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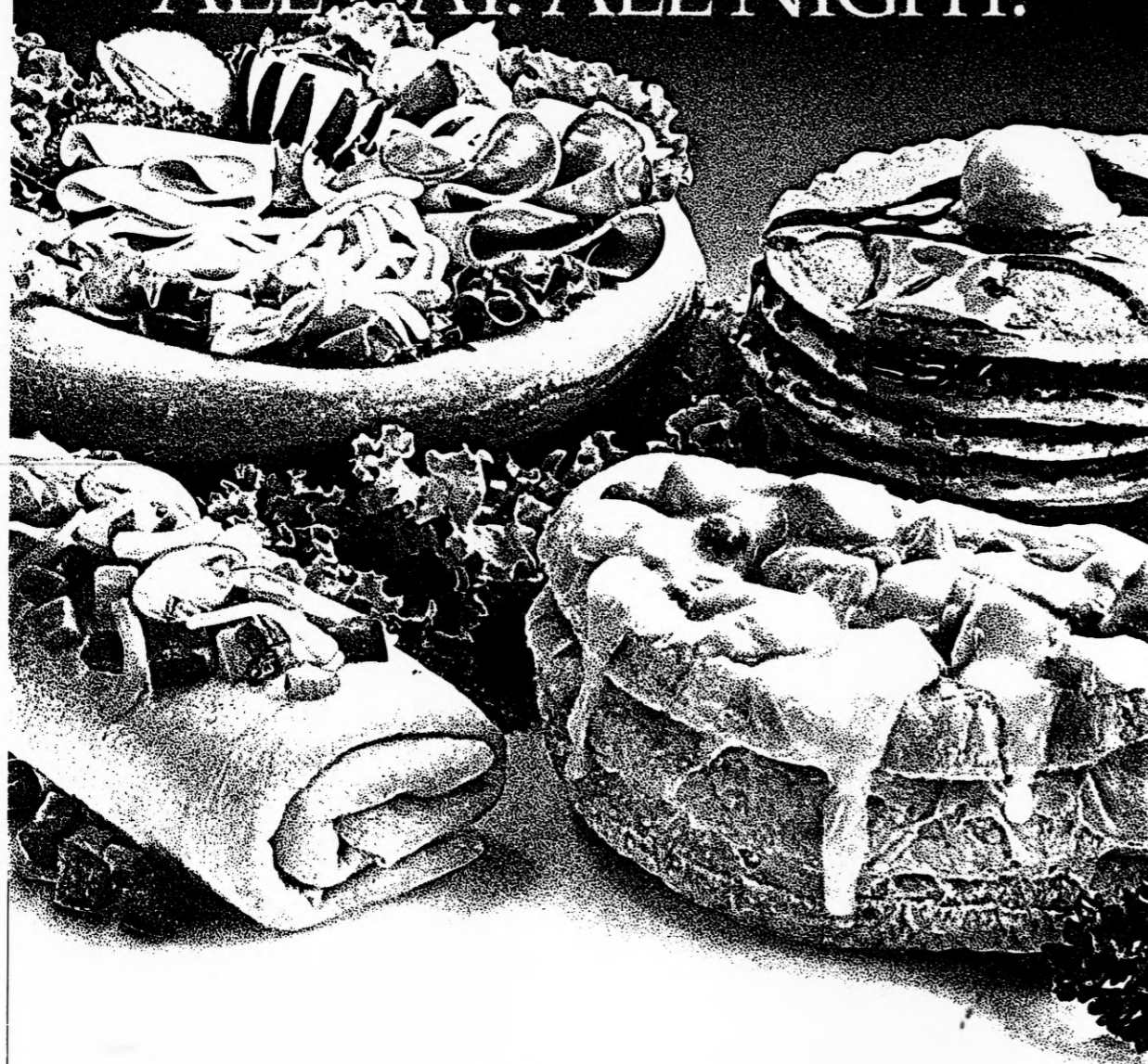
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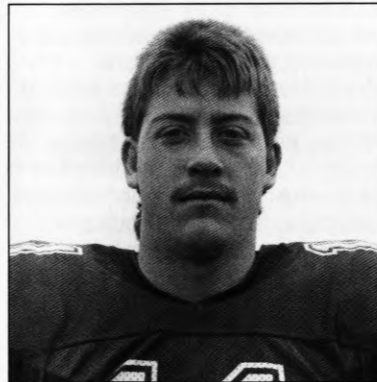
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EDINBORO FOOTBALL 2000

2000 SCHEDULE

September 2	ASHLAND	1:00 p.m.
September 9	at Youngstown State	7:00 p.m.
September 16	MERCYHURST	1:00 p.m.
September 23	at Slippery Rock	2:00 p.m.
September 30	CALIFORNIA(PA) <i>Homecoming</i>	2:00 p.m.
October 7	at Lock Haven	7:00 p.m.
October 14	at Clarion	2:00 p.m.
October 21	INDIANA(PA) <i>Family Legacy Weekend</i>	2:00 p.m.
October 28	at West Chester	1:30 p.m.
November 4	SHIPPENSBURG	1:00 p.m.
November 11	EAST STROUDSBURG	1:00 p.m.

IN MEMORY OF HAL GALUPI



The Edinboro University football family suffered a loss on August 8, 2000 when Hal Galupi passed away. The 32-year-old Galupi was a member of the Fighting Scot football team from 1987-90.

A native of Baden, PA, Galupi led Edinboro in passing his final three seasons, and still ranks among the leading passers ever at Edinboro. He ranks second in career passing yards (5,650), career

attempts (706) and completions (372), and in career touchdown passes (50).

Galupi led the Fighting Scots to the NCAA Division II Playoffs in his final two seasons. Under head coach Tom Hollman, Edinboro went 8-3 in 1989, dropping an exciting 45-32 contest at North Dakota State in the first round of the playoffs. Galupi completed 122 of 224 passes for 1,911 yards with 22 TDs, the second-highest season total, and 14 INTs. He then guided Edinboro into the second round of the Division II playoffs as a senior. The Fighting Scots posted a 9-3 ledger, tying the record for most wins in a season, with Galupi throwing for 2,097 yards, the second-highest season total. He completed 130 of 253 passes with 17 TDs and 20 INTs.

Galupi holds two of the top five single-game passing records, both coming in 1990. He threw for 351 yards, the second-highest total, in a 36-29 loss to Indiana(Pa.). His 299 yards passing against California(Pa.) represents the fifth-highest game total.

While playing with some of the finest players to ever don the red and white, such as Elbert Cole and Ernest Priester, Galupi earned *Football Gazette* honorable mention All-American honors as a junior. In addition, he was accorded second team All-PSAC West honors that same year.

An avid sportsman, Galupi was a 1986 graduate of Ambridge High School. The son of Harold and Joan Galupi, he was part-owner of All-State Development in Munhall, Pa.

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Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference

TODAY'S GAME



EDINBORO FIGHTING SCOTS (0-2)

VS.

MERCYHURST LAKERS (1-1)

Saturday, September 16, 2000

Sox Harrison Stadium ♦ 1:00 p.m.



EDINBORO (0-2)

Sept. 2	ASHLAND	L, 17-24
Sept. 9	at Youngstown State	L, 0-33
Sept. 16	MERCYHURST	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Slippery Rock	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	CALIFORNIA(PA)	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Lock Haven	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Clarion	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	INDIANA(PA)	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	at West Chester	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	SHIPPENSBURG	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	EAST STROUDSBURG	1:00 p.m.

MERCYHURST (1-1)

Sept. 2	WAYNE STATE	W, 37-27
Sept. 9	at Michigan Tech	L, 29-36
Sept. 16	at Edinboro	
Sept. 23	NORTHWOOD	
Sept. 30	at Indianapolis	
Oct. 7	SAGINAW VALLEY ST.	
Oct. 14	at Ferris State	
Oct. 21	GRAND VALLEY ST.	
Oct. 28	at Hillsdale	
Nov. 4	at Findlay	
Nov. 11	ASHLAND	

THE COACHES

Edinboro head coach **Lou Tepper (Rutgers '67)** brings an impressive resume to the position. Renowned as a defensive genius, Tepper has worked on the staffs of some of the top programs in the country, including Virginia Tech, Colorado and LSU. But his greatest notoriety came at Illinois, where he coached from 1989-96. The defensive coordinator and later assistant head coach from 1988-91, Tepper was appointed the Fighting Illini head coach on December 13, 1991, just prior to the team's appearance in the John Hancock Sun Bowl. He would go on to guide the Illini to two more bowl games while posting a 25-33-2 ledger. Along the way, he coached Illinois to some of their greatest victories while assembling a host of outstanding defensive performers. Those included current NFL standouts Simeon Rice, Kevin Hardy, Henry Jones and Joel Steed. With Tepper at the helm, Illinois defeated Ohio State twice in Columbus, and picked up a win and a tie against Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Joe Kimball (Syracuse '75) is in his eighth season at the helm of the Lakers. He shows a record of 36-33-1 at Mercyhurst, with a 73-70-2 record overall. Kimball is in his 16th season as a head coach.

THE EDINBORO-MERCYHURST SERIES

Edinboro leads 2-1

Welcome to week number three of Edinboro Football 2000. The first two weeks didn't exactly go as first-year coach Lou Tepper would have liked, but a victory over local rival Mercyhurst would definitely ease the pain.

If ever there were two teams differing in style, it could be Edinboro and Mercyhurst. The Fighting Scots have struggled to maintain an effective running game, but you can bet Tepper would like nothing better than several time-consuming scoring drives.

Mercyhurst, on the other hand, is the Loyola Marymount of college football. The Lakers threw the ball an amazing 72 times in last week's 36-29 loss at Michigan Tech.

Edinboro and Mercyhurst first met in 1982, playing a two-year home-and-home series. The Fighting Scots swept both contests. The rivalry was renewed last season, with the Lakers picking up their first win in the series. (For more on the Edinboro-Mercyhurst series, see page 48)

BORO BITS

At 0-2, Edinboro is not off to the kind of start Lou Tepper had hoped for. But he also knew he was facing a very demanding schedule, particularly at the beginning of the season. There are few moral victories in football, and in the Fighting Scots' 33-0 loss at Youngstown State, the defense gave up 418 yards, but the defenders actually turned in an inspired effort. Breakdowns on offense and special teams (namely five turnovers and a blocked punt), left the defense with its back to the wall most of the night. But a number of Scots turned in strong showings ... sophomore inside linebacker Foster Johnson led Edinboro with 12 tackles and a pair of sacks. He is tied for the team lead with 16 hits, and returned an interception 69 yards for a touchdown against Ashland ... Sean Keslar, a sophomore outside linebacker, also has 16 stops after recording 11 with a sack at YSU ... Keldrick Walker, though just 5'7" and 182 lbs., had a career-high 11 stops off the bench at inside backer ... Tepper was also pleased with the play of freshman Eugene Grooms. Making his first start at noseguard, Grooms helped clog the middle against the run ... the offense struggled all night, managing just 133 yards in total offense. One bright spot was Bernard Henry, who moved into 15th place in career rushing with 69 yards on 17 carries. The senior tailback now has 1,152 career yards ... Jack Davis is expected to open at quarterback. The

HENRY CLIMBS CAREER RUSHING CHARTS

Though he's played in just 13 games at Edinboro, senior tailback **Bernard Henry (Wadesboro, NC/Vermillion JC)** is already 15th in career rushing with 1,152 yards. His 1,000-yard season in '99 marked the seventh time in the last eight seasons that a Fighting Scot ballcarrier topped the century mark. He gained 69 yards against Youngstown State to move up two spots.

CAREER RUSHING YARDS

11.	Bob Mengerink, 1969-71	1,435
12.	Rich Holmes, 1974-75	1,302
13.	Jim Romaniszyn, 1970-72	1,266
14.	Damon Chambers, 1982-84	1,227
15.	Bernard Henry, 1999-present	1,152

EDINBORO vs. MERCYHURST, STATISTICALLY SPEAKING:

	EUP	OPP	MC	OPP
Yards Rushing per Game:	82.0	199.0	136.5	167.0
Yards Passing per Game:	107.0	163.5	385.5	312.5
Total Offense per Game:	189.0	362.5	522.0	479.5
Points per Game:	8.5	28.5	33.0	31.5

TODAY'S GAME

third-year sophomore has completed 21 of 53 passes for 209 yards with 3 INTs. He turned in a solid effort in the opener, going 14 of 29 but having six balls dropped ... Stephane Lubin pulled in a career-high 6 passes against Ashland, but was held without a reception by the Penguins ... Edinboro's lone offensive touchdown has come via a 23-yard reverse by Pittsburgh transfer Alonzo Roebuck ... Sean McNicholas had the first punt blocked of his career by Youngstown State.

