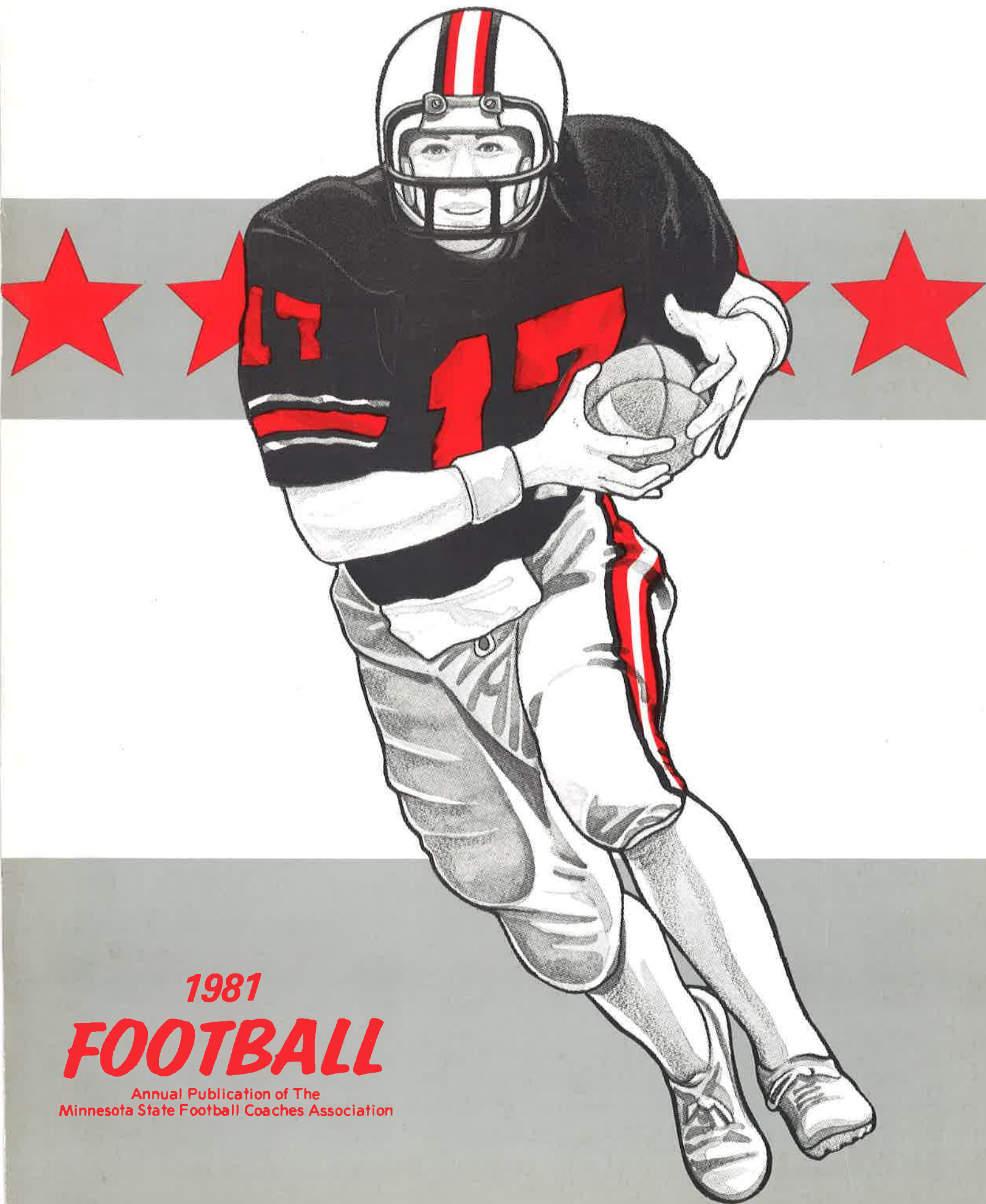




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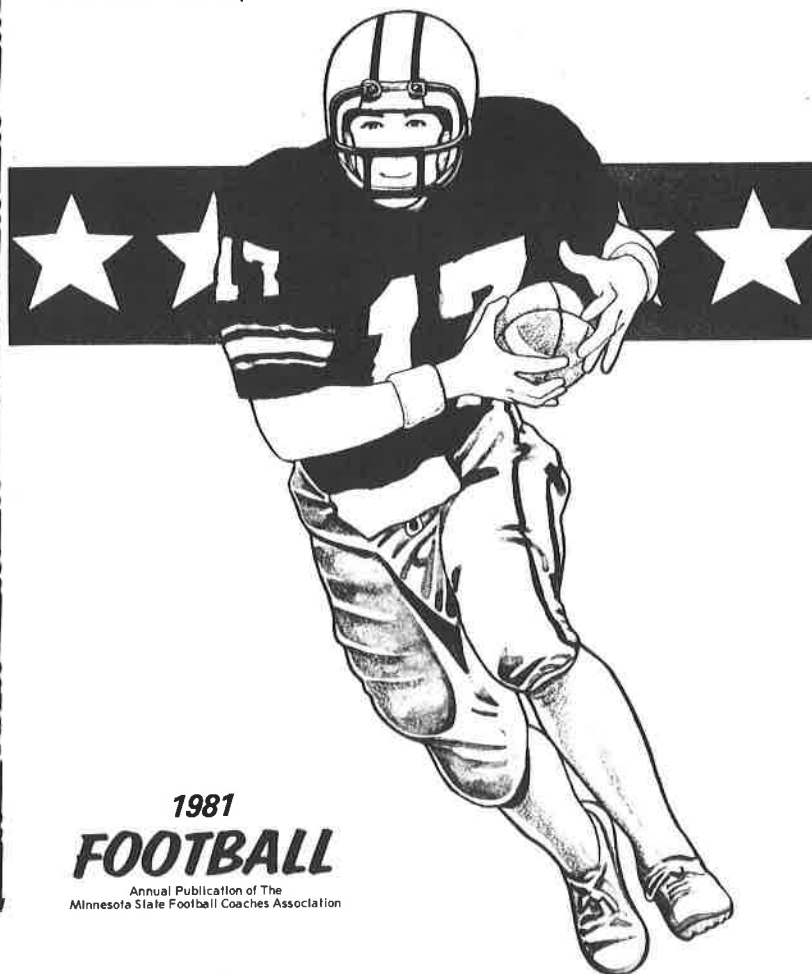
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Presidents Message:

As President, I look back on May of 1963 and my first U of M Clinic and Hall of Fame Dinner. I was a very young coach, but older coaches impressed me that day. I remember Red Wilson, Lew Barley and Jerry Sullivan at that clinic and dinner. These were, to me, the "name" high school coaches that I knew. But there I was learning what they were learning. The thing that impressed me most was these guys were still learning and working at the game. Later that evening I was further impressed by the number of coaches working to upgrade Football in Minnesota. There was talk of a play-off, pre-season conditioning a revival of the All Star Game. I also joined a group called the Minnesota State Football Coaches Association, mainly because I wanted to be a part of what these people were doing. Today all of the ideas that were talked about in 1963 have become reality. Through the years the Football Coaches Association has had several changes to upgrade it, and that's as it should be. But in my year as President the one thing that struck me was, people listen to Football Coaches Association. Everytime I called the stage league, or presented something to them they listened and acted. I saw several other coaches organizations get looked at while they spoke but not listened to. The question I ask myself, where did Football Coaches Association get this respect.

One, I think the people that started this group were very sound, they as individuals were respected as a group it just gained in clout. Two, when this organization is in the process of developing change it has always done its homework first. I have found spur of the moment ideas, and we want it right now, does not go for in getting approval.

This year we presented rule changes in the pre-season 5 days. I believe all of our changes will be approved. In the future if more changes need to be made I think it can happen. Next year we are working on other changes (Team size for Tournaments, etc.) this is a vital organization. But it will remain that way only if all football coaches stay involved. We are all concerned with our own programs and certainly that's as it should be. But if Minnesota high school football is to grow, we all need to work at it. There is room for anyone that's willing.

In closing, I'd like to thank two people that influenced me most to see football as something important for kids. My high school coach at Renville, Bob Barr made me feel good about me, and my wife Karen that had the insight to put up with a High School Coach. I sincerely hope I have been able to do something for this organization that has made a difference.

Ron Scott
President



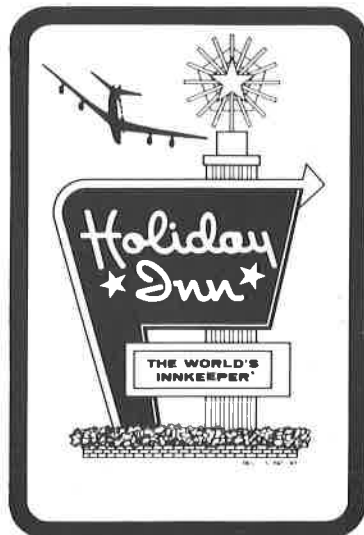
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"Reflections- Twenty Years (Almost)

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Ron Stolski will be entering his twentieth year as Head Football Coach in the fall of '81. He has coached at five schools; Kensington, Slayton, Princeton, Park Center and Brainerd, compiling a record of 109 wins, 51 losses, 6 ties, with numerous championship seasons. He is currently the Athletic Director and Head Football Coach of Brainerd High School.



This is a lovely story. Not mine exactly. Ours. It began for all of us in different places and at different times in our lives. It happened when we, wherever we were, were ready. It was inspired, I suspect, by someone else. We came to a classroom, or a field, or a locker room, with our friends, for a variety of reasons, to meet a man. We met him; we learned to believe; to trust; to respect; sometimes to fear; always to follow. Our desire to be a part of what he was led us to better understand his concepts; our lessons. Through him and with him we learned football. Now the pupil is the teacher.

Recall (I know you can) the day when you realized that coaching kids is what you wanted. Perhaps not the day exactly, but certainly the inspiration. It wasn't money. It wasn't prestige. Your reasons may not have been noble; chances are if you are still in it you are somewhat noble; if you are not in it, you wish you were. What it was was your desire to give. To perpetuate that that you had come to believe in. To trust. To respect. Likely, to love. Because we care, we share. The legacy of football coaches is that they are givers; and so we shall.

On a warm spring day in May of 1956 the first meeting of the Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association was held at the University of Minnesota Football Clinic. Such men as Art Avis, Red Wilson, Frank Cleve, Louis Todnem, Herm Frickey, Lew Swearingon, Jim Christen, and Harvey Shew were among those present. Shew was elected president and Cleve secretary-treasurer of that first group. There, was, naturally, concern by the State Coaches Association that this branching out of the football coaches would be unhealthy for the parent organization. Since its inception, and because of the foresight of its original leadership, the football coaches have created and maintained a strong, vital role in the progressive development of our football heritage and have been a

consistent, reliable leader in the State Coaches Association.

Football was quieter twenty years ago. You might say different, I suppose. Mass media was only yawning and beginning to stretch a little, and its analytical tentacles were but short little antennae. The criteria to be a coach was the same as now — in most cases the demands were different.

Everyone must start somewhere and most of us did. We came out of college, some with service in our background, sharing a common denominator. We wanted to coach and teach. We had lots of ambition, ideas, smiles, and, most of us, miles between us and home. There was a strong common bond that linked us all, wherever we might have been. The love of the game and the desire to teach it. That ran through us all. We were a silent fraternity.

Recall where you began. Perhaps you stayed. Many of the very best did. Perhaps you moved. Well, that's part of it too. Always, there were toe-headed boys, or maybe duck-tails, who reported in August. If you were in the country, boys came wind-burned red, calloused, only able to practice once a day. There were other things to do; like hayin and milkin. City kids came fresh from legion baseball and captains practice at a neighborhood park. There were no football or basketball camps, hockey schools, summer weight training, swim clubs. The kids showed up in August with hearts in hand ready to play. If you were a coach then, that's where you started.

In the years since that first May meeting, the Football coaches Association has influenced a number of significant improvements in Minnesota high school football. In 1968, under the persistent leadership of Ron Raveling, the physical conditioning period was extended from its original three days, as mandated by the State High School League, to five days. This conditioning period has been beneficial and necessary to allow teams to sustain the rigorous demands of our sport. An additional improvement on the plan, allowing for chalk talks and full team teaching has been submitted to the league's board of directors with a good outlook for passage for the 1981 season.

In the early and mid-sixties specialization, staffs, and weight programs were pretty much limited to a local hospital. The players were most often three sport athletes whose favorite sport was the one that was in season at the time. Coaching staffs were comprised of one or two men in addition to the head coach. Usually, these were also the coaches of other sports, in other seasons. Weight programs were rare. Most of us were laboring under the notion that barbells made muscle bound beachboys. The only beachboys we were interested in were on the radio. The offense was the Wing-T made famous by Evasheski at Iowa and Nelson at Delaware. Execution, mis-direction, deception. If your team looked for the ball on defense, you were in trouble. Defensively, the Oklahoma 5-4 was beginning to fade and odd and even fronts with three and

four deep coverages were emerging. Slants, loops and the stunting game were not a problem then. We still played 'territory' and stayed in a fixed position. Just like we drew em. Or were drawn. If you prepared, executed well, had patience and a strong kicking game you won. It also helped to have a 'horse' or two. Sound familiar?

Progress and its companions, innovation and change, moves slowly but with certain determination. One of the most significant improvements in our high school football programs came as a result of the tenacious efforts of a group of determined coaches. For some years, Twin City Media had been naming an unofficial mythical state champion. The problems with this were numerous and obvious. The idea of a state play-off had been appealing for many years and although action was slow, sometimes non-evident, the dream would not get away. When we pursue our dreams with enough vigor we catch them. And so it was for Steve Sillianoff, Bob Roy, Rol Bromberg, Don Varpness, Ron Raveling, Don Stueve and key others who shaped the first football play-off system in Minnesota. Encouraged by the constant, gentle urging of Marv Helling and the MSHSL, these men fashioned a playoff plan and in 1972, with the aid of a computer, the first statewide football play-offs were held. The dream was reality.

The play-offs created instant interest and paid immediate dividends for high school football throughout Minnesota. The system credited the strength of a team and its conference and schedule rather than the size of its scores, and it stimulated state-wide interest in what other schools of comparable size were doing in other areas of the

state. For the first time, teams and fans from Duluth or Albrook were interested in the progress of Red Wing or Rose Creek. High school football became more than just of local concern; we were cosmopolitan.

It may be that the game and how it is played is a reflection; a sign of the times. The activism and unrest of the late sixties and early seventies were realized both on and off the high school football field. The campaign for a lack of structure and the resulting confusion experienced by systems and individuals created anxious, trying moments among those who could not or would not work within change. Situations we were not familiar with developed. While the new openness was symbolic of a fresh, healthy movement, in many ways it was threatening. On the field, we went to option football. The veer is here. Don't block people; read them. Spread the defense; read the key; give or pitch. Read the coverage — throw the ball! Move on defense. Slant, loop, slide, stunt. Show different looks. Get signals from sidelines. Off the field; rock music in locker rooms, group decisions, incentive award systems, strength programs in and out of season.

Coaches adjust because, above all else, they are teachers. They were the first to use multi-level and multimedia teaching methods. Practice organization and plans, group work, whole-part-whole method, use of film, blackboard, team teaching; a multitude of techniques used with imagination, creativity, and flexibility. In addition, coaches demanded more and held firm to certain basic principles. Such qualities as dedication, sacrifice, discipline, and pride become reality as a boy becomes one

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Coaching in the eighties will present new and interesting challenges. Our past has taught us that. Some say boys have changed. Perhaps. Those who play football haven't changed much. Certainly, physically it seems they are bigger and stronger and faster. But they still come with their heart in their hands. It is still a coaches role to influence and stimulate and create. Boys who want to play football haven't changed. The society they play it in has; as a consequence many coaches have experienced an unfamiliar and sometimes uncomfortable coaching challenge. Public pressure. There was a time when the only pressure a coach knew was the amount in the football or the kind he applied to himself or his staff. No more. The emergence of media has changed that. The public wants to know. That's alright. We hide nothing. We will handle that. There is another demand; another need, we address ourselves to. The need for leadership. Our schools, our communities, our students need the kind of leadership we can deliver. They want it. We can assume it; our legacy dictates that we can. Our coaching heritage provides that we will.

In the years since that May meeting, the Football Coaches Association's history has been one of dedication to improving the game of football for the benefit of the youth of our state. Its accomplishments, briefly noted here, are numerous. Achievements in addition to the play-off system, since improved to include conference champions — thanks to the leadership of 9-man football who moved in 1977 to conference winners being seeded into the play-off (in 1978 the rest followed) — the All-Star game, the tie-breaker (of national significance), the football magazine, the Hall of Fame. The strength and attributes of the organization remain, however, in the willingness of the coach from all sectors of the state to meet and work for the benefit of all. Thanks to the leaders; past and present. Givers, all. The unselfish tradition established, must and will be carried on. Football coaches know no other way.

Ours is a proud fraternity. Often silent, still. Because we

are sure, we can work within the frame. We take them when they come to us. We have them for awhile. We tell them to play other games; we don't need them fifty-two weeks a year. They must have time to be boys, too. We are proud of our leaders; men who are models. The pride stems from our hunger to be better. Clinics are ours. Seminars are ours. No other fraternity is so cognizant of its impact. We lead when we must. We will show the way. Because, always, there will be golden haired boys red from the sun who come laughing to our field or classroom or locker room who want nothing more than to play the game. What we give them is what we know; let us give it all, always. So like other times and other places, the pupil will become the teacher.

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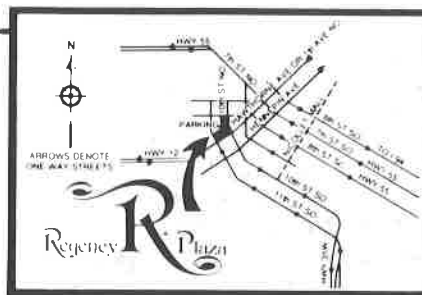


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In 1979, Henry Sibley had a 1-8 record and finished second to last in the St. Paul Suburban Conference. But in 1980 that record was reversed and we finished with a regular season record of 8-1 and captured the conference championship. A dream come true! But how did it happen? When you accomplish a feat such as this people often tend to think that you made wholesale changes in your program. But in our case the opposite is true. We made very few changes in our philosophy and what we were trying to do. And most of these changes would have probably been made regardless of our previous record as they dealt with personnel and what our players could do in terms of athletic ability.

As we ended the 1979 season we were very frustrated but we did not lose faith. We believed in what we were doing. Our philosophy had developed over several years of coaching experience. There was a reason for almost everything we did. We didn't do something just because we heard about it at a clinic or read it in a magazine. We believed in it. And there is probably a very important lesson in this. If what you are doing is right, don't let temporary frustrations divert you from your ultimate goal. Be persistent; be patient! And most important of all, believe in yourself and what you are doing. Believe in your philosophy!

