

NW PREVIEW

Cards dealt a new head hand



All-league halfback Kelly Cunningham will lead the Corbett charge.

There has been a changing of the guard up on the hill in Corbett. Gone is Coach Dave Treick, who took the Cardinals from Class A obscurity to the Class A playoffs. Treick introduced Corbett to respectability in his five years at the helm. His record over the last three years was 20-7, and he made the Class A playoffs the last two.

But the Treick era is gone now that he has accepted an administrative position in Baker.

Say hello to the Humphrey era. The new Cardinal mentor is Doug Humphrey, a long-time Corbett resident and a teacher and girls basketball coach at Gresham High School. Humphrey will keep his Gresham jobs, but after school in the fall he'll be battling the wind up the gorge in hopes

of bringing a Northwest League championship to Corbett.

"I coached football at Gresham when I first started 18 years ago," Humphrey says. "And I've played a lot of football. This is just a lovely community. I enjoy the people, and I think this is going to be very enjoyable."

It will be especially enjoyable if he can field the same types of teams that won those 20 games over the past three years. And from the looks of things, he can.

The Cards lost some talent to graduation, specifically running back Lowell Norby, but the bulk of it is back. And that includes Kevin Brandon, the starting quarterback a year ago, and sophomore Ted Schuster, who is giving Brandon a run for his money.

"They're just about equal in ability," Humphrey says.

Even without Norby, the Cards have good depth at the skill positions. All-league halfback Kelly Cunningham returns for his senior season, and there is no dearth of hands for Brandon or Schuster to aim at with the likes of Todd Sturrock, Matt Elwood and Bruce Sams around.

Opening holes for Cunningham is all-league guard John Kimbley, who manhandled just about everything in sight last year on both sides of the line. He'll do the same this season, playing linebacker on defense.

Humphrey has another experienced backer in Bob Bennett. "They are both good players," Humphrey says.

Forming a formidable defensive wall will be the Baker brothers, Brad and Jake, and Tommy Smith.

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