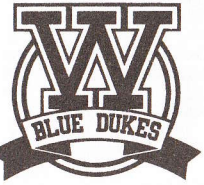


SEASON PREVIEW

Whitefish Bay



Vital Stats

Enrollment
868

Conference
North Shore

Last Year
Overall 8-3
Conference 5-2

Playoffs
Lost in second round

The Sidelines

Head Coach

Jim Tietjen (first season)

Assistants

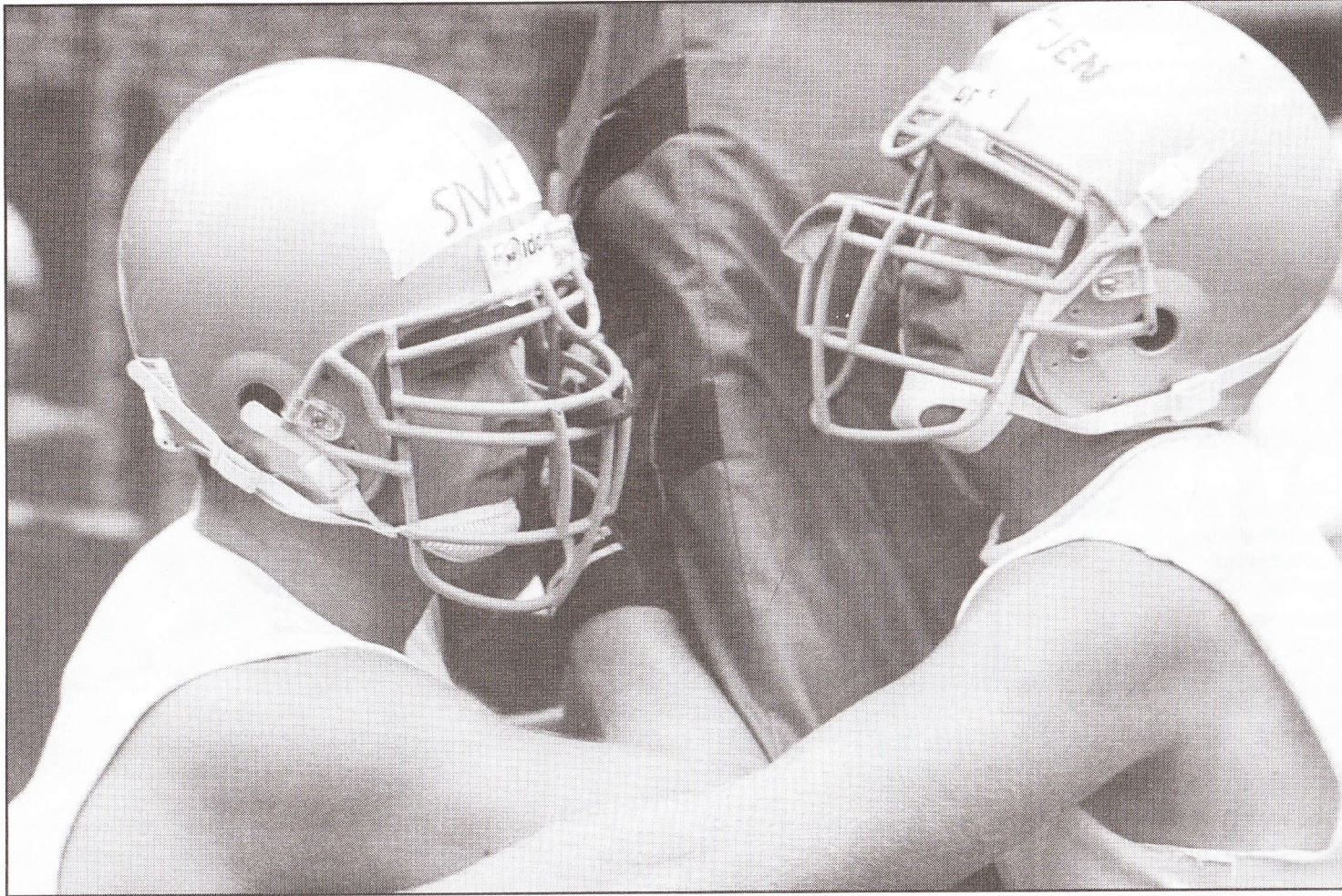
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Rory Sernoe, Tom Mollen,
Steve Smith, Jeff Ehmke,

Look Back

2001 season in review

Bay 64, Shorewood 0

Bay 55, Dominican 0



Senior linebacker Peter Smith (left) and senior guard/linebacker Joey Tietjen square off in a blocking drill during a recent Whitefish Bay football practice. They will be counted on as two of the Blue Dukes' veteran leaders this season.

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Bay 30, Milw. Lutheran 20
 Bay 30, Port Washington 21
 Homestead 21, Bay 10
 Bay 32, Germantown 7
 Cedarburg 8, Bay 7
 Bay 42, Grafton 0
 Bay 18, Campbellsport 13
 Mayville 14, Bay 6

Look Ahead

2002 Schedule
(7 p.m. unless indicated)

Aug. 29 Mukwonago
(at Madison 8 p.m.)

Sept. 5 Dominican

Sept. 13 at Nicolet

Sept. 20 at Milw. Lutheran

Sept. 27 Port Washington

Oct. 4 at Homestead

Oct. 11 Germantown

Oct. 18 at Cedarburg

Oct. 23 Grafton

Last Word

*"The seniors
 are hungry to maintain
 the excellence
 that's been established."*

Jim Tietjen
 Whitefish Bay coach

Bay looks to 'hold that line'

Dukes, new coach look to extend program's recent string of excellence

By Steven L. Tietz
Staff Writer

New head coach Jim Tietjen hopes the different profile he brings to this fall's Whitefish Bay football team yields results similar to the program's back-to-back 8-3 seasons, despite hefty graduation losses.

"The seniors we have out there are hungry to maintain the excellence," said Tietjen, who has been with the Bay program in one capacity or another for 14 of the last 17 years. "They know how to compete. They need to show the juniors and sophomores how to do that, too. Once that happens, we'll be fine."

Tietjen takes over for Joe Wieland, who brought excellence back to the Bay program but who resigned last spring after seven years. Departing at the same time were four CNI All-Suburban selections: running back Booker Stanley, two-way lineman Evan Engstrom, defensive back Alex Rios and receiver Justin Moreland. Stanley was also on several all-state teams and is on scholarship at the University Wisconsin.

"I think we'll do fine replacing the regular kind of kids," said Tietjen, "but in replacing the great players, each of the



other 11 on that side of the ball will have to do just a little more."

Tietjen will have to work with a senior corps that is spirited but which barely scratches double digits in numbers on the 50-player roster.

Leading the group will be linebacker/guard Joey Tietjen (6-0, 216) and talented defensive tackle/fullback Robert Smallins (6-0, 225). Smallins and Tietjen were two-thirds of a formidable linebacking corps last season, with Tietjen earning second-team all-league honors.

Others looked upon as impact players on defense are senior linebacker Peter Smith (6-0, 210), senior linebacker Alex Dwyer (6-1, 180), junior defensive back Dewey Coulson (5-8, 165) and two-way veteran junior lineman Jared Oberland (6-3, 220). Oberland will be looked upon to play a big role on the Bay offense at tight end.

Joey Tietjen and Oberland are captains.

On offense, junior letterman Dan Mehigan (5-8, 160) will be at the controls of the Blue Dukes' wing-T set. Looking to make up some of Stanley's yardage will be Smallins, Coulson and junior Eric Powell (5-11, 171). Senior Patrick Phillips (6-0, 175) is a letterman at kicker but is nursing an injury.

"We have some nice players out there. They just need to distinguish themselves," said Jim Tietjen. "We need to see if they can take it up to the next level."

Tietjen is looking to play a lot of people and keep as many away from two-way status as possible.

"My philosophy is to do things in threes," he said. "Develop three quarterbacks, three linebackers, etc., so you're always bringing along people and developing them."

In the North Shore, Tietjen sees the 'big 3' of Homestead, Germantown and Cedarburg being solid again but figures that with a little development, his team can stay in the race.

"I was freshman coach the last three years, so I know all of these kids," he said. "I know how hard they've worked. They know what to expect from me and not a single one has quit so far. I love these guys."