Every coach should base his football system upon a well-developed philosophy. He must always be ready to base all his coaching decisions on this approach to the game. Ideally, this philosophy should be in writing and should be kept up-to-date. Revisions should come yearly. I wrote my philosophy before I was named head coach at Henry Sibley. I wrote it with the idea that a written philosophy might help me get a job. Now I use it to maintain consistency in our program at Henry Sibley and in helping to train any new coaches that we hire. In the rest of this article I would like to share some of the different aspects of my philosophy. I fully realize that you, the reader, will not agree with everything; this is my philosophy, not yours. However, maybe you can use some of the following to formulate your own.

1. A coach should always be honest, especially with himself, his fellow coaches, and his players. He should be loyal to his program and his team. He should be intelligent in his basic knowledge of the game and in his ability to use common sense in his decision making. He should also have initiative as seen in a desire to discover new ideas, to study them and try them in action. A coach must believe in himself and in his program but he must also display a constant desire for improvement. A coach must be mature in all his actions. He must be able to practice self-control in all his associations. Patience is perhaps the greatest quality that can be exhibited. Finally, a coach should have enthusiasm in a desire to work hard at the game and a desire to strive for perfection, excellence and success.

2. The entire football program must be built upon a

strong foundation of dedication and hard work. This must hold true for both the coaches and the players. However, a coach should never ask his players to do anything that he would not do nor want to do. Asking the impossible is okay only when the coach himself is willing to work for it. A coach should not expect his players to do their best if he isn't.

Closely connected with this is a concern for the "little things". This can range from the necessary paper work connected with football management to proper practice planning. It includes such things as locker room duty, collection of forms, monies, etc., Care of equipment, counseling individual players, meetings with parents, attendance at staff meetings, and so on. Also connected with this is doing the job in the classroom and full participation as a staff member in the building where the coach is teaching. I consider myself to be a teacher first and a coach second.

3. The basic aim of coaching is to motivate into action a team that will utilize as much talent as possible. Thus, the measure of any coach is how well he prepares each individual player to meet every possible situation that he will meet in a game. This must be repeated and repeated until it becomes second nature to him. Simplicity and repetition are the best coaching tools that a coach has.

4. It is not a particular coaching system that determines success, but the thoroughness and efficiency with which that system is being taught. Proper execution is more important than formation and plays. A coach must work for perfection of execution and focus his attention on details. The team that knows the fundamentals — how to block and how to tackle — will generally win the game if the execution of these fundamentals is perfected.

5. A coach must strive for the elimination of the common errors. Mistakes can greatly be reduced in number through proper coaching. This holds true especially for the learning of assignments. The coach must realize that he is a teacher first — he is teaching the game of football. His students, the players, must know their assignments or the coach himself is partially at fault.

6. Physical conditioning is extremely important in any sport. This conditioning involves not only training but the proper prevention and care of injuries. This can be accomplished through the proper equipment and practices as well as physical conditioning. The five areas of conditioning — flexibility, strength, agility, speed and endurance — can all be improved through the proper conditioning program. And since the team that is in the best condition will generally win the game, the coach must see to it that his team is always in excellent condition.

7. The coach should attempt to play as many players as possible in every game. To do this we will attempt to platoon — start 22 different players on offense and defense — as much as possible. We will then attempt to place the remaining squad members on the specialty teams. Ideally,

every squad member who earns a game uniform will play in the game. However, we must also be constantly aware of not weakening ourselves in our over-all playing ability.

Closely connected with this idea is that certain individuals have earned the opportunity to win a starting position. This is based on several things. Our program will be a senior program, especially those seniors who have been with us three or more years. Other factors that will be considered will be a individual's overall athletic ability as measured in the decathlon test, an individual's participation in the off-season program, behavior both on and off the field, and an individual's actual football ability as measured by his coaches.

8. The mental aspects of coaching are extremely important. We will attempt to build our mental approach to football on the following:

a. constructive coaching. A coach must attempt to build a positive self-image in the minds of all his players. Perhaps the best technique a coach can use is to find something good in each player and encourage him to improve on that quality. Once a basis of confidence has been established, the player will usually respond to teaching techniques and will be motivated to excel in other areas of the game. The coach must instill confidence in the player that he has something to contribute to the team. This can generally be done through a generous application of praise. Praise for an individual's effort is more effective than criticism. This does not rule out constructive criticism. Constructive is necessary and good; destructive criticism is demoralizing and harmful.

b. the reward system. Going along with what was said earlier, we will reward good play and not focus too strongly on bad play. We will make every effort possible to constructively use bad play to better the individual but we should always try to do this in private and not before the player's peers. Our major efforts will be in rewarding good play, especially when and where it can be used as a teaching tool for the entire team. The major technique will be verbal responses but we will also use material regards as well. Examples of this will be helmet decals, pictures posted in the school hallways, etc.

c. fun. Football is a game and as such, it is meant to be fun. We will attempt to make the players' football experience a fun experience. There are many things that can be done to make practices fun such as relay races, competition between groups, drills that can have winners and losers, etc. We will also strive to make the non-practice sessions fun — team picnics and steak fry, treats for players after games, post season parties, etc. Of course the most fun in football is winning. But there are other things

that are perhaps more important. You cannot win if you do not like what you are doing. We must have the team like, even love, the game of football. To do this, it must be fun.

9. Closely connected with the mental traits just mentioned are several emotional aspects.

a. discipline. We believe in running a disciplined program. However, this discipline must be fair. I strongly believe that the best form of discipline is self-discipline. An individual, or a team, should be able to discipline himself. As a matter of fact, a player who is constantly disciplined externally will soon rebel. We must convince the players that our rules are good for them. They must understand these rules and internalize them. The rules must be "our rules". There is nothing wrong with having the players help make the rules and even enforce them.

This leads to another aspect of discipline — what happens when a rule is broken. Without exception, a player who violates a rule must be disciplined immediately. There should be no compromise in this respect. However, every player should be given the opportunity for a second chance provided that he really wants it and is willing to sacrifice for it. The coach who has been willing to help a boy help himself under such conditions is truly a "coach". He is actually doing the player a favor by disciplining him. Again it must be fair.

b. pride. The second element is pride. First of all the player must have pride in himself. He must believe in himself as a person and as a football player. I have referred to this in section no. 8 under constructive coaching. Beyond this the player must have pride in his team, his school, his family and his community. If he does, he will be a very aggressive football player. And a team composed of this type of player will be hard to beat.

c. spirit. The next emotional trait to be developed is spirit or enthusiasm. This can be easily developed if the coach possesses it. Spirit is highly contagious. Of course this spirit must be a positive spirit. It must evolve for a love of football and a love of people. We must strive to have our players play the game of football with their hearts. They must play the game because they love to play it and because they love to play it with their fellow team members. Perhaps the best way to do this is through comradeship — a feeling of togetherness.

d. effort. The final emotional ingredient is effort. A successful team must be ready to put forth maximum effort in all areas — physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. Again the example of the coach is very important. A coach who puts forth maximum effort can demand it of his team and will then usually get it.

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learning experience for its participants. This goes beyond the learning of plays and strategies. We want our players to learn the intangibles that athletics can give them. We want them to know the most important thing in life is to be a "success". To understand this we turn to John Wooden, the highly successful basketball coach. He defines "success" as "a peace of mind which is a direct result of the self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming." From this we can easily see that a successful athlete is also a "winner", one, according to Vince Lombardi who does the most he can with those abilities that he possesses. And he does it all the time; he is a full-time winner. We must strive to create a football player who has pride in this endeavor — to be winners not only in football games, but in all aspects of life. Winning is not something you can limit to just one area of your life; it must be your entire life. Winning is not something you can turn on or off at a given time; it must dominate your every second of every minute or every day. Winning is a way of life.

To further understand this idea, let's take a look at some characteristics of winners:

1. First of all, a winner knows exactly who he is. He doesn't try to copy someone else. He knows what his talents and abilities are. He also knows what he can do with them. And he knows that everyone is different. So he doesn't try to copy someone else. He takes his own abilities and does the best job he can with those abilities. But this doesn't mean a winner doesn't have a desire for improvement. Instead he knows what he is good at and uses these talents to overcome his weaknesses. A true winner has a tremendous desire to make himself better.

2. Secondly, a winner believes in himself and in what he is doing. He has confidence in himself. He realizes that when he applies full effort he can get the job done. This confidence comes from proper preparation, repetition and constructive coaching (see no. 8).

3. A winner has a positive self-image. He has a deep-down feeling of his own worth. And he is proud of himself. He takes pride in what he does, how he looks, how he acts, how he talks, etc. And not only is he proud of himself, he also takes pride in his family, his team, his school and his community. He cares what others think about these important aspects in his life and he will constantly strive to improve their image of them. The last thing a true winner would ever do is to bring down his reputation or the

reputation of his family, team, school or community.

4. A winner has a sense of positive self-expectancy. He is optimistic and enthusiastic about the future and he shares this with others. He knows that with the proper effort, things will always get better.

5. Fifth, a winner always gives his best effort. A true winner is willing to pay the price needed for success; he goes the extra mile. A true winner never operates. And a true winner never quits. He never quits on himself or on those on his team. He will not let anyone down by giving less than he is capable.

6. A winner has a sense of positive self-direction. Winners have a clearly defined purpose that is constantly referred to. Winners set goals for themselves that are realistic and attainable. They then work at these goals. A winner is always moving forward. Losses are only temporary setbacks on the road towards ultimate victory. A true winner will always rebound from these setbacks and learn from them. A winner makes mistakes — once! He learns his lessons well and is again on the path forward. He always knows where he is going.

7. A winner is a self-motivator. He can push his own hot-button. He turns himself on in order to get a job done. A winner doesn't have to be told what to do; he figures it out for himself and goes ahead and does it. He motivates himself and by his actions, he motivates others.

8. A winner has self-discipline. And this is a positive self-discipline. What this means is that a winner knows when to say "yes" as well as when to say "no". A winner can discipline himself to do what is right and good for him. And, as with being a self-motivator, a true winner doesn't have to be told what is right and what is wrong; he figures it out for himself.

9. Closely connected with this is self-responsibility. A winner takes full responsibility for himself and for his actions. He will not put the blame for his mistakes on others. Instead, he learns from these mistakes and does not repeat them. He is responsible for himself and those who depend upon him. He will not let them down.

10. Last of all, a winner is a "team" man. He has true team spirit. He knows that only when others on his team win he will win. He thus helps them to be winners.

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Donald Ranta 32, is a graduate of UMD 1970. Football record for three years 23-6. State 9-Man Runner-Ups 1979-80, 1980-81.

I have been teaching and coaching for seven years, three at T-M and four at Orr, MN. At Orr I was assistant basketball coach for four years and assistant football for one year. I was transferred to T-M, which is in Orr's school district, three years ago due to teacher cut backs.

It was my understanding I would just be head basketball coach at T-M but a week before football season I found out I was also head football coach. My knowledge of football was quite limited so I spent some time studying football books for drills and strategy. I was lucky though. I was like a miner walking into a gold mine. I had an outstanding group of sophomores and most of the players were hard workers and hard hitters.

The first year 1978-79 was one of learning. We had a 3-4 record going mainly with sophomores. The second year we went with six junior and three senior starters. We won our first conference championship since 1963 and we ended up state-runner-ups. The third year was the most difficult from the coaching stand point. Everyone expected us to win and everyone was out to whip us. Again we were state-runner-ups losing to Hoffman-Kensington. The loss was hard to take especially losing two close championship games for two years in a row. The loss though taught the coaches and players that you must accept reality and we tried our best but fell a little short.

Now I will briefly describe our offense and defense. First offensively we go with one main set formation with certain variances off of it. We run a full house backfield with the quarterback being number one and the rest as shown.

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Minnesota State High School League—65 Years

LARRY LARSON,
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About the Author

Larry Larson, Director of Information and Publications for the Minnesota State High School League since 1974, is a graduate of Alexandria High School, where he earned seven letters in football, basketball and baseball. The 37-year old Larson attended Moorhead State College and is a graduate of the School of Journalism at Colorado State University. He formerly was sports editor of the Daily Transcript in Little Falls and also served three years as sports information director at Bemidji State College following a two-year stint in the U.S. Army. He and his wife, Diane, and son Stephen, reside in Plymouth.



The Minnesota State High School League has a 65-year history. Its purposes remain unchanged — to seek equity and fairness for the schools and young people who participate in the activity programs. The past decade will be remembered for the rapid development of the interscholastic sports program for girls, the realignment of schools into a two class system, an expanded program in the Fine Arts, and implementation of football playoffs leading to state championships in five classifications.

A non-profit organization of 515 member schools, the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) was initiated back in 1916 when the organization was known as the Minnesota State High School Athletic Association. The membership consisted of 252 schools, 152 of which played football.

The game of football had a big part in the creation of the state association in 1916. Abuses that took place relative to age, transfer of residence, and academic credit, brought about the need for an association that could establish uniform rules for equity and fairness in programs. The association existed to protect individuals.

During the early years of the 1900's several attempts were reportedly made among Minnesota high schools to determine state championships in football. These were entirely unofficial in character and far from satisfactory, it was stated in the First annual Minnesota State High School Athletic Association handbook, published in 1923. In fact, the Board of Control of the Association made an exhaustive investigation. Because of the short playing season, the number of teams in the state, and the nature of the sport, which precludes the holding of tournaments such as were then held in basketball, it was determined by the Board

that it would not be feasible to try to determine state championships in football.

The decades of the 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's saw with each 10-year period an increase in number of teams, participants and games played. Seven-man teams and seven-game schedules were not uncommon during the 20's and 30's.

During the 40's six-man and eleven-man teams were prevalent with the number of squads exceeding 400 and participants numbering nearly 14,000.

Today the participation interest is greater than ever. During the 1980 football season there were 495 teams participating and 22,339 participants. Nationally, Minnesota leads the nation in the percentage of schools participating — 96 percent. The average for most states is about 70 percent. During the 1980 season Minnesota ranked 14th nationally in number of participants competing at the interscholastic level.

Although all states have interscholastic football programs, not all name state champions. Minnesota first began a state playoffs program in Class AA, A, B, C, and Nine-Man divisions in 1972, using a computer-ratings system to determine the qualifiers in each of the classifications. In 1978 it was determined that conference champions from the 60-plus conferences and independents, except Classes B and C, who used computer-ratings, should qualify to state playoffs. Now all classes advance conference champions or independents. State playoff attendance for the 35 playoff games last fall exceeded 64,000.

The MSHSL entered the 1980's with a renewed commitment to equal opportunity, with an innovative program change called cooperative sponsorship, a new concept which opens doors to increased opportunities for students — students who might not be able to participate in football or any other activity because of lack of numbers within a given school district. Last year five cooperative sponsorship programs in football existed throughout the state.

The future of football and the MSHSL programs are dependent upon the administration, teaching, coaching and related staff personnel who work tirelessly for two basic reasons: first, the personal satisfaction of doing something for someone else and secondly, the benefits received by the thousands of young men and women participating. And a big "thank you" should also go to the many dedicated officials, without whom the program could not function.

The challenge is to continue to provide the young people of our state with the unique experience inherent in high school football and other League activity programs.



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8:30	M.S.H.S.L. RULES MEETING	8:30	M.S.H.S.L. RULES MEETING
9:50	 VISIT EXHIBIT AREA		
10:00	Daryl Rogers — Arizona State	10:00	Allys Swanson — St. Paul
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11:00	Daryl Rogers — Arizona State	10:00	Judy Heslop — Pequot Lakes, Minn.
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Sea Range Conference

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The Sea Range Conference of northern Minnesota ended the 1980 football season with a tie for the championship. International Falls and Hermantown shared the crown with 6-2 records.

Hermantown won their first four games before being defeated by Two Harbors (21-14). The Hawks came back to beat Proctor (21-0) and International Falls (26-14) and then lost to Greenway (35-14). Hermantown ended the season at 7-3.

International Falls went through the early part of the season with a 5-0 record. The Broncos lost to Greenway and Hermantown on consecutive Fridays. International Falls ended the 1980 campaign at 7-2.

The Sea Range Conference was a well balanced league this fall. Two Harbors, Greenway, Virginia, and Proctor finished with 5-3 records. Greenway posted wins over the eventual co-champions.

Outstanding players who dominated the league this fall were Greenway's Gary Orhn and Mike Guentzel; Proctor's Dan Norton; Two Harbors Doug Norlander and Dave Keeler; Hermantown's Dave Huttel; Chris Winters, International Falls; Rick Frerick, Silver Bay; and Virginia's Pete Shustarich. These were a few of the outstanding players.

The Sea Range Conference is in its third year of existence with one year remaining under the current contract. Realignment has been discussed between the Sea Range and the Northern Lakes Conference.

The Sea Range Conference ended the year on a very sad note with the death of Terry Egerdahl the head mentor at Proctor. Egerdahl had just finished his third as head coach with his overall record at 18-9. The former All-American from the University of Minnesota-Duluth was an inspiration to his players with his dedication to the great game of football.



Hermantown's Bob LaFontaine, No. 44, tackled after a 1st down run in a game against arch rival Proctor.



No. 42, Dave Huttel, going in for the two point conversion during Hermantown's 31-0 victory over Proctor.

Minnesota River Conference

The 1980 Conference Football Race was very interesting. After three games, six of the eight teams had two and one records.

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Pine to Prairie Football Conference

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Changes made in Minnesota football classifications will leave the Pine To Prairie Football Conference as the only Class B league in northwest Minnesota. And, changes in the membership of the PTP itself may make it a misnomer to locate it as northwest — perhaps north-northwest fits better.

Originally organized in the mid-50's, the Pine To Prairie has had a fairly stable make up over its 25-plus years. The move of three schools — Ada, Fertile and Waubun — to join a newly formed Class C league starting in 1981, and the addition of two new teams from up north — Roseau and Warroad — marks the biggest membership change ever for the PTP.

Original membership of the conference included Ada, Bagley, Fertile, Fosston, Twin Valley and Warren. Enlargement to an 8-team league came in the 1960 season when Mahnomen and Red Lake Falls were accepted as members. Only two other membership changes prior to this year came when Twin Valley withdrew after the 1965 season and Waubun joined in the 1972 season.

Over the years of its existence the PTP has been a fertile recruiting ground for state college and universities in Minnesota and North Dakota and has also provided a sprinkling of players who performed at major colleges. Numerous PTP gridders have earned all-state honors and the conference has been frequently and well represented in the Minnesota all-star games. A number of PTP graduates have entered the coaching ranks over the years, including several who are currently coaching staff members at PTP schools.

