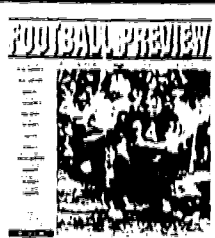


Centennial celebration

Borough residents party all weekend in centennial bash. See pictorial, Pages 7-9.

Football fever

Area high school teams and an outlook featured in a special insert.



Not the norm

Summit man offers new subjects for his readers to enjoy, Page B4.

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Borough Highlights

Voter registration

The deadline for registering to vote in the November General Election is Oct. 10. To register, see Borough Clerk Judith Osty at Borough Hall. To register by mail, call 232-2400 and request a mail registration application.

To vote in a specific election, a voter must be registered at least 29 days in advance. Those who have not voted in four consecutive years or have changed their name or residence must re-register.

Fall programs

The Mountainside Public Library began its fall programs for children yesterday.

On Wednesdays until Oct. 4, the library will offer "Toddler Time for Twos," an introduction to the library and storytime for 2-year-olds.

The sessions begin at 10:30 a.m. Registration is required and may be done by phone. Call 233-0115. A parent or care-giver must accompany each child during the sessions. It is recommended that children arrive early in order to receive name-tags.

Additional programs for older children have been scheduled for later this year, including "Storytime Theater" for kindergartners, which begins on Oct. 3.

They want your blood

Children's Specialized Hospital will hold a blood drive on Sept. 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Donors must be at least 18 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

Doing lunch

The Union County Regional High School District offers low-cost lunches to its students, and provides free lunches to children from households of gross incomes at or below federally established standards.

Applications for both the reduced price and the free lunch programs have been mailed to the parents of all of the high school students, and additional forms are available at each of the three high schools.

These applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. For more information about these programs, contact Director of Special Services John Christiano at 376-6300, Ext. 280.

Hitting and pitching

The batting and pitching clinic for Mountainside youngsters aged 8 to 12 will be held Saturday and Sept. 30 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Deerfield School. The raindate is scheduled for Oct. 7.

The registration fee is \$5 per child, and sign-ups are now being held at the Recreation Office. For more information, call 232-0015.

Buffet scheduled

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society will hold its annual Communion Buffet on Oct. 1 in the auditorium after the 9 a.m. mass.

Tickets cost \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children aged 3-10. The guest speaker will be the Rev. John Holian. For further information call 233-7453 or 233-4576.

Time saved



Photo By Jay Hochberg

Mayor Robert Vigilanti inspects the contents of the 25-year-old time capsule opened Saturday during the Heritage Day fair. Among the contents were a photograph of the Deerfield School class of 1970, a letter from then-Principal Harry Brown, a letter dated February 1971 from Emily Hoffarth and assorted tapes, films, periodicals and publications of civic groups. The contents of the capsule will be kept at Hatfield House. On Jan. 2, the centennial time capsule will be buried.

Board hears standard test results

By Cynthia B. Gordon
Staff Writer

Deerfield School guidance counselor Barbara Komoroski reported on the district-wide results of the Early Warning Test and Iowa Test during the last Board of Education meeting.

According to Komoroski, Deerfield students did well.

"We were very pleased with how the children did," she said, adding that most students scored in the 90th percentile.

"We are especially pleased with the second-, third- and fourth-grade results," Komoroski also said. "We were pleased with the sixth grade; they improved so much."

In those test results, which show how Mountainside students compared to others nation-wide, the language portion scores were all high, as were all the math scores. "The composite scores all showed improvement," Komoroski said.

The EWT is given to eighth-graders in March. It's a test of reading, writing and math skills. The Iowa Test's results are intended to point out problems in specific grade-levels, by

charting universal low scores.

"If there's a problem with a particular grade level or child, the teacher would address that," Komoroski said.

Deerfield Principal Margaret Dolan presented to the board the school administration's proposed goals for the 1995-96 school year.

The first goal involves continuation of the use of calculators, and to introduce them to grades 3-7. Ways to operate a calculator, and how to use one to solve mathematical problems will be taught by teachers. Calculators also will be introduced into K-2 classes.

The next goal, an "unofficial" one, is to continue encouraging students' reading outside the classroom and independent of schoolwork.

According to Dolan, the program has been successful, and the school will continue to promote reading as a life-long activity.

"We're trying to get children to have favorite authors," Dolan explained.

The second- and fifth-graders were given a survey to complete, the results

of which Dolan presented during the meeting.

According to Dolan, 43 percent of the fifth-graders indicated reading was very important; 51 percent thought that reading was important.

For the second grade, 76 students listed at least one favorite author, and 92 percent said they'd like to receive books as a present.

Ten students listed the Toys 'R Us catalog as their favorite magazine.

The board also agreed to accept the gift that the PTA proposed to give to Deerfield School: two maps — one of the United States and the other of New Jersey — to be painted on the blacktop outside.

The board also approved a partial list of 10 substitute teachers; other substitutes still have to be interviewed, according to Superintendent of Schools Leonard Baccaro.

The increase in salary for the district's substitute teachers also was approved, raising it from \$65 to \$70 per day.

Substitute custodians' and substitute secretaries' salaries also were increased, from \$10 to \$10.50 per hour.

Parks chief asks committee to consider ideas

By Jay Hochberg
Managing Editor

In his recommendation to the Watchung Reservation Deer Management Subcommittee, county Bureau of Park Operations Chief Dan Bernier listed 10 points he said should be implemented for future deer-population control.

His report outlined a strategy the county could use, during the next five years, to reduce the size of the deer population by 80 percent of its present level. If successful, it has been estimated that the density of deer in the reservation would be reduced from today's 100 per square mile to 20 per square mile.

To be carried out, Bernier's proposal first would have to be accepted by the subcommittee, which then would forward it to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for final approval.

The recommended nine reservation management strategies are:

- The Deer Management Subcommittee would meet each spring of each of the next five years to study the data pertaining to the deer population.
- The data include results of previous deer reduction programs; deer-related motor vehicle accident statistics; aerial and spotlight counts; reports from DPR staff, to determine the effectiveness of reduction efforts.

The subcommittee also would plan for years beyond the five-year plan by studying new methods of deer management. If the need arises, the subcommittee would reassess the target

of a 20 deer per square mile density and would recommend changes.

- The DPR would work with other New Jersey counties and/or municipalities to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to join its "community attitude survey." This would allow the subcommittee to assess public opinion on the local deer situation, and the methods used to deal with it.

- The DPR would expand its program of public education on deer-related issues, including updates of documents placed in local libraries, and Trailside Nature and Science Center, among other locations.

- The DPR would continue its study of the impact of deer on native plants; the incursion of exotic plants; any loss of biodiversity; as well as the weather and other environmental factors.

- The DPR would expand its programs "to remove invasive exotic plants" from the park and to propagate and reintroduce native plants. In addition, mowed fields would be allowed to grow to "managed meadows."

- The DPR would collect reports of deer-related motor vehicle accidents on an annual basis. In addition, the department would have traffic and engineering studies conducted on roadways in and around the reservation and reduce the existing speed limits in the hope of reducing the

number of deer-related accidents.

- The county would "conclude its study of the feasibility of installing reflectors along roadways" where such accidents commonly occur.

- The county should continue its surveillance, investigation, and prosecution of poachers to end illegal hunting.

- The Board of Chosen Freeholders would establish a Watchung Reservation Management Committee that would deal with "other complemen-

Board hears comments on ranking, test scores

Facing a room full of parents and students concerned about the district's academic ranking system, the Regional High School Board of Education heard comments on the matter Tuesday night for future consideration.

About a dozen of those in attendance at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School addressed the board on the matter, offering what district Curriculum Supervisor Kenneth Matfield called the "extremes and middle of the debate."

"I don't think a crystal vision of a solution will emerge," he added.

Parents and students of the three high schools are divided. Those from Governor Livingston said the district should abolish the system; those from Dayton and Arthur L. Johnson said it should be kept.

One parent explained the rift as a problem facing GLHS students, where high grade-point averages often leave good students in lower percentiles.

Offering an opposing view, Clark resident Dennis Lincoln told the board the system of academic ranking is a form of recognition of excellence.

"A number of students work very hard," he added. "They strive to be number one; they want the tangible recognition that comes with rank."

The discussion comes several months after the collection of surveys submitted by high school faculty members, who were split in similar groups.

The comments heard Tuesday, as

well as results of a PTA survey, will be discussed by the ad hoc committee on ranking when it holds its next meeting Oct. 10.

In other matters of academic achievement, the board also was presented with the district-wide results of several standardized tests.

The Stanford Test of Academic Skills had been given to the regional high school's freshmen and sophomores in April.

The breakdown of the three high schools' TASK results is as follows:

- At Governor Livingston Regional High School, 175 freshmen were tested. In reading comprehension, 53 percent scored above average, 44 percent scored average, and 2 percent scored below average.

- Also in reading comprehension, 148 GLHS sophomores were tested. Fifty-five percent scored above average, 45 percent scored average, and no one scored below average.

- In mathematics, 51 percent of the ninth-graders scored above average, 44 percent scored average, and 5 percent scored below average.

- In mathematics, 58 percent of the 10th-graders scored above average, 40 percent scored average, and 2 percent scored below average.

- In English, 49 percent of ninth-graders reached the above average mark, 49 percent scored average, and 2 percent scored below average.

- In English, 38 percent of 10th-graders reached the above average mark, 59 percent scored average, and 2 percent scored below average.

Multiplex expected to open in April '96

During its meeting Tuesday night, the Borough Council added touches to Sony Theaters' plans for the former Echo Lanes property.

The council passed a resolution that allows Sony to transfer one of the two liquor licenses it had acquired with the land purchased surrounding the Echo Lanes site. The movie theater chain will hold the other license, according to Sony attorney Mark Berson, for use in a "family-style sit-down restaurant."

Sony's plan to construct a 10-plex

theater at the site was passed by the Board of Adjustment last week. If a 45-day appeal and review period remains uneventful, the theater would be open for business in April of 1996, Berson told the council.

In other planning-related matters, the Borough Council passed two resolutions in preparation for repaving Central Avenue.

The first authorized the borough's application for aid from the state Department of Transportation. The second authorized the hiring of R. Mellusi & Sons, a Berkeley Heights-based contractor, to perform the work at a cost of more than \$113,200.

Also, slated for construction is the land near the tennis courts; public restrooms will be built by Two-Ways Construction. The Roselle-based contractor was awarded the job after it submitted the lowest of six bids: \$38,800.

The borough will finance the project with money received from a community block grant.

Also for the tennis courts, the Borough Council passed a resolution authorizing the hiring of Fai-Gon Electric of Berkeley Heights to install lights.

An early influence pays off

Borough native opens book-store

By Cynthia Gordon
Staff Writer

Amy Jo Marotto left Mountainside with an appreciation of books and turned it into a growing business and a local cultural center.

The former borough resident recently opened a bookstore, the Babbling Brook, in Washington in Warren County, where she now resides.

In addition to the sales of new and used books, the Babbling Brook also hosts poetry readings, art shows, book signings, children's story times, and performances by local musicians.

"We provide a forum for local artists to display their talents whether it be music, art, poetry or dramatic interpretation," Marotto said. "I support local artists because I myself am

an artist and I know how hard it is to get started. I like to help them by giving them exposure."

Marotto does not run the show alone. Helping her run the business are her husband, Christopher, and mother, Robin Wasyluk.

According to Marotto, her mother played a large part in the formulation of her interest in books as a child.

"My interest in books started with my parents, who were both book collectors," she said. Her mother was an English major in college and is currently an English teacher at the Good Shepherd Christian School in Washington. Her father, Stan Wasyluk is currently chief information officer at Jones, Day, Reevis and Pogue in Cleveland.

Aside from running the business, Marotto finds some time to write poetry and paint scenery. She also enjoys reading works of the local poets.

"I love the work of B.J. Ward and Edward Romon. Both of their works I think are really great," Marotto said. In her own poetry, Marotto has no influence from any other poets. "My influence is from my own personal experience. It influences me to write," she explained.

Regarding her painting, Marotto said she uses "a variety of different media" including "pen and ink, as well as watercolors."

"Being surrounded by creative people helps to get your own creative pro-

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Message in a bottle



Courtesy of Mountainside Preservation Committee

The Mountainside School student cast of 'HMS Pinafore' gathers at center stage. The Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee is interested in hearing from borough residents who either participated in the production or remembers seeing a performance. Send comments to the committee at Borough Hall and 'give three cheers and one cheer more' for the Mountainside cast of the 'Pinafore.'

Results of education survey released

Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, R-Union, announced this week the results of his recent survey of area residents on issues involving education in New Jersey.

In light of the New Jersey Supreme Court's order that the Legislature fund urban schools at the same level as the highest spending school districts in the state, 85 percent of those responding favored an amendment to the New Jersey State Constitution which defines the education all children are entitled to receive in terms of substance and quality, not spending. Eleven percent were opposed to such an amendment.

Furthermore, addressing the New Jersey Supreme Court's related ruling, that basic, unrestricted state aid to education be eliminated for many suburban communities. Seventy-one percent of those questioned supported increasing categorical state aid to pay for a greater portion of mandated services, such as special education, as a constitutional way of providing state school aid to all communities in New Jersey. Nineteen percent opposed this idea, and 10 percent were unsure.

Respondents were evenly split on Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler's proposal for a pilot program to provide vouchers for Jersey City parents to send their children to the school of their choice, including public, private and parochial schools. Fifty percent were in favor and 47 percent opposed.

However, residents surveyed were more supportive of "charter schools," which are public schools organized by parents, teachers or school administrators that are free from many of the regulations affecting existing public schools. Fifty-nine percent favored giving parents the choice of sending their children to public "charter

schools," while 29 percent were opposed and 12 percent uncertain.

The state Department of Education took control of the Newark public schools this summer as a result of administrative improprieties and educational failure. By an 86 percent margin, residents agreed that the state should take over and operate failed school districts which rely on state funds for most of their school budget. Nine percent disagreed.

The Legislature placed on this November's general election ballot a proposal amendment to the New Jersey Constitution that would require the state government to pay for any additional programs or services it mandates local school districts to provide. This amendment, which is intended to prevent future mandates and thus help control local school costs, has strong public support, with 89 percent intending to vote yes and only 9 percent opposed.

The responses to this survey from more than 250 local residents who are concerned about education will help

the immensely as the Legislature tackles important school issues during the next year," Bagger said.

This survey is the latest in a series of questionnaires used by Bagger to gain public insight on important issues. Previous surveys addressed the state budget, tax policy and automobile insurance reform.

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Borough native opens book-store, arts center

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"I've been writing a lot more poetry since I opened the store."

Future plans for the business include the opening of an English tea room, where a variety of teas and coffees will be served along with biscuits and desserts.

Also, a wider variety of cultural events will be held at the Babbling Brook.

Poetry readings are slated for the following dates:

Tomorrow, two poets Marotto prefers — B.J. Ward, author of "Landing in New Jersey with Soft Hands," and Edwin Romond, author of "Hometies" — will be at the store to read and sign their books.

On Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., there will be poetry readings with a medieval Halloween theme.

On Nov. 24 at 7 p.m., Open Mike Night, an evening of poetry readings,

when "artists can read their own poetry or somebody else's" is scheduled. And on Dec. 22 at 7 p.m., there will be a winter solstice Christmas reading.

For children, many storytime sessions have been scheduled. On Saturday, Grace Cratch author of "Twitch" will read to children beginning at 10 a.m.

On Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. and on Nov. 18 at 10 a.m., Dave Werkhiser will introduce his story, "The Education of Benny Wisenhimer."

Santa Claus will read to the kids on Dec. 16 at 10 a.m.

"I have a lot of fun," Marotto said, "because of all the nice people that come in the store and talk to me, and the artists and poets. It's a lot of fun. I plan to be here for a long time."

Artists interested in participating in the events, can contact Marotto at Babbling Brook at 689-5444. The store is located at 18 E. Washington Ave. in Washington.

Red Cross will hold blood drives in borough and area

The following blood drives have been scheduled for the Mountainside area through the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross in cooperation with New Jersey Blood Services:

They will be on site tomorrow at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 300 Central Ave., from 3 to 8 p.m.

On Oct. 13, the Blood Mobile will be at Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue in Westfield from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Through the American Red Cross and New Jersey Blood Services, any replacement of needed blood is replaced at no charge to the recipient. For further information and referral for these and other services provided through the Westfield Red Cross and New Jersey Blood Services, call 232-7090.

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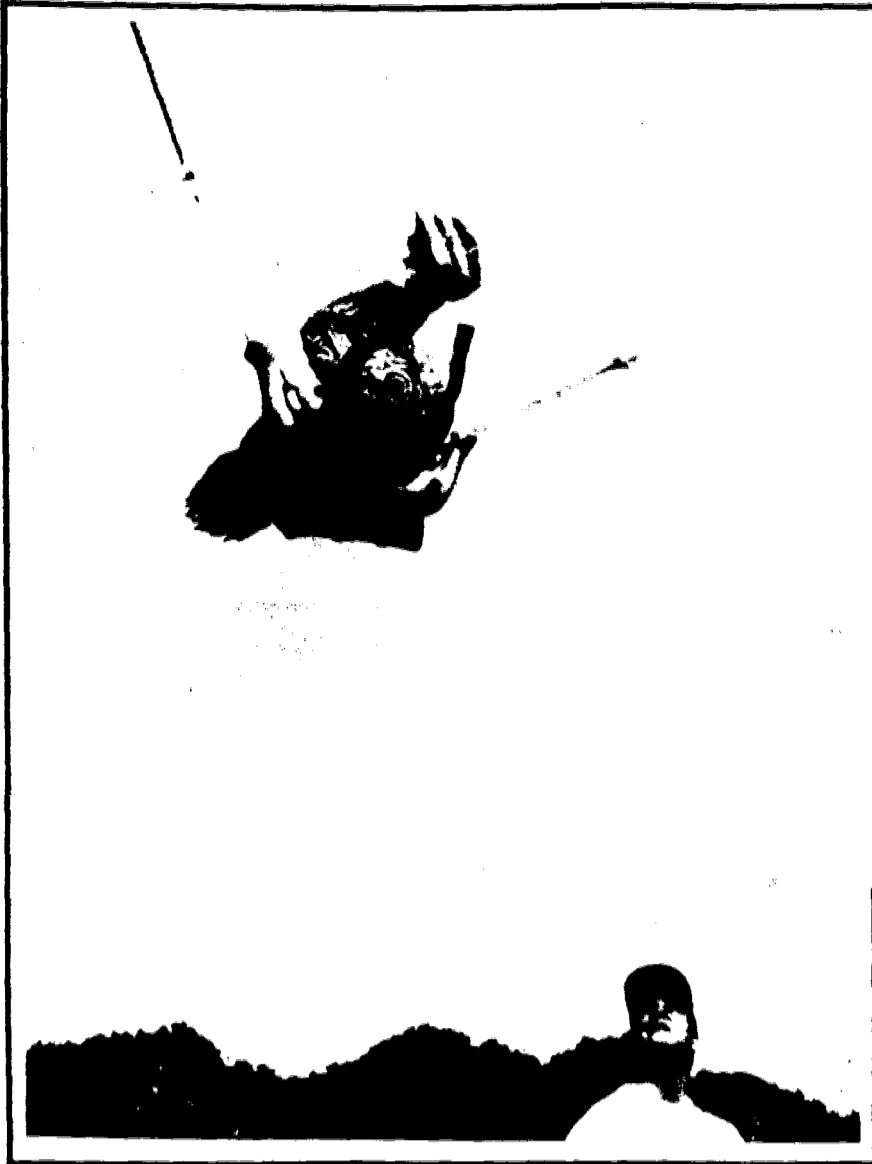
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OVER, UNDER, SIDEWAYS, DOWN — Two borough youths enjoy the attractions during the third day of Mountainside's Heritage Day weekend. Left, a boy spins head over heels on the Trampoline Thing. Right, a youngster duck-walks through a tunnel before diving into a pit of rubber balls. In addition to these activities, children took advantage of the inflatable slide, the trackless train, a moonwalk, pony rides and the many events in the Tournament of the Century.



Photos By Jay Hochberg

New lights needed

Mountainside's Christmas tree is in need of new lights.