BY THE NUMBERS

4

Bay's graduated
 CNI All-suburban
 selections

1

Coaching holdovers
 from 2001
 (Mike Aragon)

11

Seniors listed
 on the Bay roster

16

Bay's combined
 wins in 2000
 and 2001

North Shore

2002 All-Conference Football Selections

Offensive Back of the Year: Joe Patek, Cedarburg

Receiver of the Year: Nick Roach, Milwaukee Lutheran

Offensive Lineman of the Year: Dave Arendt, Port Washington

Defensive Lineman of the Year: Jared Oberland, Whitefish Bay

Linebacker of the Year: Joe Tietjen, Wh. Bay; Bobby Jankowski, Germantown

Defensive Back of the Year: Derek Moore, Cedarburg

Coach of the Year: Phil Datka, Germantown

Assistant Coach of the Year: Gary Westerman, Cedarburg

First-Team Offense Selections

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Year
End	Nick Roach	Milwaukee Lutheran	6-1	218	Senior
End	Steve Miszewski	Milwaukee Lutheran	5-11	165	Junior
TE	Mike Drifka	Cedarburg	6-4	178	Junior
Tackle	Jason Olejniczak	Germantown	5-11	255	Junior
Tackle	Brian Neuman	Cedarburg	6-0	204	Senior
Guard	Dave Arendt	Port Washington	6-2	255	Senior
Guard	Brian Bennett	Homestead	6-0	200	Senior
Center	Mike Kurth	Cedarburg	6-1	215	Senior
QB	Joe Patek	Cedarburg	6-6	186	Senior
RB	Jeremy Franke	Germantown	5-10	215	Senior
RB	Andy Moriarty	Homestead	6-1	200	Senior
RB	Eric Walton	Homestead	5-8	140	Senior
Kicker	Jason Barber	Port Washington	5-8	170	Senior

First-Team Defense Selections

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Year
End	Jason Oberland	Whitefish Bay	6-3	220	Junior
End	Dave Arendt	Port Washington	6-2	255	Senior
Line	Ryan Schaffner	Germantown	5-11	235	Senior
Line	Justin Zirtlaff	Cedarburg	5-11	179	Senior
LB	Bobby Jankowski	Germantown	5-11	210	Senior
LB	Jeremy Franke	Germantown	5-10	215	Senior
LB	Joe Tietjen	Whitefish Bay	6-0	216	Senior
LB	Ben Grows	Cedarburg	6-2	214	Senior
Back	John Darling	Homestead	5-11	160	Senior
Back	Derek Moore	Cedarburg	6-3	170	Senior
Back	Jeremy Majors	Whitefish Bay	5-8	155	Senior
Punter	David Pietrowiak	Germantown	6-0	175	Senior

WHITEFISH BAY PREVIEW

KEYS TO SUCCEED

Offense

• Booker and Evan

RB Booker Stanley and DL Evan Engstrom have taken their all-state ability to the University of Wisconsin, leaving room for players like junior Dewey Coulson and senior Robert Smallins to shine

• Passing

With QB Brian Borchert and all-CNI end Justin Moreland graduated, can Bay develop a passing game?

Defense

• Talent

The talent drain was just as severe on this side of the ball. Former LB Smallins moves to the line this year and will be called on to deliver.

• Turnovers

The Blue Dukes were great at inducing turnovers last season. They will need to do so again.

Intangibles

• New coach/experience

Jim Tietjen is in his first year at head coach but has been linked with the Bay program for many years. He will try to succeed with just 11 seniors.



CNI PHOTO BY JOHN O'HARA

Whitefish Bay football players work on improving their vertical leap and strengthening leg muscles during a recent drill at the high school.

THREE TO WATCH

Joe Tietjen

6-0, 216, LB-GD Senior

The second-team all-League pick at linebacker has received long looks from Wisconsin and Iowa. As a three-year starter, he's been one of the most physical players the Blue Dukes have.

Jared Oberland

6-3, 220 TE-DT Junior

Coach Jim Tietjen calls the second-year starter "gifted" and a potential big-play tight end. He will form the heart of the O-line along with Joe Tietjen.

Robert Smallins

6-0, 225 FB-DT Senior

A solid linebacker last season, Smallins will lend speed and power to the defensive line. He will also pick up some of the carries that all-state back Booker Stanley monopolized last season from the FB slot.

THE ROSTER

2002 Whitefish Bay Blue Dukes

38 Hyder Abadin, HB/CB	10
41 Mark Aceto, FB/LB	10
29 Dan Baker, QB/F	10
5 Tim Bayer, SE/CB	10
62 Jessie Bennett, GC/NG	10
45 Sean Beuche, TE/LB	10
24 Brad Carr, SE/CB	11
44 Dewey Coulson, HB/CB	11
31 Ben Davis, HB/LB	10
John Davis	10
52 Ryan Dern, T	10
87 Jack Dickens, SE/CB	10
89 Alex Dwyer, TE/SS	12
27 Joe Dwyer, SE/CB	12
86 Jarret Gates, TE/LB	10
59 Mike Gebel, G/LB	11
50 Jovon Groce, T	12
21 Mike Hardke, HB/SS	11
65 Patrick Jordan, T	11
26 Tom Kinzfogl, SE/F	11
54 Joe Klett, G/T	11
35 Chris Kregel, FB/LB	11
56 Kevin Kroll, T	11
74 Kevin Layde, T	11
36 Emmett Light, HB/SS	10
3 Jeremy Majors, SE/CB	12
11 Dan Mehigan, QB/P	11
60 Darren McGuire, G/T	10
61 Albert Meulendyke, QB/LB	10
17 Jeremy Musil, HB/CB	10
27 Tyler Nead, W/SS	10
72 Peter Nestingen	12
7 Jared Oberland, TE/T	11
14 Paul Orth, SE/CB	11
2 Patrick Phillips, SE/F	12
85 Nathan Potter, SE/CB	10
1 Eric Powell, WR/SS	11
53 Eugene Reese, G/LB	11
76 Jon Rice, T	10
79 Brandon Rindfleisch, C/T	10
30 Mike Rigsred, TE/LB	10
3 James Rinka, HB/CB	10
57 Colin Sanders, G/T	12
10 Ethan Schwenker, SE/F	11
16 Tom Schumaker, SE/LB	10
25 Robert Smallins, FB/T	12
51 Peter Smith, C/LB	12
64 Hale Sostock, T	11
61 Marcus Switzer, T	11
58 Joey Tietjen, G/LB	12
55 Barclay Tylicki, T	11

KEYS TO SUCCEED

Intangibles• **Keep it in perspective**

Remember, this is a program with a well-known record of futility in the past 10-plus years. Success is all relative and Davies and his coaching staff have three goals for the 2002 season.

1. Because so few players have football in their background, he and his staff want to teach the fundamentals.

2. Have the team well-prepared each week.

3. Be competitive and hang around long enough so that they may be able to pull out a game or two.

• **Off the deep end**

There are some talented and varsity-ready players on the team, unfortunately not enough of them. As the season goes on, the Greyhounds hope to be able to develop some depth.

• **Leading the way**

In addition to being leaders, Davies said all eight of the team's seniors will be looked upon to make big contributions on the field.

• **Role playing**

With the lack of experience on the team — not just varsity experience but football experience — the young players will have to find their roles, whatever they may be.



CNI PHOTO BY JOHN O'HARA

Blocker meets defender in this drill at a recent Shorewood football practice.

THREE TO WATCH***Nate Shorter***

6-1 280 OL/DL Senior

Davies said he has never coached someone with more strength, a high compliment. The coach said he could draw NCAA Division I schools' interest

Carlo Albano

6-1 210 DE Senior

One of the few returning players with experience, he will provide leadership and may also play some split end, where his size could come in handy.

Ronell Halbert

6-1 180 WR Senior

Halbert was a bright spot in a sluggish offense. Despite limited football experience, he used his athletic ability to get open and make impressive catches.

