Rogers City High School
Hurons Football 2021
Sept. 22, 2021

# Undefeated Hurons host Posen for homecoming

## Vikings looking for first win of the season after narrow losses

THE ROGERS CITY DEFENSE HELD GOGEBIC OFF THE SCOREBOARD FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT SHUT-OUT PUT UP BY THE HURONS. HERE DYLAN LEFLECHE AND ANTHONY PAULL MAKE THE TACKLE (PHOTO BY JENNIFER FENSTERMAKER)

A long trek to Munising didn't slow down the Hurons' football team as it cruised to a 32-0 win over the Gogebic Miners (0-4), a consolidated program with Bessemer and Wakefield/Marenisco in the far western end of the Upper Peninsula.

The Hurons' defense recorded its third-straight shutout while the offense put up dominating numbers on the ground. The Hurons are now unscored upon since Brethren's touchdown on a long run with 3:10 left in the first quarter in week one. That is 15-consectutive quarters of scoreless defense.

It is the fourth time in Hurons' football history the team pitched three shutouts in a row (1997, 1971 and 1970). In fact, the 1997 team had five shutouts during the season, not all in a row, but all coming over Upper Peninsula teams (consecutive wins over St. Ignace, Brimley, Hancock, and later Newberry and Sault Ste. Marie).

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The 2021 Hurons thrive on applying pressure to the quarterback, speed on the corners and sure tackling inside. The performance in Munising, a halfway point for the two teams distanced by more than 500 miles, proved defense wins games.

"Defensively I think it was another outstanding performance, I think that they have great chemistry, and communicate well with each other, and trust each other and know everyone's strong points and weak points. They just seem to have a great

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confidence in each other," said head coach Jesse Fenstermaker.

The scoring started on the Hurons' first drive of the day, a 53-yard march that used nine plays.

Runs by Hayden Hentkowski of 11, 8 and 14 yards and runs by Dillon Cook of 8 and 7 yards moved the ball forward. Quarterback Spencer Whitford covered the last 6 yards for the touchdown and passed to Caden Fenstermaker for the two-point conversion.

***This team has a goal, and I don't think they will let anything stop them from reaching that goal."***

***--Coach Jesse Fenstermaker***

Gogebic had an answer to the Hurons' score squashed by Cook's pass interception and long return to the Gogebic 28-yard line as the first quarter ended. The Hurons needed three plays to reach the end zone, capped by Cook's 17-yard scamper around the left side. The lead was 14-0 with 11:21 left in the second quarter.

After trading possessions, the Hurons made the score 20-0 with 4:53 left in the first half on a quick five-play drive that covered 56 yards. A reverse to Cook covering 10 yards finished the drive.

Forcing another punt after three plays, the Hurons moved quickly for the next score. Starting at the Miners' 35 after a great punt return by Isaac Paull, Whitford scrambled for 12 yards. He found Hentkowski for a 23-yard touchdown pass on the next play giving the Hurons a 26-0 lead with 2:30 left in the first half.

The scoring ended in spectacular fashion on a 69-yard run by Hentkowski with 7:59 left in the game. Next up is a homecoming Friday matchup with Posen, a dangerous 0-4 team that can put up points. The Vikings come in averaging 25 points per game having lost close games each week.

Statistically, Hentkowski had 146 yards on nine carries with two touchdowns. He caught a touchdown pass of 23 yards. Cook ran for 84 yards on nine carries with a touchdown. Whitford had 66 yards on seven runs with a touchdown.

"While it is another big week filled with distractions, I know that as a team we will be focused on the task at hand. This team has a goal, and I don't think they will let anything stop them from reaching that goal. This is a very focused team and they just go out and have fun every week," coach Fenstermaker said.

After its homecoming contest, Rogers City plays on the road in Alcona (2-2), Oakland Christian (2-2) and Mio (3-1) before finishing up the season at home with Newberry (3-1). The Hurons' opponents in the first four games of the season are a combined 2-14 so far but things get tougher as the last four opponents have a combined record of 10-6.

Friday's game will be broadcast on 99.9 FM with Karl Grambau, Karl Momrik and Andy Grambau calling the action.

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**HURON RUNNING BACKS HAYDEN HENTKOWSKI (10) AND DILLON COOK HAD BIG GAMES AGAINST GOGEBIC.**

**(PHOTOS BY JENNIFER FENSTERMAKER)**

# Vikings and Hurons have played eight times over the years

Posen took the first meeting between the two schools Sept. 19, 1981 before a large crowd in Posen. Rogers City got on the scoreboard first, set up on a long pass from senior quarterback Wade Hampton to junior fullback Steve Urban. The 45-yard play put the ball on the Vikings' 7-yard line. Bob Hood bulled over from there, but the two-point conversion failed as the Hurons led 6-0 in the second quarter.

Late in the second quarter, Posen's senior quarterback Matt Darga handed the ball off to Rodney Wozniak who exploded for a 46-yard run to the Hurons' 6. Two plays later Wozniak carried for a touchdown with 23 seconds left in the first half. Wozniak also ran in the conversion, that turned out to be the winning margin in the game.

Both teams had chances to score in the second half. Rogers City turned the ball over at the Posen 30 on a third down opportunity.

