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HAHN, MANVILLE, MARTIN BRING EXPERIENCE, TALENT ON OFFENSE AND DEFENSE

SPF Raider Gridders to Host Holy Cross on September 7

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Confidence building has been the number-one objective of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Head Coach Austin Holman when he grabbed the reins of the football team this

season and the strategy seems to be working out. Players are beginning to understand the mechanics of their positions and a number of multi-sport athletes, who skipped playing football in the past, are now attracted to the program.

"We are focusing on all three phases of the game, defense, offense and special teams. Tackling was one of the key things that we said we need to go into this off-season. That's why we are doing a lot of tackling. We are doing a lot of live tackling and we are doing a lot of things from the ground up where we are really working the technique. We are putting safety precautions in there with the safety

packs that we wear for practice every day so the kids are comfortable and they are going after it a little more," Coach Holman pointed out.

Last year the Raiders had a number of juniors and sophomores on the defense and even a freshman starter, so experience was basically at a minimum. Holman looks to senior Bryant Cadet to line up at nose tackle. Also in the line would be sophomore Mike Banic, who played varsity last year, and juniors Liam

Mahr and Kenny Yeager. Junior Jack Manville returns as the middle linebacker with outside linebackers being junior Alex Werkheiser and sophomore Isaiah Nathaniel, and junior Christian Piesch at strong linebacker. At the corners will be senior Jake Hahn and junior Marshall Young. Senior Justin Clark is expected to be the strong safety and junior Shawn Martin will be at free safety.

"We do formation adjustments.

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