

2009 NORTHWEST CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PREVIEW

FERNDALE GOLDEN EAGLES

2009 ROSTER

No.	Player	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.
2	Colson Crim	Jr.	6-0	160	WR/DB
3	Kaden Crow	Jr.	5-7	150	RB/DB
4	Patrick Clemons	Jr.	5-9	160	RB/LB
5	Brandon Maarhuis	Sr.	5-10	182	RB/LB
6	Jake Dunn	Sr.	6-0	170	WR/DB
7	Jeff Frost	Sr.	6-3	185	WR/DB
8	Jacob Frost	So.	6-0	175	QB/DB
9	Jake Hoelzle	Jr.	5-10	170	QB/DB
11	Bo Brudwick	Sr.	5-10	175	QB/DB
12	T.J. Genger	Jr.	6-1	160	QB/DB
15	Jacob Bartel	So.	6-4	171	WR/DB
17	Brett Watson	Jr.	6-0	160	WR/DB
18	Bryce Vanderyacht	Jr.	6-0	160	WR/DB
21	Sebastian Kinley	So.	5-9	165	WR/DB
22	Brandon John	Jr.	5-8	155	RB/LB
23	Thomas Banham	So.	5-8	140	RB/DB
24	Alec Pennylegion	So.	5-9	170	RB/DB
25	Conner Brame	Sr.	5-10	165	RB/DB
26	Matt Reynolds	Sr.	5-10	170	RB/DB
28	Kyle Prather	So.	5-8	160	RB/DB
29	Willy Scott	Jr.	5-9	150	RB/DB
31	Cory Clark	So.	5-10	145	WR/DB
32	Anthony Rubi	Jr.	5-9	175	RB/LB
34	Benny Woodworth	Sr.	5-10	180	RB/DB
36	Philip Livingston	Sr.	6-2	190	WR/DB
37	Nick Morris	Sr.	6-1	190	TE/DE
38	Logan Locker	Jr.	5-11	185	RB/LB
42	Cooper Jansen	So.	6-1	165	TE/DE
43	Bryson Bellefeuille	Jr.	5-8	160	RB/LB
44	Tanner Dawson	So.	5-9	166	RB/LB
45	Jake Honeycutt	Jr.	6-1	195	TE/LB
46	Eli Whitman	Jr.	5-10	145	WR/DB
47	Conor Ford	So.	6-1	165	TE/DE
50	Shane Mills	So.	5-6	170	OL/LB
51	Joe Banham	Sr.	5-11	220	OL/DT
52	Chad Hunt	So.	6-2	190	OL/DE
53	Brett Meisenheimer	Jr.	6-2	250	OL/DT
54	Taylor Prince	Jr.	6-0	210	OL/DT
55	Pedro Mungarro	Sr.	5-8	190	OL/LB
56	Justin Koogle	Sr.	5-9	195	OL/LB
57	Jadwinder Singh	Jr.	5-8	190	OL/LB
58	Danny Stack	Sr.	5-10	180	OL/LB
60	Jacob Faulkner	Sr.	6-5	230	OL/DE
61	Cody Shepherd	Sr.	6-3	195	OL/DE
62	Lucas Kinley	So.	5-9	230	OL/DT
63	Daniel Canzater	So.	6-2	230	OL/DT
66	David Lytle	So.	6-2	215	OL/DE
70	David Slotemaker	So.	5-10	250	OL/DT
71	Caleb Rodriguez	So.	6-1	205	OL/DT
72	Michael Buethorn	So.	6-3	270	OL/DT
73	Nicholas Laughlin	So.	5-9	220	OL/DT
74	Jakob Nelson	Sr.	6-3	270	OL/DT
75	Benny Upper	Sr.	5-10	270	OL/DT
76	Adrian Retasket	So.	5-9	205	OL/DT
78	Aaron Ericksen	Jr.	6-4	265	OL/DT
80	Krys Rose	So.	5-9	135	WR/DB
81	Robert Faulks	So.	5-9	145	WR/DB
82	Isaac Akers	Sr.	6-2	190	TE/DE
83	Nate Lindhout	Jr.	5-9	150	WR/DB
84	John Critchlow	So.	6-1	160	WR/DB
85	Tanner Olson	Jr.	6-1	175	TE/DE
86	Austin Neer	So.	5-11	140	WR/DB
87	Trevor Merritt	So.	6-0	157	WR/DB
88	Sean Locke	Jr.	6-0	180	TE/DE
91	Josh Monroe	Jr.	6-0	170	TE/DE

As the old joke goes, there are few certainties in life except death and taxes. Over the past few seasons you could have added the Ferndale football team topping the Northwest Conference to that list.



Jamie Plenkovich

Not any more.

After dominating the NWC year after year, the Golden Eagles find themselves in the unfamiliar position of being vulnerable. After graduating 10 starters on both sides of the ball, Ferndale might be the biggest mystery team of the season.

Not that the rest of the NWC is complaining.

“Obviously we have a lot of new pieces to



Jeff Frost

2009 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 4	Bellingham	7 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Shorecrest	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	Blaine	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Lynden	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Squalicum+	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	Everett	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	Sedro-Woolley*	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	at Stanwood	7 p.m.
Oct. 29	at Mount Vernon*	7 p.m.

*NWC 3A game; +at Civic Stadium

the puzzle,” Ferndale coach Jamie Plenkovich said. “It’s something that we’re all going through together as we try to find out who our best 11 are and what combination is going to give us our best chance at success.”

The lone returning starter is senior receiver and defensive back Jeff Frost. He grabbed a respectable 10 catches last season in a system that didn’t throw to its receivers a whole lot and became a good defender as the sea-

son went on.

“He’s somebody who is going to be very important for us this season,” Plenkovich said. “He’s a mismatch problem for people.”

After that Ferndale fans might be finding themselves checking their rosters — at least for the first few games. Bo Brudwick and Jacob Frost are competing for snaps at quarterback, and Brandon Maarhuis has a chance to carry much of the load at running back. Almost every spot is up for grabs.

“Brandon’s a very good football player,” Plenkovich said. “We’ve got some guys who need to be on the football field; we’re just not 100 percent sure where they are going to be yet.”

The cupboard is hardly bare though. The line is bigger than it was last season, even if it lacks experience, and Ferndale runs its system as well as anybody in the state. This year will be a challenge for the program, but the Golden Eagles are embracing it.

“Our expectation hasn’t changed as far as winning a league championship,” Plenkovich said. “If you play at Ferndale, you’re here to win.”

THREE KEYS TO SUCCESS

1. TAKE THINGS ONE STEP AT A TIME

Ferndale might take some lumps this season, but it’s still a talented bunch. The Golden Eagles are going to take things slow and be better off for it.

2. FIGURE OUT WHAT WORKS

Playing on the varsity is going to be a new experience for much of this team. It might take some trial and error to figure out what works.

3. REMEMBER IT’S STILL FERNDALE

There’s a lot of pride in that program, and that can be worth quite a bit on a Friday night. Even if there are a lot of new starters they are still the Golden Eagles.

THREE PLAYERS TO WATCH



JEFF FROST

Sr. WR/DB

The Golden Eagles will look to Frost to be an anchor on both sides of the ball. He emerged as an excellent defender last season.



BRANDON MAARHUIS

Sr. RB/LB

Maarhuis is a player the coaching staff is excited about. He’ll get his chance to shine in Ferndale’s run-heavy system.



BEN WOODWORTH

Sr. RB/DB

Woodworth did well with limited carries last season. He’s somebody that’s capable of making big plays.

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