

Sports Comments

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Do you know that Warsaw had a team way back in 1921? That was the first game ever in Warsaw or Duplin County. Do you remember who was on the team? Check next paragraph.

Warsaw played its first football game on the road. They beat Tarboro in a real thriller. The center, Ed Pollock, recovered a fumbled pun for the lone score. Gresham was quarterback of the team and accordingly was leading. Fred Revelle was right end. Allen Draughan, Sr. was tackle. P. S. I don't think Draughan was even attending high school at the time.

The coach was Ben Whiting, a refined type gent that even had a tie on the practice field. The first game Warsaw played was in New Bern and they were licked by the Bears. And their first home game was with Greenville at Ed Strickland's Oil Company on railroad street. Yes, they were another close one. The big game came up later with Ingold. The players came over to Warsaw in overalls as uniforms and were just about as well as they could. Warsaw High as it was called racked them up 49-0 overall and all.

Other players that helped make that Warsaw team were: Emmitt Pollock, halfback, Ralph Raeford, fullback, Henry Massey and Norwood Carroll, ends, Fred Revelle and Jack Edmundson, guards, Ver-

Football Practice Opens In Tigerville

NEW COACH HAS 52 REPORTING ON OPENING DAY

The endless supply of good football talent may be a question this season as it has not been the problem in past years as new coach Pat Draughan's James Kenan Tigers start with a hard and rugged road. The few years have raised the level of the Tigers from slouching to near the top among high schools in the past three years with a 15-1 record under Bill Taylor.

As the opening date with Clinton near Draughan had two points of real concern - lack of overall varsity experience and the newness to

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ware off. "Probably our biggest handicap is really getting to know each other and lack of game experience," Draughan stated. "All positions

are wide open and I want you to understand you must prove yourself before me in order to start in any game", Draughan went on to say. Nine of the twelve seniors lost by graduation were starters and therefore lack of game experience could cause a little trouble in the beginning.

Billy Byrd, who was the No. 1 center and linebacker last year plans to give the Tigers a touch of experience in the line. The ends are veterans David Hinson and Clayton Graham to add still more strength in the offensive unit.

Scotty Lockamy, a 166-pound senior is the No. 1 candidate to replace graduated Jimmy Dixon at quarterback. Young towering sophomore Paul Britt stands a mighty good chance of giving Lockamy a close run for the signal calling job.

Other lettermen returning that plan to fit in the James Kenan program are C. H. Pope, a converted quarterback; Harry "Perch" Pope, a great little runner, Donald "Ducky" Knowles, a real good football player at most any position, Charles Stevens, a rugged lineman, Terry Quinn, a fine end, and a good prospect to push the veterans; A. D. Benson, who saw action last year and will get to see plenty this year Dan McNeil, a scrapper, Richard Scott, will be great, Tommy Grady, looks good but has trouble staying on his feet, Craig Rich, Phil Bell, Henry Carlton, Johnny Carlton, and Winston Henderson, outstanding reserves.

Billy Wood, another senior could become one of James Kenan's all time great backs. Billy didn't see action last year but in his freshman year his was outstanding. Wood should help make the Tigers backfield as strong as any in the past.

Assistant Coach Worth Potter will work with Draughan and the varsity, but his main duty will be the junior varsity. Coach Potter commented on opening day after looking over the more than 82 candidates. "We should have an outstanding jayvee team this year Potter added. 'Of course the boys we lose should give the much needed support to the varsity.'" Such boys as Dan Sutton (188), Tommy Costin

Robert Grady Instructor At E. D.

Robert Grady a native of the B. F. Grady section, has been selected to replace Linwood Ward, as Agriculture Instruction in the East Duplin High School.

Grady comes to Duplin from New Fort where he has been teaching for the past two years. He is married and they have one child. He and his family will live in the B. F. Grady Section.

Linwood Ward has gone to Whiteville where he will be employed. He has been in Duplin County for two years, one in the B. F. Grady High School and the second in the East Duplin High School.

(160), Larry Best (140), Mike Davis (196), Arthur Minshew (162), Dwight Rich (160), Jim Fulford (135), Ray Lane (153), and Charles Ingram (160). Potter pointed out

that some of the boys he will depend on are Glenwood Benson, Mac Johnson, Bill Taylor Mickey Davis, Larry Hilton, Rudy Hasty, Mickey Davis, Al Payne, Harry Lee Thig-

pen, M. H. Barr, L. E. Stroud, Darrell Pope, and Eddie Fields. Newcomers that will cause the lettermen to work a little harder are: Ray Lane, Kenneth Minton,

Burney Sheffield, Fred Eason, Bill Hinson, Winston Henderson, Johnny Carlton, Charles West, Dan Sutton, Mike Davis, Arthur Minshew, Craig Rich, and Phil Bell.

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