

Firelands Schedules

BLACK RIVER (Coach Terry Forbes)

at Keystone	Sept. 6
South Amherst	13
Western Reserve*	20
at Monroeville*	27
Norwalk St. Paul*	Oct. 4
at South Central*	11
Edison*	18
at Mapleton*	25
New London*	Nov. 1

EDISON

(Coach Jim Whittington)

Columbia Station	Sept. 7
at Wellington	13
at St. Paul*	21
Mapleton*	28
at South Central*	Oct. 4
New London*	12
at Black River*	18
at Monroeville*	25
Western Reserve*	Nov. 2
Margaretta	9

MAPLETON

(Coach Bill Lodermeier)

at Northwestern	Sept. 6
Hillsdale	13
at New London*	20
at Edison (2 p.m.)*	28
Western Reserve*	Oct. 4
at Norwalk St. Paul*	12
Monroeville*	18
Black River*	25
at South Central*	Nov. 1
Crestview	8

MONROEVILLE

(Coach Sam Fornasaglio)

Danbury	Sept. 6
at Columbia Station	13
South Central*	20
Black River*	27
New London*	Oct. 4
at Western Reserve*	11
at Mapleton*	18
Edison*	25
at St. Paul*	Nov. 2
Keystone	8

NEW LONDON (Coach Paul Nester)

at Smithville	Sept. 6
Clearview	13
Mapleton*	20
at Western Reserve*	27
at Monroeville*	Oct. 4
at Edison*	12
South Central*	18
Norwalk St. Paul*	25
at Black River*	Nov. 2
Wellington	9

NORWALK ST. PAUL

(Coach Dick Alge)

at Lucas	Sept. 7
Danbury	14
Edison*	21
at South Central*	27
at Black River*	Oct. 4
Mapleton*	12
Western Reserve*	19
at New London*	25
Monroeville*	Nov. 2
at Crestline	8

SOUTH CENTRAL

(Coach Ron Minard)

at Plymouth	Sept. 6
Seneca East	13
at Monroeville*	20
Norwalk St. Paul*	27
Edison*	Oct. 4
Black River*	11
at New London*	18
at Western Reserve*	25
Mapleton*	Nov. 1

WESTERN RESERVE

(Coach Ray Gontor)

South Amherst	Sept. 6
at St. Mary's	14
at Black River*	20
New London*	27
at Mapleton*	Oct. 4
Monroeville*	11
at St. Paul*	19
South Central*	25
at Edison*	Nov. 2
* Firelands Conference games	



Plymouth High will be counting on these eight lettermen to bring gridiron success in 1974. First row: Sam Burrer (66), Randy Strohm (63), Jim Conley (61) and Brad Turson (80). Standing: Don Woodmansee (25), Ron Foreman (23), Ed Gomez (38) and Jim Miller (17).

Plymouth's Initial Goal...A Touchdown

With most teams, the goal as the 1974 football season opens is simple, to win.

The story is quite different at Plymouth however. When the Big Red take the field tomorrow night at South Central, the goal will be to score.

Sound like a modest goal?

Well at Plymouth, the grid fans have not been able to cheer a touchdown (or any type of score) for over a year.

That is right. Plymouth went through the entire 1973 season without scoring a single point and lost nine straight games.

Plymouth opens the season tomorrow night with a new grid mentor and a crop of eight lettermen on hand working to improve on last year's record.

Mike McFarin is the rookie mentor taking the head coaching reins from Larry Root who resigned at the end of last season. The young coach comes to Plymouth from Titusville, Pa. where he was an assistant coach for the past three years.

Prior to that, McFarin was a two-year letterman while playing center at Cornell where he competed for three years. The Dalton native is a 1967 graduate of Dalton where he played football with present Western Reserve head mentor Ray Gontor, a 1965 Dalton grad.

McFarin realizes he has a tough task if he hopes to re-build Plymouth football as he has only four seniors on his young squad which includes only eight lettermen.

"We have a lot of young kids and with only four seniors on the team, this will hurt us," McFarin said.

"If there is anything we really have going for us it has to be the attitude. The attitude here is really good and we are looking for improvement during the season as a main goal," McFarin offered.

McFarin has to deal with a small squad in physical size with only two players over 200 pounds and he hopes to deal with this lack of size by improving quickness and team speed.

"We will be a running team and we hope to use quickness to our advantage to compensate for our lack of size," he explained.

Another problem for the Big Red will be the fact McFarin has to play several people at more than one position. He hopes to be able to compensate for this by using a basic offense in 1974.

"Right now, we are counting on our lettermen to be the leaders we need. They are going to play a big part in making our program successful this year," he offered.

Most of the experience for the

Plymouth program is in the backfield where four of the eight lettermen will see action and McFarin is counting on this all-veteran backfield to lead the way.

Senior Ron Foreman (170) a three-year letterman, is the most experienced member of the team. He will be a top choice at fullback and linebacker.

The second senior letterman is quarterback Jim Miller (157) who played quarterback and defensive halfback last year and will also be a two-way performer this season.

"Jim is a smart boy who thinks real well and he also handles the ball real well," his coach praised.

Don Woodmansee (128) a junior letter winner, could see action with the offense although the coaches plan to use him mostly on defense during the early part of the season.

"Probably our best breakaway runner," is the way the coaches describe junior halfback Ed Gomez (140).

On the line, four veterans will also have the bulk of the load. A pair of guards, senior Sam Burrer (175) and junior Jim Conley (178) anchor the offensive line. "Both boys are strong aggressive football players who will see a lot of action for us this year," McFarin said.

Rounding out the list of lettermen are Brad Turson (200) a junior end and junior tackle Randy Strohm (170).

Plymouth Roster

No.	Name	Wt.	Yr.
80	Brad Turson	200	11
82	Ray Gullet	126	9
86	Jeff Holt	165	11
88	Greg Mumea	120	9
89	Randy Waddles	130	10
(Tackles)			
63	Randy Strohm	170	11
70	Jim Holloman	185	12
71	Tim Fields	155	9
74	Dave Stephens	155	11
73	Chuck Amos	205	10
77	Jay Adams	185	9
(Guards)			
61	Jim Conley	178	11
64	Ken Bise	150	11
66	Sam Burrer	175	12
67	Bob Shriner	140	10
(Centers)			
54	Mark Fidler	150	9
56	Todd Root	155	11
57	Mike Dent	145	10
(Backs)			
11	Tom Miller	140	9
16	Dave Gasparac	155	11
17	Jim Miller	157	12
18	Bob Hanline	130	10
20	Dan Baker	135	9
21	Doug Tallman	145	10
22	Doug Hursh	155	11
23	Ron Foreman	170	12
25	Don Woodmansee	128	11
26	Jim Cunningham	122	10
32	Charlie Mack	130	10
38	Ed Gomez	140	11
40	Tom Hamman	165	10

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