



ATTACKING FORCE — Seven of New Providence's offensive players line up for drill. Left to right, first row, are tackle Gil Madsen, center Bruce Mon-

tigney, guard Todd Irving and end Chris Berg. Second row, flanker Allen Lesnewich, quarterback Frank Allocco and halfback Steve Roemer.

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New Providence Up in Air

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"We're going to throw the ball 50 per cent of the time this year," proclaims New Providence football coach Frank Bottone. And since the fellow who will be throwing the ball is 6-2 senior quarterback Frank Allocco that means the Pioneers' Suburban Conference foes are in for trouble.

New Providence has the talented Allocco back to lead its pro type offense. He passed for 17 touchdowns, completed 108 of 185 passes and amassed 2,135 total offensive yards last season with the Pioneers. What's more 6-3 tight end Chris Berg and 6-5 split end Frank Dill are back along with flanker Al Lesnewich.

Those three receivers caught

95 of Allocco's passes last year with Berg snaring 38 of them. In addition Frank Allocco's younger brother Richard, who is 6-3 and 170 pounds, is making a strong bid for a spot as a running back.

Berg will also play defense as will center Bruce Montigney and that pair along with linebacker Gary Schuckei give New Providence the nucleus for a strong defense. The offensive line also boasts an exceptional guard in 190-pound Todd Irving who does all the pulling and trapping on the Pioneer running plays.

Verona and Summit, last year's co-champions, will be strong again but neither is blessed with a proven quarterback. Summit has switched its ace defensive back Mike Mahoney to the quarterback slot and coach Howie Anderson feels the 6-3 senior, "has come along very well." He has good size and a fine arm but needs game experience.

Mahoney has some talented operators in the backfield with him in Tom Odell, Jim Gwathney and fullback Phil Voetsch. However, Summit lost a lot from last year's defensive unit and will have a lot of players playing two-ways.

Verona, which lost to New Providence last year and thus had to settle for a tie for the title with Summit, must replace all state quarterback Norm

the way junior Todd Hassert and veteran Mike Passaro have been handling the quarterbacking chores but both need combat experience.

The Hillbillies have four strong two-way players in tackle Mike Rotella, end Tom Randazzo, guard John Burguillos and halfback Barry Giblin. Rotella is 6-4 and scales 255 pounds while Randazzo is 6-1 and 220 pounds. Randazzo will play fullback on offense and switch to defensive end. Burguillos, 5-10 and 205 pounds is a rugged center on offense and Giblin will play wingback on offense.

On the offense Verona must develop two ends and a pair of guards and on defense must strengthen the other side of the line from Rotella and Randazzo in addition to finding a cornerback and two linebackers.

Madison, which is always tough, has an Allocco of its own. He is 6-0, 170-pound Fred Allocco who is not related to his New Providence namesake. Fred will quarterback the Dodgers who will have Pat Esposito and Pete Livesy running out of the backfield with Jerry Troianello at flanker. Troianello caught 42 passes in 1969.

Coach Ted Monica also has six veterans back at key defensive spots led by tackle Sandy LoSapio and ends Bob Sawin and Alan Russell.

Millburn's strength will be on

defense where nine letterman can be found. Steve Pearson who is 6-1 and weighs 230 pounds and 190-pounder Matt Pacifico will be at the tackles and 205-pounder Jim Stokes is back at end. Pete Kendall, Steve Dopp and John Serruto, are all experienced in the secondary while linebackers Brian Wiegand, Paul Jackson and Mike Ostrosky are all veterans.

If Millburn develops an offense to complement its defense the Millers could be troublesome.

Cedar Grove has nine starters returning from last year's squad and they are led by fullback Ray VanderMay who tallied six touchdowns.

Caldwell's new coach, Howard Durborow, has 16 lettermen to work with and hopes that injuries, which plagued the Chiefs last year, can be avoided so that Caldwell can improve on last season's 1-8 record.