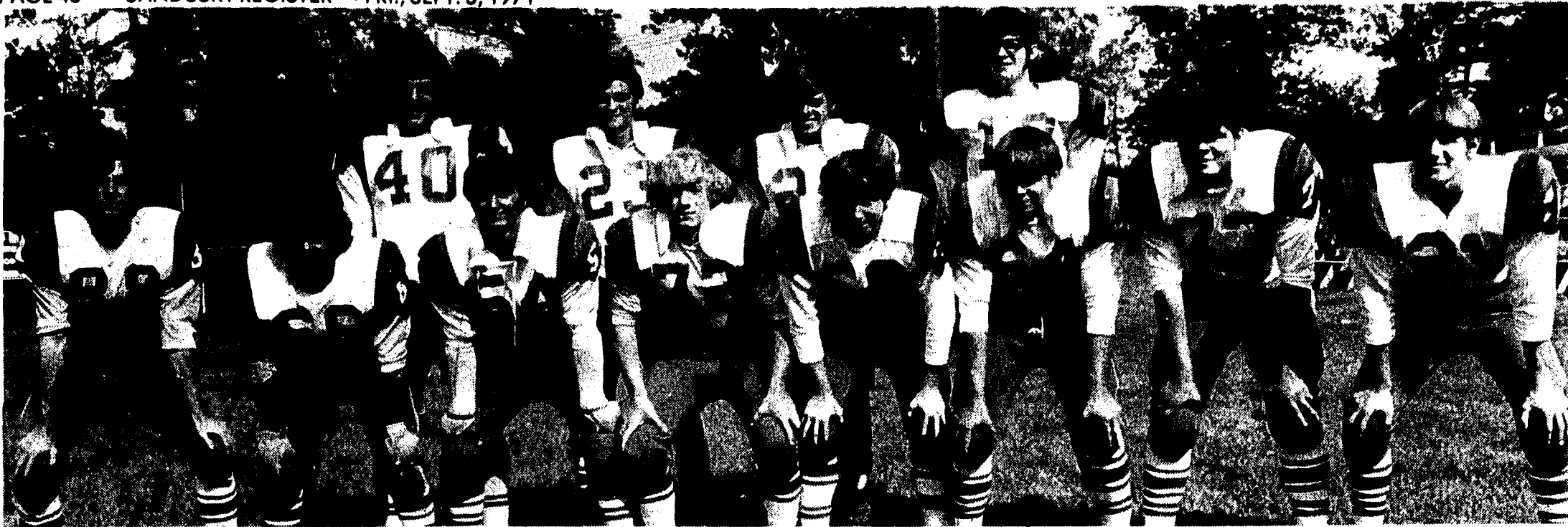




EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER — Plymouth coaches eye the coming football season with optimism due to the fact 12 veterans return. The line consists of, left to right, Jim Cutright, Tony Amstutz, Mike Glorioso, Earl Sexton, Jerry Deskins, Sid Ream, Joe Woodmansee, and Ray Hughes. Back row, Bill VanWagner, John Conley, Kim Carter and Larry Taylor.

Plymouth Light, Hopes To Be Quick

"Cautiously optimistic that we will have a successful season." That was the response from Plymouth High coach Larry Root when asked to summarize his feelings about the coming football season.

ROOT HAS GOOD reason for the optimism as 10 lettermen are working with the offensive unit and nine of these boys will also fill defensive working with the offensive unit and nine of these boys will also fill defensive spots. Larry Taylor (6-3, 180) sparks the backfield for the Big Red. The senior quarterback is a tri-captain and he has the unusual distinction of playing center

in his junior year and moving to the quarterback slot this year. At left half, Root will send senior John Conley (155) in when the season starts. He is the fastest man on the squad and is an exceptional broken field runner. Conley and Taylor are both two-year lettermen, as is fullback Bill Van Wagner (6-3, 218). **VAN WAGNER WAS** the most valuable player on the squad as he scored over 60 points to rank second in the Johnny Appleseed Conference scoring race last year. He has a host of college offers already. He was all J.A.C. first team last year at fullback. Two years ago he was all league at halfback.