Due to the tree's growth, additional decorative lights are needed to cover its branches. The Tree Committee plans to replace the present lights with miniature bulbs, which is expected to

be less expensive than the bulbs used in past years.

To donate money for the new lights, send a check, payable to Lewis Strohmeier, to 390 Creek Bed Road in Mountainside.

The Christmas tree lighting will be held Dec. 2.

Hitting and pitching

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The registration fee is \$5 per child,

and sign-ups are now being held at the Recreation Office.

Great Pumpkin Sail

The Great Pumpkin Sail has been set for Nov. 1, when Echo Lake will become a sea of candlelit jack-o-lanterns as storytellers share the ghostly legends of Halloween.

Retired doctor receives BSA ethics award tonight

The Watchung Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America will present its Distinguished Medical Ethics Award tonight.

William Weiss, a retired physician, will receive the award during a reception held in his honor at the Crystal Plaza in Livingston. At the same time, he will be presented with the Shofar Award by Rabbi Peter Kasdan of Temple Emanuel in Livingston.

Weiss is a past medical director of the state Board of Medical Examiners, past president of the Saint Barnabas Medical Staff, past chief of the Allergy Section at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, past president of the Essex County Medical Society, and past president of the New Jersey Allergy Society.

The awards reception and dinner tonight is intended to promote the continued development of Scouting for boys of the Jewish faith, and to

replace the equipment needed to conduct the Kinus, the annual campout camporee for Jewish Scouts.

More than 13,000 young people from throughout central New Jersey are served by the Watchung Area Boy Scouts. This dinner is one way for the community to help support the work of Scouting and at the same time honor an outstanding citizen.

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Borough native begins USS America's last tour

Navy Chief Warrant Officer Paul H. Bredlau, son of Howard C. Bredlau of Mountside, recently departed on a six-month overseas deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS America as the lead ship of the USS America Battle Group.

This deployment will be the last for the 31-year-old USS America, which has had a service spanning from Vietnam to the Persian Gulf War. With an average age of 20 years, most of the crew members aboard the carrier were born after the keel was laid for the 1,047-foot-long ship.

Bredlau is one of 5,000 sailors and Marines aboard the aircraft carrier, which departed from Norfolk, Va., in August along with 10 other ships and submarines. The 11-ship battle group is equipped with jet fighters and attack aircraft, anti-air warfare and electronic jamming aircraft, helicopters, and ships and submarines armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Extremely mobile and flexible, the battle group can operate together, moving nearly 70 miles a day, or can be deployed simultaneously to separate geographic regions.

Bredlau and fellow sailors spent the last year training for a variety of situations they might encounter during the deployment. Bredlau's ship will replace the USS Theodore Roosevelt and its aircraft, which have been conducting air strikes in Bosnia recently as part of the NATO force operating in the area.

During the 3,000-mile voyage, Bredlau will spend about 150 days at sea as the ship participates in a variety of multinational operations and exercises.

Bredlau's involvement in the deployment is an example of how the Navy and Marine Corps team is designed to operate deployed overseas and respond quickly when needed.

Today, more than 20,000 men and women like Bredlau are serving overseas aboard aircraft carriers from the Persian Gulf and the western Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic coast and ocean areas while projecting sustained power wherever U.S. interests are involved.

The 1977 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School joined the Navy in June 1977.

Civic calendar

The Civic Calendar, prepared by the *Springfield Leader* and the *Mountside Echo*, is a list of local and county government meetings.

Today

- The Mountainside Recreation Commission will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.
- The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will meet on the sixth floor of the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 25

- The Springfield Township Committee will meet in executive session at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 100 Mountain Ave.
- The Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield.
- The Union County Mental Health Advisory Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

Sept. 26

- The Watching Reservation Deer Management Subcommittee will meet at 8 p.m. at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.
- The Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will meet at 6 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.
- The Union County Advisory Board on the Disabled will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

Sept. 27

- The Union County Solid Waste Advisory Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.
- The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 100 Mountain Ave.

Sept. 28

- The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will meet on the sixth floor of the Administration Building at Elizabethtown Plaza at 7 p.m.

Oct. 10

- The deadline for registering to vote is Oct. 10. To register, contact the municipal clerk or administrator.

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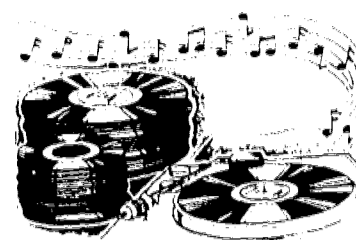
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OPINION PAGE

Take a step back and weigh the plan

When considering the county Bureau of Park Operations' proposal for reducing the size of the deer population in the Watchung Reservation, we hope everyone will remain calm, refrain from attacking county employees and simply judge the plan according to its content.

Submitted by Park Operations Chief Dan Bernier, the plan calls for eliminating 80 percent of the current deer herd during the next five years. That sounds like a lot of dead animals — and it would be — but everyone must remember the plan first must pass the Watchung Reservation Deer Management Subcommittee, which then would forward it to the Union County freeholders for final approval.

If approved, the county would try to kill half of the present deer population by the end of the first year, in order to avoid having to kill more animals in coming years to reach the 80 percent quota.

Equally important to remember are the provisions to manage the future size of the deer herd, to preserve the reservation's foliage and to minimize the chance for deer-related car accidents.

- Upon reaching the desired number of deer, the county Division of Parks and Recreation plans to solicit the help of the Humane Society to apply to the federal Food and Drug Administration for permission to use a new contraceptive vaccine. If that is granted, the vaccine should greatly reduce, if not preclude, the need for future hunts.

- The DPR also would continue its program to remove "invasive exotic plants" from the reservation, while reintroducing native plants. In addition, today's mowed fields would be allowed to grow into meadows the department would manage.

With fewer deer per square mile, the plants and flowers will have a chance to flourish.

- The plan also urges the county to continue its efforts to stop poaching in the reservation, through surveillance and prosecution.

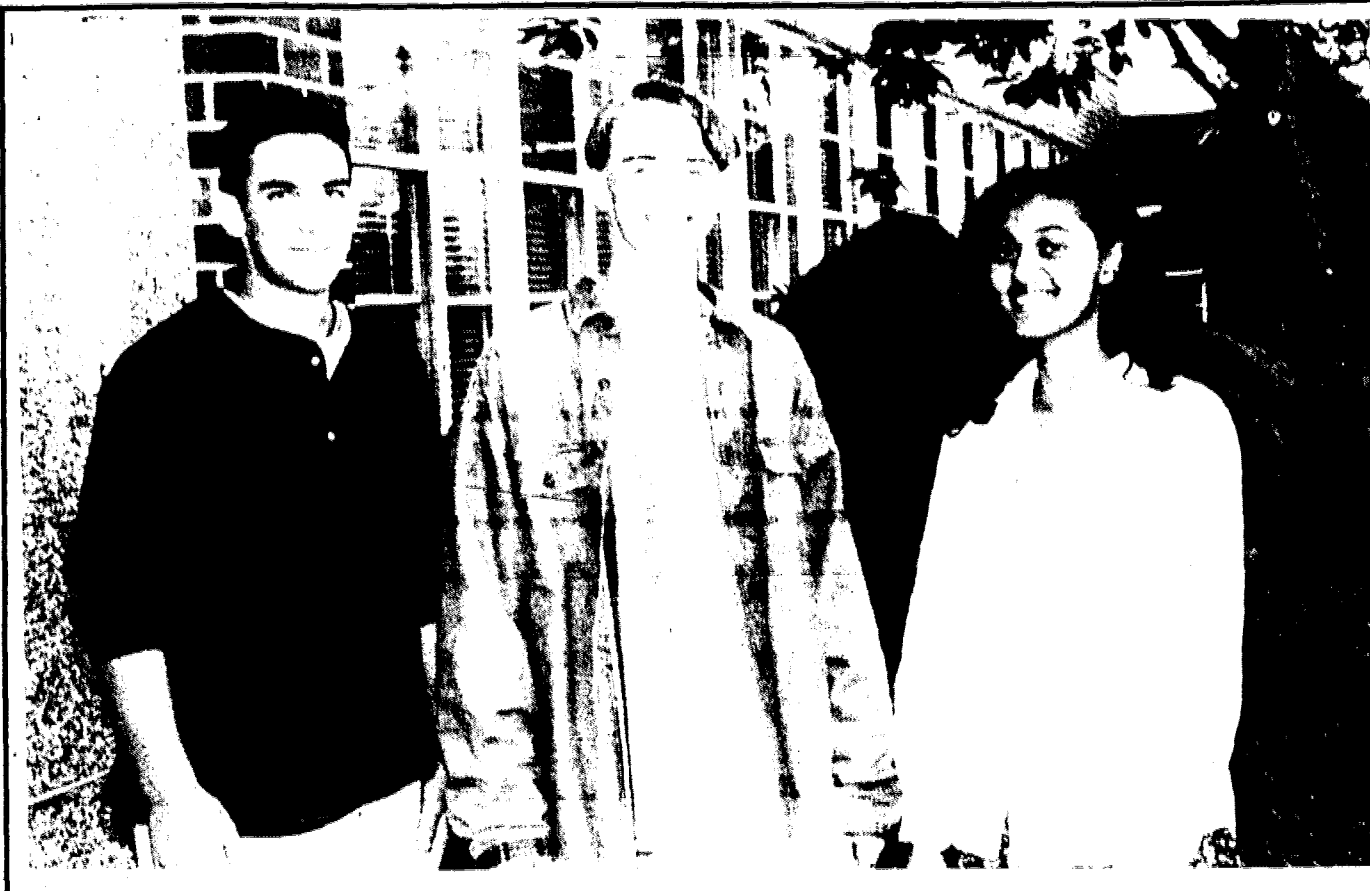
Considering the reports of gunfire in the reservation, that is a most welcome proposal. Logistically, it's a promise that will be tough to keep, but an increased county police presence, coupled with a decreased deer presence, could stop that unlawful and dangerous hunting.

- Reports of deer-related automobile accidents would be collected and studied. Traffic and engineering studies would be conducted on roads in and around the reservation to plan for reductions of speed limits.

- The county would install reflectors along roads where deer-related motor vehicle accidents commonly occur.

As is seen across New Jersey, there is a problem in the Watchung Reservation today regarding the growth of the white-tail deer population. That doesn't mean deer are evil or a threat to civilization, and it doesn't mean they aren't lovely, peaceful herbivores. However, it does mean there's a need for the reservation's caretakers to manage the rate at which the deer population spreads.

If approved, this five-year plan not only would accomplish that, but it also could put an end to the various hunts that have divided area residents.



ON TO THE FINALS — Benjamin Mayer, Jeffrey Biddick and Shipra Dingare are National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists representing Governor Livingston Regional High School. All are seniors and join 15,000 other students from across the country competing for 6,900 Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$26 million, to be awarded next spring. The trio reached the semifinals based on their performances on the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. They now must fulfill other academic requirements to be considered for the Merit Scholarships.

AHEAD will perform tomorrow's work today

Writing in 1876 to his friend Anne Webster on the birth of her child, Mark Twain observed, "A baby is an inestimable bother and blessing." Twain, who had children of his own, knew, as all parents do, just how true that is.

Whether it's the day they take their first halting step, bring home their first "A" on the report card or run through the door shouting that they made the team, parents burst with pride and offer silent thanks for the chance to experience such joy.

But none of this comes easily, or inexpensively.

In order to become tomorrow's Dave Brown, Charles Eaton or Virginia Apgar, children need to be nurtured. They need a good home and a loving family. And almost as important, they need a strong education and a college degree.

In 1995, that costs a lot of money. The price of a college education has soared higher and faster than almost anything else in the past 15 years. And

Be Our Guest

By Richard H. Bagger

the projections for college tuition for a child born this year are just frightening: More than \$200,000 for private colleges and well over \$50,000 for public colleges.

This makes for sobering conversations around the sandbox. My wife and I wonder where that kind of money will come from when we send our daughter to college. And most people I know with children or grandchildren are asking the same question. My colleagues and I in New Jersey 2000, an association of young New Jerseyans concerned about the state of our state in the 21st century, have developed an idea which will help. We believe New Jersey should

encourage young families to save for their future tuition needs. This fall, I will introduce a bill which will enable them to do just that. We call it the AHEAD Program.

This initiative would permit New Jersey residents to purchase New Jersey Savings Bonds dedicated to the dual purpose of improving public institutions of higher education and creating affordable housing for first-time home buyers in New Jersey.

When the bonds are used to pay for higher education or a first home, none of the principal or interest shall be included in the resident's state income taxes. The savings bonds would be like an Individual Retirement Account for higher education or the down payment for a first home.

If we want our children to get ahead, we need to create programs such as AHEAD. We need to enact measures to help families build a better future. And nothing can be more important to the future than making it easier to save for college or a first house. We need AHEAD to ease the

bother, and increase the blessings, of babies and their bigger brothers and sisters across New Jersey.

Twain's letter to Mrs. Webster was not his final word on the young. Three years after his letter, Twain found himself in New York at a dinner honoring former President and General Ulysses S. Grant. Twain was asked to make a toast "to the babies." Raising his glass, Twain said, "We haven't all had the good fortune to be ladies; we haven't all been generals or poets or statesmen, but when the toast comes down to babies, we stand on common ground."

The people of our state are drawn from different backgrounds and lives. But when it comes down to the babies and their future, we all stand on common ground. We stand committed to a better future for them. We are committed to our children getting AHEAD.

Richard H. Bagger, R-22, represents Mountainside in the New Jersey General Assembly.

Glossing over behavior won't help newcomers

Ever since we were little kids, we were always taught never to speak ill of the dead and "He who is without sin, let him cast the first stone."

Ironically, both these time-honored homilies cropped up in the news within the last week.

The death last week of Jerry Garcia, the driving force behind the "Grateful Dead," is another example of a talented person who died young. He was 53 and for the last decade or so, battled the bottle, drugs and led a life that slowly rakes the body with a variety of illnesses, neuroses and depressions.

A few days later, New York Yankee hero Mickey Mantle died at 63 of cancer of the liver, lungs, abdomen, you name it. Here again, Mantle all but literally committed suicide from years of heavy drinking that destroyed his liver. The new one came too late to save his life.

Garcia was an icon in the cult world of rock and roll, and his guitar was his life. His style defined rock and roll and more than anything else was at the core of his music and the impact of the "Grateful Dead" sound.

Mickey Mantle was another icon to a generation of baseball fans. He etched out a career by hitting home runs, triples, doubles and lots of singles; he hustled, was a tremendous outfielder and was a guiding force for

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

keeping the New York Yankees the powerhouse it was for so many years. In a way, Mantle was a role model to a generation of kids and grown-ups alike. He was everyone's friend, on and off the diamond. Unfortunately, off the field he was his own worst enemy, for it was there, with his buddies in a hotel room or a bar, where he would drink himself into a stupor, but could pull himself together and play a whale of a great game the next day.

Garcia and Mantle are just two examples of talented people who could not handle fame without a crutch, in their cases, drugs for Garcia and alcohol for Mantle. It seemed both needed an extra push to perform; and this is a mystery, especially when both were so talented.

Think, for a moment of the rock stars and entertainers who died tragically young. John Belushi, a drug overdose, at age 33; Marilyn Monroe at 36; Elvis Presley, heart failure brought on by abuse of prescribed drugs, age 42; Marvin Gaye, MoTown crooner, shot to death by his

father, age 44; Jim Hendrix, alcoholism, at age 27; Janis Joplin, 1960 rock cult figure, an overdose of heroin, at 27; Jim Morrison, alcohol-related heart attack, 27; Keith Moon, drummer for the Who, overdose; Brian Jones, former guitarist for the Rolling Stones, found dead in his swimming pool; and Kurt Cobain, lead singer in the popular band Nirvana, suicide with a shotgun blast to his head. The list could go on. How many times do we read when some entertainment celebrity admits himself/herself into the Betty Ford Rehab Center? Think about Drew Barrymore, the great-granddaughter of John Barrymore, who was classified an alcoholic at age 12. Consider Daryl Strawberry and Dwight Gooden, ex-stars in their own rights, who wrecked their careers in the fast lane.

As I said earlier, we do not speak ill of the dead, but we can't help wonder what drives the people mentioned above to do the things they did, flirting with disaster, daring fate and making up their own rules. We always say that young people think they are immortal and nothing terrible can happen to them. How many times do we read of the chances some take — like taking a steep curve in a car going 100 miles an hour and not making it because a tree was in the way. Sometimes I have the feeling that some of

these people have a death wish and although they don't think anything will happen to them, they push fate to the wall and the next link in the chain of events is tragedy.

Perhaps Garcia and Mantle didn't realize that the danger they were participating in would have little or no consequences on their health. It took Mantle nearly 50 years to finally realize that enough booze over a period of time would have tragic results. I'm sure Garcia did the same. What's a little snort of drugs going to do? He found out the hard way.

We are not speaking ill of these famous dead. We are just trying to understand why some feel that drugs and booze are needed to augment a career. Luckily, Mantle's was over and Garcia's was headed toward a setting sun.

We would hope that up-and-coming stars would study hard the cases of Mantle and Garcia and realize the danger that lurks if you throw caution and common sense to the wind. I also want to make clear that "He who is without sin, should throw the first stone." We all fit into that category whether we like it or not.

Norman Rauscher, a former newspaper publisher in Summit, is an active member of the Summit community.

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To the Editor:

During the past couple of weeks, residents of Mountainside have received copies of the Children's Specialized Hospital newsletter "Under the Umbrella."

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We have also discovered that more than a few people received multiple copies. Please be assured that cost containment is a driving principle of the CSH management team, and we view wasted effort and dollars quite seriously. In this case, an error at the mailing house created the duplication and this situation has been rectified.

Thanks for calling this matter to our attention.

Richard B. Ahlfeld, President
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Let's eliminate county government

To the Editor:

The term "government excess" usually is applied to federal or state govern-

ments, and it seems to keep attention away from taxes at the city and county levels.

Today, the services to which residents relate are their own city police, school, roads, churches, social, etc. Very little comes from the county, as all the towns in Union County run themselves.

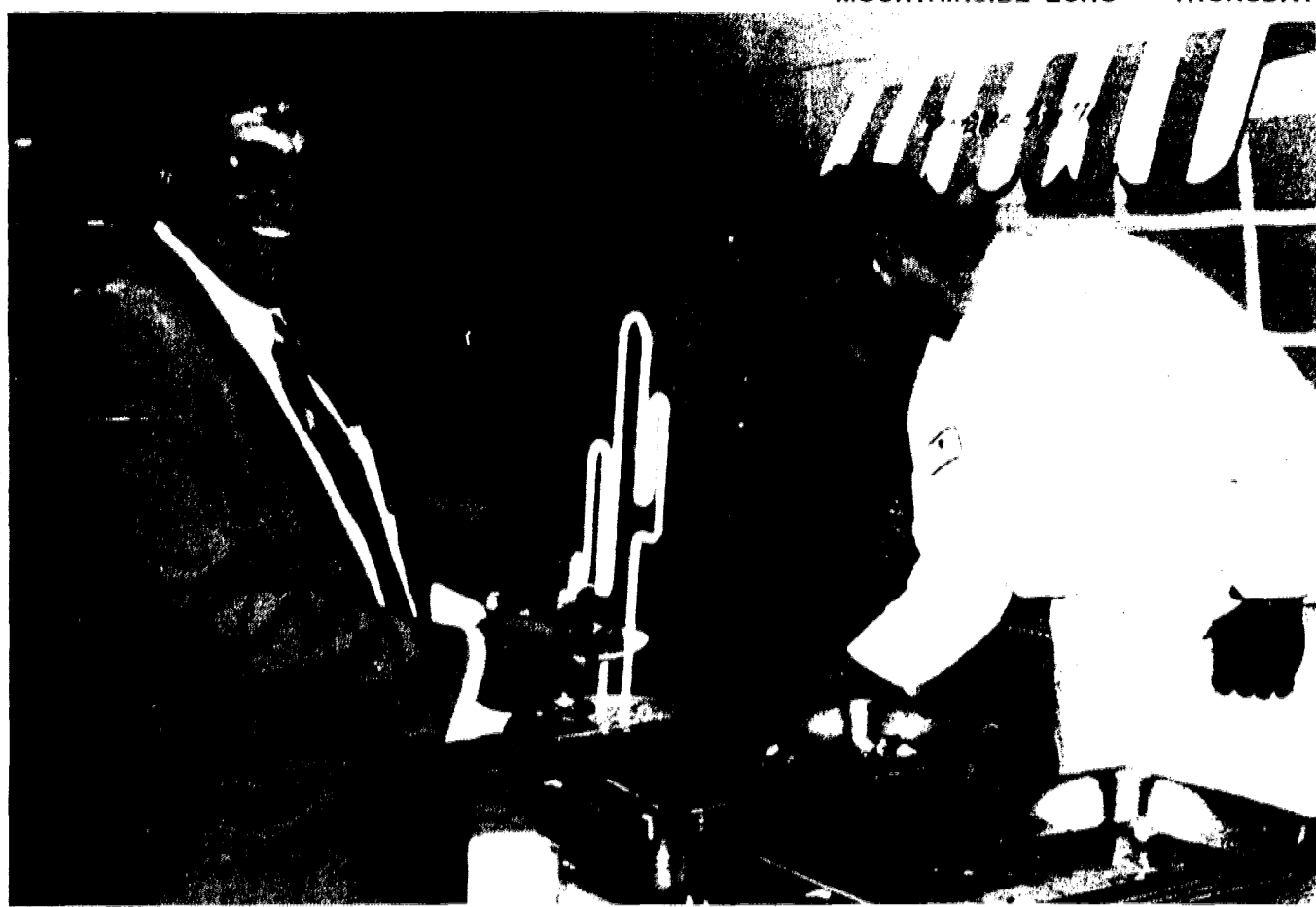
The county is covered with local government. What is really provided by the county that doesn't duplicate local services — county police, county sheriff, county schools superintendent, public works? The parks and golf courses don't cost \$5 million a week to administer.

