

TC Central

2004 Results

TC Central 15, Escanaba 8
 TC Central 28, G.R. Union 21
 Alpena 28, TC Central 16
 Petoskey 26, TC Central 25
 Detroit Cath. 21, TC Central 14
 TC Central 24, Gaylord 21
 TC Central 35, Cadillac 14
 TC Central 10, Detroit Jesuit 7
 TC West 28, TC Central 10

2005 Schedule

8/26	H	Escanaba
9/2	H	Rockford
9/9	A	Alpena
9/16	A	Petoskey
9/23	A	G.R. Christian
9/30	H	Gaylord
10/7	H	Cadillac
10/14	A	Midland
10/21	A	TC West



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Traverse City Central returns 18 of its 22 starters from last season.

Trojans muscle up in 2005

Trojans want to bring back the glory days

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TRAVERSE CITY — The buzz word for Traverse City Central could be “back.”

As in the Trojans have 18 of 22 starters back.

As in Central getting back to its glory days.

It's been 20 years since Traverse City Central's last state championship in 1985.

At practice, players sport T-shirts under their jerseys with the slogan “Some have forgotten; we will remind them.”

And this team could.

Central has a whopping 30 seniors on its team, most of whom played on undefeated freshmen and junior varsity teams for the

Trojans.

Central (5-4) posted its second straight winning record last season after a string of six consecutive losing campaigns, dating back to the split of Central and West in 1997. From 1998 to 2002, the Trojans were in a rut of going 3-6 every year.

“We're expected to do really well,” all-state receiver Robbie Harman said. “We're expecting the best season in awhile.”

Three of last year's four team captains are back in quarterback Andy Pascoe, running back Ben Amon and fullback/linebacker Vince Khoury.

With 18 of 22 starters back, including 10 on defense, and a host of other experienced players returning, the first few days of fall practices were much different than in years past.

“That puts us so much further ahead than we've ever been,” Clark said. “We came in and hit the ground running. It's almost like we're fine tuning right off the bat.”

The Trojans boast excellent size, speed and depth on both sides of the line, and coach Kelly Clark said the team was able to domi-

“You've got to start out with some wins so you don't have to play catch-up at the end of the season.”

— Derek Drelles, senior lineman

nate in the trenches in its scrimmages against Lansing Waverly, East Lansing and Detroit Martin Luther King.

“Size-wise, we should be able to run the ball and throw it when we want to,” Clark said.

The Trojans start this year with a pair of home games before hitting the road for three in a row. Central hosts Escanaba — which was 0-9 last year, including a season-opening

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TC Central Trivia

TC Central put up an impressive 4-1 road record last year, including a stretch where the team hit the road for three consecutive weeks and came back victorious each time.

“When we go on the road, we always have a good fan base go with us,” said senior quarterback **Andy Pascoe**.

“We even had a lot of people in Escanaba, and that's all the way over the bridge.”

The Trojans play five playoff teams from a year ago, and except for a meeting with defending Division 1 state champ Rockford Sept. 2 at Thirlby Field, all of them are on the road.