

All-Americans Gone, But RHS Coaching Staff Optimistic

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The Roseburg coaching staff, faced with the necessity of finding replacements for All-Americans Paul Brothers and Doug Johnson, are looking optimistically forward to a fine football season sparked by a powerhouse defense.

The Indians will test their strength against Willamette in their season's opener at Willamette Sept. 13 and then return home to unveil their 1963 squad before the Roseburg fans against Springfield Sept. 20.

New Offense Due

With Brothers, a great triple-threat quarterback, gone from the starting lineup, coach Roy Thompson will feature a new look in the Indian camp which opens up the passing game. The Thompson Tribe will switch from the Wing T to the Flanker T and will put senior Jerry Remick or junior Steve Vasterling in the pitching pocket.

The key to this offense will be

the flanker halfback and end. When the flanker splits out to the right, the flanker end will go to the left. When the flanker back runs from the left side of the formation, the flanking end will go out to the right.

The coaching staff is presently eyeing junior Gary Heeter and transfer Eddie Mendenhall for the flanker end post which will key the passing offense. Heeter, regarded to have the best pair of hands on the squad, is a one year letterman. Mendenhall, a sophomore, was regarded as a Grants Pass' top sophomore prospect before transferring into Roseburg. The coaching staff regards both as top pass receivers.

Rugged Defense

But the big focal point of the optimism is still the defense, which Indian opponents are going to find tough to crack. The Tribe lost only three defensive starters, All-American tackle Doug John, and backs Brothers and Al Joelson. The other lettermen lost by graduation are

ends Spike Moore and Vern Ohman.

205-pound senior Doug DuFresne appears to be the top candidate to replace John at this point in the game. The trio returning to Thompson's four-man defensive forward wall are 215-pound Terry Rudolf, 220-pound Jess Hart and 210-pound Dennis Frank. Rudolf and Frank are seniors and Hart is a junior.

And when the opposition gets past the forward wall, those rock 'em, sock 'em linebackers are all back from last season. There'll be 210-pound Mike Leep, 185-pound Dick Yost, 175-pound Vince Peetz and 180-pound Dick Gwaltney as the top candidates for the linebacking posts.

Dave Butler, a 165-pound senior end on offense, is the lone returning defensive back from the basic 4-4-3 defensive squad.

Other returning lettermen are tackles Don Boerste, 190-pound senior, and Monty Kershner, 185-pound junior; guards Bob Palmar, 185-pound senior; and Tom Thomas, 165-pound junior; senior center Dick Yost, 185 pounds; and

junior halfback Bob Burgess, 175 pounds.

Burgess, the fastest back Roseburg has had since 1959, is considered one of the top candidates for the left halfback spot.

Remick, who has played the number two quarterback's role behind the All-American Brothers for the past two seasons, is regarded as showing a 50 per cent improvement this season by the coaching staff. Passing-wise, he holds the edge on accuracy in the short toss department, while the junior Vasterling is considered a better long pass thrower. Vasterling quarterbacked the junior varsity squad last season.

Ninety players turned out for the initial practice sessions this week and about a dozen more are expected when school starts on Tuesday. This is somewhat lighter than the turnout last season, with the most marked reduction coming from the sophomore class. Last year, some 55 sophomores turned out for football, while only 35 have turned out so far this year.

The coaches hope to have a var-

sity, junior varsity and sophomore team again this season to give the underclassmen more game experience.

The team is presently going through "daily doubles" with practice sessions set at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Emphasis right now is on fundamental football, with work on plays scheduled to start next week.

For those who have not yet purchased their season's tickets, Athletic Director Al Hoffman said there are still some good seats available. Tickets may be purchased at the high school athletic department office this week.



FIRST DRILLS with the varsity line in front of him were taken this week by junior quarterback Steve Vasterling. Vasterling and senior Jerry Remick are considered the top prospects to replace All-American Paul Brothers in the signal-calling slot for the Indians this season. Early indications are Remick holds the edge in short pass accuracy, while Vasterling is the better long pass thrower.



CAMPAIGN STRATEGY for the 1963 football season is discussed by Roseburg Indian's head coach Roy Thompson, center, and line coach Jim Brackins, left, and backfield coach Darl Thornton, during the opening of practice sessions this week. Ninety candidates turned out for the first practice sessions, currently on a "daily double" schedule. The coaching staff is looking to a great year from the Tribe's defensive unit. (News-Review Photos)

Hopalong Gets Waiver Notice From Eagles II

By United Press International

Howard (Hopalong) Cassidy, the highest paid rookie in the National Football League seven years ago, today was just one of nearly two dozen veteran players looking for jobs.

The red-haired Heisman Trophy winner of 1955, whom Woody Hayes, his coach at Ohio State, once called "the greatest football player I've ever seen," apparently lost his job with the Philadelphia Eagles to rookie back Ron Goodwin of Baylor.

The youth-conscious Minnesota Vikings pared the most number of veterans from their ranks—six, including six-year pro tackle Frank Youso, to meet the NFL's final pre-season limit of 43. The Vikings in turn picked up two second-year defensive tackles, Bill Wilson and George Hultz, from the St. Louis Cardinals for a future draft pick.

Two injured Baltimore Colts' veterans, defensive tackle Bill Ventura and defensive back Bob Boyd, were placed on the injury waiver list and flanker Bake Turner, a two-year pro, was cut.

In addition to Cassidy, the Eagles asked for waivers on line-backer John Nocera and defensive tackle Joe Lewis, both members of last year's squad.

Veteran offensive tackle Charlie Moore and defensive back Jim Kerr were lopped by the Washington Redskins in addition to four rookies.

All players placed on waivers Tuesday are subject to claim by other clubs within each respective league within 48 hours. If a player is claimed, the original has a 24-hour period in which to exercise its option of recalling him. The injury waiver list is aimed at removing an injured player from the active roster and still retaining him under contract to be reactivated later.

Gary Knafele, a nine-year veteran end from the Green Bay Packers, signed with San Francisco, but the Forty Niners cut former Chicago Bear quarterback Dick Norman.

Houston Oilers Trade End To Denver For Draft Choices

By United Press International

In the American Football League, two trades were included in the roster juggling to meet the 38-man player limit.

Former All-AFL pass catching star Bill Groman was dealt by the Houston Oilers to the Denver Broncos for two high 1964 draft choices.

Guard Charlie Leo was traded to the Buffalo Bills from the Boston Patriots for either a player to be named later or the Bills'

No. 8 draft choice for 1964. The Broncos cut veteran linebackers Jerry Stalcup and John Cash, the latter being placed on the injury waiver list along with rookie end Bill Van Osdel.

Dizzy Dames Set Meet

A meeting of the Dizzy Dames Bowling League is scheduled at 7:15 p.m. Thursday at Indian Lanes bowling alley. A principal item of business will be a vote on league rules.

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