THE ROSTER

RETURNING LETTERMEN

Blake Comer 12

Ronell Halbert 12

Nate Shorter 12

Robert Wyatt 12

Carlo Albano 11

Micah Moore 11

Marty Wallner 11

OTHER ROSTER PLAYERS

Jon Carbon 12

Drew Davis 12

Mike Jorgensen 12

Robert Wyatt 12

Second-Team Offense Selections

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Year
End	Josh Wiza	Grafton	6-1	170	Senior
End	Jeremy Majors	Whitefish Bay	5-8	155	Senior
TE	Blair Grover	Homestead	6-3	195	Junior
Tackle	Joe Sills	Germantown	6-4	300	Senior
Tackle	Nick Eakley	Homestead	6-0	195	Senior
Guard	Ryan Schaffner	Germantown	5-11	235	Senior
Guard	Justin Zirtzlaff	Cedarburg	5-11	179	Senior
Center	Kyle Kempinski	Germantown	5-10	225	Junior
QB	David Pietrowiak	Germantown	6-0	175	Senior
RB	Ryan Flasch	Germantown	6-2	210	Junior
RB	Erik Treske	Cedarburg	6-0	186	Junior
RB	Jacob Patten	Milwaukee Lutheran	5-5	140	Junior
Kicker	Mitch Huffman	Homestead	5-9	170	Senior
Kicker	Joe Patek	Cedarburg	6-6	186	Senior

Second-Team Defense Selections

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Year
End	Ryan Flasch	Germantown	6-2	210	Junior
End	Mike Matar	Homestead	6-4	260	Junior
Line	Ben Suran	Homestead	6-4	215	Junior
Line	Justin Viste	Grafton	6-2	255	Junior
LB	David Consiglio	Germantown	5-10	170	Senior
LB	Cal Chapman	Nicolet	5-10	185	Senior
LB	Ross Bennett	Homestead	6-0	195	Senior
LB	Mike Gebel	Whitefish Bay	5-10	180	Junior
Back	Kevin Mannion	Germantown	6-2	190	Junior
Back	Aaron Schwanz	Port Washington	6-1	185	Senior
Back	Dan Mongoven	Cedarburg	6-0	152	Senior
Punter	Joe Patek	Cedarburg	6-6	186	Senior

HONORABLE MENTION, OFFENSE: **Germantown**— Kevin Mannion, End, jr.; Chad Magill, kicker, sr. **Nicolet**— Roman Shklover, End, sr.; Mark Bojar, center, sr. **Cedarburg**— Derek Moore, end, sr.; Ryan van Engel, TE, jr.; Nick Schueller, OT, jr.; Ben Grows, RB, sr. **Whitefish Bay**— Jared Oberland, TE-kicker, jr.; Joe Tietjen, center, sr.; Dan Mehigan, QB, soph.; Robert Smallins, RB, sr. **Port Washington**— Aaron Schwanz, TE, sr.; Brian Hartwig, OT, sr.; Kevin Maher, QB, sr.; Jason Barber, RB, sr. **Milwaukee Lutheran**— Steve Weismueller, OT, jr.; Kyle Lawrence, GD, sr.; Scott Luebke, center, sr.; Dustin White, QB, jr. **Grafton**— Mike Rohde, OT, sr. **Homestead**— Carey Rottman, RB, sr.

HONORABLE MENTION, DEFENSE: **Cedarburg**— Joe Reichart, DL, jr.; Dustin Scholz, DL, Sr.; James Taraboi, LB, soph. **Milwaukee Lutheran**— Courtney Clark-Carter, DL, sr.; Nick Roach, LB, sr.; Ryan Dummam, DB, sr.; Ken Alvord, punter, sr. **Grafton**— Travis Swanson, DL, sr.; Adam Strachota DB. **Port Washington**— Jason Preisler, LB, sr.; Joe Thome, LB., jr.; **Germantown**— Jeff Tresley, DB, jr. **Homestead**— Matt Jensen, DB, jr.; Mitch Huffman, DB-punter, sr.

Tietjen to go against former co-coaches

New Bay coach looks for Blues Dukes to put up good effort vs. Mukwonago

By Steven L. Tietz
Staff Writer

Though he's been coaching in one capacity or another for about 25 years, Jim Tietjen will get a real charge out of his opening night, when he starts his career as head man of the Whitefish Bay football team tonight.

When Tietjen's Blue Dukes take on Mukwonago at 8 p.m. in a Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Badger Classic game at Madison's Camp Randall Stadium, he'll be among old friends.

"I was at Mukwonago for seven years," said Tietjen, "and most of those guys are still there. Keith Hensler (the head coach) and Bill Hoagland. Toby Ackerman was coaching then, and now he's the athletic director. I tell you, they've been throwing me their usual stuff (over the phone)."

But Tietjen, who takes over from Joe Wieland, wouldn't have it any other way.

After two weeks of beating on each other, the Blue Dukes got a chance at some live hitting Friday in a scrimmage with South Milwaukee and West Allis Central.

Although Bay was down a few men due to precaution and injury, the results were pretty good, said Tietjen.

"We scored five or six times against South Milwaukee, but we had a little trouble (offensively) against Central," said Tietjen. "They scored only once on our first unit and we would have scored on a fumble recovery, so it was pretty much a draw."

Tietjen was pleased with the energy and the effort shown by the Blue Dukes.

"Defensively, we just ran to the ball," he said. "Every ball on the ground was ours. That's a real tribute to the kids, and the Mukwonago coaches (watching the scrimmage) thought we really hustled."

Tietjen was especially pleased with the effort of tight end/linebacker Alex Dwyer. Dwyer was filling in for regular tight end Jared Oberland, who is nursing a hip flexor. Running back Dewey Coulson and kicker Patrick Phillips were also

CNI Top Five

A pre-season ranking of the best suburban football teams in the CNI Newspapers coverage area by our sports staff:

	Points
1. Homestead	30
<i>Opens at home vs. Brookfield Central</i>	
2. Oak Creek	24
<i>Opens at home vs. Muskego</i>	
3. Brookfield Central	19
<i>Opens at Homestead</i>	
4. Germantown	18
<i>Opens at home vs. West Bend West</i>	
5. Greendale	16
<i>Opens at Brookfield East</i>	

Also receiving votes: Cudahy, 6 points; New Berlin Eisenhower, 5 points; Muskego, 2 points.

held out.

Offensively, Tietjen thought halfback Eric Powell acquitted himself nicely along with fullbacks Chris Kregel and Mike Hardke.

Tietjen is looking forward to his official opener as head coach. The players have gone down to Marquette's Valley Fields to get accustomed to the artificial turf they will find in Madison and the coach wants the team to maintain perspective.

"The kids are understandably fired up," he said, "but I don't want them to be excited just for being there. We want to go down there as a program and show people we can play football."

The Badger Classic will feature 13 games over a three-day period at Camp Randall.

Mukwonago is a traditional Classic 8 Conference and state playoff power, with good size, speed and numbers. They'll run a variation of the wishbone called a flex-bone and may throw the ball up to 15 times a game.

"We've worked on everything," said Tietjen, "from what to do when the ball hits the ground to what kind of shoes we'll need on that turf. We'd love to be able to compete with them."

Bay boss banks on improvement

Tietjen stresses off-season work to help in NSC battle

By Steven L. Tietz
Staff Writer

Credited by Athletic Director Jeff Thielke for strong organizational skills and forward thinking in the way he evaluates and uses players, first-year Whitefish Bay football coach Jim Tietjen would like to use his recently completed 3-6 campaign as a platform for bigger and better things.

"I know there's a lot of work ahead of me in order to make us respectable again," he said. "I thought with some breaks that we might be able to get back to the (state) playoffs and we could have with a little better effort in a couple of games."

The Blue Dukes finished the 2002 campaign on a positive note, with an 18-0 triumph over Grafton. That win ended a five-game losing streak and served as a breakthrough for an offense which had struggled to score in those losses.

Tietjen saw room for improvement in all phases of the game.

"We simply have to in order to compete in this conference," he said. "At times we got a little desperate offensively and then we didn't take care of the ball very well. We need to get stronger so we don't have to become desperate."

"We also hung around in a few games against good teams (like Mukwonago and Cedarburg), where a ball on the ground or a similar break could have changed things."

The offensive woes were highlighted during a four-game North Shore stretch where the Blue Dukes were outscored 121-12. That streak ended with the Grafton win.

Tietjen was proud of that triumph because it showed that the seniors had not quit, that they continued to hit. That was something Tietjen did take out of the season as a positive.

"We had great kids out there, especially our captains (seniors Joey Tietjen

"We didn't hold the line of scrimmage often enough. We simply need to increase our strength."

Jim Tietjen

Whitefish Bay football coach

and Robert Smallins, and juniors Chris Kregel and Jared Oberland)," said Coach Tietjen. "We've been meeting with about 10 kids a night for 15 to 20 minutes each since the end of the season. We've talked about what they need to do in terms of getting to the strength and size we think they should be. And we get them to participate in our off-season lifting and conditioning programs."

Off-season work is important to the success of the team, Tietjen said.

