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## Arthur Hill QB rates with Mill

**M**y list of all-time great high school football players has expanded since seeing the Class AA championship game at the Pontiac Silverdome Nov. 28.

Remember the name Marvin Wright and don't be surprised if the Saginaw Arthur Hill quarterback winds up as Rick Mirer's successor at Notre Dame.

Wright was brilliant in a 21-20 loss to Redford Catholic Central.

This guy does it all — throws, runs, scrambles, plays defense, kicks, punts and returns kickoffs.

Yes, he's a bigger version of Mill "The Thrill" Coleman.

Wright joins my all-time list, which includes Jeff Nault, the tight end/linebacker from Escanaba; Tony Bole, the running back from Westland; John Glenn; John Miller, the do-it-all All-State back from Farmington; Harrison; Steve Morrison, the linebacker/fullback from Birmingham Brother Rice; Cedric Gordon, the wide receiver from Ann Arbor Pioneer; Coleman, the all-time passing kingpin from Harrison; and Jesse Johnson, the back from Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher.

That's a pretty good list for only 15 years on the prep beat.

My all-time team doesn't include Torin Dorn, Tyrone Wheatley, Andre Rison and Jerome Bettis, but that's because I only saw them play in the Coaches All-Star Game.

I've got to see them during the high school season to get a true evaluation.

### Give Mach credit

What a pleasant surprise to see CC throw some wrinkles into their offensive game plan during Saturday's Class AA state championship game.

I don't think the Shamrocks would have beaten Arthur Hill without going against some of their own tendencies.

It could have been a painful afternoon for CC, but thanks to head coach Tom Mach, the Shamrocks gave themselves a chance to win by keeping Arthur Hill guessing.

Arthur Hill's defense had only given up 121 yards rushing per game, but the Lumberjacks were kept off-balance by Mach's play-calling.

This game was a far cry from the 'Dome losses CC suffered in previous state finals against Ann Arbor Pioneer and Traverse City.

It was the best high school football game witnessed all season.

Thanks for the memories, guys.

### Get well Brian

The Greek physician Hippocrates once wrote, "Healing is a matter of time, but it is also sometimes a matter of opportunity."

We all extend our prayers and concerns to John Glenn quarterback Brian Morrison, who is recovering from serious injuries suffered in an automobile accident. He is recuperating at home now.

Our hearts and prayers also go out to the families of Melissa Thompson and Dennis Ray Edwards.

Morrison, a gritty junior quarterback, led the Rockets to a 7-2 record this season. At only 5-foot-8 inches, 147 pounds, I saw Morrison take some heavy hits, but he always got up off his feet and ran the next play.

Glenn coach Chuck Gordon told me that Morrison plays with a lot of heart, and that if anyone could bounce back from a terrible tragedy, it's Brian.

He'll have some tough days ahead for sure, but former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Drew Pearson has overcome a personal tragedy as well. He lost his brother in a car accident while he was at the wheel.

Keep the faith, Brian, we're in your corner.

### Titans vs. Tartars

Great crowd and a great game last week as University of Detroit-Mercy and Wayne State tangled at Detroit's Cobo Hall before a near-packed house.

The Division I Titans had a struggle, but prevailed 95-85. Wayne State is certainly going to be a team to be reckoned with in Division II.

The two city rivals went at it hot and heavy with a pair of former All-Observer players, Dwayne Kelley (Redford Bishop Borgoes) and Randy Calcaterra (Livonia Churchill) playing big roles for their respective schools.

Kelley's performance (16 points) wasn't surprising, but Calcaterra, a 6-8 sophomore, certainly opened a few eyes.

He played a strong inside game coming off the bench and drilled through a three-pointer, finishing with 11 points. He also had 19 points off the bench in WSU's win Saturday over Grand Rapids Baptist.

Calcaterra, who has increased his upper body strength, took Kelley by surprise when he swatted away one of his drives to the basket.

