Rice shoots for second Class A state crown

By JOHN BOZZO

Improving on an undefeated state championship season is the challenge Brother Rice gridders face this fall. Head coach Al Fracassa spurred his team onward last year with the slogan "Do it better than it's ever been done before."

before."

Fracassa developed a new motto,
"How good do you want to be?" to
spark his team again.

"We're trying not to worry about who we're going to play and how quick or big they might be," Fracassa said. "My concern now is execution and performance.

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"Each day we want everyone wor-rying about becoming a little better and giving 100 per cent," Fracassa said. "It's a personal attitude. We want that attitude to catch on with the

Consistently efficient performance is what Fracassa is seeking during the

what rracassa is seeking during the pre-season drills.

He doesn't want the first four weeks of practice aimed solely at preparing for Rice's opening game, Saturday, Sept. 9, versus Andover at the Sea-holm High School field.

"Preparing for just one team would limit the team's potential for improve-ment," Fracassa said.

ALTHOUGH OFFENSE usually takes longer to teach, because there are more skills involved, Rice's defense is developing at a slower rate than the offense during the early drills.

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Rice graduated eight starting defensemen from last season's state championship team. Most of the offensive starters are returning this fall.

Leading the list of veterane is the all—everything Warrier quarterback Jon English. A 6-3. 190-pound senior, English earned All-Sate, All-Catholic and Observer & Eccentric All-Area honors last season.

Three of English' frequent passing targets are returning. Among the receivers is another player with All-State, All-Catholic and All-Area credentials—Marty Martinez.

Martinez, 6-0, 170-pound senior, will bold forth from the split end position. This is his third season as a starting varsity player.

At tight end is Don Pietrowski, a 6-3, 185-pound senior. Although only a 5-6,

150-pound junior, Charlie Dillon does a big-sized job at flanker. Both Piet-rowski and Dillon were starters in 1977.

JOHN BARANSKA, a 5-6, 175-pound senior, is heading for his third varsity season at tailback. His running mate in the backfield, 5-8, 185-pound senior fullback David Lukes, will be starting for the first time this fall. First the starting for the first time this fall. The starting of the first time this fall. The starting the starting for the first time this fall. Starting the starting tackle position. John Bosse, 5-10, 210-pound senior, returns to the starting tackle position, the also snaps the ball on punts and kickoffs, Dave Mehalas, 6-2, 205-pound senior will man the other tackle spot. Mehalas was starting center the first three games last season. An injury forced him to miss the rest of the Gree Moote and Term Moore, no.

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Greg Moore and Tom Moore, no relation, will handle the offensive guard positions. Greg, a 5-11, 190-pound junior, has no varsity experience. Tom, a 58, 170-pound senior, also had no game time last fall.

Brian Brennan, a 5-7, 155 pound junior, will alternate af flankor, as well 5-0, 169-pound senior Rot LaResee. This is Laftesee's and Brennan's first year of football.

Brian Swanson returns to handle the field goal and point after touchdown kicking. He is a 5-10, 170 pound senior. For the second straight season, Brother Rice will two-platoon, with a separate starting offerse and defensive team. No player will start both ways.

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STEVE CHIODO returns to handle a defensive tackle spot. A 6-2, 185-pound senior, Chiodo earged All-Catholic borrs last year. Jim Beauregard, 6-2, beauthead the senior lineabeater is in his shirt year, senior lineabeater is in his shirt year, senior lineabeater is concaptain of the team ten. He also is occaptain of the team ten. He also is occaptain of the team ten. He first year that year. The remainder of Rice's defense is manned by inexperienced players. "Some of the kids who played second team last year have moved up to starting positions," said assistant coach from Kalczynski. "The big thing is lack of game experience. There's no substitute for playing."

Tom Morback, a 5-8, 150-pound sen-ior, and Tom Cote, a 5-8, 160-pound junior will handle the end positions. Mike Cooney, a 6-3, 180-pound senior, is slated for tackle.

At the cornerback positions are Brian Brennan, a 5-7, 185-pound junior, and Dennis Madigan, a 5-10, 180-pound senior. Joe MacLean, a 5-6, 185-pound senior, will handle the strong safety duties.

"MacLean has been a nice sur-prise," said assistant coach Mike Cies-lak. "He understands our total concept and really wants to play."