"We didn't hold the line of scrimmage often enough," he said, "and that caught us sometimes. We simply need to increase our strength."

For the season, Bay scored 153 points (an average of 17 a game) and allowed 187 (an average of 20.8).

Robert Smallins was the leading rusher while junior quarterback Danny Mehigan and senior end Jeremy Majors were able to form an effective passing combination.

Defensively, Joey Tietjen, a three-year, two-way starter, was the stalwart from his linebacker's spot, as was Oberland (66 total tackles, 17 quarterback knockdowns) from his end position. Joey Tietjen had 52 solo tackles, 82 assists, caused six fumbles, had eight quarterback knockdowns and two blocked punts.

"He scored the most points I've ever given out (defensively)," said his father, Jim.

"We could look at something on film and he could make the adjustment on the field," Tietjen is mulling walk-on offers from Wisconsin and Iowa.

Seniors on the team included Alex Dwyer, Joe Dwyer, Jovon Groce, Majors, Peter Nestingen, Paul Orth, kicker Patrick Phillips, Colin Sanders, Smallins, Peter Smith and Joey Tietjen.

Camp Randall is a field of dreams

Ask any high school football player, past or present, to describe the feeling of playing at Camp Randall Stadium, and nine times out of 10, "unbelievable" or "indescribable" are the most common words you'll hear.

Usually, when prep football teams reach Camp Randall they're playing for a state championship, that in itself counts for some of the joy. Still, just being in the field where former University of Wisconsin tailback Ron Dayne broke the NCAA rushing record can be quite a thrill.

So the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association joined forces with the University of Wisconsin a few years ago to form the WFC / Badger Football Classic, a series of games designed for teams that have never had the opportunity to play on the high school football player's field of dreams.

The games are played on weekends when the Badgers are on the road. This year, 52 teams will play in 26 games on seven days. This is opening weekend for prep football, and six southeast Wisconsin teams will play in Madison: Whitefish Bay vs. Mukwonago at 8 tonight; Greendale vs. Martin Luther vs. University of Wisconsin at 12:30 p.m. Friday; and St. Allis Hale vs. Greenfield, 8 a.m. Saturday.

PREPS



BOBBI ROQUEMORE

"It's a great opportunity to play in such a wonderful stadium and also lets our players know what it feels like because that's where the state playoff championships are played," said University School coach Don Forti. "It's also a motivating thing, like 'Wow, we want to come back here.'"

Dick Rundle, the executive director of the WFC and the football coach at Monona Grove from 1956-'90, coordinates the event.

Ironically, Rundle spent most of his legendary career as a staunch opponent of expanding the regular season and playoffs.

He won a Class A state title in a game played at Oconomowoc in 1977. The state championship games moved permanently to Camp Randall in 1982, and Monona Grove won its second title as a member of Division 3 in 1984. After experiencing Camp Randall as a state playoff champion, Rundle had a change of heart.

"When I walked off the field, I thought if the playoffs can do so much for a community, a school, and especially the young people, that I was wrong," Rundle said. "If it means this much for teams to get here, what about the teams that never could get here?"

So upon his retirement, Rundle made it his duty to bring the Camp Randall experience to more schools and student-athletes.

Rundle and a committee make plans for the WFC / Badger Football Classic as soon as the playoff season ends in November.

More than 100 teams apply to participate each year. The number of slots available varies each year, depending on Wisconsin's home schedule. Teams that have never played at Camp Randall are the committee's first choice.

Rundle said UW coach Barry Alvarez has been quite helpful in making the facility available.

The selected teams must meet a quota for ticket sales: 500 for each Division 5 and 6 school, 650 each for Division 3 and 4 and 750 each for Divisions 1 and 2. The tickets cost \$5 and are good for all the games played that day. The schools keep \$1 of every ticket they sell.

Forti acknowledged that getting his school to meet the requirements — and getting proper footwear for the artificial turf — took a lot of time but was worth every minute.

Rundle said the Camp Randall experience is a thrill not only for the players but for fans, pompom teams, bands and cheerleaders.

"The focus has to be on the football game, but my thought was I wanted it to be an athletic field trip," he said.

Forti said all of University School, from grades 7-12, will load seven buses to Madison for the

trip. And every athlete in the football program, including the freshman team, will be in uniform.

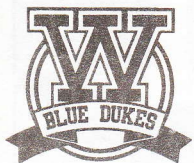
"The thought behind it is that the No. 1 school in the state for football, the state's lone Division I football university, is Wisconsin," said Whitefish Bay coach Jim Tietjen. "Any athlete who aspires to play college football probably wants to play for the Badgers, and this is an opportunity for lots of kids to experience the UW field."

So, beginning today, 52 more teams will have that experience, whether they reach the state championship game or not.

"It's so heartwarming to stand with a team at the north end of the stadium and listen to young people talk about what it's like to play on the same field that Ron Dayne played," Rundle said. "Their eyes are as big as saucers."

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Whitefish Bay Stats



Enrollment

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Conference

North Shore

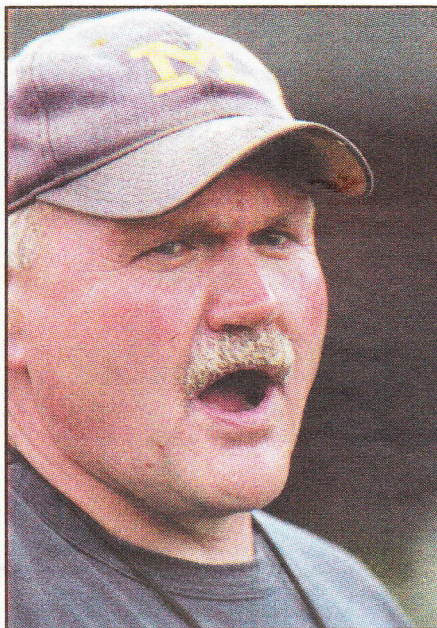
Last Year

Overall 3-6

Conference 2-5

Playoffs

Did not qualify



CNI PHOTO BY PETER ZUZGA

Whitefish Bay coach Joe Tietjen is entering his second season as head coach of the Blue Dukes. Wisconsin Coaches Association Hall of Fame member and former Homestead coach John Brodie will assist Tietjen this year as offensive coordinator.

The Sidelines

Head Coach

Jim Tietjen (second season)

Assistants

John Brodie, Jeff Wallack, Paul Moranski, Frank Wilson, Cory Sovine, Rory Serone, Tom Lopnow, Rob Young

