

SEASON PREVIEW

**Whitefish Bay**  
  
**Vital Stats**

**Enrollment**  
912

**Conference**  
North Shore

**Last Year**  
Overall 2-7  
Conference 1-6

**Playoffs**  
Did not qualify

**The Sidelines**

**Head Coach**

Jim Tietjen (third season)

**Assistants:** Jim Chossek, Jeff Wallack, Paul Moranski, Tom Karthaus, Frank Wilson, Tom Lopnow, Rob Young

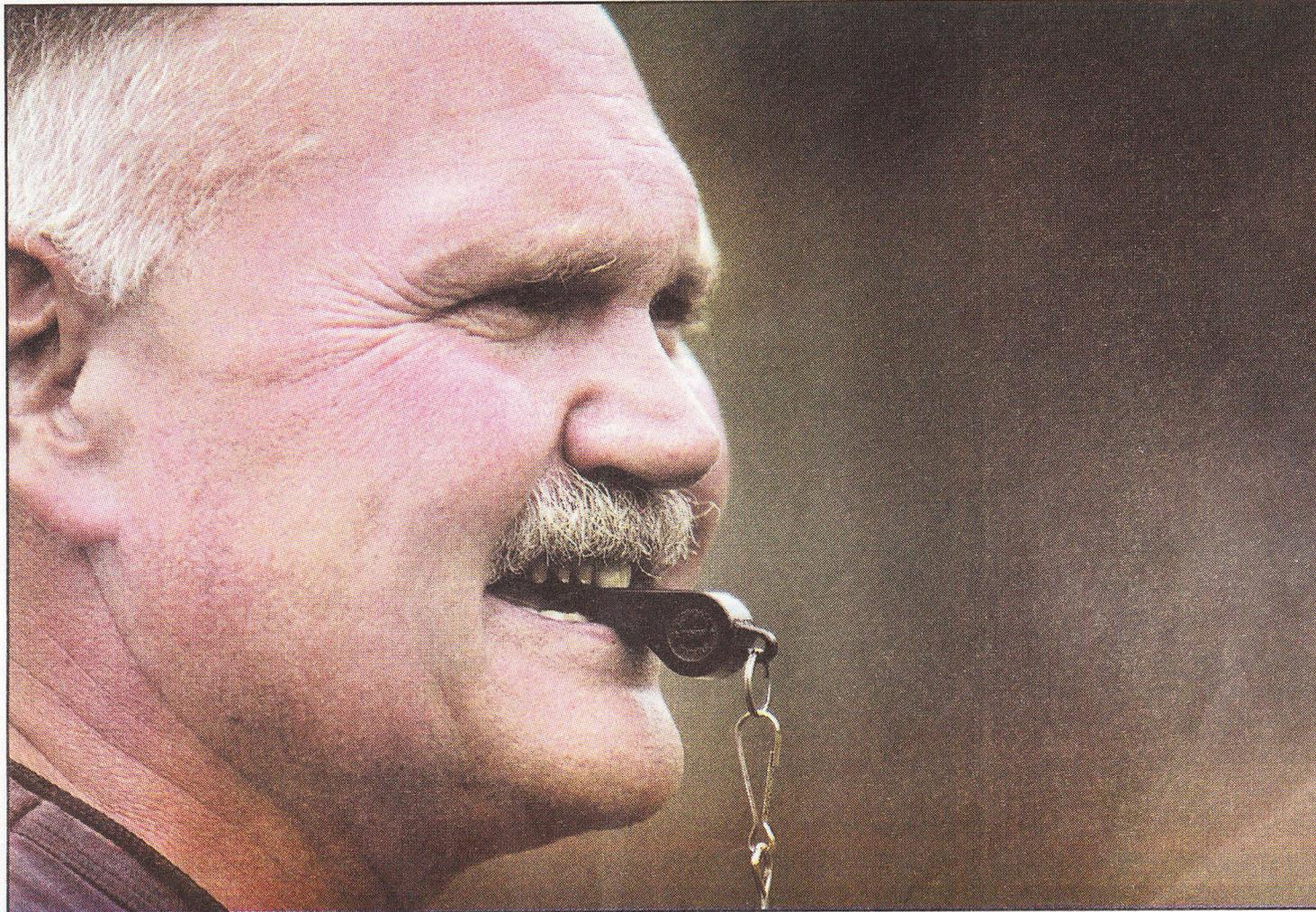
**Look Back**

**2003 season in review**

Mukwonago 56,  
Whitefish Bay 13

Whitefish Bay 34,  
Dominican 12

Nicolet 20. Whitefish Bay 7



Whitefish Bay head coach Jim Tietjen (above) welcomes long-time Port Washington assistant Jim Chossek to his coaching staff this season

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Whitefish Bay 18

Germantown 45,  
Whitefish Bay 15

Homestead 62,  
Whitefish Bay 8

Port Washington 14,  
Whitefish Bay 6

Cedarburg 28, Whitefish Bay 0

Whitefish Bay 26, Grafton 20

## Look Ahead

### 2004 Schedule

Aug. 24 Green Bay Preble 7 p.m.

Sept. 3 Dominican 7 p.m.

Sept. 10 at Nicolet 7:10 p.m.

Sept. 18 at Milw. Lutheran 7 p.m.

Sept. 23 Germantown 7 p.m.

Oct. 2 at Homestead 7 p.m.

Oct. 8 Port Washington 7 p.m.

Oct. 15 Cedarburg 7 p.m.

Oct. 20 at Grafton 7 p.m.

## Last Word

*"Work ethic is never an issue at Whitefish Bay. We're not as big and we're not as strong. So we've got to do things smart, that's all."*

**Jim Tietjen**  
Whitefish Bay coach

# Bay solves identity crisis

## Fresh-faced Duke staff hopes to avoid reprise of 2003's major setbacks

By **JR Radcliffe**  
Staff Writer

Before the 2003 season, Division 1 colleges were debating at which position Whitefish Bay's Jared Oberland would fit best in the college game.

Unfortunately for Bay, his position during the season was all too often on the sidelines.

The senior tight end and defensive back, currently looking to walk on at Iowa, was one of several key players who suffered a setback early in the year for the 2-7 Blue Dukes. That list also included offensive lineman Barclay Tylicki, now-senior defensive back Tyler Nead and assistant coach John Brodie, a former Homestead coach and Wisconsin Coaches Association Hall of Fame member who was compelled to leave the team after two games when he was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

"When Oberland went down and coach Brodie left we had to retool, rethink and reload," head coach Jim Tietjen said. "We were going to throw to Oberland and now he's not out there, someone has to emerge. We didn't have an identity for a while."

Now he has one.

"We have a new coach that was helping



us out," he said, speaking of recent graduate and former University of Wisconsin-White-water team captain Tom Karthaus. "He has a lot of energy and new ideas, he actually gets out and executes with the kids."

Tietjen also pointed to new offensive coordinator Jim Chossek, formerly an assistant coach at Port Washington for 30 years, with a season at head coach in 2001, and most recently the receivers coach at Lutheran College for two years.

"He's been outstanding with us," Tietjen said. "He's a detailed, well-prepared guy, and when you have coaches of this caliber, the rest of the coaches rise to the occasion."

With every Whitefish Bay player that appeared on last year's North Shore all-conference teams graduated, Tietjen will also have to fill some voids on the field with new faces, particularly on the offensive and

defensive lines.

"We have three seniors on the offensive line, but only one of them has a lot of varsity experience," Tietjen said. "Defensively, we're still trying to find ourselves on the line."

The third-year coach pointed to Jon Rice, a three-year starter in the offensive line, as one of the team leaders.

