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Frankfort hopes to end title drought

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"Every single one of them," Heming said. "Even the juniors want to help the seniors erase that. The kids are working well together, the attitudes have been great and the work ethic has been great."

"They're determined. They know it's an uphill battle and they know they have a lot to learn. But they're ready to go at it and give it a shot."

Three-year starting quarterback Carson Budde could be the key to a turnaround at **MAN-TON**. The senior will direct the Rangers' option attack and hopes to improve on a 1-8 mark in 2002.

"He throws the ball decent and he's really running the option well for us," Manton coach Jim Smart said. "He's really key for us. I think how he goes will be how we go."

Surrounding Budde will be a lot of experience in senior tailback Joe Stockwell, senior wing Josh Woodcock and senior tailback Mackenzie McNalley, who was hurt early last season.

Junior tackle Chad Weston heads a thin offensive line.

"The bottom line is if we can get our offensive line to pop some holes for these guys, we're going to be capable of putting some points on the board," Smart said. "We only have six offensive linemen."

Returning starters on defense include senior nose guard Stephen Labuda, end

Stockwell, senior tackle Derek Dumont, Mark Wilson and McNalley at linebackers and Budde at safety.

"We're changing some things up a little bit (on defense)," Smart said. "We'll try to be a little more aggressive, put more guys in the box and stop the run a little better than we did."

Tom Lipke took over during the second week of an 0-9 season at **MESICK** in 2002. Now as the full-time coach, Lipke returns a lot of players.

"We only graduated five kids last year," Lipke said. "We have a veteran offensive line — they

all played together last year — our quarterback is back, two running backs and our kicker."

Senior quarterback Russell Baker will direct Mesick's wishbone attack. Senior halfback Dan Jewett and junior fullback Joey Bartlett will handle the running duties along with newcomer Ray Soto, also a senior.

Senior center Brian DeYoung anchors the line, flanked by senior David Bacon and junior Tug Albertson with senior Joe Grabowski and junior Lee Kessler at the tackles.

Mesick will run a 6-2 defense this season.



2003 Suttons Bay Football Schedule

August 28	Muskegon Heights	Home
September 5	Harbor Springs	Away
September 12	Kingsley	Away
September 19	Mesick	Home
September 26	Frankfort	Away
October 3	Manton	Home
October 10	Maple City Glen Lake	Home
October 17	Evert	Away
October 24	North Muskegon	Away

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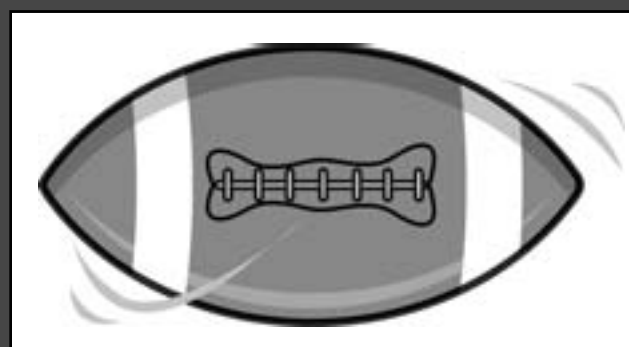
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