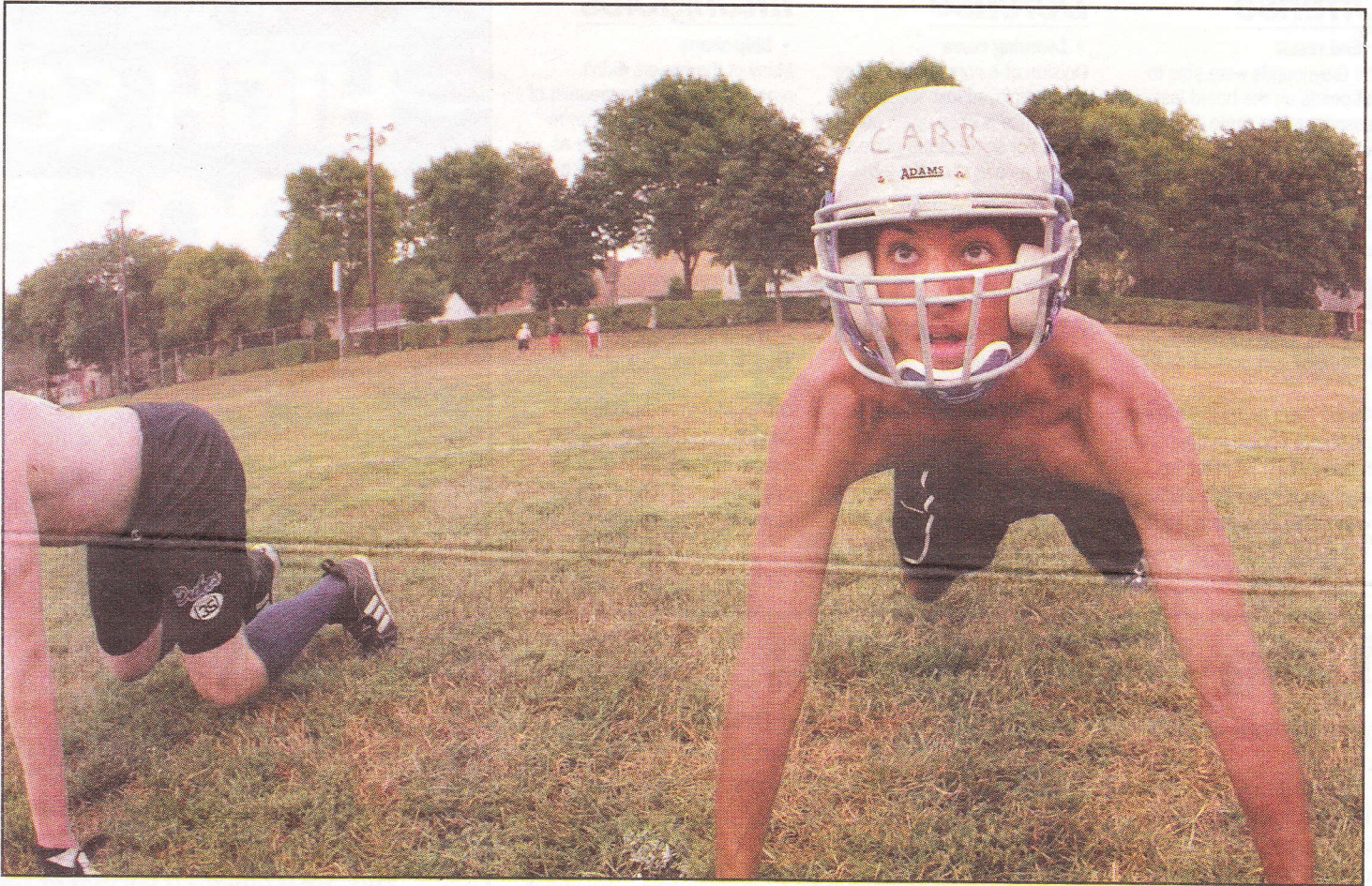
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Eric Powell, TB, DB	12	Brad Carr, SE, DB	12	Sean Geygan, OG, LB	10
Billy Huntsinger, FB, DT	12	Q.T. Thomas, TB, DB	10	Mike Gebel, OG, LB	12
Tim Bayer, SE, DB	11	Chris Kregel, FB, LB	12	Darrin McGuire, OG, DT	11
Tyler Nead, WB, DB	11	Jack Schley, FB, LB	10	Matt Schnek, OT, DL	10
Jared Oberland, TE, DE	12	Daniel O'Brien, WB, DB	10	Hale Sostock, OT, DT	12
Mike Hardke, TB, DL	12	Ben Davis, TB, DB	11	Marcus Switzer, OT, DT	11
Ethan Schwenker, TE, LB	12	Tray Stewart, FB, DL	10	Sam Kishline, C, LB	10
Danny Mehigan, QB, DB	12	Steve Eckels, TE, LB	12	Max Stein, OG, NT	10
James Rinka, QB, DB	11	Charlie Stalle, TE, LB	10	Kevin Layde, OT, DT	12
Nicolas Mehigan, QB, LB	10	Aldo Tase, OT, DL	10	P.J. Hoff, OT, DT	10
Vehantre Brown, SE, DB	11	Jon Rice, C, LB	11	Brandon Rindfleisch, C, NG	11
John Lanke, WB, DB	10	Eugene Reese, OG, LB	12	Joe Melton, SE, DB	10
Mike Duran, TB, LB	10	Barclay Tylicki, OT, DT	12	Jarrett Gates, TE, DB	11
		Kevin Kroll, OT, DT	12		

SEASON PREVIEW



CNI PHOTO BY PETER ZUZGA

Taking part in an agility drill during a preseason workout is Whitefish Bay wide receiver Brad Carr. Head coach Joe Tietjen and the Blue Dukes will pay close attention to an early season game against Mukwonago as a benchmark for the season.

Whitefish Bay's Jim Tietjen tried to make the experience a successful one when he took over the Blue Dukes for the 2002 season. After scrambling to put together a staff and an offense the team could only muster a 3-6 record.

This fall is different as Tietjen has a year of experience behind him and a new offensive coordinator — Wisconsin Coaches Association Hall of Fame member John Brodie from Homestead.

In the whirlwind of preparation that was needed last season, Tietjen wasn't able to insert his style into his program. He said a big problem was the difference in philosophies between him and his predecessor, Joe Wieland.

"I was fundamentals and old school," Tietjen said. "He was kind of loose and he let the kids warm up in their own ways."

This year Tietjen's influence is all over

ahead

the program, starting with the addition of Brodie. Tietjen knew he needed a new system when the old one stopped working once Booker Stanley graduated.

Although there will be players to replace like running back Robert Smallins and Jeremy Majors, there is enough talent around to make things work offensively.

Jared Oberland, one of 18 seniors on the squad, will play tight end for Bay. Danny Mehigan is returning at quarterback after completing almost 41 percent of his passes for 798 yards. The offensive line only lost one starter in Joey Tietjen.

Defensively, Oberland will play all over the field, but he should spend most of his time at defensive end. The defensive unit will also have the familiarity of working with Tietjen, who coached the senior class as freshmen in the program.

State
champs

o, a year ago. Tietjen said he likes the match-up because the Indians are similar to North Shore Conference foes like Cedarburg, Germantown and Homestead.

"That will be a measure of how good we will be," he said. "They are usually a power and usually go a couple games into the playoffs."

No matter the situation, however, any team with 18 seniors is usually a favorite to have at least a winning season. Linebacker Mike Gebel said this group can do just that.

"The seniors are great," he said. "There are lots of guys who work hard in the off-season. The seniors have been working really hard and we hope to prove that the hard work pays off when we're done."

Tietjen is just looking for his team to stay out of the trainers room.

"The key to the season is staying healthy," he said. "There are not a lot of numbers but good, hardworking kids."

BY THE NUMBERS

14

Number of seasons coach Jim Tietjen spent in some capacity with Whitefish Bay before last year

15

Average points per game scored by Bay last season

10

Seniors who graduated from the Blue Dukes in 2002

11

Extra points kicked by quarterback Danny Mehigan last season

Look Back

2003 season in review

Mukwonago 14, Whitefish Bay 6

Whitefish Bay 55, Dominican 0

Whitefish Bay 28, Nicolet 7

Milwaukee Lutheran 45,
Whitefish Bay 34

Port Washington 26, Whitefish Bay 0

Homestead 34, Whitefish Bay 6

Germantown 35, Whitefish Bay 3

Cedarburg 26, Whitefish Bay 3

Whitefish Bay 18, Grafton 0

Look Ahead

2003 Schedule

(All at 7 p.m.)

Aug. 29 Mukwonago

Sept. 5 Dominican

Sept. 12 Nicolet

Sept. 19 Milwaukee Lutheran

Sept. 25 Germantown

Oct. 3 Homestead

Oct. 10 Port Washington

Oct. 17 Cedarburg

Oct. 22 Grafton

Last Word

"We have some nice-sized football players. We'll be quick and we're pretty smart."

Jim Tietjen

Whitefish Bay coach

THINGS TO WATCH

Mike Gebel

5-11 195 OG/LB Senior

Coach Jim Tietjen said Gebel is the heart and soul of his defensive unit. He earned second team all-North Shore Conference honors last season.

Danny Mehigan

5-9 166 QB/DB Senior

Mehigan will have to learn a new system under offensive coordinator John Brodie, but his 2003 numbers say he'll adjust. He completed 65-of-159 passes (41 percent) for 798 yards and nine touchdowns last year.

Jared Oberland

6-3 225 TE/DE Senior

Oberland has narrowed down his top three college choices to Iowa, Wisconsin and Western Michigan. The Hawkeyes want him as a defensive lineman, the Badgers want him at defensive end or tight end and Western Michigan sees him as an outside linebacker.

KEYS TO SUCCEED

Offense

- **New system**

The Blue Dukes will have to adjust to a new offensive system put together by coach John Brodie.

Defense

- **Oberland rules**

Senior Jared Oberland will be roaming the field on defense for Whitefish Bay. He is expected to play defensive end mostly but will go where he is needed.

Intangibles

- **Health codes**

The Blue Dukes do not have a deep roster, so coach Jim Tietjen said it will be important for them to stay healthy this season.



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Dukes stay close, can't put away Port

Oct 16 2003 12:00AM By Staff Writer

Pirate blitzes stymie Bay in 4th quarter of 14-6 loss

The Whitefish Bay football team managed to finally keep a North Shore Conference opponent within striking distance for most of the game at Port Washington Friday.