"He knows everybody's job on the field; he's a bright kid and a hard worker," Tietjen said.

Also inheriting leadership responsibilities will be senior quarterback James Rinka, who takes over an offense helmed by honorable mention all-North Shore quarterback Danny Michigan last year.

"He had an outstanding spring and summer practice in terms of leading the team," Tietjen said of Rinka. "His passing has been excellent, his ball handling at quarterback has been great. The ball never hits the ground, our kids catch almost everything. It's just outstanding."

Now Tietjen just needs those on all sides of the ball to stay on the field.

"The old adage holds true: if we can avoid injuries and continue to get better, we'll be OK," he said.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**500** Number of pounds fullback Tray Stewart can squat twice

**16** Seniors on 2003 team lost to graduation

**26-20** Score of Bay's season finale vs. Grafton, the team's lone NSC win

**345** Receiving yards by tight end Jarrett Gates

**WHITEFISH BAY PREVIEW**

**KEYS TO SUCCEED**

**Offense**

• **Jim Dandy**

New offensive coordinator Jim Chossek brings a wealth of experience to an offense that will have returning receiver Tyler Nead and new quarterback James Rinka, someone coach Jim Tietjen identified as an emerging leader.

**Defense**

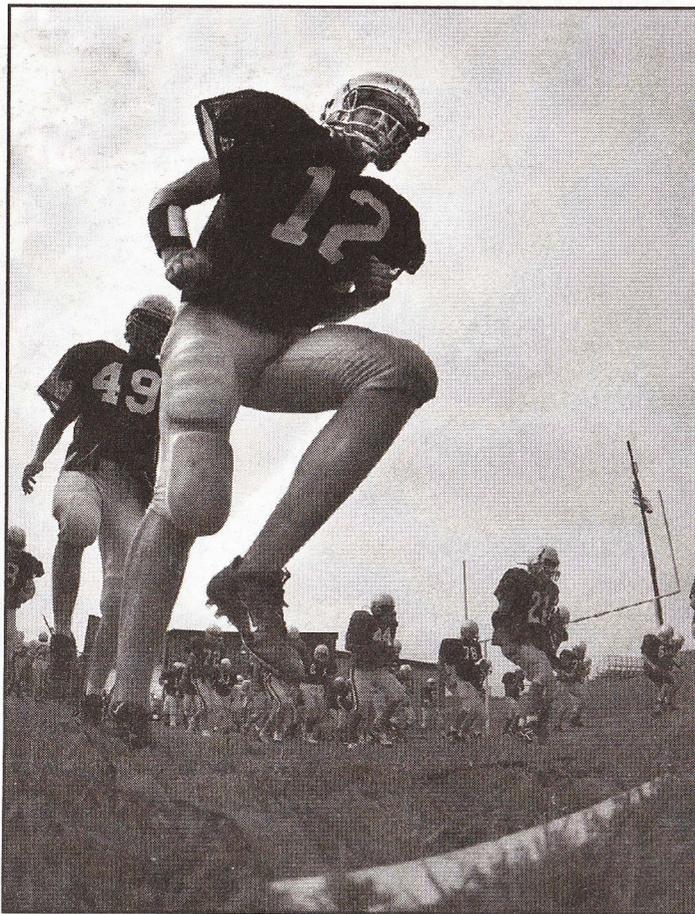
• **Drawing the line**

Tietjen was candid about the team's shortcomings on the defensive line, citing inexperience and numbers. "We're still trying to find our depth," he said.

**Intangibles**

• **Young and restless**

Whitefish Bay has seen good turnout for youth football opportunities this summer, including 62 second and third-graders in a camp coached by Tietjen. The team's freshman squad will also have four coaches this year, including three with varsity experience, in an effort to shore up the future.



**James Rinka**

**6-0 175 QB/Strong Safety Senior**

Coach Jim Tietjen calls Rinka his offense's trigger man and also points to his leadership ability as a strong safety. "He's like another coach out there on the field," Tietjen said.

**Tyler Nead**

**6-0 180 Wing back/CB Senior**

The receiver caught 22 footballs for 293 yards last year, and the player identified by Tietjen as a "great, gifted athlete who can run, jump, do the whole thing" is getting looks from Northwestern and other Division 1 programs.

**NSC IN REVIEW**

**2003 North Shore Conference Standings\***

	Conf.	Overall	PF	PA
Homestead	7-0	12-1	402	87
Germantown	6-1	12-2	294	106
Cedarburg	5-2	9-3	297	115
Port Washington	4-3	4-6	162	197
Milw. Lutheran	3-4	4-5	241	334
Nicolet	1-6	2-7	122	325
Grafton	1-6	3-6	195	239
Whitefish Bay	1-6	2-7	129	282

**North Shore Conference Scoring Leaders\***

	Pts.
Willie Albiero, Germantown	.74
Eric Treske, Cedarburg	.62
Brandon Goelz, Homestead	.62
Ryan Flasch, Germantown	.60
James Taraboi, Cedarburg	.51

\* Point totals include conference games only.

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PETER ZUZGA

Whitefish Bay players take part in agility drills during a preseason practice at the high school. Bay finished 1-6 in the North Shore Conference last season.

**THREE TO WATCH**

**Tray Stewart**

**5-9 205 FB/DE Junior**

Just a junior, Stewart ran for 466 yards last year with six touchdowns, and the fullback will also be a central part of a still-materializing defensive line.

**THE ROSTER**

**2004 Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes**

Tim Bayer	12
Tyler Nead	12
Tom Schumaker	12
James Rinka	12
Hyder Abadin	12
Ben Davis	12
Darrin McGuire	12
Siyavash Motamedi	12
Marcus Switzer	12
Jon Rice	12
Brandon Rindfleisch	12
Jarrett Gates	12
Mike Ringsred	12
Ricky Lopez	11
Danny O'Brian	11
Tray Stewart	11
Charlie Stalle	11
Aldo Tase	11
Sean Geygan	11
Max Stein	11
P.J. Hoff	11
Josh Adams	11
Mohammad Amani	11
Pete McMahon	10
Chris Hagerup	10
Charlie Wroblewski	10
Tae Eun Kim	10
Rob Young	10
Jordan Sklba	10
Dan Ebert	10
Ben Umhoefer	10
Chris Petri	10
Matt Moen	10
Danny Rinka	10
Steve Davis	10
Michael Mackay	10
Nick Bellore	10
Steve Klett	10
J.T. Luljak	10
Erik Kath	10
Nay Bhulanja	10

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**WISCONSIN FOOTBALL**

**October 27, 2004**

**Jim Tietjen  
Head Football Coach  
Whitefish Bay High School  
1200 E Fairmount Ave.  
Whitefish Bay, WI 53217-6011**

**Dear Coach Tietjen:**

**Congratulations on your win last night in round 1 of the WIAA playoffs. Your success this year is a tribute to your staff, players and fans.**

**Best of luck in your game on Saturday!**

**I am looking forward to seeing you at Camp Randall.**

**Sincerely,**



**Barry Alvarez  
Head Football Coach**

**BA:sb**

## FOOTBALL ► **Dukes earned second-round playoff game with blowout victory over Milwaukee Custer**

**Ben Umhoefer** found the end zone twice and **James Rinka** hit three separate receivers for touchdown passes when the Blue Dukes won the first postseason football game of coach Jim Tietjen's tenure, 42-14 over host Milwaukee Custer on Oct. 26.