SCOUTING THE LAKERS

Get ready for a long afternoon of football, one filled with pigskins in the air. Mercyhurst's games have been known to run longer than the NFL's Monday Night games, complete with TV timeouts. It has something to do with throwing the ball at an incredible rate. Coach Joe Kimball's team has already thrown the ball 122 times in just two contests, throwing for 771 yards. That's an average of 385.5 yards per game ... overall, the Lakers are averaging 522.0 yards in total offense behind a run and shoot attack directed by Mac McArdle. The sophomore beat out several contestants for the starting signalcaller's job in the preseason. He has completed 59 of 118 passes for 754 yards, with 5 TDs and 6 INTs. He threw four touchdown passes in the opening game win, then completed 36 of 71 passes for 401 yards in last week's final minute loss at Michigan Tech ... McArdle makes liberal use of senior receivers Justin Siemon and Ed Bailey. Siemon leads the Lakers with 20 catches for 278 yards after hauling in 15 passes for 184 yards last week. Bailey, meanwhile, caught 72 balls last year, and has 13 grabs for 228 yards and 2 TDs. He had 6 catches for 137 yards against Wayne State ... running back-turned-receiver Justin Gibson is also a threat. Gibson missed most of the 1999 campaign after suffering both knee and achilles tendon injuries, but is back and now playing a slot position. He has 8 catches for 64 yards ... when Mercyhurst goes to the ground, it's usually with Joe Magorien. The 5'7", 175 lb. senior walked-on at Edinboro for one season before transferring to Mercyhurst. He has 131 yards and 2 TDs on 24 carries ... the Mercyhurst defense has got caught up in the shoot-out games the first two weeks, allowing 479.5 yards per game, but as Edinboro found out last year, it can be a very physical unit. The leading tackler is Scott Platz, a 230 lb. senior linebacker who has 19 tackles, including 5 for losses. Next is Ike Morrison, a sophomore backer, with 18 hits ... the secondary showcases Tom Palmer, a local product from nearby McDowell High School. Palmer has 13 tackles and an interception, and is an accomplished punt returner.

GAME CAPTAINS

Unlike previous seasons where captains were either appointed or selected, the Fighting Scots will have game captains in 2000. Today's captains are:

Special Teams: Chris Wiggins
Offense: Greg Tarbell
Defense: Sean Keslar

WELCOME BACK TOM

Though he now resides on the wrong side of the field, Edinboro University welcomes back Tom Herman, an assistant coach at Mercyhurst. Herman is a graduate of Edinboro and was a member of Edinboro's 1970 PSAC and Lambert Bowl championship team. He later served as an assistant coach at the Boro from 1975-86. Herman was the head coach at Gannon for ten seasons before stepping down following the 1998 season.

LOSING STREAK NOW AT SIX GAMES

Dating back to last season, Edinboro has lost six straight contests.

That represents the longest losing skein since the 1954 team lost six games in a row. Edinboro has not dropped seven straight contests since the 1948-49 seasons.

NEXT WEEK

It's time to start PSAC action, and the Fighting Scots will face one of the best the PSAC has to offer in their first contest. Edinboro plays at Slippery Rock in a 2:00 p.m. kickoff. The Rockets have won the PSAC West crown each of the last three years.

EDINBORO STATISTICS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg.
Bernard Henry	30	106	3.5	0	13
John Williams	19	47	2.5	0	11
EUP Totals	53	164	3.1	1	23
Opp Totals	102	1403	4.0	2	21

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	TD	Int.
Jack Davis	53	21	209	39.6	0	3
Steve Tryon	4	2	5	50.0	0	1
EUP Totals	57	23	214	40.4	0	4
Opp Totals	43	23	327	53.5	5	2

Receiving	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg.
Stephane Lubin	6	60	10.0	0	15
Bernard Henry	5	73	14.6	0	30
John Williams	4	18	4.5	0	7
Chris Buehner	2	19	9.5	0	19
Josh Geis	2	16	8.0	0	13
Alonzo Roebuck	2	8	4.0	0	8
EUP Totals	23	214	9.3	0	30
Opp Totals	23	327	14.2	5	41

Tackles	Solo	Asst.	Total	Sacks	Int.
Foster Johnson	11	5	16	2	1
Sean Keslar	10	6	16	1	0
Keldrick Walker	5	10	15	0	0
Jeff Richardson	6	6	12	1	0
David Hart	5	6	11	0	0
Dave Smith	5	5	10	1	0

MERCYHURST STATISTICS

Rushing	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg.
Joe Magorien	24	131	5.5	2	18
Mac McArdle	30	88	2.9	0	24
Phil Provenzano	10	34	3.4	1	15
MC Totals	72	273	3.8	3	24
Opp Totals	59	334	5.7	4	61

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yards	Pct.	TD	Int.
Mac McArdle	118	59	754	50.0	5	6
MC Totals	122	61	771	50.0	5	6
Opp Totals	93	47	625	50.5	5	4

Receiving	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lg.
Justin Siemon	20	278	13.9	0	36
Ed Bailey	13	228	17.5	2	79
Justin Gibson	8	64	8.0	2	15
Joe Magorien	6	45	7.5	0	16
MC Totals	61	771	12.6	5	79
Opp Totals	47	625	13.3	5	50

Tackles	Solo	Asst.	Total	Sacks	Int.
Scott Platz	10	9	19	1	0
Ike Morrison	12	6	18	1	0
Rob Keefe	11	3	14	0	0
Tom Palmer	8	5	13	0	1

ATHLETIC FUND DRIVE

Dear Friends of the Fighting Scots:

I would like to once again personally thank those of you who supported our Second Annual Athletic Fund Drive this past year. The Athletic Fund grew from over 200 members during our initial drive to close to 300 members in year number two. We hope to achieve similar growth in our Edinboro Family this coming campaign.

Entering my third full year as Athletic Director, I welcome the challenge of leading Edinboro University's athletic program in the new century. We are coming off a very successful 1999-2000 athletic season, but we will always strive to be a pacesetter, and not a follower. With that in mind, we are once again reaching out to the entire Edinboro community to help support our athletic program. We realize that our success lies directly with the continuous support of our campus community, alumni and friends.

A year ago, our Annual Fund emphasized athletic endowments, and towards that goal, we established seven new endowed scholarships. This year, if you desire, you are invited to contribute in the form of Gifts-in-Kind, Securities, Trusts and Bequests.

Once again, with no state appropriations for athletic scholarships, we depend on fund raising events such as the Annual Athletic Fund Drive to supplement our athletic programs. Our summer camp season continues to be the main source of our financial development, but we cannot maintain our level of excellence without your support. Although still funded well below the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) allowable limit, our athletic scholarship program attempts to create the best educational and athletic opportunities for our student-athletes.

At Edinboro University, we are quite proud of our past successes and rich tradition, but we cannot bask upon past accomplishments while our sister-institutions pass us by in the world of athletic fund raising.

Once again, we look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions about our fund drive. I entertain any recommendations or suggestions which would better our University and its athletic department.

Sincerely,

Bruce R Baumgartner

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EDINBORO UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC FUND

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FIGHTING SCOT BOOSTER CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Organized nearly two decades ago, the Fighting Scot Booster Club's primary mission is to provide financial support for the athletic program while promoting community awareness and involvement in the University.

Each spring, members of the Fighting Scot Booster Club will conduct a national and community-wide fund raising campaign to support the cost of athletic operating expenses. While student activity fees cover a portion of operating expenses, private funding is crucial in maintaining the level of excellence the Fighting Scot programs have enjoyed in recent years.

Your membership affords Edinboro University and its athletic program the opportunity to offer a quality athletic and academic experience to its student-athletes. State appropriations are not allotted for scholarships, making the Booster Club and the departmental fund raising efforts the sole means of raising money for the athletic scholarships.

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HEAD COACH

LOU TEPPER



Veteran Division I mentor Lou Tepper was appointed the 12th head football coach at Edinboro University in late December, officially taking charge of the Fighting Scot program on January 5.

Tepper inherits an Edinboro program which has won just eleven games over the last three seasons, including a 3-8 finish this past year. That marked the fewest wins since the 1987 campaign, and the three consecutive losing seasons were the first since 1977-79.

BACKGROUND

Tepper, a native of Keystone, PA, returns to the Division II level after coaching at Division I institutions for almost thirty years. He is renowned as a defensive coaching genius, with a resume that includes three Butkus Award honorees and an Outland Trophy winner. Tepper's list of defensive standouts include Bruce Smith, John Holecek, Simeon Rice, Kevin

"We had an outstanding pool of candidates to choose from, but Lou's integrity, coaching background and national notoriety stood out above the rest. We feel Edinboro provides the opportunity to be one of the top programs in the PSAC, and look at Lou Tepper as the coach to restore our program to that level."

Dr. Frank Pogue Jr.
President, Edinboro
University

Hardy, Henry Jones and Joel Steed, all current NFL standouts. In addition, he has worked with some of the top head coaches in the country, including Bill Dooley at Virginia Tech, Bill McCartney at Colorado,

John Mackovic at Illinois and Gerry DiNardo at LSU.

"Being a native of western Pennsylvania, it will be neat to be a head coach again and to be a head coach in that environment," Tepper related. "I've recruited western Pennsylvania for half of my career. It's a joy to be back home."

Tepper completed his second full season as the defensive coordinator at Louisiana State University last year. He began his tenure with the Tigers on December 15, 1997, helping LSU to a 27-9 Independence Bowl win over Notre Dame. All told, he has served as a defensive coordinator for 18 of his 32 years in the coaching profession.

BIG TEN HEAD COACH

The 54-year-old Tepper was appointed the head coach at the University of Illinois on December 13, 1991, just prior to the team's appearance in the John Hancock Sun Bowl. He replaced Mackovic, who left for the head coaching position at the University of Texas. During his five year stint as the Fighting Illini head coach, Tepper compiled a record of 25-31-2, including two more bowl appearances. He guided Illinois to a pair of wins over Ohio State, including one at Columbus; the school's first victory in Ann Arbor against

Michigan in 27 years; and three consecutive wins over rival Iowa by a combined score of 122-17. Just as impressive, Tepper graduated 91 percent of his seniors.

Tepper joined the Illinois program in 1988, serving as the defensive coordinator for four seasons and assistant head coach for two years. In his nine seasons at Illinois, he helped the program to six bowl invitations, one Big Ten title and top ten rankings in the AP and UPI polls.

He was honored as the Big Ten's top defensive assistant coach in 1990 by *The Sporting News*. His defensive units annually ranked among the best in the country, finishing 10th in 1989, 14th in 1993, ninth in 1994, and 21st in 1995.

Tepper's 1992 Illini squad finished 6-5-1, suffering a 27-17 defeat to Hawaii in the Holiday Bowl. Illinois went in to Columbus and upset Ohio State, 18-16, and posted a 22-22 tie against Michigan in Ann Arbor.

While his '93 edition finished 5-6, that included a 24-21 win in Ann Arbor against the Wolverines. The Illini made it back to post-season play in 1994, handing East Carolina a 30-0 whitewashing in the Liberty Bowl. The '94 squad finished 7-5, again upsetting one of the elite in the Big Ten. And once again it was on the road, as Illinois shocked Ohio State, 24-10, in Columbus behind Butkus Award winner Dana Howard.

LINEBACKERS

While Penn State has gained the reputation as "Linebacker U", Illinois could make a good case for that designation as well during Tepper's tenure. He produced consecutive Butkus Award winners

in Dana Howard (1994) and Kevin Hardy (1995). Along the way, he also produced Big Ten Defensive Players of the Year in Moe Gardner and Darrick Brownlow (1990), Howard (1993 and '94) and Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year Simeon Rice in 1994. For the only time in Big Ten history, Tepper had four first team All-Big Ten linebackers at his disposal. In all, he has coached over 20 professional linebackers, and recently wrote the book, "Complete Linebacking", a 312-page comprehensive book on linebacker play.