Why send 30 percent of the local tax dollars to the county, which then provides a duplicate service? An examination of Union County services could reveal they are carryovers from 50 to 100 years ago and could be reduced, lowering annual taxes.

Rhode Island does not have counties. Connecticut eliminated the county level of government in 1960 and has about 170 units that deal with the state.

As cars replaced horses, the hitching post and the watering trough disappeared. As local government in the 20th century expands, Union County government at \$5 million a week is a candidate for a footnote in history.

Loren Smith
Mountainside



Three day celebration of 100th anniversary ends centennial party

Diners, caterers and hangers-on participate in the fun of the festive Dine-A-Round held Sept. 14. Clockwise from top: A food-server from Fresh Fields of Millburn offers her wares to a guest. Ted Zawislak awaits goodies from the Mojave Grille. The team from Cioffi's — Bill Thwaites, Ron Godman and Jerry Cioffi — get a headstart on the preparations. Bagel Central's Dan Kubart, Angel Stoneker and Roscenne Sterbo present of a basket of some of their baked goods. Several of the volunteers who made all of this possible — Kathi Clark, Jean Pascuiti, Anne Geislinger and Marie Scofield — pause for a moment before the guests arrive. Mayor Robert "Billy-Bob" Vigilanti slips unsuspecting Councilman Tex Jackson a mickey to liven things up even more.

The Dine-A-Round was held in the auditorium of Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Central Avenue. The caterers included Abundance of Taste, Bagel Central, C'est Cheese, Cioffi's, Caterhost, Diamatsu, Fresh Fields, Geiger's, J&M Caterers, L'Affaire, Mojave Grille, Raagini, Saraceno's, Starbucks, Theresa's and the chefs from Overlook and Children's Specialized Hospital.

After dinner, the New Jersey Pops 40-piece orchestra performed many of the great show tunes of the century.

The evening marked the beginning of the end of the borough's 100th anniversary celebration. During the two days of the Heritage Day weekend celebration, the grounds of Deerfield School were opened.

On Friday, the Phillips Bros. Circus came to town, marking its final performance after eight years of entertaining.

On Saturday, an all-day fair was held, including the opening of the 25-year-old time capsule, dozens of attractions for children, live music, dancing and even fireworks.



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Buffet scheduled

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society will hold its annual Communion Buffet on Oct. 1 in the auditorium after the 9 a.m. Mass.

Tickets cost \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children ages 3-10. The guest speaker will be the Rev. John Hollan. For further information, call 233-7453 or 233-4576.

Luncheon scheduled

The Mountainside Municipal Alliance has scheduled a luncheon for senior citizens during which the effects of smoking tobacco and tobacco

company marketing strategies will be discussed.

The meeting will be held Oct. 28 at noon in the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path.

A \$3 donation will be asked of each attendee. For more information or to make reservations, call Julie Allen at Borough Hall at 232-2400, Ext. 39.

New lights needed

Mountainside's Christmas tree is in need of new lights.

Due to the tree's growth, additional decorative lights are needed to cover its branches. The Tree Committee plans to replace the present lights with

miniature bulbs, which is expected to be less expensive than the bulbs used in past years.

To donate money for the new lights, send a check, payable to Lewis Strohmeyer, to 390 Creek Bed Road in Mountainside.

The Christmas tree lighting will be held Dec. 2.

Great Pumpkin Sail

The Great Pumpkin Sail has been set for Nov. 1, when Echo Lake will become a sea of candlelit jack-o-lanterns as storytellers share the ghostly legends of Halloween.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: AMERICAN BANKERS INSURANCE CO. OF FLORIDA AND ABLE BAIL BONDS AGENCY AND VALERIE JOHNSON

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG, BECKER & ACKERMAN, ESQS, plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 1139 Spruce Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment to Foreclosure Complaint filed in a civil action, in which THE DIME SAVINGS BANK OF NEW YORK, FSB is plaintiff, and CECIL JOHNSON, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-8191-95 within thirty-five (35) days after September 21, 1995 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment to Foreclosure Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated April 1, 1987 made by Cecil Johnson & Valerie Johnson, t/w, as mortgagors, to Starpointe Savings Bank, recorded on April 8, 1987 in Book MB-3737 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 271 which Mortgage is now held by The Dime Savings Bank of New York, F.S.B.; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 121 Elmwood Place, Plainfield, New Jersey.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling (609) 394-1101. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of venue by calling 1-908-558-1642.

AMERICAN BANKERS INSURANCE CO. OF FLORIDA AND ABLE BAIL BONDS AGENCY is made a party defendant to this foreclosure action by reason of a mortgage dated December 7, 1992, which was made by Cecil Johnson and Valerie Johnson to American Bankers Insurance Co. of Florida and Able Bail Bonds Agency, to secure the sum of \$50,000.00 and recorded on December 11, 1992 in Book 4714 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0025, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

VALERIE JOHNSON is made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because she executed plaintiff's obligation and mortgage being foreclosed herein and may be liable for any deficiency and because she is one of the owners of record of the mortgaged premises being foreclosed herein and for any lien, claim or interest she may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

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Mountainside ends centennial celebration

Heritage Day weekend party unites borough in tribute to 100 years of history and the future



UNDER THE BIGTOP AND OUTSIDE, TOO — On Sept. 15, the Phills Bros. Circus came to Mountainside to deliver its two final performances after eight years on the road. The troupe delighted kids and parents alike with their rehearsed routines and spontaneous antics, including a fire-eater, Cinderella and her Birds of Paradise and acrobatics. Clockwise from top: Outside the tent, three children feed the calves at the petting zoo, which also included a llama, a ram, birds and goats. Mr. Willie, the Phills Brothers' clown, prepares for another entry into the tent. The clown kept the crowd busy between acts. Another borough youngster takes a break in the hub of a truck-wheel.



Photos By Jay Hochberg

Trailside to host its own festival

On Sunday, the Trailside Nature and Science Center will hold a festival of its own.

Among the attractions will be the stories Native Americans told to passing generations to explain the constellations. The program, Native American Skylore, will be offered three times that day, at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4:15 p.m.

Admission costs \$3 per person, with seniors admitted for \$2.55. The program is for children at least six years old.

Also on Sunday during the Harvest Festival, Trailside will host the Second New Jersey Regiment encampment. Events include: Chippewa Indian dance performance; Bob Grant, colonial composer William Moyers; 18th Century-style musicians; the Electronic Concert; and lots of children's crafts and games.

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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

301 Tucker Ave., Union 688-0714. Slovak Worship 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., English Worship 11:00 a.m. Communion on first and third Sunday of every month.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHRIST CHURCH

CHRIST CHURCH, 561 Springfield Ave. Summit, NJ (908) 273-5549. Dr. Charles T. Rush, Senior Minister; Wayne Bradford, Minister of Music. Although affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, USA, and the United Church of Christ, our members come from various religious backgrounds. Sunday school: 10 am. Infant-2 child care: Sunday School Ages 3- Jr. High, 10:00-11:15. Sr. High Youth Fellowship, Sunday evening. Weekly events include Children's Choirs and Bell Choirs; Adult Bible Study, Choir, Women's and Men's groups. Periodically, the Illuminators perform drama within the worship service. Various community outreach programs include: Habitat for Humanity; Bridges (Friday night food runs to New York City homeless); Interfaith Hospitality Network; Inner City ministries.

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9:00 A.M. Nursery available during Worship. Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome.

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PRESBYTERIAN

CONNECTICUT FARMIS, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Est. 1730, Stuyvesant Ave. and Rt. 22, Union. Summer schedule June 25 to Sept. 3; Sunday worship at 10:15 a.m. Child care provided during the Worship Service. We have an Adult Chancel Choir, Sound System for the hearing impaired, Coffee Hour Follows the Service, Ample parking. Presbyterian Women Circles meet Monthly; Bible Study group meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m. The Living Room - A Support Group for those coping with aged persons - meets 4th Thursday of the month. Full program of Scouting pro-

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TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Salem Road at Huguenot Avenue, Union. Worship and Church School Sundays at 10:00 A.M. Nursery Care during all services. Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. We offer opportunities for personal growth and development for children, youth and adults. We have three children's choirs and an adult Chancel Choir. Our Presbyterian Women are divided into six circles which meet monthly. Worship with friends and neighbors this Sunday. Townley Church is a growing congregation of caring people. For information about upcoming events and programs, please call the Church Office, 666-1928. Dr. Braden Luckloff, Minister.

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obituaries

Walter A. Hohn

Walter A. Hohn, 86, of Willshoro, N.Y., formerly of Springfield, a science teacher who had coached the Jonathan Dayton Region High School boys' basketball team, died Sept. 13 in Elizabethtown, N.Y., Community Hospital.

Born in Hoboken, Mr. Hohn lived in Springfield before moving to Willshoro. He was a retired educator, civic leader and former president of the Springfield Lions Club. Mr. Hohn, who attended Hoboken High School, credits a former teacher for inspiring him to take up the profession of science teaching. He graduated from Montclair State Teachers College, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in 1932 and in 1936, he received a master's degree from that institution. He was a member of the school's basketball and baseball teams, and it was there that he met his future wife, the late Palma Antoinette. Mr. Hohn received additional post graduate training at New Mexico Highlands University.

He served in the Citizen's Military Training Corps, a precursor to the Reserve Officers' Training Program from 1926 to 1929. Mr. Hohn's teaching career began in Bradley Beach, where he taught for two years. He then moved to Glen Rock where he taught for three years before coming to Springfield. Mr. Hohn was an original faculty member of the newly opened Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, where he taught chemistry and physics and served as assistant basketball coach. In seven years as Dayton Regional head basketball coach, he fashioned a "golden era" of basketball which was unmatched before or since. In that seven year span, Mr. Hohn's teams won two county, two sectional, four conference and one state championship under his leadership.

In 1952, he turned his energies full time to chemistry teaching and supervision the rapidly growing high school science department. Mr. Hohn's achievements in the field of science teaching were legendary. He established one of the first high school advanced chemistry programs in the country as well as advanced biology and nursing chemistry courses. Mr.

Hohn worked in cooperation with colleagues Joseph Scott of Berkeley Heights and August Caprio of Springfield. His science programs were complemented by outstanding mathematics and foreign language curricula.

Mr. Hohn always believed in encouraging his students to pursue scholarships with an emphasis on learning science beyond classroom hours. Within the Regional High School District, he initiated a revision in the approach to chemistry teaching which emphasized experimental work rather than rote memorization from textbooks. This philosophy led to his sponsoring more than 100 students in science fair projects and more than half of them won recognition in district, state and national competitions. Six of his students were grand winners in district science fairs, two placing second nationally, and two others placing fourth. Many of Mr. Hohn's students have gone on to become outstanding scientists and nationally known educators in their own right.

In 1958, the National Science Foundation honored the Regional High School District with the prestigious Thomas A. Edison Citation for excellence in science. This marked the first time that a high school science program from any part of the country was so recognized. For his outstanding contributions to science teaching, Mr. Hohn was honored many times by scientific and educational communities. In 1955, the Manufacturing Chemicals Association cited him for contributions to chemical progress through education. In 1959, Mr. Hohn received citations from the University of Wisconsin and the Society of American Bacteriologists for encouraging young students to pursue research in the field of microbiology. In 1967, he received the James Bryant Conant award from the North Jersey Section of the American Chemical Society. In 1961, Mr. Hohn was selected as a fellow of the New Jersey Science Teacher's Association, and in 1969, he was awarded the Annual Citation Scroll.

He served in the NISTA for many years as vice president and chemistry chairman and the American Chemical Society as chairman of many committees, including scholarship and safety. Mr. Hohn was a consultant to Bell

Telephone Laboratories for developing the new teaching aids for high school classrooms and was a member of the Esso Corporation Research Forum. He was a member and former elder of the First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, and was a member of the Springfield Lion's Club for more than 30 years, where he served as vice president and president. Mr. Hohn retired from teaching on Dec. 1, 1969.

Surviving are a son, Col. Theodore A. (Air Force), and a grandson.

Mary O'Neill

Mary O'Neill, 86, of Summit died Sept. 8 in Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Born in County Cork, Ireland, Mrs. O'Neill came to the United States in 1929. She lived in New York before moving to Summit 11 years ago. Mrs. O'Neill was a member of the Summit Senior Citizens.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia O'Neill; a son, Gerald, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Roy Tucker

Roy Tucker, 77, of Edison, formerly of Summit, died Sept. 11 in his home.

Born in LaGrange, Ga., Mr. Tucker lived in Summit before moving to Edison two years ago. He was one of the first seven employers with C.R. Bard, Murray Hill, a manufacturer of medical supplies and retired 10 years ago. He was the director of professional relations for the company. Mr. Tucker graduated from Morgan State University in 1940. He had been president of the Summit High School Athletic Booster Club, a Boy Scout scoutmaster, an usher at Christ Church and a member of the American Urological Association.

Surviving are his wife, Ethel C.; two sons, Roy R. and Wayne B.; three brothers, two sisters and four grandchildren.

Alda E. Margie

Alda E. Margie, 96, of Summit died Sept. 14 in St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, Pa.

Mrs. Margie was born in Scranton, Pa.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. Walter E. Jr. and Dr. Robert P., six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ligia Koehler

Ligia Koehler, 80, of Summit died Sept. 14 in her home.

Born in Costa Rica, Mrs. Koehler lived in New York City before moving to Summit 40 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Frederick; a daughter, Diane Gleason, and three grandchildren.

Edna Swain

Edna Swain, 91, of Pennsylvania, formerly of Summit, died Sept. 17 in her home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Swain lived in Summit before moving to Pennsylvania two months ago. She was a secretary for 12 years with Weston Instrument Co., Newark, before retiring in 1966. Earlier, Mrs. Swain worked for the Ninth Ward Building and Loan and C. Godfrey Poggi Architects in Newark. Mrs. Swain had been active at the Stanley Congregation Church, Chatham.

Surviving are a daughter, Virginia Saunders; a sister, Alice Fabrizio, and three grandchildren.

Joan Blenn

Joan Cocuzzo Blenn of Springfield died Sept. 12 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Orange, she lived in Maplewood before moving to Springfield 12 years ago. She was an administrative assistant for 14 years with the Axion Group in Millburn. She attended Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, and was a member of its alumni association.

Surviving are her mother, Marie Cocuzzo; a brother, Joseph III, and a sister, Judith.

Joan Belliveau

Joan Belliveau of Springfield died Sept. 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Garwood, Mrs. Belliveau lived in Springfield for 45 years. She had been a member and director of the Life Lighters at St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills.

Surviving are her husband, Dr. Robert J.; two daughters, Karen Trocchia and Diane Frain; two sons, John and Brian; a sister, Jane Phair, and six grandchildren.

Alfhild Sunde

Alfhild Sunde, 90, of Springfield died Sept. 13 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Oslo, Norway, Mrs. Sunde lived in Woodstock and Staten Island, N.Y., before moving to Springfield 22 years ago.

death notices

BLENN - On Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1995, Joan Cocuzzo Blenn, of Springfield, formerly of Maplewood, beloved daughter of Marie Fraga Cocuzzo and the late Joseph D. Cocuzzo Jr., loving sister of Joseph D. III and Judith Cocuzzo. Funeral was from The JACOB A. HOLLE FUNERAL HOME, 2122 Morris Ave., Maplewood, Mass. was at St. Joseph's Church, Entombment Hollywood Memorial Park, Union. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society, 767 Northfield Ave., West Orange, N.J. 07052, would be appreciated.

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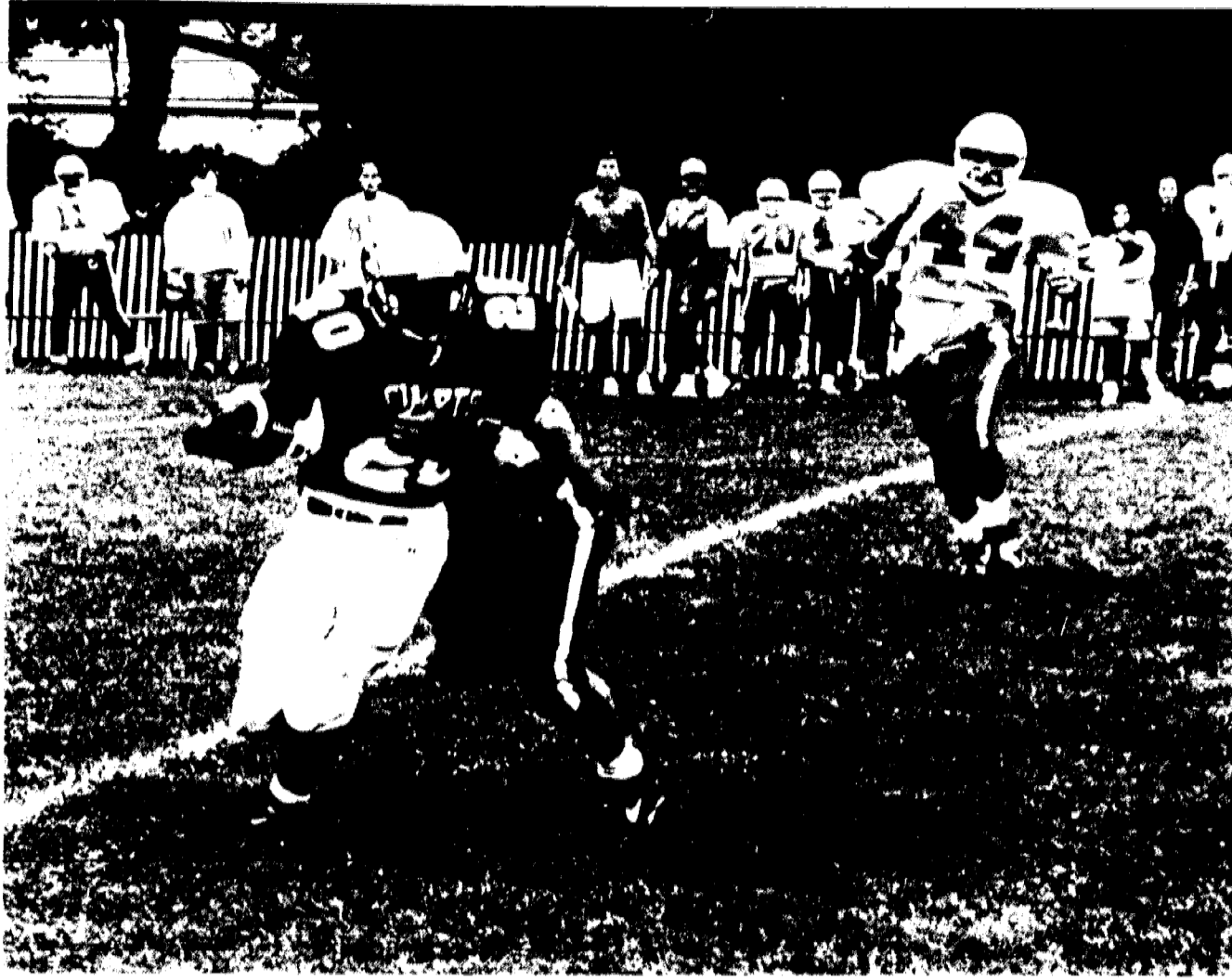
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Dayton Regional's season-opener is set for this Saturday against Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division foe Hillside. Both teams have new coaches as Dayton is led by Ed Ryscavage and Hillside by Derryk Sellers. The game will take place at Meisel Field at 1 p.m.

