

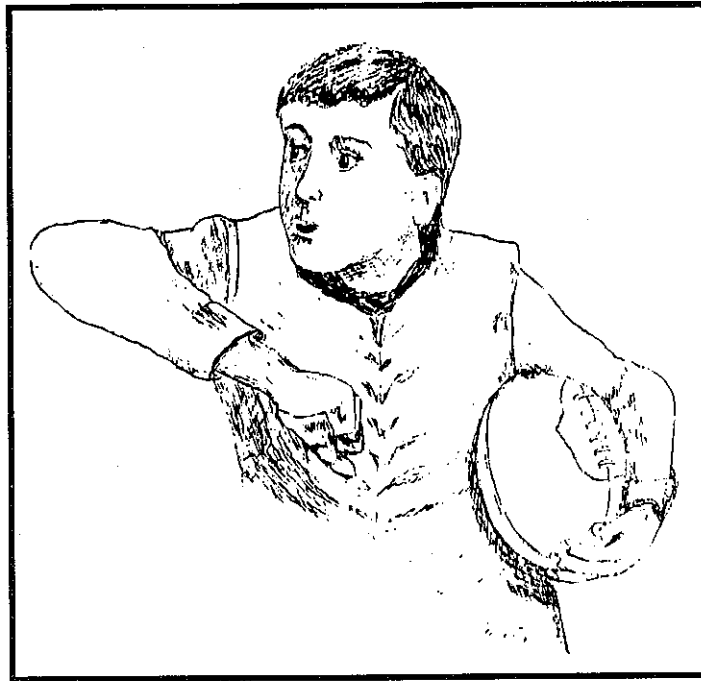
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The Centennial

Football Game

*October Twenty-Eight
Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four*



Arthur Hill High School

vs.

Saginaw High School

Arthur Hill Memorial Stadium 7:30 P.M.

Arthur Hill and Saginaw High (A Hundred Years Together)

Lift your thoughts up to the sky;
Remembering the many nights like this gone by.
A hundred years have come and gone;
The game we play continues on.
Here we are upon the field
Of history that long has yielded
Disappointments, days of glory;
All the years and all the stories. . .

Lift your face up to the sky;
And feel the change that's blowing by there,
Lift your eyes up to the sky;
The possibilities that lie there.
Competition binds us here;
Makes us shout and makes us cheer.
We have come so far together;
Shared so much - it seems forever. . .

So here we are tonight,
The sky above looks down on us with eyes of love
And wishes with tomorrow's dawn
As one team, we continue on. . .

(Chorus - three times)

Saginaw High and Arthur Hill: A hundred years together.
From now on, let's try to get to know each other better.

1. The whistle blows, the game begins.
Together we must play to win.
2. The time is here, it stands demanding
Us to live with understanding.
3. Always history reminds us
How we play the game defines us.

Lift your face up to the sky;
And feel the change that's blowing by there.
Lift your eyes up to the sky;
The possibilities that lie there.

This song, composed by Saginaw music teacher Michael Brush, with lyrics by Mr. Brush and Arthur Hill sophomore Ryan Sanderson, was written especially for tonight's game and will be performed as part of the halftime show by the Arthur Hill Marching Band and singers from the two high schools.

A Gridiron Legacy

Through the years, the Saginaw High-Arthur Hill rivalry has featured many outstanding players. Terry McDaniel and Jerry Patton went on to NFL careers. Bob Buhl and Curt Young pitched in the major leagues. Others, such as Calvin O'Neal, Jimmy Ellis, Terry Eurick, Harold Young, Robert Carpenter, Dick Rifenberg, Ted Petoskey, Tom Slade, Ron Rummell, Shonte Peoples, Brian Pruitt, Terrance McMillan and Marvin Wright, to name just a few, distinguished themselves as college players. But it's not just the stars who have made this game special. There are thousands of Lumberjacks and Trojans, whose football careers ended with their final Saginaw High-Arthur Hill game, who have given this game its substance and character. We salute all of these players, past and present, for the imprint they have left on this rivalry.

About Tonight's Game

Tonight is a special night in Saginaw. It was a hundred years ago, in 1894, that teams of young men from the city's two high schools first competed against each other in the newly popular sport of American football, which was sweeping the nation.

