

# Saints football squad look forward to title

The Mt. Hood Saints tangle with the sophomore-laden Yakima Indians Saturday, Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. in their 1972 home opener.

All proceeds from the game to the Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp for Handicapped Children.

Tickets are priced at \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

The Saints were 6-3 in '71 and finished a ½ game out of the NAACC Western Division title race.

Gone are ¾ of the secondary, including two-time all conference cornerback Dave Harrington, several key offensive and defensive linemen, and a majority of last fall's starting backfield.

Some 120 prospects turned out for fall practice and the squad still numbers more than 80. From 65-70 will suit up for all home games while only 33 will be traveling.

The Saints sacrificed some

speed this year but may have made up for it in better size.

Doug Oberkamper (6-2, 250) will anchor a large offensive line that should control the front trenches. Rollin Vance (6-3, 220), Grant High graduate, is rated high at tackle and Rod Rickert (6-3, 200) may play opposite Oberkamper at guard.

Tight end Ed Peterson (6-5, 200) has been a pleasant surprise. He has excellent speed, good hands and has improved greatly in his blocking.

Coach Marv Hiebert's Wishbone-T will be directed by sophomore Phil Doran (6-1, 185). He started the Saints final '71 game against Wenatchee and is credited with a fine arm and a good knowledge of the game.

Paul Macholf, a transfer from the University of Washington, will push Doran for starting time.

Two outstanding freshman

quarterback prospects are hurting with injuries. Paul Maguire has a sore arm and Tom Phillips is held up by a thigh pull.

Mt. Hood is deep at fullback. Two of the best appear to be Steve Dionas (6-1, 205) and Darrell Stevens (5-11, 207).

Two experienced halfbacks will lend solid running and blocking to Hiebert's triple-option attack. Curtis Mayes is a breakaway threat having averaged 7.4 yards-per-carry in '71. He was Mt. Hood's second-leading ball carrier last fall. Tom Diaz mans the other halfback. He scored 5 TDs last fall and is an outstanding blocker.

The Saints averaged 178 yards rushing last fall and 111 yards passing.

An experienced defensive corps will be a major asset on this year's club.

Ric Altishin (6-2, 240) moved from the offensive line to defensive end. The Central Catholic grad will be teamed with Glen Watters (5-11, 195).

At defensive tackle, the Saints boast (6-2, 240) Leo Clar.

Mt. Hood's Tennessee-style defense will be headed by an outstanding group of linebackers.

Kim Fox (5-9, 180, from Marshall) was second-team all conference at middle linebacker last fall. He's flanked by Stan Mendenhall (5-9, 200) and Duke Minium (6-2, 205). Kevin West (6-1, 205), a freshman from Parkrose, will see a lot of playing time.

Bob Boustead is the lone returner in the Saints second-

dary. He's the quickest man on the squad. Boustead is being counted on for the leadership needed in the loss of Harrington, Hugh Woodward and Scott Seiler.

Freshmen Bob Bird, Mike Booker, Darrell Mellum and Scott Sanders will battle for the remaining slots along with Gresham grad Mike Williams.

Stan Woodfill, a freshman from Gresham, will handle the

Saints kicking chores in the loss of Woodward.

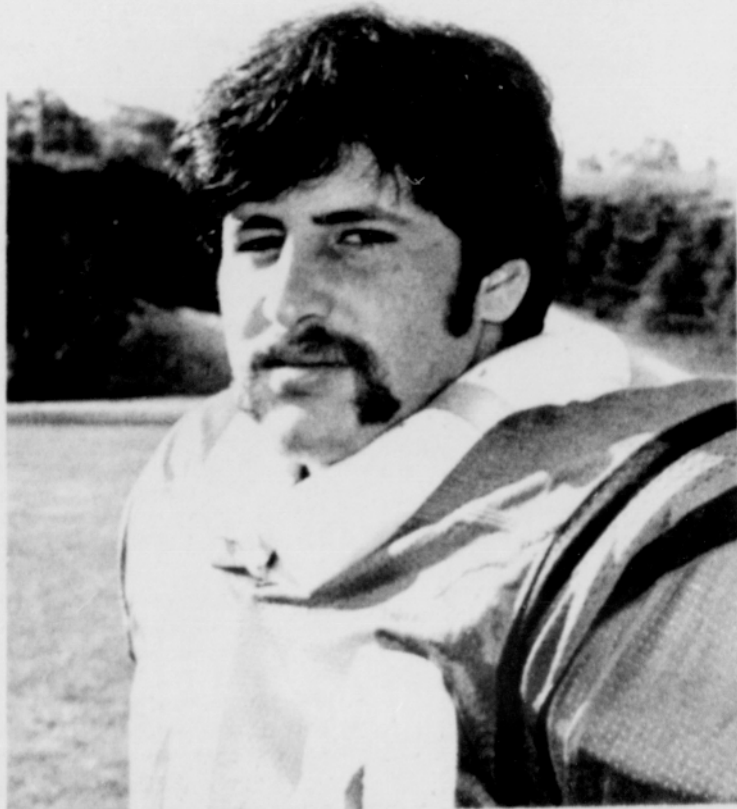
Grays Harbor, defending division champ, will again contest the Saints for a spot in the conference championship game.

Size, depth, running and defense must propel the Saints if they're to reach their goal of an NAACC championship in only their third year of competition.



DOUG OBERKAMPER (6-2, 250) is heralded by coaching staff as one of the best offensive linemen in the Northwest. The David Douglas grad is making switch from offensive tackle to offensive guard.

(McBane photo)



KIM FOX, Saints middle-linebacker, will be in starting lineup when MHCC takes on Yakima Valley College this Saturday. Fox was 2nd team all conference in '71 and leads strong Saint defense.

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CURTIS MAYES, sophomore halfback from Benson, gives Saints breakaway threat. Mayes averaged more than 7 yards per carry last fall and was Saints second-leading ground gainer.

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