

# LMC

*Boyer City, Glads among title favorites*

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named "Players to Watch" in the coaches' poll.

**KALKASKA**, coached by Kevin Taylor, went 4-2 and 6-4 last season and made the playoffs for the first time in school history.

Key returnees from that team are Gillespie, a 5-6, 160-pound all-region running back; Chris Vandergriff, a 5-10, 155-pound senior quarterback who is a three-year varsity starter; and Ted Parzych, a 5-8, 155-pound defensive lineman-fullback who led the Blazers in tackles for losses.

Also back are senior linemen Will Hilmert (5-10, 185), Daryl Dimon (6-0, 190), Jon Maule (5-11, 170), Adam Breithaupt (6-0, 190) and Scott Fry (6-1, 195).

Key newcomers include

junior quarterback Steve Konsella, junior guard Dusty Otto and sophomore end Andrew Vandergriff.

**GRAYLING** finished last in the North East Michigan Conference last season and welcomes a new challenge in the LMC.

Head coach Jason Mensing was pleased that his team "achieved 93 percent attendance" at its summer conditioning program, which told him a lot about his players' "attitude and effort."

The Vikings will count on seven returning seniors — linebacker-wide receiver Roy Czapek (6-3, 195), tackle-defensive end Greg Morrill (6-3, 240), wide receiver-safety Andy Strohpaahl (6-0, 175), running back-cornerback Shawn Gabriel (5-10, 170), wide receiver-linebacker Chad Helsel (6-1, 180), guard-linebacker Dan Snider (5-9, 200) and tackle-defensive end Aaron Rosencrans (6-0, 235).

Among the players to watch: sophomore quarterback Bob Starsk.

**HARBOR SPRINGS**, 1-5 and 1-8, did not participate in the

coaches' poll.

The Rams' schedule includes four home games against league opponents, including its final two games of the season — Elk Rapids (Oct. 17) and Kalkaska (Oct. 24) to finish up the season.

**ELK RAPIDS** looks to improve on a winless season in 2002 and the 28-year-old Merchant, a popular Pop Warner and middle school coach, seems to have brought new excitement to the program.

The Elks have gone from having no junior varsity program and 17 total players to two teams with more than 30 players each.

Key returnees include 6-foot, 190-pound senior full-back-outside linebacker Pablo Bocardo, Jr.; 5-5, 150-pound junior running back-safety Steve Merchant; 6-2, 230-pound senior center-defensive tackle Josh Wheelock; 6-4, 265-pound senior tight end-defensive end Travis Bratchi; and 6-2, 195-pound junior tackle Zac Amos.

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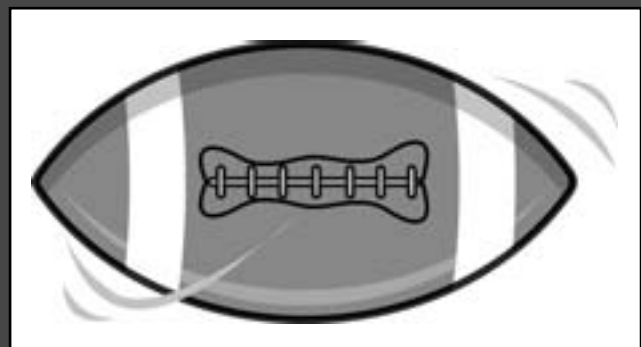
**2003 Varsity Football Schedule**

August 28	Kalkaska	Away
September 5	East Jordan	Home
September 12	Inland Lakes	Home
September 19	Gaylord St. Mary's	Away
September 26	Onaway	Home
October 3	Central Lake	Home
October 10	Johannesburg-Lewiston	Away
October 17	Pellston	Home
October 24	Bellaire	Away

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