

3rd Annual Basketball Coach Clinic

Forest Hills boys basketball coach Irwin Isser will be hosting the third annual Forest Hills High School basketball Clinic on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The clinic, for all varsity, junior varsity and junior high coaches, male and female, will be held at Forest Hills High School beginning at 9:15 a.m.

The three coaches offering instruction bring nearly 75 years of experience to the clinic.

Tom Galeazzi of Post is entering his 25th year with a 508-174 overall record.

Butch van Breda Kolff of Hofstra University is entering his 25-year with a 418-196 record.

The PSAL "dean" himself, Isser, who is 325-181, is entering his 25th season.

The \$7 cost covers the cost of mailings, refreshments and materials.

Interested coaches should contact Isser at the school, (718) 268-3137.

Phenom Pitcher Bowls 'Em Over

New York Newsday 1990 All-Queens baseball selection Charles Cucchiara, a senior pitcher, is spending the fall baseball season on the lanes for Franklin K. Lane High School.

Cucchiara, who had a 0.60 ERA with 57 strikeouts in 44 2/3 innings is the top roller on Lane's bowling team this fall with a 200 average.

Flushing Foes Down the Drain

How wet was it last Saturday?

After the Flushing High School football team won 26-6 over Bryant last week, coach Dave Finkle said: "We could have run a swimming race."

"We were under water," Finkle said. "It rained and rained."

But the wet field conditions didn't stop backfield sensation Maury Teachey from scoring three touchdowns.

A Homecoming

The Andrew Jackson High School football team will have its homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 27 with a 1 p.m. game against Bayside.

SPORTS



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San Diego's **Ronnie Harmon** (33) carries the ball in action against the Jets at the Meadowlands last week.

A Charmin' **Harmon** Still Feels He's Home in Queens

By Roxanne B. Moses
STAFF WRITER

San Diego Chargers running back **Ronnie Harmon** still carries a little piece of his high school football glory days with him — a videotape of Bayside's win over Lincoln in the 1981 PSAL A championship game.

"Most of the time, I carry it with me and when I'm getting ready to play a game, I look at it," **Harmon** said. "It was a high-scoring game and everybody played. I enjoy watching the others on the team, seeing them, seeing how we played together."

For most of the guys on **Harmon's** old video, that game was the peak of their football careers. But it's surprising to think that for **Harmon**, who lived out the dream of getting a college scholarship and making it in the NFL, that high-school game is still so special.

"It was just a nice feeling. We were

winning, but it wasn't about one person. Everyone was a part of it," said **Harmon**, who graduated from Bayside in 1982.

Said **Harmon**: "In high school, it's a team thing. In the NFL, it's more like an individual thing. It's harder to play up here than in high school because everyone was together."

Harmon and his old teammates would wear their jerseys to school on Fridays. The Saturday crowds consisted mainly of parents, and everyone knew everyone else. "Everybody was helping everyone else, trying to get better," **Harmon** said.

And while the players spent a lot of time together during the school days, because they lived in different parts of Queens, after practices, they would go their separate ways.

Harmon's parents, Jackie and Jesse, still live in the same house in Jamaica that **Harmon** and his brothers, Derrick

and Kevin, grew up in.

And as he was preparing to come to New York to take part in the Chargers' 39-3 blowout of the Jets last week, one of the things **Harmon** was looking forward to was sitting down at his mother's dinner table again.

"I definitely have to eat some of my mother's cooking, and take some food back," **Harmon** said. "I get everything I can get once I'm home."

Harmon, who played for the University of and the Buffalo Bills, still loves New York City and makes Queens his off-season home.

"I'm proud to be from New York," **Harmon** said, noting that he will sometimes write "N.Y." on his game shoes, or put "N.Y.C." after his signature on presentation balls.

"I just want people to realize that there are people in New York that can play football," **Harmon** said. "We can play with the best of them."

And, like a true New Yorker, **Harmon's** main concern with family and friends coming to the Meadowlands to watch him was the long drive from Queens and the nightmarish traffic.