Season opener Saturday: Dayton Reg. hosts Hillside

High school football kicks off at Meisel Field

The high school football season is finally here. Time to look forward to playing a game that counts. The 1995 season kicks off for Dayton Regional this weekend as the Bulldogs will host Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division foe Hillside Saturday at Meisel Field at 1 p.m.

Both teams have new head coaches as Dayton is led by Ed Ryscavage and Hillside by Derryk Sellers.

Both squads also field young, inexperienced teams. "We're going to give a lot of sophomores a chance to mature," said Ryscavage, who was previously the head coach at Rumson. "This will be a learning year for a lot of our players."

Key players for Dayton include quarterbacks John Pesantez (5-10, 160, Jr.) and Mark Armento (5-11, 155, Soph.), junior running back Ian Telfer (5-10, 155) and junior linemen Jerry Somma (5-11, 210) and Eric Ellison (6-1, 240).

Key players for Hillside include return man Javal Williams, a 5-9, 160-pound junior and returning letter-winner Brian Jackson, a 6-4, 315-pound senior defensive tackle and Revon Myles, a 5-9, 180-pound junior fullback.

Fall sports season underway for Dayton Regional High School teams

Dayton Regional High School sports teams began their seasons last week.

The boys' soccer team tied Roselle Catholic 0-0 Friday in Springfield.

The girls' tennis team also defeated Roselle Catholic, winning 4-1 Monday. The win gave the Bulldogs a 2-1 record.

The girls' soccer team had an 0-3 record as of Tuesday, losing 6-0 to Immaculata, 7-6 to Roselle Catholic and 10-1 to Ridge.

Sharp Shooters and Coaches Clinic to take place Sunday, Oct. 1

Mike Gatley and Sharp Shooters Basketball Camps present the first Sharp Shooters and Coaches Clinic.

The basketball instruction will take place Sunday, Oct. 1 from 1-5 p.m. at the Parrish Center, St. Gregory The Great Church on Route 33 in Hamilton (five minutes from Exit 7A on the N.J. Turnpike).

The \$25 cost includes four hours of great basketball, refreshments (sponsored by Dunkin Donuts) and a raffle

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◆ Jack McKinney: Former "Super" coach at the collegiate and professional level. He coached Magic Johnson with the Lakers and is a highly sought after clinician. More information may be obtained by calling 609-448-6128.

All-County Basketball Offensive Camp for Boys and Girls Sept. 30, Oct. 1

The All-County Basketball Offensive Skills Camp for Boys and Girls will take place Saturday, Sept. 30 and Sunday Oct. 1, at South Plainfield's Grand Slam U.S.A. on 910 Oak Tree Rd. in South Plainfield.

Boys and girls in grades 7 to 12 are eligible. Camp times include 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for boys and 1 to 4:30 p.m. for girls.

Piscataway High School head boys' basketball coach Paul Schoeb is serving as camp director.

The sessions feature a "Teaching Camp" that focuses solely on developing offensive basketball skills such as shooting, ball-handling and passing. Personalized instruction is guaranteed and class sizes are limited.

The cost of the camp is \$65 (money back guarantee) and includes a free T-shirt.

More information may be obtained by calling Steve Cianci at 908-756-4446 or Schoeb at 908-238-4231.

High school football teams featured in today's supplement

The Dayton Regional High School football team is featured in this week's *Football Preview*, a look at area high school football teams for the 1995 season.

Dayton opens its season at home Saturday afternoon against Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division foe Hillside. The game will start at 1 at Meisel Field.

Dayton finished 4-4-1 last year after losing at Hillside 28-7 in its opener.

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

Something high school football coaches in New Jersey wanted for the longest time is now another element of the game they have to prepare for.

Overtime. This time, in the regular season.

The Executive Committee of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association adopted overtime to break tie football games in regular season.

The change had been recommended by the New Jersey Football Coaches Association and the adoption made official back in May.

"I don't like to walk off the field with a tie, so the overtime gives my team extra time to go for the win," Rahway head coach Mike Punko said. "Leaving the game in a tie is like leaving unfinished business. The players know where they stand after a game now and are not left wondering what if. Either you win or lose and that's it."

Punko, in his second stint as the head coach at Rahway, returned in 1993 and guided the Indians to a 5-3-1 record. Another victory instead of a tie that season may have put Rahway in the playoffs in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3.

"Absolutely it's the best thing they could have done because it takes all of the guess work out of determining the playoffs," said Punko, who guided Rahway to sectional championships in 1978 and 1979 during his first stint with the Indians. "It may hurt teams in terms of power points if they were to lose in overtime, but overall I think it will help more teams get into the playoffs. They will know that, if they need a win, they now have an opportunity to get one in overtime."

The change to the new overtime procedure will move the ball from the 10 back to the 25 to begin the tie-breaking procedure. Teams will be able to earn first downs and will be given one timeout for each possession.

Unused timeouts from regulation play or a previous overtime possession will not carry over. Each team will get at least one possession and there will be a maximum of three possessions for each team in regular-season play before the game goes down as a tie.

NEW OVERTIME SYSTEM

Regular Season: Teams will exchange possessions from the 25-yard line until one team has more points after an equal number of opportunities. If teams are still tied after each has had three possessions, the game will be recorded as a tie.

Playoffs: Same as regular season except teams will play until a winner is decided.

OLD OVERTIME SYSTEM

Regular Season: Games tied after four quarters were recorded as ties.

Playoffs: Teams exchanged possessions from the 10-yard line until one team had more points after an equal number of opportunities.

Here's what other area head coaches, all in favor, had to say about the new regular season overtime: Derryk Sellers, Hillside: "I think it's a good thing. If we had had it last year, we would have gone for the tie against Immaculata (a 7-6 loss) and would have taken our chances in overtime. A win in overtime and we would have made the playoffs."

"I always want to win so I don't think it will change my philosophy. We play to win here and it will call for a special strategy at the end of games.

Do you go for the win or tie the game to get to overtime?

"I think it's great for the game and good for big rivalries. I don't think there will be too many ties anymore."

Ed Ryscavage, Dayton Regional: "It's a good idea. Ties won't be applicable anymore and I think it makes the game more exciting. Teams are going to have to incorporate into their script an offensive and defensive scheme for overtime."

H.S. Football

"It will eliminate ties, but teams will have to work a little more when they get the shots to score."

Jerry Moore, Elizabeth: "I'm in favor of it. If the score is tied, there's going to be the strategy of having to decide when you're going to gamble. Coaches are going to have to use their heads."

"I don't think there should ever be a tie game when you have a playoff system. Also, moving the ball back to the 25 opens things up. Kickers will be very important now too. If you have a good one it will be a big advantage."

Lou Grasso, Roselle: "This was something that was going to come about eventually with such emphasis on the playoffs. It's a good idea because you really have to think about the possibility of it and call plays accordingly."

"It also puts more value into a good kicking game. We've been known for having a poor kicking game, but this year have a pretty good one."

John Wagner, Roselle Park: "As far as the playoffs are concerned, putting the ball back to the 25 puts more strategy back into the game. To have to do it during the regular season will have a definite affect on the playoffs. If that's what the purpose of installing overtime during the regular season is, then fine."

"If a team plays its rear end off and got to a tie with a superior team, that accomplishment will be challenged in overtime. If the superior team escapes in overtime than the advantage goes back to the favored team."

"If I'm an underdog, I think I have to go for two points and the win when I have a chance. There will be a lot of decision making involved and having a good kicker will be to your advantage."

"You have extra innings in baseball and overtime in basketball, so I think it's good to have overtime in football from that standpoint."

Roselle Park defeated New Providence 10-7 in overtime in the 1993 North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship game.

Ray McCrann, Summit: "I'm in favor of it and I was surprised how the coaches were so overwhelmingly in favor of it. The new format gives overtime a truer situation than the old format. You can now play for a first down and it brings the kicking game into it more."

"I don't think games should be left as a tie because I feel you play games to determine a winner. For the playoffs, we've always held staff meetings to determine overtime play if it came down to it. We won't change those meetings, we'll just have them on a weekly basis to prepare for overtime."

"It may also affect the stretch drive late in the fourth quarter. Will teams try to play for a tie and overtime or go for the win? As a head coach it takes away the urgency to win the game in the fourth quarter, knowing you'll still have a shot in overtime."

Bob Taylor, Johnson Regional: "I

was very much in favor of overtime because it makes it a lot easier to determine the playoffs. We all play to win, so it eliminates the tie.

"We always run an overtime in our scrimmages. It not only determines a winner, but gets the kids pumped up."

"In the playoffs, you have to have a full compliment of weapons in order to succeed. Starting at the 10 limited offenses and took the best plays offenses had out of their hands. I think the new system will be very advantageous to perimeter teams."

As the head coach at Brearley Regional, Taylor coached the Bears to a six-overtime victory over New Providence in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs during the mid-1980s.

Bucky McDonald, Linden: "I really haven't thought about it as much. Putting the ball back to the 25 puts a little more pressure on the defense, especially if you are a smaller team."

"Big teams go with two tight ends and smash the ball at you for the win. It's tough to lose a game by putting the ball on the 10 and letting the bigger team win. This format makes it a little fairer and gives both teams a chance to win."

"You will see coaches who have a good kicker take chances on making long field goals."

Linden lost to Union 10-9 in overtime in the first round of the 1987 North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 playoffs — a battle of 8-0 teams in Union. The game was tied 3-3 after four quarters. Linden scored a touchdown on its first possession and missed the extra point. Union scored a touchdown on its first possession and made the extra point for the win.

Mike Punko, Rahway: "I don't see it changing strategy too much except that it brings the kicking game into it more. One might be tempted to try a longer field goal for the tie or win and I don't think you'll see as many hail-mary passes."

Conference Standings

Below are the Watchung Conference and Mountain Valley Conference standings.

WATCHUNG CONFERENCE

American Division
Union (Group 4)
Elizabeth (Group 4)
Linden (Group 4)
Westfield (Group 4)
Irvington (Group 4)
Plainfield (Group 4)
Kearny (Group 4)

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National Division
Newark East Side (Group 4)
Rahway (Group 3)
Shabazz (Group 3)
Cranford (Group 3)
Scotch Plains (Group 3)
Summit (Group 2)

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

Mountain Division

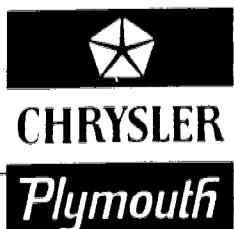
Johnson Regional (Group 2)
Dayton Regional (Group 2)
Gov. Livingston (Group 2)
Roselle (Group 2)
Hillside (Group 2)
Newark Central (Group 2)
Immaculata (Parochial B)

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Valley Division

Roselle Park (Group 2)
North Plainfield (Group 2)
Ridge (Group 2)
New Providence (Group 1)
Middlesex (Group 1)
Manville (Group 1)
Bound Brook (Group 1)

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Wolkstein-Levinson to wed

Brenda Naomi Wolkstein of Atlanta, Ga., daughter of Francine and Aaron Wolkstein of Springfield, and Marc Jason Levinson of Atlanta, Ga., son of Marcy and David Levinson of Northbrook, Ill., have announced their engagement.

Ms. Wolkstein graduated from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. She is an analyst at Andersen Consulting in Atlanta.

Mr. Levinson graduated from Indiana University's School of Business. He subsequently earned his certified public accountant license. He is an analyst at Andersen Consulting in Atlanta.

A September 1996 wedding has been set at Crystal Plaza in Livingston.



Brenda Naomi Wolkstein and Marc Jason Levinson

Door-to-dorm

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Trailside to hold Harvest Festival all day Sunday

The 2nd N.J. Regiment, Helm's Company, a re-creation of an actual fighting unit of the Continental Army during the American Revolution, will be present throughout the day at Trailside Nature and Science Center's Annual Harvest Festival, on Sunday.

Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of Parks and Recreation, the festival will be held from 1-5 p.m., rain or shine. Special performances will accent a day filled with on-going adult and children's activities such as Helm's Company.

At 1:15 p.m., a Weed Walk by Wind and Wolf Company will show which plants in the Watchung Reservation have medicinal and/or edible uses. Since only a set number of participants can be accommodated, pre-registration, the day of the festival only, will be required.

Magic shows, colonial style, will be presented by the Colonial Conjurer, William Myers, at 2, 3 and 4:15 p.m. Dressed in early American costume, Myers will use 18th century props and live animals to perform unbelievable feats of "hocus-pocus." Eighteenth century music will be brought to life by Eclectic Consort at 2:15 and 4:30 p.m. Ballads, reels and other dance tunes are sure to get toes tapping.

Native Americans will be saluted throughout the day. Bob Grant will demonstrate the Indian Flute and speak about his ancestors, the Chippewa Indians, at 1:15 and 3:30 p.m. At another location, at the same performance times, the Old-Time Lakota Dancers, Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts, will be performing traditional Native American dances. Trailside's planetarium will present Native American Skylore, at 2, 3 and 4:15 p.m.

Cold and hot fare, such as fresh pressed apple cider, baked pies, organic produce, baked potatoes and barbecued beef and chicken will be on sale throughout the day. Pumpkins and mums will also be featured sale items.

Admission to the Harvest Festival,

a suggested donation of \$3 per person, includes all activities, with the exception of children's crafts, and the planetarium show. Parking is free, with shuttle bus service provided between 12:30 and 5:30 p.m., from the Watchung Stables, Summit Lane, Mountainside.

Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Rd., on the corner of Coles Avenue, Mountainside. For additional information, call 789-3670.



Nina Strutynskij and Carl James Sylvester

Strutynskij to wed Sylvester

Mr. and Mrs. Anatoly Strutynskij of Mountainside announced the engagement of their daughter, Nina, to Carl James Sylvester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn James Sylvester Jr. of Union.

Miss Strutynskij is a graduate of Union High School and Seton Hall University in South Orange, where she received a bachelor of science degree in biology. She is employed by Merck & Co. in Rahway as an information scientist.

Mr. Sylvester is a graduate of Union High School and Kean College in Union, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in biology. He works as a quality assurance auditor at Merck & Co. in Rahway.

A May 1996 wedding is planned.

McCabe graduates from Georgetown

Kathleen A. McCabe of Springfield graduated from Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, earning a bachelor of science degree in foreign service with a concentration in European studies.

During her undergraduate years, McCabe completed internships at WUSA-TV and CBS News' "60 Minutes."

McCabe, a 1991 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, is employed by ABC News in New York.

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Cassidy Morgan Chait

A 9 pound, 2 ounce daughter, Cassidy Morgan, was born Aug. 26 at Mountainside Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Chait of Verona.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Chait of Springfield. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zebrowski of Verona.

Municipal Alliance schedules luncheon

The Mountainside Municipal Alliance has scheduled a luncheon for senior citizens during which the effects of smoking tobacco and tobacco company marketing strategies will be discussed.

The meeting will be held Oct. 28 at noon in the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path.

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<p>CPR Classes</p> <p>All classes are taught by trained, certified CPR instructors, and are held at Overlook, unless otherwise noted. Call: 522-2365 to register for the following:</p> <p>October 10 Heartsaver (Adult) CPR 7:00-10:00PM; Fee: \$20</p> <p>October 16 & 17 CPR for the Healthcare Provider - Full Course 7:00-10:00PM; Fee: \$60</p> <p>October 18 CPR for the Healthcare Provider - Renewal Course 7:00-10:00PM; Fee: \$25</p> <p>October 18 & 25 Pediatric CPR 7:00-10:00PM; Fee: \$30</p>	<p>Children & Adolescents</p> <p>October 2 SHAPEDOWN Family-based group assists teens in adopting healthy lifestyle; targets weight management, nutrition and activity for both teenagers and parents. Individual programming also available for children. 4:00 - 6:00PM Center for Community Health; Fee: \$850</p> <p>October 2 & 3, 9 & 10, 23 Pediatric Orientation Kindergarten classes visit Overlook 8:30AM - 2:00PM; Wallace Auditorium No charge; Schools call: 908-522-5353</p>	<p>Health Courses</p> <p>October 2, 9, 16 & 23 Congestive Heart Failure Series Understanding and living with the diagnosis of congestive heart failure; Speakers include cardiologist, nurse educators, dietitian & pharmacist 7:00-8:00PM; Wallace Auditorium Classes continue every Monday</p> <p>October 4 Pounds Aweigh Weekly weight-loss program; Begin anytime. Taught by a Registered Dietitian 10:00-10:45AM; Fee: \$25; \$7 per week</p> <p>October 5 Diabetes in the 90's Five-session class includes one care partner, family member, or friend. Physicians specializing in endocrinology, ophthalmology, podiatry, a dietitian, an exercise physiologist and a diabetes health educator will present seminar series for diabetics and their families, to help patients and their families cope with the necessary modifications in diet, exercise, and medication while enjoying life to its fullest. 7:15-9:30PM; Fee: \$60 (Senior Citizen \$48) Optional text: \$25 Classes held: October 5, 12, 19, 26, & November 2</p> <p>October 21 Coping With Asthma - for Adults and Children (ages 4 & up) Workshop provides answers on the cause of this condition and the latest treatments. 9:00AM-1:00PM Speakers: Jacob Nutman, MD Pediatric/Pulmonologist; Joel Mendleson, MD/Allergist; Mark Zimmerman, MD/Pulmonologist; Penny Donnenfeld, PhD/Psychologist; JoAnn Duffy, RRT; Lisa Puccio, Childlife Coordinator; Pamela Zack, RN, BSN/Pediatric Nurse; Michelle Martin, RRT; Denise Bondurich, RN/Pediatric Nurse; Nora Cielo, MA/Stress Management Counselor; Children's lectures will break out by age. Fee: \$10</p>	<p>Health Fairs and Screenings</p> <p>October 5 Depression Screening 2:00-4:00PM and 6:00-8:00PM; No charge Social Work Department; Screening conducted by social workers and clinic, nurse specialists</p> <p>October 7 Women's Health Fair 1995 Workshops featuring health issues including: osteoporosis, compulsive eating, breast health, menopause, meditation and stress. Luncheon speaker: Rosemarie D. Poverman, LCSW on "The Power of Humor" - How to use humor to manage everyday stress. 8:45AM-3:15PM; Fee: \$35 - includes continental breakfast and lunch; Registration deadline: October 2</p> <p>October 11 Cholesterol Screening 9:00-11AM; Fee: \$9; Overlook Hospital</p> <p>October 18 Cholesterol Screening 12:00-2PM; Fee: \$9; Overlook Hospital</p> <p>October 28 Overlook Health System Celebrates Family Health Month Delaire Nursing & Convalescent Center 11:00AM-3:00PM Screenings; health information; on-site physician referral; for adults and children.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">99 Beaumont Avenue, Summit, NJ 07902</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Unless otherwise noted, all programs require pre-registration. To register, please call: 908-522-5353.</p>			
<p>Special Events</p> <p>October 22 Overlook Hustle Kemper Insurance Building, Summit; 1:00-3:00PM; 1 and 5 mile runs; 1 and 5 mile walks with awards Free T-shirt while supplies last to registrants Free health screenings, refreshments Fee: \$10 (same-day registration \$15)</p>			
<p>Seniors</p> <p>Senior Aerobic Class Low-impact aerobics, on-going classes, 12:00-12:45PM & 12:50-1:35PM; every Tues.; monthly fee: \$12</p> <p>October 18 "National Healthcare and Medicare" Speaker: Dan Kalem, CHIME Representative 10:00AM; Overlook Hospital; Free Admission</p>			
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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