A measure of prestige came the way of the Pine To Prairie when Mahnomen finished as Class B state runnerup in 1979 and won the Class B state championship in 1980. The Indians had made it to the state play-offs three times previous, in the years of computer point ratings, but lost three close first round contests in 1974, 1975 and 1976. Counting inter-conference contests, Mahnomen has compiled an overall play-off mark of 10-5 since 1973.

Conference records available for the past 21 years show that Mahnomen and Ada have won or shared the PTP title the most times. The winner and runnerup finishes for each

team, counting ties, in the 1960-80 period include Ada, 5-6; Bagley, 2-2; Fertile, 2-3; Fosston, 1-1; Mahnomen, 13-2; Red Lake Falls, 0-1; Twin Valley, 0-0; Warren, 2-4, and Waubun, 0-0.

In the 21-year span, four PTP conference teams have posted very respectable records in loop games and in all games. The best percentages are owned by Mahnomen, .833 and .794; followed by Ada, .660 and .636; Fertile, .589 and .566, and Warren, .582 and .564. The composite records for all teams after the 1980 season are as follows.

PINE TO PRAIRIE CONFERENCE

1960-1980

ALL GAMES

Team	W-L-T	PCT
Ada	116-65-7	.636
Bagley.....	85-94-6	.476
Fertile.....	101-77-3	.566
Fosston.....	70-108-4	.396
Mahnomen.....	151-38-3	.794
Red Lake Falls	60-119-6	.341
Warren	103-79-6	.564
Waubun	17-64-0	.210

CONFERENCE GAMES

Team	W-L-T	PCT
Ada	92-94-2	.660
Bagley.....	55-82-4	.404
Fertile.....	82-57-2	.589
Fosston.....	47-90-4	.348
Mahnomen.....	116-22-3	.833
Red Lake Falls	43-94-2	.319
Warren	79-56-6	.582
Waubun	13-50-0	.206

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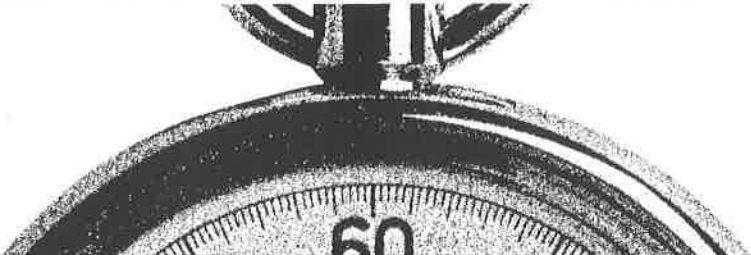
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Football at Minneapolis Central

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About the Author

Richard Robinson, 1954 graduate of Minneapolis Central, 1959 graduate of Augsburg College, began coaching in Minneapolis in 1966 at Minneapolis Vocational, as the J. V. coach went to Minneapolis North in 1969 as a sophomore coach and moved to Central in 1972 as Head coach.

In my nine years at Central we have finished second four times and won the title once. We have a combined record in three years of 47-30. My assistants are coach Chet Janasz, defense coordinator, and coach Jim Wilder, defense backs and running backs.

I am not going to discuss the X's and O's of our program; rather, I would like to share some of the philosophy that has gone into making our program successful.

Football has changed a great deal down through the years, the potential athlete has so many diversions now that it is difficult to impose the rigid discipline that exists in earlier years; but it is this phase (discipline) that we stress the most.

At Central we believe that football is part of our total school program and that discipline begins at 8:00 in the morning. We stress classroom attendance and participation in classroom activities.

We have a particular concern about our 10th graders. They come to Central with ideas about being adults, and that grades are unimportant. Our coaches must constantly be reminding them of the consequences of doing well in school. We have been fortunate in recent years because we are beginning to gain role models from students who are going on to college.

Another problem we face at the sophomore level is that most of the ball players are new to the game of football. We try to teach them fundamentals and make it so they will stay out for the season; this is difficult because whenever there is contact many tend to fold up and disappear. The turnover rate, needless to say, at this level is extremely high. We probably salvage about one-third of the sophomore team each season — that amounts to about twelve people. I might add at this point that we have a relatively high turnover of coaches at this level, because a lot of prospective coaches do not understand the need to go easy with these youngsters in discipline.

As these students move into our varsity program, they are told of their expectations. The most difficult adjustment that most of them have is understanding that they are part of a team and that the team functions as a whole; people are not treated differently. We emphasize being on time for practice, and being on time for class. We point out that teachers and coaches are the same, and as such must be treated with respect. The athletes know that I



Coach Robinson conferring with one of his players on the side line.

am in constant contact with their other teachers; a series of negative reports in a class will result in a disciplinary reaction from me. I try to be very consistent with this because I feel that undisciplined ball players will embarrass themselves and Central High.

These people, once they learn about our style of discipline, are now in position to become students who can start thinking about the possibility of college or trade school.

The grades and attitudes of the athletes are checked on constantly throughout the year.

As seniors, we expect leadership and rely heavily on these people to set the pattern in school and on the field at Central High. If there is a disagreement among students, I expect these athletes to break it up, I expect my senior athletes to get after sophomores and juniors to get to class.

When they have gone through our program at Central, I feel a strong commitment to help them get into the school of their choice.

I have stayed away from X's and O's because I think our program is a great deal more than that. We have been able to win games because I think that fair, humane treatment of our players with strong discipline has enabled us to have a reasonably successful football season.

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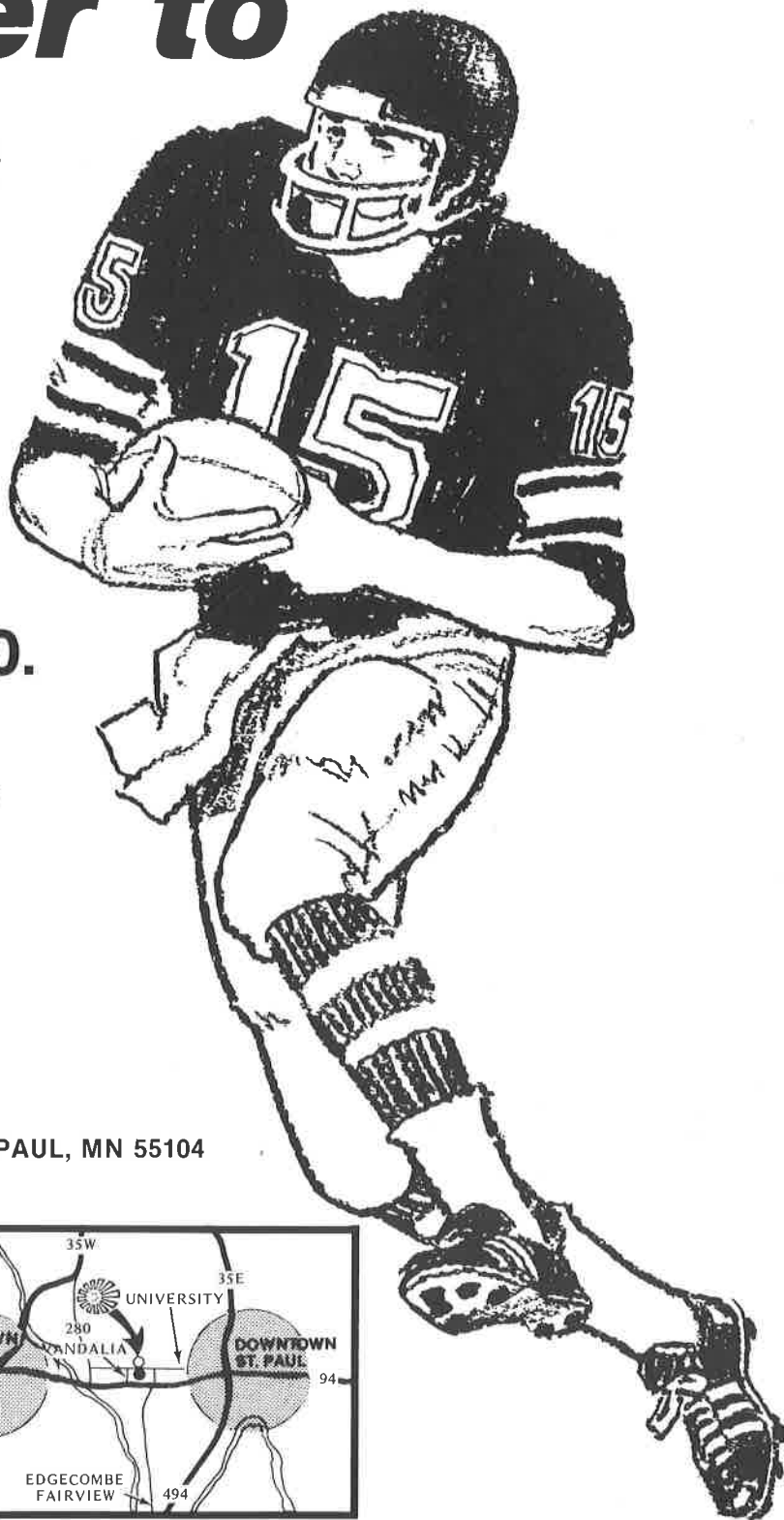
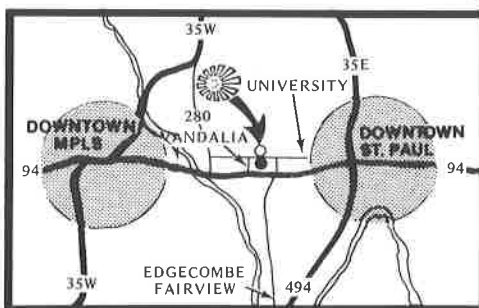
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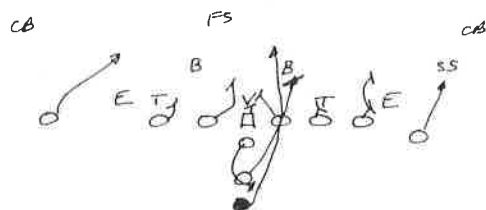
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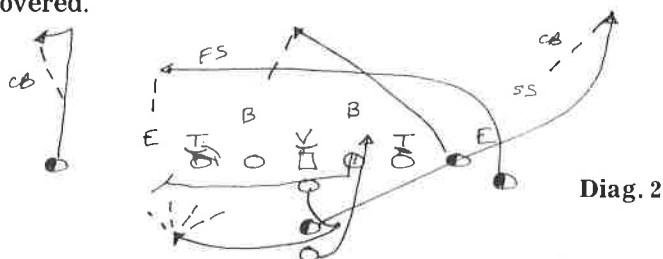
Three years ago we decided to use the playaction pass as our primary passing attack. We also use the sprint out and drop back passing game but these are considered our second and third choices. We went to play action pass because over the years we have been a strong running team. Our tailbacks have rushed for over a thousand yards a season every year but one since 1968. In 1979 we still had a strong running game, with our tailback rushing for 1350 yards and our fullback 1050 but we also passed for 1350 yards and 15 touchdowns.

We use two methods for calling our playaction passes. The first method is to add two zero's to the basic number of any running play. For example in diag. 1, we run a basic inside tailback power or isolation type play. We call this play Pro I 32 blast.



Diag. 1

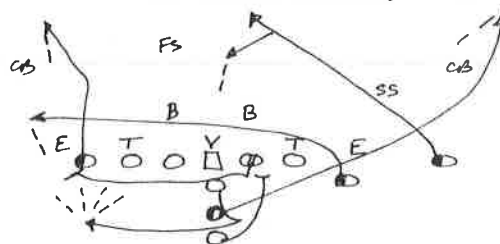
If we want to run the playaction pass off of 32 blast we just call Pro I 3200 (diag. 2). We use set routes for the receivers and pull the right guard to block the end. The QB fakes a 32 blast and boot legs back away from the play fake. He looks first for the split end running a deep side line. The T.E. runs an arrow for the flag and the wing back drags across. We also have a throwback pattern to the F.B. that has been very good to us over the last three years. If the secondary rotates very quickly to the TE and WB the QB will pull up and throwback to the FB who usually is wide open. Our FB scored four long touch downs on this pattern alone this year. We found this pattern very effective on first down or third and short because people were really playing the run. The line uses aggressive pass blocking with the tailback filling through the hole and blocking the linebacker if he blitzes, or helps on noseman or tackle. The right guard pulls and must knock the end down. This gives the QB the option of running if the receivers are covered.



Diag. 2

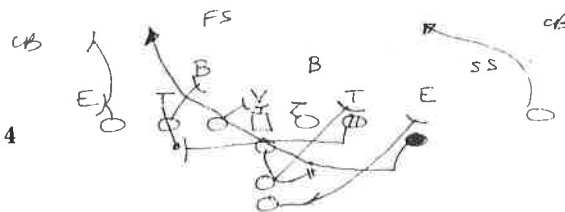
We run basically the same play from Slot I, which we now call 3400. On this play we still have the throwback to the FB, but we find that we can put more pressure on the CB from this formation because of the flag pattern by the TE and the quicker crossing pattern by the WB. The SE can

run either a post or post-corner, depending on the safety. The line blocking remains basically the same as before.



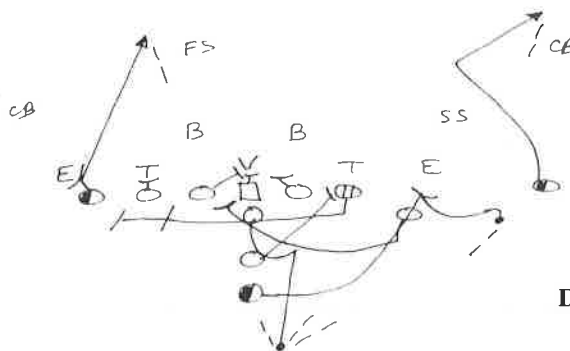
Diag. 3

Because we run our tailback off Tackle so much we have good success with an inside scissors play we call Slot I 21 scissors. (Diag. No. 4). On this play we pull our tackle and trap out. We use a reverse spin by the QB and an inside hand off to the WB. The FB fills for the tackle and the TB goes behind WB and blocks the end. We seal the middle because penetration hurts this play.



Diag. 4

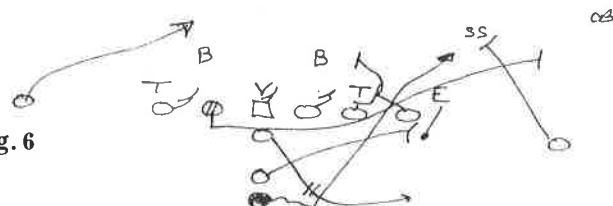
Our play action off 21 scissors is Slot I 2100. (Diag. No. 5). To successfully run 2100, it must first be set up by running 21 to get the CB and safety coming up to stop the WB. The primary receiver is the TE. He must first hit the end so that the secondary reads run. He then releases right down the middle, working to get behind the safety. The QB uses the same action as on 21 and gives a good fake to the WB. In fact we found that if the QB gives a lunging type fake, as if he is really trying to get the ball to the WB it is a more effective fake. After the fake the QB drops straight back and looks for the TE. The SE runs a Z-flag and the TB goes right at the Def. end and blocks him. The TB can become a safety valve or outlet pass depending on rush by end.



Diag. 5

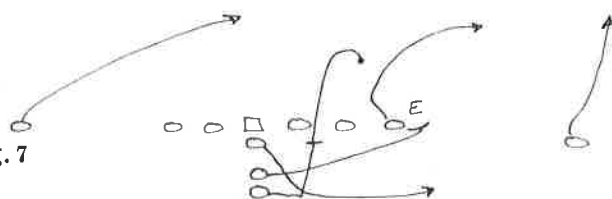
We also run sprint draw, much the same way everyone else does. We call our sprint draw 36 Rip and we run it either from East I (Diag. 6) or Slot I.

Diag. 6



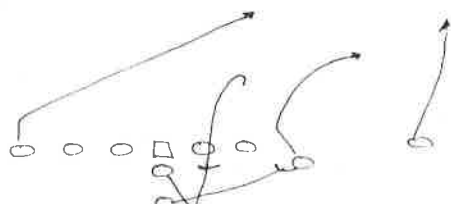
Our play action off of 36 Rip is 3600. (Diag. 7) We fake the TB at the inside linebacker, if the LB blitzes the TB blocks him, otherwise he hooks up. The TE releases inside and then works to a seam behind the SS. We are trying to get a 3 on 1 or at least a 3 on 2 situation. The QB reads the SS, if he hangs on the TE the QB will run. If the SS comes up to contain the QB, he throws to the TE. If the inside LB goes with the TE then the TB should be open on a hook and float. The FB blocks the outside leg of the end, keeping him inside or knocking him down. This gives the QB the chance to get outside and run or pass.

Diag. 7



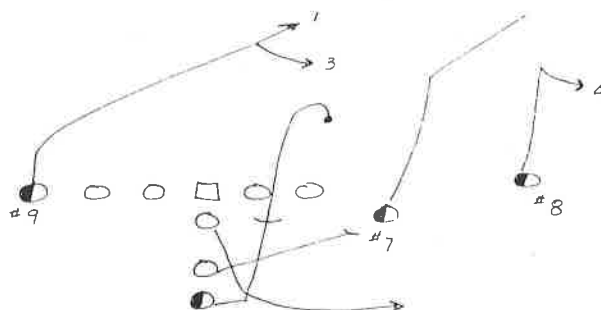
If we run 3600 from Slot I we use the same patterns but now we have different receivers running these routes.

Diag. 8



The second method of calling our playaction passes works very well with our Rip series. We simply say FAKE 36 then call the individual patterns we want. If we want the same Rip fake but want both strong side receivers to flood the outside third we call Fake 366-78/84. (Diag. No. 9) The receivers have a number and each route is numbered on the passing tree. By using the method of adding Fake before the play number the amount of combination patterns we can run are endless.

Diag. 9



In closing I would like to add that all play action passes can be run from a strong left formation. This may be better for most QBs because he would be bootlegging back to his right after the fake.



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Teamwork in Staff Organization

JERRY WOLESKY, HEAD COACH, AUSTIN PACELLI

About the Author

Jerry Wolesky, head football coach at Austin Pacelli High School, has served in that position for seven years after being the assistant for three years.

A native of Owatonna, Wolesky graduated from St. Mary's College at Winona and taught from 1971-79 at Pacelli before joining the Fawver Real Estate Agency at Austin as its office manager. He continues, however, to be Pacelli's head grid mentor.

Wolesky's 1980 Pacelli team captured the Mississippi Valley Conference championship and reached the Minnesota State Class B finals before losing 34-0 to Mahanomen. Pacelli had an overall 11-2 mark last fall and Wolesky's overall won-lost record is 41-26.

In addition to being the head football coach at Pacelli, Wolesky has been head golf coach and has been the assistant in boys and girls basketball.