## Raiders seek varsity experience

North Farmington has some talented basketball players moving to the boys varsity level, but the Raiders might need time to develop.

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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It would appear the North Farmington boys basketball team is a year away from being a serious contender in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Raiders, who were 9-13 last season, lack varsity experience and have a roster dominated by juniors.

On the bright side, the team's nine juniors were 10-1 at the JV level and offer hope for a promising future.

If the younger players come around sooner than expected, North could have a good year and be a factor in post-season play.

The Raiders were given an example to follow by the previous team, which finished the regular season 8-12 and then shocked WLAAC champion Walpole Central in the district tournament, 60-56.

North lost to West Bloomfield in the final 66-39, but its last victory can only encourage a team trying to find its way to the varsity.

(The juniors) "had some success and hope to carry that on," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "It will be tougher at the varsity level."

It's a step up. There's more competition and it's more physical. But they're working hard and hope to continue to be successful as a group.

The Raiders, who were 4-7 in the WLAAC but lost a tiebreaker with the Livonia Stevenson and failed to make the league playoffs, have just one player with considerable varsity playing time in senior Todd Anderson. The 6-foot swingman averaged four points.

North also returns four other seniors: 6-7 guard Paul Simpson, 6-0 guard Barry Regan, 6-1 forward Chris



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Raiders regroup: John Pennala (with the ball) and Doug Dolak played on a successful JV team at North and are expected to help the varsity in 1992-93.

Ward and 6-3 post player Matt Quisling.

None saw much action, however, while Mark Temple, Dean Pennala, Jon Sturtz, Brian Lee and Brad Pawlowski did most of the competing last season.

"The seniors also need time," Negoshian said. "It's not what grade they're in, but how much time the kids have playing varsity ball."

The Raiders will have a bigger, if only slightly so, lineup than in recent years. Juniors Scot Lord (6-4) and Evan Ellis (6-6½) are probable starters.

"For the first time in a long time, we're going to put two kids on the floor bigger than 6-4," Negoshian said. "By any means, we're not huge, but for a typical North Farmington team we're pretty big."

"Hopefully, they're going to help us rebound. We've been taken advantage of inside the last few years. Obviously, if you get better rebounding, the perimeter kids will be able to play better. Hopefully, it will be a package thing."

The Raiders, who begin the season

Tuesday at Berkley, also have juniors Doug Dolak (6-0), John Pennala (5-10) and Matt Nathan (6-0) to play guard. The wings/forwards include juniors Ryan McGlinch (6-0), Tom May (6-2), Brad Martin (6-2) and Chris Bouchet (6-2).

"I think we'll be a pretty good shooting team," Negoshian said. "The group coming up from the JV played well together, and they seem to have a good shot selection. Hopefully, I won't screw them up as the varsity coach, and we can keep them going in that direction."

## Harrison adjusts hoop game to fit talent



BY NEAL ZIPSER  
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Transforming a team that made its mark on its opponents with its size and bruising style of basketball into a team that relies on quickness and outside is a major challenge. But it's possible.

Take the 1988-89 Farmington Harrison basketball team for instance. Despite lacking a major inside force, the Hawks ran past many opponents on their way to an 18-3 record.

"I'm excited about the type of basketball we're going to play and excited about the type of people we're going to play it with," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said.

Teachman, now in his 16th year at Harrison, will try to repeat the style and success of the 1988-89 team, which was led by Chad Burgess, Jason Lichtman, Mill Coleman and Marcus Mack.

"We've gone from a team of size to a team of quickness," Teachman said. "Because of our lack of size, we're going to have to work on things like make up for it, like team rebounding, instead of relying on Paul (Gilvydis) who was our crasser on the boards."

The 6-foot-8 Gilvydis was the leader of last year's squad, which finished 14-7 but lost five of its final seven games — three to Walpole Central and two to Plymouth Canton. Gilvydis, a redshirt freshman at Purdue, isn't the only big man the Hawks will be missing. Forwards Andy Fitzpatrick and Mike Pesci and guard Duante Anderson also have graduated.