Hardy and Rice became the highest defensive draft duo in the history of the NFL draft in 1996 when Hardy went second to Jacksonville and Rice third to Arizona. That stood until this past April when Penn State's Courtney Brown and Lavar Arrington went one-two.

PITTSBURGH

Tepper began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Pittsburgh in 1967, then moved on to the University of New Hampshire from 1968-71, coaching the

PERSONAL DATA

Born: September 7, 1945

Hometown: Keystone, PA

College Education: Rutgers University, B.S. in Physical Education -- 1967

Playing Experience: Rutgers University, defensive back -- 1965-67

Coaching Experience: University of Pittsburgh -- graduate assistant, 1967; University of New Hampshire -- running backs/linebackers, 1968-69; defensive coordinator, 1970-71; College of William & Mary -- defensive coordinator, 1972-75; assistant head coach/defensive coordinator, 1976-77; Virginia Tech University -- linebackers, 1978-82; University of Colorado -- defensive coordinator/inside linebackers, 1983-85; assistant head coach, 1986-87; University of Illinois -- defensive coordinator/inside linebackers, 1988-89; assistant head coach, 1990-91; head coach, 1991-96; Louisiana State University -- defensive coordinator/inside linebackers, 1998-99

Wife: Karen

Children: Matthew (25), Stacy (23)

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running backs and linebackers before becoming the defensive coordinator. His next stop was the College of William & Mary, where he joined former New Hampshire head coach Jim Root as the defensive coordinator from 1972-77. The 1976 William & Mary squad posted the school's best record in thirty years. He was the assistant head coach his final year at William & Mary.

VIRGINIA TECH

In 1978, Virginia Tech head coach Bill Dooley hired Tepper as his linebackers coach. Tepper helped build the Hokies into a consistent bowl contender with a defense that annually ranked among the nation's top ten. He stayed at Virginia Tech from 1978-82, working with Outland Trophy winner and Buffalo Bills great Bruce Smith, among others. The 1980 Hokie edition played in the Peach Bowl.

COLORADO

Tepper joined Bill McCartney's staff at Colorado in 1983, serving as the defensive coordinator and assistant head coach until departing for Illinois in 1988. Tepper helped turn around a Buffaloes defense which ranked No. 100 nationally in yards allowed prior to his arrival, to one which was as high as 11th in Division I in total defense. He earned the title of assistant head coach to McCartney his final two seasons, and helped the Buffaloes to the 1985 Freedom Bowl and the 1986 Blue Bonnet Bowl. Among the assistant coaches at Colorado was Gerry DiNardo, who would later bring Tepper in to direct his LSU defense.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Tepper, born September 7, 1945, graduated from Rutgers University in 1967. He enjoyed a standout career as a defensive back at Rutgers from 1965-67. As a player, Tepper led the Scarlet Knights in interceptions as a junior and tackles as a senior. He won the George Cronin Trophy as the Most Improved Player in 1965.

Tepper is an active member of the American Football Coaches Association and has served on the NCAA Ethics Committee. He is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has spoken for Promise-Keepers, founded by former Colorado coach Bill McCartney. Tepper and his wife, Karen, have two children, Matthew, an assistant on the Edinboro staff, and Stacy.



Lou Tepper on the sidelines as the defensive coordinator at Louisiana State.

LOU TEPPER AT ILLINOIS

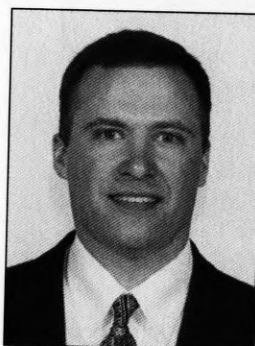
Year	Record	Bowl
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1992	6-5-1	Holiday Bowl
1993	5-6	
1994	7-5	Liberty Bowl
1995	5-5-1	
1996	2-9	
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THE ILLINI YEARS

1992 Record: 6-5-1	1993 Record: 5-6	1994 Record: 7-5	1995 Record: 5-5-1	1996 Record: 2-9
Sept. 5 NO. ILLINOIS W, 30-14	Sept. 11 at Missouri L, 3-31	Sept. 1 at Washington St. L, 9-10	Sept. 2 MICHIGAN L, 14-38	Aug. 31 at Michigan L, 8-20
Sept. 12 MISSOURI W, 24-14	Sept. 18 ARIZONA L, 14-16	Sept. 10 MISSOURI W, 42-0	Sept. 9 at Oregon L, 31-34	Sept. 7 USC L, 3-55
Sept. 19 at Houston L, 13-31	Sept. 25 OREGON L, 7-13	Sept. 17 NO. ILLINOIS W, 34-10	Sept. 16 ARIZONA W, 9-7	Sept. 14 at Arizona L, 0-41
Oct. 3 at Minnesota L, 17-18	Oct. 2 at Purdue W, 28-10	Oct. 1 PURDUE L, 16-22	Sept. 23 EAST CAROLINA W, 7-0	Sept. 21 AKRON W, 38-7
Oct. 10 at Ohio State W, 18-16	Oct. 9 OHIO STATE L, 12-20	Oct. 8 at Ohio State W, 24-10	Oct. 7 at Indiana W, 17-10	Oct. 5 INDIANA W, 46-43
Oct. 17 IOWA L, 17-24	Oct. 16 at Iowa W, 49-3	Oct. 15 IOWA W, 47-7	Oct. 14 MICHIGAN ST. L, 21-27	Oct. 12 at Michigan St. L, 14-42
Oct. 24 NORTHWESTERN L, 26-27	Oct. 23 at Michigan W, 24-21	Oct. 22 MICHIGAN L, 14-19	Oct. 28 NORTHWESTERN L, 14-17	Oct. 26 at Northwestern L, 24-27
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Nov. 14 at Michigan T, 22-22	Nov. 13 at Penn State L, 14-28	Nov. 12 PENN STATE L, 31-35	Nov. 18 MINNESOTA W, 48-14	Nov. 16 at Minnesota L, 21-23
Nov. 21 MICHIGAN ST. W, 14-10	Nov. 20 WISCONSIN L, 10-35	Nov. 19 at Wisconsin L, 13-19	Nov. 25 at Wisconsin T, 3-3	Nov. 23 WISCONSIN L, 15-35
Dec. 30 vs. Hawaii L, 17-27		Dec. 31 vs. East Carolina W, 30-0		

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JEFF VORIS Offensive Coordinator



Jeff Voris joins the Edinboro staff after serving as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at DePauw University the last four years. He will serve as Edinboro's offensive coordinator, in addition to working with the quarterbacks.

In all, the native of Aurora, Ill. spent six seasons working with DePauw, the first two as the offensive line coach. During his tenure in charge of the DePauw offense, the Tigers went 29-11, twice finishing in the top eight in NCAA Division III in turnover-takeaway margin. He coached a two-time all conference quarterback and a second team all-conference signalcaller. In Voris' first season as offensive coordinator, the Tigers ranked eighth in Division III in passing offense and led the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference in passing and scoring offense.

Prior to joining the DePauw staff, Voris was a graduate assistant coach under John Mackovic at Illinois from 1990-92 and Texas from 1992-94. He worked with the Fighting Illini defensive backs and linebackers, and was an aide with the Longhorn wide receivers and offensive line.

A 1989 graduate of DePauw, Voris was a four-year starter at quarterback, setting several records which still stand. Those include career marks for passing yardage (6,035 yards),

touchdown passes (56), pass attempts (910) and completions (504). His career average of 215.5 passing yards per game still ranks among the top 25 in Division III, and his 38 completions in a 1987 win over Findlay is among the most in a Division III contest.

Voris earned a B.A.

PERSONAL DATA

Born: August 27, 1967
Hometown: Aurora, IL
College Education: DePauw University, B.A. in Health, Physical Education and Recreation -- 1989; University of Illinois, M.S. in Athletic Administration -- 1991
Playing Experience: DePauw University, quarterback -- 1985-88
Coaching Experience: University of Illinois -- graduate assistant, 1990-92; University of Texas -- graduate assistant, 1992-94; DePauw University, offensive line -- 1994-95; offensive coordinator/quarterbacks -- 1996-2000
Wife: Julie
Children: Jenna (4), Josie (2)

in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from DePauw, then later picked up his M.S. in Athletic Administration from Illinois in 1991. He and his wife, Julie, reside in Edinboro with their two daughters -- Jenna (4) and Josie (2).

ROD BOYKIN Defensive Coordinator



Rod Boykin assumed the duties of defensive coordinator and secondary coach this past spring after previously serving as an assistant coach at Wittenberg University the last two years.

Boykin played collegiately at the University of Illinois under Lou Tepper.

A four-year letterwinner at Illinois, Boykin was twice named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week as a defensive back, and was named the Fighting Illini Defensive Champion of the Year. He played in a total of 44 games for the Illini, playing in three bowl games. The Dayton, OH native enjoyed his best season as a senior, recording 25 tackles with 2 passes broken up. As a junior, he had 21 stops, along with a fumble recovery in the end zone for a touchdown against Arizona.

Boykin graduated in 1995 with a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology and began his coaching career as a graduate assistant under Tepper that same year. He worked with the Fighting Illini from 1995-97, picking up a Master's Degree in Higher Education and Administration.

Boykin joined the Wittenberg staff in 1997 as the defensive backs coach. He helped the Tigers post back-to-back 11-1 finishes, winning the North Coast Athletic Conference championship both seasons and reaching the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs. Boykin served on the Wittenberg staff for three

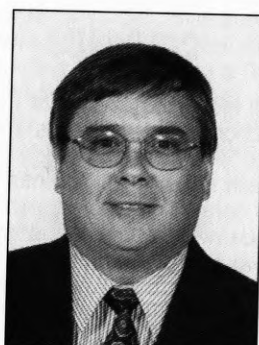
PERSONAL DATA

Born: September 22, 1972
Hometown: Dayton, OH
College Education: University of Illinois, B.S. in Kinesiology -- 1995; M.E. in Higher Education and Administration -- 1996
Playing Experience: University of Illinois, defensive back -- 1990-94
Coaching Experience: University of Illinois -- graduate assistant, 1995-97; Wittenberg University, secondary -- 1997-2000
Children: Rodrick Jr. (5)

seasons. The Tigers went 31-3 during that period, and in 1998 was the number one rated pass defense in the country.

Boykin is single and the father of Rodrick Jr., age 5. He is a former National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award winner at Meadowdale High School in Dayton.

SCOTT BROWNING Recruiting Coordinator/ Offensive Line



Scott Browning holds the longest tenure of anyone on the Edinboro University coaching staff. Now in his 15th season as a Fighting Scot assistant, Browning is working with his third head coach.

After serving as the offensive coordinator the last five seasons, the veteran

aide assumes the recruiting coordinator responsibilities. In addition, he remains in charge of the offensive line for the seventh season. He has also coached the running backs and defensive backs in the past.

In his numerous capacities, Browning has coached several All-Americans, including Steve Russell, Michael Willis, Wade Smith, Georj Lewis, Mike Barnes, Elbert Cole and Jeremy O'Day.

