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he would've punted if he had it to do over. "I thought it would give us some momentum, but all it did was give them more.

"They were knocking holes in our defensive line; that's what shocked us. Not many teams have been able to run on us. We just had to adjust to what they were doing."

Trenton had 86 of its total rushing yardage on its first two possessions, and the Harrison defense held the Trojans to 7 the rest of the half.

Except for a 69-yard pass on a broken play for Trenton's third TD and two passes late in the game, the Trojans had just 70 yards the rest of the game.

"We started slanting our defense to the weak side, but that was it; the kids just made the adjustments on their own," Harrison defensive coordinator Bob Sutter said. "They got into the game and played harder."

Harrison answered with an 80-yard, 13-play drive to make it 14-7. Zack Carnwell kicked five extra points for the Hawks, who scored again just before halftime.

The Hawks got the ball at their 47 and needed five plays to reach the end zone. Bambelek threw consecutive passes to Sarsfield, Mike Heard and Ricky Bryant to set up Sarsfield's TD.

"I think we took their momentum away and gave it to us," Herrington said. "I thought we would come out in the second half and do something. But they scored right away, and I wasn't so sure."

On the third play of the third quarter, Harrison's Chris Burgess had Ryan Szokola in his grasp, but the Trenton quarterback spotted Leavell in the left flat and got a pass away.

Leavell cut across field and the grain of the defense for a touchdown and 21-14 lead for the Trojans.

The Hawks capitalized on two short punts to begin scoring drives at the Harrison 42 and Trenton 47. Bambelek's 25-yard

pass to Bryant set up his second TD to tie, and Shaib's 5-of-12 TD put the Hawks ahead with 8:46 remaining in the game.

"Their punting game helped us a lot and gave us great field position," Herrington said. "The difference in the game was the way Bambelek brought us back by mixing plays. He showed a lot of poise.

Senior linebacker Ed Hight sacked Szokola on fourth-and-6 at the Harrison 49, and the Hawks scored the clinching touchdown six plays later.

Shaib, who played sparingly on defense because of an elbow injury, darted through the middle for a 16-yard touchdown run with 3:18 on the clock.

Szokola rushed for 65 yards on 17 carries and was 5-of-12 passing for 119 yards. Adams added 60 yards on the ground.

Shaib gained 72 yards on 11 attempts, Bambelek 49 on eight and sophomore Matt Reed 35 on seven. Shaib also had four receptions for 34 yards, Bryant had three for 23 and Hoad two for 28.

"After we scored twice and they knocked one in, we were just never able to get anything going offensively again," Czarniecki said. "That's a tribute to them. You don't win as many games as Herrington has won and not get your kids ready to play."

"We just kept letting them take pot shots at us and never answered. When you get to this point in the playoffs and you have game opportunities, they're going to take advantage of them."

"They're a helluva football team; there weren't any chicken eaters out there. Whoever they play, Grosse Pointe North or Farmdale, will have to strap it up and get ready to play."

Sarsfield said the Hawks have always believed they were contenders for the state title.

"There's always been that feeling," he said. "Ever since we lost to South Lyon (last year), it's like we've been on a mission."

Glenn erases Fordson

By BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

It's becoming standard procedure.

Re-entry for the Westland John Glenn Rockets usually occurs in the second half.

The Glenn football team floated around in space for the first two quarters Saturday, then turned up the boost to subdue visiting Dearborn Fordson for the Class AA-Region III championship, 22-8.

It was the same pattern of orbit for the 11-0 Rockets, who were tied or trailing at halftime in five games this season, only to come back home safely with a win.

Next off the pad for Glenn is 11-0 Sterling Heights Stevenson 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Rochester High School.

"These guys on this team know that it's a 45-minute game," said Glenn coach Chuck Gordon, whose team

was tied 8-all with the Trojans at halftime. "In big games they know it's not won in the first or second quarter, and rarely in the third quarter. But when it comes down to it, it's won in the fourth quarter.

"If things don't go well early, they dig in and know they just have to play a little better."

The team's leading rusher, sophomore tailback Reggie Spearman, who is also a starter in the secondary, sat out with a badly bruised ankle.

But in stepped starting fullback Antonio Gibson, who shifted spots and let Sean Heard do the blocking for him. Gibson finished with 77 yards in 26 carries. His 5-yard touchdown run with 8:26 left in the final quarter proved to be the game-clincher.

