



BETWEEN THE LINES

NEW PRAGUE TROJANS



PLAYERS WATCH

New Prague boasts an exceptionally young roster with a whopping 31 sophomores compared to just 17 seniors. They have 12 players heavier than 220 pounds and 24 players listed between 6-2 and 6-8.

WILL SEYMOUR, QB

First-year QB manages the game well and has scored 4 TDs (2 pass, 2 rush).

NICK GIESEN, DE/TE

Leverages his 6-5, 210-pound frame on the edge and is quick off the ball.

MATT SCHOENECKER, OL

For good season, the Trojans like to run the ball behind their prized University of North Dakota recruit. He's 6-foot-8 and 270 pounds.

AIDEN JACKSON, RB/DB

Has 5 rushing touchdowns and has also scored on a pick-6 and a fumble return.

SATCHEL JOHNSON, K

Drilled the game-winning FG in Week 1 and is 13-for-14 on extra points.

NATE BURKHARDSMEIER, RB/LB

Dangerous 2-way player leads the team in tackles and has scored 8 rushing TDs. He's a unique runner at 6-2 and 190 pounds.

TENDENCIES

► OFFENSE

Run-heavy, Wing-T concepts & deliberate

The Trojans' game plan is pretty simple: Run the ball, bleed the clock and wear down the defense. Lining up in ultra-tight splits, the offensive line shields the ball-carrier well and quickly climbs to the second level. They will keep defenses honest with a timely passing attack, often picking up chunk yards via play-action. Matthew Schoenecker is a beast at 6-foot-8, 270 pounds, but the remaining four starting offensive linemen average just 210 pounds.

► DEFENSE

3 down linemen, 2 high safetys & zone coverage

Though technically classified as a 3-4 scheme, the Trojans' base formation frequently morphs into something closer to a 5-2 with the two outside linebackers creeping to the line of scrimmage and bracketing the three down-linemen. In the back end, they will run two high safeties and attempt to limit explosive plays through zone coverage and force opposing quarterbacks to complete passes into tight windows. New Prague isn't all that heavy in the box, but has eight players 6-1 or taller in the starting lineup.

ON THE LINE

► **FOR OWATONNA:** It would clinch the Huskies' 17th consecutive winning season and extend their winning streak four straight games.

► **FOR NEW PRAGUE:** It would breath life into the Trojans diminishing hopes of hosting a postseason game. Currently, they sit No. 5 of six teams in the stacked Section 2-5A field.



► BOTTOM LINE

Final analysis

In last season's 27-0 win over OHS, Trojans consumed 7 minutes, 52 seconds on a possession in which they *punted*. This speaks volumes to just how precious offensive possessions are against New Prague. With so many two-way linemen, the Huskies *must* get its defense off the field on third down.