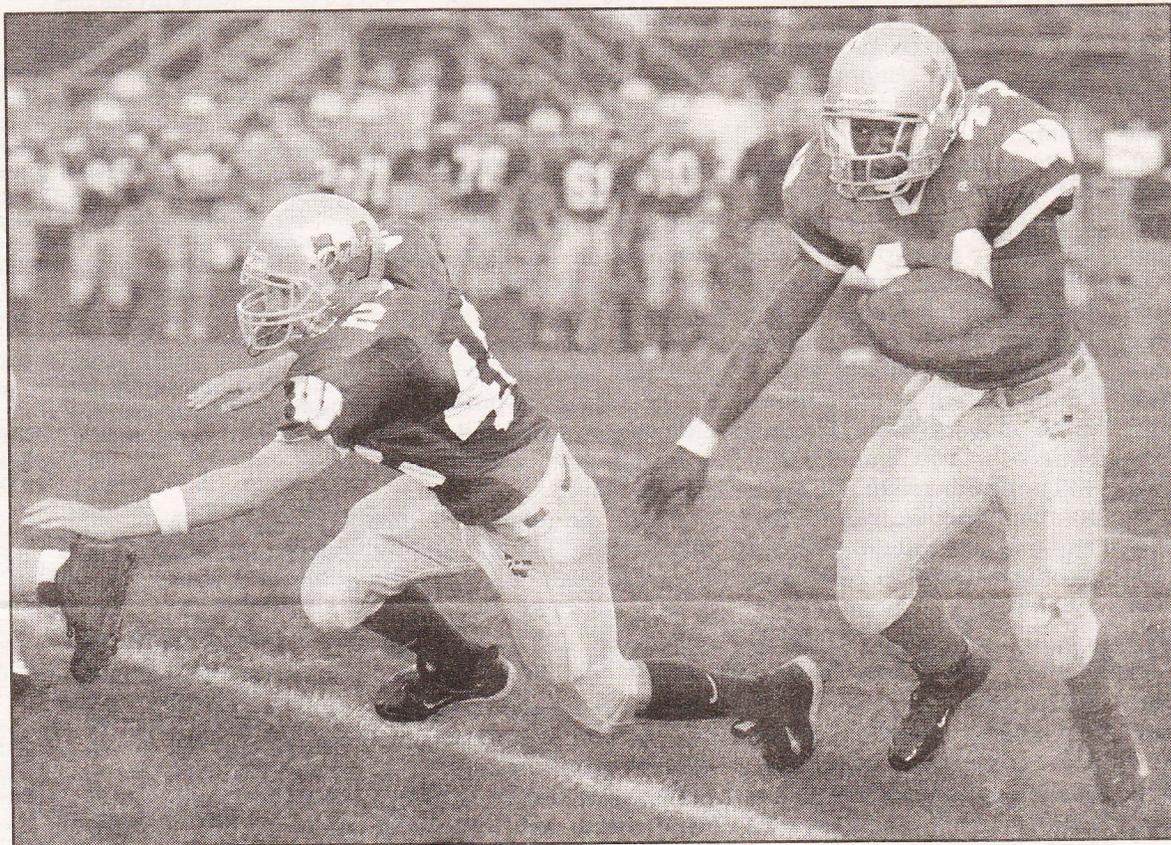
"Custer had some fine athletes, a nice linebacker, nice running back, but our kids after playing in the North Shore Conference were prepared," the third-year coach Tietjen said.

"What helped was we kicked off the way we usually do, rolling it up the field, we got on it and put it in the end zone right away. We took it to them right after, forced a punt and drove the field again on them. That's the quickest way to take a team out of a contest, jump on them and stay on them from the start."

Rinka found **Tyler Nead** for a 17-yard strike in the first quarter, followed by the first of Umhoefer's runs. **Tray Stewart**, playing in limited action, scored from 3 yards away and **Tom Schumaker's** touchdown catch from 11 yards out gave Bay a 28-6 halftime edge.

**Jarrett Gates** added a touchdown catch in the third before Umhoefer capped the day's scoring with a 3-yard run.

Rinka finished 10-for-15 passing for 149 yards to lead the Blue



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Whitefish Bay's Tray Stewart runs with the ball as Ben Davis throws a block this season.

Dukes.

The Division 2 victory allowed Whitefish Bay to advance onto the second round, where its season concluded against Waukesha West on Oct. 30.

The Dukes notched North Shore victories against Milwaukee Lutheran, Port Washington, Nicolet and Cedarburg in 2004, as well as a non-conference win against Dominican as part of their six-win

campaign.

The total number of wins on the year surpassed the combined total (five) of the previous two seasons, both ending without postseason play.

# Strides pushed Dukes into playoff picture

Playoff carrying was complicated without a Tray.

Picking up only limited playing time from standout junior running back Tray Stewart throughout the playoffs, Whitefish Bay nonetheless came away with a successful season following a 21-7 WIAA second-round loss at Waukesha West on Oct. 30.

"There's no question we far exceeded our expectations coming into the season," Bay coach Jim Tietjen said of his club, which finished 6-5 and went to the playoffs for the first time in three years. "The thing that happened is that we got better every week we played, our kids were more fundamentally sound and vastly,

vastly improved in all areas of the game."

After defeating Milwaukee Custer in the first round of postseason play, the Dukes traveled to face the Wolverines, a team that notched touchdowns in each of the first three quarters before Bay collected their only score on a 6-yard strike from James Rinka to receiver Jarrett Gates.

"Tray didn't play much, if we had gone there with all our guns loaded, it might have been different," Tietjen said. "They were physically up front four to five guys stronger than us.

"I think with Tray Stewart running like he usually did, we would have been OK."

Stewart, who had been nursing an injury since the final games of the regular season, was spelled by a trio of backs including Hyder Abadin, Ben Davis and Ben Umhoefer, but the Dukes collected just 35 yards on the ground.

"It's one of those injuries that's only healed by rest," Tietjen said. "We tried to rest him, we kept him out of the Grafton game (at the end of the regular season), but the first time he got hit in the Custer game, out he came. It's one of those injuries that three weeks from now will be perfect.

"Again, it's a mark of a program. Against Waukesha West, we were banging their tail-

back pretty good and he'd leave the game and they'd come in with a running back that was pretty good, there was a little more depth there.

"The playoffs are a test of kids and coaching staffs. It's a tremendous grind and I think it's what separates the good programs from the good teams. Their program was a little stronger than ours."

But Tietjen said the year was one of overcoming expectations, a season that placed the Dukes third in the competitive North Shore Conference, although a lot of contributors will need to be replaced for next season.

"You've got Tyler Nead's punt return yardage and six

## Bay finishes 6-5, earns 1st tourney tilt since '01

defensive interceptions and offensive production," Tietjen said. "Gates' five touchdowns, James Rinka's leadership, Jon Rice's leadership, those are some things (lost) that we can't measure until we get into the season.

"I think we created a bit of excitement in the community in terms of Bay football," he added. "There weren't any expectations for us this year, I didn't think we were going to do anything. I thought we would struggle, and we had a nice year. It was a fun bunch of kids to work with. Blue Duke football is back."

—JR Radcliffe, Staff Writer

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October 21, 2004

Coach Jim Tietjen, Football Staff and Varsity Team  
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Dear Coach Tietjen, Staff and Players:

Congratulations on a successful season and qualifying for the state play-offs. Good luck in the play-offs and let's bring another state championship back to the North Shore Conference.

Sincerely,



Coach Phil Datka, Germantown Football Coaching Staff, and 2004 Varsity Players

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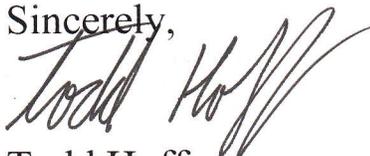
1998 NCAA Division III Semifinals

October 22, 2004

Dear Coach,

Congratulations on your selection into the WIAA State Playoffs. The long hours and hard work have already made your season a success. The divisional playoffs will stir tons of excitement in your community. On your journey to Camp Randall enjoy the process and opportunity afforded your team. The University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Football Program wishes you the best of luck throughout the playoffs.

