

Sellers returns to sidelines at St. Francis

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Senior tackle Alex Avery, a 230-pounder, is also expected to garner extensive playing time with the first unit, as is Jim Kirby, who moves over from center, where he played last year. Junior Jacob Preston, who started at guard a year ago, could play center, but is also seeing time at guard.

Senior Elliott Bunek, will also move to guard from tackle, where Sellers says "we can take advantage of his trapping ability."

Jon Bott, a senior, is also expected to see time up front, as is 260-pound behemoth Caleb Richardson, a tackle.

Ken Underwood could see time at both center and tackle, while John Bailey and Devin Tremp will also be counted on.

"We have some pretty good experience up front," Schram said. "But what we really have is the determination and drive. We're know we're not big — we can't be wrestling with 300-pound guys. We really need to have good technique and we have that, plus some quickness. Even our big tackles are quick."

A group of ends that includes Petterson, 6-2 Matt Thornton and 6-4 sophomore Josh Jorkasky is adept at catching the ball, but in Sellers' run-heavy offense, they're blockers first and foremost.

"They're guys who can really scoot and catch the ball," Sellers said. "And we could even use Mac (Schilling) at end some, too."

Directing the offense will be senior Adam Clark and sophomore Joe Hastings. Clark started most of last year before suffering a left ankle fracture in the Glads' 49-6 win over East Jordan, when Petterson, who is the team's third quarterback, stepped in and ran the offense.

"Adam has the experience, though Joe is real close in pushing him," Sellers said. "I think you'll see us playing both quarterbacks — both will get game time. I don't mind doing it all year long if it works."

Clark says the QB-go-round approach doesn't bother him.

"Sure, I'd like to be able to play all the time," he said. "But if he (Hastings) is going to come in and give me a break, that's okay too. Whatever's best for this team, we're all willing to do that."

On the defensive side of the ball, the Glads' linebacking corps should be as strong as any in the league with Quinn, Mac Schilling, Sivek and Schram all seeing duty. Sellers calls Sivek the "down-up guy" because he can play from a two-, three- or four-point stance, while Quinn, an All-Region pick a year ago, is slated to play the 'Mike' or middle linebacker spot.

"I love to play defense even more than offense," said Mac Schilling, who played at safety last season. "Getting to hit people is a lot of fun."

Sellers echoed Schilling's sentiment. "This group likes to fly to the ball and loves to hit," he said. "It's a group that has the quickness to do it, too."

Jorkasky and Petterson are slated to open at the defensive end positions, where Sellers says "it will be hard for teams to run around us with those guys in there."

Up front, Schram, Anderson, Bott and Bunek should get plenty of playing time on the defensive line, with Donaldson

and junior Bret Milliman seeing action at nose guard.

"Bret's just been playing like gangbusters," Sellers said. "He's one of those guys that just loves to stick his nose in there and make things happen."

As crowded as the offensive backfield is, the defensive unit is equally deep. Heintz, Curtis, senior Vince Prusick, Currie, Schell and Bourdon — as well as Petterson and Schilling — could all see time there.

"We want people to know they've been in a hard-nosed football game when we're done with 'em," Sellers said. "We'll really swarm to the ball."

Sellers recalls the current edition of the Gladiators has all the ingredients to contend in the Lake Michigan and make a run in the postseason.

"We'll play hard-nosed defense, run

the ball with rock-hard running backs and a line that really comes off the ball," he said. "We'll play very solid special teams and overall, we'll play with discipline."

"We have a group of hard workers and we have intensity. We're still in the 'dog days' where we're practicing in pads but not hitting anyone in a different color jersey. We're anxious to get after some people."

Mac Schilling agreed. "If we work to our potential and come together as a team, it will take a good team to beat us," he said.

"We just want to get back and make up for the last couple of years," Heintz said. "We have that desire to win, to return to Gladiators football. We just don't want to win, we want to dominate."



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Halfback Mac Schilling breaks through the line for yardage against Charlevoix last year.

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