Many head coaches, experienced or inexperienced, attempt to do everything themselves — and some do it quite well. But this was not my bag, so when I took over at Pacelli I concentrated on getting the highest and best use out of the available resources. This meant that I turned to my two main assets; an ability to organize and an excellent staff. It was there I found the eventual cornerstone to the foundation of a sound, winning football program. In the last seven years our staff organization has been our basis of success and has provided the necessary continuity in our program to make it a continued success.

In our philosophy we stress teamwork. This teamwork applies to the players and also to the coaches. We share in the responsibility of running an efficient, effective, and orderly football program. We share many staff duties, and are specifically assigned to others, with the key ingredients being trust, communication, and rapport. This means I sublet some authority, but the dividends are well worth it!

For handling practice duties, I set up a weekly practice schedule with daily outlines of the duties each coach is expected to carry out. These schedules are arrived at through input at formal and informal staff meetings and a weekly needs assessment as I see it. We operate with five coaches for the four grades (50-75 athletes), and we break down our individual assignments as offensive backfield, defensive backfield, offensive line, defensive line, and freshmen coach. This allows for specialization, but demands cooperation within the staff. A difficult task for me is to be certain I'm doing justice to my specialized area (offensive line), as well as overseeing the entire program.

Due to limitations in numbers, our sophomores suit for varsity games and practice with the varsity the majority of the time. When we need to split our B-squad apart, either for practice or for games, we rotate the responsibility between the four varsity coaches (myself included). This provides the younger players exposure to the expertise of all the coaches, and allows each of the coaches to more realistically evaluate the talent of these players.

Our freshmen play a five or six game schedule, and fill in to help out the B-squad in needed areas. The freshmen



Coach Wolesky during semi-final
playoff game against Olivia.

participate with the varsity in much of the drill work, but they only compete against the sophomores and themselves in contact drills. When we scrimmage on the varsity level, the B-team and freshmen also scrimmage. Our goal is to keep everyone active at practice, players and coaches.

Our philosophy of coaching teamwork gets its best test during games. Under our system an offensive assistant calls the plays and a defensive assistant calls the sets, this frees the other assistant and myself to consider strategy decisions, substitutions, and critical play or set calls. The freshmen coach acts as a trainer and swing man at the varsity games. This keeps all the coaches involved in the decision making process, and decreases the strain on myself. The players call very few of their own plays or sets, since I feel much more comfortable with the decision of an assistant rather than a sixteen or seventeen year old. It is a must though, that I take full responsibility for all

calls and decisions, irregardless of who makes them. I sublet the authority, so the buck stops with me.

In the area of scouting we again put the theory of teamwork to task. We attempt to scout as many opponents as possible, and we set scouting responsibilities at staff meetings. However, we do not normally take a staff member away on a game night to scout an opponent who's playing at the same time. Our feeling is that we need all of our staff present to effectively operate, and we worry more about our own execution than that of an opponent's.

I have referred a couple of times to staff meetings. We usually have one formal (set with advance notice) meeting a month on a Sunday evening. And we probably have three or four informal (spontaneous) meetings a week, either before or after practices, as things come up. We also meet the first part of each halftime before any of us start talking to the players. Listening and communication are two of the most important qualities a head coach has to master.

I ask my assistants to be more involved and to do more work, and this necessitates a certain response on my part. These men make my program go, so sensitivity becomes the key. I show my appreciation for their expertise, their time, and their loyalty by taking them out to eat, by buying their wives flowers, or whatever. I say thanks for all they do, both publicly and privately. I feel that showing appreciation and saying thanks are necessities for maintaining a strong working relationship that will last from year to year.

The response to our type of staff organization has been tremendous. The players, fans, and coaches have adapted to it and like it. Our winning record says a lot, but more important is our personal contact with the student-athletes we coach. We find that under our system the players more readily respond to the coaching of all the coaches, not just one. As a coach, I don't want to lose one player out there, mentally or physically. I feel our staff organization helps achieve that goal.

Coaching Staff Philosophy:

1. Football is an intricate part of the total educational process of the Pacelli student-athlete.
2. Football is a game of fundamentals stressing simplicity and consistency.
3. Football is a game, and will be treated as such.
4. Football is a game of teamwork — by the players and by the coaches.
5. Football is a game of enthusiasm, and enthusiasm is contagious!!!

General Staff Duties:

1. Coach within the framework of the Pacelli teaching philosophy, the athletic department philosophy, and the football program philosophy.
2. Be in attendance at all games, practices, and staff meetings.
3. Help assume the responsibility of running an efficient, effective, and orderly football program at Pacelli.
4. Help out the program in the area of scouting. Scouting responsibilities will be set up at staff meetings.

Specific Coaching Staff Duties:

Head Coach:

1. Coordinate and run the entire football program.
2. Guide and direct all regular season practice and game activities of the varsity and B-team.
3. Set up game plans for the varsity games.
4. Take the responsibility for all offensive and defensive calls in the varsity games.
5. Coordinate the supervision of the B-team, and set these duties with the assistant coaches.
6. Direct all staff meetings.

Offensive Backfield Coach:

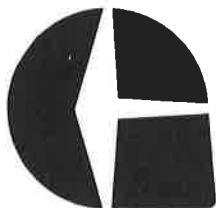
1. Coordinate and coach the offensive backfield play of the varsity and B-team.
2. During varsity games, run and coordinate with the offensive line coach the offensive play of the team.
3. Practice duties will vary depending on the daily needs of the football program. All will be outlined by a daily practice guideline made out by the head coach, with input from the assistant coaches.
4. Share in the responsibility of supervising game and practice activities of the B-team.
5. In the absence of the head coach, game or practice, the offensive backfield coach will be acting head coach.

Offensive Line Coach:

1. Coordinate and coach the offensive line play of the varsity and B-team.
2. During varsity games, run and coordinate with the offensive backfield coach the offensive play of the team.
3. Practice duties will vary depending on the daily needs of the football program. All will be outlined by a daily guideline made out by the head coach, with input from the assistant coaches.
4. Share in the responsibility of supervising game and practice activities of the B-team.

Defensive Backfield Coach:

1. Coordinate and coach the defensive backfield play of the varsity and B-team.



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2. During varsity games, run and coordinate with the defensive line coach the defensive play of the team.

3. Practice duties will vary depending on the daily needs of the football program. All will be outlined by a daily guideline made out by the head coach, with input from the assistant coaches.

4. Share in the responsibility of supervising game and practice activities of the B-team.

Defensive Line Coach:

1. Coordinate and coach the defensive line play of the varsity and B-team.

2. During varsity games, run and coordinate with the defensive backfield coach the defensive play of the team.

3. Practice duties will vary depending on the daily needs of the football program. All will be outlined by a daily guideline made out by the head coach, with input from the assistant coaches.

4. Share in the responsibility of supervising game and practice activities of the B-team.

Freshmen Coach:

1. Guide and direct all game and practice activities of the freshmen team.

2. Set up game plans and take responsibility for all play

calls in the freshmen games.

3. Take the responsibility of a trainer on the field at all varsity games.

4. Practice duties will vary depending on the daily needs of the football program. All will be outlined by a daily guideline made out by the head coach, with input from the assistant coaches.

5. Assist in the responsibility of supervising game and practice activities of the B-team when the freshmen are included.

Assistant Freshmen Coach:

(community college student)

1. Assist the freshmen coach in guiding and directing all game and practice activities of the freshmen team.

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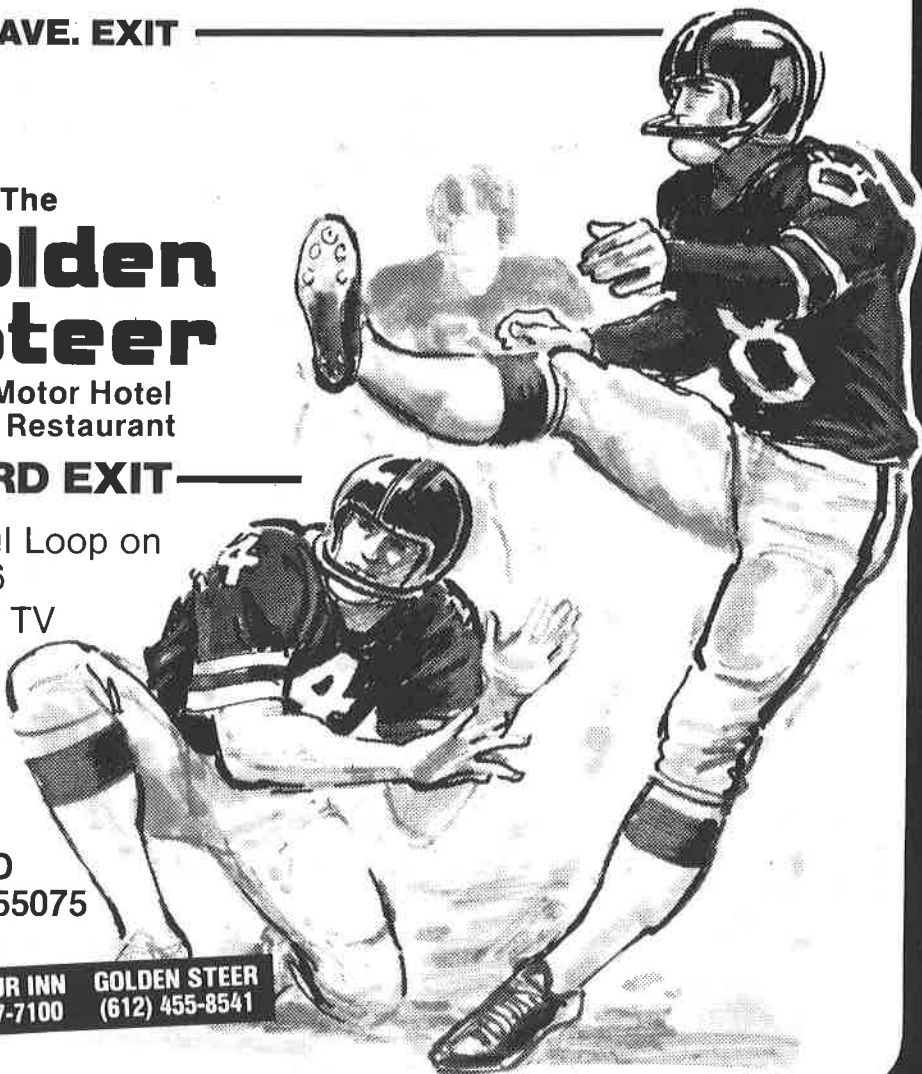
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THE WEST DROP BACK PASS

BY BOB ROY

(Reprinted from the Minnesota Football Journal, 1959).

At West the past three years we have had a nice array of ball handling and running quarterbacks, but have lacked the gifted passer. However in this period of time our passing has proven very invaluable. The drop back pass alone has brought us through some of the real tough ones. A few in particular; the West-Edison game of 1956, saw an 80 yard pass from Phil Gens to Russ Erickson give us the fire up touchdown to give us a tie with the co-champion Edison team. In 1957, a 40 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Ron Findorf to Rolly Ring started us to an upset 26-18 victory over South, the fine Twin City Champions. This past year in picking out a game in particular, I would have to pick a 35 yard Findorff to Art Iverson pass against

Roosevelt with 35 seconds left which put us in the position that led to a safety with 6 seconds left and an 8-6 victory.

In our type of attack the drop back pass is only one type we use. The quick-jump, the half back running pass, the belly pass and roll out passes all have their place.

We use a balanced line with our ends about one yard to ten yards split from the tackles.

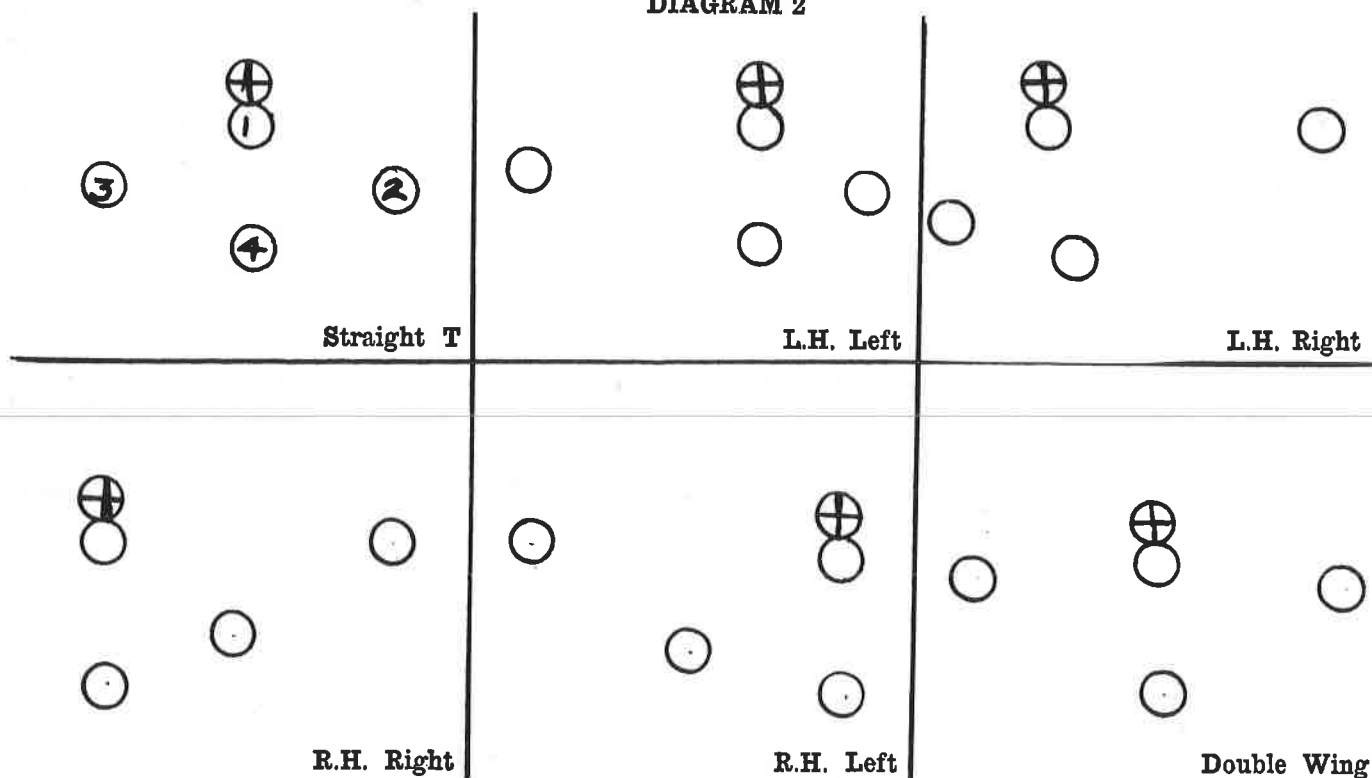
DIAGRAM 1



Our right end we call our even end and call him our 6 man. The left end is our odd and number 7 man.

Our backs line up in the following ways and the distance the flankers go out depends on the call and the defense.

DIAGRAM 2



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West's Rolly Ring nabs pass as Bob Roy's eleven tops Patrick Henry 33-6 in a Minneapolis City Conference game.

In most of our drop back passes we attempt to put quick pressure on the defensive halfbacks. There-

fore we like to throw either off a flanker (Diagram 3) or a man in motion (Diagram 4).

DIAGRAM 3

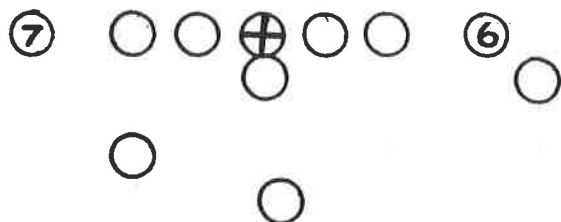
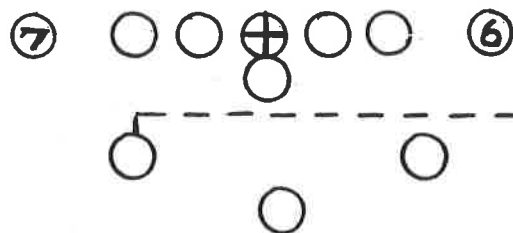


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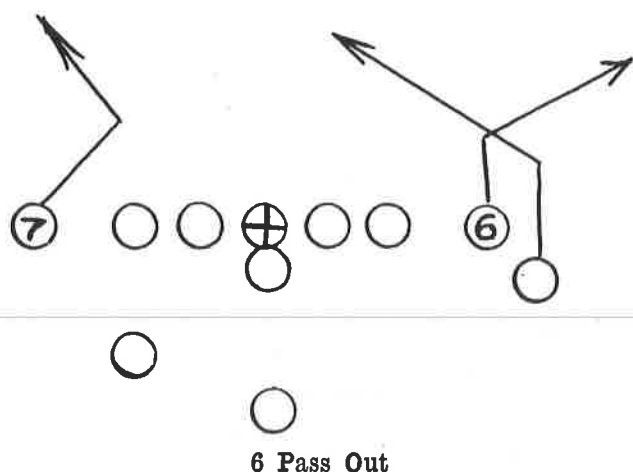
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Head coach at Minneapolis West since 1956, Bob Roy has a well-rounded football background. He graduated from Stillwater high school and North Dakota State College, where he starred on the gridiron. Began coaching in North Dakota high school, later becoming line coach at N. D. State.

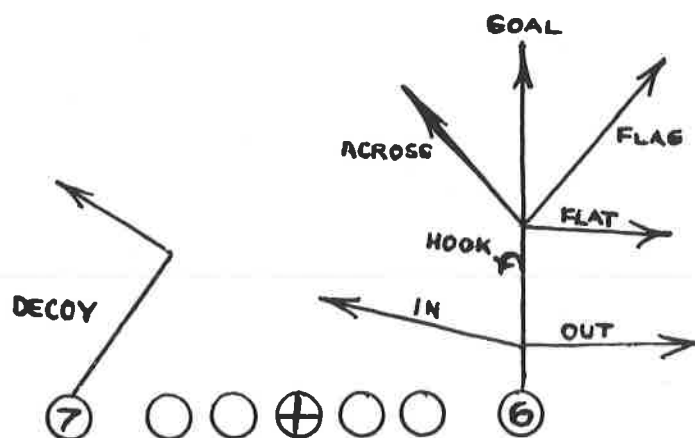
I feel that plays must be easily understood and as simple as possible. Our calls are very easily understood. For example we just call the number of the man and the pattern such as 6 pass out. (Diagram 5). This signifies that the 6 man is running the out pattern with the 7 man and half back acting as decoys. The 7 man runs a specific route unless given another route to go on. The half back runs hard toward the defensive back before cutting away from the pattern. The 6 man lets the half back get in front and as the half back breaks in the 6 man breaks out. The pattern should not be run over 6-7 yards deep before the break. There is a tendency to run too deep which cuts down the effectiveness of the play.