Sincerely,



Todd Hoffner

Head Football Coach

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# G-Town overpowers Bay

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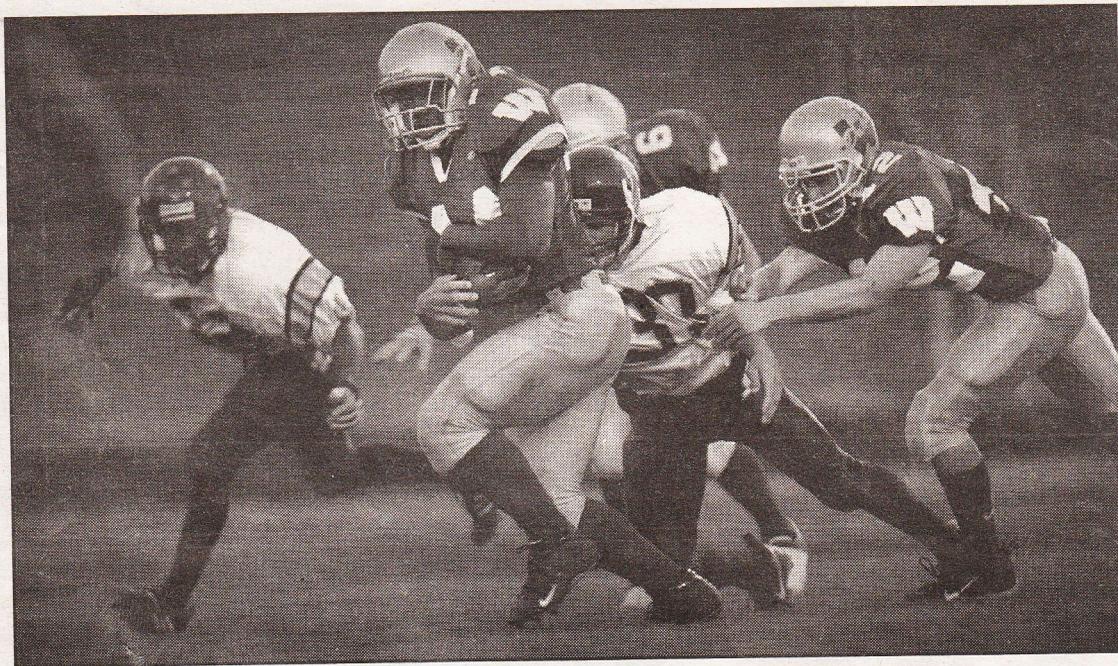
After three straight wins and a 2-0 start to the North Shore season, the Whitefish Bay football team ran into a brick wall called Germantown at home Sept. 23. Matching up for the first of several tough challenges on the conference slate, the Warhawks scored two touchdowns in each of the first two quarters on their way to a 42-17 win.

"They're a good football team," Bay coach Jim Tietjen said. "We made some key mistakes at critical times. There were blown assignments. I'm not going to say we're going to beat them, but we could have minimized the mistakes."

The Warhawks moved to 3-0 in the conference season and figure to compete for the conference crown with Homestead, two teams that will face each other in the season's final week.

That's little consolation for Tietjen, who watched five Germantown players combine for 336 rushing yards.

"Their offensive line was



COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS PHOTO BY PETER ZUZGA

Whitefish Bay's Tramaine Stewart charges upfield this season against Nicolet.

able to get on our linebackers, and that's trouble," he said.

Once the Warhawks established a 35-0 lead, Bay was able to salvage some offense, with quarterback James Rinka finding wideout Jarrett Gates for

two touchdown scores in the fourth quarter, one from 30 yards and one from 8.

"We looked at the film, and it wasn't like they just kicked us around," Tietjen said. "We were able to see things that we will

correct."

Tietjen again lauded the performances of Ben Davis, Jon Rice and Rinka.

"(Rinka) is running right after these guys," Tietjen said of his quarterback and defensive

# Road doesn't get easier as WB faces Homestead

## UP NEXT

**WHO:** Whitefish Bay (2-1 in North Shore Conference, 2-3 overall) vs. Homestead (3-0, 5-0)

**WHAT:** North Shore Conference football game

**WHEN:** 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 1

**WHERE:** Homestead High School, 5000 W. Mequon Rd., Mequon

**PREVIEW:** Homestead has won 40 of its last 44 games over the course of nearly four seasons, including a 62-8 trouncing of the Blue Dukes a year ago. The Highlanders, tied for first in this week's Community Newspapers poll, will be coming of a 62-7 dispatching of Nicolet and will provide the most challenging opponent on Whitefish Bay's North Shore schedule.

back. "He wasn't going to put up with anything, he's got some good leadership and he's showing some mental toughness."

Eric Hillman converted the

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# G-Town

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game's opening drive for a 11-yard touchdown run, and Jacob Stadler's 34-yard touchdown catch from quarterback John Fonaas made the score 14-0 after one quarter. Adam Schleis returned a punt 53 yards for a score and Brian Ebert's first of two touchdown runs in the game offered some late-half magic to make the score 28-0 at the break.

"We made two crucial mistakes and it looked like we came apart," Tietjen said. "I'd

like to think that (the short week between games had something to do with it), I'm trying to find a reason, but they had the same short week we did."

Ebert's 1-yard dash in the third made it 35-0 before Chris Hagerup put a 36-yard field goal through the uprights.

"Chris Hagerup is kind of a nice surprise, he's come on and sort of nailed down our kicking duties pretty well," Tietjen said. "He's a sophomore that was an excellent soccer player, and we kind of stole him."

Germantown's Jack Wallace capped his team's scoring with

## BOX SCORE

### Germantown 42, Whitefish Bay 17

	GT	Bay
First Downs	16	13
Rushes-Yards	38-336	34-53
Passing Yards	34	166
Comp.-Att.-Int.	1-5-0	12-20-0
Total Yards	370	219
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-55	1-5

**Germantown 14 14 7 7-42**  
**Whitefish Bay 0 0 3 14-17**

**GT** — Eric Hillmann, 11, run (Kyle Wojcik kick).

**GT** — Jacob Stadler, 34, pass from John Fonaas (Wojcik kick).

**GT** — Adam Schleis, 60, punt return (Wojcik kick).

**GT** — Brian Ebert, 25, run (Wojcik kick).

**GT** — Ebert, 1, run (Wojcik kick).

**Bay** — Chris Hagerup, 36, field goal.

**GT** — Jack Wallace, 47, run (Wojcik kick).

**Bay** — Jarrett Gates, 31, pass from James Rinka (Hagerup kick).

**Bay** — Gates, 10, pass from Rinka (Hagerup kick).

### Individual Statistics Leaders

**Rushing** — GT, Hillmann 19-112, Wallace 7-92, Ryan Pollow 3-48, Ebert 3-32, Mike Siebert 5-33, Cody Griebling 1-19; Bay, Tra-maine Stewart 13-47, Ben Davis 2-8, Ben Umhoefer 1-5, Hyder Aabadin 1-2, Rinka 12-(-2), Tyler Nead 5-(-7).

**Passing** — GT, Fonaas 1-5-0-34; Bay, Rinka 12-12-0-166

**Receiving** — GT, Stadler 1-34; Bay, Gates 6-99, Tyler Nead 4-50, Davis 1-11, Tom Schu-maker 1-6.

a 46-yard touchdown run in the fourth before Gates hauled in a pair of scores as the game came to an end.

