

# Oilers kickoff tomorrow against Middleboro

By Scott Flaherty

The Randolph Oilers' are ready to kick off their season tomorrow (Friday) against Middleboro at 8:30 p.m. at Battis Field, Middleborough.

There will be 30 returnees and, according to general manager Peter O'Kane, "We have an outstanding group of new players."

Jay McGee looks to be the most important rookie. McGee played three years at the University of Hawaii and was a running back for Brockton High School, leading the state in scoring for two years. O'Kane says, "He possibly could be the all-time outstanding high school running back."

What are the team's weaknesses?

O'Kane insisted, "Our big question mark this year is going to be the offensive and defensive line."

Coach Tom Pileski agrees, "The one area we still have to work at is our offensive tackles and defensive tackles."

O'Kane continued, "In the Eastern Football League you need size, particularly on the tackle. So, we're looking for some strength on the offensive and defensive tackle."

Who are the teams to beat? Well, obviously Marlboro would be. Marlboro has been in the nationals the past two years and won the championship the last three years.

"Hyde Park," O'Kane adds, "is another team."

They have won 33 straight games up until last season and they have been in the championship final for five years in a row.

Another team that the Oilers' should beware of is Taunton. Taunton is predominantly a veteran club and last year went 8-2 on the season.

Albany is always a tough team, especially when you go up there to play. The bus trip seems to take something out of everyone.

"Those teams should be the powers in the league," O'Kane said, continuing, "We want to think we're going to move up there with them. We want to think we're going to be competitive."

Pileski concludes, "As usual its going to be a very competitive league. Marlboro is the team to beat along with Hyde Park."

"Our main concern is to make the playoffs!"

"The veterans are proven players," O'Kane commented.

Mike Dosone and Jimmy Brodie, who runs laps without being asked to, will be the outside line backers.

O'Kane went on, "We had a strong defensive backfield and that was led by Ted Clinkscale and Mike Nye."

The inside line backers will be Mike Issler and Tommy Kurlif.

"In the line, we'll have a young line for the Eastern Football League, but they've got experience," said O'Kane.

The line will be led by all-league selection Pat Merrick at center. Others include Chuck Dwyer, Norm Eliason, Bill Turner, Jimmy Callahan from Randolph, Kirk Curcuro, Chuck Reinbolb, and Steve Garrod and Bob Gibson, who are both over 300 pounds, at tackle.

Fred Beisner is going to be the starting quarterback. Beisner attended B.U. and Northeastern University where he also played football.

O'Kane said, "His experience is going to help us. He'll be throwing the ball to Paul Cavallo, Tony Cavallo and John Larkin."

Of course, with key players, comes strengths.

"Our strength would seem right now is at running back. We have Jay McGee and our big full back Inglemar Marshall, 6'1, 233 pounds and a former Boston University player.

"Steve Roan has outstanding speed, he is a threat as a receiver. He was our leading scorer and ground gainer in 1984."

What is the most improved part of the team?

In the eyes of coach Pileski, "Our offense, just our overall offense. The Randolph organization through the past 12 years has been very sound defensively. We were one of the leaders last year.

I really believe that we're going to put some points on the board."

Does O'Kane plan to stick with any one strategic plan?

"The coaches will change the strategy from game to game depending on who we play," he said.

In this league the teams, throw the ball most of the time, so I know they hope to get a good pass rush. Stop the

passing game."

Since construction has been completed on the new field, the team will be playing at home this season. How will that affect the team?

O'Kane replied, "We'll be like a new team, we'll have a much better spirit. Just a big lift to the players to have a facility to use."

Veteran Jim Brodie sums up his forecast of the season.

"I think this year's team will be a lot better than last years team," he said. "We're deeper in talent, we've lost four

or five key players. It looks like a more dedicated team, than there has been in the past few years."

Pileski shared his overall outlook.

"I think that the Randolph Oilers' will definately be a good offensive football team this year. We think that we have a real fine group of running backs and receivers."

O'Kane concludes, "We want to be a competitive team and score more points. Our goal is to make the playoffs and hopefully to win it all."