DIAGRAM 5



The patterns run on the 6 pass are the following: flat, in, hook, out, across, and hook and go. We use the terms flag and goal to signify the real long passes. The patterns run on the 7 pass are the same except to the opposite side. An important point to remember is that the half back leads and breaks opposite the pattern. Also the pass can be thrown to any of the receivers.

DIAGRAM 6 (Patterns)

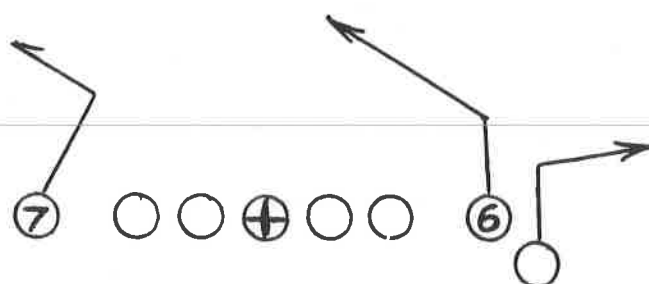


6 Passes

7 Man can be given pattern.

These same patterns may be used with the half backs running the pattern. The only change is that the half back then follows the end who is now a decoy and the call is given in this manner. If a 6 pass out it would be called 6 pass flanker out. This signifies that the flanker is now running the pattern. (Diagram 7).

DIAGRAM 7



6 Pass Flanker Out

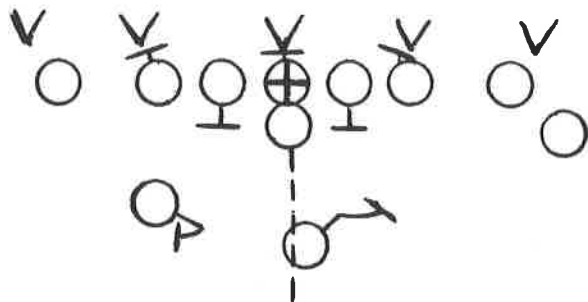
The same patterns may be used off of a wide formation. Example: (6 pass across wide).

The straight drop back sets up excellent trap plays or draw plays. Blocking assignments on the drop back are diagrammed as follows:

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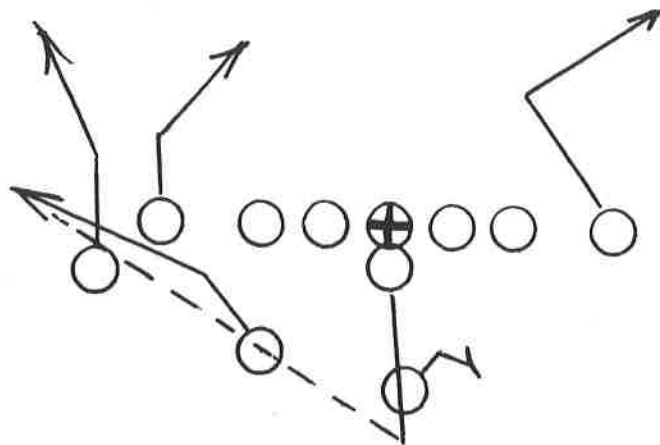
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DIAGRAM 8

If there is not any man over the center he pulls to the opposite side of the play. On an odd defense with no man over the guards, the guard opposite the side of the play pulls to take charging end. If the defense is stunting the interior linemen take the first man into their position out.

Off the same drop back pass the fourth receiver can be quickly tossed out. We call this our **UNLOAD PASS**. It must be thrown quickly to be real effective. Example: Unload Left Pass.



I feel that the drop back pass can be a real weapon, but like all plays the fundamental things such as blocking, the fakes, the execution, the speed and the passing all enter into making the pass successful. All receivers must at all times be alert even if running decoy.

The psychology of when to throw the pass, and what type has to be gone over with the quarterback.

Coaching Points

1. Quarter back must come back fast and get set. Should be taught to fake. We make our pocket at about 7 yards. The faster he is set to throw the better the chances of a successful pass.

2. Ends and half backs must run patterns properly, using the proper fakes and timing. Never give up a try. Get the step ahead on the defense.

3. Backs blocking the ends take them out. If taught to block from an inside angle it will be easy for a small back to take care of a large end.

4. Interior linemen must hold blocks and give quarter back a fair time to throw. We like to time the protection. A lineman must feel that his block is the most important one he has ever thrown. Must learn to come to side of pass in case of interception.

5. Teach receivers how to get out if being help up. The

side step, the pivot out or any other method of breaking clear should be taught.

6. Most of all, work on perfection, all eleven boys must all do their part, each one is equally important and each boy must recognize this.

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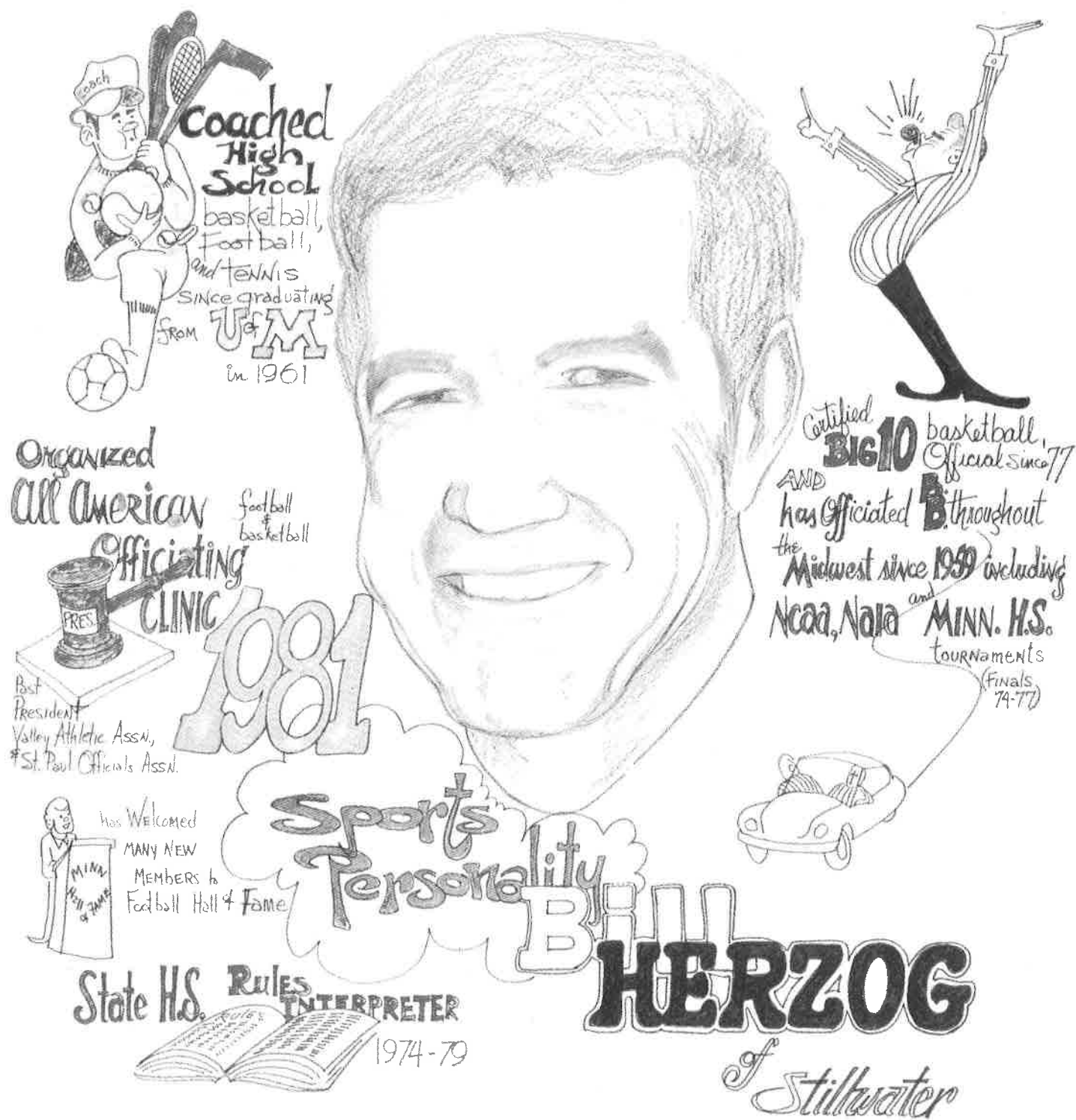
After graduating from Alexandria High School, Bill received his degree in education from the University of Minnesota in 1961. His first teaching and coaching position was at Thief River Falls where he was assistant basketball coach and head coach in tennis and football. Bill left the Prowlers in 1966 for Stillwater. He held an assistant football coaching position with the Ponies until 1972 and has been head tennis coach for twelve years. Bill also was an assistant coach in the Lakewood Community College football program from 1973 through 1977.

Bill Herzog's talents have extended far beyond the coaching realm. He is one of the most active officials in the state, working high school football, high school basketball. In the college game, Bill has worked the Big Ten, the N.A.I.A. district finals eight times and the NCAA Regional College Division Tournament. Bill was also instrumental in starting the All-American Officiating Clinic in 1977.

Even with his coaching and officiating duties, Bill has still found enough time and energy to devote to the Minnesota Football Coaches Association. He has served as "Hall of Fame" committee chairman for many years and has thrilled many inductees with his orations during the annual banquet each spring.

Bill and his wife of 26 years, Carole, have three children. Paul, 24, is a senior at Augsburg College. Kay, 23, is a junior at Augustana and Leah, 19, is a freshman at Augsburg.

The Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association extends a large debt of gratitude to its 1981 Sports Personality. Bill Herzog has truly given much of his time and talents to serve thousands of athletes and coaches, not only in Minnesota but throughout the Upper Midwest.



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Paul Giel
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Joe Markley

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Sid Hartman
Charles "Bud" Wilkinson
Elmer Wigen

1969

C. P. Blakeslee
Dick Bradley
Ray Christenson
Jim Byrne
Lloyd Hollingsworth
Pete Guzy

1970

Ed Wiseth
Adrian Christenson
Jake Christiansen
Walter Hertz
Frank O'Rourke

Les Knuti
Bud Grant
Wendell Vlasin

1971

Manny Marget
Butzie Maetzold
George "Butch" Nash
Harol M. "Snooks" Sullivan

1972

Dick Wildung
Jim Lee
Jerry Krueger
William F. Broekmeier
Fred Vant Hull

1973

Earl Teas
Chuck Elias
Ralph Anderson
Jerry Dahlberg
Bruce Smith
Marv Helling

1974

Odis Lagrand
Jerry Ekstein
Kenneth "Red" Wilson
Edor Nelson
Doc Watson

1975

Art Haas
Les Nell
Bob Collison
Russ Helleckson
Dick Mahar
Bernie Lusk

1976

Kermit Anderson
Will Gullickson
Dwayne Hoberg
Jack Malevich
Jim Pederson
George Roscoe
Murray Warmath

1977

Frank "Butch" Larson
Herschel H. Lysaker
Art Avis
Jim Carrington
Lee Krough
Jim McLaughlin
Leo Sebastian

1978

Chuck Dixon
Chauncey Martin
Ted Meinhover
Roy "Chip" Rasmussen
George Reedy
Marti Rossini
John Vucinocivch

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**IRV NERDAHL**

Irv Nerdahl coached high school athletics at Renville and Robbinsdale from 1940 to 1973. The Windom, Minn. native and Augsburg graduate also headed the Grid Program at Golden Valley Lutheran College for two years. His Robbinsdale football squads won eleven Lake Conference titles and two Mythical State Crowns. The Robins were 174-64-11 during Nerdahls 30 year reign.

**CLAYTON TONNEMAKER**

One of the greatest names in Minnesota football history, Clay Tonnemaker was selected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1980. A graduate of Edison High School in Minneapolis, Tonnemaker lettered four years at the University of Minnesota. As Gopher captain, he also was named All-American in 1949. He was captain of the Green Bay Packers, being named All-Pro in 1950 and 1953.

**GLENN REDMANN**

A native of St. Paul and Harding High School graduate, Glenn has been employed by the sports department of the Dispatch-Pioneer Press since 1960. In addition to covering high school sports for many suburban conferences, Glenn has also officiated prep football, basketball and baseball. He is presently sports makeup editor for the Dispatch-Pioneer Press.





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Class Coaches of the Year



CLASS AA—

Dick Hanson, Burnsville

Head football coach at Burnsville High School since 1969, Dick Hanson has been named the Class AA Coach of the Year in the Minnesota State High School Football Coaches Association after directing the Burnsville Braves to the state title in 1980.

Burnsville, a member of the Lake Conference (South), defeated Cambridge 23-6 for the Class AA championship after earlier turning back Armstrong 9-7 and Rochester Mayo 14-0.

The state title was the second for Hanson, who guided Burnsville to the Minnesota Class A championship in 1972 when his team defeated Rosemount 46-0, Brooklyn Center 28-8 and Blue Earth 21-15 in successive starts.

Hanson is a graduate of Grand Forks (N. D.) Central High School and the University of North Dakota and coached at Grand Forks St. James High School before moving to Burnsville as assistant coach in 1969.

Since taking over the head grid coaching duties at the school, Burnsville has finished first or second in its conference every year but once and Burnsville's state play-off won-lost record is 8-2.

CLASS A—

Les Drechsel, Crookston

Les Drechsel capped his 10th year as head football coach at Crookston Central High School by directing the Pirates to the Class A championship of the Minnesota State High School League and the achievement earned him the title of Class A Coach of the Year in the High School Football Coaches Association in Minnesota.

The Pirates came close to taking the state title a year earlier, losing 14-9 to Rochester Lourdes in the semi-finals, and then bounced back for a perfect 13-0 record in 1980.

Crookston defeated Park Rapids 19-8, Rochester Lourdes 35-12 and Pipestone 32-6 in its three state play-off games.

Drechsel, a graduate of Fergus Falls High School and Bemidji State University, started his coaching career at Parkers Prairie, then coached at Ada for 12 years and has been at Crookston the last 10 seasons.

His teams have been undefeated five times (four times at Ada and once at Crookston) and have taken 10 conference championships.

A member of the Bemidji State Athletic Hall of Fame, Drechsel has been named district Coach of the Year three times and regional Coach of the Year twice. He is a past president of the Minnesota State High School Football Coaches Association.



CLASS B**Ken Baumann, Mahnomen**

Mahnomen High School's football teams could probably have been referred to as "Often a bridesmaid, never a bride" — until last fall, that is.

The Indians had qualified for the Minnesota State High School League's play-offs four times in the first eight years of the post-season playdowns and failed to come up a winner, although the 1979 club went to the finals before losing to Gaylord.

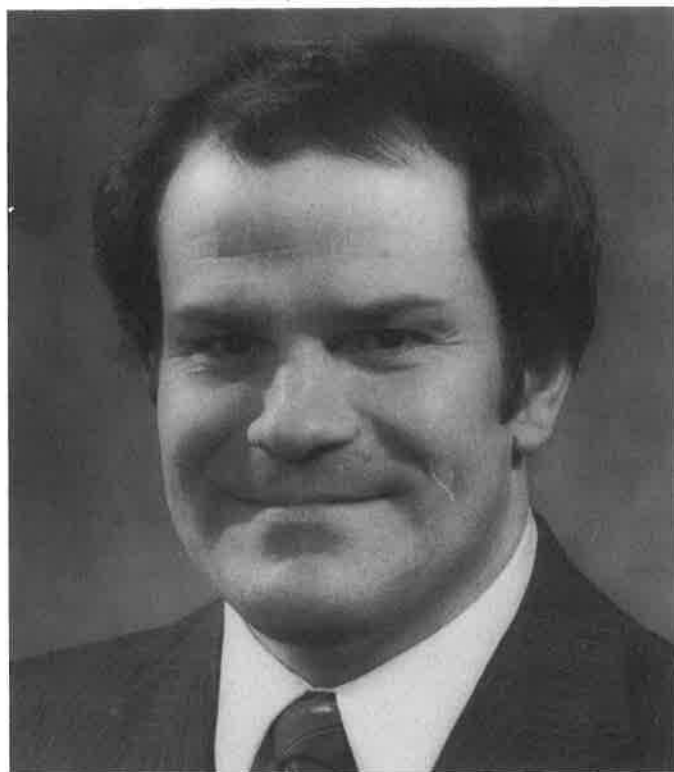
But 1980 was different. Mahnomen won nine straight regular-season games, captured the Pine To Prairie Conference championship and then qualified for the play-offs by defeating Perham of the Heart O'Lakes Conference.

The three-game championship series found Coach Ken Baumann's club defeating Ely 27-20, Holdingfold 23-0 and Austin Pacelli 34-0 to win the state title and Baumann subsequently was voted as the State High School Football Coaches Association Class B Coach of the Year.

Success has been the name of the game for Baumann since joining the Mahnomen staff in 1969. His teams have an overall 100-18-2 record and have won the Pine To Prairie Conference championship 10 times in his 12 years as the head coach.

A graduate of Lamberton High School, he went on to attend Bemidji State University where he was captain of the football team in his senior season.

Baumann, 34, and his wife (Sue) have four children — Jennifer, Gina, Katie and Benjamin.

**CLASS C—****Dennis Aumer, Bird Island-Lake Lillian**

Bird Island-Lake Lillian High School's Panthers captured the Minnesota State High School League's Class C championship for a second straight year in 1980 and Dennis Aumer, head coach of the Panthers, reaped additional personal laurels by being chosen Class C Coach of the Year in the Minnesota State High School Football Coaches Association.

Aumer's last two teams have reeled off 25 successive wins, 13 straight in 1979 and 12 in a row in 1980.

The 33-year-old Aumer graduated from Lakefield High School in 1966, received his bachelor's degree from Moorhead State University in 1970 and served as assistant football coach at Bird Island-Lake Lillian from 1970-78 before becoming head coach in 1979.

In addition to winning the past two state Class C grid titles, Bird-Island-Lake Lillian also has won a pair of 212 Conference crowns and Aumer twice was named 212 Conference Coach of the Year.

His 1980 club rolled to the state championship by defeating Mayer Lutheran 36-6, Sandstone 22-8 and Mountain Lake 20-7 in successive starts.

Aumer and his wife (Kathy) have two children — Sheila and Kyle.





CLASS NINE-MAN

Keith Swanson, Hoffman-Kensington

Hoffman-Kensington High School won the Minnesota State High School League's Class Nine-Man football championship in 1980, the state crown was the second in three years for Head Coach Keith Swanson, and Swanson later was named Class Nine-Man Coach of the Year by the Minnesota State High School Football Coaches Association.

The Coach of the Year designation in nine-man ranks was the first such honor for Swanson, a 1972 graduate of the University of Minnesota.

Swanson began his coaching career at St. Raphael's School in Springfield — where he coached football, basketball and baseball — before joining the Hoffman High School staff in 1974.