With a grueling contest on the road against Homestead in

the immediate future, Tietjen said he didn't want his team to lose sight of the bigger picture.

"After Homestead, we're back again at home playing Port and Cedarburg and (then

away at) Grafton. All those teams are teams we believe we can play with. We need to regroup next week."

— JR Radcliffe, Staff Writer

# Last of the titans: Bay falls to HHS

## Dukes face Port with playoff hopes still alive

By **JR Radcliffe**  
Staff Writer

The Blue Dukes are done with the monsters.

A week after falling, 42-17, to Germantown, Whitefish Bay collided with another of the North Shore's elite, stumbling 42-7 against Community Newspapers No. 1 Homestead on Oct. 1.

Dukes head coach Jim Tietjen said his squad fell victim to a numbers game.

"One factor was that we went out there with 25 kids to play the No. 3 team in the state, and they're platooned, that's the biggest factor," Tietjen said. "Our individual kids are as good as their individual kids, they just have a few more kids to work with."

The game's box score offered proof, displaying Homestead scores from five different people, including David Harkensee twice on receptions from Derek Watson. Harkensee's first-quarter score gave the Highlanders a 14-0 lead, but visiting Bay struck

back on a 15-yard connection between quarterback James Rinka and Jarrett Gates.

"We had an opportunity to make it 14-14, we missed a pass to Tyler Nead that would have tied the ballgame," Tietjen said. "We were playing with them. I'm not going to say that we were going to beat them, but we were playing with them."

Tietjen said the loss of Tom Schumaker due to a shin bruise didn't help matters either, forcing a shuffle in the Whitefish Bay lineup.

"We don't have any linebackers behind him, so we shifted our outside linebacker to inside and got a defensive lineman to play back. That was the kind of chess game that we had to play," Tietjen said.

Tietjen credited PJ Hoff and Charlie Stalle, two of those playing out of position most of the game, as well as Tramaine Stewart on the defensive side of the ball. Stewart also rushed for 162 yards, though he was kept out of the end zone for the second consecutive game.

"The kids have had some adversity, but they're still very focused, they're still really working hard," Tietjen said. "I think we'll give Port (Washington, next week) a heck of a ball-

### BOX SCORE

Homestead 42, Whitefish Bay 7			
	Homestead	Bay	
First Downs	19	12	
Rushing Yards	285	189	
Passing Yards	73	41	
Comp.-Att.-Int.	5-8-1	4-12-1	
Total Yards	358	230	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2	
Penalties-Yards	2-20	2-20	
<b>Whitefish Bay</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-7</b>
<b>Homestead</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14 0-42</b>

Homestead — Korey Kasper, 13, pass from

Derek Watson (Taylor Layton, kick).

**Homestead** — David Harkensee, 37, pass from Watson (Layton, kick).

**Bay** — Jarrett Gates, 15, pass from James Rinka (Chris Hagerup, kick).

**Homestead** — Justin Segura, 4, run (Layton, kick).

**Homestead** — Harkensee, 7, pass from Watson (Layton, kick).

**Homestead** — Charlie Eakley, 23, run (Layton, kick).

**Homestead** — Mark Meckstroth, 1 run (Layton, kick.)

game.

Tietjen said Homestead's special teams proved a notch above those of Bay.

"We gave them a short field an awful lot, and they did just the opposite," he said. "If I had to summarize that, I would say that their special teams really kicked us."

Highlanders coach Dave Keel said, "We approached it the right way, we shut them down early, got three scores quickly and I was really pleased with our focus, seeing that it was Homecoming."

Tietjen's crew will have the chance to improve, knowing that they need wins in two of the next three games to qualify for the playoffs, something the team has yet to manage under the current coach's tenure.

### UP NEXT

**WHO:** Port Washington (2-2 in North Shore Conference, 4-4 overall) vs. Whitefish Bay (2-2, 3-3)

**WHAT:** North Shore Conference game

**WHEN:** 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 8

**WHERE:** Whitefish Bay High School, 1200 E. Fairmount Ave.

**PREVIEW:** Port Washington was shocked by Nicolet in a 7-6 grudge match a week ago, certainly lending credence to the idea that Bay can beat the Pirates, especially with a home game. "The team plays some good defense, they've beaten Grafton who's starting to come on," Bay coach Jim Tietjen said. "I think it surprised me that Nicolet handled them, they must be getting it going now, and I'm glad we played (the Knights) early in the season." Port Washington beat the Blue Dukes, 14-6, last season.

# Son shines on Bay

Rinka a defeated but proud papa after Dukes roll to 49-0 win

By **JR Radcliffe**  
*Staff Writer*

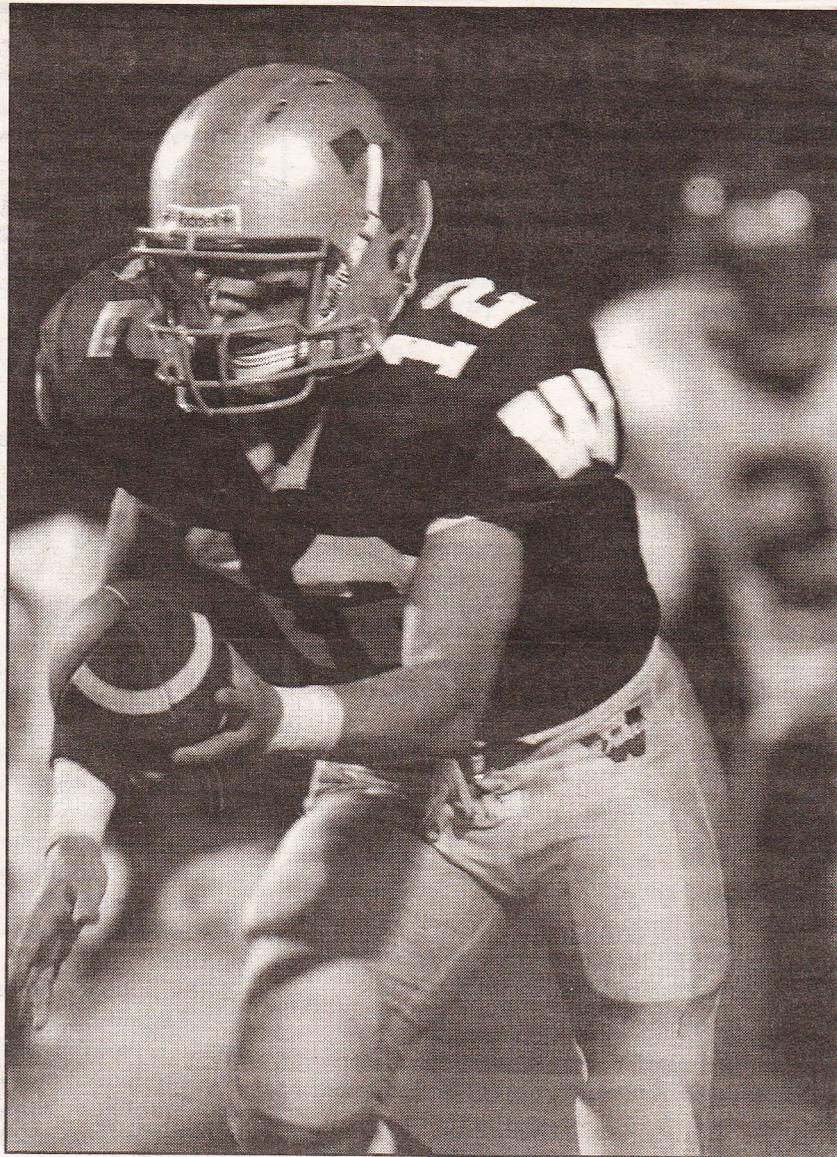
All the fatherly advice, the football tossing in the backyard, the miles logged in the family vehicle transporting to and from practices.