The two Saginaw schools have battled on the football field nearly every year since. A game in 1897 was cancelled as a mismatch, and the 1910 game fell victim to a smallpox epidemic in Saginaw. No east-west games were scheduled in 1900 and 1906, but two games were played in 1895 and 1974. Thus tonight's contest is the 99th varsity-level game in the long football series between these two friendly, but determined, crosstown opponents.

And Arthur Hill vs. Saginaw High is surely the oldest continuing intra-city high school gridiron rivalry in Michigan. Detroit had only one high school until 1897, and Flint opened its second high school in the 1920's. But East and West Saginaw were separate cities until 1889, and did not become a unified school district until 1926.



Reflections

Jim Eurick
Saginaw High Running Back, 1967

In 1967, Saginaw High and Arthur Hill entered the season-ending game with 4 and 4 records. It was a miserable year weather wise. The final three weeks of the season were practiced on snow-covered fields in 20° temperatures. There were a few days when practice was held in the gym because of the severe weather conditions. The game was played on a wet, snow-covered, muddy field with three foot snowbanks ringing the field as a result of the snowplow being used the day of the game to clear the field.

The game was decided by two blocked punts by Arthur Hill in the second half as the Lumberjacks won by a score of 14 to 7, after Saginaw High School had taken an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

Terry Eurick
Arthur Hill All-State Running Back, 1973

In 1973, Arthur Hill had its best team of all time. Going into the game with SHS, there was no question of who the victor would be. The team had two thoughts as the game approached.

We wanted to win the game to finish off an undefeated season and claim the state championship. The entire community of Saginaw had been with us all season and wanted this also.

Overshadowing the impending win and state championship however, was the chance for our team to go unscored upon! We were concerned about Saginaw's speed and the number of opportunities they might have to score. We scored on our first two plays and the score was 50 to 0 at halftime. However, the thrill of an unscored upon team was still in question until the final minutes. Final score — 64 to 0. WE DID IT!

Harold Young
Saginaw High All-State Tackle, 1979

In each of my three years at Saginaw High, there weren't many on-the-field highlights to mention, since each year was a blow-out, with the most notable being my senior year — a 64 to 0 thrashing. The most memorable comment in any of those games was made by my coach: "Hey, they scored 50 points in the first half, we can score 50 points in the second!" Yeah, right!

I thought that defeat was bad, but in my freshman year in college at Delaware State, we played Portland State, a team with a future pro-quarterback (Neil Lomax) and a new offense called the run-'n'-shoot. You might as well have called it Pearl Harbor. When the smoke cleared, it was 105-0. My teammate (from Saginaw High) and I were on the sideline, looked at each other and said that we thought the Arthur Hill game was bad, but this is crazy. The beauty of hanging in when things get bad is that every dog has his day. My senior year, we won the Division II NCAA National Championship, and during that year we beat Lane College 101-0. Now that's more like it.

Robert Carpenter
Saginaw High Lineman, 1980

It is great to see that the 100th year of the Saginaw High and Arthur Hill football rivalry is being celebrated. This game is the climax of every senior's career at either school. Friday, October 28, should not be looked at as merely another game day, but as an event. This game should have been and should forever be seen as an event held above all others. This is a time for the East and West to meet not only in battle, but in admiration and celebration of the young and gifted student/athletes that our city has produced. It is a time for everyone to reach across and join hands to span a bridge over the river that separates our city. Give our young men the reasons to participate, the reasons to make a difference, and a reason to have the school pride that I share with many other Trojans. Stop counting them out and count them in.

John Picard
Saginaw High QB/Safety, 1943 & 1944

My junior year game was the most exciting, when Arthur Hill had Dick Rifenberg, their All-American end. We beat them 14-0 and they were supposed to kill us. I played safety on defense and quarterback on offense. On defense, I covered him; he never caught a pass that day. I intercepted two passes and knocked down the rest. I was 127 pounds and 5'7" my junior year. My senior year we were the state champions and it was a very important game. We won 13-6. All the press were there, because if we won we would be state champions. The teams we beat outside the Valley—Muskegon Heights, Lansing Sexton and Mt. Pleasant—were all the champions of their leagues. I remember Larry Laeding, our line coach that year, told his wife after our preseason scrimmage that this team wouldn't win a ballgame. But we had intelligent, gutsy players, and just wanted to win. There was a lot of pressure on me that Thanksgiving morning. Everybody, Dad's friends, kept telling me, "Don't worry...because of your father." I felt a lot of pressure but we won and it was great. (Editor's note: John's father, Frank Picard, had been the quarterback and captain of the 1907 Saginaw High state champions. John was the same for the 1944 state champions.)

