

Could be long grid season

Uphill battle for Lathrup

By BOB GROSS

In an era of two-pla-
ton football, Southfield-
Lathrup coach Bob Mar-
ten finds himself with a
lot of players performing
on both defense and offense.

"We just don't have enough people who go out," said Marten. "It's always been one of our problems."

"It does kind of hurt us in the fourth quarter," he admitted.

Ron Curcio, George Shultz, Russ Shoup and Mel Tucker are some of Marten's "iron men" he intends to play both ways.

Curcio, an all-state baseball player, will play guard on offense and linebacker on defense; Shultz, a junior, will play fullback on offense and linebacker on defense; Shoup, a transfer student, will play tackle on both offense and defense; and Tucker, also a transfer, will play halfback on offense and safety on defense.

One problem with players going both ways is a lack of depth. Marten said his team lacks depth overall and especially on the line. He said a key to his team having a successful season would be the ability to get through the schedule with no injuries.

The one place the Chargers do have adequate troops is at offensive end.

"We have two ends who are good blockers," said Marten, "and two ends who are good receivers, so we will vary it through the season."

"We'll probably be rotating our ends throughout the game," he continued, adding that he will use them as messengers to relay plays from the sideline.

On the receiving end of those plays will be one of

two junior quarterback prospects.

"We've got two junior quarterbacks (John Moroney and Robert Bobbitt) who don't throw the ball too badly," said Marten, "but I think with the people we've got coming back we'll probably stay on the ground."

The Chargers will run out of a multiple-set offense according to Marten, switching from a pro-set to an I-formation as situations demand.

On defense, Lathrup will throw a five-man line, four-linebacker front at its opponents.

"We use our linebackers a great deal," said Marten. "With only two safeties, the linebackers' responsibilities include both the running game, short passes into the flat, and hooks and curls over the middle."

Marten picks both Royal Oak Dendro and Birmingham Groves as the cream of the Metro Suburban Association this year. If Lathrup is to challenge, said Marten, "We're just going to have to have a more concentrated effort on carrying out assignments."

Seaholm gridders are strong, but Kimball's the power in SMA

By BOB GROSS

"I got decimated by graduation," said Seaholm football coach Chuck Skinner. "Our team's so young," he went on, "some of them still have teething rings in their mouths."

Only six starters return to the Maples off a squad that was 7-2 last year. Seaholm lost 27 players.

Returning players include Tom Robinson, a fullback; Steve Ross, a tackle; Steve Smith, a tackle; Mark King, a halfback; Curt Pielike, a linebacker; and Jerry O'Donnell, a defensive end.

Players Skinner is counting on to step in and fill positions on offense are ends Rick Doyle, Jim Gibson, Craig Gossett and John Worsley; running backs Greg Pielike, Guy Boigis and Billy Kronz; line-men Mike Lundy, Mark Colwell, Chris Marwin and Kurt Ruecke; and quarterback Mike Weber.

On defense, the Maples will go with linemen Paul Martell, Dave Beatty and Brent Mallek; linebackers Jeff Paycurry, Jeff Hoggie and Matt Vermulien; and defensive halfback Dave Thomas.

WHILE MOST of the new starters are players from last year's second team, at least seven come directly from a JV team that was 6-3 last year.

On offense, the Maples will run out of the I formation on most downs, varying it with split I, pro split and full house sets.

Both the quarterback and the running backs will operate behind a line averaging 6-0, 185-pounds, said Skinner.

"We're not huge," he said. "We've got small guards and a small center — our tackles are decent-sized."

Defensively, the Maples are a little bigger across the front with tackles Ross and Martell weighing in at 210 and 215 pounds respectively.

The Maples will play a 4-4 defense with two down tackles and the ends standing.

IN THE race for the Southeast Michigan Association title, Skinner is going with the favorites, "Kimball and Hazel Park," he said, "although I think Ferndale's going to cause a lot of trouble."

"I think," he said, "we're going to be right in there fighting for it."

Non-league foes Skinner sees as being tough are Royal Oak Dendro and Birmingham Groves. He also includes Bloomfield Hills Lahser in that group.

"I've heard Lahser is much improved with six transfer students," he said.

Skinner and the Maples are looking forward to another winning season if a few "ifs" become certain.

"Our skilled people are going to have to perform really good," said Skinner, "and our defensive people have to perform real good."

The Maples open their season with a game Friday at Southfield-Lathrup. The first home game is Sept. 21 against league rival Hazel Park.

3 mile run set

The Fifth Annual Cross Country Race, sponsored by the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation department, will be run Sunday, Sept. 9, at Marshbank Metropark.

It will be a three-mile race, with five categories for men and two for women. Trophies and medals will be awarded in each category.

In the men's division, categories will be Juniors (under 18); Open (18-29); Sub Masters (30-39); Masters (40-49); and Veterans (50 and up).

In the women's division, categories will be 34 and under and 35 and over.

Registration will be \$4, and can be made on the day of the race or in advance at the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation office, Maple and Drake roads, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The race is open to everyone but those running high school cross country. Check-in time is 8:30-9:30 a.m. on the day of the race. Those under the age of 18 must have their entry form signed by their parent or legal guardian.

The race will begin at 10 a.m. Marshbank Metropark is on Hillier Road, north of Commerce Road.

For further information, call the Parks and Recreation office at 661-2400.



Running back Mel Tucker leads coach Bob Marten's Lathrup squad in stretching exercises. (Photo by Dwight Cendrowski)

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