His Hoffman team won the 1978 Class Nine-Man title and Hoffman-Kensington (the schools were merged after the 1978-79 season) took the 1980 championship with successive victories over Lake Benton 19-7, Chandler-Lake Wilson 41-24 and Toivola-Meadowlands 18-14.

In addition to being state Coach of the Year in 1980, he was named Coach of the Year by the Minnesota Nine Man Football Coaches Association in both 1978 and 1980 and was picked as Little Eight Conference Coach of the Year in 1978.





Standing By In Sports

by Ralph Anderson

CONFERENCE affiliations throughout Minnesota continue to fluctuate and one of the latest developments finds Fergus Falls High School asking to withdraw from the Northwest Conference following the 1981-82 school year.

A member of the Northwest circuit since 1972, Fergus Falls is the southernmost member of the league and faces huge travel distances en route to face conference rivals Bemidji, Crookston, Thief River Falls and East Grand Forks.

Two of the conference schools — Crookston and East Grand Forks — announced prior to the 1980 football season that they were leaving the conference for football after last fall and that leaves all five schools without a league grid affiliation in 1981. That means that the five, if they hope to qualify for the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) football play-offs, must do so on the basis of comparing their records against other conference champions.

Fergus Falls has reportedly sought admission into the Mid-State Conference and the Central Gopher Conference, although speculation has it that Fergus Falls may some day belong to the Central Lakes Conference, a league consisting of eight Class AA schools — Brainerd, Little Falls, Alexandria, Willmar, Elk River, Cambridge, St. Cloud Tech and St. Cloud Apollo. Elk River and Cambridge have indicated an interest in withdrawing from that league and that would leave the possibility opening of admitting Fergus Falls and Moorhead, a pair of schools without a conference tie-up.

Before joining the Northwest Conference, Fergus Falls had belonged to the Resort Region Conference, which folded in 1968, and before that the Minn-Kota Conference, another league that capitulated.

JUST ONE school — Bird Island-Lake Lillian — was a repeater in the 1980 Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) football play-offs.

Bird Island-Lake Lillian toppled Mountain Lake 20-7 in the Class C championship game after earlier defeating Mayer Lutheran 36-6 and Sandstone 22-8.

Other champions in the ninth annual MSHSL play-offs included Burnsville in Class AA, which downed Cambridge 23-6 in the finals; Crookston in Class A, a 32-6 winner over Pipestone in the title game; Mahanomen in Class B, which blanked Austin Pacelli 34-0 for the championship, and Hoffman-Kensington in Class Nine-Man, which shaded Toivola-Meadowlands 18-14 for the crown.

The sponsoring MSHSL announced that official paid-attendance for the 35 games played in the five

classifications in the playdowns was 60,172, which was down 4,579 from the 1979 total of 64,751.

A breakdown in figures shows that 27,297 attended the quarter-final games, 17,093 were on hand for the semi-final tilts and 15,782 paid to watch the state championship clashes.

The largest crowd to watch a play-off game was the 6,627 who looked on as Burnsville defeated Cambridge for the Class A championship at Parade Stadium in Minneapolis.

Paid attendance by classes was as follows: Class AA — 20,522; Class A — 13,041; Class B — 9,993; Class C — 8,668; Class Nine-Man — 7,928.

MAHTOMEDI High Schools football Zephyrs made Friday, Sept. 26, 1980, a memorable day for George Smith, a veteran of 30 years as the school's head football coach.

The Mahtomedi High School football field was dedicated as George Smith Field that day and the Zephyrs inaugurated the field by posting a 14-0 victory over Centennial. Mike Swanson and Mike McCabe scored touchdowns for Mahtomedi and Gerald Simpson passed to John Mahoney for a two-point after the second Mahtomedi TD.

AUDUBON HIGH SCHOOL will have its fourth head football coach in four years in the fall of 1981 following action of the Audubon School Board placing Ken Helland on unrequested leave due to termination of his position on the faculty.



Larry
Bratsch



Ken
Helland

Helland, a graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, succeeded Larry Bratsch as Audubon's head grid mentor in 1980 after Bratsch resigned following one year on the staff. Veteran Joe Silovich stepped down from the Audubon football coaching position after the 1978 season after guiding the school's football teams for 15 years.

EARL SEATON, who began coaching in his home town of Verndale in 1946 and who has been on the staff at LaCrescent High School since 1966, was named Minnesota

State High School Athletic Director of the Year at the athletic directors' annual conference in Bloomington on April 5.

Seaton served as athletic director and coached football, basketball, baseball and track at Verndale and then became head football coach and athletic director when joining the LaCrescent High School faculty. He gave up his football duties at the school in 1970 because of the expansion of the athletic programs.

ONE OF the best-known high school football coaches in northern Minnesota — Kenneth E. "Red" Wilson — died at Bemidji Hospital on Monday, Oct. 6, at the age of 72. His death followed a long illness.

Wilson, a native of Bemidji, coached football at Bemidji High School from 1939-72 after serving a year at Fosston and three years at Little Falls. His overall won-lost record was 212-83-8 and his Bemidji teams were 201-69-7. Bemidji's 1952 club was named Minnesota state champion.

Nine of his teams were undefeated, including a string of four straight undefeated seasons from 1962-65 when only a 7-7 tie with Detroit Lakes dented the record.

Wilson, a disciple of the double wing formation, was active in various coaching organizations and was a past president of the Minnesota State High School Football Coaches Association.

Services were held from First Presbyterian Church in Bemidji and interment was at Greenwood Cemetery.

THE ANNUAL Hall of Fame Banquet of the Minnesota State High School Football Coaches Association at the Normandy Hotel in Minneapolis on Friday, May 1, was culminated with the announcement that Les Drechsel, head football coach at Crookston High School, had been named Minnesota High School Football Coach of the Year for 1980.

The 48-year-old Drechsel, a former president of the Football Coaches Association, directed his team to a 13-0 record and the Class A championship of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) in 1980 in his 10th year at the school. He coached at Parkers Prairie and Ada before moving to Crookston.

Drechsel's Crookston team also was honored by being declared Northern Minnesota Football Champion of 1980 by Jim Carrington of the Bemidji Pioneer.

Former winners of the honor bestowed by Carrington include the following: 1962 — Bemidji; 1963 — Moorhead; 1964 — St. Cloud Tech; 1965 — Bemidji; 1966 — Moorhead; 1967 — Cloquet; 1968 — Moorhead; 1969 — Moorhead; 1970 — Duluth Morgan Park; 1972 — Moorhead; 1973 — Eveleth; 1974 — Duluth Denfeld; 1975 — Hibbing; 1976 — Cloquet; 1977 — Fergus Falls; 1978 — Hibbing; 1979 — Duluth Denfeld.

ONLY TWO underclassmen — juniors Ron Renner and Tony Kellin, both of Grand Rapids — were named to the 24-member 1980 Minnesota Associated Press Sports Editors high school all-state football team.

Joining Renner and Kellin, both named to the defensive unit, on the all-state team were the following:

OFFENSE: Linemen — Paul Audette, Armstrong; Rock Schindler, Bird Island-Lake Lillian; Jeff O'Brien, Burnsville; Keith Hanson, Mountain Lake, and Greg Lavoy, Mahanomen; Runningbacks — Matt Hoffman, Pine Island; Steve Barber, Armstrong, and Clark Brown, Alexander

Ramsey; Quarterback — Neil Stock, New Ulm; Wide receivers — Trent Johnson, Bloomington Lincoln, and Phil Schroeder, Rochester Mayo; Kicker — Mike Melcher, Kiester.

DEFENSE: Linemen — Kory Nieson, Brooklyn Center; Jim Markert, St. Thomas; James Taray, Toivola-Meadowlands; Paul Holmquist, Crookston, and Renner; Linebackers — Jeff Voight, Park Center; Peter Najarian, Minneapolis Central, and Eric Brust, Montevideo; Backs — Dan Leighton, St. Thomas; Barry Wohler, Bird Island-Lake Lillian, and Kellin; Punter — Kyle Aug, Rochester Mayo.



Tony
Thiel



Ron
Stolski

TONY THIEL, veteran coach of the Battle Lake Battlers, recorded his 100th victory as head football mentor at the school last fall when his team defeated Sebeka 20-14 in a Park Region Conference game.

Thiel has directed Battle Lake to several conference crowns and his teams have twice (1974 and 1977) won the Minnesota State High School League Class C championship.

Thiel, incidentally, was elected second vice president of the Minnesota State High School Football Coaches Association at its annual meeting on May 1.

Other new officers include Jim Roforth of Lake City, president, and Ron Stolski, of Brainerd, first vice president.

The outgoing president is Ron Scott of Coon Rapids.



Ron
Scott



Craig
McComb

ANOTHER long-time state head coach to record his 100th victory at his school was Ken Baumann of Mahanomen.

Baumann's 100th victory as head coach of the Mahanomen Indians came under dramatic circumstances, because Mahanomen's gridders wrapped up that 100th win when they defeated Austin Pacelli 34-0 at Detroit Lakes the night of Friday, Nov. 14, to give the school the State High School League's Class B football crown for 1980.

CRAIG MCCOMB, head football coach at Moorhead High School the past four years, is out of a job due to the Moorhead School District's financial difficulties.

A teacher-coach in the Moorhead system for 12 years, McComb was one of 46 staff members cut from the faculty

in action taken by the Moorhead School Board.

McComb, a graduate of Fargo Central High School, coaches at Cass Lake and Glenwood before joining the Moorhead system in 1969. His teams had a 20-15 won-lost record in four seasons. McComb served as an assistant coach under Jim Gotta before moving up to the head coaching position.

A SURVEY of high school football injuries in Minnesota showed that 51 per cent of the players on 101 teams suffered some sort of injury during the 1977 season.

In addition, the survey also showed that, including multiple injuries to single athletes, there were 79 injuries per 100 players during that same season.

The survey was conducted by Minneapolis Fairview Hospital Institute for Athletic Medicine which opened three years ago.

Susan Gerberich, head of research for the institute, said the majority of the injuries were not serious and, with proper treatment, the significance of injuries was further reduced.

The survey also found that 19 per cent of the athletes suffered head injuries and 16 per cent suffered spinal traumas. "A high percentage of those suffering such injuries, including those who lost consciousness, were returned to play," Gerberich said.

OUTSTANDING RECORDS, particularly during the 1980 season, earned Minnesota high school football coaches the privilege of being chosen to coach in the eighth annual All Star game.

A special committee of the Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association chose two head coaches and six assistants for the Metro and Out-State teams. Meet the coaches, game manager and trainers for the game.

Dick Hanson, 46, is the Metro head coach. He has been head coach at Burnsville High School since 1969, compiling a 90-23-2 record. His 1980 team won the Class AA championship.

Hanson's assistants are Bob Nelson, Warren Olson, and Mal Scanlan. Nelson, 55, has been head football coach at Mounds View for 25 years, compiling a 116-89 record. He was chosen 1980 North Suburban Coach of the Year.

Olson, 45, has compiled a 37-10 record during his five years as Brooklyn Center head coach and last season was chosen Tri-Metro Coach of the Year. He played football at Hamline University and is a member of the school's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Scanlan, 37, has been head coach at St. Paul Johnson for five years and has a record of 35-11. His over-all record is 49-31.



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3rd year as head coach



Coaching Staff (left to right): Kneeling, Jack Osberg, Paul Grauer, Paul Nies and Dave Enge; Standing, Head Coach Al Kloppen, Doug Nelson, Joe Rowan, Ed Saugestad and Don Andrews.

Al Kloppen, Head Coach

Kloppen came to Augsburg in 1976 from Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. He received a B.A. degree from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD and a M.A. degree in physical education from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion. He was named 1977 MIAC "Coach of the Year".

Jack Osberg, Defensive Coordinator

Osberg is in his 11th year with the Auggies. He is a 1962 Augsburg graduate where he twice won All-Conference honors in football and lettered in wrestling. Osberg was head coach at Wayzata High School before coming to Augsburg. He still teaches at Wayzata and in 1979 he was inducted into the Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame.

Paul Grauer, Offensive Coordinator

Grauer begins his second year as assistant coach at Augsburg after serving as head football coach at Concordia/St. Paul where his team compiled a 5-4 record and was co-champion of the Twin River Collegiate Conference. He was also offensive coordinator at Augustana in Sioux Falls. Grauer also coaches track for Augsburg.

Dave Enge, Defensive Secondary Coach

Enge is with the Auggies for a second year. A 1976 graduate of Hamline University, Enge taught at Graceville, MN for three years. He served as defensive coordinator for a year and head football coach for two years. At Graceville, his team compiled an 8-1 record for second place in the Pheasant Conference.

Ed Saugestad, Offensive Line Coach

Saugestad joined the Auggie coaching staff after graduating from Augsburg in 1959 and has held a variety of responsibilities in the football program. He has a M.A. degree from the University of Minnesota. In 1978, Saugestad coached the Augsburg hockey team to its first national championship. Saugestad's hockey teams have four straight MIAC Titles. He was inducted into the Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame in 1978.

Joe Rowan, Defensive Line Coach

Rowan is coaching the defensive tackles for the Auggies this season. A transfer from Inver Hills Community College, Rowan is currently a full-time student at Augsburg. Prior to resuming his career as a student, he coached for many years in the Catholic Junior High School system in St. Paul.

Paul Nies, Defensive Secondary Coach

Nies was a tri-captain on the 1979 Augsburg football and baseball teams. He played defensive back in football and left field in baseball. He will assist Coach Enge with the defensive backs.

Don Andrews, Offensive Line Coach

Andrews has worked with the Burnsville Youth Program in both football and baseball. He will assist Coach Saugestad with the offensive line.

Doug Nelson, Trainer/Acting Athletic Director

Nelson is a 1976 graduate of Augsburg and has worked with the athletic department since that time. He has served as an assistant coach and junior varsity coach for the baseball team since 1976 in addition to his duties as trainer for the Auggies. Nelson is trainer for both the men's and women's programs and serves as the equipment manager for the men's teams. He received a M.A. degree last December from St. Thomas in Athletic Administration.

Hiawatha Valley League

The Hiawatha Valley League, known as the HVL, began in 1942 with five schools: Farmington, Cannon Falls, Lake City, Kenyon, and Zumbrota. The league held that form until 1959 when Kasson-Mantorville joined to make it a six team conference. The following year three new schools were added, Stewartville, Plainview, and St. Charles; and one was lost, Farmington. The three new members all left the Whitewater conference following the 1959-60 school year. The HVL remained constant until 1974 when Wabasha-Kellogg was admitted to the conference. The HVL has been a nine team conference since that time.

During the second half of the 1970's declining enrollment, the energy shortage, and the high cost of transportation all lead to many discussions concerning conference realignment and even in some cases, consolidation. All of the discussions led to dead ends as not everyone was able to

agree on a new format. However, in 1979 St. Charles of the HVL and three schools from other conferences broke away to form a new Whitewater Conference which will begin operations next fall. Following the move of St. Charles, Kenyon gave notice that it too would be leaving in 1981 to join the neighboring Wasioja conference. Thus the 1981-82 school year will see the HVL as a seven team conference made up of Stewartville, Lake City, Cannon Falls, Plainview, Kasson-Mantorville, Wabasha-Kellogg, and Zumbrota.

Due to the change of class size guidelines and the withdrawal of Kenyon and St. Charles, two of the smaller schools, the 1981 HVL will be a class A football conference rather than a class B as it has been in the past.

Ken Belanger
HVL Conference Representative

Montevideo Wins West Central Conference Championship

The Montevideo Mohawks swept the newly reorganized West Central Conference Championship with a 6-0 record in 1980. Montevideo's only two losses this year came against Pipestone, as the Arrows bumped Monte 13-0 early in the year and then again in the semi-finals of the playoffs by a 13-10 margin.

Rick Jaeger, in his 7th year at the Montevideo helm, now has a record of 50-19 as the Mohawks head coach. In that 7 year period, Monte has won 3 West Central Conference Championships.

The rest of the conference showed good balance as many

upsets or near upsets occurred. Glenwood, although finishing last in the conference with a 0-6 record, took the Mohawks into overtime before losing. Long Prairie, with a 1-5 record, also played Monte to the wire before losing.

Sauk Centre and Paynesville tied for second place with 4-2 records, while Morris and Benson tied for the 4th and 5th places with 3-3 records.

Eric Brust, a 6'2, 220 pound linebacker and offensive tackle, was picked as the Outstanding Player in the conference. Eric Setterberg, a 6'0", 200 pound fullback and linebacker, was chosen as the Outstanding Back.

St. Paul Suburban Conference

The St. Paul Suburban Conference has made a considerable contribution to the 1980 National Football League. The following active players started their high school careers in the St. Paul Suburban Conference.

Bob Nelson — LB — Oakland Raiders — Stillwater H.S. — Nebraska.

Jim LeCair — LB — Cincinnati Bengals — So. St. Paul H.S. — N.D.S.U.

Steve Nelson — LB — Boston Patriots — Anoka H.S. — N.D.S.U.

Bill Barnett — LB — Miami Dolphins — Stillwater H.S. — Nebraska

Rick Danmaier — K — Minn. Vikings — White Bear H.S. — Sioux Falls College.

Barry Bennett — DT — New Orleans Saints — No. St. Paul H.S. — Concordia

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WHOOPING IT UP — Paul Collison (No. 25), Bruce Guy (87) and Mike Oppegaard (No. 57) of the Mahanomen Indians raised their arms high in the air to signal that their team was No. 21 after Mahanomen had cruised Austin Pacelli 34-0 to win the Minnesota State High School League's Class B play-off championship at Detroit Lakes.



BIG GAINER — Halfback (Jay Pike (No. 22) of Park Rapids broke loose for a 17-yard gainer as teammate Jeff Quinn (34) put a block on Crookston's Mark Berg (44) during the conference football play-off game between the two schools last fall. Crookston of the Northwest Conference posted a 19-8 victory over Park Rapids of the Mid-State Conference and then added three more victories to finish the season with a perfect 13-0 record and the Minnesota State High School League's Class A championship.