In addition to his extensive tenure at Edinboro, Browning has served as an assistant coach at three NCAA Division I institutions. Prior to joining the Fighting Scot staff in 1986, he coached receivers and running backs

PERSONAL DATA

Born: October 28, 1958
Hometown: Perrysville, OH
College Education: Ohio State University, B.S. in Education -- 1981; New Mexico State University, M.S. in Education Administration -- 1983
Playing Experience: Capital University, running back -- 1977
Coaching Experience: Worthington (OH) High School -- assistant coach, 1979; Dayton-Fairview (OH) High School -- assistant coach, 1980-81; New Mexico State University -- secondary, 1982; Idaho State -- receivers, 1983; Ohio State University -- running backs, 1984-86; Edinboro University -- offensive coordinator, defensive backs, running backs, offensive line, 1986 to present
Wife: Lynn
Children: Andrew (6), Katelyn (2)

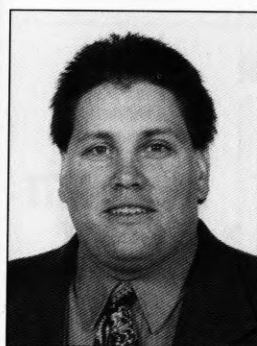
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at Ohio State for three years. The Buckeyes went to the Fiesta Bowl, the Rose Bowl and the Citrus Bowl in his three seasons. Browning served as a graduate assistant coach at New Mexico State in 1982, and the following year instructed the receivers at Idaho State. That outfit reached the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

A 1981 graduate of Ohio State with a Bachelor's Degree in Education, Browning began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Worthington High School and Dayton-Fairview High Schools in Ohio from 1979-81. Before transferring to Ohio State, he attended Capital University where he played football for one season. Browning later earned a Master's Degree in Education Administration from New Mexico State in 1983.

Browning and his wife, Lynn, reside in Edinboro and have two children, Andrew, 6, and Katelyn, 2. His brother, Mitchell, is the offensive coordinator at the University of Minnesota.

WAYNE BRADFORD Defensive Line



Wayne Bradford joined the Edinboro staff a year ago as the defensive coordinator/defensive line coach. He will instruct the defensive line in 2000. Bradford had previously been at Salisbury State since 1990, and was the Sea Gulls' defensive coordinator from 1994-98.

A graduate of Salisbury State, Bradford began his coaching career at his alma mater in 1990, serving as an assistant coach in charge of the linebackers (1990-92) and defensive linemen (1992-94). In 1994, he was promoted to defensive coordinator. His defenses excelled during that period. In 1998, the Sea Gulls paced the Atlantic Central Football Conference in pass defense and quarterback sacks. In 1997, Salisbury State ranked 38th in NCAA Division III in total defense, allowing just 268 yards per game. His 1995 defensive unit produced a first team AFCA All-American at linebacker, and helped the Sea Gulls finish 7-2 with a berth in the ECAC Southwest Championship Game.

Bradford graduated from Salisbury State in 1990 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He completed work on his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Salisbury State in 1992.

In addition to working as a member of the football staff, Bradford was a faculty member in the School of Business. Beginning in 1996, he was the Director of the Business Graduate Programs for the Perdue School of Business.

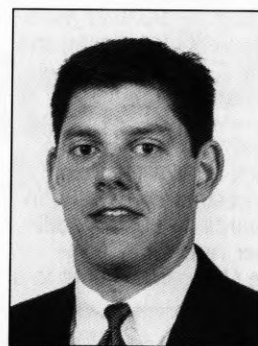
As an undergraduate, Bradford was an offensive lineman. He played on the 1986 Salisbury State team which finished as the NCAA Division III national runner-up.

Bradford and his wife, Gwen, have a two-year-old son, Nicholas, and a daughter, Julia, born this past February 27. They reside in Edinboro.

PERSONAL DATA

Born: April 3, 1968
Hometown: Glen Burnie, MD
College Education: Salisbury State University, B.S. in Business Administration -- 1990; M.S. in Business Administration -- 1992
Playing Experience: Salisbury State University, offensive line -- 1986-89
Coaching Experience: Salisbury State University -- defensive lineman & linebackers, 1990-93; defensive coordinator, 1994-99; Edinboro University -- defensive coordinator, 1999
Wife: Gwen
Children: Nicholas (2), Julia (6 months)

SCOTT WEAVER Running Backs



Like Rod Boykin, Scott Weaver played for Lou Tepper at Illinois. He joins the Edinboro staff as the running backs coach after serving as the quarterbacks coach at Tiffin University the last two years.

A native of Beaver Falls, Pa., Weaver is well-acquainted with western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio football.

A member of the Fighting Illini from 1993-96, Weaver stands as the seventh all-time leading passer at Illinois with 3,212 yards. He held the distinction of becoming the

PERSONAL DATA

Born: October 15, 1973
Hometown: Beaver Falls, PA
College Education: University of Illinois, B.A. in Speech Communications -- 1996; M.B.A. in Business Administration -- 1998
Playing Experience: University of Illinois, quarterback -- 1992-96
Coaching Experience: Tiffin University -- quarterback, 1998-99
Wife: Kim

first redshirt freshman to start at quarterback at Illinois since 1978.

Weaver enjoyed an outstanding high school career at Blackhawk High School. He was recognized as the *USA Today* Pennsylvania Prep Player of the Year, was the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Western Pennsylvania Class AAA Player of the Year, and earned second team all-state honors.

After graduating from Illinois with a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Communications in 1996, he went on to earn his Master's Degree in Business Administration in '98.

Recently married in July, Weaver and his wife, Kim, reside in Edinboro.

JIM HENSON Strong Safeties/ Outside Linebackers



Jim Henson, a highly successful high school coach in Ohio for over twenty years, enters his third season on the Edinboro staff. He will work with the strong safeties and outside linebackers. He previously worked with the running backs in

1999 and was in charge of the defensive linemen in '98.

Henson joined the Edinboro staff after serving as a mathematics teacher, football coach and athletic director at Grand Valley High School in Ohio for 22 years.

At Grand Valley, he led the Mustangs to a 150-68-4 record, with five Grand River Conference championship titles, and three state playoff appearances. In the 1990's, Henson's charges posted three undefeated

PERSONAL DATA

Born: September 11, 1946
Hometown: Orwell, OH
College Education: Hiram College, B.A. in Arts & Mathematics -- 1968; Youngstown State University, M.S. in Mathematics Education -- 1972
Playing Experience: Hiram College, defensive back -- 1964-67
Coaching Experience: Cardinal Middlefield (OH) High School -- assistant coach, 1968-75; Grand Valley (OH) High School -- head coach, 1976-97; Edinboro University -- defensive line, 1998; running backs, 1999
Wife: Evelyn
Children: Jim (31), Jennifer (21)

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campaigns and a 23-game regular season winning streak. Henson was named the Conference Coach of the Year eight times and County Coach of the Year three times, culminated by his selection as the Ohio Division V Coach of the Year in 1997 and the Division IV Coach of the Year in '92. Prior to beginning his stellar career at Grand Valley, Henson debuted as an assistant coach at Cardinal Middlefield (OH) High School, where he served for eight years.

Henson graduated from Hiram College in 1968 with a Bachelor's Degree in Arts and Mathematics, then later completed work on his Master's Degree in Mathematics Education from Youngstown State University in 1972. He and his wife, Evelyn, reside in Orwell, Ohio. They are the parents of a son, Jim, and daughter, Jennifer.

BRAD DEMMERLE Wide Receivers



Brad Demmerle is in his first season as a member of the Edinboro University football staff. A volunteer assistant, he will work with the wide receivers.

A 1995 graduate of Ohio State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing/

Transportation & Logistics, Demmerle has served as the linebackers coach at Westlake High School from 1995-99.

Demmerle is a native of Brook Park, OH, and was a two-year letterwinner at famed St. Ignatius High School. A linebacker, he was a member of the 1988 and '89 teams.

which captured the Ohio Division state championship, with the '89 team being recognized as the *USA Today* National Champion.

Demmerle is single and resides in Erie.

PERSONAL DATA

Born: October 22, 1971
Hometown: Brook Park, OH
College Education: Ohio State University, B.A. in Marketing/Transportation & Logistics -- 1995
Playing Experience: St. Ignatius High School, linebacker -- 1987-89
Coaching Experience: Westlake (OH) High School -- linebackers, 1995-99

MATT TEPPER Punters/Placekickers



Matt Tepper is in his first season as a member of the Edinboro University coaching staff. The son of head coach Lou Tepper, he is currently working on his Master's Degree in Secondary School Guidance Counseling at

Edinboro while serving as a volunteer assistant. His football duties entail coaching the punters and placekickers.

Tepper played collegiately at Taylor University, where he served as the starting punter in 1995, '96 and '97. He was also the backup quarterback in '97. He holds the Taylor record for most yards punting in a season with 2,213 yards in '96. In addition, he set three other records in '96 -- most punts in a game (13), most punts in a

season (73), and most yards in a game (380).

He began his coaching career in 1998, serving as a student coach at Taylor, instructing the defensive

backs. He completed work on his Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management in 1999.

A native of Champaign, IL, Tepper is single and resides in Edinboro.

PERSONAL DATA

Born: April 7, 1975
Hometown: Champaign, IL
College Education: Taylor University, B.A. in Sports Management -- 1999
Playing Experience: Taylor University, punter/quarterback -- 1994-97
Coaching Experience: Taylor University -- defensive backs, 1998

JON MURPHY Student Assistant



BRUCE WITT Student Assistant

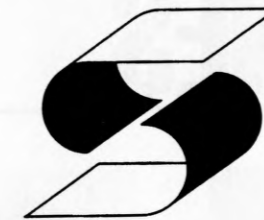


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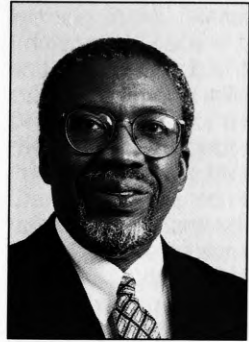
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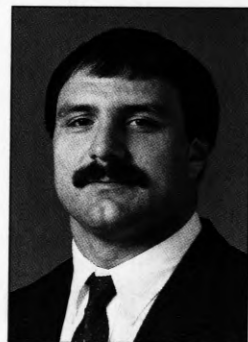
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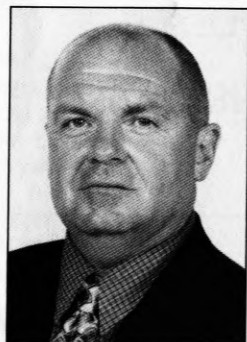
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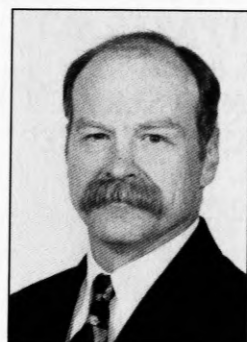
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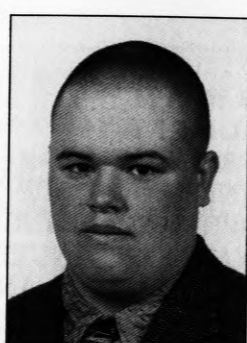
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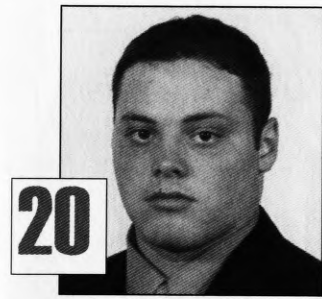
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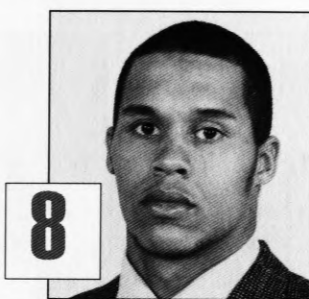
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PAUL AMICO FB
So. Rochester, NY
5'9" 211 lbs.



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PAT ASHLEY DT
So. LeRoy, NY
6'4" 245 lbs.



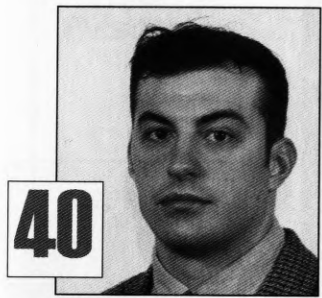
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GEORGE BAILEY WR
Sr. Altoona, PA
6'0" 188 lbs.



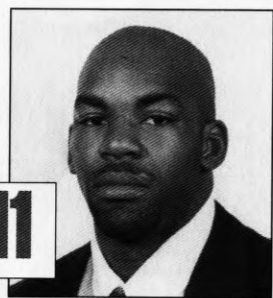
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NICK BLAIR DT
So. Norton, MA
6'0" 260 lbs.



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CHRIS BUEHNER WR
Jr. Hopwood, PA
6'1" 196 lbs.



