

2 Way Players Key To North Attack



OPTIMISTIC FOR 1973 are North Farmington head football Coach Ron Holland (right) and his returning All-Northwest and All-Observer running back Brad Pease. North opens with Pontiac Northern, home, on Saturday, Sept. 15. (Observer photo)

North Farmington head football coach Ron Holland is making his first step a cautious one as he prepares his Raiders for his 18th season at North Farmington.

North has the talent to win its fifth league title in the last nine years but Holland is picking rival Franklin to take it all, with his North crew, John Glenn and Garden City East fighting it out for second best honors.

Holland's teams have compiled an overall 12-year record of 41-23-3 which includes four league championships along with a 1970 state title.

North has only lost to Franklin three times in 12 years and Holland already knows that the Oct. 20 battle this season with Franklin could be a real decider.

The North squad which finished 7-2 last season and second best to undefeated Garden City East in the Northwest Suburban Conference opens at home against Pontiac Northern on Sept. 15.

Graduation hit North 13 strong and for the "brown and gold" that is a bundle. North usually has a varsity turnout of about 25.

Holland had to see a lucky 13 sign in this season's turnout of 35 but things are still pointing to a two-way situation.

"We have some good talent



on this team but not a heck of a lot of depth," said Holland. "Depth is something we just never seem to overcome here at North."

"In 1970 I had 10 players going both ways. It was a one in and one out situation. This year will probably have eight players going both ways."

Ten starters are returning to the Raider ranks.

Mike Daley at 6-0 and 170 pounds has the No. 1 task of handling the quarterbacking chores. Daley was back-up

last season.

"The quarterback position has to be our main question mark because of his lack of experience," commented Holland. "Thus our entire offense is very questionable."

The fullback slot has been nailed down by 6-0, 180-pound Mike Combes who is noted more for his blocking than running, and a good share of blocking he will be doing.

Three-year starter, All Northwest and All Observer halfback Brad Pease could easily shatter all running

records at North this season.

The 5-11, 185-pound Pease ground out 450 yards his sophomore year and 885 last season.

"Brad has picked up about 13 pounds and is a lot stronger," added Holland.

Alternating at the other half-back slot will be 5-9, 160-pound Dave Babcock and 5-7, 130-pound Dan Kramer.

Holland is very high on his ends in 6-3, 190-pound Jim Fredericks and 6-0, 170-pound John Patek.

"We will be throwing a lot," stated Holland. "We used to go something like 2/3 run and 1/3 pass. It should be about 50-50 this season."

The offensive line has Brian Chisholm (5-10, 215 pounds) and Gary Kelterborn (5-9, 165 pounds) at the tackle berths. At guard will be 5-11, 185-pound Joe D'Agostino and 5-8, 160-pound Todd Byrne. John Daubemeyer at 6-2 and 190 pounds will be the No. 1 Raider center.

"This line has to be the most experienced we have ever had at North," added Holland.

The defensive setback sports two returning starters in Chisholm and Steve Trawick (6-1, and 235 pounds) with Steve Chase at 6-0 and 180 pounds and Randy Balzarini at 6-0 and 210 pounds filling out the front card.

An average weight of about 265 pounds tells the story of the Raider defensive front which is complemented by experience in the backfield.

Linebackers will be Daubemeyer and D'Agostino, both returning starters at the position. Bill Lough at 5-11 and 180 pounds and Combes or Rob Haelterman at 5-9 and 165 pounds will handle the defensive end berths.

Holland couldn't ask for more experience in his complete returning secondary with Fredericks, Patek, Daley, Babcock, Kramer and Steve Kotecki set to do the job.

Plymouth '73 Assault Is To Rebuild And Win

Plymouth Salem head football Coach Tom Moshimer has tabbed the '73 season a "rebuilding one," but the Rock head mentor is far from writing it off as a losing one.

Salem, which finished 6-3 last year, was hit hard by graduation.

"We lost eight offensive starters," commented Moshimer who is in his seventh season at Plymouth. "We have 10 lettermen back but only five starters back of 22."

"This has to be a rebuilding year for us, but we will still be out after each game."

The Rocks wound up fourth in the Suburban Eight in '72 and have compiled an overall 22-21-3 record under Moshimer.

"Besides graduation taking its toll, the split in high schools isn't going to help our resources," added Moshimer, whose Rocks open at Bloomfield Hills Andover on Friday, Sept. 14 at 4 p.m.

The following week will have Plymouth pitted against Dearborn Edsel Ford on Sept. 21 in the Eight opener.

