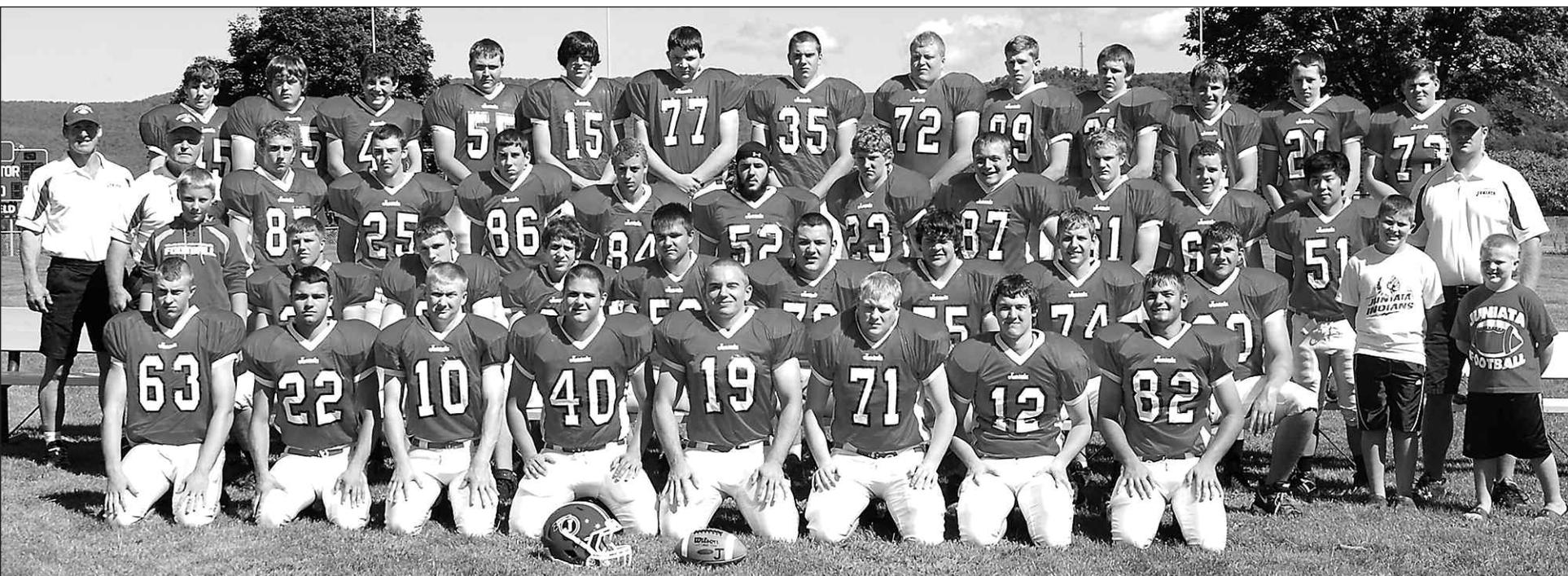


JUNIATA FOOTBALL



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Members of the Juniata High School football team are, from left, front, Aaron Marshall, Dakota McNemar, Chad Eberle, Josh Newcamp, Neil Bodley, Klay Palm, Dakota Sweitzer and Andrew Boyer; row two, Jim McLaughlin, Ty Treaster, Ed Hampton, Sheldon Miller, Ben Leister, Blaze Jones, Matt Hostler, Justin Towsey, Garitt McCartney, Jacob Condo and Jerret Condo; row three, coach Bob Hart, coach Gary Klingensmith, James Casey, Patrick O'Donnell, Aaron Zendt, Corry Graybill, Zane Smith, Hank Moore, Solomon Baker, Dylan Cleck, Lane Hutchinson, Kai Jiang and coach Kurt Condo; back, Bret Lewis, Dylan Laudenslager, Fletcher Hart, Donovan Righter, Tyler Clark, Austin Jacobs, Josh Parson, Jubal Baker, Ross Mummah, Chantz Swartz, Cole Kellison, Alex White and Nick Brown. Derrick Lamb and Randall Hower also are members of the team.

Indians fronted by inexperience as season begins

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MIFFLINTOWN — Five players decide who wins or loses every play in football, and thus who wins or loses the game.

When Juniata takes the field on opening night, four of the five who started in those key positions — the offensive line — will have been replaced since last fall. Veteran coach Gary Klingensmith admits it's a question that will have to be answered, but he believes that the replacements are up to the task.

"One of the keys to the offense will be whether these boys can jell together and take the next step to the varsity level, no question," he

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Coach: Gary Klingensmith, assisted by Kurt Condo, Bob Hart and Dave Kellison
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said. "Although Aaron Marshall is our only lineman coming back, these other boys were the line on an undefeated JV team and we also had an undefeated junior high team last year. They are talented kids."

Marshall is one of 10 returning letterman; five of them are offensive starters, so there is some experience when Juniata has the ball. But there also were eight

seniors a year ago, all of whom saw some starting time on offense, who are gone — and that includes a quartet of lineman, most of them a lot bigger than the youngsters who will have to protect the ball this year.

"We're not quite as big as we were the last couple years, that's for sure. But we do have adequate size," Klingensmith said. "The smallest one up there's probably 180 pounds. I always tell them it's not the size of the body, it's the size of the heart.

"They can move pretty good, they're smart kids and they're coachable. That's a plus, too."

The team will just have to compensate somewhere else, he said, and the biggest compensating factor is Neil Bodley.

Bodley, a senior who has started on defense since his freshman year, has made more of a name for himself in two years on the other side of the line. He's carried the ball for a school-record 1,569 yards going into the campaign, averaging 9 yards every time he puts his hands on the pigskin.

"He's a hardened veteran. He's probably one of the better players I've coached in all the years I've been coaching," Klingensmith said — quite a compliment from a leader who's marched the sidelines for nearly half a century.

"If he stays healthy and we give him just a little bit of room, he'll do the rest," the coach said. "He's a force out there and I'm lucky to have a player like him."

Others coming back in-

clude Chad Eberle, kicker and two-way starter, and Josh Newcamp, another two-way player, who will form the veteran nucleus on offense. Look for freshman Tyler Clark to take the snaps,

Klingensmith said, a job shared last year by Bodley, Eberle and now-sophomore Cole Kellison.

"I think we have a good

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