A Look At Area High School Teams For 1995

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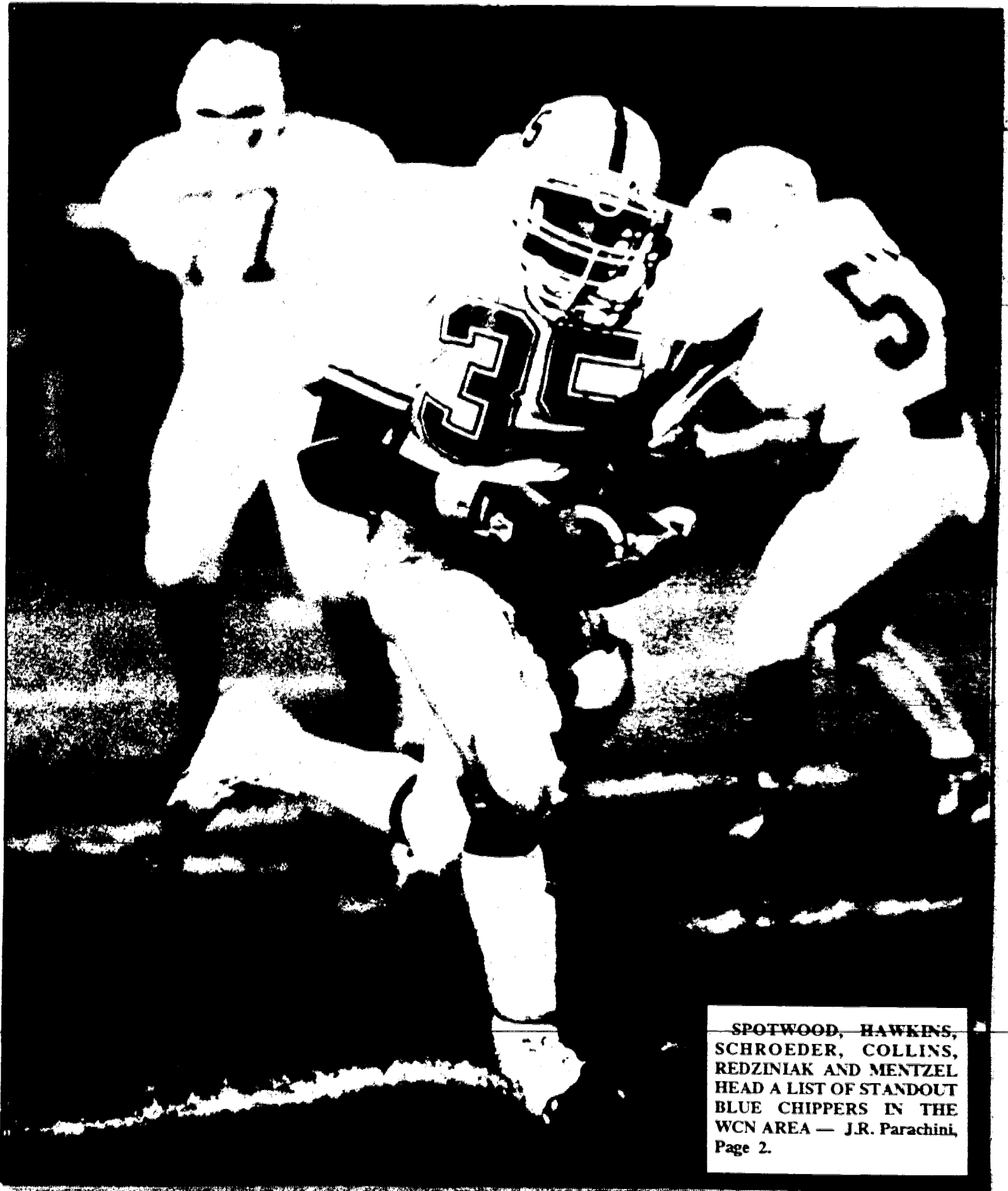
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Cover Story

New Jersey is loaded this year

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

As a player, you stand on the field, waiting for the game to begin. Thoughts go through your mind as they play the national anthem.

As a coach, you're wondering about your game plan and if you prepared your team well enough. You look out into your players eyes to see just how ready they are for the battle that is about to take place.

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Playing the game is what athletes dream about. High school football players, if they have the desire, dream about making it to the

NFL. We have a crop of talented seniors in the state of New Jersey this year, perhaps, like no other senior class before them in a very long time.

Blue chip heaven.

Some of the best of the best blue chippers reside right here in Union County. A handful of those athletes hail from the Wozzall Community Newspapers' readership area.

Players with a dream.

"For the past 15 years I've been charting and analyzing college football recruiting, this year just may be the best I've ever seen," says *National College Recruiting Association's Bluechip Illustrated* editor Jeff Duva. "Two states, New Jersey and Alabama in particular, are experiencing the best talent years they may have ever had, for both football and basketball."

"This is the best year I've ever seen in New Jersey," said Dennis McCarthy, who runs the North Arlington-based *McCarthy Report*.

For more than 30 years McCarthy has kept a close look at the best players in the state and each year he furnishes his exhaustive list of New Jersey stars to about 100 colleges.

"I'll take New Jersey athletes against any state in the country — California, Texas and Florida included," McCarthy said. "We have

a number of the top quarterbacks in the country right here in New Jersey this year. Based on athletic ability, you have to look at 151 New Jersey kids seriously every year."

Among the top senior players in the area this year include quarterback triumvirate Al Hawkins of Elizabeth, Steve Schroeder of Summit and Pat Collins of Union. All three are also above-excellent pitchers and are treated as likely picks in next June's Major League Baseball draft.

Other top seniors include Quinton Spotwood, Lee Miller and Quarran Rogers of Elizabeth; Aldo Critelli of Summit; Ray Redzinski and Frank Mentzel of Johnson Regional; Shawn Allen, Michael Bonus, Javal Davis and Neil Goode of Roselle; Ken Charlatan, Wilson Rosembert and Pete Tchirnowski of Linden; John Neiman of Roselle Park and Kyle Thomas of Rahway.

Two outstanding junior running backs include fullback Corey Ferguson of Union and tailback Darrell Glover of Elizabeth.

McCarthy offers his opinion on each of the above players:

Quinton Spotwood, Elizabeth: "A great player, All-American. I project him as a cornerback and have him rated as the 13th best player in the state as a wide receiver. I project him to play cornerback in college. His 5-11, 180-pound frame might be better

suitable to play cornerback in college, whereas someone with his ability and 6-3 height might have a better chance to excel at wide receiver.

"He reminds me of Deion Sanders. He can cover and he can catch the ball, just like the way Sanders can do both well."

Al Hawkins, Elizabeth: "He may have the flat-out strongest arm in the state. He could play defense in a heartbeat and not many people realize that he and Schroeder might be the best punters in the state. He's an outstanding safety and would make a great inside linebacker as well at 6-2, 215."

Lee Miller, Elizabeth: "An outstanding running back who has to share the ball. He could be a big time defensive back or safety and I have him rated as the No. 11 tailback in the state."

Darrell Glover, Elizabeth: "A true athlete who will be one of the better running backs in New Jersey next year, among the Top 10."

Quarran Rogers, Elizabeth: "One of top linebackers in the state, he's an outside linebacker who can also play inside. I have him rated as the No. 13 outside linebacker in New Jersey."

Steve Schroeder, Summit: "Everything he's cracked up to be, the complete package.

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ABOUT THE COVER:

The cover photo — taken by photographer Joe Long — is a shot of Union fullback Corey Ferguson rushing for one of his four touchdowns last year against Elizabeth. The first big game of the season features Union hosting Elizabeth tomorrow night at Cooke Memorial Field. Union has defeated Elizabeth the last eight times they have met, including three playoff games. Ferguson rushed for 191 yards on 31 carries in last year's game to lead the Farmers to a come-from-behind 28-21 victory at Elizabeth's Williams Field. Elizabeth standouts Quinton Spotwood, Al Hawkins and Darrell Glover scored touchdowns for the Minutemen. Spotwood and Hawkins, both seniors, and Ferguson and Glover, both juniors, are four of the top players in the area.

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He can play Division 1 at any position — quarterback, linebacker or punter. I have him rated as my No. 23 player in the state this year.

"Any team in the country, any team, can take Schroeder at any of those positions. He's received a lot of pre-season publicity and it's well-deserved. He's a lefty quarterback who is very smart and his intelligence jumps out at you. The brighter the quarterback is is an unquestionable factor."

Alfie Critelli, Summit: "A Division 1-AA scholarship player on defense. He plays outside linebacker now, but could play in the middle in college."

Ray Redziniak, Johnson Regional: "A Division 1 defensive lineman. Some people like him more on offense and he plays well on the offensive line. I'm saying defense because of bulk. You don't want him to be 290 someday. He can play on defense at 270 with mobility and aggressiveness. He's a terrific player, quick and fiercely aggressive."

Frank Mentzel, Johnson Regional: "A big-time fullback. He reminds me of Daryl Johnston of the Dallas Cowboys. Definitely a Syracuse-type fullback, which is where Johnston played. He's Division 1 all the way."

Pat Collins, Union: "No question a Division 1 player and most people are saying at either defensive end or tight end. He could very well be a defensive end in a four-man front or perhaps more likely a tight end on offense."

"At 6-5, 230, I have him rated as the No. 3 tight end in New Jersey this year. No. 1 is Rashon Burns (6-5, 245) of Toms River East and No. 2 is Bill Convery (6-5, 215) of Collingswood, the same high school that produced the late Michael Landon, a javelin standout who attended USC on a track and field scholarship."

Corey Ferguson, Union: "Real good. Doesn't have the breakaway speed yet, but is a workhorse-type back. You can give him the ball 30 times a game, that's the type of back he is."

"He has to work on his flat-out speed and it's imperative he works on that in track. Increasing his speed would put him on that next level. At 5-11, 190, he is sort of in between the size of a true tailback and true fullback — sort of in the mold of an Emmitt Smith."

Shawn Allen, Roselle: "Could be a big-time player at defensive back. A good, all-around athlete and quick enough to play the corner and cover 6-3 receivers with his 6-1 height."

Michael Bonsu, Roselle: "I like him a lot, strictly as a corner. He reminds me, physically, of former Roselle and Nebraska standout Barron Miles."

Javal Davis, Roselle: "Real fast and a big guy too at 6-1, 195. I can see him (running back/linebacker) carrying the ball."

Neil Goode, Roselle: "A 6-2, 275-pound two-way lineman, he has very long arms which is great for pass blocking and also helps on defense."

Ken Charlotin, Linden: "Inside-type

linebacker at 6-0, 215, he has a shot at playing Division 1. He's very aggressive and makes plays."

Wilson Rosebert, Linden: "I like him a lot, one of the better players in the state. He's a solid linebacker and a good punter. At 6-4, 220 he can really run."

Peter Tchorzewski, Linden: "At 6-3, 220 he's just learning the game and did well last year. He could either play inside or outside linebacker in college."

John Neiman, Roselle Park: "I'm just finding out about him, a big kid with a 6-4, 307-pound frame for a two-way tackle. You always think 'offensive guard' with that kind of size."

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McCarthy's top senior quarterbacks in New Jersey for 1995, the best senior class ever in his opinion: Kevin Harvey of Paulsboro (5-11, 180), Rashard Casey of Hoboken (6-3, 190), Kevin Carty of Somerville (6-4, 210), Tracey Moore of Haddon Heights (6-2, 195), Justin Cela of Neptune (6-4, 210), Steve Schroeder of Summit (6-2, 215) and Al Hawkins of Elizabeth (6-2, 215).

McCarthy's pre-season Top 10 teams: 1. Bergen Catholic (head and shoulders above the rest). 2. Toms River North. 3. Elizabeth. 4. Millville. 5. Washington. 6. Hackensack. 7. Old Bridge. 8. Hoboken. 9. Ramsey. 10. Matawan.

McCarthy's Top 25 players (all seniors) in New Jersey for 1995: 1. Kevin Harvey, QB, Paulsboro, (5-11, 180); 2. Rashard Casey, QB, Hoboken, (6-3, 190); 3.

Wayne Hampton, LB, Paulsboro, (6-3, 215); 4. Kevin Carty, QB, Somerville, (6-4, 210); 5. Tim Howard, OL, Middletown South, (6-5, 285); 6. Eric Downing, DL, Paterson Kennedy, (6-5, 275); 7. Joe Dawkins, RB, Hackensack, (5-9, 180); 8. Sheldon King, LB, Kingsway, (6-3, 225); 9. Ron Dayne, FB, Overbrook, (5-11, 255); 10. Rashon Burns, TE, Toms River East, (6-5, 245); 11. William Spearman, WR, Camden Wilson, (6-2, 180); 12. Chris Blank, OL, Washington, (6-6, 250); 13. Quinton Spotwood, WR, Elizabeth, (5-11, 180); 14. Aamir Dew, RB, Toms River North, (5-9, 180); 15. Doug Randolph, WR, Ridgewood (6-2, 190); 16. Lamar Grant, CB, Jackson, (5-10, 170); 17. Jermaine Scurry, S, Cumberland, (6-3, 190); 18. Randy Bullock, LB, Teaneck, (6-3, 215); 19. Joey Mickens, RB, Manchester, (6-1, 190); 20. Kasheem Grady, CB, North Brunswick, (6-0, 175); 21. Ricky Mosely, S, Bridgeton, (6-1, 185); 22. Dwayne Brown, S, Franklin, (6-3, 190); 23. Steve Schroeder, QB/LB/P, Summit, (6-2, 215); 24. Shepard Alston, OL, Shabazz, (6-5, 285); 25. Zac Naziemento, DL, Secaucus, (6-4, 265).

"Al Hawkins would have been No. 26," McCarthy said.

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Among state's elite programs

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

UNION — One of the winningest programs in the state of New Jersey will go right on winning this year. But Union football fans only want to know one thing.

Is Union good enough to win the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 championship?

With the talent the Farmers have coming back this year there can be only one answer to that question.

Yes.

Sparked by two of the top players in North Jersey — senior quarterback Pat Collins and junior fullback Corey Ferguson — Union will be a favorite, along with Elizabeth, to win its sixth consecutive Watchung Conference-American Division title.

Union will also be favored to gain one of the four playoff berths in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4. Although the Farmers lost in the first round to eventual champion Montclair 22-0 at home last year (they played their best half of football in 1994 in the first half of that game yet trailed 7-0 at half-time), Union still finished an impressive 8-1-1 with only one returning starter.

The Farmers won their fifth consecutive Watchung Conference-American Division title, qualified for the playoffs for the fifth straight year and finished as the No. 1 team in Union County.

Owners of a 48-4-1 mark over the first half of the 1990s (1990-1994), Union should begin the 1995 campaign with a very high state ranking.

Union should be ready for its first game of the season against arch rival Elizabeth tomorrow night at Cooke Memorial Field. The Farmers had scrimmages at Bergen

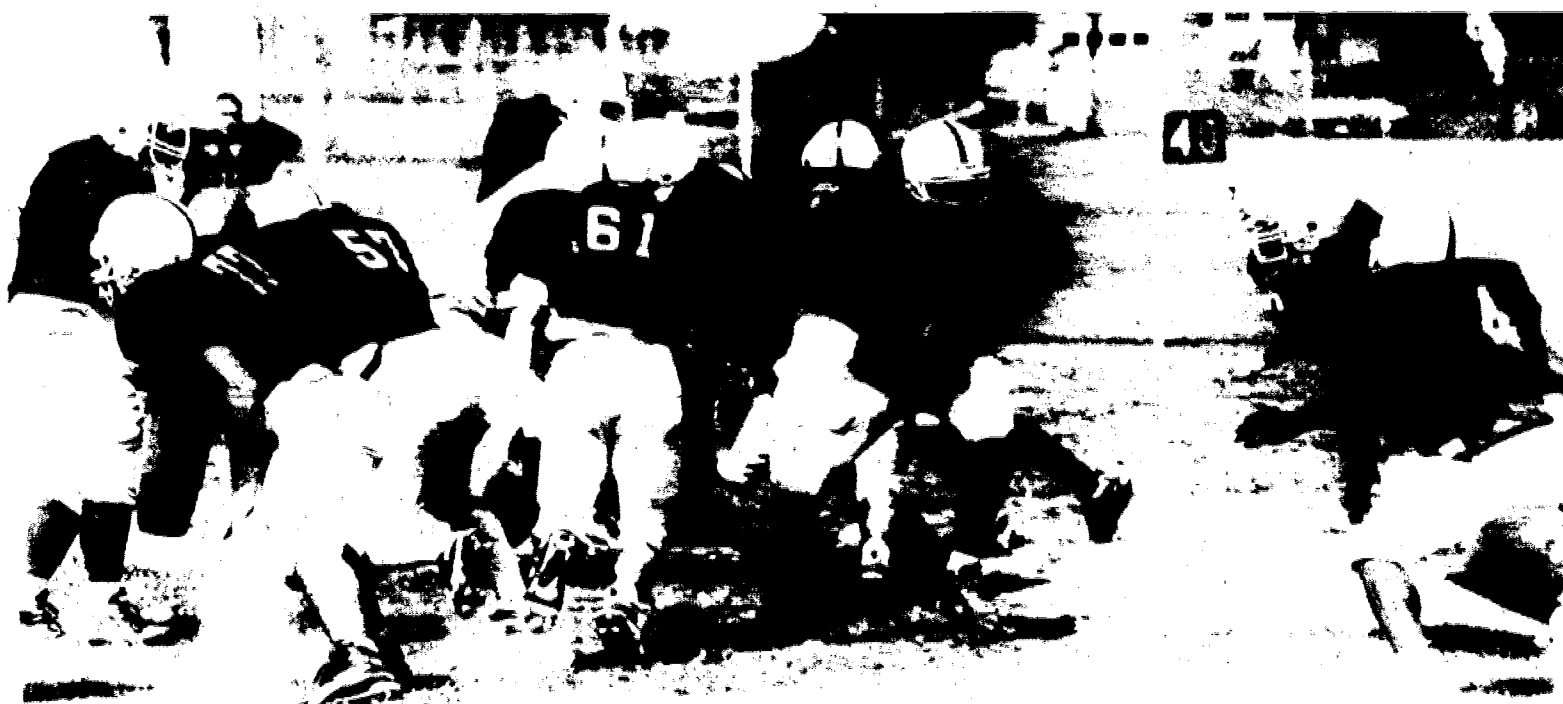


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Union's Wing-T attack will be led by senior quarterback Pat Collins, No. 21. At 6-5, 230, Collins is a major Division 1 recruit at defensive end, linebacker and tight end.

Catholic, at St. Peter's Prep of Jersey City, at Phillipsburg and home vs. St. Joseph of Montvale — four of the top 10, maybe even top five teams in New Jersey.

Collins (6-5, 230), who starred at defensive end last year, takes over the quarterback reigns from since graduated Tony DiGiovanni, now at Colgate. Collins will continue to play end on defense.

Ferguson (5-11, 190) had the best year a sophomore ever had under veteran head coach Lou Rettino since the latter took over

in 1977. After dominating the freshman ranks in 1993, last year Ferguson rushed for 1,383 yards in 192 carries (7.20 average) and caught eight passes for 212 yards (26.50). Those totals add up to 200-for-1,595 yards for a 7.98 average.

Ferguson was also reliable, losing only one fumble and not dropping one ball thrown to him. He also caught two two-point conversions, rushed for 19 touchdowns, returned one interception for a touchdown and scored 124 points.

Westfield couldn't stop him, Elizabeth couldn't stop him and Scotch Plains couldn't stop him, three Union victories. The only team that had success was Linden. The Tigers tied Union 7-7 in Union.

Ferguson rushed for 268 yards on 30 carries and scored four touchdowns at Westfield, rushed for 197 yards on 31 carries and scored four touchdowns at Elizabeth and then rushed for a school-record 325 yards on 31 carries and scored five touchdowns at home against Scotch Plains on Thanksgiving, one touchdown run a 90-yard sprint.