The Rockets also played error-free football, while Fordson racked up 11 penalties for 115 yards, as well as two interceptions and a pair of fumbles.

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Junior quarterback Drew Henson, took a 7-0 advantage on the game's opening possession.

Brighton worked out of the shotgun and went 80 yards in six plays, capped by Henson's 29-yard pass to Mike Gle.

Western roared right back when fleet-footed Frank Stanford took the ensuing kickoff 85 yards for a TD. Pat Gibson booted the extra point to tie, 7-7.

The visiting Warriors scored two more times before the quarter was over. Scott Naz went over from 18 yards and sophomore Dave Johnson from 7.

Western scored its fourth consecutive touchdown midway through the second quarter when Johnson ran 18 yards.

Henson then threw a 58-yard touchdown pass to Steve Schaif, but Western responded on its next possession by going 82 yards in just two plays. Stanford made the big play as he sprinted into the end zone from 73 yards on a quarterback keeper to make

it 36-14 at halftime.

Western, which enjoyed a 32-7 halftime advantage in last week's lopsided victory over Battle Creek Central, had things going its way again in this game. Brighton ran more plays in the first half, 50-29, but it was the Warriors who were in control.

Henson scored on a 7-yard run in the third quarter to bring his team within 36-21. But Western never let up as Johnson scored the final two touchdowns from 52 and 4 yards.

Appa said the key play was Stanford's kick return.

"Right away they come down and score on our defense," said Appa. "But to come right back, kick the extra point, and boom, it was like 'Uh, oh, we're back; let's play football!'"

Johnson finished with 190 yards rushing on 19 carries. Stanford had 124. Western had 418 total yards, including 390 rushing. Henson was 23-of-56 passing for 289 yards.

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ALL-WLAA FOOTBALL

1996 ALL-WESTERN LAKES FOOTBALL TEAM

ALL-CONFERENCE OFFENSE

Center: senior Nick Contant, Walled Lake (6-0, 205).
Interior: senior Joel Morse, Western (5-10, 185); senior Jay Myrland, Livonia Franklin (5-5, 280); senior Evren Kuesepert, Livonia Stevenson (6-1, 218); senior Eric Jachym, Westland John Glenn (5-7, 260).
Tight end: senior Bryant Brown, Farmington (6-0, 170).
Wide receivers: senior David Jarrett, Glenn (6-3, 195); senior Paul Terek, Franklin (6-3, 210).
Quarterback: senior Rob Johnson, Plymouth Canton (6-4, 210).
Running backs: soph. Reggie Spearman, Glenn (5-8, 170); senior Nick Salsola, Farmington Harrison (5-10, 190); senior Gabe Clark, Stevenson (5-9, 198).

ALL-CONFERENCE DEFENSE

Down lineman: senior Ira Dargon, Glenn (6-0, 217); senior Francis Gojcek, Harrison (6-3, 285); senior Jay Myrland, Franklin (6-0, 220).
Ends: senior Kevin Crane, Western (6-4, 225); senior Jon Decher, Glenn (6-4, 217).
Linebackers: senior Matt Grigg, Glenn (5-11, 204); senior Mike Allison, Stevenson (5-10, 190); senior Ed Hight, Harrison (6-1, 200).
Defensive backs: senior Nate Gray, Plymouth Salem (6-2, 185); senior Scott Naz, Western (5-11, 160); senior Todd Vleschit, Glenn (5-8, 188).
Specialist: senior Pat Gibson, Western (5-10, 175).

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION OFFENSE

Center: junior Brian Lewis, Harrison (6-1, 240).
Interior: senior Ryan Howe, Northville (6-2, 215); junior Mike Fisher, Harrison (5-3, 240); senior Mike Kilas, Franklin (6-0, 205); senior Peter Sells, Western (6-0, 205).
Tight end: senior Brandon Dell, Franklin (6-1, 210).
Wide receivers: sophomore Ricky Bryant, Harrison (6-0, 150); senior Jason Pennebaker, Canton (6-3, 185).
Quarterback: senior Kevin Bambelek, Harrison (6-2, 160).
Running backs: soph. Dave Johnson, Western (5-9, 200); junior Anthony Greco, Western (5-9, 175); junior Byron Miller, Canton (5-7, 155).