Theron Fager
Saginaw High Halfback, 1929 & 1930

I remember that we played a tie in '29, and we won the '30 game 14 to 0. We played on Thanksgiving Day, and both games were on a snow-covered field, both at Alumni Field at noon. A lot of people would go; there wasn't anything else to do. One of the nice things is that Ted Petoskey played in '29 and he went on to the University of Michigan and played three sports. He was an All-American end and later played professional baseball with the Cincinnati Reds. In the game against Arthur Hill, it didn't matter what your record was, you wanted to win that game. There is a connection among players who played in this game over the years. John Picard, who quarterbacked the state championship team in '44 was one of my boys at Central Junior when I taught phys ed.

Howard Maturen
Arthur Hill Linebacker, 1947

As I look back, the Arthur Hill-Saginaw High game was one of the highlights of my life. In my senior year, neither of us could win a championship, so we were out to have a good time and we wanted badly to win that game. They had to plow the snow off the field, and it was difficult to figure out where the out-of-bounds markers were at the old Arthur Hill Field. There was at least 6 inches of snow on the field. Some of the players put hot-stuff on their hands and we wore brown canvas gloves. It didn't help us; we lost 35-0. Frank Sommerfield, a big, strong fullback, ran most or all of the touchdowns against us. Ed Thompson punted the ball for us and it hit ice and snow and slid about 75 or 80 yards. We were 5-0 that year and then the bottom fell out; we lost 3 of our last 4 games. Funny, when you played the game, Saginaw High seemed like the enemy. A few years later, you became friends with some of the young men you played against. I ran into Oscar DeGroat, a really nice guy. When we played, he was the enemy.

Brian Pruitt
Arthur Hill Running Back, 1990

It was the biggest game of the year for us. I remember how badly we wanted to win that game. This was the game for "bragging rights." The teams knew each other. We played with and against each other since elementary school. Terrance McMillan and I had been on the same teams until I decided at the last minute to go to North School and he went to Central. I remember that Arthur Hill won the game and I scored the winning touchdown. Terrance also scored a touchdown. Now Terrance and I are once again playing on the same team at Central Michigan.

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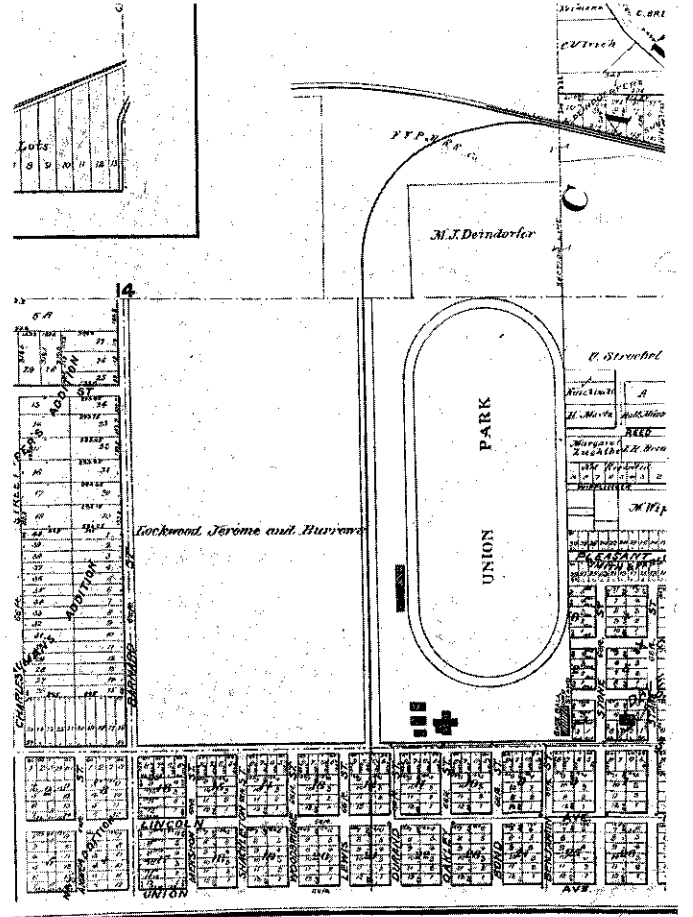
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Union Park

The first east-west high school football game in Saginaw was played at Union Park, a private fairgrounds and race track on the City's near west, side, north and west of the present Stone Elementary School. In 1905 it was sold and developed as a residential subdivision.



