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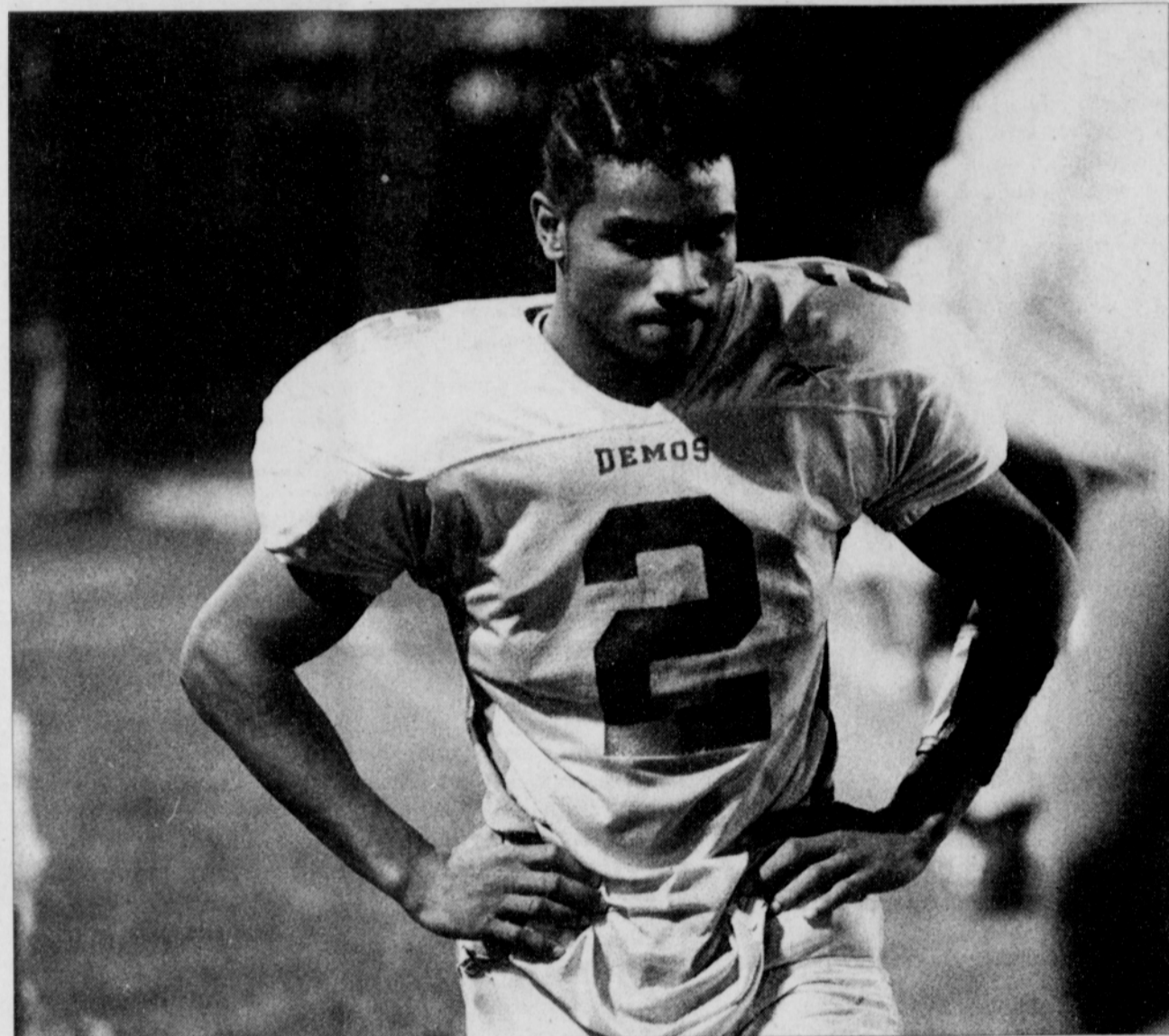
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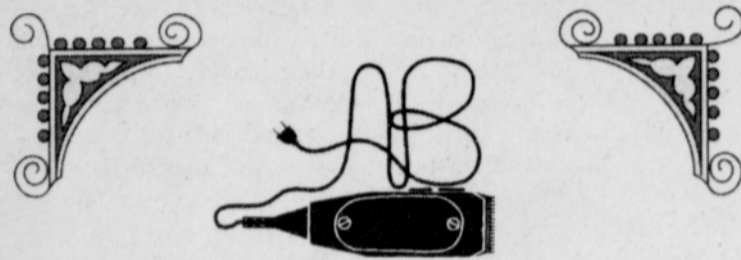
Lincoln Rally Sinks Jefferson