Kim Carter has been tabbed at the right halfback slot. He is considered the top receiver in the backfield. He saw quite a bit of action last season when Conley was hurt.

THE OFFENSIVE LINE is also a veteran combination as Kelley Clark is the only non letterman on the line. He is a 6-3, 180-pound senior who played reserve fullback before this year, but has been switched to left end. Earl Sexton, (5-10, 175) will get the starting assignment at left tackle. He lettered last year at middle guard and coach Root calls him "one of our best hustlers." He is the second-fastest man on the team and has been playing some fullback.

Sid Reem is the coaches' pick at left guard. He has been out with a dislocated finger, but is expected to be ready when the season opens. He and Clark are the only offensive players not playing defense. The center is Jerry Deskins (5-10, 177), who will be the center and middle guard for coach Root. Root says that Deskins has good quickness for a man his size. Mike Glorioso will be the starting right guard on offense and at linebacker on defense. Joe Woodmansee (5-10, 217) is the right tackle and left defensive tackle. He is considered a real strong football player. Right end Jim Cutright (6-3, 175) is the best offensive lineman the Big Red have. He was the leading receiver last year and has real good hands. Larry Reynolds and Ray Hughes are the cornerbacks on defense and they are the only defensive players not playing offense.

A NUMBER OF SOPHOMORES and juniors have looked strong in early-season practices, and are pushing for regular jobs with the starting units. Gary Bisel (5-8, 150) is a strong candidate at a guard spot. Ken Sexton is expected to see quite a bit of varsity action. The 5-10 junior played some varsity last year. A lot of big things are expected from Doug Smith (5-10, 165). He is another sophomore who will be played at a number of positions, including linebacker and middle guard on defense and at offensive end. Rich Strohm is another boy up from last year's jayvee squad who is being counted on for a lot of action this season at offensive and defensive end. Mike Hammond is a promising sophomore prospect at offensive and defensive halfback. Rich Dyer, and Jeff Claybaugh round out the list of front line subs which Root

has at his disposal. Dyer (5-8, 156) is a guard and linebacker. Claybaugh, (5-9, 170) junior, is a tackle on offense and defense. **THE COACH FEELS** in looking over the team that the offensive strength is the play of Van Wagner and Conley. They give the team a good one-two running attack. Van Wagner is the "three yards and a cloud of dust" type runner and Conley is the explosive breakaway back. On defense, the team possesses good balanced strength. The strength is in their good, balanced pursuit and tackling ability. Last year the pass defense was the weakness and it has been greatly improved this year. "To win, we are going to have to rely on our quickness, we are not large enough to overpower anyone," Root concluded.

PLYMOUTH FOOTBALL ROSTER			
No.	Name	Wt.	Yr.
(Ends)			
80	Don Cunningham	146	10
81	Kelly Clark	189	12
82	Doug Smith	180	10
88	Jim Cutright	180	12
89	Rick Strohm	157	11
(Tackles)			
66	Tony Amstutz	180	12
70	Ken Sexton	192	11
71	Milton Mellott	152	12
72	Earl Sexton	172	12
73	Joe Woodmansee	217	11
74	Joe Bauer	225	10
75	Rod Heydinger	157	10
77	Denny Laser	150	9
83	Dale Kennel	145	10
86	Rich Newmeyer	160	11
(Guards)			
42	Dick Poth	130	9
43	Gary Bisel	150	10
50	Keith Heydinger	185	9
51	Dean Fidler	148	10
54	Mike Glorioso	158	12
55	Jeff Claybaugh	160	11
61	Wayne Oney	182	11
63	John Mack	140	12
64	Sid Ream	171	11
76	Rich Dyer	150	10
(Centers)			
38	Charles Bryner	140	9
52	Ron Slone	150	10
60	Jerry Deskins	179	12
(Backs)			
16	Jeff Fazio	152	12
17	Jim Miller	140	9
19	Larry Taylor	195	12
20	Larry Reynolds	125	11
22	Jim Beverly	115	10
23	John Conley	160	12
24	Kim Carter	157	11
25	Tony Finnegan	106	11
26	Mike Hammond	149	11
40	Bill Van Wagner	220	12

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