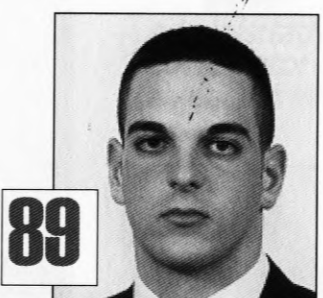
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DERRICK DAVIS SS
Sr. Cleveland, OH
6'2" 190 lbs.



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JACK DAVIS QB
So. Cleveland, OH
6'3" 227 lbs.

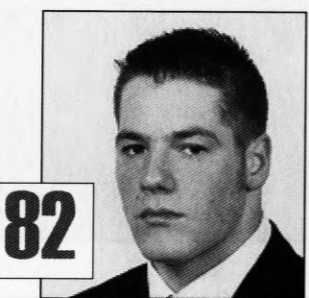


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GREG DELLUOMO DE
Fr.-r Poland, OH
6'4" 238 lbs.



Junior WR Chris Buehner



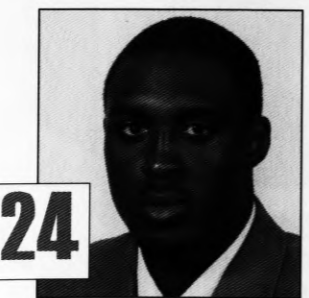
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PETE GAYLORD TE
Fr.-r Gowanda, NY
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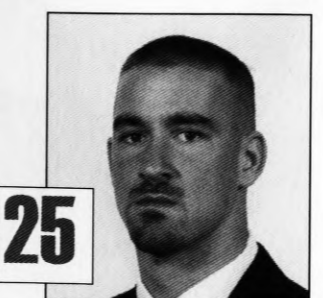
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JOSH GEIS WR
Jr. Altoona, PA
5'10" 178 lbs.



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JASON GORDON FS
So. Columbus, OH
6'0" 175 lbs.



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DAVID HART OLB
Jr. Meadville, PA
6'2" 210 lbs.

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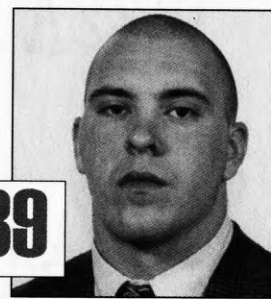
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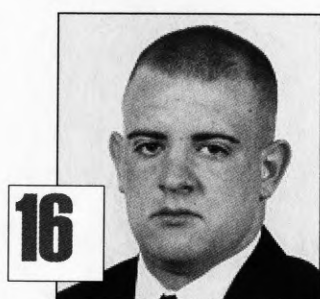
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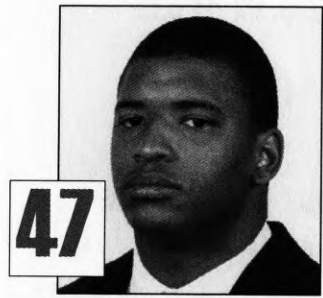
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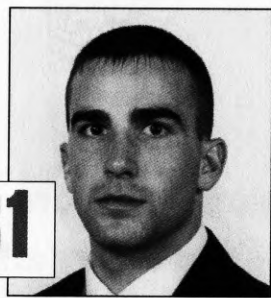
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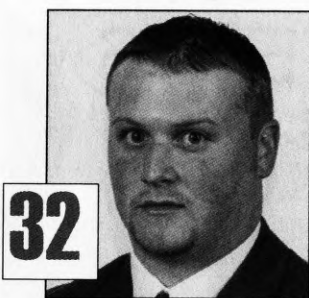
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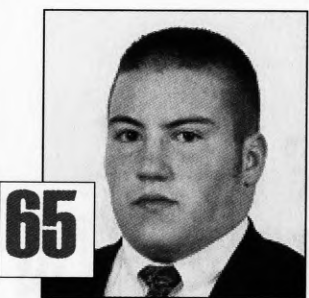


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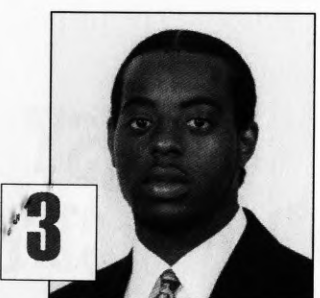


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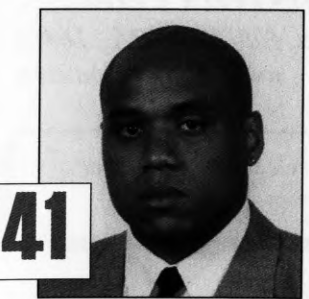
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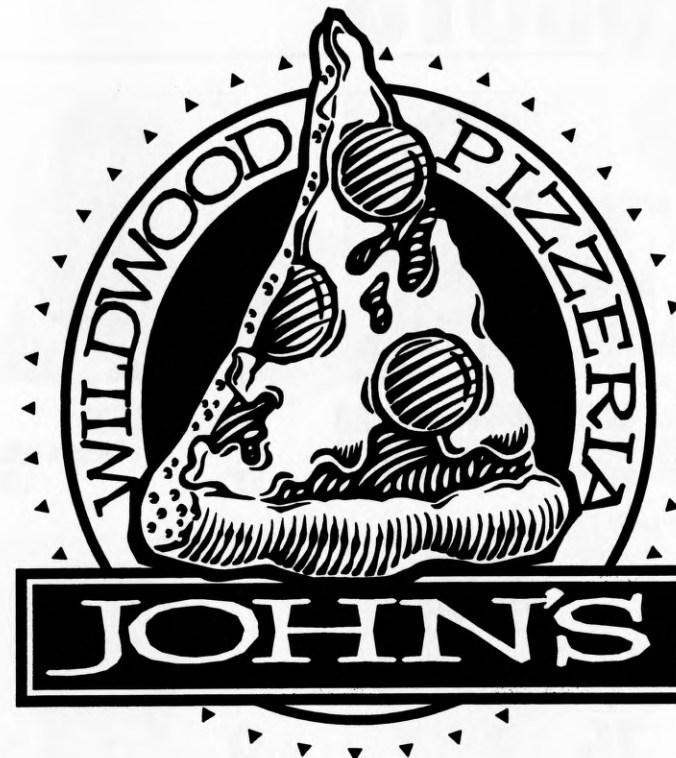
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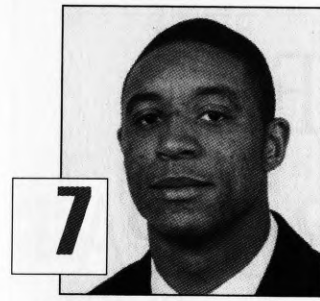
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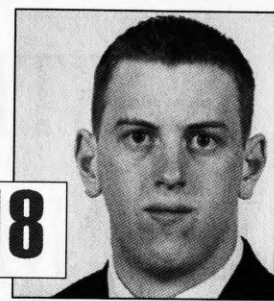
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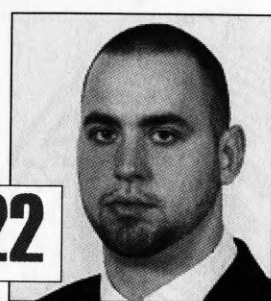
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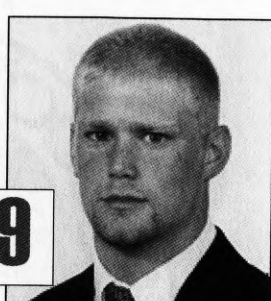
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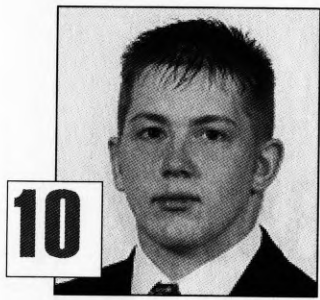
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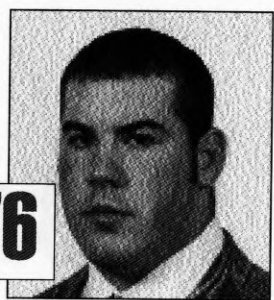
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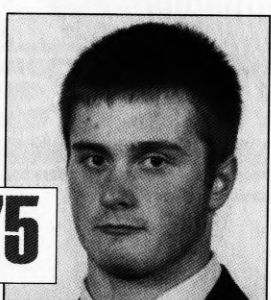
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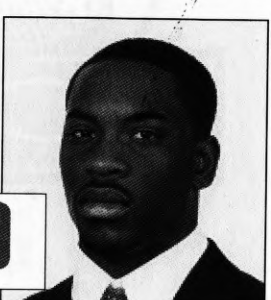
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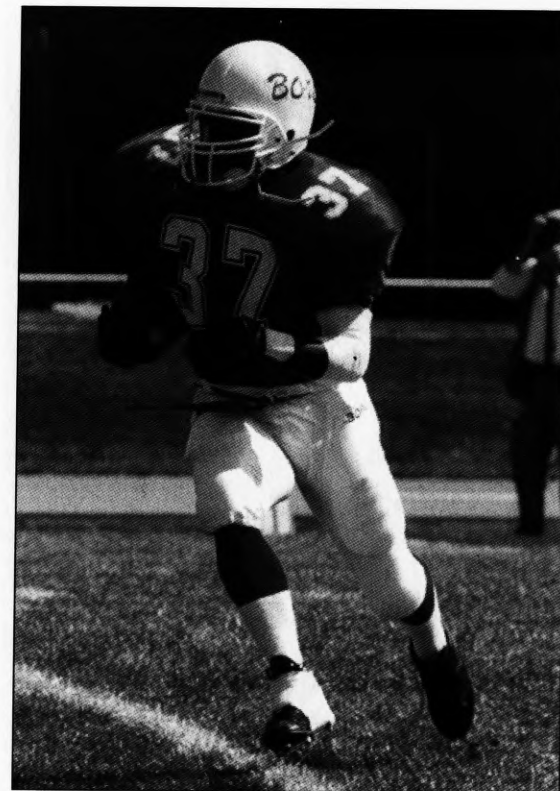
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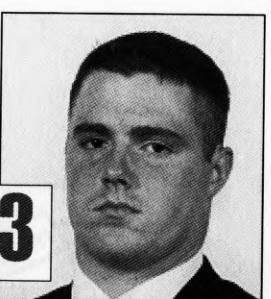


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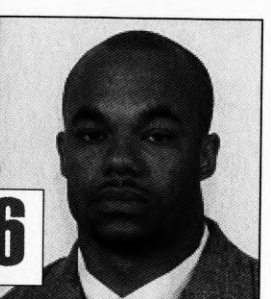


