

# Large turnout to greet new PCS grid boss Tom Caruso

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One of the largest turnouts in recent years will greet Potsdam Central's new football coach Tom Caruso when the Sandstoners open practice for the 1976 football season August 25. Caruso is replacing Jack Saunders who resigned following the Board of Education's budget slicing moves this spring.

More than fifty candidates will begin the twice a day practices on August 25 in preparation for the season opener on September 18, when the Stoners host longtime rival Massena. This signifies more than a 25 per cent increase in participation over the 1975 total when the locals recorded a 4-4 mark.

Caruso, no stranger to coaching, handled the grid duties at Holy Family in Massena for two seasons. During the 1974 campaign he guided his charges to the Section 7 Class B title. The mustachioed head coach also coached Holy Family to two baseball championships before the parochial school closed its doors. Caruso is a graduate of Potsdam High School and the University of Buffalo. During his collegiate days he played hockey and baseball.

Assisting Caruso with the varsity this season are two former Potsdam High School quarterbacks. Veteran Jim Baxter brings seven years of previous coaching experience with him, while

John Charlebois has five campaigns from the sidelines. Baxter quarterbacked the 1964 champion Potsdam team and Charlebois ran the Stoner offense for two seasons in the late 60's when the locals recorded back to back 6-1 marks. Charlebois played varsity football at St. Lawrence while working on his degree.

## Equipment pickup set for August 21

Potsdam Central School head football coach Tom Caruso has announced that varsity football candidates may pick up their equipment on Saturday August 21 at 10 a.m. at the Junior High gym.

On Tuesday evening August 24, a team meeting will be held in the Senior High School gym at 6 p.m. Practice will begin at 9 a.m. the following morning August 25, with the second session of the day slated for 6 p.m.

Players who have not signed up for football should contact Caruso, as should players who would like to sign out a pair of football shoes for early workouts.

The duo of Dave Romola and Tim Donahue will take over the Junior Varsity coaching duties from Athletic Director Hall Gillette. Gillette has

coached football at Potsdam Central for 14 years. Romola, also a PCS graduate earned All-Northern honors as a running back in both '71 and '72 as well as being named to the New York State All Star team. He was also nominated for All American honors. Romola has assisted at Potsdam High for three seasons. Co-coach Donahue has been associated with PCS football for the past five years.

Eleven veterans were lost via graduation and will be missed heavily this fall. They include: Tim Collins, Kevin Wilson, Roy Wilson, Tony Fiocco, Rick Adams, Jerry Hayes, Mike Vivlamore, Jeff Demo, Bob Lyttle, Tom Taylor, and Bill Ames.

Returning for another grid war are 14 veterans, including: Kevin Carey, Tinker Russell, David Brouse, Don White, Tom Prosper, Bob Moore, Kelly Morgan, Dale Dorothy, Joe Snyder, Steve Ames, Bob Benson, John Lenhart, Mike Austin Don Burlingame, and Bob Davis.

Caruso stresses fundamentals. He sees the defense as a strong aspect of a football team. Many of the returning veterans are defensive players thus indicating that Caruso will be able to have the strong defensive squad that he specializes in.

Tri-captains Paul Whalen, Darren Tracy, and Scott Mason have been elected by their teammates to represent them this fall.

A large number of former Junior Varsity players will be trying to land a spot on the varsity during preseason workouts. Jim Bunstone, Bill Curtin, Mike Dunn, Bob Fenton, Bruce Fuller, Jim Hewey, Andy Jacot, Levi LaBaff, Carl Lauer, and Don Moore make up the first half of varsity hopefuls, with Jeff Murray, Bruce Newton, Steve Parker, Mike Rumrill, John Tardelli, Ralph Trerise, Pete Whalen, Bob Varney, Dan Woodley and Greg Smith rounding out the contingent.

Sophomores Terry Denny, John

Lauer, Bruce Mathie, Bill Norton, Mike Sullivan and Bill Gebro have been invited to tryout for the varsity while newcomers Kurt Barney, Jim Mason, Glen Patraw, and Monte Morton will be trying their luck at high school football for the first time.

While a strong defense is important, Caruso realizes that he must be able to generate an offensive attack that is capable of consistent scoring. Although many of the offensive standouts of last year have graduated, he is confident that there are other players ready to

take up where they left off.

