

CLASS 3A CHAMPIONSHIP – Saturday, November 21, 2009

4:05 p.m. – UR Pella Dutch (10-3) vs. No. 1 Harlan Community Cyclones (13-0)

STATS & INTERVIEWS: We have a complete stat crew on duty. They will have halftime and final stat summaries for you. **Do not conduct interviews or detain players or coaches on the field at any time.** There is an interview room at the end of the tunnel for that express purpose (This is a request asked for by the media when on the field interviews compromised some outlets.) No media are allowed in the locker rooms. **Since this is a working press box, please observe the professionalism of “No Cheering.”** Team ratings used are the season final Associated Press poll, Oct. 27. Team and individual season statistics are available from the IHSAA's Quikstats.

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ROAD TO THE DOME: Top-rated Harlan Community is in its 30th trip to the playoffs and this will be the 20th time for the Cyclones to be in the championship. This also marks the 15th straight year HCHS has qualified for the elite meet and they bring a sparkling playoff slate of 80-18 to the championship. They defeated MOC-Floyd Valley, A-D-M, Adel and sixth-rated Bishop Heelan Catholic, Sioux City, a team they had defeated earlier in the season, before stunning third-rated Carroll, 42-7 in the semifinals. The Cyclones have a "gold rush" at playoff time, winning 11 state grid titles (1972, 82, 83, 84, 93, 95, 97, 98, 2003, 04, 05) and eight runner-up trophies (1981, 85, 86, 88, 89, 92, 2000, 01) both Iowa bests. Unranked Pella lost three games in the first six weeks of the season and is the first number four seed to make the championship game. The Dutch have been major spoilers in the post-season defeating four rated teams – seventh-rated Williamsburg, eighth-ranked Grinnell, number four Centerville, and tenth-rated New Hampton in order. Centerville and Grinnell had topped the Dutch in regular season games. This is their 21st trip to the playoffs but the school's first ever appearance in the championship game. They have a 15-20 record in all playoff games.

HARLAN COMMUNITY CYCLONES		PELLA DUTCH	
Denison-Schleswig	56-21	Washington	47-8
Bishop Heelan Catholic, Sioux City	24-6	Oskaloosa	41-6
Atlantic	38-0	Centerville	OT 43-44
A-D-M, Adel	42-14	Chariton	40-7
Winterset	48-3	Carlisle	23-27
Glenwood	41-0	Grinnell	3-14
Clarke, Osceola	49-0	South Tama County, Tama	49-7
Creston/Orient-Macksburg	44-0	Knoxville	52-14
Lewis Central	28-0	Norwalk	21-0
MOC-Floyd Valley (substate)	49-7	Williamsburg (substate)	31-24
A-D-M, Adel (first round)	48-0	Grinnell (first round)	10-7
Bishop Heelan Cath., Sx City (quarterfinals)	21-14	Centerville (quarterfinals)	24-20
Carroll (semifinals)	42-7	New Hampton (semifinals)	30-21
<i>Offense: 530/40.8</i>		<i>Offense: 414/31.8</i>	
<i>Defense: 72/5.5</i>		<i>Defense: 199/15.3</i>	

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THE COACHES: The unofficial dean of high school coaches, Curt Bladt has been at Harlan Community for his entire 42 year career. After spending the first 10 seasons as an assistant, he is in his 32nd year as the head man. His 344-35 record for a winning percentage of 91.0 ranks as the best of any Iowa coach with 200 or more wins. He has been the architect of 10 of the Cyclones 11 titles – both state bests. This is his 29th playoff team (a state best). An All-State prep at Exira, he earned his degree at Morningside College. His assistant coaches include Ken Carstens, Mark Kohorst, Bill Hosack, Kelly Juhl, Todd Bladt, John Murtaugh and Dan Leinen. Jay McKinstrey is in his 13th season at Pella and this marks the ninth time he has coached the Dutch into the playoffs. A graduate of Maurice-Orange City and Northwestern College, he has a 99-39 career record. Assistant coaches for the Dutch are Matt Schulte, Brian Huddle, Gary Vos, Roger De Waard, Corey Thorson, Aaron Reasland, Brent Van Hauen, Mike Van Wyk, and Jordan Edgerly.

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GAME SNAPSHOT: The Cyclones may be the prohibitive favorite against the un-rated Dutch, but don't count on Bladt and Company to buy it. As they so often note - both teams start 0-0 in the game, and you don't arrive at this point without good players and execution. Both teams feature strong offensive and defensive lines and have a physical approach. Harlan Community has amassed 5,408 yards of offense. The Cyclones' offensive attack features its traditional strong running game controlled by an offensive line that has unleashed junior Dylan Barrett and senior Matt Hoch for 1,712 and 591 yards respectively with a combined 36 rushing TDs. They complement the aerial feats of Michael Kaufmann, who has completed 110 of 176 passes for 1,938 yards and 18 touchdowns. Barrett has rushed for 27 TDs and has caught two scoring aeriels. At 6-4, 245 lbs., Hoch is a sledgehammer and gives the Cyclones a solid blocking back and short yardage weapon. He has run for nine touchdowns and has added two more end zone visits on pass receptions. Kaufmann has nine TDs on 67 rushes for 363 yards. Four HCHS receivers have 20 or more