Union rushed for a season-high 465 yards on 58 carries against Scotch Plains and 454 yards on a season-high 62 carries against Westfield.

This year Ferguson will be joined in the Wing-T backfield by junior halfback Leon Nii-Moi (5-11, 175). The ends will be seniors Clark Lang (5-11, 165) and Keith Martin (5-7, 155). Senior Rudy Point DuJour (6-2, 180) is the tight end.

The offensive line will include senior center Chris Fischetti (5-10, 225), senior guard Tuong Phan (5-11, 230), junior guard Mike Passero (6-2, 195), junior guard Bill Tullock (6-4, 200) and senior tackles Sean Lowe (6-4, 250), Carlos Rimolo (5-11, 245) and Sam Frazier (5-10, 280).

Union's 4-3 defense will include Collins, senior Anthony Russell (6-1, 210) and Tul-

lock at end; Fischetti, Phan, Lowe, Rimolo and Frazier at tackle; Leon Nii-Moi at linebacker; senior Anthony Crane (5-9, 180) and Ferguson at inside linebacker and senior Anthony Johnson (5-10, 220) and Passero at outside linebacker.

The defensive backs include senior Towan Benson (5-9, 150) and junior Mark Geck (5-10, 155) and Point DuJour will play safety.

Union will be heavily favored to gain one of the four playoff spots in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4. Union and Elizabeth appear to be locks and the favorites for the other two spots include Montclair, Randolph and Linden, although all three lost a number of talented players to graduation.

Union has won 10 of the first 21 playoff titles in Section 2, Group 4 and has a public-school best 22-5 playoff record. Since head coach Lou Rettino took over as head coach in 1977, the Farmers have failed to reach the playoffs only three times in 18 seasons — 1977, 1980 and 1989.

Union has won the most titles in the section with 10 and Elizabeth is next with three. Montclair, last year's winner, and Westfield have two each and Bloomfield, Barringer, West Essex and Randolph one each.

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Nov. 11 at Linden, 1:30
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SENIORS: Clark Lang, SE/DB, (5-11, 165); Keith Martin, SE/DB, (5-7, 155); Towan Benson, RB/DB, (5-9, 150); Rudy Point DuJour, TE/S, (6-2, 180); Pat Collins, QB/DE, (6-5, 230); Anthony Crane, FB/ILB, (5-9, 180); Anthony Johnson, RB/OLB, (5-10, 220); Anthony Russell, TE/DE, (6-1, 210); Chris Fischetti, C/DT, (5-10, 225); Tuong Phan, G/DT, (5-11, 230); Sean Lowe, OT/DT, (6-4, 250); Antonio Pires, OT/DE, (5-7, 155); Carlos Rimolo, OT/DT, (5-11, 245); Sam Frazier, OT/DT, (5-10, 280).

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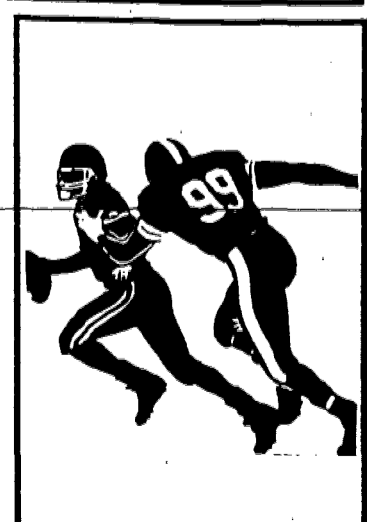
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Summit High School Hilltoppers

Plenty of talent still remains

By Michael Ziegler
Assistant Sports Editor

SUMMIT — Although the two-time defending North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 champs will have to replace since graduated All-State performers Torric Fogg and Jamie Allen, plenty of talent capable of helping guide Summit to another fine season returns.

"The personality of a team changes from year to year," second-year head coach Ray McCrann said. "But if you have a good program, which we feel we do here, you feel comfortable with the talent you have coming up. This year is no exception. We feel very good about this year's talent."

Without question, Summit will rely heavily on the talents of its returning senior quarterback — 6-3, 215-pound Steve Schroeder.

Other key players for this year's Hilltopper squad include seniors Kawon Foushee (5-9, 214) and Alfie Critelli (6-3, 225).

The offense will be run from the I-Formation with multiple sets up front. From there, the emphasis will be on passing the ball, McCrann said, unlike the run-dominated offense Fogg ran out of.

"Basically, we'll be doing the same thing on offense but we'll just be making it look different to force the defense to change," McCrann said. "Although we'll pass a lot, we will definitely run the ball because I'm a firm believer that teams, regardless of what level of the game they play at, must be able to run the ball to be successful."

Joining Foushee in the backfield will be seniors Jeff Lovell (5-11, 180) and Jose Valentin (5-6, 160). The key to any McCrann-coached offense is the fullback. Without a fullback who can hit up inside and move the ball, he said, the rest of the offense suffers.

McCrann and his players are very proud of the program at Summit, one that is founded on a commitment to excellence and being able to perform to one's potential.

"We're looking for perfection in every game and have an idea of what we will do," McCrann said. "But even though I think we'll be a pass-oriented team, if our fullbacks are running up and down the field against someone, I'm certainly going to stick with that until it's stopped."

Moving the ball down field is what Sum-

mit has been able to do during its past two championship seasons, tallying a 21-1 mark in that time. Summit will still move the ball, but it probably won't be on the ground as much. However, the running game is too valuable to McCrann to go away from.

"The big thing with our offense," McCrann said, "will be allowing no penetration up front and getting teams to respect our fullback. When that happens, it creates space in the secondary, where Steve can then go to work."

Going to work is what Schroeder has been able to do in the scrimmages. He's hooked up with receivers on big plays, finding them over the middle, and has shown he can go deep at will or dump the short ball.

"Steve can do it all," McCrann said. "He has the finesse for the short passes and the arm strength to go deep. We've put together an offensive package that takes advantage of both."

On the receiving end will be junior Peter Torres (5-9, 165) and sophomore John Brown (5-11, 180). Both have decent speed and can catch the ball. Although both can go deep, the explosiveness of a Jamie Allen will not exist.

"There won't be a Jamie Allen for teams to key on, which is both good and bad," McCrann said. "It's good because the defense won't double-team any one receiver and bad because every receiver will be treated as a threat."

Summit may not score as many points this year minus the big-play threats that Fogg and Allen provided. However, McCrann feels this year's unit will still be in pretty good shape.

"We may not be able to put up as many points as we did last year, but we still don't know," he said. "After watching our first scrimmage, all the pieces are there for a good year. Now it's up to us as coaches to fine tune our players and get them ready for the season-opener against Cranford."

Anchoring Summit's 4-4 defense will undoubtedly be its linebackers. Schroeder, Foushee and junior Colin Ballantyne (6-0, 170) will rotate in and out of the inside and seniors Chuck Mullens (6-0, 195) and Jeff Lovell (5-11, 180) will play on the outside.



Photo By Michael Ziegler

Summit senior quarterback Steve Schroeder takes the snap from sophomore center Ismael Lamboy.

"We'll be very similar to last year on defense," McCrann said. "We've still got speed in the secondary and the experience up front to handle the run. The key to our defense is to be aggressive and in the right place at the right time."

Summit has won North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 the past two seasons and has appeared in the title game the last three years. The Hilltoppers should get in this year with a 6-2 record or better.

Summit defeated Mendham in the past two title games after losing to Dover in the sectional final in 1992. Post-season wins for Summit last year included a home victory over Jefferson 40-7 and a road win at Mendham 26-8 on the final day of the season.

Led by Schroeder, Fogg and Allen, Summit scored 374 points in 11 games and yielded only 107, posting three shutouts and scoring at least 40 points twice.

Summit finished 6-0 on the road last year and has not lost a road game since losing to Dover in the 1992 sectional final.

The Hilltoppers toughest games this year should be at Linden Sept. 30 and home against Scotch Plains Oct. 21.

McCrann, who coached sectional title teams at Passaic, has another blue-chipper in

Schroeder. McCrann's best player at Passaic was running back Craig "Ironhead" Heyward.

This year Schroeder ranks as one of the best players in the state.

"He's a very intense player with a lot of talent," McCrann said. "We're going to let him loose this year and display his ability to throw the ball."

Schroeder passed for 1,020 yards and 12 touchdowns last season, while throwing only three interceptions.

He took over the quarterback slot from Allen, who ran Jim Benedict's Single-Wing attack. Allen is now playing at Nassau Community College in New York.

SUMMIT HILLTOPPERS

SENIORS: Vince Martin, SE/DB, (5-11, 160); Steve Schroeder, QB/ILB, (6-3, 215); Jamal Stewart, SE/DB, (5-9, 165); Kevin Schmidt, SE/DB, (5-10, 170); Jeff Lovell, FB/ILB, (5-11, 180); Jose Valentin, TB/DB, (5-8, 160); Kawon Foushee, FB/ILB, (5-9, 214); Tyler Waugh, TE/DE, (6-1, 170); Alfie Critelli, OG/DE, (6-3, 225); Darnell Andrews, OT/DT, (6-2, 236); Kevin McDermott, OG/DT, (5-9, 224); Michael Politz, OT/DT, (5-9, 210); Fabio Montero, OT/DT, (6-2, 230); Scott Wesley, SB/DB, (5-9, 160); Shawn Woodcock, SE/DB, (6-2, 170); Chuck Mullens, TE/OLB, (6-0, 195).

JUNIORS: Colin Ballantyne, QB/ILB, (6-0, 170); Peter Torres, SB/DB, (5-9, 165); Jose Gavilanes, OG/DT, (5-9, 175); Martin Weathers, OT/DT, (5-10, 200); James Marsh, OG/DE, (5-11, 160); Gregory McDermott, OT/DT, (5-9, 165).

SOPHOMORES: John Brown, TB/DB, (5-11, 180); Jeffrey Stewart, SB/DB, (5-11, 175); Scott Schroeder, QB/OLB, (5-9, 160); Joe Mormak, SB/DB, (5-9, 160); Hakeem Wilkerson, FB/ILB, (5-9, 200); Ketrrell Johnson, OT/DT, (5-9, 210); Jeff Weathers, C/OLB, (6-0, 175); Peter Soccodato, C/DE, (5-9, 170); Steven McDermott, OT/DT, (5-9, 185); Ismael Lamboy, C/DT, (5-10, 240); Adam Dunshee, C/DT, (5-10, 190); Steven Evans, OT/DT, (5-9, 250); Kevin Tripp, OT/DE, (6-4, 210); Matt Trombley, TE/OLB, (5-9, 165); Chris Thomas, TE/OLB, (5-10, 175); Joseph Chisholm, TE/DE, (6-0, 210).

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Sept. 30 at Linden, 1:30
Oct. 7 East Side, 1:30
Oct. 14 at Shabazz, 1:30
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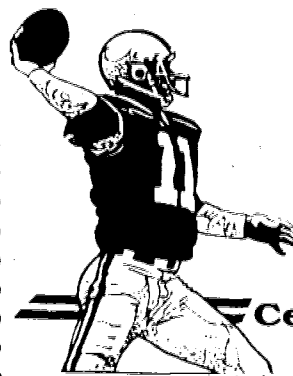
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Dayton Regional High School Bulldogs

Ryscavage fields youthful squad

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

SPRINGFIELD — Dayton will be starting over this year in more ways than one.

First-year head coach Ed Ryscavage inherits a program with only three seniors on the varsity roster. So Springfield fans will have to be patient.

However, the future looks bright. Ryscavage likes what he sees from the junior and sophomore classes.

"We only have one returning letterman (Ian Telfer) and he only played defense last year," Ryscavage said. "The freshmen did go unbeaten last year and now as sophomores they're going to have to perform on the varsity level. They have a lot of skill, but still lack technique and experience."

Ryscavage, who grew up in the anthracite area of St. Clair, Pa. and who played baseball and football at Marietta College in Ohio, knows a thing or two about bringing underclassmen along.

His first head coaching stint took place at Irvington (1986-1990) where he inherited a team that was in the midst of a long losing streak. He coached Irvington to its first win in 35 games in 1987 and the next year his senior class, the kids who were his sophomores in 1986, went on to fashion a 6-3 record in the Watchung Conference, beating Elizabeth and Union in that 1988 season, but failing to make the playoffs because of three 7-6 defeats.

Ryscavage takes over the head coaching reigns from Ed Manigan, who is now the head coach at Newark Academy. Manigan's three-year (1992-1994) record at the helm was 5-21-1.

"This year we're trying to build a tradition that includes the family," Ryscavage said. "We're looking for our young players to gain experience and mature as the season progresses."

Ryscavage spent the past four years at Rumson, the last three as the head coach. An English teacher at Irvington for the past 19 years, the West Long Branch resident left Rumson because the shore area school wanted an in-house coach. Ryscavage did not want to give up his tenure at Irvington and applied for the Freehold and Dayton positions.

"Some of our younger guys will fill out and we should be pretty good the next two years — if we survive this year," Ryscavage said. "We're striving to be competitive this year and gain as much experience for the next two years."

Speaking of experience, Ryscavage has been involved in high school football for some time now.

He coached at Red Bank Regional for three years before becoming an assistant at Irvington in 1978. After serving as an assistant for the Blue Knights from 1978 to 1983, Ryscavage headed south again to serve as an assistant coach at Shore Regional in West Long Branch. He returned to Irvington after serving two seasons at Shore Regional, fashioning a 15-30 record with the Blue Knights.

After serving as an assistant at Rumson (where he first started coaching in 1973) in 1991, Ryscavage was named the head coach, succeeding Biff Wilbur. Ryscavage's three-year record of 14-14 included an 8-2 mark in 1993. Rumson won the C North Division that season and lost to Metuchen in



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Dayton Regional hosts Hillside tomorrow at Meisel Field at 1 p.m. in a season-opening Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division clash.

the first round of the Central Jersey, Group 1 playoffs.

His eight-year record as a head coach (Irvington 5 and Rumson 3) stands at 29-44, with two winning seasons, one conference championship and one playoff appearance.

Ryscavage's coaching staff includes Chris Lafragola (lines), Andy Huber (defensive backs and running backs), Bobby Bauer (defensive backs and receivers) and Chris Daniel (linebackers and receivers). Ryscavage brought Bauer and Daniel with him and Huber, a 1992 Dayton grad and former Bulldog standout, will handle the combination freshman-sophomore team that will play on Fridays.

Gone from last year's much-improved 4-4-1 squad are first-team All-Area players Mike Keleher, Steve Florio, Brian Harms and Chris Toma.

In the battle for this year's starting quarterback slot are junior John Pesantez (5-10, 160) and sophomore Mark Armento (5-11, 155). They are learning a combination 1-Back, 2-Back and wishbone set.

Running backs include junior Ian Telfer (5-10, 175) and sophomore Paul Testa (5-10, 165). Wideouts will be sophomores Mike Chonko (5-6, 145) and Jim Sweigart (5-11, 170). Senior Steve Walker (6-1, 180) will serve as a split end.

Sophomores Kevin Hogan (6-1, 175), Barry Kaverick (6-0, 175) and Anthony Chango (6-1, 165) should see time at tight end.

Mountainside youngsters getting a chance with GL

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — Andy Mattie did not come out for football until last year and was only able to see limited junior varsity duty.

However, the senior will be looked upon to help strengthen the offensive and defensive lines for Governor Livingston Regional this year. The 5-9, 170-pounder will start at guard on offense and tackle on defense for veteran head coach Joe Hubert.

"He runs a legit 4.5 40 (dash) and he benches 260," Hubert, in his 10th season with the program, said. "He came out late last year, but he could be a solid player for us this year."

Mattie is one of several Mountainside residents in the GL football program, although he is the only senior and only starter from Mountainside this year. He is one of six Mountainside residents that will dress for varsity games.

The others include junior Brian Cantagallo and sophomores Chet King, Brett Oberhauser, Adam Perle and Jim Debbie.

Cantagallo, a 5-8, 170-pound wide receiver/defensive back, will see varsity time on the special teams. He and the above-mentioned sophomores will play, for the most part, for the junior varsity team.

The offensive line includes junior Jerry Somma (5-11, 210) and sophomore Jon Zika (6-1, 170) at guards; juniors Eric Ellison, (6-1, 240) and Jarrett Fennes at tackles and junior Scott Reino (5-11, 245) at center. Other offensive linemen include freshman Mike Harms (5-10, 195) at center and juniors Nick Vitale (5-11, 250) and Mark Pinhasovich (6-1, 235) at tackle.

Dayton's Multiple-60 defense will line up Hogan and Kaverick or Chango at end, sophomore Joe Rizzo (5-9, 195) and Fennes at tackle, Somma and sophomore Joe Capriglione (5-11, 190) at inside linebacker, Armento and Sweigart at outside linebacker and Chonko, Testa, Telfer and Walker will see action in the secondary.

"I've been impressed so far with our skill players," Ryscavage said. "Our weakest point might be our line, but they have to get used to a new system."

DAYTON REGIONAL BULLDOGS

Sept. 23 Hillside, 1:00
Sept. 30 at Newark Central, 1:00
Oct. 7 at Johnson, 1:00
Oct. 14 Gov. Livingston, 1:00
Oct. 20 at Roselle Park, 7:30
Oct. 28 Roselle, 1:00
Nov. 4 Bound Brook, 2:00
Nov. 10 at Manville, 7:30
Nov. 23 at Immaculata, 10:30

DAYTON BULLDOGS

SENIORS: Joe Ragsdale, FB/LB, (5-10, 185); Hector Rivera, FB/DB, (5-10, 160); Steve Walker, SE/DB, (6-1, 180).

JUNIORS: Ian Telfer, TB/DB, (5-10, 175); Vince DeCicco, OG/DL, (5-8, 160); Phil Drogan SE/DB, (5-11, 155); Eric Ellison, OT/DL, (6-1, 240); Jarrett Fennes, OT/DL/PK, (5-11, 195); Alex Jones TE/DL, (6-3, 195); Jason Kirschner, TE/LB, (6-0, 185); Mark Pinhasovich, OT/DT, (6-1, 235); John Pesantez, QB/DB, (5-10, 160); Scott Reino, C/DL, (5-11, 245); Jerry Somma, G/DL, (5-11, 210); Brian Turner, SE/DB, (5-11, 160); Nick Vitale, OT/DT, (5-11, 250).

SOPHOMORES: Mark Armento, QB/OLB, (5-11, 155); Alphonso Barone, OT/DT, (5-11, 165); Joe Capriglione, FB/ILB, (5-11, 190); Anthony Chango, TE/DE, (6-1, 165); Mike Chonko, SE/DB, (5-6, 145); William Currid, OG/DL, (5-10, 145); Mark Dempsey, SE/OLB, (5-8, 150); Jon Zika, OG/DE, (6-1, 170); Kevin Hogan, TE/DE, (6-1, 175); Barry Kaverick, TE/DE, (6-0, 175); Lee Michael, QB/DB, (5-7, 165); Joey Porter, SE/DB, (5-2, 120); Joe Rizzo, OG/DT, (5-9, 195); James Sudnik, OG/DL, (5-11, 165); Jim Sweigart, B-WR/OLB, (5-11, 170); Paul Testa, TB/DB, (5-10, 165); Jeff Vogt, TB/DB, (5-10, 160).

FRESHMAN: Mike Harms, C/LB, (5-10, 195).