Eight Memorable Games

In 100 years of competition, the Arthur Hill Lumberjacks and Saginaw High Trojans have played many exciting football games against each other. Sometimes a league or state championship was on the line, but always the bragging rights in Saginaw were at stake. Even when the teams' records were merely ordinary, or even poor, a historic battle might occur. Some of the best of the last century are remembered below:

November 27, 1924
Saginaw High 7, Arthur Hill 3
at Alumni Field

To quote the Saginaw News-Courier: "Saginaw High gridders, with an inspired drive born of the tradition of Thanksgiving Day fight, turned seeming defeat into victory in the fourth quarter, 7-3." On a wet slippery field, in front of 5000, coach Charles Rugh's Arthur Hill team dominated most of the game, holding the Trojans without a first down for almost three quarters, and scoring a second quarter field goal on Bob Mead's 39-yard drop-kick which barely cleared the crossbar. The Lumberjacks missed on two other chances, losing the ball on downs at the Saginaw 10, and dropping a short pass at the goal line. A 75-yard punt by Ray Henne helped the Trojans stay in the game. In the fourth quarter, with a strong wind at their backs, Coach Beatty's east-siders mounted three furious drives deep into Arthur Hill territory, each time disdaining an attempt for a tying field goal. Late in the game McLeod made a leaping catch of a pass from Captain Jimmy Bothwell at the Hillite 15. After several running plays, Bothwell punched the last few inches on fourth down, and Vesterfelt drop-kicked the extra point, for the game-winning scores.

November 29, 1928
Arthur Hill 7, Saginaw High 6
at Alumni Field

As 5000 looked on, the Lumberjacks trailed 6-0 with three minutes to go in the game, when Saginaw dropped back to punt from its own 34-yard line. Arthur Hill's right end George Balloash broke through to block Dick Schulte's kick, recovering the ball himself on the Trojans' 11-yard line. In four runs by Bob Grube and Ed Broadus the Hillites barely made a first down at the one-yard line. On first and goal, quarterback Curtis Hovis followed center Ted Winterstein in for the score. The extra point strategy was exquisite as Hovis, who earlier had attempted to drop-kick a field goal, went back in a lone kicking position. Instead, the pass from center went directly to Broadus on a straight ahead run past the surprised goalline defense. The Trojans had taken a 6-0 lead near the end of the third period on a fourth down pass from captain Louis Holland to end Ted Petoskey, whose extra point kick missed by inches.

November 26, 1936
Arthur Hill 0, Saginaw High 0
at Alumni Field

On a sunny, cold and breezy Thanksgiving afternoon in front of 5500 fans, the scrappy Saginaw eleven earned a 0-0 tie with a highly-favored and unbeaten Arthur Hill team. The Lumberjacks held a 12 to 2 edge in first downs, and outgained the Trojans 202 to 12 in total yardage, but the Valley Champions saw the dream of a State Championship smashed by their crosstown rivals. The Hillites' offensive machine previously steamrolled opposition teams 150 points to 13, but was stopped cold by the sterling play of Saginaw linebackers Steve (Stogie) Paskiewicz and Bod Lodge, and captain Hi Becker. The Lumberjacks of new coach Ron Finch were led by their stalwarts Ed Alexander, end, and Gotty Baker, quarterback. Arthur Hill made only a single substitution, and Saginaw none, in the game.

November 22, 1945
Saginaw High 18, Arthur Hill 0
at old Arthur Hill Field

In frigid blustery weather 6000 shocked partisans watched the Trojans of first-year coach Herb Korf dominate the heavily-favored Hillites. Although they had been the State Champions in 1944, the victors failed to score in their first six games of the 1945 season, and had but a single win before pulling their Thanksgiving Day surprise. Coach Bill Kelly's Lumberjacks, led by all-state quarterback Gene Glick and halfback Don Kushmaul, were in contention for the Valley championship. Saginaw's all-state back Jim Blenkhorn was awesome in both running and passing from the single-wing formation. Returning to form after early-season injuries, he galloped for two touchdowns and 121 yards in 29 attempts (compared to 71 yards in 30 plays for all the Lumberjacks), completed a 31-yard pass to set up his second TD, and handed off on a reverse to Paul Hanlon for the Trojans' final score. Saginaw's iron-man line, including end Bob Buhl, played the entire game without substitution.

