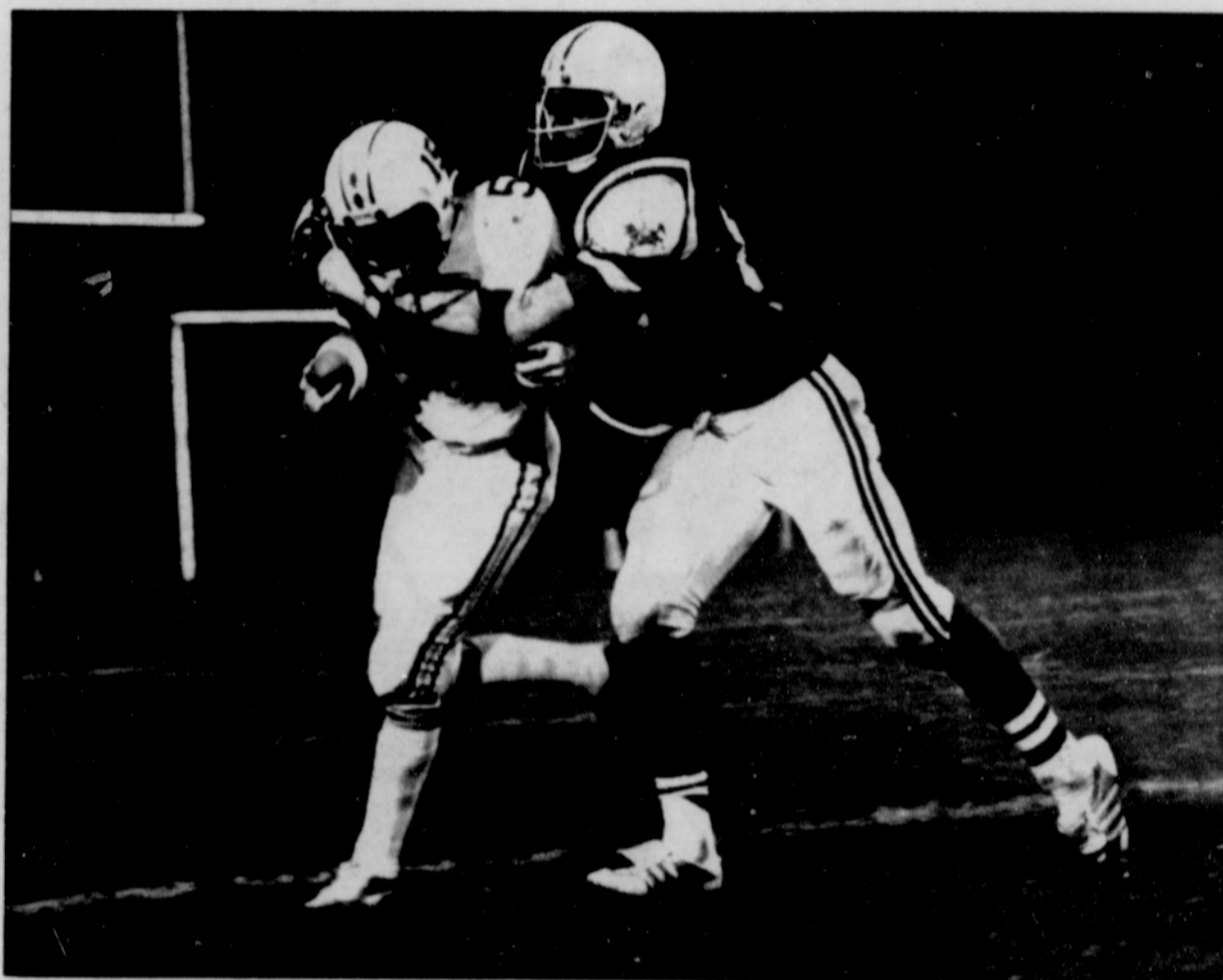


# PREVIEW



Ed Sowash



Tony Domingue will anchor both the offense and defense.

## Lancers: It's a whole new ballgame for last year's champion

It's a whole new ballgame in Lancerville this season.

Reynolds had one of the all-time great East County teams in 1981, going 11-1 and making the state Class AAA quarterfinals. Its only loss was to eventual state champion Roseburg in a monsoon at Eugene's Autzen Stadium.

But alas, that was last year and anyone expecting a repeat could be voted Optimist of the Year.

For one thing, 20 of the Lancers' 22 starters a year ago graduated. For another, head coach Craig Ruecker moved on to Glencoe.

In addition, new head man Ed Sowash doesn't have much to work with in the experience department and with 35 players out for the varsity, the Lancers don't have a whole lot of depth, either.

That's the bad news.

On the plus side, the discipline and dedication that were hallmarks of the Ruecker years are still much in evidence on the Lancer practice field.

And then there's Tony Domingue. Considered by many to be the top player in this year's new Mt. Hood Conference — if not the Portland area — Domingue (Sr., 6-5, 223) is the lone starter left over from last year's team. He played a fearsome defensive tackle last year but gained more notice at his tight end spot. There he caught 27 balls, third-best in the Wilco League, for 525 yards and nine touchdowns.

Domingue, along with wide receivers Jeff Schetter (Sr., 5-9, 160) and Don Leek (Sr., 6-1, 165) and quarterback Rod Gjesdal (Jr., 6-0, 170), is the main reason Sowash will revive the Reynolds aerial game, a Lancer trademark until two years ago when the team's talent dictated a more balanced attack.

Gjesdal, the third member of his family to pull on a green-and-white Reynolds varsity jersey, suited up with the varsity last year but didn't play a down, seeing all of his football action exclusively with the Lancer JV team. Sowash figures the junior signal-caller has the potential to become the top quarterback in the conference before he's done.

"I've worked with guys like Roggy Pflug, Matt Poorman and Mike Snyder," says Sowash. "Gjesdal ranks right with them in ability."

While Gjesdal figures to be the No. 1 quarterback, the Lancers also have junior Anthony Salgado, who may also play at wide receiver.

In Schetter and Leek, Reynolds has speed at the wide spots and with Domingue figuring to attract a lot of attention from defenses, the pair could end up catching plenty of balls.

In the backfield, the Lancers' fine trio of Vince Wappler, Dane Gjesdal and Melvin Renfro all graduated. The only experienced hand at running back is Terry Unruh (Sr., 5-7, 160). Unruh saw limited action last year before going out for the season with a broken ankle following a mid-season bicycle accident. He should be the main man in the Lancer running game. Marcus Kaneshiro looks to be the fullback in the Reynolds pro set.

Up front, there are all new faces. Sowash considers Brian Monson (Jr., 6-3, 205) his top line prospect. He figures to line up at tackle. Eric Hval and Brad Johnson give the line additional size. Lou Kaczinski (Sr., 6-0, 190) and Tom Dilley (Sr., 5-11, 160) are both guard hopefuls. The center position is still up for grabs.

Defensively, expect to see many of the

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