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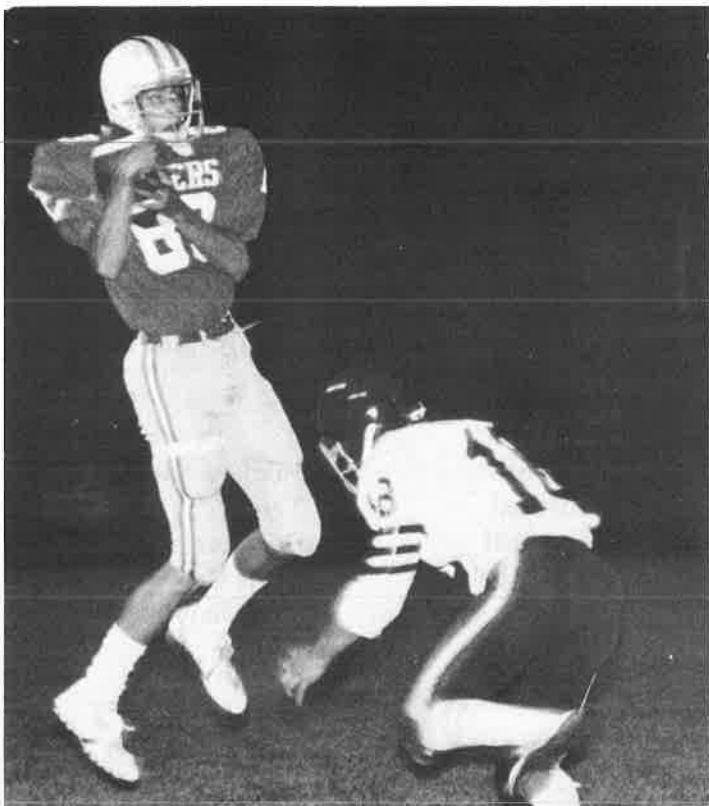
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CELEBRATING — Jeff Devlin, Rusty Fitzgerald and Jeff Ryan were among Bemidji players who celebrated after the Lumberjacks scored a touchdown in their school's 19-12 football victory over Detroit Lakes last Fall.



COMPLETION — Junior wide receiver Todd Jorgenson of Detroit Lakes gathered in a pass from Laker quarterback Dan Douglas and was about to be tackled by a Thief River Falls defender here. Jorgenson snared eight passes for 96 yards and one touchdown in the game, but Thief River Falls handed the Lakers a 32-21 defeat.

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SHIRT-TAIL HOLD — One Twin Valley had hold of the jersey of a Lake Park player and another was about to meet him head-on as this photo was taken during Twin Valley's 22-12 Agassiz Valley Conference-South Division victory over the Parkers. Getting a good look of the action is senior halfback Glenn Noben (No. 35) of Lake Park.



LOOSE FOOTBALL — The football was loose and Ulen-Hitterdal's John Chounard (No. 21) was the player closest to the action during his team's 38-12 Agassiz Valley Conference-South Division victory over the Audubon Zephyrs. Others in the photo include Jack Haldorson (32) of Audubon and Kent Henrikson (12) of Ulen-Hitterdal.



END SWEEP — Quarterback Ken Muckenhirn (No. 15) of the Mahnomen Indians starts out on an end sweep as an unidentified teammate lays a block on Perham's Gregg Western (No. 34) during Mahnomen's 16-7 conference play-off victory over Perham. Other Mahnomen players pictured are Greg LaVoy (No. 73), the all-state tackle for the Indians, and Byron Omenge (No. 77). Muckenhirn, a sophomore quarterback, scored both of his team's touchdowns in the victory.

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SETTING UP A SCORE — Nate Johnson (left) of Crookston hauled in this pass from Brian Bachmeier for a 36-yard gain to set up a 1-yard touchdown plunge by Bachmeier in Crookston's 19-8 conference play-off victory over Park Rapids. Crookston, winner of the Northwest Conference title, toppled Park Rapids of the Mid-State Conference and then won three more games to finish the season 13-0 and take the 1980 Minnesota State High School League Class A championship. The Park Rapids defender leaping after Johnson is Hugh Jindra (No. 87-white).



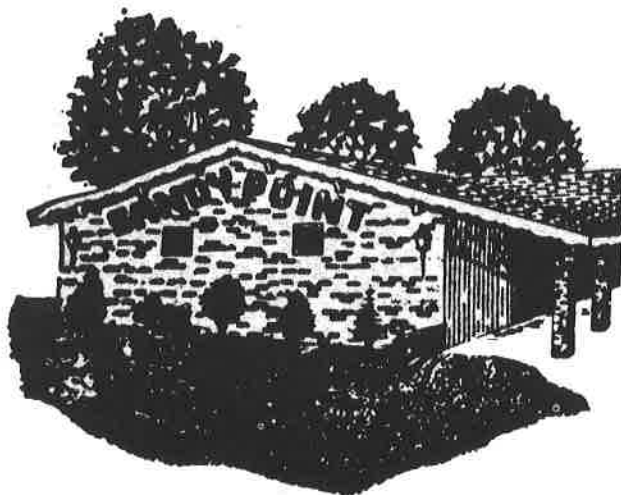
Bart Hansen (No. 47) running for a short gain in Pacelli's 18-16 State Semi-Final playoff win over Olivia.



Mike Kettler, Sauk Centre picked up 10 yards on this play before being tackled by two Melrose Dutchmen players. Kettler was an all-conference tail back.



John Blattner (No. 20) of Albany carries the ball against Hutchinson in the first round of the playoffs. Hutchinson players: Bruce Johnson (No. 33), Gary Potter (No. 84), Jeff Messner (No. 78), Joe Traxler (No. 43), Jon Quade (No. 35), and Scott Bradford (No. 14). Albany players: Byron Cigelske (No. 68), Greg Salk (No. 84), Curt Fischer (No. 33), Greg Zenzen (No. 33), Roger Tamm (No. 54).



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Brad Welle of Sauk Centre picks up yardage in the Melrose game behind the blocking of tackle Dick Foster (No. 78) an all conference center Pat Beste (No. 57).



Marc Illes (No. 10) of Mound moves in for a tackle on Hutchinson's Jim Van Overbeke (No. 21). Mound's Mark Ulner comes up to assist (No. 42).



Esko quarterback Todd Peterson (No. 15) prepares to hand off to fullback Mark Sunnarborg (No. 33) in a key game at the Esko field. Dennis Rengo (No. 20) is trailing for a possible pitch. Sixteen Esko backs ran for 2,320 yards, during the season. Esko won the game 42-0.

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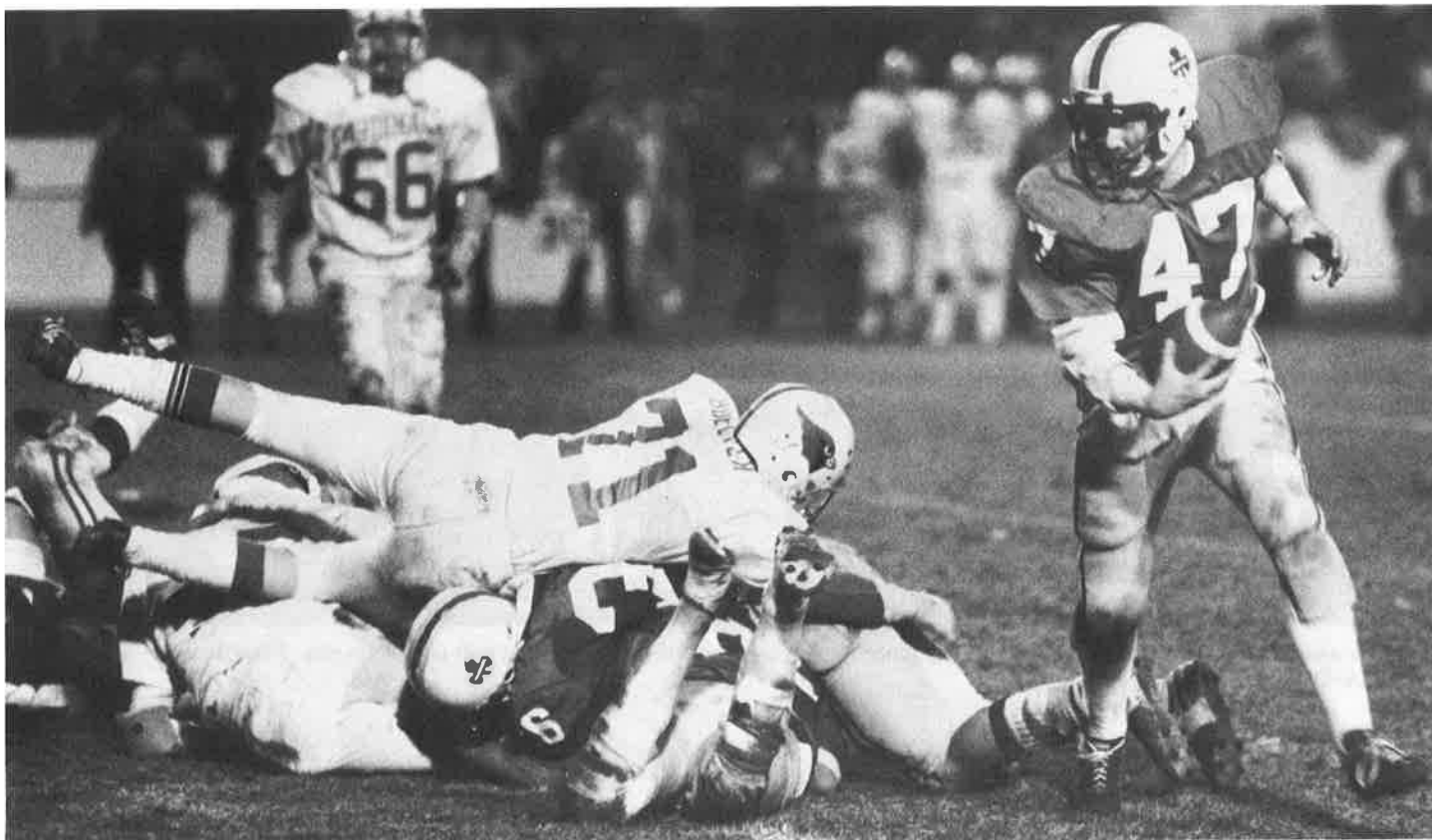
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Bart Hansen (No. 47) turning the corner and following the block of Joe Christopherson (No. 36) in Pacelli's 30-0 win over New Richland-Hartland in the State Class B quarter finals.



Junior fullback Don Kleinschmidt, Sauk Centre, bursts through a big hole off tackle to score in Sauk Centre's 28-7 victory over Wadena.



Belle Plaine's Don Schultz stretches for a pass reception in a game against LeSueur which the Tigers won in overtime 16-13.



Owatonna tailback Tim Warner (24) evades some Austin tacklers and prepares to take on Austin cornerback Doug Nepp. Both players made All Big Nine Conference. Warner led the Big Nine in scoring with 16 touchdowns and rushing with a 7.0 yards per carry average.

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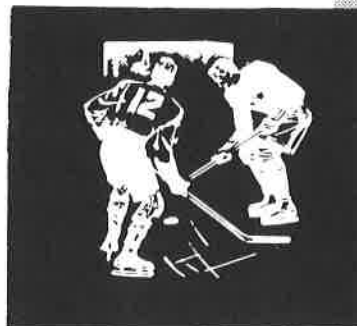


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LEAPER — Quarterback David Meyer (10) of the Audubon Zephyrs went high into the air, but was surrounded by Ulen-Hitterdal players as this photo was taken during Ulen-Hitterdal's 38-12 Agassiz Valley Conference-South Division victory. Among Ulen-Hitterdal players in the photo are Scott Hilde (14), Corey Olson (84) and Jeff Schultz (74).



No. 32 Brent Weiss (Crookston) good gain vs. Grand Forks Central.



Quarterback Andy Ahern, Henry Sibley high school carries against Tartan.



Leo Jansen (No. 40), St. Peter All-Conference selection puts his foot into the ball to help him achieve a fine 39 yard average for the season.



John Peters (No. 24) Sauk Centre a fine split end, returns a punt behind the blocking of Pat Beste (No. 57) an all conference center. Peters returned two punts in this game for 42 and 20 yards.



Don Kleinschmidt boots a 36 yard field goal in the first quarter in Sauk Centre's 3-0 win over Benson, Kleinschmidt kicked field goals of 36, 32, 28 and 33 yards this past year.

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STONE WALL — A Frazee ball carrier was engulfed by Mahnomen defenders during Mahnomen's 7-0 non-conference victory over the Hornets at Frazee in the 1980 season-opening football game for both schools. Among those in the picture are Rusty Quart (No. 22) and Adam Beyer (No. 50), both of Frazee, and Mahnomen's Mike Spaeth (No. 35). The win was the first of 13 during the season for Mahnomen which captured the Minnesota State High School League's Class B championship.

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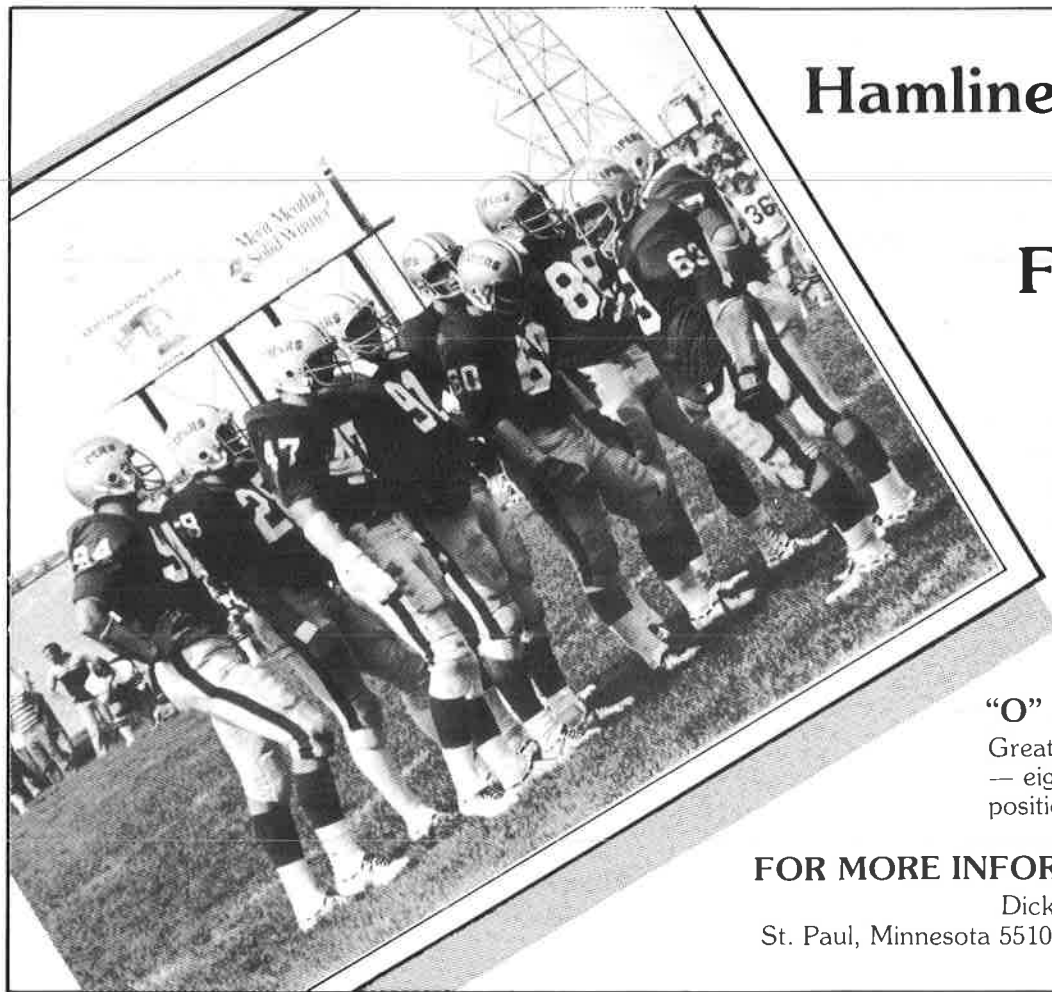
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Defensive coordinator, Doug Anderson, counsels Rosemounts defense during a time out. The Irish responded well during the 1980 season, setting several school defensive records.



COMPLETION — Perham's Mark Flynn (85) grabbed this pass from quarterback Jim Braun during his school's 7-6 Heart O'Lakes Conference victory over the Frazee Hornets. Defending for Frazee at the left is Wayne Bellefeuille. Perham, coached by Bob Wilkoski, tied for the Heart O'Lakes Conference championship and then lost to Mahnommen in a conference play-off game. Mahnommen went on to capture the Minnesota State High School League Class B championship.



Irish running back, Scott Ratzlaff (No. 25) turns the corner during a Missota Conference game last fall. Also pictured is quarterback, Brett Sadek (No. 6). Ratzlaff and Sadek will both return for the defending champion Rosemount team.



Mark Berg, fullback and No. 16 Brian Bachmeier, quarterback of Crookston working the outside belly vs. Grand Forks Central.



Rick Straka, No. 32 of St. Peter, all-conference back runs for a gain as Larry Sawatzky No. 55 of conference champion St. James is in hot pursuit. Quarterback Brad Braun, No. 9 of St. Peter look on.



No. 55 Eric Brust, Montevideo's All State, 6-2, 220 lb. linebacker participating in one of his 378 tackles and assists over the last three years.



No. 11, Andy Ahern follows No. 14 Mark Herzog of Henry Sibley vs. Tartan.



Mike Leach (No. 44) follows fullback Lee Valencour (No. 30) in a game between Henry Sibley and Tartan.



Lee Valencour, No. 30 leads quarterback Andy Ahern of Henry Sibley high school in a game against Tartan.



No. 12 Montevideo's Kelly Anderson picking up a gain vs. Albany in Montevideo's Minnesota State Class A Quarterfinal 32-6 victory.



Henry Sibley quarterback Andy Ahern (No. 11) follows blocking of fullback Kirk Korby (No. 31).



Scott Tessier (No. 36) of White Bear Lake gets a punt off against Henry Sibley.



Joe Christopherson, No. 36 diving for a touchdown following blocks of Tim Ethen, No. 74 and Pat Gavin, No. 55 in Pacelli's 34-8 inter-conference playoff win against Southland. Quarterback Al Heimer, No. 12 cheerleading in the background.



No. 12 Kelly Anderson holding for No. 86 Jim Milbrandt, in a game winning field goal vs. Marshall with 11 seconds left in Montevideo's opening 13-12 win. Milbrandt ended the 1980 season with 20 to 22 extra points and 9 of 17 field goals for 47 points kicking. For his career, Milbrandt had 74 points kicking with 38 of 44 extra points and 12 of 25 field goals.



Henry Sibley quarterback Andy Ahern (No. 11), tackled by Tartan players.



Ball carrier for the Ceylon Huskies (dark jerseys) is senior, Craig Olson (No. 87) on the kickoff return team. Lineman blocking on the return is No. 74 Dean Grabirger and No. 65 Jim Plumhoff. Craig Olson averaged 16.5 yards on a kickoff return for 1980 in the Southern Star Conference.



Rushing for another good gain is senior, All-Conference Back, Scott Janssen of Ceylon who rushed for 733 yards in 121 attempts for a 6.1 yard average in 1980. Janssen was the 5th leading rusher in the Southern Star Conference in 1980. Other offensive members of the Ceylon Huskies pictured is No. 88 Alan Schultze, No. 89 Dan Lemke and No. 45 Scott Thiesse and John Schultz, No. 77.



