

Mounts must put it in goal to be competitive

By CHRIS BELL
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It has often been said "Offense wins games but defense wins championships." This year's Dallas field hockey team will be trying to accomplish both, but it knows to win the championship it will have to increase its scoring from last year.

Head coach Ron Moran is in his seventh year as field hockey coach at Dallas High School and he has the experience to know it is necessary to score a lot of goals to have a realistic chance at making some noise in the playoffs. Taking it one step at a time, Moran is concentrating on increasing his team's offensive output from last season and making his team known more as a team which can win with offense as opposed to a team which wins with its strong defense.

Moran says, "We need some more scoring. The league is going to be really tough and since it has expanded, that makes it even more competitive." The team lost a key senior in last year's playoff team in



Dallas Field Hockey

Front row, from left, Gia Biscontini, Daisy Neirman, Jenn Noon, Gail Buzin, Holly Shiber, Amie Tkaczky, Jessica Thomas, Kassy Yedesko, Melonie Sappe. Kneeling, Carrie Straser, Becky Hoffman, Kerri Stephens, Kristin Geiser, Jessica Fields, Stacey Wagner, Stephanie Potisek, Courtney Kryston, Brittany Bartolini, Sherri Kuderka, Kate Weiss. Standing, Rae Ellen Zekas, Emily Fritz, Jean Jancewicz, Molly Savage, Laura Gammage, Kirby Mitchell, Jess Stefan, Jen Dombroski, Abbie Pisacano, Kristyn Race, Shannon Cosgrove, Jackie Stajewski, Jennifer Yurkon, Nancy Shaw.

and scoring one goal means so much in our sport." The Mountaineers have made the playoffs an incredible 13 consecutive seasons, and hope this one will be no different. Nancy Shaw will serve as Moran's assistant.

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midfielder Jenny Hite, but Moran is confident the younger players can step in.

This year's group of seniors includes Gail Buzin, Laura Gammage, Jen Jancewicz, Courtney Kryston, Stephanie Potisek, Kristyn Race, Holly Shiber, Stacey Wagner, and Kate Weiss.

"We have seniors who are all looking to be leaders on and off the field," Moran said. Returning underclassmen who started last season include goalkeeper Melonie Sappe, Brittany Bartolini, Sherry Kuderka, Jenn Noon, Amie Tkaczky, and Jen Yurkon. Other key players looking to contribute significantly to the Mountaineer season include Jen Dombroski, Jess Stefan, and Shannon Cosgrove.

The expansion of the conference due to the elimination of District 12 has resulted in an increase of games in the field hockey season from 15 to 20.



Dallas football

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strong. Jackson is back at tailback and Chris Tucker returns at split end while three players are battling for the starting quarterback job.

Although Jackson returns, the running game was dealt a severe blow when fullback Paul Onzik was sidelined for the season by a broken leg he suffered in a motorcycle accident.

"Losing Onzik was a serious blow," said Jackson. "He was big and strong and is one of the premier players in the league."

With Onzik out, Acrti will make the transition from tailback to fullback. "Acrti isn't as big as Onzik, but he is a little quicker," said Jackson. "He gives us a different look there."

At quarterback, senior Matt Barnard, junior Kevin Yurko and freshman Chuck Suppon hope to be behind center. "We're confident in all three guys," said Jackson. "Each one offers something different to our offense. We could end up using more than one."

"Right now, our defense is a little ahead of our offense," explained Jackson. "We need to balance our offensive attack a little more than last year. If we can do that, we should challenge for our division championship."

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are very quick and very athletic. Defensively, Edwards returns at defensive end while Patton is back at outside linebacker and Morris returns at cornerback.

"We need some game experience on defense," said Gorgone. "We are very athletic and go to the ball." Edwards will be joined up front by senior Seth Moyer and Kehler at defensive tackle. Travis McRoy, Stransky and DeLong will rotate at defensive end.

"We will have a lot of guys going both ways," said Gorgone. "We plan to keep fresh people in on defense."

Backfield

stalwarts, from left, Rich Patton, Dallas tailback; D.J. Kapson, quarterback; Chris Navin, quarterback.



New coach eager to see his team perform

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After paying his dues in the coaching ranks, first-year Dallas High School soccer coach Chris Scharff believes he has received his reward.

Scharff started as an assistant coach at Bishop O'Reilly before a two-year stint as head coach at the Division II school. He moved on to Division I Wyoming Valley West as an assistant before replacing John McCafferty at Dallas.

"I think I worked my way up the coaching ladder," said Scharff. "I'm thrilled to be at Dallas. It was one of the premier jobs in the area."

Besides the strong soccer tradition at Dallas, perhaps what has Scharff so excited is the fact that nine starters return from the team that finished 11-7 and was the District 2 runner-up a year ago.

"In addition to nine returning starters, our top four reserves are back and we have some outstanding freshmen," said Scharff, who will be assisted by Chris

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Chris Scharff, left, takes the helm of the Dallas soccer team. He is assisted by long-time coach Chris Chapple.

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Chapple. "We hope to improve on last season, so our expectations are high." The Mounts will take advantage of their experience with as many as 10 seniors in the opening-day starting line-up against Bishop O'Reilly, September 8.

Sean Killeen, Eric George, Russ Eyt and Duane Sprau will start on defense. Killeen will play sweeper while George, the team's fastest player, will be at stopper. "One of our strengths is our size on de-



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