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Groves, Seaholm Prepare for Opening Day Grid Clash

SEVEN LETTERMEN RETURN

New Groves Head Coach Finds Material Scarce

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Hustle: What' part does it play in victory—Maybe 50 per cent; 70; 90?

Whatever its worth, hustle will be golden to Wylie E. Groves High School football coach James Kinnison this year.

It's not to be, because the alternate to hustle is experience, and personnel experience is exactly what Kinnison is without.

The Falcons coach, in his first year as head coach at Groves, has a grand total of seven lettermen returning. Of that group, only two are seniors.

HUSTLE?

"Yes, we've got plenty of that," said Kinnison, "and it might be enough to surprise a lot of people. But with all our young players, it's impossible to say how they'll stand up under game conditions. The kids have sure been hanging each other around in practice though."

Groves' 35-man squad opened twice-daily practice sessions last Monday in preparation for the Sept. 14 opening game against Seaholm.

THE SEVENTH through 12th grade school, which has about 1,100 students in the high school grades, will play its final year this season in the Tri-River League.

The 1962 Groves grid team will employ a split-T offense, with strong emphasis on the passing game, but will do so with an untried quarterback.

"I transferred Bill Stephenson, Jr., our right end last year, to quarterback," Kinnison explained. "Bill has come along well in early drills, and although a bit rusty in his ball handling, looks like he will make a pretty fair quarterback. I know he can throw."

FOR RECEIVERS to haul in Stephenson's tosses, the coach has a group of 15 to choose from, all with reportedly "good" hands.

Dave Kawicki will most likely take over the right end spot, and his mate at left end will be Steve Bartholme.

The lone returning letterman in Groves starting backfield is their 190-pounder fullback, 6'3", Neil Granader. The backfield will be thinned considerably when the focus is switched to halfback.

COMPETING for the open right halfback position are Lloyd Lewis and Tom Shepard, both about 170 pounds, with "good" speed.

Two juniors, Tom Dashiell and Hugh Nickel, are vying for the left half berth.

Kinnison's three-man staff—Ed Mirer, Jim Bloomhoff and Alan Vordermark—have a light, fast and inexperienced line to work with.

"The linemen are hitting hard in practice," Kinnison offered, "but

three of the five interior linemen are sophomores and their talent is very hard to judge until we meet another school."

STEVE Waininger, 190-pound senior right tackle, is the forward wall veteran. He is followed by junior Hugh McCombs, Jr., 185-pound letterman center; Kirk O-

son, 185-pound sophomore left guard; Dick Baizenor, left tackle, a 160-pound sophomore; and 180-pound sophomore right guard, Tom McKinnie.

McKinnie is considered by the coaches as a potentially excellent prospect for future greatness.

With his crop of veteran personnel, Seaholm is expected to be a

Reserved Seat Policy Dropped

Reserve seats will not be sold to Seaholm High School football games this season.

All seats will be sold on a first come, first serve basis, but Birmingham Athletic Director Frank Whitney said that there will be plenty of ticket windows open to handle the crowds.

The box offices at both the north and south ends of the field will be open at 7 p.m.

LINE DEPTH LACKING

Exceptional Size Keynote To Seaholm Football Success

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"An average of 205 pounds from offensive tackle to tackle, huh, Carl?" Well, with two backs weighing over 200, it would sure be ideal to have some speed back there.

"Our first two sets of ball-carriers can all run the 100 in 10.5 or under, so we're gifted with both speed and size," revealed Seaholm High School head football coach Carl Lemle.

"In that case," came the next question, "chances look excellent for surpassing last year's 4-5 record."

"Let's put it this way," reflected the coach, "if everything goes right we should be the best in the league."

THINGS WERE beginning to look like a football Utopia was blooming out at the Seaholm campus.

So, in a search for a leveling factor, another question was put to Lemle. "Is there anything your club isn't blessed with this season?"

"Yep," sighed the Maple mentor as things were brought back to earth, "very little depth in the line. Behind that first bunch we're no more than average."

NOW THE situation was looking more like a natural, uncertain step into a coming football campaign rather than a blitzkrieg on the rest of the Eastern Michigan League circuit.

The 1962 Seaholm squad is, on paper, an excellent team, especially in the backfield.

Last year's leading ground gainer, 290 pound senior fullback Jack Harvey, has been moved to left half this year to open the fullback slot to one of the biggest line-backers in the state, 6'-3", 240-pound Brant Conley.

Both Harvey and Conley are described as fast, powerful runners by their coach.

DIRECTING the team's multiple offense—a combination of the split-

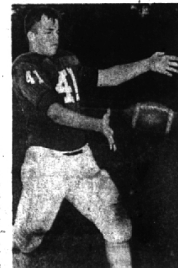
T and winger-T—will be quarterback Jim Foster. Lemle's offense football always relies heavily on passing, and he reports Foster is the kind who can get the ball to the receivers.

Right halfback is open. Lemle said the strongest candidates for the position appear to be Bob Drobler, Ken Hef, Brent Miller and Rick Carlson.

This year is in their crop of receivers. The first line talent is there, but the depth is lacking.

John Slater, a 6'-3" 185-pound senior, is the solid choice for the right flanker, but left end has yet to be filled. Outstanding candidates are Ron Jacobson and Bob Lamarra, a converted right halfback.