Happiness is winning as shown by these Red Wing players after a 37-13 Homecoming win over Albert Lea. Showing this joy are Mark Munson (11), Jim Walters (10), Paul Ekblad (33) and Chris Nybo (22).



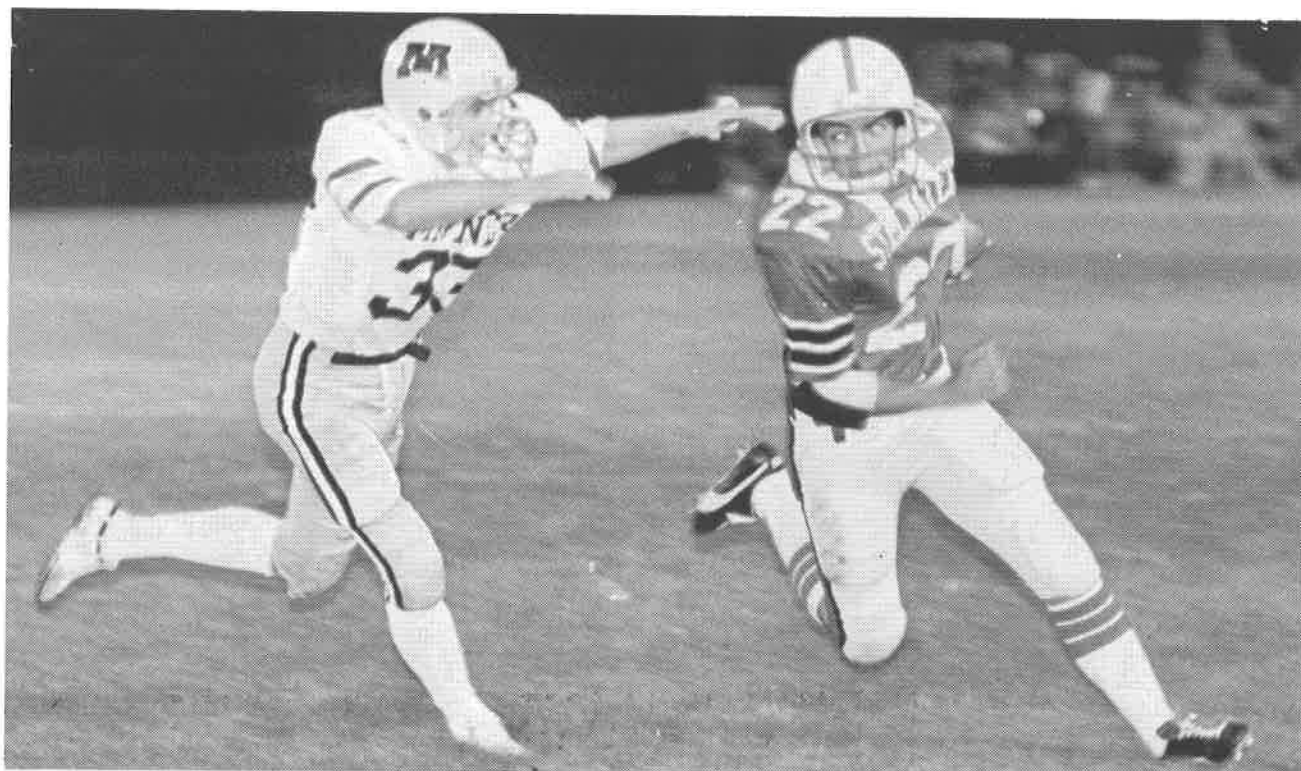
FUMBLE — Hit hard by Audubon's Dave Meyer (10), a Rothsay ball carrier fumbled the football only to have the ball wind up out-of-bounds and still in Rothsay's possession during the Agassiz Valley Conference-South Division game between the two schools. Rothsay posted a 44-17 victory over Audubon and, five days later, blanked Hillcrest Academy of Fergus Falls 42-0 to clinch the conference championship and a berth in the Minnesota State High School League's Class Nine-Man play-offs.



Red Wing's Jay Aamodt cuts behind the lead block of guard Dave Avery during a mud bowl against Mankato West.



Henry Sibley's rugged defense stops Stillwater's Dave Mergens for no gain during St. Paul suburban title game.



Leo Guzman, Stillwater's all-conference back picks up big yardage during a 24-20 victory over White Bear Mariner.



Crookston shows the joy of winning a Class A State Championship.

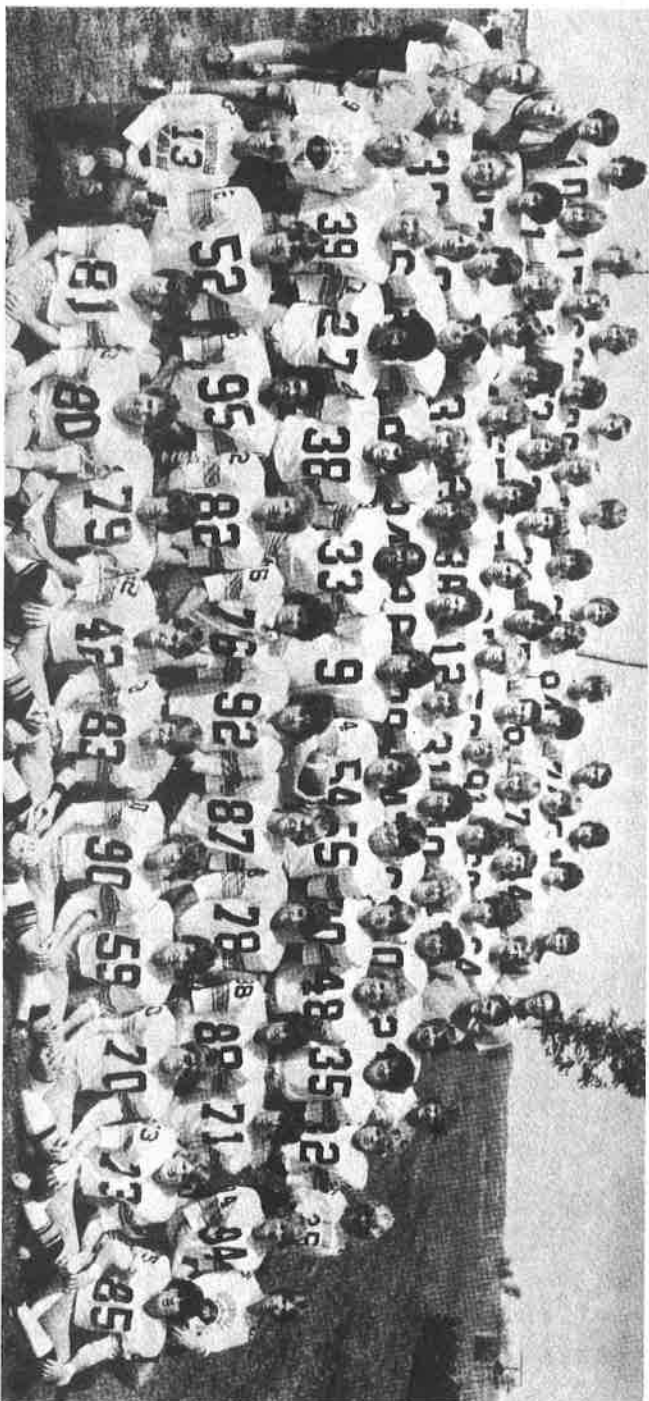


No. 20 Montevideo's Mike O'Malley on his way to one of his 5 TD's and 212 yards rushing in a win over Long Prairie.

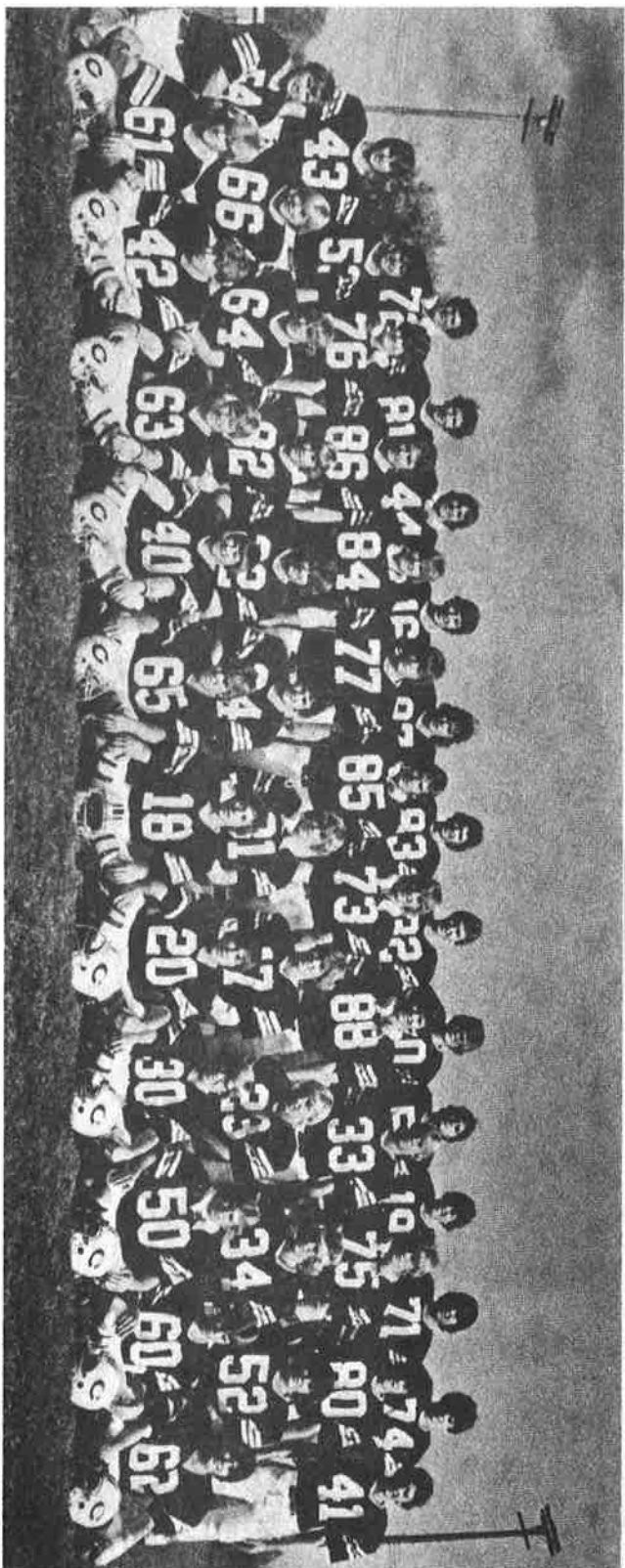


No. 16 Steve Johnson (Crookston) scores one of his 23 TD's vs. St. Peter.

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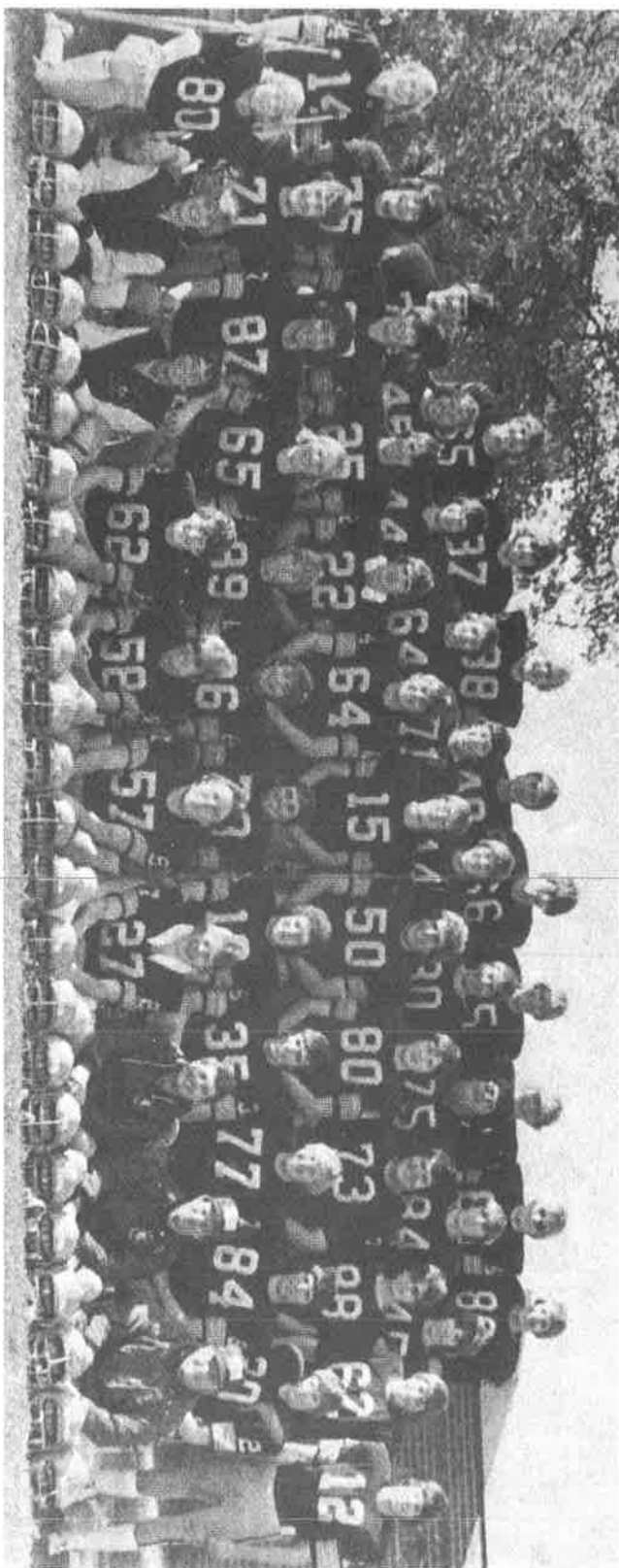


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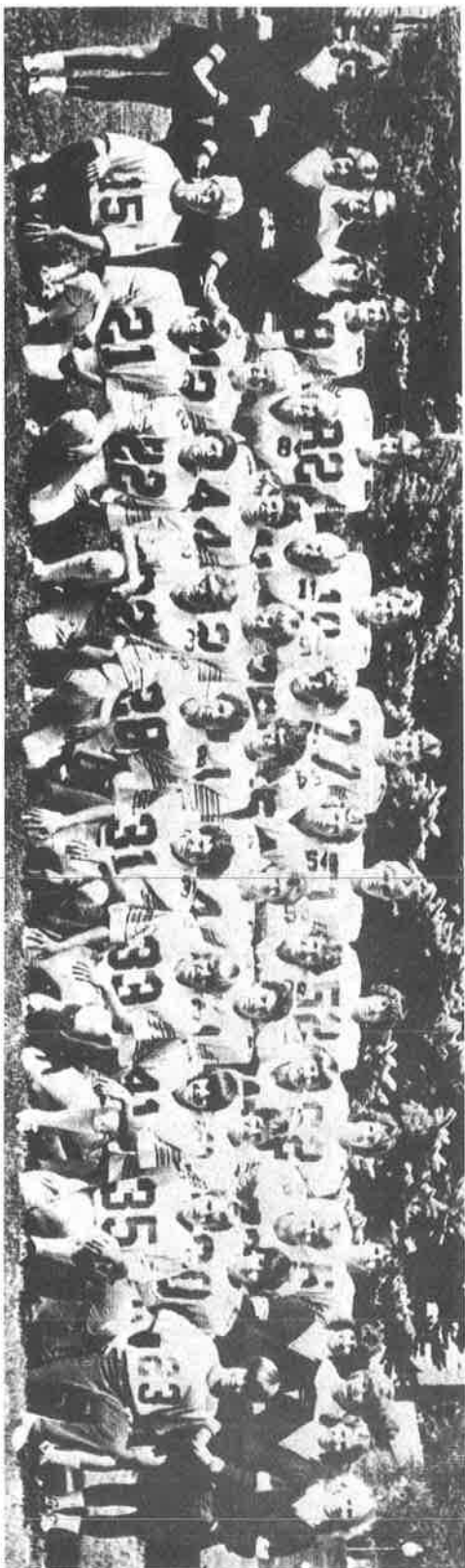


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HOFFMAN-KENSINGTON CLASS "9-MAN"

Class "AA"

Quarterfinals

Rochester Mayo-26, Columbia Heights-13
Burnsville-9, Armstrong-7
Cambridge-7, St. Thomas Academy-0
Grand Rapids-31, Henry Sibley-0

Semifinals

Burnsville-14, Rochester Mayo-0
Cambridge-21, Grand Rapids-0

Finals

Burnsville-23, Cambridge-6

Class "A"

Quarterfinals

Montevideo-35, Albany-6
Pipestone-21, St. James-0
Rochester Lourdes-31, Sauk Rapids-29
Crookston-19, Park Rapids-8

Semifinals

Pipestone-13, Montevideo-10
Crookston-35, Rochester Lourdes-12

Finals

Crookston-32, Pipestone-6

Class "B"

Quarterfinals

Mahnomen-27, Ely-20
Holdingford-14, Breckenridge-6
Olivia-40, Jordan-22
Austin Pacelli-30, New Richland-Hartland-0

Semifinals

Mahnomen-23, Holdingford-0
Austin Pacelli-18, Olivia-16

Finals

Mahnomen-34, Austin Pacelli-0

Class "C"

Quarterfinals

Sandstone-28, Bertha-Hewitt-6
Bird Island-Lake Lillian-36,
Mayer Lutheran-6
Mountain Lake-9, Tyler-0
Harmony-28, Henderson-14

Semifinals

Bird Island-Lake Lillian-22,
Sandstone-8

Mountain Lake-13, Harmony-7 (OT)

Finals

Bird Island-Lake Lillian-20,
Mountain Lake-7

Class "Nine-Man"

Quarterfinals

McIntosh-Winger-20, Mt. St. Benedict-8
Toivola-Meadowlands-50, Rothsay-0
Hoffman-Kensington-19, Lake Benton-7
Chandler-Lake Wilson-34, Russell-8

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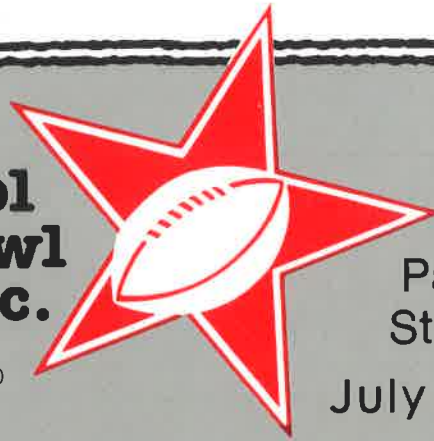
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