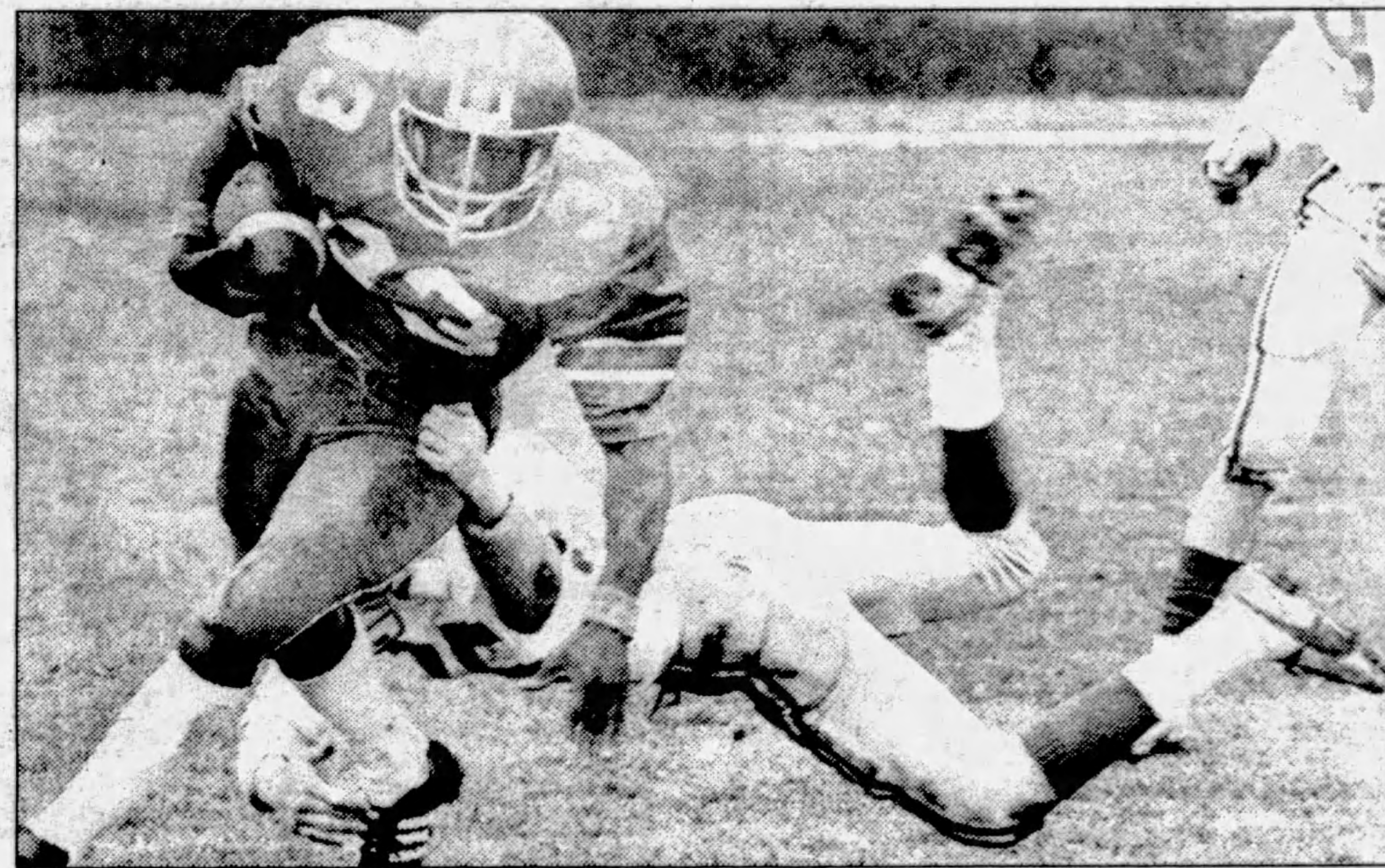
"I really tell them just to go home if we're losing or winning by a lot," **Harmon** said.

But **Harmon** cherishes the appearance of his friends, particularly his former Bayside teammates when he plays at Giants Stadium.

"I make sure I call up my old friends and get tickets for anybody who wants to come, especially from the team. I haven't lost touch with any them," **Harmon** said. "They're a part of me, and I'm a part of them."

Comparing his high school career with his NFL experience, **Harmon** said: "It was just that family unity, I have yet to come across that in professional football. If everyone put aside the money thing and just became a family, it would become much nicer."

Put aside the money? "You can't have it all," **Harmon** said.



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Bayside's **Ronnie Harmon** (33) against Port Richmond in 1979.