The interior line should command considerable respect from every EML opponent. Four of the five starting jobs are held down by



Brant Conley



THIS IS PART of the starting line that Groves will have to face next Friday when "King Football" returns to Birmingham. These hefty Seaholm Maples are John Bir-



It's a Woman's World

Bloomfield Hills Varsity cheerleader Cindy Skalsky donned a football helmet early this week and gave a few impromptu lessons in cheerleading to some of the Junior Varsity

Hills X-Country Squad Looks for Distance Men

Want to run 25 miles a week with lead weights strapped to each leg?

Report to Chuck Robinson, athletic department, Bloomfield Hills High School and you'll be taken care of faster than you can say cross country.

Robinson, veteran coach of the Baron cross country squad, is on the lookout for top-eight distance men this season.

Gene is ace Bob Smith who coped first place honors in every dual

meet that the Hills ran during the 1961 season.

ONLY THREE lettermen are returning from the Baron squad that compiled a won six lost two record in 1961 and took Wayne-Oakland and regional honors the year before.

Facing the current squad is senior Tom Hoopengardner who was a star miler on the Hills track team last spring. Hoopengardner finished 38th in last year's regionals.

Other lettermen are Fred Fink and Jack Armstrong both veterans of Don Hoff's spring track squad.

A bright spot, but still a question mark, is senior Paul Johnston. Johnston is a transfer student from Berkley High School.

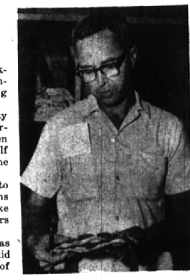
tion face Johnston.

CURRENTLY the squad is working on wind sprints reading themselves for the Sept. 18 opening league meet with Milford.

Also counted on for lots of duty is junior Bob Richards who surprised everyone last Spring when he was clocked in 2:06 for the half mile while winning honors for the track squad.

Other distance men expected to see plenty of action for the Barons are Chuck Leffler, a junior, Mike Keller, also a junior, and seniors Brian Bish and Richard Wright.

"I expect we'll be just as good as last year and maybe better," said Robinson, "but we've got plenty of hard work ahead of us."



Chuck Robinson

Star Bowler To Appear at B'ham Bowl

Marion Ladewig, one of the greatest women bowlers of all time, will roll into Birmingham at 2:30 p.m. Saturday for an appearance at Birmingham Bowl.

According to Rod Smith, owner of Birmingham Bowl, Woodward and Lincoln, Mrs. Ladewig will bowl an exhibition match and give free instruction.

Mrs. Ladewig has a string of titles and honors as long as a regulation bowling lane. In addition to her seven wins in the All-Star tournament, she's captured the WIBC all-events twice, World's Invitational twice, National Doubles twice and WIBC Doubles once.

As a member of the Brunswick Advisory Staff of Champions, Mrs. Ladewig is one of the more than 125 big-league stars who promote bowling with exhibitions and instruction appearances throughout the country.

Smith also announced that Birmingham Bowl has several openings for men, women and mixed leagues. Further information may be obtained by calling Smith.



Oakland Hills Champ

Michael Gregory Conroy, 23, won the men's club championship at Oakland Hills Monday afternoon by defeating Mike Boss, 6-4, in a 36-hole match over the OHCC "monster" course. This was the second Conroy family victory in a row. Last year brother John took the same crown. Mike, sparked by a brilliant 68 in Saturday's qualifying play, used his golfing touch plus his distinctive red and white umbrella as a sun shade to turn in another Conroy win. Mike is the son of Leo Conroy, golf pro at North Hills Country Club.

Little League Football Starting Whistle Ready

Tryouts opened Wednesday afternoon at three fields for all youngsters interested in playing in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Little League football program this fall.

The tryouts started at St. James Field, Vaughan School and Pembroke Park. Starting time was 4:30 p.m.

All boys interested still have time to register and start practice.

In order to be eligible for the program boys must reside in Birmingham or Bloomfield Hills School District area but need not attend public schools.

They must be in the 9-to-12 age bracket, Aug. 1 is used as the base date in determining ages.

OTHER LEAGUES requirements are:

Freshmen players (9-10) must weigh 65 pounds but not over 95. Varsity players (11-12) must weigh at least 80 pounds but not over 110.

Each boy must undergo a physical examination and have the approval of his family doctor in order to play.

Here is where all boys are to report for practice:

Those boys residing south of Maple between Woodward and Cranbrook are to report to St. James Field. All boys living north of Maple Road and west of Woodward and south of Maple, west of

Cranbrook are to report to Vaughan School.

ALL BOYS who live east of Woodward—unless Vaughan School is closer—are to report to Pembroke Park. Location of Pembroke Park is just off Eton Road north of Maple.

Vaughan School is located on Vaughan Road in Bloomfield and St. James Field is situated back of the YMCA on Lincoln Road in Birmingham.

Practices will be conducted throughout September. The first games on the Varsity's schedule are slated for Friday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. These games will be held on the Pierce School Field.

The Junior Varsity will open this season the following day, Sept. 29 with games at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The Junior Varsity will hold its games at Seaholm High School Field, Derby Junior High School Field and Bloomfield Hills High School Field.

ALL BOYS selected for the 12 teams will be completely outfitted with the best of football equipment and will be fully covered by insurance. All boys, however, must provide their own shoes.

The league is geared to handle 360 boys. The number of tryouts is (See FOOTBALL, 2-E)

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