Moshimer is faced with slim pickings, having only five starters returning in Jeff Waller, Jeff Horton, Jim Mason, Rick Neu and Gary Baker.

Waller at 6-7 and 180 pounds will be at the offensive guard and defensive middle guard slots. At fullback is Horton, 5-10 and 175 pounds and honorable mention All-Suburban Eight last year.

Mason will be a tight end at 6-1 and 178 pounds. Baker a defensive halfback and split end at 5-10 and 150 pounds, and Neu the key to the Plymouth attack.

At 5-9 and 158 pounds, Neu, who was the back-up signal caller last season, has the No. 1 quarterback assignment.

"Rick is a strong runner and adequate passer," commented Moshimer. "If we go in '73, it will be Neu that will do it."

Backing up Neu will be 5-10, 157 pound senior Todd Butkema, who Moshimer might call on in passing situations. A year away in the quarterbacking position is junior Tom Dillios.

A real battle is on in the halfback department between 5-11, 182-pound senior Mark Kraay and juniors Doug Ward at 5-8 and 153 pounds and Doug Tripp at 5-9 and 158 pounds.

Horton will be handling most of the fullback chores but Moshimer is counting on

junior Scott Agnew (5-9 and 162 pounds) to see a lot of action.

The center berth is a real problem.

Steve Goodwiller, the starting half snapper, has come up with a bad knee and his back-up John Lynch is out with a leg injury. Sophomore Lance Rippee was to fill in but was injured and Moshimer has moved Dan Ross from tight end to center.

At guard will be Waller and Bill White with Joe Crowther, Andy Jones and Jerry Brink also to see action.

The tackle slots are where Plymouth "lost everything."

Russ Brink at 5-11 and 178 pounds is the lone experienced man with Rick Wilson, Gary Grey, Bruce Wetaszak and Rick Ward in contention.

Ward is just one of four transfers that Moshimer has happily accepted into the Rock lineup.

At 5-11 and 211 pounds, Ward is a junior from California.

Another tackle prospect is junior Mark Manthey at 6-3 and 213 pounds from Ohio. Ken Kelly is a senior end at 6-1 and 170 pounds from Ohio and Ted Kietzman a 5-11 and 145-pound defensive halfback from Massachusetts.

"I really don't know much about these four," added Moshimer. "But they can't do anything but help our attack."

Mark Klucka at 5-10 and 204 pounds is another tackle hopeful.

At ends will be Mason and Baker along with 6-2, 175-pound senior Charlie Heid and Pete Wittles.

Defense has Waller at nose guard, White and Brink at tackles, Agnew and Kraay at linebacker and Mason and Butkema at ends. "If we can, Neu, Ward and Scott Somerville (5-7 and 151 pounds), make up the backfield."

Neu will be handling the punting and Horton the place-kicking.

Wayne Sparkman, Gary Balconi and Ron Krueger will be aiding Moshimer on the varsity level, with Craig Bell and Dick Barr as junior varsity coaches.

"Trenton, Edsel Ford, Redford Union and Allen Park have to be the top four clubs in the Suburban Eight," said Moshimer. "The Eight coaches picked Trenton to win it."

"Bentley was tagged for sixth with us seventh and Dearborn last."

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With 5 p.m. today (Thursday) the deadline for entering the fourth annual Observerland men's golf championship at Whispering Willows in Livonia, tournament director Gary Whitener predicts the total field will be the largest to date.

"We have more entries now than for any previous tournament," Whitener said Tuesday morning. "Judging from the interest, we expect to have as many as 100 in the men's division."

"The same thing can be said of the women's division where the deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 11. Thus far we have received entries from Redford Township, Plymouth, Farmington, and Southfield from many of the better feminine golfers. We expect to have as many as 50 names in the box when the drawings are made next Wednesday."

The men's competition is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday of this week with 18 holes each day. Pairings will be available at the course's pro shop Friday morning.

"This will be our finest field," said Whitener. "We will have three of the four past champions on hand. They are: Dave Waters in 1970; Bud Stevens in 1971; and Tom Ahern, from Meadowbrook Country Club who won last year."

Gary mentioned that Tom Proben, the brilliant Redford Township star, has thoughts of entering although he reportedly has already started classes in college.

Proben, standout at Schoolcraft College, finished his classes there last spring and is now attending Eastern Michigan.

Additional entries are expected from the Farmington and Southfield areas.

Play in the men's division will start at 8:30 a.m. each day and the champion will be crowned Sunday afternoon around 4 p.m.

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Call for starting times, Friday, Sept. 7 after 10 a.m.
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Call for starting times, Wednesday, Sept. 12 after 10 a.m.

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