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION DEFENSE

Down lineman: junior Shawn Mayberry, Harrison (5-8, 180); junior Mark Poopjoy, Canton (6-3, 220); senior Rust Thompson, Western (5-8, 170).
Ends: senior Brett Kucowski, Franklin (6-1, 220); senior Jason Brown, Western (6-3, 188).
Linebackers: junior Rick Allen, Canton (5-11, 195); senior Gary Durak, Western (6-0, 185); senior Steve Ansbay, Franklin (5-10, 185).
Defensive backs: senior Hite Jerome, Livonia Churchill (6-1, 160); senior Kevin Biga, Franklin (6-0, 160); senior Paul Merandi, Western (5-10, 170).
Specialist: junior Adam Tibble, Northville (5-9, 165).

ALL-LAKES DIVISION OFFENSE

Center: senior Josh Hetsch, Walled Lake Central (6-4, 295).
Interior: senior Mike Middel, Salem (5-11, 185); senior Jason Wilson, Central (6-1, 210); senior Marc Dugan, Stevenson (6-2, 246); senior Paul Dugan, Glenn (6-2, 200).
Wide receivers: senior Bill Sanders, Central (6-0, 160); senior Lou Hartwig, Glenn (6-3, 170).
Quarterback: senior Justin Berant, Glenn (6-0, 200); senior Adam Druce, Central (6-0, 185).
Running backs: junior Kirk Moundros, North Farmington (6-1, 190); senior Kurt Barz, Stevenson (5-7, 170); senior Matt Johnson, Salem (6-0, 190).

ALL-LAKES DIVISION DEFENSE

Down lineman: junior Teoro Wilson, Salem (6-3, 195); senior Steve Paling, Glenn (6-1, 220); senior Matt Allison, Stevenson (5-6, 143).
Ends: senior James Chapman, Salem (5-8, 185); senior Jared Wilson, Central (6-0, 180).
Linebackers: junior Sean Clark, N. Farmington (5-10, 200); junior Brett Burish, Salem (6-1, 190); junior Sean Heard, Glenn (5-9, 215).
Defensive backs: junior Jeff McKian, Salem (6-4, 170); senior Dave Swich, Stevenson (5-9, 153); senior Dan Drapel, Central (5-10, 155).
Specialist: junior David Viane, Farmington (5-11, 178).

HONORABLE MENTION

WESTERN DIVISION

Harrison: Chris Burgess, Zack Corwell, Mike Hood, Chris Knox, Sean Sarsfield and Adam Smerchik; Chevrolet: Matt McCormick, Brandon Henderson and Joe Ramlawi; Franklin: Mike Altam, Nick Anastopoulos, Dan Boyle, Brian Facione, John Macintosh and Alan Shakulian; Northville: Connor Daxon, Tim Burke, Bryan Gilder, Ahmad Nasar and Geno Peters; Walled Lake: Donny Davis, Adam Lloyd, Frank Stanford, Kevin Thomas and David Tyler; Canton: Larry Bastian, Sean Fall, Glenn Hoenrich, Jacob Horn, Kevin Mahan, Pat Krause, Scott McNamee, Kevin Mroczka, Brian Musser, Pat Nelson, Eric Sarraut and Jason Tellard.

LAKES DIVISION

Farmington: Nick Dell, Chad Fomander, Cory Fernandez, Dan Kim and Joe Gray; Glenn: Antonio Gibson, Rich Jordan, Paul Merandi, Rick Neashuber, Bryan Schwaegerl, Jason Sieracki and Steve Walt; Stevenson: Jason Borggaard, Chris Coley, Ken Kulis and Dave Tuer; N. Farmington: Zac Athefoti, Harry Banks, Brian Burke, Heathen Dool, Carter Campbell, Paul Gaffey, Josh Hawkins, Mark Kassa, Corey Lewis, Brad Rivera, Kyle Krause, Colin Penberford and Matt St. Charles; Salem: Tony Bernhardt, Anwer Clutchfield, Kevin Guse, Doug Minny, Tim Kucolosi, Mike Rodriguez, Charlie Schmitt and Andy Schuyler; W. Central: Nathan Druce, Dave Cardinal, Chad Earle, Pat Groleau, Joe Higgins, Bill Mandolin, Evan McDonald, Jarrod Parks, Bill Sanders, Maun Sitikale, Jerry Sparks and Russ Train.