

# Clarenceville grid plans change for '93 season

By STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Dave Young will try to make the most of a challenging situation as Livonia Clarenceville football coach.

Clarenceville named Young as interim coach in place of Chuck Donaldson, who is still recovering from a serious car accident in late June.

The Trojans must keep playing, although it's hard for some who played for Donaldson last year on the junior varsity to realize he won't be coaching.

"He was probably the best coach I ever had," said John

Roso, a 6-foot-2, 165-pound sophomore tight end. "I was hoping he'd be back. He had this big plan and we would have done well."

Young was asked to take over at Clarenceville two weeks before practice started. He applied for the job last spring when Russ MacKenzie announced his resignation.

"I felt sorry for Chuck and I

said, 'Yeah, I'll take it for the kids' sake,'" said Young, who has had to rush to form a coaching staff.

Young's assistant coach is Brian Mahoney, and the junior varsity head coach is Kevin Dalko, with assistance from Dave Flores.

The small Trojans coaching staff has only 35 players to work with and there's a possibility no JV team will be fielded, according to Young.

Clarenceville finished 4-5 last year.

The Trojans have inexperience on the offensive and defensive lines, but Young has a lot of con-

fidence in his four captains: tailback/defensive back Mark Juncaj, tight end/defensive back Mark Kalaj, quarterback Lou Lucaj and two-way tackle Jason Nizich.

Juncaj, a 6-foot-1, 170-pound senior, should battle for Metro Conference first-team honors, and Kalaj will be a prime target for the strong-armed Lucaj, who was a backup in 1992.

Nizich, who is 6-2 and weighs 215 pounds after losing about 35 in the off-season, will clear the most holes for the Trojans.

"He's our best lineman by far," Young said. "My four captains

are real fine players. Juncaj goes pretty small through holes, is wiry and can't get hit that well. No one on our team can catch him."

"My goals are at least to get Kallaj, Juncaj and Nizich into college. I believe in fighting for my kids to get them in college."

The Trojans also have an established junior, Jesse Lynd, a 6-3, 176-pound linebacker who made first-team Metro last year and leads the 6-2 defense.

Ray Kastl, a 6-foot, 170-pound junior is the other starting linebacker. Ricardo Bell, a 6-10, 200-pound senior, will play defensive tackle and offensive guard and 5-

9, 160-pound junior Steve Parks, joins the defensive secondary.

A couple of backups from last year — 5-9, 160-pound junior guard Kyle McSorley, and 5-7, 160-pound junior fullback Steve Splaz — will battle for starting spots.

The Trojans play a scrimmage game Friday at home against Ecourt.

"We can finish better than last year, at least 5-4," Young predicted. "Lutheran West (Sept. 10) will be our toughest game and if we win that one, and against Center Line St. Clement (Sept. 3), who knows?"

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The other players with experience on offense are seniors Ryan McGlinch (5-11, 190) and David Zietz (6-2, 190). McGlinch started at center but moved to guard and Zietz played half the season at quarterback when Jason Danilewicz was injured.

"We can throw the ball a little better than we could last year," O'Leary said. "Plus, we don't have an (tailback Todd) Anderson, so we'd better throw the ball better than we did last year."

Anderson was the workhorse in the backfield for two years. He is the only running back in North history to have 1,000 yards rushing in consecutive years. He finished with a career-record 2,651 yards and 25 touchdowns.

Senior Dana Darnell (5-7, 155) and junior Ben Sommers (6-8, 165) will rotate at tailback this year. Both are good pass receivers, and Sommers also will kick short field goals and extra points.

"We have to mix it up a little more," O'Leary said. "Those two boys are not going to be able to carry the load (by themselves) and take a pounding. They're only 150-pounders but if we take some of the load off them they'll be all right."

The fullback is senior Kevin Demeter (5-8, 155). Sophomore Richard Beal (6-1, 165) is the fastest receiver with a time of 4.38 in the 40. Sophomore John Lessway can play wingback and wideout, and Darnell also can play in the slot.

Senior Cory Siegrist (5-9, 140) is another capable receiver, and junior Jason Pawlowski is the third in the line of athletic brothers, so we'd better throw the ball better than we did last year."