Both Caruso and Romola feel that this will be an especially exciting year for Northern League football. They have predicted that no one team is capable of dominating the league and at least seven of the nine teams will be strong.



IT WAS a long tough season for the White Sox of the Potsdam Youth Recreation Association's 7-9 age group. The Sox scrambled to but one victory all season, but maintained a cohesive team spirit throughout. First row: Todd Hooper, Greg Munson. Second row: Willie Robar, Willie Thomas, Dan

Morgan, Andy Coleman. Third row: coach John Andrikut, Rod Hooper, Mike Sharlow, John Mason, coach Mike Kane, Mark Nunge, Mike Fields and coach Dick Bately (Ann Bately Photo).

## Junior football slates physicals

Physicals for junior football will be Thursday, August 19 at the junior high school gym.

Boys 10-14 (but not in ninth grade) and who weigh from 75 to 120 pounds are eligible to play. The league provides insurance and all equipment and uniforms. There will be a \$2 registration fee to help cover the cost of insurance. This \$2 fee will be collected after practice begins by the team coaches.

There are four teams in the league: Cardinals, Colts, Giants and Jets. Each team plays a six game schedule on Saturday mornings at the High School field. These games are officiated by Northern Athletic Conference officials. "The primary concern of the league is the safety of the players, who are provided with the best equipment available spokesmen said. The games consist of four quarters

eight minutes long. No kickoffs or punt returns are allowed because of injury factors. There is equipment enough for approximately 120 boys.

A league meeting will be held August 16 at 7:30 at the high school cafeteria and anyone interested in helping with the program should attend this meeting as it is the last meeting prior to the start of the season.

### PHYSICALS

The following schedule of physical examinations has been set for Colton-Pierrepont Central School soccer players and bus drivers. All must bring a urine specimen clearly labeled with name.

Thursday, August 19, 8 a.m. - boys and noon - bus drivers.  
Thursday, August 26, 8 a.m. - girls.

## Joins staff

Head basketball coach Jerry Welsh at State University College at Potsdam has announced that Warren Sutton, former Little All-American basketball player from Alfred University and one of the most outstanding women's basketball coaches in Canada, will be on the staff of this year's Potsdam State Summer Basketball Camp which will run from August 16 through August 20.

Sutton, the former head coach of the women's team at Ottawa University, will be in charge of the girl's division at the week-long camp.

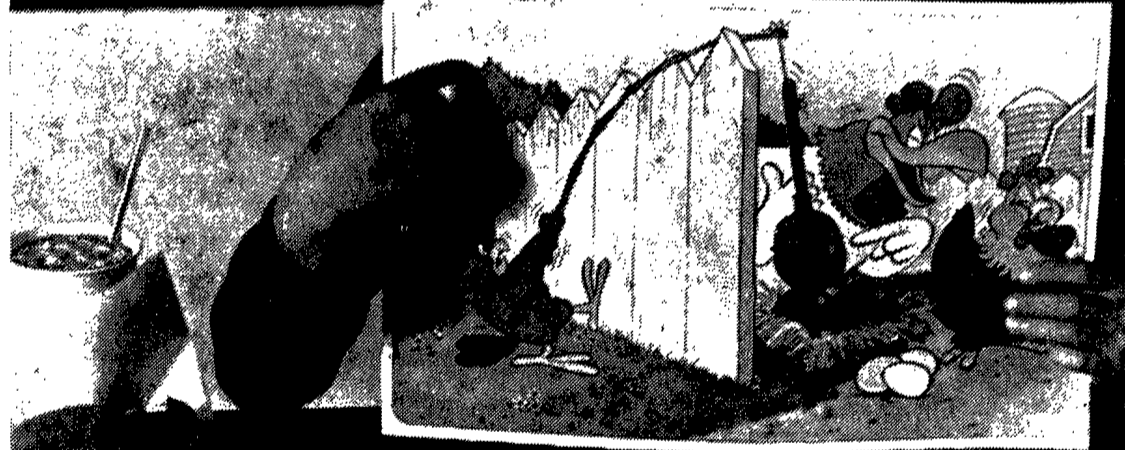
He will be joined by 30 other college and high school coaches in directing the daily sessions.

Coach Welsh stated that even though the camp is nearing capacity, there is still room for about 25 more campers. Applications are available at Maxey Hall on the Potsdam campus or may be obtained by phoning 315-268-3000.



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