

EAST JUNIATA FOOTBALL

Tigers must adapt to compete in Tri-Valley League

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COCOLAMUS — It was evident to East Juniata football coach Simon Cameron early last season that his team had to make some changes in order to be competitive in the Tri-Valley League — a league the Tigers re-joined after a long stint in the All-American Football Conference.

However, in the season that ended in a 1-9 record, there was only so much that could be done midseason.

“The big thing for me is — for the players we have — we need to adjust,” Cameron said of his team’s chances to compete in the TVL. “We couldn’t really do it in the middle of last year because it would have been worse for us trying to change everything midstream.”

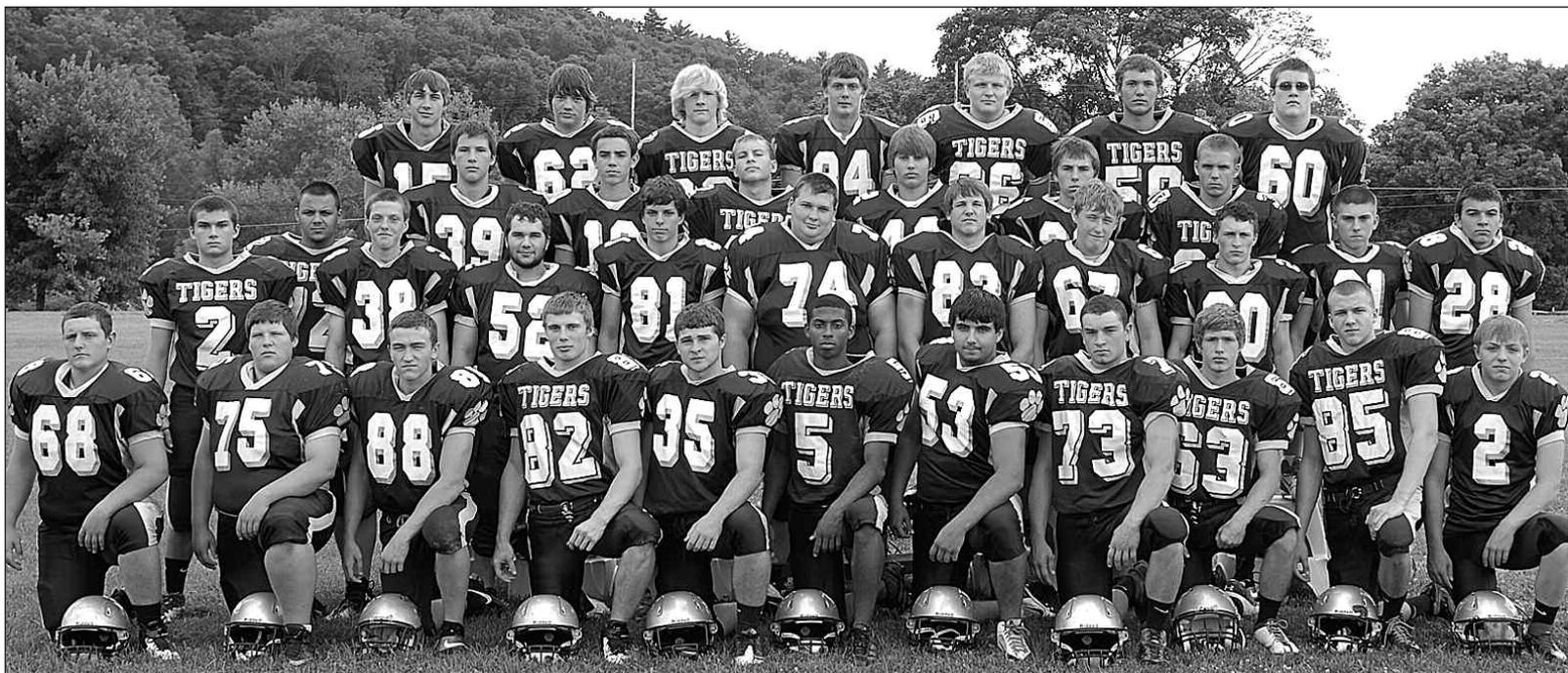
But that was last year.

In 2013, the Tigers are taking on a new look, all with the goal of a more successful season within the league.

The team’s bigger — albeit not quite as fast — it has three athletes vying for the quarterback spot, the defense is taking on a new look and the line, both offensive and defensive, is firming up to provide better support than it did last year.

It is without a doubt a year of change, and hopefully it will bring about the desired results. And Cameron made it clear that changes in the defense are some of the biggest the team will experience.

“The biggest change probably is defense. We’ve got to make sure we stop the ball first,” he said. “We had a lot of trouble with that last year — had a lot of trouble with



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Members of the East Juniata Football team are, from left, front, Brody Hetrick, Adam Zerby, Matt Aurand, Kevin Allen, Colton Snook, David Brantley, Bo Kerlin, Dalton Rowe, Andy Hartman, Justin Murphy and Dylan Feltman; second row, Mason Hambricht, Dan Parker, Colton Newman, Bailey Hetrick, Colby Keister, Cody Folk, Spencer Swanger, David Sprenkle and Seth Rowe; third row, Alex Swiegert, Andrew Zerby, Chris Schulgen, Josh Zimmerman, Cameron Snook, Levi Sanders, Tyler Herbster and Carter Reichenbach; fourth row, Reed Bruner, Micah Treaster, Anthony Minium, Andrew Karchner, Tyrell Lease, Zach Schrader and Ryan Furgison.

the power teams.

“As far as offense, it’s just a lot of tweaks. We’re still running the same plays, but we try to streamline as far as with our play action passes, our pass routes, even with our blocking.”

Getting pushed around on defense is not fun, but the Tigers have been hitting the weights in an effort to match up with the size and strength of their TVL opponents, and Cameron likes the effort he’s seen.

“The Tri-Valley League is much tougher than our old league, and the kids had worked harder last year than

they had any previous year in the past 10 years, but it wasn’t enough. We didn’t have enough kids in the weight room,” he said. “Now this

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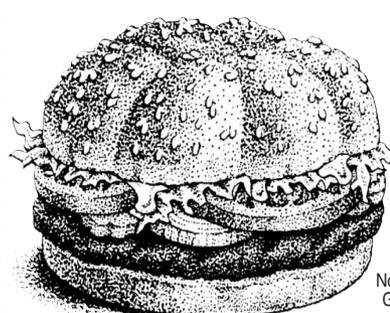
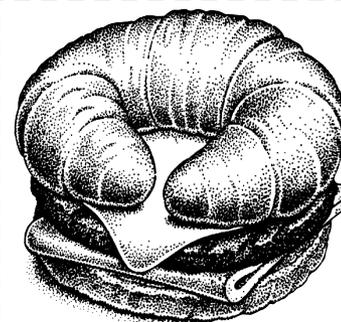
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