For Nicolet coach Rob Rinka, it worked out well. Far too well.

Rob witnessed his son James throw for a touchdown and run for three more in Whitefish Bay's 49-0 win over host Nicolet on Sept. 10 in the North Shore Conference opener.

"I'm very proud of my son's play," the elder Rinka said. "He played his heart out and wanted this game badly. More than (wanting to beat me), I'm not going to get to see him play this year and he wanted to

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Whitefish Bay quarterback James Rinka hands off during the second quarter of Bay's 49-0 win at Nicolet Sept. 10.

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BY PETER ZUZGA

# Tailback carries Whitefish Bay

Tremaine Stewart scored his second touchdown of the day with 6 minutes 25 seconds to play Saturday, giving the Whitefish Bay football team a 19-13 victory over Milwaukee Lutheran.

Stewart scored on a 2-yard run after breaking a 17-yard scoring run in the second quarter. He finished with 181 yards in 25 carries for Whitefish Bay (3-1, 2-0 North Shore).

For Milwaukee Lutheran (2-2, 0-2), quarterback Alex Halstead completed 20 of 39 passes for 229 yards but suffered four second-half interceptions: One of the pick-offs, by Tyler Nead, set up the eight-play drive that produced the winning touchdown.

Whitefish Bay	0	13	0	6-19
Milw. Lutheran	6	7	0	0-13

**ML:** Ronnie Sherrill 2 run (kick failed). **WFB:** Tremaine Stewart 17 run (Chris Hagerup kick). **WFB:** James Rinka 24 run (kick failed). **ML:** Ronnie Sherrill 18 run (Luke Henke kick). **WFB:** Tremaine Stewart 2 run (kick failed).

**Total yardage** — ML 401, WFB 392. **Top rushers** — WFB: Tremaine Stewart 25-181. **Top passers** — ML: Alex Halstead 20-39-229-4.

**Germantown 49, Nicolet 19:** Adam Schleis caught a pair of touchdown passes and Brian Bert added two more scores to lead Germantown (2-2, 2-0 North Shore) past Nicolet (1-3, 0-2). Eric Hillmann ran for 107 yards to lead the Warhawks. Nicolet quarterback Nicholas Chenow passed for 177 yards, including touchdown throws of 75 and 67 yards to Joshua Robertson. But he had four interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown by Ebert.

Nicolet	0	7	6	6-19
Germantown	14	15	20	0-49

**GER:** Adam Schleis 26 pass from John Fonaas (kick failed). **GER:** Brian Ebert 27 interception return (Brian Ebert run). **GER:** Adam Schleis 52 pass from Eric Hillmann (Brian Ebert run). **NIC:** Oluwatobi Akinniranye 10 run (Nicholas Chenow kick). **GER:** Ryan Pollow 26 run (Kyle Wojcik kick). **NIC:** Joshua Robertson 67 pass from Nicholas Chenow (pass failed). **GER:** Justin Behn 1 run (Kyle Wojcik kick). **GER:** Brian Ebert 2 run (kick blocked). **GER:** Eric Hillmann 2 run (kick blocked). **NIC:** Joshua Robertson 75 pass from Nicholas Chenow (pass failed).

**Total yardage** — GER 345, NIC 183. **Top rushers** — GER: Eric Hillmann 21-107. **Top passers** — NIC: Nicholas Chenow 11-26-177-4. **Top receivers** — NIC: Joshua Robertson 5-150. **GER:** Adam Schleis 2-78.

## NORTH SHORE CONFERENCE

### Cedarburg runs to easy victory

**Cedarburg** rushed 53 times for 581 yards — an average of 11 yards per gain — in its 61-31 victory at **Grafton**.

James Taraboi led the way with 19 carries for 228 yards and two touchdowns. Teammates Chris Conover had 191 yards rushing, and Eric Bohl added three touchdowns.

Grafton quarterback Andy Roeker threw for 300 yards, as both teams combined for a total of 961 yards.

Two of John Fonaas' four pass completions went for touchdowns, and Eric Hillmann rushed for three scores to lead **Germantown** to a 45-24 victory against **Milwaukee Lutheran**. Red Knights' quarterback Alex Halstead was 25 for 47 with 300 yards passing.

**Homestead** scored the final 24 points in its 31-7 victory against **Port Washington**. Justin Segura led Homestead with 21 carries for 167 yards rushing. Charlie Eakley scored two touchdowns and finished with 158 yards rushing in 15 carries.

**Whitefish Bay** beat **Nicolet**, 49-0, as quarterback James Rinka rushed for three touchdowns and ran for another. He finished with seven completions for 119 yards. Teammate Tray Stewart added two rushing touchdowns and carried the ball 23 times for 107 yards. The Blue Dukes held the Knights to a total of 111 yards.

#### STANDINGS

	Conf		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Cedarburg	1	0	3	0
Homestead	1	0	3	0
Whitefish Bay	1	0	2	1
Germantown	1	0	1	2
Port Washington	0	1	2	1
Grafton	0	1	1	2
Nicolet	0	1	1	2
Milw. Lutheran	0	1	2	1

#### FRIDAY

Germantown 45, Milw. Lutheran 24.  
Cedarburg 61, Grafton 31.  
Whitefish Bay 49, Nicolet 0.  
Homestead 31, Port Washington 7.

Milw. Lutheran	7	3	7	7-24
Germantown	6	11	14	14-45

**ML:** D.J. Thompson 16 pass from Alex Halstead (Luke Henke kick). **GER:** Ryan Pollow 12 pass from John Fonaas (kick failed). **GER:** Kyle Wojcik 25 field goal. **ML:** Luke Henke 33 field goal. **GER:** Adam Schleis 71 pass from John Fonaas (Brian Ebert run). **GER:** Eric Hillmann 4 run (Kyle Wojcik kick). **ML:** Dan Deuschendorf 37 pass from Alex Halstead (Luke Henke kick). **GER:** Justin Behn 40 fumble return (Kyle Wojcik kick). **GER:** Eric Hillmann 2 run (Kyle Wojcik kick). **GER:** Eric Hillmann 5 run (Kyle Wojcik kick). **ML:** Ronnie Sherrill 3 run (Luke Henke kick).

**Total yardage** — GER 324, ML 359. **Top rushers** — GER: Eric Hillmann 22-125. **Top passers** — ML: Alex Halstead 25-47-300-2. **GER:** John Fonaas 4-15-105-1. **Top receivers** — ML: Dan Deuschendorf 6-128. **GER:** Adam Schleis 3-93.

Cedarburg	14	16	16	15-61
Grafton	0	13	12	6-31

**CED:** Chris Conover 24 run (James Taraboi kick). **CED:** James Taraboi 25 run (Kyle Jones kick). **GRA:** Andy Roeker 23 run (Kyle Bohl run). **CED:** Eric Bohl 23 run (James Taraboi run). **GRA:** Chris Eernisse 85 kickoff return (pass failed). **CED:** Eric Bohl 2 run (Chris Conover run). **CED:** Eric Bohl 9 run (Chris Conover run). **GRA:** Chris Eernisse 75 pass from Andy Roeker (pass failed). **CED:** James Taraboi 81 run (Eric Bohl run). **GRA:** Chris Baltzell 2 pass from Andy Roeker (pass failed). **CED:** Chris Conover 60 run (Ian Marten run). **CED:** A.J. Conover 63 run (James Taraboi kick). **GRA:** Andy Roeker 6 run (pass failed).

