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Laurier Golden Hawks in rebuilding year

The Laurier Golden Hawks football team and head coach Rich Newbrough face a rebuilding year after losing nine starters on offence and five on defence.

A total of 52 rookies were to report on Thursday to commence the 1990 pre-season training. The returning players will report on Saturday, Aug. 25. Practices will be held at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

All members of the Hawks' offensive line have graduated including league all-stars Brian Breckles, Mike Choma, and Bill Bryer. Also departing are Bill Madden, defensive all-star; Jon Graffi, defensive lineman; and Ron VanMoerkerke, linebacker.

Running back Andy Cecchini, a three-time all-star, is expected to head up an inexperienced offensive unit. Cecchini is likely to break the career rushing record of Jim Reid this season. Quarterback Pat Smalling has the edge at the pivot position but will face stiff competition from rookies Bill Kubas of Brampton and Chris Janzen of St. Catharines. Receiver Pat O'Leary, a rookie from Brampton, is expected to contribute much to the offence this year.

First-year hopefuls on defence include linebackers Mike Chevers, Marty Robinson, and Bill Hallet.

Local high schools will be well represented on the Hawks' squad this year with returnees as well as rookies.

Returnees:

Brent Stucke	Quarterback	Forest Heights Collegiate
Brad Johnston	Quarterback	Forest Heights Collegiate
Ralph Spoltore	Wide Receiver	Forest Heights Collegiate
Fred Grossman	Line Backer	Waterloo Collegiate
Steve Grossman	Slot Back	Waterloo Collegiate
Lindon Cober		Waterloo Oxford

Rookies:

Craig Snelgrove	Offensive Lineman	Bluevale Collegiate
Craig Brenner	Running Back	Bluevale Collegiate
Steve Moreau	Linebacker	Grand River Collegiate
Ryan Owens	Defensive Back	St. Jerome's Collegiate
Shawn Burnett		Cameron Heights

Rick Zmich, the new offensive co-ordinator, replaces Tom Arnott who was named the head coach at York University in April. Zmich was an assistant at the University of Ottawa last season.

Other coaches assisting the Hawks this year are: Grant Hagerty, Rob Dailey, Paul Fracas, Phil Hardigan, Dave Dagg, Jon Graffi, Ray Rennie, Brian Malott, and Clarke Eady.