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Sellers' young Hillside squad needs to step up
New cast beginning to learn

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 Frank Ibaceta, a 5-11, 200-pound junior, will serve as Hillside's placekicker and Jackson as the team's punter.
 In charge of running Hillside's split-back offense will be junior quarterback Eric Finney (6-2, 160).
 "He's doing a good job for us," Sellers said. "We had to move him to quarterback because we needed someone to be a leader and he stepped up. He's had to overcome a lot of personal problems and he's getting better and better."
 Myles, a 5-9, 180-pound fullback, and Damien Robertson (5-9, 210) are the running backs. Quadri Dix, a 5-9, 120-pound senior, will play tight end and Gamble (6-1, 190) and Williams are the ends.
 The offensive line will include Ibaceta and senior Walter Robinson (5-10, 190) at the guards, Ballard at center and junior John Wyche (6-0, 225) and senior Arthur Christmas (6-0, 235) at the tackles.
 The 4-3 defense will feature senior Brian Jackson (6-4, 315) and Ibaceta at tackle, Christmas and Ballard at end and Myles (middle), Robinson and junior Will Landers (5-10, 200) as the linebackers.
 The cornerbacks will be senior Naim

Lynn (6-1, 170) and Gamble and the safeties Williams and Finney.
 "One of my main goals is to get some consistency as far as getting kids to come out for the team," Sellers said. "We want to make a study hall available to them to help them be well-rounded players — good players and good students."
 The mistakes will come this year, perhaps more than in recent seasons, but Sellers and his staff are prepared to mold this year's unit into a competitive outfit.
 "Play every game, be competitive and give everything you have," Sellers said. "We're really young this year so I expect us to make a lot of mistakes. Hopefully we won't make so many that it will overtake the program."
 Unfortunately, senior Kenny Baldwin will not be able to play this year because of a heart murmur.
 Corey DeGannes, a 5-9, 150-pound sophomore quarterback/defensive back is out with a bruised kidney and not expected back until October.
 Hillside's staff this year includes Jim Hopke, John Zappulla, Mike Corrigan, Rahim Graham, Norman Ford, James McCray and Scott Binder.

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Roselle Park High School Panthers

No added pressure this season

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

ROSELLE PARK — Last year Roselle Park entered the 1994 campaign with a state-best 22-game winning streak. This year the Panthers begin the 1995 season with a one-game winning streak.

So it's quite obvious that the pressure is off Roselle Park a bit.

"We lost some tough games last year but still managed a winning season," veteran Roselle Park head coach John Wagner said.

Wagner became head coach in 1981 and after three successive 4-5 campaigns, he and his staff have guided the Panthers to 11 consecutive winning seasons. However, after Roselle Park won back-to-back North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 titles with 11-0 records in 1992 and 1993, the expectations were raised to a higher level.

"We lost a tough season-opener last year," Wagner said. "But, except for one

game, I thought we still went on to have a pretty good year with the team we had."

Roselle Park was not expected to go 11-0 again last year, especially without the seniors it lost to graduation. Although he lost some fine players to graduation again, Wagner is very enthusiastic about the squad he has returning this year.

"There's no added pressure," Wagner said. "We would like to pick up where we left off last year. Like any other year, we have to stay healthy to determine how good we can really be."

Prior to Roselle Park's game scrimmage last Friday against Parsippany Hills, three were vying to replace since graduated Keith Wintermute as the team's quarterback. The three candidates to run the Panthers' Wing-T offense included senior Anthony Fanelli (6-2, 155); junior Matt Harris (5-9, 175) and sophomore Dan Hutchinson (6-0, 175).

Providing protection up front will be

senior Todd Kraft (5-9, 180) and junior Anthony Vitale (6-0, 210) at center; senior Bill Schinestuhl (5-8, 208), senior Tim Eager (6-0, 200) and junior Steve Karlik (5-10, 205) at guard and senior Jon Hemenway (5-11, 245), senior John Nieman (6-4, 307) and junior Albert Munoz (5-8, 205) at tackle.

Running the ball will be senior Jamie Gallicchio (5-8, 155), junior Steve Matthews (5-10, 155), junior Jeff Gallicchio (5-7, 160), junior Matt Ferraro (5-6, 140) and sophomore Ricky Carlson (5-10, 165) at halfback and senior Bob Harms (5-8, 205) and junior Matt Story (5-9, 185) at fullback.

Wideouts include senior Joe Ricca (6-1, 205), senior Scott Heath (6-2, 165), junior Kevin Vargus (6-2, 175) and senior Jason Scott (5-8, 140).

"Our offensive line has a lot of experience," Wagner said.

Roselle Park's Base-50 defense includes Schinestuhl at nose guard; Hemenway, Nieman, Munoz, Vitale and junior Mickey Weslock (5-10, 240) at tackle and Ricca, junior Juan Hernandez (6-0, 205), junior Ryan Belfiore (5-10, 170) and junior Frank Cunha (5-9, 175) at end.

Linebackers include Karlik, Harms, Jeff Gallicchio and Eager and Kraft. Jamie Gallicchio and Vargus are the cornerbacks and Heath, Matthews and Ferraro the safeties.

"We're pretty strong on the defensive line and at linebacker," Wagner said. "We should do well against the run and that may dictate how good we are on defense."

Harms will handle kicking and punting chores again and both Gallicchio brothers will be return men.

"We have a pretty good feeling about what we should be able to do based on the people we have back," Wagner said. "We did a decent job in our first scrimmage against Montclair Immaculate, a team that went 11-0 last year and has one of the best players in the state in Omar Cheesboro."

A playoff team in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 three of the first five seasons in the 1990s, Roselle Park is situated in Group 2 for the first time since the 1960s this year based on a higher enrollment figure. The top teams in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 this year will include Summit, Johnson Regional, West Essex and Caldwell.

"It's probably short-lived, but we'll have to live with it," Wagner said.

ROSELLE PARK PANTHERS

Sept. 22 at Middlesex, 7:30
Sept. 29 Manville, 7:30
Oct. 6 North Plainfield, 7:30
Oct. 14 at New Providence, 1:00
Oct. 20 Dayton, 7:30
Oct. 27 Bound Brook, 7:30
Nov. 4 at Ridge, 2:00
Nov. 11 at Johnson, 1:00
Nov. 23 at Roselle, 10:30

ROSELLE PARK PANTHERS

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JUNIORS: Anthony Vitale, C/DT, (6-0, 210); Steve Karlik, OG/LB, (5-10, 205); Albert Munoz, OT/DT, (5-8, 205); Kevin Vargus, SE/CB, (6-2, 175); Matt Harris, QB, (5-9, 175); Matt Story, FB, (5-9, 185); Steve Matthews, HB/S, (5-10, 155); Jeff Gallicchio, HB/LB, (5-7, 160); Matt Ferraro, HB/DB, (5-6, 140); Mickey Weslock, DT, (5-10, 240); Juan Hernandez, DE, (6-0, 205); Ryan Belfiore, DE, (5-10, 170); Frank Cunha, DE, (5-9, 175).

SOPHOMORES: Dan Hutchinson, QB, (6-0, 175); Ricky Carlson, HB, (5-10, 165).

Hillside High School Comets

Young guys will have to step up

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

HILLSIDE — Although Hillside failed to qualify for a playoff berth in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 the past three years, the Comets played consistently well, posting seven wins in each of those seasons.

Hillside managed to remain one of the top teams in the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference despite losing top-notch players to graduation prior to each of the past three campaigns. This year's

squad will be minus the services of a 1995 senior class that included the likes of such stalwarts as Roger Wingate, A.J. Hughes, Chad Wilson, Barry Byrd and Burnette Brown.

So, not unlike years past, the Comets will have to come up with a number of answers.

"We have to prove ourselves all over again," said first-year head coach Derryk Sellers, who took over the head coaching reigns from John Kaye.

Bringing much-needed respectability

back to the program, Kaye (with a five-year — 1990-1994 — record of 28-16-1) left to become an assistant at Matawan. Sellers, a 1983 Hillside graduate who was named the head coach back in April, served as an assistant under Kaye during the 1990, 1992 and 1994 seasons. He will also remain an assistant basketball coach at Hillside.

"I always dreamed about coming back to be the head coach," said Sellers, 29, who played three years as a two-way tackle for Hillside under head coach Larry Coppolla.

Sellers inherits a very green squad for his first go-around, just three of his players returning lettermen and only two of them seniors.

"We have a lot of young guys, so we'll have to see who will step up," Sellers said. "Most people think we're going to be bad, but we have to plug in our new players and find a way to get the job done."

The three returning lettermen include seniors Alex Ballard and Brian Jackson and junior Revon Myles.

"We've split our practices into thirds — offense, defense and special teams," Sellers said. "With a young team, special teams play will be more important to us this year, so we're concentrating on our kicking, punting and coverage."

Sellers realizes that good special teams play can help a team break a game open. He feels he has a quality game-breaker in Jamall Williams, a 5-9, 160-pound junior.

"Jamall's a dangerous player with a lot of speed," Sellers said.

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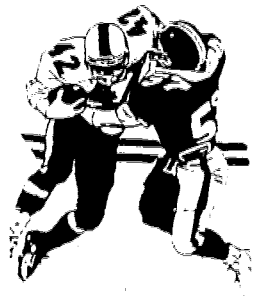
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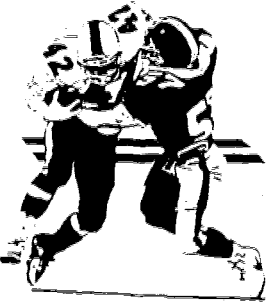
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Johnson Regional High School Crusaders

Next step is ready to be taken

By Michael Ziegler
Assistant Sports Editor

CLARK — Bob Taylor's first two years at Johnson Regional, consecutive above-.500 campaigns, have brought about a winning attitude.

And with several key players returning from last year's squad that sneaked into the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs, odds are that Johnson has a legitimate shot at not only gaining another playoff berth, but winning a sectional title this time.

"Last year we competed well with a young team and proved we belonged in the playoffs," the former longtime Brearley Regional coach said. "13-6 in his two years at Johnson. "What makes this year so exciting is that we return a team with another year of experience under its belt, hungry and ready to get back into the playoffs."

With that in mind, Johnson's goal is to open the season playing the same calibre of football that got them into the playoffs.

Although Johnson lost five starters to graduation, Taylor feels he has adequate replacements that have enough talent and experience to get the job done. A top-notch group of seniors that include Ray Redziniak, Frank Mentzel, Dan Leuddeke, Greg Layden and Dan Guzevich give the Crusaders an experienced and talented team that knows how to win.

"We've replaced the guys from last year with players who went just one way for us, so we're comfortable that we're not losing too much," Taylor said.

Johnson will again run its offense out of the Twin-Veer Option Set — a system designed to utilize the talent at running back and wide receiver. It also takes advantage of Johnson's strong offensive line.

The offensive line has quality size and can move people. Redziniak, at 6-3, 260, is one of the best guards in North Jersey. The other guard is Guzevich (6-2, 220). Seniors Bill Ives (6-1, 210) and Mike Santangelo (5-11, 299) will line up outside at the tackles. Another senior, 6-1, 160-pound tight end Nick DeCorso, can run well.

"We want to spread the defense from sideline to sideline, then attack the seams up the middle," Taylor said. "The key to this offense is creating abnormal splits in the defensive line and isolating people. We want to put them on an island away from any help.

"In order to make that work," he added, "players must be quick off the ball. You also

need an outstanding center and quarterback."

The Crusaders have both in quarterback Leuddeke (5-10, 150) and center Carmin Scuderi, a 5-4, 180-pound senior.

"Danny has been running the system since he was eight years old, coming up through the youth programs," Taylor said. "Carmin is an outstanding center."

The receiving corps will be also be key and the Crusaders have both a deep threat and possession receiver in Greg Layden, a 5-9, 150-pound senior. Layden caught a school-record 48 passes last year for 692 yards, five of his catches going for touchdowns.

Senior Joe Aleffi (5-10, 150), with 4.6 speed, replaces since graduated Rashaun Stovall at tailback and is an exciting player that doesn't waste any time turning the ball up field. He played in the secondary last year and will be returning kicks along with Layden. He could be the surprise player of the Mountain Valley Conference, according to Taylor.

Senior fullback Frank Mentzel (6-2, 245) will hit up inside against opposing defenses and should complement Aleffi well in the backfield. He's coming off of a good year and should have a better one in 1995.

"We've got to stretch the defense both horizontally and vertically with our backs and receivers," Taylor said. "The versatility of our offense is its strength.

"We have a solid running game that can bang with the big guys up the middle with power. "We've proven we can throw the ball well and have speed around the corners in the backfield to complement the option."

On defense, Johnson returns several starters on a unit that is much improved from a year ago. The front line has gotten stronger in the off-season with a solid commitment to lifting weights. Johnson's base defense is an Oklahoma Style 52, making the work the linebackers have to perform critical.

"The linebackers (Mentzel and Guzevich) have to be able to get to the ball," Taylor said. "We'll need the defensive backs to contain, then get the hit. If that doesn't happen, we'll have problems."

A new look will be moving Mentzel to linebacker where he has "just unloaded on people during the scrimmages," Taylor said. He has proven tough at the fullback spot, but is really starting to showcase his talent as a defensive player.

Big and powerful best describes the defensive line, with four bench pressing over 300 pounds. Senior Teak Sun Kim (6-0, 230) lines up at nose guard and is flanked by seniors Carmine Rossetti (6-1, 205) and DeCorso at end and Redziniak and junior Guenther Kryszon (6-4, 240) at tackle.

Johnson also boasts a strong secondary. Joe Attanasio, a 5-10, 160-pound sophomore, fills in for since graduated Steve Cicotelli and will join Layden and Aleffi at the safety slots. Seniors Lenny Navarro (6-0, 165) and Mark Ferrara (5-9, 185) are on the corners.



Photo By Joe Long

Johnson head coach Bob Taylor will rely heavily upon the talents of senior fullback/linebacker Frank Mentzel.

Junior Jason Hassler (5-7, 155) will again handle the placekicking, field goal and kick-off duties where he has been solid for the Crusaders. With the new overtime rules in effect, games could come down to a Hassler field goal attempt.

The punting will be handled by Lueddeke and junior Mike Robel (5-11, 175).

With everything in place, Johnson is poised for a championship run — a goal set by the team.

"We're going for a title, no doubt about it," Taylor said. "We'll put everything together, maximize our efforts, and get it done. This is a very goal-oriented and committed group of kids that truly want to win a championship this year."

Immaculata has dominated the MVC-Mountain Division as of late and has beaten Taylor's Crusaders the past two seasons. A win over Immaculata will give Johnson an early advantage to winning the Mountain Division.

Ironically, the last year Johnson won a conference title and made the playoffs came in 1991 when Taylor's Brearley team thumped the Crusaders 35-7 in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs en route to the sectional championship. Johnson won the MVC-Valley Division that year, tying Brearley 14-14 in a regular season contest in Kenilworth one week before the teams played in the playoffs in Clark.

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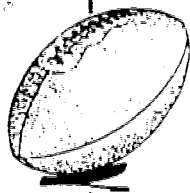
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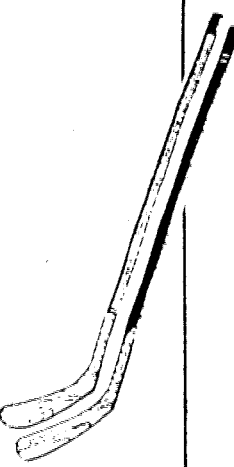
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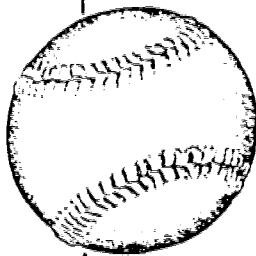
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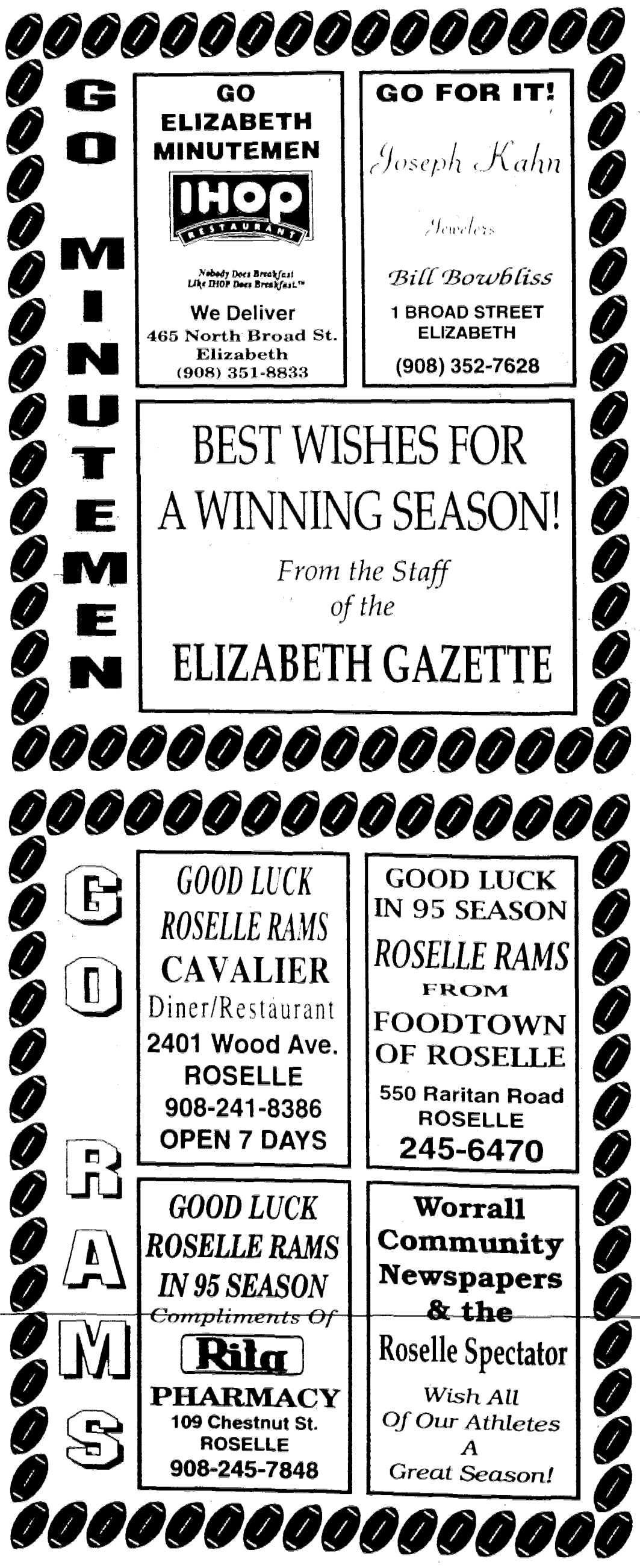
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Elizabeth High School Minutemen

Sectional title aspirations here

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

ELIZABETH — On paper Elizabeth may be the most talented team in North Jersey this year. Tomorrow night the Minutemen get their first chance to prove it on the field.

With returning standout players such as seniors Quinton Spotwood, Al Hawkins, Lee Miller, Quarran Rogers and junior Darrell Glover, Elizabeth has an excellent chance to win its first North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 title since 1989.

That squad, which was also the last Elizabeth team to win the Watchung Conference-American Division crown, finished 11-0 and as the No. 1 team in New Jersey, led by the likes of Semaj Blow, Malik Jackson, Bob Drake, Terry Hanratty, Juan Jones and Alcides Catanho.

"Everything is going good right now," Moore said as pre-season practice commenced. "We have some great players and everyone has been playing up to their potential. We just have to get better and better."

Elizabeth, 7-2 last year and winners of its last four games, have eight starters back on offense and seven on defense. Spotwood and Hawkins, both four-year starters, have received numerous pre-season All-America honors. Spotwood, the best overall player in Union County last year, made *Street & Smith's* Top 50 national pre-season squad.

"We went through a youth movement after the second game (a 26-12 loss to Linden) last year," Moore said. "We were happy with the way our players performed and we now have a very good senior class and good junior and sophomore classes."

When you think of Elizabeth this year you think of the Spotwood-Hawkins combination.

"They both understand how things are done and have a lot of experience," Moore said. "They played both ways last year and really have the team in high gear."

Spotwood (6-0, 170), one of many highly recruited players among a very talented senior class in New Jersey this year, can do many things on the football field and all of them well.

Last year he proved that he can catch, pass, return and cover better than most players he went up against.

At end, the junior caught 45 passes for 1,102 yards (24.48 average) and caught 11 touchdown passes and one two-point conversion for 68 points. At quarterback, he completed 14-of-25 passes for 352 yards (25.14) and threw four touchdown passes. He also returned 10 punts for 355 yards (35.5).

From his defensive back position, Spotwood had 24 tackles and seven intercep-

tions, including returning one pick for a touchdown against Union.

