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uphill battle the whole way to score a goal let alone win a game.

"The Raiders lost some good players such as all-area defender Mike Leach, Jeff Shumer, Sermet Alver and Mike Buchwald, but they have 14 returns on a 22-man roster.

"Plus, we have a good, strong group coming up from the JV," Meteyer said. "They're all juniors and seniors. It's the first time we've not had an underclassman on the team, so it's a very mature team."

One of the 11 seniors is captain Greg Pelarsky, who was the leading scorer with 16 goals last year. He's a versatile player who plays defense for his club team and also can play midfield.

Senior Steve Denton is a three-year starter and the other captain. He can play any position, too, but will alternate between forward and sweeper.

"It's the first time we've had a player back there who is an offensive-minded sweeper," Meteyer said. "He can get things going back there in a way we have not had in a while."

Senior captain Alex Lubynsky gives the Raiders a veteran goalie who took over when Buchwald was hurt. He's

an athletic, agile and strong player, according to Meteyer.

Senior Mohamed Bachrouche will use his size to his advantage at center mid-field or stopper. He didn't start but had a lot of playing time at outside midfield.

Senior Matt Holland was the second-leading scorer with five goals and 10 assists. He'll see a lot of time at forward and mid-field. He has a fine touch on the ball and a good shot, Meteyer said.

Seniors Rob Camaj and Tom Phillips begin their third seasons on the varsity and will contribute as midfielders or defenders.

Senior Gareth Lewis is much improved and more assertive, according to Meteyer. The senior class also includes sweeper Peter Galopin, outside mid Stephen Fein and center mid Jon Parker.

Junior Andrew Mouranie is a returning starter at forward but will probably play more in the midfield "where he can help direct traffic," Meteyer said. "He's a real talented player."

Junior defender Jon Young is another returning starter and, along with Mouranie, will be a critical factor in the team's success, according to Meteyer.

The coach is impressed with juniors Carl and David Nance, twins who played on the JV after moving here from Louisiana.

"They're real strong players," he said. "I can see them easily moving into the starting lineup this year."

Junior Scott Moscow is new to the program and has been impressive in early practices, too. He was the leading scorer with three goals and a couple assists in a five-team scrimmage Aug. 17.

"He's the quickest player I've ever had in high school," Meteyer said. "He has a good touch on the ball, too. He'll see time at forward."

The Raiders have a solid backup in junior goalie Greg Shumer. He'll have some starts and has proved to be a match for Lubynsky, Meteyer said.

Juniors who played on the JV last year are Kyle Heller, Mike Lieberman, Samit Patrawala, Ian Payson and Bill Thomas.

North, which is still Division I for the state tournament, starts the season Thursday at home against Waterford Mott, an OAA Division II opponent. The other division members are Lahser, Groves, Seaholm, Andover, Kettering and Lake Orion.

"If we get by without having too many injuries, we should be in good shape," Meteyer said. "We have a real positive group of kids, so we're looking forward to good things from them."

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SHARON LEMER | OBSERVER
Harrison's Chris Diehl (1) chases down a free ball in a game with Redford Union last year. He's a returning starter for the Hawks.

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seniors Dustin Babler, Chris Fink and Eric White and junior Brett Laird.

White, one of the most unselfish players Russell said he has ever coached, played defense last year to fill a need but will be playing center mid-field.

"He's our quarterback," Russell said.

"He's great with the ball and turns on a dime. He's very good dribbling, passing and shooting with both feet. In scrimmages, he's been very solid."

Babler, a four-year varsity player as is White, was the goalkeeper last year but will switch to a field position.

"He wants to get out in the field and play a little bit," Russell said.

"I think he likes the freedom of being out and about running in his last year. He has good speed and a tremendous shot."

Fink was not a starter but played a significant number of minutes. He'll be a regular in the midfield this year.

"He's a solid player, probably one of the hardest workers on the team," Russell said. "He's one of the most dedicated, which is why he was rewarded with being a captain. He's one of the most improved players, too."

The team's only other senior is Kurtis Lovio, who had quite a few starts last year and is probably the toughest player on the team, according to Russell.

"He's very solid defensively, but most importantly he has improved his offensive skills," Russell said, adding Lovio will move from defense to midfield because of that.

Harrison's 19-player roster include four juniors - Bryan Adams, Adi Djakovic, Greg Gaynor and Laird, who begins his third year on the varsity.

"He established himself as a freshman and sophomore well enough that we made him a captain," Russell said of Laird.

"He's become a very solid player for us. He can play anywhere on the field. He can play striker or sweeper and does a great job at both."

Adams and Djakovic were on the JV team. Gaynor hasn't played soccer in a few years, but he plays No. 1 singles in tennis and is athletic.

Adams' 6-foot-6 height will be an advantage for him as the team's stopper. Djakovic is still a developing player, according to Russell, but he's hoping for good things from Djakovic in the midfield.

Gaynor, who played youth

soccer before entering high school, has good natural skills and has earned a starting role at defensive wing, Russell said.

Sophomores Chris Diehl and Jason McKenzie are returning starters. Diehl would like to be the keeper, but Russell thinks he's needed more at stopper.

"He's one of the hardest workers on the team from last year to this year," Russell said. "He was winning a lot of 50-50 balls in scrimmages, so we need someone like that on the field."

McKenzie played left full-back when needed last year because of injuries and has been doing a fine job at sweeper this year, according to Russell.

Seven sophomores moving up from JV to varsity are Amar Dawood, Ryan Francis, Tet Hidesluma, Kenny Roberts, Chris Walsh, Aaron Work and Doug Wright. Freshmen Brad Griffin and David Trost made the varsity, too.

The Hawks, who were 5-11-3 last year, scrimmaged Bloomfield Hills Andover, an OAA Division II team, last week and did well, according to Russell. Harrison's first game is Monday at Ferndale, a member of the OAA Division IV.

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CENTRAL

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will return as the starting goalkeeper and will be one of the team's captains. Senior captains Bynn Horton (midfield) and Mark Fiftenmaier (defense) will also lead the Shamrocks.

Forward Thomas Early will likely see most of the scoring chances up front, Nora said.

"All the positions are wide open until the last couple of practices before the first game," Nora said. "I'd like to see us possess the ball a lot on offense and have a high-pressure defense."

CC will have 12 seniors and 12 juniors on this year's varsity team, and team play will be a big point of emphasis as the season approaches.

"I'd just like us to be accustomed to playing together as a team," Nora said. "Offensively, we should be better."

CC opens the season Tuesday at Ann Arbor Pioneer, and plays its first home game Thursday against Livonia Franklin.

CC's home field is at Greenmead, located on Newburgh between 7 and 8 Mile roads.

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University Men.....5 Man.....	6:15 pm
LADIES	
Friday Morning.....Ladies Forum.....	9:15 am
Monday-Friday.....Daytime Ladies.....	9:30 pm
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