**Total yardage** — GRA 349, CED 612. **Top rushers** — CED: James Taraboi 19-228, Chris Conover 15-191. **Top passers** — GRA: Andy Roeker 23-42-300-2. **Top receivers** — GRA: Chris Baltzell 10-114, Chris Eernisse 5-113.

Homestead	7	7	14	3-31
Port Washington	7	0	0	0-7

**HOM:** Charlie Eakley 2 run (Taylor Layton kick). **PW:** Brandon Werner 4 run (Bob Wood kick). **HOM:** David Harkensee 15 pass from Derek Watson (Taylor Layton kick). **HOM:** Charlie Eakley 5 run (Taylor Layton kick). **HOM:** Justin Segura 5 run (Taylor Layton kick). **HOM:** Taylor Layton 24 field goal.

**Total yardage** — PW 165, HOM 395. **Top rushers** — HOM: Justin Segura 21-167, Charlie Eakley 15-158.

Whitefish Bay	7	21	14	7-49
Nicolet	0	0	0	0-0

**WFB:** Tremaine Stewart 4 run (Chris Hagerup kick). **WFB:** James Rinka 1 run (Chris Hagerup kick). **WFB:** Tremaine Stewart 13 run (Chris Hagerup kick). **WFB:** James Rinka 1 run (Chris Hagerup kick). **WFB:** James Rinka 1 run (Chris Hagerup kick). **WFB:** Dan Ebert 40 pass from James Rinka (Chris Hagerup kick). **WFB:** Ben Umhoefer 5 run (Chris Hagerup kick).

**Total yardage** — NIC 111, WFB 310. **Top rushers** — WFB: Tremaine Stewart 23-107. **Top passers** — WFB: James Rinka 7-11-119-0.

# Film shows Dukes in improved light

## Football team earns kudos in 1st scrimmage

Upon further review, Whitefish Bay football coach Jim Tietjen feels pretty good about his team's scrimmage on Aug. 20.

"I was feeling a little rough afterwards," he said. "But then I went downstairs and saw the film and saw some good things."

Tietjen's crew squared off at home in a grouping that included South Milwaukee, Milwaukee Custer and West Allis Central, one week before the team is scheduled to open regular season play against Green Bay Preble on Friday, Aug. 27.

"We prepared for neither one of them," Tietjen said. "Our kids are smart and we prepare well ... a couple of the plays they ran we weren't prepared for. When we had breakdowns, it was a missed assignment on a very inexperienced team."

The Blue Dukes' coach said practices all week would focus on correcting the missed assignments on defense before taking on a squad that Tietjen and some players witnessed in a scrimmage earlier in the day against Bay Port, a team that went unscored upon in each of the

first three state tournament rounds last year.

"Preble's got the one and two shot putters in the state, and they play next to each other on the line," he said. "One's about 6-6 265 ... he was decent as a junior because of his athleticism. The kid next to him is an outstanding high school football player. They have a state qualifier in the 100-meter dash, so they've got some speed, they've got some size."

Whitefish Bay, meanwhile, may have the endurance.

"We wanted to make sure that we were in the best shape we possibly could be," Tietjen said. "Because we don't have a lot of depth, some of our No. 1 kids had to play with our No. 2 group. They were on the field from 2 until 4:15 (p.m.) and their comment to me afterwards was that they weren't tired at all. Our conditioning

*"I was feeling a little rough afterwards. But then I went downstairs and saw the film and saw some good things."*

**Jim Tietjen**

Whitefish Bay  
football coach

## HOME OPENER

**WHO:** Green Bay Preble (0-0) vs. Whitefish Bay (0-0)

**WHAT:** Non-conference season opener

**WHEN:** 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 27

**WHERE:** Whitefish Bay High School, 1200 E Fairmount Ave

**PREVIEW:** Preble finished 1-6 in the Fox River Valley Conference last year, but it was an uncharacteristic down year for a team that had lost just five combined conference games in the previous four years. Bay is coming off a 1-6 showing of their own in the North Shore Conference. Third-year coach Jim Tietjen will look for production from senior quarterback James Rinka and senior wingback Tyler Nead, as well as junior fullback Tray Stewart in the upcoming campaign. Tietjen pointed to Preble's line, which includes two of the top shot-put athletes in the state, as a force to reckon with. Senior lineman Jon Rice will be among those called upon to solidify Bay's line, one of Tietjen's key question marks entering the season.

was good, our injury report was excellent."

— JR Radcliffe, Staff Writer

# Dukes sent to back of line

Control of the trenches, injuries send Bay to loss

Whitefish Bay coach Jim Tietjen said the size and strength of both Green Bay Preble lines had a significant hand in the Blue Dukes' undoing on Aug. 27.

A tackling drill during early week practice did not help either.

Playing without key seniors Tyler Nead and Jarrett Gates, who were both hurt in the same drill on the Monday before Bay's season opener, the Dukes fell, 21-0, at the hands of the host Fox River Valley Conference opponent.

"We just had trouble handling their physical size up front, that was the bottom line," Tietjen said. "We would move the ball against them and then have a holding penalty, an illegal procedure, those types of things. When their people are stressing you up front, sometimes those kind of things happen."

The third-year coach spoke optimistically about his

## NEXT KICK-OFF

**WHO:** Dominican (1-0) vs. Whitefish Bay (0-1)

**WHAT:** Non-conference game

**WHEN:** 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 3

**WHERE:** Whitefish Bay High School, 1200 E Fairmount Ave.

**PREVIEW:** Coach Jim Tietjen had a chance to watch Dominican during its Aug. 28 win over Lake Country

Lutheran. "They have a nice quarterback, he throws the ball nice, they have a couple of receivers that don't look too bad, their running back is quick," Tietjen said. "We've got some work to do." Last year, Bay's work paid off when it upended Dominican, 34-12, one of two wins on the Blue Dukes season.

team's showing, just days before facing cross-town rival Dominican, a team Bay handled last year, 34-12.

"I was incredibly proud of them ... we scrapped," he said. "We stopped them four times on fourth down and kept them out of the end zone and we had some sparks offensively."

Preble nonetheless found the end zone three times, with runs by Kyle Scofield and Dave Van Lieshout as well as a touchdown connection in the first quarter between quarterback Brent Heim and Adam Enderby, part of an offensive attack that out-gained the Dukes 379-122.

But Tietjen said the game was closer than what the stat sheet indicated, pointing to senior Hyder Abadin as one of the game's standout performers.

"He just had an outstanding game on both sides of the ball," Tietjen said. "He had three kickoff returns for 143 yards, and he just about broke every one of them. There were two passes Hyder knocked down, he made tackles all over the field."

Abadin and Tim Bayer, whose interception provided Bay's only takeaway in the game, helped compensate for the loss of Nead and Gates, both members of the back-

## BOX SCORE

Green Bay Preble 21, Whitefish Bay 0

	GBP	WB
First Downs	20	7
Rushes-Yards	51-362	31-45
Passing Yards	44	82
Comp.-Att.-Int.	3-5-1	5-11-0
Total Yards	406	127
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	7-65	7-45
<b>Whitefish Bay</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0 0-0</b>
<b>Green Bay Preble</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0 7-21</b>

**Green Bay Preble** — Adam Enderby, 28, pass from Brent Heim (Sean Last Kick).

**Preble** — Kyle Scofield, 11 run (Last kick).

**Preble** — Dave Van Lieshout, 1, run (Last kick).

### Individual Statistics Leaders

**Rushing** — Bay, Hyder Abadin 12-39, Tra-  
maine Stewart 11-29.

**Passing** — Bay, James Rinka, 5-11-0-82

**Receiving** — Bay, Stewart 2-38, Tom Schu-  
maker 3-44.

field. Tietjen said Nead's concussion wouldn't keep him out of Friday's matchup with Dominican, and Gates would also likely play despite bruised ribs.