"He's just a great player," Moore said. "He does so many things, has great hands, speed and quickness. He's improved his speed by going out for track this past spring and has worked hard in the weight room."

Opting to give up playing outfield for the baseball team, Spotwood had a stellar track and field campaign. He won the conference 100 dash in 10.6 and was second in the Union County 100 in 11.0. He also placed in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 sprint.

"There's no doubt that he's one of the best players in the state and in the country," said Moore, who has coached a number of players who have gone on to excel at the Division 1 level. "He can make so many things happen with his ability."

Hawkins (6-2, 215), one of the top pitchers in the state, has been the varsity's starting quarterback since his freshman season of 1992. He has led Elizabeth to three winning seasons and two playoff berths. Elizabeth has recorded a 20-8-1 record the past three seasons with Hawkins and Spotwood (in relief) at quarterback.

"Al has worked hard this summer to stay focused," Moore said. "He's throwing the ball well in practice and has proven to be a real team leader."

Hawkins completed 61-of-94 passes (65 percent) for 1,613 yards (26.44 per completion) last year. He threw 12 touchdown passes and five interceptions. Hawkins also rushed 19 times for 91 yards and one touchdown.

The running game is also in very capable hands. Glover (5-11, 180) rushed for just over 900 yards last year as a sophomore and Miller (5-9, 180) gained over 500 as a junior.

Spencer Timmons, a 6-2, 170-pound senior, is another target Hawkins has the luxury of throwing to. Elizabeth's tight end is junior Hakiem Stewart (6-1, 225).

Elizabeth employs a multiple offense where it will go to the I, Split-Back or One-Back. Although the skill players get much of the attention, the offense doesn't move without quality blocking.

The offensive line includes junior center Jason Baiana (5-10, 220), junior guards

Anthony Martini (6-1, 240) and John McBryde (6-1, 230) and tackles John Fro (6-3, 275 senior) and Jairo Labrador (6-0, 275 junior).

Senior John Duque (5-11, 175) will handle the placekicking duties.

Elizabeth's 50 defense includes McBryde at nose guard, Martini and senior Aaron Manker (6-2, 275) at tackle and seniors Shawki Perry (6-3, 220) and Al Pettaway (5-9, 190) at end. Linebackers include Stewart and Rogers.

Glover and Miller are the cornerbacks and Spotwood and freshman Ron Santiago (5-11, 175) the safeties.

"I think this team is comparable to our 1988 and 1989 teams," Moore said.

Moore has been the head coach at Elizabeth for 10 seasons (1985-1994) and has reached the playoffs in six of those years (1985, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993). His 1988 squad won a sectional title with a 10-1 record, losing only at Irvington 8-0. Elizabeth defeated Morris Knolls in Denville in 1988 and in Elizabeth in 1989 in the sectional final, Moore's two championship teams at Elizabeth.

"I feel we certainly have the potential to be better," Moore said.

Elizabeth has a tough first game at Union tomorrow night. Union, which owns the Watchung Conference and North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4, has beaten the Minutemen the last eight times the teams have met (five regular season and three playoff games).

Union has won the last five conference titles and 10 of the first 21 sectional playoff crowns in 24.

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Roselle High School Rams

Speed, kicking game could be key

By Michael Ziegler
Assistant Sports Editor

ROSELLE — Last year Roselle finished 4-5, but lost three games by one point and still outscored the opposition by a 143-123 count despite getting shut out by Immaculata and New Providence in back-to-back games by blowout scores.

Roselle did post two shutouts of its own and is ready this year to improve upon last

season's marginal success. Speed and talent on both sides of the ball will provide a consistent offense and solid defensive play, but what has veteran head coach Lou Grasso really excited is a newly-found kicking game.

"We're blessed with something we haven't had here in a long time — a kicker," said Grasso, at the helm since 1979. "We lost three games last year by one point, so

we're primarily looking to turn those into wins."

Enter Aaron Hairston. The 5-10, 180-pound senior impressed coaches at a skills camp this summer.

"He's got a real strong leg and we found he could do things for us that will certainly help late in the game and in overtime," Grasso said. "When we asked him why he didn't come to us last year, he said that he wasn't

kicking the football as well as he is now. Who knows, we might actually kick a field goal this year."

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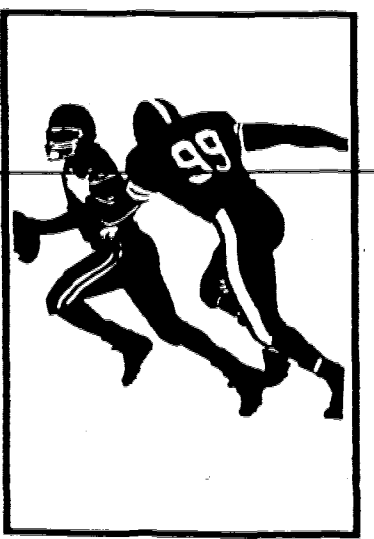


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Linden High School Tigers

Defense may have to carry club

By Michael Ziegler
Assistant Sports Editor

LINDEN — For head coach Bucky McDonald and the Linden Tigers football team, defense will have to dominate opponents to give the offense a chance — at least for the first few games. There is simply not enough experienced players for McDonald to expect his offense to be very sharp by tomorrow's season-opener.

As practice continued last week, McDonald was looking at three quarterbacks to run his complicated Wing-T offense. They included juniors Anthony Thomas (6-3, 170) and Mike Tumaliuan (5-7, 160) and sophomore Keith Blazowsky (5-9, 175).

All have done well in practice, but none of the three have any game experience.

"These three guys are all working their tails off and I cannot ask any more of them," McDonald said. "Being thrown into a new system and being asked to pick it up in a few weeks is a lot of pressure to handle as a young athlete.

"They have little, if any, experience knowing the offense, let alone running it in game situations. This is all new to them and I'm probably pushing them too hard, but they've really got to come along for us to be ready for our opener."

LINDEN TIGERS

SENIORS: Pete Tchorzewski, DE, (6-3, 225); Phillip Szabo, DE, (5-10, 180); Mike Sodano, DE, (6-1, 190); Wilson Rosembert, OLB, (6-3, 215); Marquie Moore, OLB, (5-10, 180); Ken Charlotin, ILB, (6-0, 216); Simone Ziobro, ILB, (5-10, 210); Lavonta Bass, S, (5-9, 185); Ehab Abuhamoud, CB, (6-0, 180); Farad Hayden, OT/DT, (6-6, 280); Avery Smith, OT/DT, (6-2, 220).

JUNIORS: Allen Hay, OLB, (6-1, 170); Josh Brown, CB, (5-9, 165); Anthony Thomas, QB, (6-3, 170); Mike Tumaliuan, QB (5-7, 160); Steve Johnson, OT/DT, (6-2, 240).

SOPHOMORES: Robert Archie, CB, (5-9, 170); Keith Blazowsky, QB, (5-9, 175).

A new quarterback in the Wing-T offense has several variables to deal with such as which of the three backs to give the ball to, who to put in motion and who to keep at home. Running the option, throwing a sweep toss, three- and five-step drops and where to position their feet are all important.

The inexperience in decision-making will undoubtedly lead to several mistakes, which puts added pressure on the offensive line to give the quarterback more time to start the play. Linden's line has the talent to do that.

"Deception is the key to the Wing-T," McDonald said. "You've got to be shifty and take what the defense gives you. Sometimes I try to force the ball into the strength of the defense because I'm a stubborn coach. That's when my assistants get on me."

The front eight is dominated by seniors who will play on both sides of the ball. McDonald will play nearly everybody both ways because he wants his best players on the field at all times. However, there will be substitutions on offense.

Senior Phillip Szabo (5-10, 180) is the center; senior Simone Ziobro (5-10, 210) and senior Mike Sodano (6-1, 190) are the guards and senior Avery Smith (6-2, 220), junior Steve Johnson (6-2, 240) and senior Farad Hayden (6-6, 280) the tackle.

Targets to throw to include senior tight end Pete Tchorzewski (6-3, 225) and senior split end Ehab Abuhamoud, (6-0, 180).

"I like to use a lot of backs and force people to defend the hole field," McDonald said. "But for that to be successful, you've got to be able to do things without the ball. You have to make blocks, fake without the ball and disguise misdirection runs."

On the bright side, two of the top players in the county come in the form of senior fullback/linebacker Ken Charlotin (6-0, 216) and senior halfback/linebacker Wilson Rosembert (6-3, 215). Senior Lavonta Bass (5-9, 185) will also see time at tailback.

"Our backs have worked hard and some of them have earned a shot at starting," McDonald said. "But with so many guys playing both ways, I like to give them more of a rest on offense than on defense, so we'll spread the ball around and share the wealth."

Linden's strength last year was on defense and this year's unit, which demonstrates a Split-4 Base, is ahead of McDonald's expectations.

"We've done a lot of good things on defense so far and it's coming along," said McDonald, whose 1994 team yielded but 87 points in 10 games. "Our defense is key for us and we'll have to exert ourselves. We're going to attack people and get after them.

"We'll change things up and won't show the same style and looks. We're not as sound as we've been in the past, so we may need to try some new things."

As with the offense, the front eight will be critical to Linden's success. And the defense will be called upon to keep the Tigers in the game as the offense comes along.

The defensive look features Johnson,

Smith and Hayden at tackle and Tchorzewski, Szabo and Sodano at end. McDonald will shuttle them in and out during the game to keep the line fresh, but that's as deep as Linden goes.

A strong linebacking corps is led by Charlotin and Ziobro on the inside and Rosembert, Moore and Hay on the outside.

"I've got a good group of linebackers who really work well together," McDonald said.

Linden has always had good size up front but are a little smaller this year. But what they lack in size they gain in speed, according to McDonald.

"The front eight is going to have to carry us," McDonald said. "We've got some young kids in the secondary who will take time to really play well. They've done a fair job in our scrimmages, but until we get a little experience in the secondary, the front eight will have to make some plays for us."

A young Tigers' secondary consists of Bass at safety and sophomore Robert Archie (5-9, 170) and junior Josh Brown (5-9, 165) at the corners. Ebuhamoud will also play some at cornerback.

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Rahway High School Indians

Better execution will negate mistakes

By Michael Ziegler
Assistant Sports Editor

RAHWAY — The final record may have said 1-8 but head coach Mike Punko felt that his Rahway Indians were a better football team than their record showed. This year's

RAHWAY INDIANS

SENIORS: Ivan Birch, WR/DB, (5-9, 143); Kerry Burkhard, OT, (6-1, 260); Calvin Cummings, TB/DB, (5-7, 125); Joe Feudale, C/LB, (5-8, 170); Javier Gonzalez, G/ILB, (5-8, 171); Ronny Hall, T/DE, (6-0, 265); Jamal Lewis, TB/DB, (5-10, 166); Gregg Ronkiewicz, TE/OLB, (6-3, 202); Anthony Shaw, WR/ILB, (5-10, 170); Antwan Simmons, OT/DT, (6-0, 265); Jeff Sacks, WR/DB, (5-11, 160); Kyle Thomas, OT/DT, (6-0, 225); Wastee Walls, WR/DB, (5-11, 150); Andy Hsu, WR/DB, (5-8, 134); Aaron Hill, TB/OLB, (5-10, 155); Reggie Philippe, TE/OLB, (5-11, 180).

JUNIORS: Lewis Campbell, QB/DB, (6-0, 168); Omar Francis, FB/DB, (5-9, 152); Danny Fitzharris, OT/DT, (6-4, 251); Ray Giacobbe, TE/DE, (6-2, 191); Gregg Golden, OT/DT, (5-8, 150); Jose Gonzalez, G/ILB, (6-0, 160); Marvin Hill, WR/DB, (5-10, 155); Dave Harston, WR/DB, (5-8, 135); Kinchi Sully, WR/DB, (5-9, 130); Matt Thomas, OT/DT, (5-9, 155); Bobby Vieira, C/DT, (5-9, 195); Wakil Wynn, WR/DB, (5-9, 158); Abdul Wilks, TE/DT, (6-2, 189); Shaun Young, WR/OLB, (6-1, 189); Issac Sellers, G/OLB, (5-11, 175).

SOPHOMORES: Mikal Ali, OT/DE, (6-2, 260); Jason Crutchfield, QB/DB, (5-10, 154); Antonio Garay, OT/DE, (6-1, 242); Eugene Jeter, TB/DB, (5-10, 151); Mike Minnier, TE/OLB, (6-0, 163); Tom O'Reilly, C/ILB, (5-9, 186); Hasan Rankins, WR/DB, (5-7, 125); Jake Switzer, TE/OLB, (6-0, 176).

squad, which returns seven starters on each side of the ball, looks at last year as an example of what happens when a team does not execute.

"We're trying to get the older players to reflect on last season and see that there were

games that, without a few mistakes, could have gone our way," Punko said. "Hopefully that will transfer into better performances this year.

"We've been telling them that if they have breakdowns, give up too many big plays and don't score from inside the red zone, they cannot expect to win a game."

The Indians opened their season last Saturday at Westfield, a team they lost to 19-6 at home last year in the season-opener. Except for three big plays, Rahway was able to shut down the Blue Devils' newly installed high-scoring Single-Wing attack. However, all three plays went for touchdowns.

Although Rahway has improved over last year in the pre-season, Punko and his staff did not have the opportunity to see his players perform in a game situation. Rahway's game-scrimmage that was scheduled to be played Sept. 9 at Hillside was cancelled when no officials or medical staff showed up at the field.

As a result, the Indians have several first-

year starters whose first action against someone in a different uniform was against Westfield — putting the Indians at a disadvantage according to Punko.

"We have a lot of first-year players who are looking to start that did not have the benefit of a game-scrimmage and that's not fair," Punko said.

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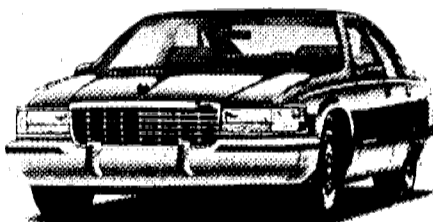
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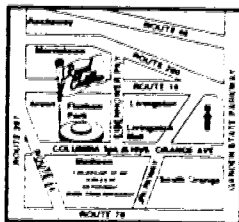
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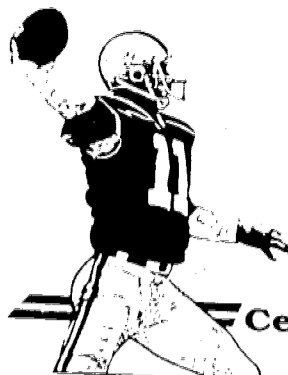
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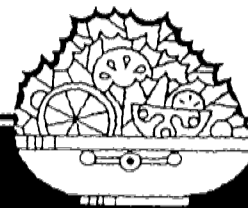
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Rahway's offense will be run again by quarterback Louis Campbell, a 6-0, 180-pound junior who started last year. The Indians are expected to step it up a bit offensively this year, having been outscored by a 244-75 margin in 1994.

"It will be a tough year for us again," Punko said, "We know that we need to get better defensively. We didn't play consistently last year, which took us out of some games, and we had some breakdowns that never allowed us to get into certain games."

Rahway runs a multiple offense, utilizing its slot backs, wings and flankers. Additionally, the Indians will attack from a Split Back, Pro set or I-formation, designed to keep their opponents from keying on just one type of offense. With so few players and an undersized team, Punko said Rahway will mix it up on both sides of the ball.

"We don't have a lot of players on the roster, but if we can stay healthy and play more consistent, then we have a chance to be more competitive," Punko said.

Campbell has improved in his ability and confidence and as the field general for the Indians will be carrying most of the responsibility of moving the offense down field.

"The quarterback is where it starts," Punko said, "Louis has made improved a great deal from a year ago. He can read the defenses better, which will allow us to call more audibles, and he is throwing the ball better."

Although Campbell's throwing has improved, the Indians will still be a run-oriented offense that will look to use the pass to open things up. Seniors Calvin Cummings (5-7, 125) and Aaron Hill (5-10, 155) will start at the tailback and fullback positions respectively, with senior Jamal Lewis (5-10, 166) coming off the bench.

Blocking up front, where Punko says the biggest question mark is, are juniors Ray Giacobbe (6-2, 191) and Abdul Wilks (6-2, 189) at end; senior Kyle Thomas (6-0, 225), sophomore Antonio Garay (6-1, 242), junior Issac Sellers (5-11, 175) and junior Jose Gonzales (6-0, 160) at tackle and junior Bob Vieira (5-9, 195) at center.

"We've got several receivers and tight ends that can catch the ball, so things look good there," Punko said. "Tackle to tackle, right now, is the biggest question mark. We've got to improve up the middle to give our quarterback a chance to start the play."

"If we can get good blocks up front," he added, "we'll be able to run. But if we don't, we're going to be forced to throw the ball. It all comes down to execution on the line and staying consistent."

Seniors Andy Hsu (5-8, 134) and Anthony Shaw (5-10, 170) and junior Marvin Hill (5-10, 155) have good hands and can get open.

Starting up front on defense are Giacobbe and Garay at E, Thomas and Vieira at T and Hill, Shaw, sr. Javier Gonzalez (5-8, 170) and jr. Shaun Young (6-1, 189) at LB.



Photo By Milton Mills

Rahway head coach Mike Punko works hard at preparing his team for the 1995 season. Rahway opened at Westfield last weekend and this Saturday hosts Kearny in its home-opener.

Roselle has speed, kicker

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game on their schedule," Grasso said.

Seven starters return and Roselle has blazing speed at the wide receiver, running back and secondary positions.

"Team speed and quickness will be our biggest strength this year," Grasso said. "We have an outstanding track program and I've got all the track athletes coming out for football. With our speed, it gives us an opportunity to get back and make a play when we make a mistake on defense."

The Rams' defensive set will run primarily out of a Base-4, switching occasionally to a Base-5.

Seniors Shawn Allen (6-1, 175), Michael Bonsu (5-10, 160) and Javal Davis (6-0, 185), along with sophomore Kirk Hopson (6-3, 170) pack a solid punch and are good cover men who will not get beat deep.

Bonsu, at cornerback, picked off a school-record seven passes and knocked down 20 other throws last season. Allen, from his safety position, led the team in tackles. Grasso is pleasantly surprised at Hopson's ability to play in the secondary.

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JUNIORS: Khalid Muhannad, DB, (5-6, 145); George Phipps, RB, (5-10, 175); Bengie Winbush, TE, (6-0, 190); Brian Stevens, RB, (5-5, 140); Conroy Sykes, TE, (6-4, 160); Tarig Glaster, T, (6-2, 265); Troy Mickens, G, (5-10, 170); Tyson Knight, G, (6-4, 240); Shannon Brown, C, (6-0, 260); A.J. Warren, QB, (6-1, 145); Rafael Rodreguez, G, (6-0, 200); Clandil Postor, G, (6-1, 190).

SOPHOMORES: Eric Neely, DB, (5-8, 160); Jarrett Drake, DB, (5-8, 145); Amad Morton, C, (6-0, 175); Kirk Hopson, WR, (6-3, 170); Mike Turner, DB, (5-7, 140); Kyle Adams, WR, (5-7, 145); A.J. Adams, E, (6-0, 160); Ryan Deloatch, T, (6-2, 220); Tareem Johnson, DB, (5-8, 140).



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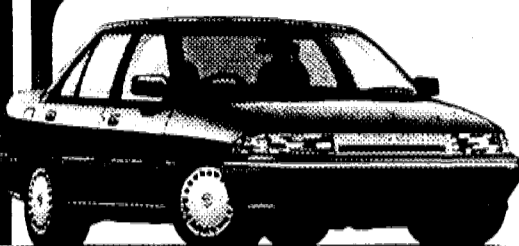
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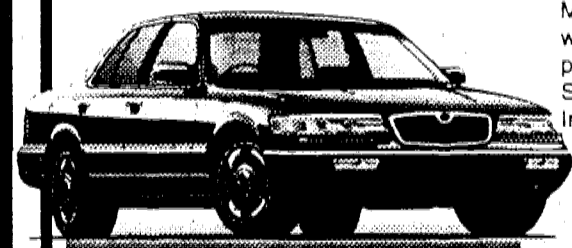
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