November 26, 1954
Arthur Hill 7, Saginaw High 6
at Arthur Hill Stadium

In front of 6000, Coach Kurt Kampe's team grabbed the undisputed Saginaw Valley championship by defeating an underdog Trojan squad on a wet, slippery field. Senior end Hyatt Carter kicked the deciding point following fullback Ernie Richman's 2-yard scoring smash with 39 seconds remaining in the first half. Coach Herb Korf's Trojans responded quickly in the second half on a 24-yard run by Archie Johnson, after a dazzling 48-yard scamper by Charles Ruffin. The kick for point faded slightly to the left, missing the uprights by inches. The winners' defense was led by Ernie Dijack, Jim Rappuhn, Bob Varner, Tony Olvera, Jack Gardner, Thelvis Wieniecke, and Gary Lee. Saginaw High was the home team for the game, which had been shifted to Arthur Hill's fine new stadium for the last Thanksgiving Day contest.

September 14, 1963
Saginaw High 7, Arthur Hill 6
at Saginaw High's New Field

The season-opener in front of 5000 fans was a heartbreaker for Coach Hi Becker's Lumberjacks, who led most of the game. The Trojans' diminutive halfback Bill Simmons dashed 65 yards on a reverse with 1:34 remaining to set up a remarkable extra point. Fullback Jerry Patton lined up to try the kick, but an early snap from the center to holder Bo Minnich was fumbled. Minnich picked up the ball and, rolling to his left, threw a pass to Dick Carle in the left corner of the end zone. Coach Jim Bromley's Trojans had practiced for just such an emergency pass in case of a fumbled kick attempt. Carle, a tackle who lined up at end on conversion attempts, followed his instructions perfectly for the dramatic extra point. Simmons preserved the Saginaw victory with a pass interception at the Trojan 10-yard line in the final seconds. Later that year the Lumberjacks pulled off an upset of their own, defeating #1 ranked Flint Central, 19-7, in Flint.

November 12, 1976
Arthur Hill 20, Saginaw High 14 (overtime)
at Arthur Hill Stadium

In the rivalry's only overtime battle, the Hillites of coach George Ihler finally wrested victory from seeming defeat with a one-yard plunge by quarterback Curt Young, the future major league baseball pitcher. In overtime the Trojans had first chance to score from the 10-yard line, but a rare penalty for assisting the runner moved the ball back to the 20, where four consecutive pass plays failed. The Lumberjacks had expected an easy game from

the 1-7 Trojans and admitted overconfidence. Desperate and trailing 14-12, they survived when Scott Krugielka blocked a fourth-quarter punt out of the Trojans' end zone for a safety. Saginaw's two scores had been spectacular: a 61-yard punt return by Charles Smith and a 40-yard fumble return by Clarence West, followed by Brent Hull's point-after kicks. Young and Ron Cheshire scored earlier for the winners, and Robert McAfee was a defensive standout for Saginaw. The 5-4 Lumberjacks were Saginaw Valley-West champions.

October 26, 1990
Arthur Hill 22, Saginaw High 19
at Arthur Hill Stadium

Before an overflow crowd of 7000, Brian Pruitt ran for 107 yards and two touchdowns in the Lumberjacks' come-from-behind win over undefeated and third-ranked Saginaw High, putting the Hillites in a four-way tie for the Valley Championship with the Trojans, Midland, and Pontiac Central. Saginaw's splendid all-state quarterback Jamie Lay dashed 34 yards to score on the game's fourth play. Arthur Hill answered with a 3-yard touchdown from Pruitt, but Lay passed 5 yards to Terrance McMillan for a 13-7 halftime lead. The Hillites came out with a 14-play drive, scoring on Angelo Brown's 3-yard run. After a Lumberjack fumble, Lay scampered 16 yards for a 19-14 lead, but a conversion pass attempt missed. Pruitt tallied the game winner, a 14-yard run with 4:54 remaining, and Erik Harrison added the 2-point conversion. Then the Arthur Hill defense, anchored by Willie Rodgers, held off the Trojans' passing attack for victory. At 7-2, the Lumberjacks failed to qualify for the State playoffs. But Saginaw High, 8-1, went on to upset top-ranked Muskegon and Traverse City, and win the 1990 Class AA Regional Championship.