The Raiders plan to run an assortment of wide-open offensive formations to give them the diversified attack they need to counter a lack of size and the outstanding back like Anderson.

We have to throw the ball at least 15 times a game and not just on third down and long either," O'Leary said. "This year we have to use the running to set up the passing game and vice versa."

"We're not big enough or physical enough to attack big teams. In the scrimmage, we ran the ball effectively because we could throw. Whereas, last year teams dared us to throw and we couldn't."

The line might not be big but consists of aggressive kids, O'Leary said. Senior Larry Weiler (5-8, 200) and McGlinch are

the guards, seniors Joe Danilewicz (6-0, 210) and Mike Polesant (6-0, 216) the tackles. Senior Mitch Bender (6-10, 165) was moved from split end to player center.

"He's a tough kid," said O'Leary of Bender. "Rather than be a third-string wide receiver and we'll put him there and let him play."

The strength of the defense is the secondary, according to O'Leary. Beal started at free safety as a freshman. Senior Brian Gross (6-11, 165) was the regular shortstop halfback but injured a hip and didn't know if he would play until late.

North begins the season with Demeter as the Raider, Lessway and Sommers the linebackers. Bender can play any of the positions, too.

"They need to be more physical, but the kids get to the spots and where they need to be," O'Leary said. "But pass coverage is their strength as opposed to supporting the run, because they had all that practice in the summer."

Polesant and Danilewicz played a lot at the tackles and will

start. Weiler is the noseguard, Pawlowski (6-3, 210) and Lord the outside linebackers. The inside linebackers are McGlinch and junior Jeff Kong (6-3, 190).

"Defensively, I think we have to be a lot more aggressive," O'Leary said. "We have to rely on quickness as opposed to strength. We're not going to sit still and let people beat on us. We're going to be moving around."

The Raiders play another tough schedule, beginning with an away game at Pontiac Northern on Saturday, Sept. 4. North doesn't face Westland John Glenn — the Western Lakes Activities Association favorite and possible state contender — until the seventh week.

"Based on what we had coming back and expectations at the start, we should be down at the bottom," O'Leary said. "But if the kids play hard and play to their capabilities we have a chance to battle — not for first because of Glenn — but second place (in the Lakes Division)."

"I don't think anybody expects anything of us. If we get some leadership out of this group, play together and stay healthy, we'll be OK."



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Grid advice: Coach Jim O'Leary offers instruction to his North Farmington players during practice.

## Rockets ready for takeoff to football season

By BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

There could be two sides to the Westland John Glenn High football story in 1993.

Couch Chuck Gordon enters his 17th season with an impressive array of offensive weapons.

It's like a Rocket ready to launch from Cape Canaveral.

For starters, first-team All-Ob-

server returnees Derek and Bryan Besco, a pair of 6-foot-1, 195-pound seniors, return. They should give opponents double trouble as wide receivers.

Senior Mike Blint (6-3, 209), a three-year starter at tight end, also returns.

The link once again will be senior quarterback Brian Morrison (5-7, 150), who threw for 881 yards

(49 for 79) and 11 touchdowns in 1992.

The seasoned signal caller can also deliver the ball into the hands of junior tailback Tariq Horne, a 5-foot-11, 160-pound speedster who saw limited action a year ago on the varsity. Fullback Jerome Cosby, a 5-foot-10, 196-pound senior, also returns to the backfield.

"Our offense is more balanced than it's ever been," Gordon said. "Our speed is good and we have some quality backs."

"I think we have more weapons and we'll have some new wrinkles that we haven't done in the past."

That alone, should make Glenn fans happy once again this fall.

But after going 7-2 the past two seasons, Glenn (117-26 career record) would like to see improvement on the other side of the ball, namely the defensive front.

Last season, Glenn won the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, but missed out on the state playoffs for the second straight year.

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33001 Five Mile Road  
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Farmington Hills City Hall  
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Farmington Hills, MI 48024

#### DAYS AND HOURS:

Each day during the office hours until Tuesday, September 7, 1993, at 5:00 o'clock P.M. Persons planning to register should determine when the several municipal offices or the Secretary of State driver's license bureau offices will be open for registration.

#### LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION:

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Dated: August 12, 1993

By Order of the Board of Education  
/s/ Lisa M. Burr  
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