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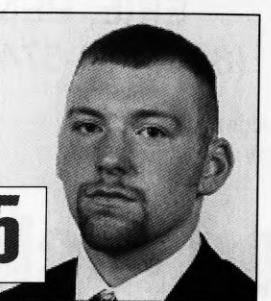
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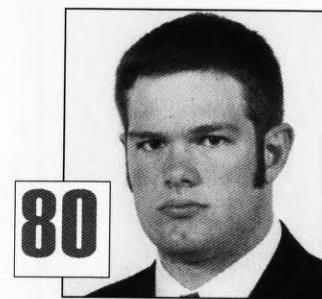
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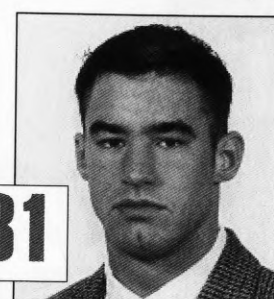
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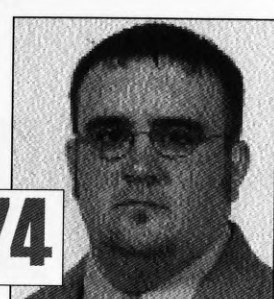
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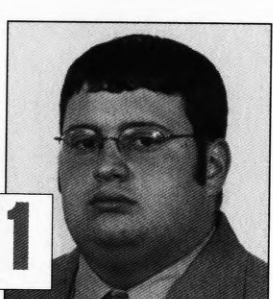
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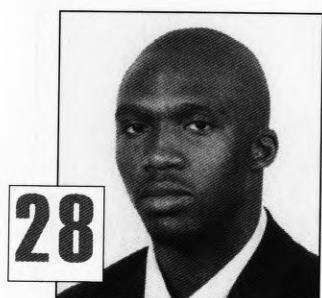
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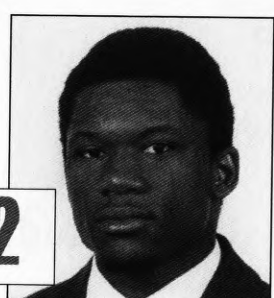
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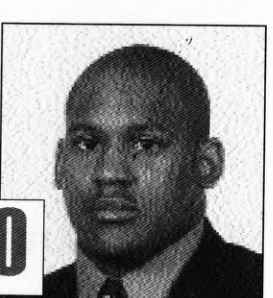
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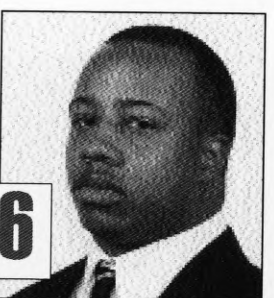
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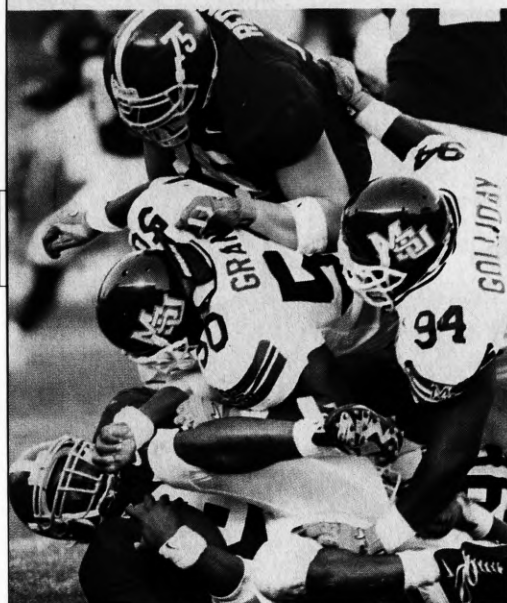
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Inside Scoop: Alabama and Tennessee, two of the top teams in the SEC, represented the conference in BCS Bowl games last season. All-America candidate Freddie Millons and QB Andrew Zow pace one of the most gifted Crimson Tide offenses in recent years. Outstanding Tide LB Saleem Rasheed will look to stuff talented RB Travis Henry and the Volunteer attack in front of 100,000-plus in Knoxville.

Game: Florida vs. Georgia; October 28 at AllTel Stadium

Last Meeting: Florida 30, Georgia 14 (10/30/88, at Jacksonville)

Inside Scoop: This annual rivalry, which takes place just off the beautiful St. John's River, centrally located in J-Ville, could show a new twist this season. The Gators have owned the Bulldogs in recent years, but with junior QB Quincy Carter leading an extremely talented and experienced group, the Dogs might finally break their Gator jinx. Junior DE Alex Brown and the Gator defense is sure to have all their ammo ready against Carter & Co.

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Last Meeting: Pac. Lutheran 28, Williamette 24, D-II Playoffs 1st Rd (10/20/99, at Williamette)

Inside Scoop: Williamette was the only team to beat eventual D-III champs last season, enabling the Bearcats to win the Northwest Conference. However, the Lutes got revenge in the playoffs. The Bearcats top-ranked defense, led by DE Eric Thomson, will look to slow down the Lutes and their lefty QB Chad Johnson, 1999 co-Offensive Player of the Year in the conference.

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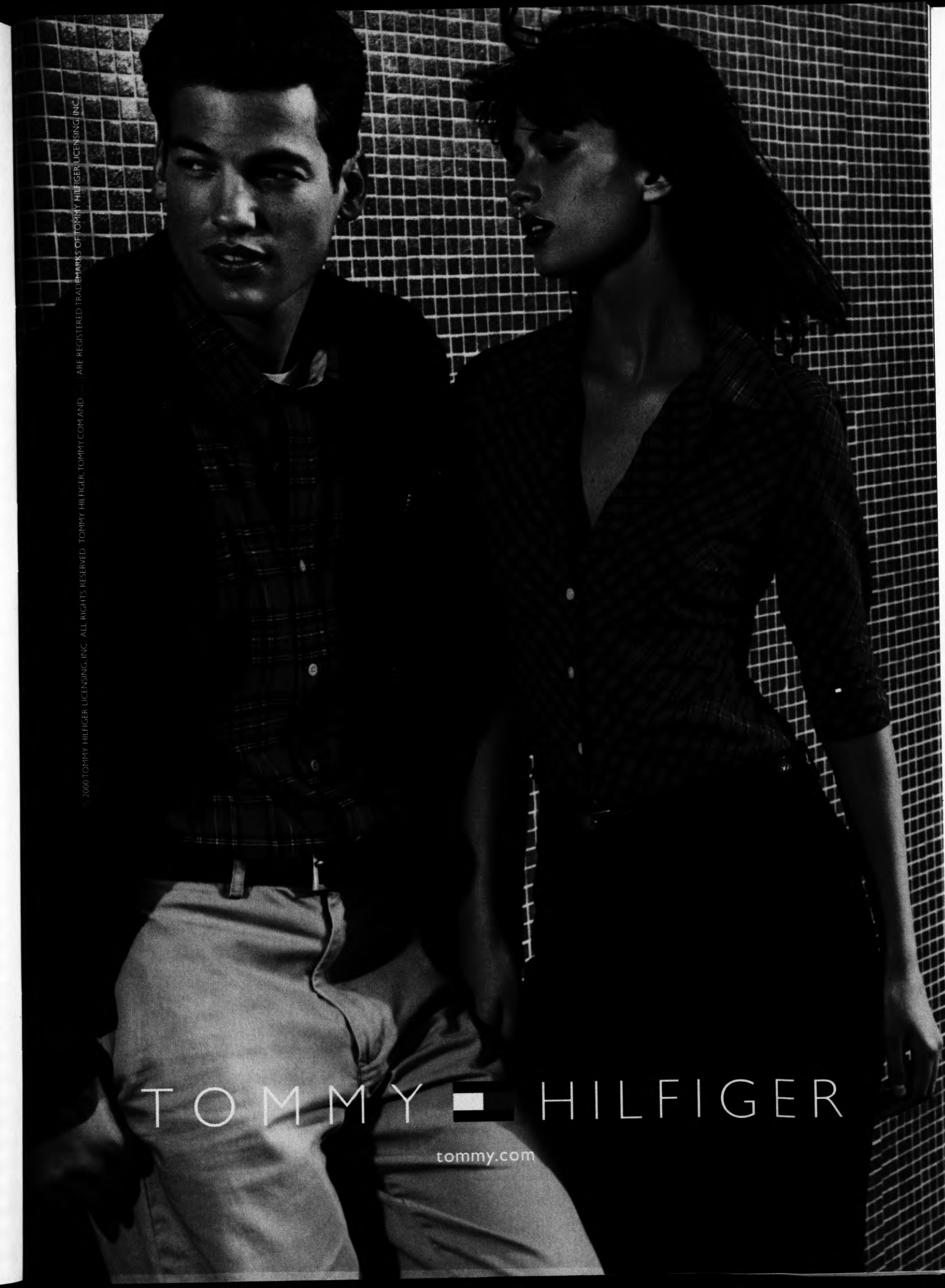
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Alabama sophomore linebacker Saleem Rasheed knows that excellence on the field requires inner strength.



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What do Cornelius Bennett, Derrick Thomas, Keith McCants, Antonio London, Dwayne Rudd and Andre Royal have in common? All are recent NFL linebackers who played for the tradition-rich University of Alabama program, known through the years for its strong defense. Oh, yes, one more thing. None of the aforementioned players led the Crimson Tide in tackles during their freshman seasons.

Saleem Rasheed did.

It's true. As an 18-year-old who left his Birmingham home for the first time in July of 1999, Rasheed traveled 50 miles west to Tuscaloosa and made a team-best 84 tackles to lead Alabama to the Southeastern Conference championship and a berth in the Orange Bowl.

No wonder Rasheed, a 6-foot-3, 220-pound sophomore linebacker, was named a 2000 pre-season All-American by *Playboy* magazine. He started at both outside and middle linebacker, although he's expected to play outside this fall.

"He's the kind of linebacker we need to be signing every year," Crimson Tide defensive coordinator Ellis Johnson said.

What makes him different from Bennett, McCants, Rudd, etc.—other Alabama linebackers to come before him? Well, Rasheed is different, period. A different name, for starters. The Islamic name given to him at birth by his parents represents his spiritual beliefs and his disciplined way of life.

His mother, Labeebah Abdullah, and dad, Murcelle Rasheed, converted to Islam as college students at Kent University in Ohio before moving to Birmingham in their early 20s. Saleem and his older brother Dawud—a former starting full-back for Duke—walked closely in their parents' spiritual footsteps.

"Saleem is a great kid on and off the field, a religious person," Alabama sophomore defensive end Kenny King said.

"Everybody respects Saleem."

His deep bass voice often offers a "Yes, sir." or a "No ma'am." It reflects the discipline he practices, as does his 3.5 grade-point average, including a 3.8 during the 2000 spring semester. But just when you think he's older than he is, he breaks into an ear-to-ear smile and reveals a mouthful of braces.

Touchdown Illustrated recently caught up with Rasheed to discuss his rapid rise to success on the gridiron and his thoughtful approach to football and life.

Touchdown Illustrated: What are some of the Islam customs that you practice?

Saleem Rasheed: I pray five times a day to God. I fast during the month of Ramadan. I give a certain amount of my money to charity every year. I follow the basic customs.

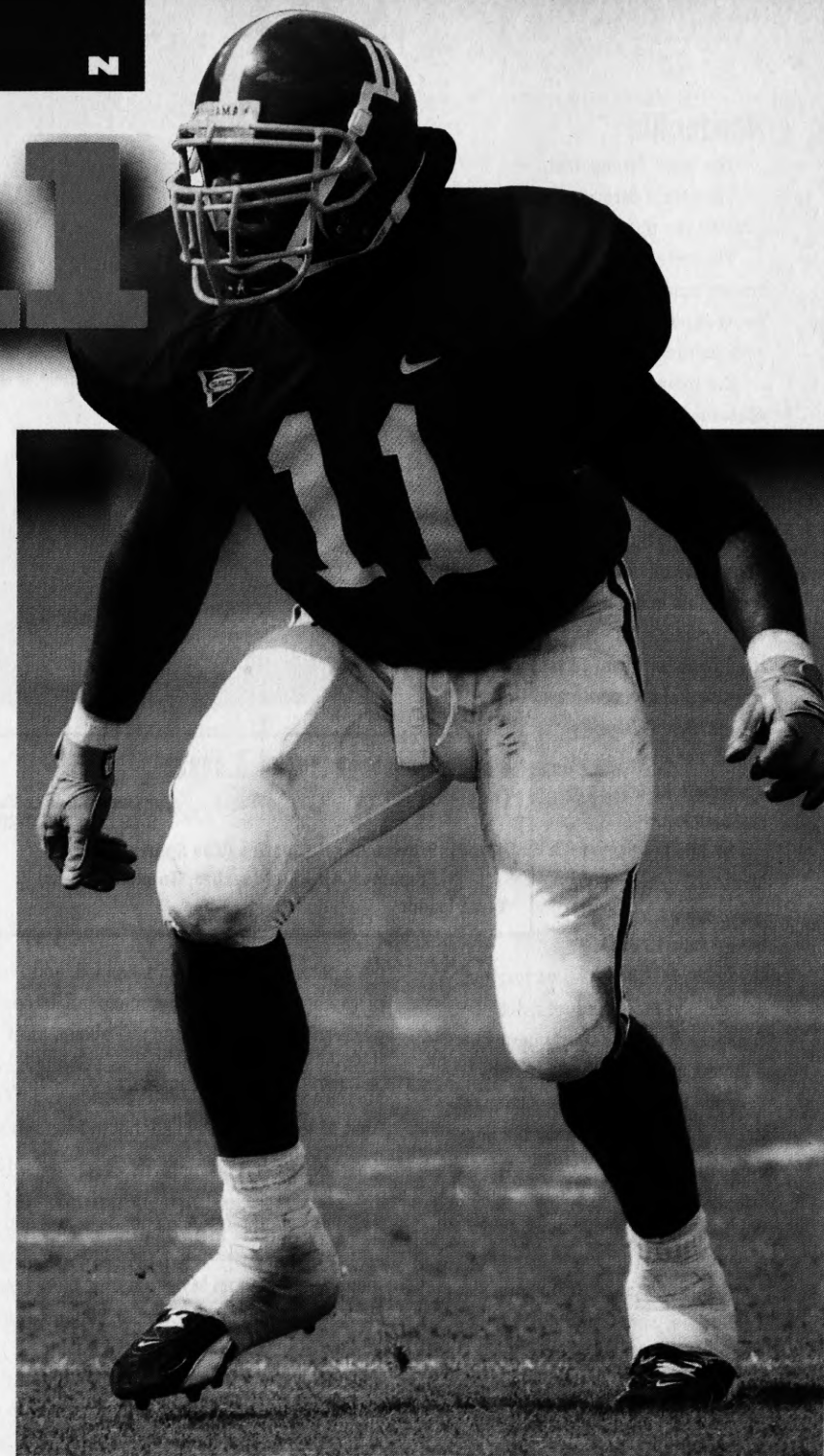
TDI: How much of an impact does your faith have on you?

