

football

HARRISON FOOTBALL PLAYOFF HISTORY

1991 — CLASS BB
Final: Harrison vs. Cheboygan?
Semifinal: Harrison 28, Tecumseh 7
Regional: Harrison 21, Allen Park 6
First round: Harrison 49, Crestwood 8
1990 — CLASS BB
Semifinal: Oxford 48, Harrison 38
Regional: Harrison 48, Avondale 16
First round: Harrison 21, Clintonville 10
1989 — CLASS B
Final: Harrison 26, DeWitt 27
Semifinal: Harrison 3, E. Grand Rapids 2
Regional: Harrison 28, Allen Park 6
First round: Harrison 23, Riverview 7
1988 — CLASS B
Final: Harrison 44, St. Joseph 9
Semifinal: Harrison 42, Avondale 7
Regional: Harrison 28, Allen Park 6
First round: Harrison 23, Clintonville 10
1987 — CLASS B
Final: Grand Rapids CC 19, Harrison 7
Semifinal: Harrison 26, Mayview 10
Regional: Harrison 28, Monroe 6
First round: Harrison 29, Allen Park 6
1986 — CLASS B
Semifinal: Mayview 22, Harrison 6
Regional: Harrison 36, Detroit 10
First round: Harrison 21, Riverview 14
1984 — CLASS A
Semifinal: Fordson 9, Harrison 6
Regional: Harrison 21, Seaholm 6
1982 — CLASS A
Final: Harrison 17, Fordson 14, 2OT
Semifinal: Harrison 6, Lakeview 3
Regional: Harrison 23, Lehigh 0
1981 — CLASS B
Final: Harrison 7, Muskegon CC 0
Semifinal: Harrison 35, Willow Run 0
Regional: Harrison 23, Marysville 13
1980 — CLASS B
Semifinal: Okemos 14, Harrison 3
Regional: Harrison 7, Jackson Lumen 6
1976 — CLASS A
Final: Midland 26, Harrison 27
Semifinal: Harrison 21, Madison Heights 1
Lamphere 0

CHEBOYGAN FOOTBALL PLAYOFF HISTORY

1990 — CLASS BB
Semifinal: Dowagiac 51, Chebys 13
Regional: Chebys 21, Chebaning 18
First round: Chebys 41, BC Glen 7
1989 — CLASS B
Regional: DeWitt 27, Chebys 28
First round: Chebys 43, Frankfort 20
1988 — CLASS B
Regional: Frankfort 28, Chebys 14
First round: Chebys 20, Menominee 6
1987 — CLASS B
First round: Frankfort 28, Chebys 21
1986 — CLASS B
Semifinal: South Christian 31, Chebys 30
Regional: Chebys 30, Alma 6
First round: Chebys 43, Menominee 12

By Dan O'Meara
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Cheboygan will be playing Saturday night in the Silverdome largely because of its success at running the "Wing-T" offense.

Farmington Hills Harrison plans to stop bruising fullback Shannon Scarbrough and the Chiefs when the teams meet to decide the Class BB football championship at 8 p.m.

"The kids have great confidence in our offense," Cheboygan coach Jack Coon said. "At times we've sputtered and slowed down, but we've always been able to regenerate it."

The Chiefs average 300-plus rushing yards per game, and the 225-pound Scarbrough is the player whom the offense revolves around. He has rushed for 2,130 yards and scored 27 touchdowns on 206 carries. "He is a load but you expect that of your fullback," Coon said, adding the position has always been important in that offense. "It's been a great compliment to our offensive line that he has rushed for that many yards, because everyone knew he was coming."

SCARBROUGH, WHO has drawn interest from Michigan State, Notre Dame, Syracuse, and the Mid-American Conference schools, had a big day last week, rushing for 245 yards and three TDs against Three Rivers. Junior quarterback Tom Tryban running the show, Cheboygan is good at faking handoffs and being

deceptive in its backfield maneuvering.

A lesson learned in the DeWitt game two years ago can be applied here. Mike Cowdry was the back with all the yardage, but John Terford broke loose for 153 yards and two TDs in the 1989 final.

Halfback Jeremy Beauchamp and Tryban have run for close to 700 yards each. Beauchamp, a slashing runner as opposed to Scarbrough, has started to get the ball more and rushed for a career-high 192 yards last week.

"Their running game is potent but the passing game scares me," Harrison coach John Herrington said, "because they tell you to sleep with the run, pull the ball and pass."

"It looks like they'll be one of the better teams we've faced because of their deception. Their quarterback can throw the ball and they throw it very well off good fakes. I think they'll throw it a lot more than people think. I'll bet they throw it 15 times."

