington. "If they cover it, you don't do it."

The play, which is called "Captain Jack" — probably because like the pipe tobacco people get smoked — is the brainchild of Plymouth Salem coach Tom Moshimer.

When Salem used it against Harrison a while back, Herrington decided to add it to his repertoire. "We used it in the Silverdome back in 1978," said Herrington. "We got called for illegal procedure on it . . . We used it a couple of times this year."

On both fakes Hawk kicker Calvaruso, had to play the straight man as he went through the motions. His performance was smashing on both plays, which netted Harrison an extra five points.

"It doesn't take any skill at all," said Calvaruso. "I just sort of stand there."



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Again the workhorse, Harrison's Scott Bissell (No. 40) gained 67 yards and scored three TDs in the Hawks regional championship victory Saturday.

Harrison coach, 2 Raiders highlight All-Area kick team

By Brad Emons
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OBSERVERLAND SOCCER and excellence have become synonymous over the years and this boys season was no exception.

Some of the top teams in the state are represented on this year's All-Area squad.

State Class A champion Livonia Stevenson, which posted a 21-0-3 record, landed four players on the

first team. Livonia Churchill, the Western Lakes Soccer League champions (16-1-1) took three of the 13 spots.

Other state-ranked teams represented include Redford Catholic Central (two berths), Plymouth Salem (one) and North Farmington (two).

Area coaches gathered recently to vote on the first and second teams. All but one school was represented during the voting.

Presenting the 1986 All-Area boys soccer team:

FIRST TEAM

Lars Richters, forward, Livonia Stevenson. A unanimous pick, this three-year starter is considered the state's premier player. He is also a pro-model student, maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

As a striker this season for the state-champion Spartans, Richters scored 34 goals and added a school-record 26 assists. His three-year totals are 69 goals and 45 assists.

The Stevenson co-captain pick, this All-Western Lakes Soccer League pick and all-state honoree.

Ray Barnes, forward, Livonia Stevenson. The perfect complement to Richters, the senior co-captain tallied 20 goals and added 10 assists this season.

He made the All-Western Lakes squad and was voted second-team all-state by the Michigan Soccer Coaches Association.

A two-year starter and three-year letter winner, Barnes took over Stevenson's corner kicks. His career totals are 35 goals and 20 assists.

Torin Onlewok, forward, Livonia Churchill. A starter 18 straight games at center-forward, the senior scored 15 goals and added 10 assists.

This season, the Chargers' co-captain

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Farmington dusts Hawks

Kelli Koss doesn't get her name in the paper much. The Farmington point guard doesn't score a lot of points, she doesn't grab many rebounds. But Thursday night she was a major reason why the Falcons knocked off rival Farmington Harrison 54-26 in a Western Lakes girls basketball game.

"Kelli Koss just played a great basketball game for us," Farmington coach Diana Fair said. "She handled the ball so well, she really controlled the game for us. She had all kinds of assists."

Koss was not particular who she dished off to. She gave it to Stacy Swanderski who responded with 16 points. She gave it to Linda Hacker who scored 14. She gave it to Carrie Hale who tossed in 14.

And when the ball wasn't going in, Jennifer Cunningham was there to pull down the rebound. She had 15 on the night.

The winless Hawks gave the Falcons a good run for a ball. But Farmington (2-18) pulled away with a 18-6 run in the third quarter.

Lesley Devine led Harrison with 10 points. Karen Najarian added five.

"Harrison gave us a good scare in the first half," Fair said. "They have really improved."

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girls basketball

TON 37: What's so free about free throws? That's what North Farmington wants to know. The Raiders missed 11 of 20 free throw attempts Thursday against Livonia Churchill, including seven misses in the final quarter.

North, which had trilled throughout the game, pulled ahead in the final quarter. With seven seconds left, the Raiders led 37-36 and were at the line shooting one-and-one. The free throw was missed, Churchill rebounded and called timeout with five seconds left.

At the buzzer, Maria Nouhan found the bottom of the net from 25 feet away giving Churchill the win.

"It was a set play, but Maria wasn't the girl we were going to," Churchill coach Tom Lang said. "She just happened to be the one who came open. Julie Scruggs did a nice job getting the ball to her."

Tracy Greenwood led Churchill with 15 points. The Chargers are 11-8 on the season.

North (8-12) got a superb effort

from Kim Gurek. The freshman scored 15 points.

STATE DISTRICT GIRLS BASKETBALL PAIRINGS

CLASS A

at WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Thursday, Nov. 20: Westland John Glenn (A) vs. Plymouth Salem (B), 7 p.m.; Plymouth Canton (C) vs. Garden City (D), 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 24: Livonia Churchill vs. A-D winner, 7 p.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. C-D winner, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Championship final, 7 p.m. (winner advances to the Gibraltar Carlton regional vs. Taylor Kennedy district champion) at NORTHVILLE

Thursday, Nov. 20: Northville (A) vs. Livonia Stevenson (B), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22: Farmington vs. Novi, 6:30 p.m.; North Farmington vs. A-D winner, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (winner advances to the Northville regional vs. Northville district champion) at SOUTHFIELD

Thursday, Nov. 20: Southfield (A) vs. Detroit Henry Ford (B), 6 p.m.; Farmington's Mercy (C) vs. Redford Union (D), 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 24: Detroit Redford vs. A-B winner, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (winner advances to the Northville regional vs. Northville district champion) at DEARBORN FORDSON

Thursday, Nov. 20: Redford Union (A) vs. Dearborn East (B), 6 p.m.; Dearborn Fordson (C) vs. Detroit Mackenzie (D), 8 p.m.



Lars Richters Stevenson, Ray Barnes Livonia Stevenson, Torin Onlewok Livonia Churchill