

Fenti Leads HF-L Football

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HONEOYE FALLS — The Honeoye Falls-Lima Cougars' football team will be making their entrance into the Monroe County League this fall.

And if their opener was any indication on their upcoming success, good things are in store for Tyler Fenti and company.

The talented 6-foot-2, 180-pound senior quarterback is one of the top passers in Section V and his right arm is something opposing defenses will understand shortly.

He also shows he can run too.

Fenti, who threw for 1,126 yards with nine TD's a season ago, rushed for a career-high 163 yards on 22 carries with three TD's as HF-L won their MC opener Sept. 4 by a slim 28-26 victory over visiting Greece Olympia.

He was also 8-of-16 passing for 224 yards and one TD, a 56-yard scoring pass to wideout Jordan Bagwell in the first period.

Fenti scored on runs of 1, 10 and 42 yards.

His 42 yard TD run in the third quarter put the Cougars up 28-20.

Senior linebacker Matt Naber led the Cougars defense with 18 tackles.

Fenti's running success in the opener wasn't totally surprising seeing that as a junior he rushed for 462 yards on 91 carries (5.1 avg) and seven TD's.

"Tyler's a real weapon, a double threat for us," said third year head coach Dan Hoyt, who has a 10-7 overall record for the Cougars. "He can hit the receiver or can take off if he needs to. You have to respect both his arm and his running ability."

The Cougars finished 5-3 a year ago as they were tri-champions of the Livingston Conference along with Hornell and Bath. Fenti and Bagwell are the top returnees. Bagwell is a talented 6-foot-2, 195-pound senior wideout and was the leading receiver a year ago. Also back is lineman Bob Blodgett, a huge 6-foot-6, 295-pound tackle.

Coach Hoyt expects top newcomer James Smith, a 5-foot-9, 165-pound running back to make an impact.

Fenti's back-up is 5-foot-10, 175-pound junior Matt Bailey, who also plays strong safety for the Cougars.

“We are very excited about moving to a new league and look forward to new challenges but will miss competing in Livingston County against some of the best coaches and programs in all of Section Five,” said coach Hoyt. “I expect our team to be ready for a tough challenging schedule.”

HF-L’s schedule includes home against Eastridge (Sept. 11); at Brighton (Sept. 17); home against St. Mary’s (Sept. 26); home against Greece Arcadia (Oct. 2); at Batavia (Oct. 9) and at Victor (Oct. 16).