T.R. Smith, Jefferson's Junior quarterback, wears a look of disappointment as he watches the Democrats lead vanish in the fourth quarter.

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It seemed the Jefferson varsity football team had a sure win on their hands. The Democrats powered ahead 24-7 midway through the third quarter Friday. But it was the tireless Cardinals of Lincoln that sealed the victory with a 35-31 comeback. The victory gave the Cardinals the number two spot in the PIL playoffs which begin Oct. 31. Jefferson players were dismayed after seeing their lead slip away. The loss effectively eliminated the Democrats from playoff contention.



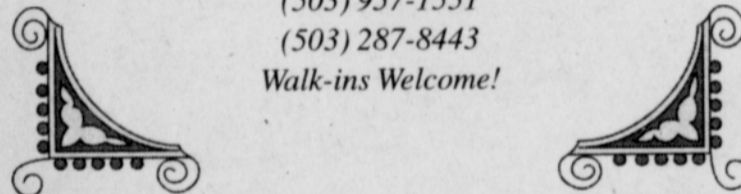
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Harrington Captains Big-League Comeback

(AP) - Portland native Joey Harrington was content to pound the Chicago Bears with a heavy dose of James Stewart.

Stewart ran for a career-high 172 yards and two touchdowns on 32 carries, and Harrington, passed for 199 yards as the Detroit Lions beat Chicago 23-20 in overtime Sunday.

"It took so much pressure off my shoulders," said Harrington, the former Oregon and Central Catholic star drafted third overall this year. "I can't even explain how comforting it is to have a running back like that."

Stewart wouldn't have been in Detroit this season if he didn't agree to take a cut his salary from about \$5 million to about \$2 million.

Detroit, which wanted a faster running back, found faults with Stewart, just like Jacksonville did when they let him go after he scored 14 TDs and accounted for over 1,000 yards in 1999.

"I've been dealing with that ever since I came in the league," Stewart said.

The Lions (2-4) matched their win total from last season and Chicago (2-4) already has more regular-season losses than all of last year, when it won its first division title since 1990.

Jason Hanson's 48-yard field goal with 10:18 left in overtime gave Chicago its fourth straight loss.

The Bears started 2-0, but slid after losing a 20-0 lead to New Orleans in Week 3.

Against the Lions, Chicago scored 17 straight points to take a



Detroit running back James Stewart (34) goes over Chicago linebackers Bobbie Howard (52) and Brian Urlacher (54) for his second touchdown. (AP Photo)

20-14 lead midway through the third quarter.

The Lions pulled within three late in the third, and Harrington led the game-tying drive — with no timeouts left — to set up Hanson's 24-yard kick with 2 seconds left.

The Lions benefited from instant replay for the third time in the game when Harrington's 15-yard pass to Scotty Anderson at midfield was ruled a catch and fumble, not an incomplete pass by the replay official.

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Sports Channels to Cover NBA

(AP) — Break out the bells and whistles. ESPN and TNT, cable partners for telecasts of NBA games, are readying all manner of toys for their telecasts when the season begins next Tuesday.

And ABC will have its own share of gadgetry when it picks up coverage beginning with a Christmas Day doubleheader.

There will be new camera angles, overhead shots, enhanced graphics and animations, music and audio designed to appeal to Generation NBA.

And hip commissioner David Stern loves it.

"More children, boys and girls, play basketball than any other team sport," Stern said. "Young fans have

been brought up on the game. That's why advertisers are looking at us. We tend to be younger. We're more upscale than NASCAR. We're younger than baseball. We do pretty well against the NFL."

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