

# Hixon

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"I was brought up to work hard," Hixon said. "I learned that from the coaches at Wayne. You don't let anybody go ahead of you. Anyway, somebody has to be at the front of the line, so why not me?"

Hixon was a standout in football, basketball and track during his days at Wayne.

But things always didn't come easy. His father, Anthony, died during his junior year.

### Remembering his father

"He taught me everything I know," Pierre said. "And I wanted to make sure everything he taught me was not a waste of time."

"I gave me a more serious outlook on life. It taught me that you can't take people or relationships for granted because you never know when they'll be gone."

Wayne basketball coach Chuck Henry, who is close to his former player, went through a similar experience.

"My dad died when I was a sophomore in high school, and I could certainly identify with the pain and the shock because I went through it," Henry said. "But Pierre took adversity by the throat and grew from it. He was always mature for his age."

"And he truly gave everything he had in every athletic situation. He's certainly one of my favorite kids of all time. He could care less if he scored zero points, as long as the team won. He's a rare breed of athlete."

### Planning for future

Hixon, majoring in criminal justice and sociology, is scheduled to graduate next spring. Meanwhile, he has aspirations of getting a professional tryout, either in the CFL or the NFL. His motivation is to give his mother Brenda, two sisters and half-brother a better life.

"We live in Taylor," Hixon said. "We're not totally poor, but we could do a lot better... if you



Pierre Hixon All-American

know what I mean. I want my mother to live in a better place some day."

Western teammate Steve Hawkins, a 6-foot-5, 205-pound DB, got the call while Hixon was passed over by pro scouts for post-season college all-star games. But Hixon hopes being named honorable mention All-American will open some doors. WMU offensive line coach Bill Bye has been contacting pro scouts on Hixon's behalf.

### Wants shot at pros

"You might see me on tape and say I'm average because of my size and the way I run," Hixon said. "But you'll never know if I'm better until you give me a shot. That's all I'm asking for."

Hixon, however, does have some regrets about his college football career.

"I wish I had been red-shirted as a freshman," he said. "I played special teams all year and was the nickel-back the first half of the season. I was one of those hard-headed guys who thought 'I was the man' because I was playing as a freshman."

"And by not staying every summer on campus and working out the first three years, I kind of sold myself short. I worked out at home, but it's better when you have competition and you're getting pushed by other people like I did last summer."

Hixon's efforts the past four years, however, will not go unnoticed.

# CC linemen

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"Plus, I'll be red-shirted the first year there, and they don't do that at Notre Dame. I'll be able to use my fifth year, and either work on my master's or finish up."

Brzezinski plans a career in medicine or sports medicine.

A late bloomer who never played football before his freshman year in high school, Brzezinski finished last season with an 8-1 record this season. He had 39 tackles and three sacks.

CC coach Tom Mach said Brzezinski "may be overall our best 48-minute lineman ever."

Kallas, meanwhile, canceled potential visits to Michigan State, Louisville, USC, Colorado and Bowling Green after making an official trip the weekend of Dec. 3 to Iowa.

"I was impressed with their new facilities, the indoor training center and weight room," Kallas said. "They also have a brand-new business building, and that was a nice factor."

"Going away to school was kind of a barrier and I'm still kind of skeptical."

Kallas, who had 39 tackles this year, including seven solos and three sacks, could find a home quickly, however, in Iowa City.

## FOOTBALL

"They have a pretty good defense," he said. "And I think I'll have a chance to play early on, but I'm definitely going to red-shirt that first year."

Once arch-rivals at Frost Middle School in Livonia, but now teammates and friends at CC, Brzezinski and Kallas are big reasons why the Shamrocks finished 21-1 over the past two years, including a state Class AA title in 1992.

"I didn't like football until my sophomore year, but Doug got me into it," Kallas said. "I was a basketball and baseball player."

Brzezinski calls Kallas the "more athletic" of the two.

"Nick didn't like football much, he was a basketball freak," Brzezinski said. "He watched his freshman year, but I talked him into coming out, but I had never played before my freshman year. I hadn't even played little league."

Both will throw the shot put and discuss this spring for CC.

Kallas and Brzezinski ranked one-two in the area last year in the shot.

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

(SUMMARY)

7:00 P.M. Monday December 20, 1993  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - STUDY SESSION

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, December 20, 1993 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 287-1976. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arnold Campbell.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Tupper.

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Lauhoff, Admin. Asst. Schultz.

Council met to discuss Mayor Campbell's proposals for the new year. Tentative meeting dates with the City's Boards and Commissions were set. Council discussed the desirability of cancelling one Council meeting in August and one meeting in December of 1994. Proposals to obtain a large city map and a city seal for the council chamber were discussed. City Manager Lauhoff provided an update on the elimination of the use of clear plastic bags for composting. Other agenda items were delayed until a future study session is scheduled.

ARNOLD T. CAMPBELL, Mayor  
PATSY K. CANTRELL, Clerk/Treasurer

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## BASKETBALL

# North rips Avondale to break losing skid

North Farmington won its first boys basketball game of the season Wednesday night, gaining third place in the Northville-Novich Christmas Tournament with a 64-38 rout over Auburn Hills Avondale.

The win gave North a 1-3 overall record. Forward Evan Ellis and guard John Pennala led North with 14 points each. The Raiders outscored the Yellowjackets, 10-2 to start the game and enjoyed a 39-17 halftime lead.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
Wednesday, Dec. 29

(Oakland Univ. Tournament)  
Madonna vs. Indiana Tech, 6 p.m.  
Oakland Univ. vs. UM Dearborn, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 30  
Oakland Univ. Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
Thursday, Dec. 30  
Madonna at Adron College, 6 p.m.

### CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Campbell at 8:00 p.m. on December 20, 1993, in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 287-1976.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Tupper.  
ABSENT: None.  
OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Attorney Donohue, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Adm. Assistant Schultz.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of December 7, 1992 were approved as written.

Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed. Council adopted a resolution to support a third judgeship for the 47th District Court. Council approved an extension on the Downtown Development Authority loan payment until March 1, 1994.

Council approved the property split at 36200 Freedom Road. Council adopted a resolution to execute an amendment to the City Manager's Agreement to pay the Manager at an annual rate of \$70,720.00.

Council authorized the purchase of three vehicles for the Department of Public Safety at a total cost of \$30,534.45. Public Comment was heard.

Council comments and announcements were heard including the following: Council scheduled a study session for January 3, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Council scheduled a joint meeting with the Farmington Community Library Board and the City Council of Farmington Hills to discuss the library's capital improvement program on February 12, 1994. Council responded Donna Damon and appointed Marilla Miller to a 3-year term expiring in December, 1995 and Thomas Allor to fill a vacancy, expiring in December, 1995 on the Farmington Beautification Commission. Monthly bills were approved for payment. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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