THE CHIEFS average a half dozen passes a game, but they make them count. Tryban has passed for about 300 yards and a handful of TDs, but Cheboygan gets close to 18 yards per catch, according to Coon.

"I think we throw effectively to keep people honest," he said. "Because everybody comes with run support, we've been able to get over the top of them. We're predominantly a running team, but we can flank

Bus accident follows team's semifinal win

The Cheboygan football team avoided a potential disaster Saturday night while returning from its semifinal game in Alma.

One of the team buses, carrying about half the players and two coaches, was hit head-on by a van on I-75 in Crawford County.

The driver of the van, 38-year-old Richard Jensen of Detroit, was killed in the accident, but no one on the bus was injured.

Bus driver Joseph Tryban is credited with preventing a greater catastrophe. Cheboygan bus drivers ahead of him reacted for Tryban to leave the side of the road.

Tryban pulled the bus onto the shoulder of the highway and told the other occupants to brace for a crash.

someone out."

Herrington and defensive coordinator Bob Sutter spent nine hours Sunday breaking down film and preparing a defense for an offense the Hawks haven't seen.

Harrison has done well at stopping the run, however. Tryban was a power team that played to a Harrison strength and had only 30 yards rushing.

But the Cheboygan offensive line is well schooled, according to Herrington, and Coon said the Chiefs are very comfortable at executing their Wing-T offense.

"It will take a good effort, but I think our defense will rise to the occasion," Herrington said. "Mike Pesci, the Gloetzners (Jason and

Mike) and Leon (Jefferson) — those people will be really geared up to stop the fullback."

MIKE GLOETZNER and Jefferson have been outstanding at helping to plug the middle against run-oriented opponents.

"Mike has played his best football the last two weeks," Herrington said. "He recovered from the ankle injury and has been a real force inside. There aren't too many 240-pound linebackers around in high school."

"I think Leon is one of our top college prospects. He is extremely strong and quick for somebody who is 270 pounds. A lot of players get a lot of publicity, and he should be right with them."

Cheboygan averages 211 in the interior of the offensive line, Harrison 213 between its three down linemen and two linebackers. Cheboygan's top lineman is two-way junior tackle Bob Diekmann.

"He's a physical farm boy," Coon said, "and he takes great pride in playing for Cheboygan and wearing the helmet."

The Chiefs have searched at times to find their defense, Coon said. They have given up almost a hundred points more than Harrison, but a good offense has been Cheboygan's best defense.

"AS LONG AS they keep the ball, they don't worry about it," Herrington said. "The defense has been susceptible to the run, but they've

looked good against the pass.

"We'll run our normal power game and see what happens. You never know until you get there, but I think we can do a good job running."

The Chiefs will have to stop Harrison tailback Roy Granger, who averages 7 1/2 yards per carry while rushing for 1,730 yards and 29 touchdowns. He has scored 36 TDs overall.

"We might not be able to stop him, but we want to slow him down and try to keep our offense on the field," Coon said.

Linebacker Steve Konicki and halfback Beauchamp have been three-year starters on defense. Scarbrough also plays defensive end. A key is the play of Cheboygan's front seven, and the Chiefs believe they have an advantage if they force opponents to throw, Coon said.

Andy Fitzpatrick has been an excellent passing quarterback for the Hawks, completing 52 percent of his attempts for 1,573 yards and 21 touchdowns.

"Their secondary has looked good and has picked off a lot of passes," Herrington said. "The wind and rain won't be a factor. You go into the Silverdome prepared to throw, because most teams that get there can stop the run."

The Hawks practiced Wednesday and Thursday at the University of Michigan. The Turkey Bowl for alumni will be at 10 a.m. and the senior farewell at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Harrison.

Hawks remain visitors

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"I don't think the losses mean anything," Herrington said. "They beat Alpena, which beat Traverse City. People will be expecting us to win, but we know it will be a tough game and the kids will be ready (for that)."

CHEBOYGAN LOST its last regular-season game to Gladstone, but the game wasn't all the Chiefs were concerned about that night.

"It was a rather scary evening as we crossed the bridge," said Coon, relating it to Gordon Lightfoot's song about the Edmund Fitzgerald, a freighter that sank in Lake Superior 16 years ago this month.

"It was disappointing to lose the game, but it was a white-knuckle trip across the bridge. Like the song says, the gales of November come early."

Coon figured his 1991 team had the potential to get in the playoffs again, but Cheboygan did it the hard way, he said.

"How we got here surprised us. We expected to be more two-platoon. We thought we'd be able to keep kids fresh and beat people through fatigue and technique. But it came down to putting the best 11 on the field."