Teachman will try to make up for the losses with a team full of guards. Six of the 13 team members played point guard at sometime in their careers.

"Since many of them have played point guard, all know and understand the game," Teachman said.

Senior Jeremy Teachman, who averaged eight points last season, will start at one of the wing positions.

"Jeremy is an all-around good player," the Harrison coach said, adding he is shooting over 50 percent from the field and 79 percent from the free throw line in his career.

Teachman said his starting five is down to a six-player contest, and a good bet to start at the other guard will be senior Keye Smith.

"Keye has been prepping for this

for a long time," Teachman said. "He was our ballboy when he was in the sixth grade and eventually worked himself into our passing drills. Keye has given early indication that he knows his role. He can shoot the three and is quick going to the basket."

Senior Don Bryant, a transfer from Centerville (Ohio), will play a wing spot and is possibly the quickest player on the team.

"He was a move-in and was voted a tri-captain, which shows what type of player he is," Teachman said. "He's a great leader and he knows the game. He's the type of guy who after practice wants to know why we can't go longer."

Senior guard Ryan Cahill will be Harrison's long-range specialist. Teachman said his shooting range is unlimited.

Senior Rich Ruffin may be Harrison's most fundamentally sound player, Teachman said. Ruffin came off the bench to score in double figures twice last season.

Junior Calvin Pruitt (6-6), last season's junior varsity leader, can run the floor well and has every dunk imaginable, according to Teachman.

## Tampa's crosses too much for OU

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Maybe it was the layoff.

Or the change in climate. Or a flaw in the defensive strategy. Or perhaps the opponent was just that much better.

Probably, it was a combination of all of the above. Whatever the reason, Oakland University's trip to the Final Four in the NCAA II Soccer Tournament went unfulfilled once again — University of Tampa defeated the Pioneers 3-1 Friday night in the semifinals, hosted by Tampa.

The Spartans, who improved to 15-3 with the victory, advanced to Saturday's night's final against No. 1-ranked Southern Connecticut, which edged Seattle Pacific in overtime penalty kicks in the other semifinal.

This marked the fifth time in 11 years OU has advanced as far as the Final Four. But the Pioneers have managed to get to the finals just once, in 1986, when they lost to Seattle Pacific 4-1.

In Friday's match against Tampa, OU did have the luxury of the lead — for a short period. Mali Walton, using skills that have made him such an offensive threat, took possession of the ball at midfield and eluded several Spartan defenders. His shot from 7 yards out beat Tampa keeper Kelly Walden and gave the Pioneers a 1-0 lead with just 8:18 elapsed.

That, however, proved to be OU's only real threat. Walden did not have to make a save in the game; conversely, Pioneer keeper Mike Sheehy was tested often — Tampa outshot OU 17-7 — and made four saves.

The Spartans evened the score at 19:49, when Rene Kronwald crossed the ball into the box to Rafnar Hermannson, whose shot from 17 yards went off Sheehy's hands and into the net.

Tampa continued to dominate, and crosses ultimately led to OU's demise. Seven minutes into the second half, Martin Nebrelus crossed a pass to the

far post to Mike Heald, whose header made it 2-1.

That forced OU to push sweeper Derek Williford forward in an attempt to get the tying goal. Tampa took advantage of the situation with another cross to the far post, this one from Joe Lhotz to Nebrelus for the scoring header. The clincher came with 10:50 remaining in the match.

It was a sad ending to an otherwise superb season for the Pioneers. The loss ended their 10-game winning streak (and 12-game unbeaten string); they finished with an 18-3-1 record.

The good news is, this was a young OU squad. The only seniors are Williford (from Livonia Stevenson), defender/midfielder Jeff Forshey and defender John Kropinski (Troy Athens).

That will give coach Gary Parsons a strong nucleus to build around. Combined with the memory of this season's finish, perhaps it may get OU over that final hurdle.

But such a question will not be addressed until 1993.