The Blue Dukes trailed the Pirates, 14-6, late in the fourth quarter when they had another opportunity to score from within the 20-yard line.

But a number of Pirates blitzes led to two incomplete passes as Bay lost its fifth consecutive game, 14-6.

The final stalled drive was the sixth time Whitefish Bay (1-6, 0-5 North Shore) managed to penetrate Port's 20 but could not put the ball away for a score.

The Blue Dukes' lone touchdown came in the third quarter when quarterback Danny Mehigan found Jared Oberland, who is still hobbled by an ankle injury for a 68-yard touchdown pass. Oberland finished the game with four receptions for 99 yards.

Coach Jim Tietjen said if the protection from his offensive line been better, Mehigan may have completed about 10 more passes. Instead, he finished with 148 yards and a touchdown on 10-of-24 completions.

--Brian Salgado, CNI

Port Washington 14, Whitefish Bay 6

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First Downs 13 9

Rushing Yards 124 68

Passing Yards 197 148

Comp.-Att.-Int. 12-19-1 10-24-0

Total Yards 321 216

Fumbles-Lost 3-2 1-0

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Port Washington -- Kyle Dieringer, 33, pass from John Lanser (Bob Wood, kick).

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Whitefish Bay -- Jared Oberland, 68, pass from Danny Mehigan (kick failed).

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Rushing-- Port Washington, Lanser 15-18, Joe Thome 20-95, Eric Brewster 4-10, Brandon Werner 1-1; Whitefish Bay, Mehigan 3-(-19), Trey Stewart 12-55, Eric Powell 14-29, Tim Bayer 1-3, Mike Hardke 1-0.

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FOOTBALL ä Bulldogs keep Dukes winless in NSC

Oct 23 2003 12:00AM By Staff Writer

Danny Mehigan completed 12-of-32 passes for 143 yards as the Blue Dukes were shut out by Cedarburg, 28-0, Friday night.

Coach Jim Tietjen said the loss was similar to the 26-3 defeat Whitefish Bay (1-7, 0-6 North Shore Conference) took from Cedarburg last season.

The Blue Dukes had their chances to score but a string of bad luck kept the scoreboard blank.

Whitefish Bay had a field-goal attempt hit an upright and a touchdown called back on a holding penalty in the fourth quarter. Bay also had a 13-play drive in the fourth quarter that stalled before any points were scored.

Mehigan threw three interceptions on the day, with one of those leading to a quick score.

Cedarburg also fumbled the ball six times in the game, but Bay only recovered two of those fumbles and could not convert the turnover into any points.

The Blue Duke defense kept Cedarburg in check for the first quarter. Then Eric Treske scored two of his three touchdowns in the second quarter on runs of 2 and 48 yards.

Ryan Krombach's run after Treske's second score gave the Bulldogs a 14-0 lead going into halftime.

Cedarburg scored twice more in the second half when Joe Reichhart took in the ball from 1 yard out and Treske added a third touchdown to his game from 16 yards away.

Krombach's run after Reichhart's score helped give the Bulldogs a 28-0 lead.

Treske led Cedarburg's running game that accumulated 295 yards. He finished the contest with 176 yards on 24 carries.

Jared Oberland and Jarret Gates benefitted most from Mehigan's big passing day.

Oberland caught three balls for 67 yards and Gates caught four for 58 yards. Tyler Nead also had three receptions for 13 yards.

Trey Stewart led the Blue Dukes on the ground when he ran for 43 yards on 15

carries.

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The Blue Dukes were to conclude the season Wednesday vs. Grafton.

Whitefish Bay will lose 18 seniors to graduation in the spring, including Oberland, Mehigan and Mike Gebel.

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FOOTBALL ä Proud Bay rallies to knock off Grafton in season finale

Oct 30 2003 12:00AM By Staff Writer

Coach Jim Tietjen wouldn't let his Blue Dukes chant the forbidden words until they won another game.

Since going winless through the first six games of the North Shore Conference season, Whitefish Bay had been banned from shouting its complete "Duke pride" phrase after each game until the Blue Dukes won again.

Six games later, Whitefish Bay let all the pride out once again.

Host Bay concluded the 2003 season with a 26-20 victory over Grafton Oct. 22. The Blue Dukes' final record was 2-7 overall and 1-6 in the North Shore Conference.

"I've been in many big ball games but no victory felt as good as this," Tietjen said. "We had tried so hard since the Dominican game, trying all the things we thought were right and not getting it done.

"The boys rose up in the fourth quarter and got it done."

The Blue Dukes had to come back in the fourth quarter after allowing Grafton to extend its lead, 20-7, on a fumble recovery for a touchdown. Jared Oberland missed a backward pass from Danny Mehigan and the Black Hawks returned the fumble 26 yards for a score.

But Whitefish Bay roared back with a touchdown reception for Oberland from Mehigan for 16 yards in the third quarter.

The Blue Dukes scored twice more in the fourth quarter en route to the victory. Tyler Nead caught another pass from Mehigan for a 9-yard touchdown.

The Blue Dukes scored the game-winner with less than a minute to go. They capped off a drive that started with 8 minutes, 50 seconds to go in the game with a 6-yard run by Mike Hardke for the go-ahead score.

Nead intercepted a pass by Grafton and ran out the clock to seal the victory for the Blue Dukes.

Tietjen said the faithful Bay fans at the game rushed the field and celebrated with the players. He also said many of the seniors on the team were crying in the locker room.

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It was one of Tietjen's proudest moments after watching his team make many of the same mistakes in the first half that produced the disappointing record, including a fumble after a long run and two Bay defenders missing a Grafton ball carrier and tackling each other.

"It was incredibly important to the kids, coaching staff and the school," Tietjen said of the victory. "We were working so much harder these last few weeks of the season, something good had to happen and it did."

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Whitefish Bay quarterback Danny Mehigan (right) hands off to back Mike Hardke earlier this season against Dominican High School. Mehigan and Hardke helped the Dukes defeat Grafton Oct. 22.

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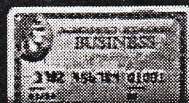
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Dukes on wrong end of 20-point comeback

Sep 25 2003 12:00AM By Staff Writer

Lutheran erases halftime deficit with 3 TD strikes

By Brian Salgado

Staff Writer

All the Whitefish Bay football team needed Friday night was a first down to start kneeling the clock away.

Even though the Blue Dukes allowed a 20-0 halftime lead to slip to a dangerous 20-18 deficit in the second half, Bay was still holding on with 50 seconds left to go for a second victory in 2003.

Not getting the first down was the beginning of the end of the lead for host Whitefish Bay.

Milwaukee Lutheran took over and Steve Miszewski eventually caught his third touchdown of the fourth quarter to push Milwaukee Lutheran to a 24-20 victory and a consecutive fourth-quarter comeback allowed by the Blue Dukes (1-3, 0-2 North Shore Conference).

"It's disappointing to lead 20-0 at halftime and end up losing 24-20," Tietjen said. "I think there were some tears in the locker room and things like that. What our kids need to do is to compete in those tough situations. We were right there with their receiver. The difference is they pulled it in and we didn't."

The loss put a bleak note on the outstanding effort put forth by the Bay offensive line and its main beneficiary, fullback Tray Stewart. Stewart ran for 249 yards and three first-half touchdowns on 32 carries for the Dukes.

"He got most of his yards through a little trap up the middle," Tietjen said. "We ran it to death. They made a little adjustment in the second half and we didn't block it as well."

Not blocking as well led to a number of holding calls and other penalties that stifled many of Bay's second half drives. The constant stalls led to an overworked Bay defense.

"What caused us to run out of gas at the end was going three-and-out on offense," Tietjen said. "We played an awful lot of defense in that second half."

That led to an awful lot of touchdown passes from Alex Halsted to Miszewski in the fourth quarter. Miszewski caught passes for 28 and 75-yard scores before

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delivering the game-winner with a 20-yarder. Halsted finished the game with 342 passing yards and four touchdowns.

"We even had him (Miszewski) double covered on one play," Tietjen said. "There is a little pattern developing here that we need to compete in the fourth quarter."

Tietjen isn't about to throw his game plan out after another heartbreaking loss. He is certain things will turn around for the Blue Dukes.

"You've got to believe in what you're doing and coach the hell out of it," he said. "I'm preparing as hard for Germantown as I did for Lutheran. You work hard and believe things are going to happen."