Cheboygan has six, sometimes seven players who go both ways. But the Hawks have eight two-way starters, so neither team will have an advantage there.

A GOOD OMEN for Harrison is that it will be the visiting team, wearing white uniforms. Every time the Hawks have won in the Dome they were the visitors. The wore green once in the finals (1976).

"We were hoping to be the home team," Herrington said, "because they hide the ball so well on the black jersey. It's real evident when they wear white."

Herrington also thought the Hawks stood a good chance of not only making the playoffs but returning to the final after a one-year absence.

"I felt the toughest part might be qualifying," he said. "If we could do that, I felt we would go to the Dome."

"But I didn't know if we could beat Rice, Salem, the (WLA) crossover and Toledo CC. We had to beat two of them. When we beat Rice, I said: 'I think we will be back.'"

Indeed, the Hawks are going to the Dome again, going there with the intent of finishing the way they started.

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HARRISON		
32	Brether Rice	0
21	Plymouth Salem	12
37	Walled Lake Western	6
48	Plymouth Canton	0
49	Livonia Churchill	0
38	Northville	7
44	Livonia Franklin	7
20	North Farmington	14
33	Toledo Catholic	8
PLAYS		
49	Dtbn. Hts. Crestwood	7
21	Allen Park	6
32	Tecumseh	7
424	12-0-0	74
CHEBOYGAN		
35	Oscoda	14
20	Alpena	14
42	Peioskey	12
35	Sault Ste. Marie	16
42	Gaylord	0
13	Eastland	19
26	St. Ignace	13
48	Pineconing	6
28	Gladstone	30
PLAYOFFS		
17	Flint Powers	7
24	Fruitport	21
35	Three Rivers	26
367	10-2-0	173

(The Harrison-North Farmington game was decided in overtime and the Cheboygan-Fruitport regional final went two overtimes.)

HARRISON OFFENSE

Center: Fred Klotzer, senior (6-1, 170); Guards: John Spitz, senior (5-10, 200); Frank Ankaw, senior (5-10, 160); Tackles: Jason Gloetzner, senior (6-3, 250); Mike Story, senior (6-7, 280); Tight End: Greg Piscopink, senior (6-2, 190); Wide Receiver: Duane Anderson, senior (6-2, 165); or Matt Gordon, senior (5-8, 155); Quarterback: Andy Fitzpatrick, senior (6-4, 200); Upback: Mike Pesci, senior (6-2, 205); Tailback: Roy Granger, senior (5-8, 155); Swingback: Dan Hight, senior (5-8, 160).

HARRISON DEFENSE

Noseguard: Leon Jefferson, senior (6-1, 265); Tackles: Jason Gloetzner, senior (6-3, 250); John Spitz, senior (5-10, 200); Ends: Rip Wott, senior (5-10, 165); Fred Klotzer, senior (6-1, 170); Linebackers: Mike Gloetzner, senior (6-3, 242); Mike Pesci, senior (6-2, 205); Monster: Greg Piscopink, senior (6-2, 190); Halfback: Duane Anderson, senior (6-2, 165); Safety: Dan Hight, senior (5-8, 160); Cornerback: Roy Granger, senior (5-8, 155).

Juniors Jeff Coto (5-11, 160) and Keye Smith (5-9, 140) played half the season in the defensive secondary when Piscopink and Hight were injured.

CHEBOYGAN OFFENSE

Center: Matt Horrocks, senior (6-1, 220); Guards: Jeremy Polenz, junior (5-10, 195); Steve Konicki, senior (6-1, 195); Tackles: Bob Diekmann, junior (6-2, 190); Jayne Swanson, junior (6-1, 220); Tight End: Scott Mobley, senior (6-0, 175); Wideout: Scott Tracey, senior 5-10, 155; Quarterback: Tom Tryban, junior (5-11, 160); Fullback: Shannon Scarbrough, senior (6-3, 225); Halfback: Jeremy Beauchamp, senior (6-0, 170); Cornerback: Dennis Proctor, junior (5-11, 163).

CHEBOYGAN DEFENSE

Noseguard: Adam Alpin, junior (5-11, 195); Tackles: Bob Diekmann, junior (6-2, 215); Jason Cronk, junior (6-1, 195); Ends: Norm Kichen, junior (5-11, 165); Shannon Scarbrough, senior (6-3, 225); Linebackers: Steve Konicki, senior (6-1, 195); Rob Savinoff, senior (5-11, 163); Monster: Tim Krause, sophomore (5-8, 165); Safety: Tom Tryban, junior (5-11, 160); Halfback: Jeremy Beauchamp, senior (6-0, 170); Cornerback: Dennis Proctor, junior (5-11, 163).

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