"It was just a simple tackling drill, the linebackers tackle like that every day,"

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Tietjen said. "It was one (the defensive backs) hadn't done, and their technique wasn't as good as it should have been."

The two absentees also combined offensively for 648 yards receiving in 2003. With substitutes needed to pick up the slack, Tietjen said he was happy with the way his team responded.

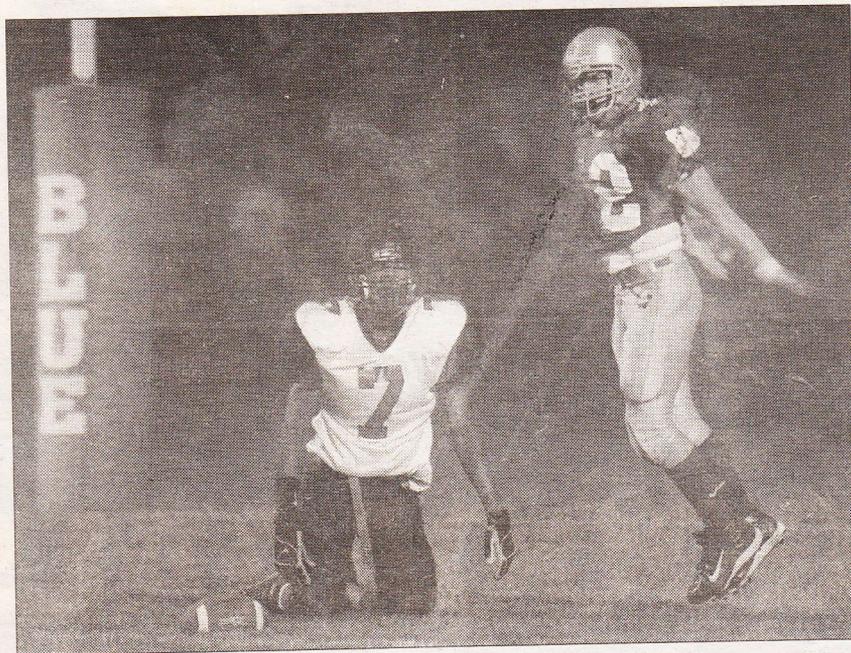
"We were in the ball game," he said. "As the game went, our kids gained experience. We saw some good things."

Among those things were the special teams that allowed Abadin to run wild.

"We worked very hard on it, we felt that might hold us in a little bit in some of these games," Tietjen said. "We found out we've got some pretty good quickness."

—JR Radcliffe, Staff  
Writer

# Blue Dukes ride Tremaine train to rivalry win



COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS PHOTO BY JOHN O'HARA

Whitefish Bay defender Ben Davis (right) waves a no-catch signal after Dominican receiver Alex Liggins could not come up with the football at Whitefish Bay on Sept. 4.

Within the game's first minute, Whitefish Bay running back Tremaine Stewart scored early.

Then came the often.

Stewart found paydirt five times in the Bay home opener, including three touchdowns in the first quarter, leading the charge in a 56-7 win over crosstown rival Whitefish Bay Dominican. The team's standout running back collected 212 yards on 23 carries, part of a rushing attack that gained 332 total yards.

"He did a great job of following his blocking," head coach Jim Tietjen said. "When it came to being tackled, he wouldn't let himself be tackled. He makes you miss, and when he can't make you miss, he

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## BOX SCORE

Whitefish Bay 56, Dominican 7

	WB	WBD
First Downs	18	8
Rushing Yards	332	80
Passing Yards	43	65
Comp.-Att.-Int.	1-2-1	8-18-0
Total Yards	375	145
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-4
Penalties-Yards	6-50	5-30
<b>Dominican</b>	<b>0 7 0 0 - 7</b>	
<b>Whitefish Bay</b>	<b>28 14 7 7 - 56</b>	

**Whitefish Bay** — Tremaine Stewart, 20, run (Chris Hagerup kick).

**Whitefish Bay** — Jon Rice, 18, fumble return for TD (Hagerup kick).

**Whitefish Bay** — Stewart, 19, run (Hagerup kick).

**Whitefish Bay** — Stewart, 4, fumble return for TD (Hagerup kick).

**Whitefish Bay** — Stewart, 19, run (Hagerup kick).

**Dominican** — Alex Liggins, 17, pass from Scott Pokrzywinski (Andrew Ware kick).

**Whitefish Bay** — Tyler Nead, 82, kickoff return for TD (Hagerup kick).

**Whitefish Bay** — Stewart, 8, run (Hagerup kick).

**Whitefish Bay** — Ben Umhoefer, 4, run (Hagerup kick).

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"It's basically the battle of Port Washington Road," he said. "Our kids hang out at Kopp's, so do their kids. Our kids know their kids, so there's a little bit of rivalry there."

That might pale to the interest generated by next week's contest, when Bay opens North Shore Conference play against Nicolet, a team helmed by Rob Rinka, the father of Dukes' QB James Rinka.

"It'll be a big day for the whole Rinka family," said Tietjen, who also has sophomore Danny Rinka on his roster. "It's a big rivalry between the schools. They're all going to be big games from now on. We're not good enough to look at the schedule and say we're pointing at these guys. It should be a whale of a game."

— JR Radcliffe, Staff Writer

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carries you."

The Dukes were on the board at the 40-second mark and held a 28-0 lead after one quarter, with Tyler Nead's forced fumble and Jon Rice's recovery and 18-yard touchdown scamper providing the only score not belonging to Stewart.

In the second, Stewart's 19-yard rushing touchdown and Nead's 82-yard kickoff return for a touchdown sandwiched the first score for Dominican, a 17-yard play between quarterback Scott Pokrzywinski and Alex Liggins. The 42-7 advantage at the half boded well for the Blue Dukes, with only a pair of touchdown runs by Stewart and Ben Umhoefer remaining for the

second 24 minutes.

Umhoefer, a sophomore, collected more than 100 yards of his own for Whitefish Bay. Bay, which was without the services of offensive weapons Jarrett Gates, who is still nursing an injury, and Hyder Abadin, who missed the game to attend a funeral, resorted to the ground game almost exclusively. Nead, who played sparingly after missing last week's game with injury, also had an 80-yard kickoff return that fell just short of the end zone.

"On the one he got tackled on, he was waiting for a block," Tietjen said. "If he had been a little more patient, the block would have gotten there. I think he just got a little tired."

Tietjen said the one-sided affair didn't diminish the rivalry between the two schools.

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*"When it came to being tackled, he wouldn't let himself be tackled. He makes you miss, and when he can't make you miss, he carries you."*

**Jim Tietjen**

Whitefish Bay football coach on running back Tremaine Stewart

## UP NEXT

**WHO:** Whitefish Bay (1-1) vs. Nicolet (1-1)

**WHAT:** North Shore Conference Opener

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10

**WHERE:** Nicolet High School, 6701 N. Jean Nicolet Road, Glendale

**PREVIEW:** First-year coach Rob Rinka will have an interesting challenge when he opens up conference play for the first time against Whitefish Bay — the rest of his family. Quarterback James Rinka and sophomore Danny Rinka are both on Bay coach Jim Tietjen's roster, which spices up an already-healthy rivalry. "I think their mother wants to sit on the 50-yard line, cheering for her husband and for her sons," Tietjen said.