receptions and seven have caught end zone aerials. Junior Adam Cave leads the receiving corps with 28 catches for 557 yards and seven TDs while Brian Kloewer has caught 26 balls for 524 yards and three scores. Hoch's 21 catches have totaled 261 yards, and Luke Lansman has 20 receptions for 305 yards and two scores. Trent Wendt's kicking has been invaluable. The junior has connected on 71 of 75 placements and has kicked three field goals with a best of 22 yards. He also averages nearly 38 yards per punt. Defensively the Cyclones will usually put a hat on most ball carriers and have allowed only 72 points with a mere 28 in the last eight games. Hoch, an Iowa recruit, leads the stingy stop brigade being in on 131 tackles, while intercepting two passes and recovering four fumbles. Junior Derek Schwartz has been in on 90 tackles. Five other players have 49 or more stops. The Cyclones' defenders have 29 take-a-ways on 13 interceptions and 16 fumble recoveries. They have registered 176 tackles for negative yards. Pella played a third of the regular season with as many as three starters out with injuries. The Dutch offense features Brett Bogaard and Blaine Forsythe. Bogaard has rushed 173 times for 986 yards and 15 end zone trips and also has a scoring strike among his seven receptions. Forsythe has clicked on 109 of 217 aerials for 1,607 yards and 17 touchdowns and has added 456 rushing yards and four more TDs. Nine different receivers have caught scoring aerials. The catch corps is led Josh Pringle with 25 receptions for 413 yards and three scores. Richie Bales has seven TDs in his 20 catches for 331 yards, while Ryan Lanke has snared 20 passes for 245 yards and three touchdowns. Forsythe has connected on 47 of 49 extra point placements and on six of ten field goals, with a long of 46. His 39-yard punting average has helped the Dutch with field position. Dutch defenders have recorded 27 take-a-ways, including 17 aerial thefts with junior Spencer Boeyink personally pilfering five. The team has 107 tackles for losses with the tackling clan being led by senior Matt Meyers who has been in on 122 stops, followed by sophomore Grant Gustafson with 83 and junior Zack Zemanek who has recorded 65.

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PROBABLE STARTERS

HARLAN COMMUNITY OFFENSE						PELLA DEFENSE					
Pos	No	Name	Gr	Ht	Wt	Pos	No	Name	Gr	Ht	Wt
QB	5	Michael Kaufmann	12	5-11	155	DT	62	Zack Zemanek	11	5-11	215
FB	9	Matt Hoch	12	6-4	245	DT	52	Chris Bandstra	11	6-3	220
R	31	Luke Lansman	12	6-2	190	NG	63	Devin Pushor	12	6-1	240
RB	32	Dylan Barrett	11	6-0	185	LB	30	Conner Kelderman	12	6-2	205
SE	42	Brian Kloewer	12	6-1	190	LB	27	Matt Meyers	12	6-2	210
OL	50	Joe Brummer	10	6-1	235	LB	22	Grant Gustafson	10	6-1	180
OL	52	Mark Langenfeld	12	6-2	255	LB	28	Ben Fessler	12	6-1	185
OL	60	Jon Kaufman	12	6-3	200	LB	81	Josh Pringle	11	6-3	180
OL	67	Jacob Brown	12	6-0	250	C	41	Mark Frommelt	12	5-10	165
OL	76	Marcus Streit	12	5-10	240	C	25	Spencer Boeyink	11	6-0	170
TE	80	Adam Cave	12	6-3	200	FS	4	Blaine Forsythe	12	6-2	185
P	15	Trent Wendt	11	5-9	150						
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Pos	No	Name	Gr	Ht	Wt	Pos	No	Name	Gr	Ht	Wt
WR	81	Josh Pringle	11	6-3	180	DB	4	Craig Connell	12	6-2	150
RT	52	Chris Bandstra	11	6-3	220	DL	6	Ryan Fahn	12	6-3	195
RG	56	Ben Caldwell	12	6-0	230	DB	7	Anthony Hough	12	5-8	150
C	72	Pat Nunnikhoven	12	6-3	270	LB	9	Matt Hoch	12	6-4	245
LG	79	Brandon Zwank	12	6-1	205	LB	12	Derek Schwartz	11	6-0	185
LT	75	Jordan Youngman	12	6-4	280	DB	31	Luke Lansman	12	6-2	190
WR	9	Ryan Lanke	11	5-10	175	DB	42	Brian Kloewer	12	6-1	190
WR	23	Andy Vander Broek	12	6-2	185	LB	46	Dillon Kramer	12	6-0	170
WR	29	Travis Ewing	11	6-3	185	DL	47	Alex Brown	11	5-11	195
QB	4	Blaine Forsythe	12	6-2	185	DE	70	Joe Arentson	12	6-0	190
RB	24	Brett Bogaard	12	5-10	165	DL	77	Mitch Anderson	11	5-10	215
P	4	Blaine Forsythe	12	6-2	185						
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