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ASHLAND--It appears that Ashland College will have to answer several questions in game action when the Eagles open Saturday at 8 p.m. in Westerville against Otterbein College.

"We still aren't sure who our number-one quarterback is," said Coach Fred Martinelli. "Joe Palagyi seems to have the edge over Jeff Williams but it may take a game for us to really be sure," continued the coach.

His biggest concern entering the season is the "questionable nature of our personnel at skilled positions." Martinelli pointed out that Ashland is going with new performers at quarterback, split end and flanker.

On the other hand, Otterbein presents a major problem since its skilled positions are manned by some outstanding players.

Said Coach Martinelli, "I don't think there is a better passer in Ohio than Norm Lukey. He was a better passer last year than Mike Healy was as a sophomore." Healy graduated last year after setting all of Ashland's season and career records in passing and total offense.

Martinelli went on to say that he doesn't expect to meet a better passer this season. "That's why Otterbein is dangerous," he added.

Expected to head Ashland's offensive attack which piled up 30 points a game last year are co-captains Dave Gray of Westlake and Jim Muir of Delta. Last year halfback Gray led AC in rushing with 701 yards and in scoring with 56. Muir is being touted as one of the finest guards to ever play at AC.

Other top offensive performers are expected to be tackle Gary Dial of

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Columbus, tight end Jim Parker of East Liverpool and split end Chuck Bay of New Concord.

Aces on the defense are linebacker Len Pettigrew of Thompson, tackles Mike Rupe of South Zanesville and Mike Loury of Cleveland and Jay Hoover of Winchester, Ind.

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