SR: The greatest impact it has is the discipline it teaches me. The discipline it takes for us to fast in the month called Ramadan. We have to fast 30 days, wake up in the morning, eat and fast throughout the day. But that transfers into everyday situations—going into the weight room when there is no workout partner, being able to work out by yourself and push yourself to get better. When you have to study by yourself, being able to push yourself and keep your train of thought the whole time, to be able to make that 'A' on that test. So, really, my spirituality plays a great role in everything I do.

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TDI: The first year of college away from home is a learning experience in itself, even if you're not playing football. When you first got here, the football team faced adversity. Head coach Mike DuBose was accused of sexual harassment by his former secretary and his job appeared shaky after an early-season loss to Louisiana Tech. Obviously, the team had to deal with some of that. What did you learn from that experience?

SR: It taught me strength, to be able to say the right things to different people and not express everything you think in your mind, because it might not really be what you think in your heart. It taught me to overcome that and pull together as a team and be able to look past that. Coach DuBose took us in and apologized to us immediately when the situation started. So we just had to trust in our coach right then, and knew we were going to be there for each other, no matter what.



TDI: You moved to Tuscaloosa in July before your freshman year and began lifting weights two to three hours a day. Considering you were joining a program with a rich defensive tradition, are you able to appreciate what your hard work accomplished in just one season?

SR: It really seemed like it paid off—all the work, the sweat, blood and tears I put into the weight room. And the countless hours I spent on the field, training and trying to get prepared for the college experience. Leading the team in tackles? Heading into the year, I didn't think I'd be able to accomplish that. I was just trying to work myself in, trying to earn a starting spot by the middle of the season.

TDI: The adjustment period from high school to college is often talked about, yet you were one of the exceptions to the rule. Was it easier than you thought?

Wonder Kid

The legs? Strong, fast.

The arms? Strong, piercing, able to wrap you up quickly.

The teeth? They're filled with braces, reminding you that heavy, flying objects sometimes are wrapped with an innocent-looking smile.

But the most impressive part of Alabama's "Wonder Kid," Saleem Rasheed, is his mind.

It was enough of a surprise that Rasheed, as an 18-year-old freshman, earned a starting job at strong-side linebacker in 1999. Everyone chalked it up to his incredible athletic ability. His season-high 13 tackles against rival Tennessee and 10 tackles against Houston confirmed that.

But then it happened. People began to appreciate how smart Rasheed is.

Middle linebacker Marvin Constant went down with a knee injury Nov. 13 during

the Crimson Tide's 19-7 victory over Mississippi State, and who did Alabama defensive coordinator Ellis Johnson call on to fill the middle? Who did he name the "quarterback" of the defense, considering the middle linebacker must call defensive signals?

The Wonder Kid.

"He picked everything up really fast," Johnson said. "He's a smart kid."

Rasheed spent the final three games at middle linebacker. He recorded eight tackles against Auburn and Michigan and could have wound up there again this season if coaches didn't need him to move back outside.

"For someone who was playing high school ball a year ago, to step into the SEC and produce like he's produced is really amazing," said defensive tackle Reggie Grimes, who was a senior in 1999.

His versatility was proven. And the 6'2" snaps he played during his first season away from his parents' home in Birmingham showed even more. The Wonder Kid will be playing this game for a long time.



Rasheed has opposing ball carriers running in vain for safe ground.

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The Rasheed Line

1999	G	UT	AT	Total	For Loss	Sacks-Yards
	12	48	36	84*	8-29	3.0-20

Honors: Freshman All-America (The Sporting News), Freshman All-SEC (Coaches, Knoxville News)

*Team leader

SR: I pattern my game on my speed, and I had a lot of speed coming in, so that made it a lot easier. The game moves a lot faster on the college level. The difference is the size, for the most part. An average lineman is 6-foot-5, 300-plus pounds and you're not used to taking on guys like that in high school. It's tough from a physical standpoint.

TDI: You bench-press 425 pounds, squat 595 pounds and your power-clean is 345 pounds. Your teammate, safety Reggie Myles, said he has to push you out of the weight room because you'd stay in there all day.

SR: I enjoy getting better. I mean, lifting hurts. But it's a good feeling, after you're through with the lifting and training, to be able to sit back and feel you really worked hard, and that you really deserve the rest that you get. I guess you could take it as enjoyment, but I enjoy getting better and stronger for myself more than the actual weightlifting. It's painful going in there and working your butt off.

TDI: You're quite close to your older brother Dawud, who played running back at Duke in the late 1990s. Describe your relationship.

SR: We have a very close relationship. When one of us is down, the other is there for encouragement. He was discouraged about his first year, his (failed) attempt to go to the NFL, and I picked him up and told him everything was going to be all right. And

now he's on with the Giants. Same with me. When I first came in last August, I was third string for a couple of weeks. I felt like my hard work really didn't pay off. He just told me, 'Little brother, keep your head up. You're going to get your chance. Once you get in, don't ever look back.' And it happened.

TDI: Are you and Dawud alike?

SR: I'm a little bit more animated than he is. He's more of a nice guy. I like to have a mean streak on the field. That's why I play defense. He'll help a guy up. I'll probably push a guy down. It's nothing personal or anything. It's just the defensive mentality you've got to have to be effective in this game.

TDI: Alabama is coming off a trip to the Orange Bowl. You turned a lot of heads after the early loss to Louisiana Tech in '99, by turning the season around. The 2000 team lost some key players to the NFL, like Shaun Alexander and Chris Samuels.

How far can Alabama go?

SR: I believe we can be as good as we set out to be. We have unlimited talent at every position. We have talent behind talent. We take pride in our defense. We want to be the No. 1 defense in every aspect this year, because we've got experience coming back.

TDI: How do you feel about being named to the 2000 Playboy All-America team?

SR: It's a great honor. I was surprised that I was chosen for something like that as a freshman. I didn't believe, even if I was good enough, that the critics would give me enough respect to vote me to a team like that. I was really pleased. ●

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The Accidental Tourist

D.J. Williams' recruiting trip to Miami was supposed to be about sun and surf, not a letter of intent.

By Ed Graney

He wasn't even supposed to make the trip. It was an afterthought, a place to hang out for a few days, nothing more than a little fun in the sun.

D.J. Williams never expected to fall in love with Miami, with the state, the university, the football program.

But he did.

One of the most complete prep players ever to strike a tackling dummy, Williams is the latest prospect to buy into Butch Davis' dream of returning the Hurricanes to national prominence.

Williams is the no-weakness-in-his-game linebacker from Concord (Calif.) De La Salle High, the kid who was always bigger and faster than everyone on the playground, who wallpapered his bedroom with more than 300 recruiting letters, who waited until a week after the national signing date to select Miami over Cal.

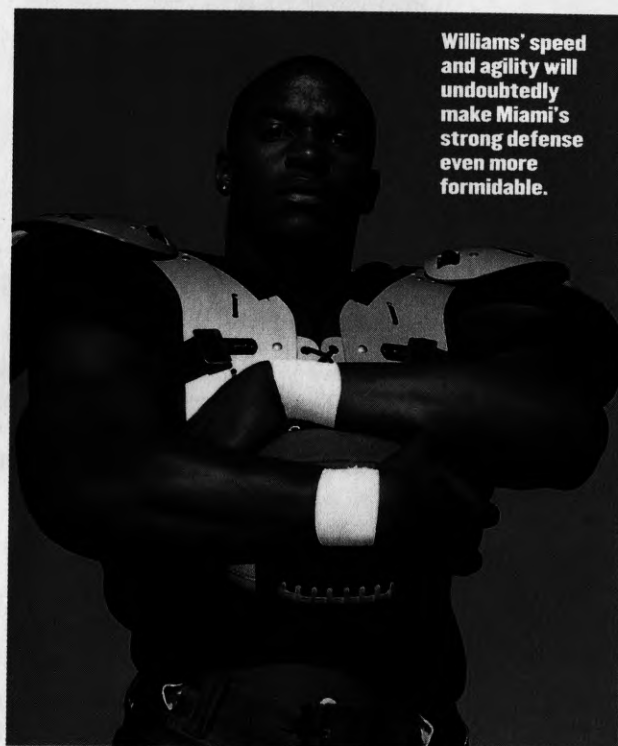
To choose the unknown over the hometown school.

"Every time you go fishing, you're looking for 1,000-pound marlin, but you're not always going to catch them," said Davis. "But if you don't throw your hook in the water, you're not going to get any of them."

Sometimes, they actually bite.

De La Salle is one of the country's most successful high school programs. The all-boys catholic school is located just east of Oakland and has won a national-record 100 straight games. It's the Sinatra of Friday nightlights. And of all the talented youngsters (NFL players Amani Toomer and Aaron Taylor included) to buckle a chin strap for the Spartans over the years, the feeling is unanimous: Williams stands above all.

"He's the best not just among those I've coached, but among those I've seen play high school football," said De La Salle coach Bob Ladouceur (in his 22nd season). "We've never had anyone that big who moved faster, who was more versatile or who had more long-range potential."



Williams' speed and agility will undoubtedly make Miami's strong defense even more formidable.

He was a 2,000-yard rusher at De La Salle, but Williams will wreak college havoc on defense. He is 6-2, 220 pounds, lean, cut, chiseled. This season the Hurricanes are loaded defensively, led by senior middle linebacker Dan Morgan, who slides over from the weak side. Chris Campbell, a junior, will start at the strong side spot. The third backer coming out of spring practice is sophomore Howard Clark.

The questions loom: Where best to play the prep phenom? Or do you play him at all during his first season?

"Undoubtedly, people will realize very fast that D.J. is a fabulous athlete," said the Miami head coach. "But Division I football is still a step up. It takes everyone time to adjust, although a player like D.J. might have an

easier time getting used to the pace.

"We don't want him to come in under a lot of pressure, feeling he has to produce immediately. We'll see how things go in camp and then make the best decision for all involved."

Williams came close to choosing cloudy skies over palm trees, coffee-houses over dance clubs. On Feb. 9, he went to a local Burger King for breakfast, headed to school and—finally—announced a decision.

"If Cal had gone 8-3 or 7-4 last year, I'd be a Bear right now," he said.

But the Bears were 4-7, their third straight losing season, and that was enough to tip the scales in Miami's direction. Funny, the Hurricanes were not on Williams' final list of prospective schools, but with one recruiting trip still available, De La Salle athletic director Terry Eidson suggested Williams go somewhere fun.

Turned out, it became something much more.

"I just want to play as hard as I can once I get there," said Williams. "I just want to punish people on defense."

