

# WILCO PREVIEW



## Bruins plot ambush on Barlow trail

Barlow's 1981 teams reminds Coach John Harrington of the Bruin squad of two seasons ago.

"Two years ago we started out with 19 new kids at the 22 positions," he says. "We got stronger as the season went along."

Much stronger, as it turned out. That Bruin team lost three of its first five games, but then went all the way to the state quarterfinals.

This year, Barlow would like to get back into the state playoffs. Successive losses to Columbia and Clackamas late last season ruined the Bruins' hopes. Graduation took a heavy toll on the team's personnel and left Harrington and staff to put the pieces back together.

"I'm pleasantly surprised at what we've been able to do (in practice), considering the fact that we lost a lot of kids," he says. "But we're a young team and I would hesitate to make any kind of prediction at this point."

Despite Harrington's seeming uncertainty, don't figure Barlow to be an easy mark for anyone. The Bruins have too many things going for them.

Quarterback and tailback have traditionally been two key spots of the Barlow squad, and there the Bruins seem in good stead. Replacing graduated Brad Nizdil at quarterback will be either Bill Fellows or Brad Kubik, both of whom are juniors and both of whom Harrington says he would be comfortable with.

"Fellows reminds me a little of Bill Richardson (the team's quarterback of three seasons ago)," Harrington says. "He's long and lean, he can throw the ball and he has a lot of intelligence on the field."

"Kubik was just a little guy when he came out as a freshman, but since then he's really grown. He's gotten real strong and he throws the ball about 200 percent better."

The tailback situation has senior Scott Ogle and junior Paul DeKamp vying for starting honors. "The two of them are as good a pair of tailbacks as we've had," Harrington says. "They both have the ability to run laterally and that's something that's really hard to coach."

Lining up between quarterback and tailback in the Bruin I will be either Mike Battles or Bob Moore. Both have JV experience at the fullback spot.

At the receiving positions, Barlow has returnees Randy Rollins and Joe Burns. Both were part-time offensive players last year. They'll be counted on for a more significant contribution on offense and will also be playing a lot of defense, which means Barlow has been looking for a third receiver.

Harrington thinks he's found the answer in Brad Rhodes. A junior who recently won a silver medal in the World



Jack Gleason, left, and head coach John Harrington make point so that Barlow may score some.

Schoolboy Greco-Roman wrestling championships, Rhodes came to camp in top condition and has been impressive.

"He surprised the heck out of me," Harrington says. "I think he'll play for us."

On the offensive line, Barlow has three of its five 1980 starters back in center John Peterson, guard Mark Jones and tackle Kent Seida. Seida could be the real sleeper of the group. The senior dropped nearly 40 pounds in an off-season weight-loss program and has been wowing the Bruin coaching staff.

"Kent is unbelievably improved from last year," Harrington says. "Last year he was real strong but he was slow. This year he's running right up front in our sprint drills."

On defense, the Bruins have returning nose guard Rick Galbreath up front plus Jones, Seida and junior returnee Tony Pianovi.

The secondary looks OK, too, with starters Ogle and Rollins plus 1980 reserves Steve Ross and Gary Dunn back.

The Bruins' weak point from the standpoint of experience is linebacker, where 1980 all-Wilco selection Steve Fex graduated. The leading candidates are Steve Gardiner, a 195-pound senior, and Pat Miller, a transfer student from Alabama.

"I can't really say we have a young team," Harrington

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