Posen advanced to the Hurons' 20 on a run by Wozniak, but lost the ball on downs.

Rogers City had 175 yards of total offense to Posen's 112.



*Rodney Wozniak*

Strong winds were a factor on this Saturday afternoon game. Fumbles were a big part of the outcome with Rogers City turning the ball over three times.

The Hurons lost the first four games of the season and finished 3-6. They would go 10-2 in 1982 and finish runner-up in Class C.

Posen finished the 1981 season with a 6-3 record winning six games in a row around an opening game loss to Cedarville and losses to Atlanta and Johannesburg-Lewiston to close the season.

**Hurons vs Vikings**

**2008-RC 39, Posen 0**
**2007-RC 35, Posen 6**
**2006-RC 20, Posen 12**
**2005-RC 12, Posen 6**
**1987-RC 12, Posen 0**
**1986-RC 45, Posen 0**
**1985-RC 22, Posen 0**
**1981-Posen 8, RC 6**

| 2021 Schedule/Results | 2020 Win-Loss Record |
|---|---|
| Aug. 27, 1 p.m. at Brethren | Win 14-8 |
| Sept. 3, 7 p.m. vs. Brimley | Win 42-0 |
| Sept. 10, 7 p.m. vs. Onaway | Win 41-0 |
| Sept. 18 1 p.m. vs. Gogebic | 32-0 |
| Sept. 24, 7 p.m. vs. Posen | 2-4 (8) |
| Oct. 1, 7 p.m. at Alcona | 0-7 |
| Oct. 9, 2 p.m. at Oakland Christian | 6-2 |
| Oct. 15, 7 p.m. at Mio | 0-6 (8) |
| Oct. 22, vs. Newberry | 4-4 (8) |

**2020 Results**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Aug. 28 Kalkaska | | CANCELED |
| Sept. 4 Tawas | | CANCELED |
| Sept. 11 Harbor Springs | | CANCELED |
| Sept. 18 Alcona | win | 24-18 |
| Sept. 25 Oscoda | loss | 50-0 |
| Oct. 2 Alcona | win | 18-12 |
| Oct. 9 Harbor Beach | loss | 37-0 |
| Oct. 16 St. Ignace | loss | 21-20 |
| Oct. 23 Manton | loss | 20-14 |
| Oct. 20 Iron Mountain-playoff-forfiet loss | | |

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MEMBERS OF THE Rogers City High School (RCHS) homecoming court includes (seated on bench from left) seniors Grace Lalonde, Samantha Williams and Raegan Comerford; along with (from left) juniors Mason Bowden and Emma Ross, seniors Anthony Paull, Dillon Cook and Zachary Orr; freshmen Elise Muller and Dylan Grulke; and sophomores Kaitlyn Crawford and Josh Altman. The court posed at the new bench dedicated to the "peace, patience and positive attitude" of the late school board member Don Kromer, who passed away Jan. 1. Rogers City hosts Posen Friday with the festivies beginning at 5 p.m. with a tailgating event and concessions at Gilpin Memorial Field provided by the Rogers City Hurons' Sports Boosters. The crowning will take place at 8 p.m. Saturday at the homecoming dance at RCHS. (Photos by Richard Lamb)

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## TEAM STAT COMPARISION
(Stats taken by Andy Grambau)

| | Rogers City | Gogebic |
|---|---|---|
| Total offense | 341 | 102 |
| Number of plays | 37 | 49 |
| Yards per play | 9.2 | 2.1 |
| Passing Yards | 36 | 8 |
| Completions | 2 | 2 |
| Attempts | 6 | 5 |
| Yards per pass | 18.0 | 4.0 |
| Rushing yards | 305 | 94 |
| Rushing attempts | 31 | 44 |
| Yards per rush | 9.8 | 2.1 |
| First downs | 16 | 9 |
| Time of possesion | 28:11 | 19:43 |
| Third down conversions/attempts | 4/5 | 4/13 |

## Meet the 2021 Hurons

| Varsity Roster | Grade |
|---|---|
| 5-Jaymison Fleming | 11 |
| 10-Hayden Hentkowski | 11 |
| 11-Caden Fenstermaker | 12 |
| 12-Spencer Whitford | 11 |
| 24-Caden Brege | 11 |
| 30-Dillon Cook | 12 |
| 60-Dylan LaFleche | 11 |
| 66-Joe Brado | 11 |
| 71-Joe McFadden | 11 |
| 72-Gus Bellmore | 11 |
| 77-Ciarra Bellmore | 11 |
| 81-Patrick Mulka | 11 |
| 85-Mason Bowden | 11 |
| 99-Anthony Paull | 12 |

| Junior Varsity Roster | |
|---|---|
| 1-Austin Fenstermaker | 10 |
| 7-Andrew Bruski | 9 |
| 9-Isaac Paull | 10 |
| 14-Charles Allen | 9 |
| 22-Devenic Martin | 9 |
| 44-Caden Farmer | 10 |
| 52-Tony Parker | 11 |
| 62-Blaise Szatkowski | 9 |
| 65-Drew Crawford | 9 |
| 88-Josh Altman | 10 |

**Coaches**

Jesse Fenstermaker; Assistants
Corey Brege (Junior Varsity Head Coach)
Chris McKinstry; Ian Veal

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