Germantown coach Phil Datka said he knows what Bay is capable of and is ready to roll over the Blue Dukes even as his Warhawks compete for a North Shore title.

"A loss is still a loss whether it's to Bay or to Cedarburg," Datka said. "We don't want to be looking at other teams yet."

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Schedule taking toll on Blue Dukes

Oct 2 2003 12:00AM By Staff Writer

Duke gridders face area's best in successive weeks

Not many teams in the area would envy the schedule the Whitefish Bay football team has had to endure the last two weeks.

After getting drubbed by undefeated Germantown, 45-15, Sept. 25, the Blue Dukes will host undefeated Homestead Friday.

Bay's schedule just happen to place the CNI's fifth-ranked team right before CNI's second-ranked team.

The Blue Dukes (1-4, 0-3 North Shore) took an early lead against Germantown when Danny Mehigan kicked a 35-yard field goal in the first quarter.

But Bay gave up 14 points in the first quarter and another 21 in the second en route to a 35-9 halftime deficit.

Mehigan finished the game with 148 yards and 11-of-27 completions and a touchdown pass. His main target was Jarret Gates, who caught four passes for 99 yards.

--Brian Salgado, CNI

Germantown 45, Whitefish Bay 15

Bay Germantown

*First Downs 5 19

Rushes-Yards 22-3 40-283

Passing Yards 141 128

Comp.-Att.-Int. 11-25-2 12-19-0

Total Yards 144 411

Fumbles-Lost 2-1 2-2

Penalties-Yards 3-30 7-65

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<u>Guestbook</u>	Rushing--Bay, Stewart 11-17, Eric Powell 9-3, Mehigan 2-(-17); Germantown, Albiero 18-172, Lopez 6-84, Kevin Mannion 1-10, Flasch 7-10, Tresley 2-9, Josh Rekoske 2-0, Kyle Krajewski 2-(-1), Chad Torn 2-(-1).
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<u>Holiday Guide</u>	Passing--Bay, Mehigan 11-25-2-144; Germantown, Tresley 12-19-0-128. Receiving--Bay, Jarrett Gates 4-98, Powell 3-18, Tyler Nead 2-10, Oberland 1-8; Germantown, Stewart 5-77, Albiero 4-29, Flasch 1-11, P. J. Doedens 1-10, Mannion 1-1. NEXT KICKOFF WHO: Whitefish Bay (1-4, 0-3) vs. Homestead (5-0, 3-0). 'WHAT: North Shore Conference football game. WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday. WHERE: Whitefish Bay High School HIGHLANDERS' LAST GAME: CNI No. 2 Homestead defeated Nicolet, 56-6, Sept. 25 behind 102 passing yards from quarterback Derek Watson. Mark Meckstroth returned the opening kickoff 85 yards for a score to set the tone early. Homestead scored eight touchdowns in the game by eight different players. 2002 CONTEST: The Highlanders beat Whitefish Bay, 34-6, last season.

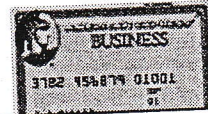


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HHS blitzes Bay Dukes look for positives after 54-point loss

Oct 9 2003 12:00AM By Staff Writer

By Brian Salgado

Staff Writer

Whitefish Bay coach Jim Tietjen found some positive aspects in his team's 62-8 loss to CNI No. 2 Homestead Friday night.

For instance, Tietjen was proud of the way Bay kept Homestead from rushing the up the middle of the field with regularity. The Highlanders did collect 234 yards on the ground, but Bay held its own in the middle of the field.

With a roster full of injuries and devoid of depth, Tietjen said the Blue Dukes did the best they could considering the circumstances.

"We have seen some of the best teams in the state," Tietjen said. "But we were on the field with arguably the state champion."

Among Tietjen's injured masses include senior Mike Hardke, who is missed more for his special teams play than his nose-guard talents. Without Hardke in the lineup, Mark Meckstroth of Homestead ran a kickoff return back for the first score of the game and later brought a punt all the way back.

Junior Tyler Nead, whom Tietjen called his best defensive back, also missed the game and Homestead exploited his absence. The Highlanders finished with 194 passing yards and three touchdowns in the air from quarterback Derek Watson.

Although he is playing, Division-1 prospect Jared Oberland is only at 50 percent health, according to Tietjen. He can still make plays but with his tender ankle there are certain moves he cannot make.

While Tietjen recognized the problems facing Whitefish Bay Friday night, Homestead coach Dave Keel had nothing but good things to say about his 6-0 Homestead squad.

"I was astonished," he said. "We just played awfully darn well tonight. We challenged our defensive line and they really stepped up, and our return game, I can't say enough about it."

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	Individual Statistics Leaders
	Rushing--Homestead, Rice 6-104, Eakley 7-50, Meckstroth 6-41, Scott Schieble 7-19, Brandon Goelz 5-11, Mike Chirchirillo 4-9; Bay, Powell 19-78, Tray Stewart 7-8, Kregel 1-5.
	Passing--Homestead, Watson 10-13-0-191; Chris Witry 1-1-0-3; Bay, Mehigan, 5-22-1-48.
	Receiving--Homestead, Grover 5-119, Harkensee 5-72, 84 1-3; Bay, Jarrett Gates 1-14, Stewart 1-11, Jared Oberland 1-11, John Lanke 1-6, Powell 1-6.
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'BELLCOW' RATTLES DOMINICAN Bay's Oberland sparks football team to lopsided victory

Sep 11 2003 12:00AM By Staff Writer

By Brian Salgado

Staff Writer

Senior Jared Oberland may have played only a little more than a quarter for the Whitefish Bay football team Friday, but he definitely made the difference in the game.

Oberland was heavily involved in the swing of momentum that took the Blue Dukes to a 34-12 victory over Dominican.

While still recovering from a bad ankle, Oberland sacked Dominican quarterback Brad Kwiatkowski on the Knights own 1-yard line early in the second quarter. That forced Dominican to punt in tight quarters, which allowed Oberland to apply enough pressure on the kicker to force a bad punt.

The short kick led to a 34-yard return for a touchdown by Tyler Nead and an extra point by Danny Mehigan to give Whitefish Bay a 7-6 lead. The Blue Dukes went on to score twice more in the quarter to take a 21-6 first half lead and never looked back.

Bay coach Jim Tietjen used broadcaster Keith Jackson's old nickname of "bellcow" when referring to the influence Oberland can have on a game.

"When he gets on the field he gets our team going," Tietjen said. "He's enthusiastic, excited, hustling and flying around ... the other kids feed off that and they play at another level."

Whitefish Bay scored again in the second quarter when Eric Powell dragged a Dominican defender into the end zone for a touchdown from 10 yards out. Mehigan added an extra point for a 14-6 lead.

The Blue Dukes added another touchdown when Nead jumped between two Knight defenders to grab a pass and score a 52-yard touchdown from Mehigan. Another Mehigan kick gave Bay its 21-6 halftime edge.

The 21-point second quarter was a nice recovery after Whitefish Bay started the game with some non-chalant play. The Blue Dukes collected 10 of their 14 penalties in the first half, most of them coming on what Tietjen called "non-aggressive penalties." Bay finished the game with 110 yards in penalties.

"We weren't really ready to play," Tietjen said. "We had to get into it. We were

Business Directory	jumping offsides, we had men in motion, we were coming to the line too soon. It was stuff we're better than."
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	Dominican -- Robert Perry, 66, pass from Brad Kwiatkowski (Kwiatkowski, pass).
	Whitefish Bay -- Tyler Nead, 34, punt return (Danny Mehigan, kick).
	Whitefish Bay -- Eric Powell, 10, run (Mehigan, kick).
	Whitefish Bay -- Nead, 52, pass from Mehigan (Mehigan, kick).
	Whitefish Bay -- Tray Stewart, 3, run (Mehigan, kick).

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Whitefish Bay -- Jarrett Gates, 5, pass from Mehigan (kick blocked).

Dominican -- Robert Perry, 21, pass from Kwiatkowski (kick blocked).

Individual Statistics Leaders

Rushing -- Whitefish Bay, Powell 13-60, Stewart 8-39, Mike Hardke 10-32, Mehigan 3-20, Nead 1-5, James Rinka 1-(-5); Dominican, Scott Pokrzywinski 10-44, Paul Anderson 1-3, Kwiatkowski 6-(-50), Felipe Diaz 2-(-1), Ryan Thomson 4-10.