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OTHER PROMISING defensive players are \$-6, 169-pound senior Ken Johnson and sophomore twins Tun and Tom MacLean, trim, at \$-10, 165-pounds, is a correstack. Tom, at \$-11, 185-pounds, is a linebacker.

Holding down the center of Rice's defensive line is Tony Salit. A \$-6, 155-pound senior, Salit was a second-string player last year.

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Eaglets to defend Class C title campus. Riddick gained 1,300 yards last season as a soptomore. The new coach has been impressed thus far in pre-season drills by freshmen Carl Pellagata (6-1, 165-pounds). Palana Staffeld (9-3, 164) pounds). Pellagata and Beckett are backs and Staffeld will handle guard and linebacker responsibilities.

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First-year coach Al Dicken has a tough act to follow.
Dicken must be wondering how one can improve on a 120 record and a state Class C champiorship.
When last year's coach, Art Paddy, stepped down, Dicken applied for the bead football job at Orchard Lake St. Mary because he yearned for opportunity in that sport. Dicken's loyalties are toward football having been a player himself. Dicken resigned as head basketball coach at West Beomitteld to take the job at St. Mary.
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For the fourth corsecutive year, the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club claimed the championship trophy of the Inter-Club Tennis Tournament.

Hunt Club Pajews won their fourth straight triumph in the 10th annual event, which players won their fourth straight triumph in the 10th annual event, which are to the Birmingham Country Club.

See teams, a total of 180 players constitution was held in five event. Competition was held in five

6-1.
Following is a complete list of all the championship matches:

Girls 18 Singles: Sarah Yntema (BAC) defeated Jennifer Reason (BAC) 103; Doubles—Jackie Paige-Molly Kelly (PL) defeated Sarah Hoisington-Eliza-

Tennis results

"and we could be even better defen-sively than we were last year."

Putting it mildly, Dicken must replace some key performers from last season's state title team which beat West Iron County in the finals at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The number one replacement involves a quarterback. The Eaglets' Mr. Everything, Jim Paciorek, moved on the the University, of Michigan in pursuit of Röck Leach's job. Slated to replace Paciorek, who was a first-team all-stater, is junior Jim Kinville (6.3, 180 pounds). He was Paciorek's backup but played little as asophomore.

GIRLS 12 SINGLES: Jeanne Gibbons (OL) defeated Amy Schmidt (PL) 16, 63, 62; Doubles—Amy Schmidt-Katy Leonard (PL) defeated Jean Gibbons-Sally Maentz (OL) 36, 63, 61.

GIRLS 18 SINGLES: Robbie Risdon (BOH) defeated Sue Berg (OH) 6-3, 6-1; Doubles—Robbie Risdon-Kara Dahm (BOH) defeated Suranne Dietz-Ann Berg (OH) 6-0, 6-4.

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BOYS 12 SINGLES: Mike Parks (01) defeated Bar Walsh (BAC) 6-1. 4: Doubles—Bail Dunnfanted Riker (PL) defeated Jeff Ingold Bob Mylod (BAC) 7-5. 4-4, 6-4.

BOYS 16 SINGLES: Chip Bagley (PL) defeated Bill Harahan (BOH) 62, 7-5; Doubles—Bill Harahan-Craig Lee (BOH) defeated Paul Dylewski-Mark Tay-lor (OH) 7-5, 6-0.

Paciorek is gone and that he doesn't have to compare himself to anyone," said Dicken.
Paciorek led Paddy's wing-T attack last year by scoring 85 touchdowrs.
On offense, Dicken returns running backs Dave Kay (58, 155-pounds) and form Sikora (69, 165-pounds) and form Sikora (69, 165-pounds) and form Sikora in football and basket-ball. They both are seniors.
Another returnee is slot back John Masstrakowski, a senior.
Dicken said tight end will be a strong position with the return of Nua Vucina) (61, 185-pounds).
"He (Nua) is a very talented athlete who will go both ways," Dicken said. "He has very good hands." Dicken said. "Matt will go both ways at end," said heat Martin (64, 2019-pounds) is a with furth year coach. Martin is only a junior.
Other two-way standouts include guard Richard Giecek (5-10, 175-pounds), and offersive tackle and two-year starter Frank Zimotzak (5-10, 170-pound senior).

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"We have a good nucleus returing but in our league I am not really familiar with the other squads," said Dicken.

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