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Onekama relies on experienced line

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Onekama has size and experience on the line. The veteran cast includes center Mike Fredericks (6-1, 210), guard Jon Sievert (6-1, 200) and tackle Pat Stedman (6-2, 240).

Thomas will have two veteran receivers — Joe Catanese at

tight end and Dan McElreath at split end.

Defensively, Stedman and Sievert will anchor the line. Fredericks and Catanese will start at linebacker. Thomas, McElreath and Revolt solidify the secondary.

“We had a lot of kids pay their dues last year so hopefully they’ll step up this year,” Hunter said.

Hunter said Manistee Catholic will be the team “everyone will be gunning for.” But, he added, Onekama has “the horses to be competitive.”

Jason Kemler is starting his second season as coach at **BRETHREN**. The Bobcats fin-

ished 3-6 last season.

Kemler has 19 players on the roster, including veterans Nate Grossnickel, a quarterback and outside linebacker; Tony Edmondson, an offensive lineman and linebacker; Andrew Smith, a wide receiver and safety; and Jon Peterson, a center and defensive lineman.

Grossnickel (6-1, 200) is a converted offensive lineman. He played one game at quarterback a year ago.

Edmondson will spearhead the defense.

Kemler is cautious but optimistic about his team’s chances.

“It’s going to depend on what

team shows up,” he said. “We could end up 5-4. We could end up 7-2. It’s going to depend on how well we focus and how hard we practice. I can see us having a winning season. I believe we will.”

The Bobcats open today at Hale.

Former Kalkaska and Northern Michigan University standout Jeremy Wilkinson takes over at **FOREST AREA**. The Warriors went 0-9 in their inaugural season in 2002. They were outscored 428-8.

Wilkinson was hired in late June, after his Arena Football League season ended. He quickly assembled a staff that

includes Jim Totten and Don Crossley.

“I knew I always wanted to get into coaching,” the 27-year-old Wilkinson said. “It’s a great privilege to be a head coach at the high school level.”

Wilkinson has a “very young” squad with little experience.

“The school’s only had football one year and it shows,” he said. “The first few days we really focused on the teaching aspect. I think we’re better.”

The Warriors will be led by Ben Brown, a running back and linebacker; Matt Gordon, a running back and defensive back; and Chris Orr, a running back-tight end and linebacker.



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September 12	Manton	Home
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