Passing -- Whitefish Bay, Mehigan 9-14-0-131; Dominican, Kwiatkowski 17-27-2-217.

Receiving -- Whitefish Bay, Gates 1-5, Powell 2-17, Oberland 3-32; Dominican, Perry 5-117, Anderson 5-29, Andrew Ware 2-47, Pokrzywinski 3-6, Thomson 1-7.

Tackles -- Whitefish Bay, Mike Gebel 4, Jon Rice 3, Chris Kregel 5.

Sacks -- Whitefish Bay, Oberland 2, Kregel.

Interceptions -- Whitefish Bay, Rice 2.

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Dominican quarterback Brad Kwiatkowski loses his grip on the football as he is tackled by a pair of Bay defenders including Eric Powell (top).

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Mudders bury Bay Daniels run leads NHS to first win over Dukes since 1999

Sep 18 2003 12:00AM By Staff Writer

By Brian Salgado

Staff Writer

The backbreaking 99-yard touchdown run by Nicolet quarterback Steve Daniels in the fourth quarter Friday symbolized Whitefish Bay's struggles throughout the game.

Coach Jim Tietjen said five Blue Dukes missed tackling Daniels because of the muddy condition of the field. After two players missed Daniels and three others slipped as he made his cuts, Daniels ran away for the touchdown that would seal a 20-7 Nicolet victory.

It was the first time the Nicolet football team has defeated Whitefish Bay since 1999.

Tietjen said the sloppy condition of Bay's field, which received a downpour before the game, aided Nicolet's bigger team and hindered the quick Blue Dukes. The Bay offense only mustered 134 yards vs. Nicolet's 380.

"I think what they were trying to do wasn't the same as what we were trying to do," Tietjen said. "One of the things you experience obviously is bigger guys have an advantage in the mud. The game slows down to their pace."

The Whitefish Bay running game was also slowed down a week after Nicolet had surrendered 307 yards to West Allis Central's Adam Mrotek. The Blue Dukes had 33 yards rushing and 101 through the air.

"I think the muddy field bothered us," Tietjen said. "I think our kids needed to adjust to the slippery conditions. We're a very quick team and that bothered us. They were bigger than we were at a lot of positions and the mud negated our quickness."

Nicolet coach David Quam attributed Bay's offensive problems to the Knights' defensive dominance.

"I couldn't tell you the last time Nicolet gave up less than 100 yards rushing against a North Shore Conference team," Quam said. "It was probably 1989 when we won the title."

Nicolet struck the first blow with a 50-yard pass from Daniels to Roman Shklover in the second quarter. A kick from Asher Lichtig gave the Knights a 7-0

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lead. Daniels added his first touchdown of the game in the third quarter on a 25-yard run before Whitefish Bay could get on the board.

The Blue Dukes broke the shutout when Jarret Gates caught an 11-yard pass from Danny Mehigan for a touchdown. Mehigan added the extra point to bring the score to 13-7.

Tietjen said the momentum seemed to be turning to the Dukes' favor going into the fourth quarter with help from a punt return by Tyler Nead. The junior defensive back returned the punt to Nicolet's 20-yard line to give Bay a shot at the lead.

But Nicolet's defense forced the Blue Dukes to go four-and-out and pushed Bay back to the Nicolet 38 before the Dukes punted. Daniels scored later in the quarter to seal the victory for the Knights.

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Although stung by the defeat, Tietjen is certain his team will bounce back from the loss.

"There's no question the team was hurt and disappointed by the loss," he said. "But they're kids. They're going to be resilient and they are going to come back."

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Nicolet -- Roman Shklovar, 50, pass from Steve Daniels (Asher Lichtig, kick).

Nicolet -- Daniels, 25, run (kick blocked).

Whitefish Bay -- Jarret Gates, 11, pass from Danny Mehigan (Mehigan, kick).

Nicolet -- Daniels, 99, run (Nate Lustig, kick).

Individual Statistics Leaders

Rushing -- Whitefish Bay, Eric Powell 17-43, Tray Stewart 7-11, Mike Hardke 2-

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2, Coulson 4-5, Mehigan 3-28; Nicolet, Daniels 28-201, Ronald Sherrill 7-29, Matt Sullivan 7-31, Shklover 1-2.

Passing -- Whitefish Bay, Mehigan 11-24-101-1; Nicolet, Daniels 5-13-121-2.

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"The mud negated our quickness."

Jim Tietjen

Whitefish Bay football coach

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Mistakes not an option Bay will try to stem tide of Mukwonago's fundamentally sound offense

Aug 28 2003 12:00AM By Staff Writer

Coach Jim Tietjen is not sure what the Whitefish Bay football team can throw at Mukwonago this week.

Even when the Blue Dukes faced the Indians to open the 2002 season in Madison, Mukwonago's fundamentals took over in a 14-6 defeat.

"They are so fundamentally sound they react to everything that you do and take it away," Tietjen said.

The Blue Dukes will have a chance to exact some revenge at 7 p.m. Friday when they visit Mukwonago.

Tietjen said Mukwonago gives Bay a preview of what the Blue Dukes will face later in the year. He said the Indians are steeped in tradition like Homestead, Cedarburg and Germantown.

"They are a case study in option football and mid-line football," Tietjen said. "They are running the same stuff they ran when I coached there (he left in 1985). It's the same staff from when I was there. I said to our kids they are probably one of the top 10 programs in the state."

Bay will have to start the season without one of its starting linebackers. Tietjen said senior Eugene Reese will miss time with fluid in his head as he undergoes tests to determine the source of his ailment.

Reese's replacement was one of the focal points of the Blue Dukes' scrimmages Friday with West Allis Central, South Milwaukee and Milwaukee Custer.

With numerous position changes to make up for Reese's absence, Tietjen said the defense looked shaky.

Tietjen said the offensive line looked good. Joe Klett and Barclay Tylicki at the guard positions and Kevin Kroll and Kevin Layde at the tackles are all seniors who showed they have developed chemistry since the first day of practice.

Quarterback Danny Mehigan has adapted well to offensive coordinator John Brodie's new system, but that came as no surprise to Tietjen.

"It is just a little terminology difference," he said. "And Danny is so bright it didn't matter."

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Delivering an unexpected knockout punch

Mukwonago's 35-point quarter flattens Bay

By ROB REISCHEL
 Special to the Journal Sentinel

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Mukwonago - Friday was the Hall of Fame Game at Mukwonago High School, as the school inducted 24 former athletes and coaches into its inaugural class.

If the Indians' season opener was an indicator of things to come, Mukwonago's 2003 prep football team might put that many into the Hall itself.

The Indians dominated visiting Whitefish Bay thanks to a commanding effort in the trenches and a monster third quarter. Mukwonago scored 28 points in the first 41/2 minutes of the second half and 35 in all in that period.

The result was a ridiculously easy 56-13 non-conference victory for the Indians. The game marked the first time since Oct. 2, 1998, that Mukwonago had scored at least 50 points in a game.

"I've never lost to anybody this bad," said Blue Dukes coach Jim Tietjen, who was an assistant coach at Mukwonago from 1978-'85. "We wanted to come in and give a good showing. But that didn't happen."

Far from it. Whitefish Bay was within striking distance at halftime, trailing by just 14-7. But that's when the bottom fell out for the Blue Dukes.

After Whitefish Bay went nowhere in its first three plays of the third quarter, Mukwonago's Nicholas Hendriksen returned a punt 46 yards for a score. On the Blue Dukes' next offensive play, quarterback Danny Mehigan tried lofting a screen pass in the flat. Mukwonago linebacker Taner Hasanoglu intercepted and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown.

Three plays later, Mukwonago's Bradley Fehly intercepted a pass from Mehigan and returned it 47 yards to the Blue Dukes' 1. That set up a touchdown run by quarterback Kyle Berger. And just three plays after that, Mehigan lost a fumble, and on the Indians' next play from scrimmage, sophomore tailback Bruce Zalud rumbled 35 yards for a score in his first varsity carry.

In the matter of just 41/2 minutes, a potential nail-biter turned into a full-fledged rout.














"I've been watching this team for many years, and I've never seen anything like that," Hasanoglu said. "One thing we had trouble doing last year was scoring points, but that wasn't a problem tonight."

Very little gave Mukwonago problems on this night. The Indians averaged 7.0 yards per rushing attempt, including a whopping 11.3 yards per crack in the second half.

On the flip side, Mukwonago limited the Blue Dukes to just 1.6 yards per play before Whitefish Bay drove for a meaningless

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