

Oilers a diverse group

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RANDOLPH — Mike Tosone is a high school teacher and former Braintree High School football coach.

This fall he will be defensive coordinator for the Stonehill College team, but he still finds time to play linebacker for the Randolph Oilers.

The defending champions of the Eastern Football League, the Oilers are a diverse group of men who play every week for the only semi-pro football league in New England.

"They play for the love of the game," said Oilers' general manager Peter O'Kane. "They're a bunch of guys that just want to play football."

O'Kane has been with the Oilers as general manager for 18 years. He played at Randolph High School and now oversees operations for the team that won its first league title last year by defeating the Marlboro Shamrocks, 27-21, in the championship game.

Bob Turner enters his third season as head coach. He has been EFL Coach of the Year twice and has guided the team to a 20-3 regular-season mark, including 15 victories in a row the last two years.

"We'll be a good team," O'Kane said. "We have 50 players back and a lot of experience and depth, including four semi-pro all-Americans. That depth and experience should set us up for another good season."

The Oilers will play an exhibition game against the Maine Lions at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Randolph High School.