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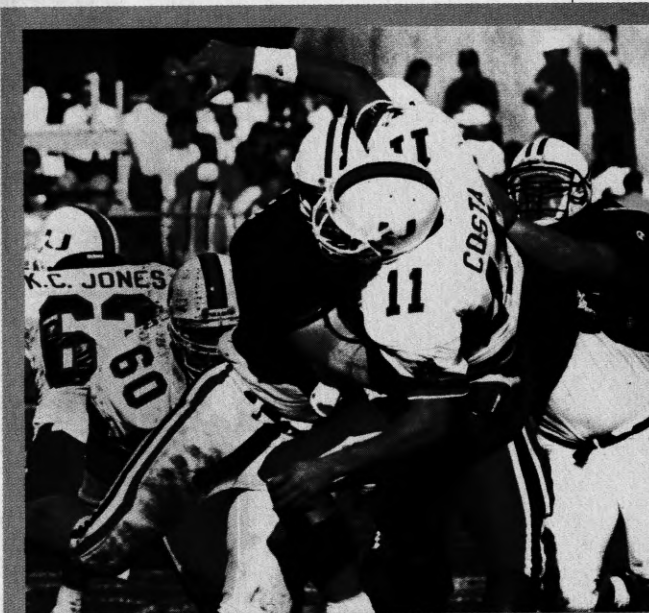
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"D" in the Pac-10 is not that bad...really; it's just that the conference's offenses are so damn good.



Defense, which was a strength for many Pac-10 teams just a few years ago (top photo: Arizona's Desert Swarm against Miami in '94), has been beaten up in recent national matchups, as evidenced by the Wildcats 41-7 loss to Penn St. to kickoff the '99 season (bottom).

On the Defense

It's probably the No. 1 tenet of college football: Defense wins championships. Unless you play in the Pacific-10, that is. Last year's conference champion, Stanford, had the 10th ranked defense...in the conference. Two years ago, Pac-10 champ UCLA had the ninth-best defense. It's such a unique situation, even conference coaches are worried about the implications from the declining influence of defense in the Pac-10.

"The thing that is disturbing to me is that the last two Rose Bowl teams had very low ranked defenses in the conference," USC coach Paul Hackett said. "I always learned that you needed a good defense to go to the Rose Bowl, but those teams had phenomenal offenses and were able to overcome it."

So what exactly is going on here? Are the defenses getting worse? Are offenses so sophisticated in the Pac-10 that they can't be stopped? Or is this just a temporary trend that will go away this season? And just how important are stats anyway?

"The only thing that matters is wins and losses," Washington State defensive coordinator Bill Doba said. "Woody Hayes said statistics are for losers."

One thing is certain. It isn't easy being a defensive coordinator in the Pac-10.

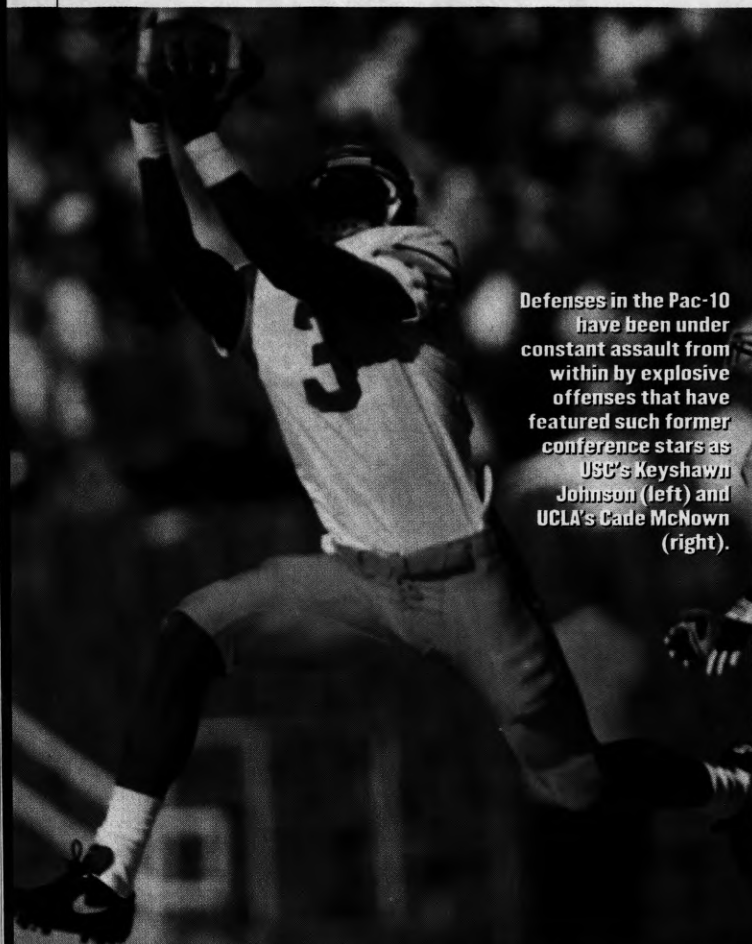
Consider that in recent years, players like Keyshawn Johnson, Jake Plummer, Ryan Leaf, Akili Smith and Cade McNown have been weekly opponents.

It's almost as if the conference has turned conventional wisdom on its head recently, with offenses determining who wins conference titles.

"If you look at the last five Rose Bowl teams, and they were all different, and you look at the stats, the team that scores the most points is the team that wins the league," Stanford defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "I think you've got to play good defense but you've got to score points now. The other

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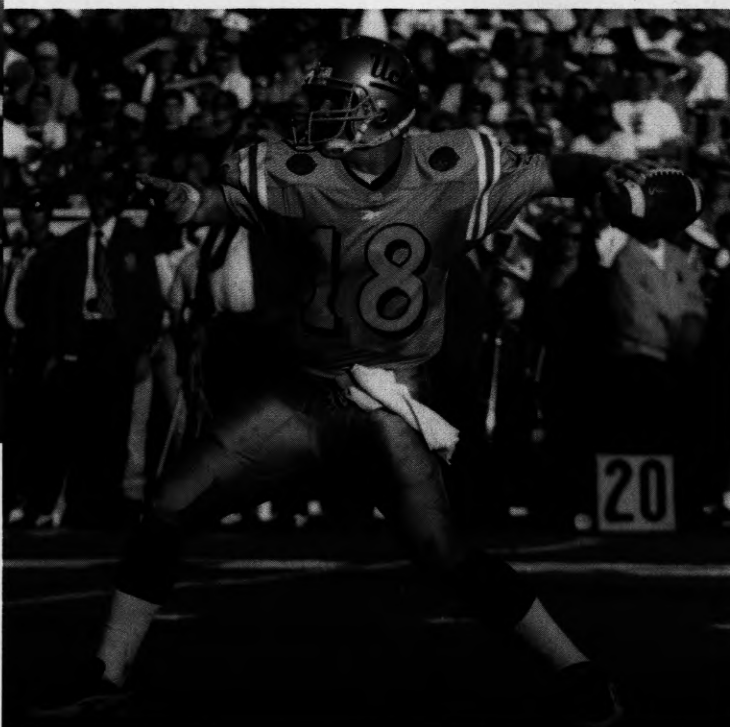


Defenses in the Pac-10 have been under constant assault from within by explosive offenses that have featured such former conference stars as USC's Keyshawn Johnson (left) and UCLA's Cade McNown (right).

It doesn't necessarily mean that the defenses were worse, however. But if you look at the bigger picture, Pac-10 teams are spending more time than ever trying to defend three and four wide receiver formations that aren't quite as common outside the conference.

"When I came into the league (in 1987), there was so much offense, and then everyone recruited defense. About 1992, seven teams were holding opponents under 300 yards (in total offense)," Stanford's Baer said. "Then everyone started spreading you out with three, four wide receivers in the game and played individual matchups like basketball. They go out of a lot of formations and sets. That has allowed offenses to be very wide open and not so predictable. You can't play everything out of a base defense anymore."

Arizona defensive coordinator Rich Ellerson, who came to the Wildcats in '92, said offenses were more conservative back then. Today, he believes many teams almost seem willing to win by



stat, offensively, is the team with the best quarterback play has gone to the Rose Bowl."

Gone are the days when Arizona relied on its Desert Swarm defense and Oregon featured its Gang Green attack.

The lack of a dependable defense could be a reason the conference fared so poorly in national matchups last season. Stanford allowed 69 points in a loss to Texas. Arizona surrendered 41 to Penn State. Cal allowed Nebraska to roll up 45 points.

But before we get too carried away dissing the defenses, it's worth noting that Arizona held Nebraska to 20 points in the 1998 Holiday Bowl.

"Last year, it was the party line, to say the Pac-10 was down," Oregon defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti said. "I was asked after we played Michigan State, if the Pac-10 was down? Michigan State was a 10-2 team and beat Florida. We lost to them 27-20 on a fumble recovery.

"We beat Minnesota (in the Sun Bowl) and we were the only team in the country to hold them under 100 yards rushing. They averaged 250 yards rushing a game. I guess we were down as a conference because USC and UCLA didn't play well. When the two big brothers aren't doing well, then it looks like we're all down."

But not everyone agrees. Some find it too hard to ignore that the conference was down last season.

"The truth hurts," Doba said. "Last year, it was a lot harder for us."

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outscore their opponent.

"In my time, the offense has become more aggressive and open. You're seeing people trying to win with offense," Ellerson said. "People were more conservative on offense before. That mentality is not there right now."

"When we played Oregon last year, we had 19 possessions in that game. That's twice as many as the teams in the Super Bowl. When a good offense has that many chances, defenses wear out."

And the defenses, for better or worse, have become mirror images of their offenses. In other words, if Stanford is running a wide-open offense, that's what its defense will be practicing against all spring and in summer training camp.

"If the offense plays three, four, five receivers, that's what you'll be good at defending," Baer said. "I think you become defensively what your offense is able to do."

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The scene above—a conference matchup between Arizona and Oregon last year—may have the appearance of a defensive slugfest, but in the end the two teams combined for 85 points and 987 total yards.

That can lead to problems when you have to face a more traditional offense. Cal learned this last year when it traveled to Lincoln to face perennial national powerhouse Nebraska.

"No one on the West commits to that type of running offense. They've been doing it for 25-30 years," Cal defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich said. "If you've never played them before, I don't think you can prepare. We also don't see much option, and if you play Nebraska, you have to face it."

Cal actually didn't fare as poorly as allowing 45 points sounds. It was the Golden Bears' offense that was the culprit.

"We only gave them about 220 yards in the game,

but they had a lot of opportunities," Setencich said. "When I was at Arizona State (in 1996), we beat Nebraska, but we did it by keeping their offense off the field. We had 20 first downs and over 400 yards total offense."

Another perceived black eye occurred in last year's Penn State-Arizona game. The Wildcats were touted as possible national championship contenders, and never recovered from their season-opener.

"We frankly were not a great football team,"

Ellerson said. "We were an average team going into the game with a lot of hype. We were not well prepared or especially healthy."

That said, it seems true that the defenses have not been able to contain offenses with much consistency.

"In 1995, we were ranked 10th in the nation in total defense, and fourth in the Pac-10," Doba said. "Last year, we were ranked fifth in the conference and were 45th in the nation. There's been a definite drop-off."

But is it a permanent downslide? Already, some coaches see a swing back toward the defense, albeit a gradual one.

"It goes in cycles, and defenses catch-up," Baer said. "I do think there's a lot of good young talent in the league right now."

Ellerson agreed with Baer's assessment: "I think you'll see an ebb and flow. You'll see some defenses in this conference step up and be the story. Look at the quarterbacks we've had in the conference lately. In 1998, we were playing good defense. We held Oregon to three points and they had Akili Smith. I think what happened statistically the past two years (with UCLA and Stanford) was an anomaly."

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Guessing Game

If there's one thing Pac-10 coaches hate to see, it's a timeout. Or a kickoff.

In a trend that has become unique to the conference, offenses no longer huddle when there is a break in the game, choosing instead to stand on the sideline and call a play. They then race onto the field without the customary gathering behind the line of scrimmage.

"You can't match personnel if you don't know who's coming in," Cal defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich said.

It leads to a sort of guessing game for defensive coordinators, trying to figure out what offensive formation they will face.

"That's the toughest thing for me," Stanford defensive coordinator Kent Baer said.

Most defensive coaches try to run a basic formation on first down, because they can't be sure what the offense might throw at them while standing on the sideline.

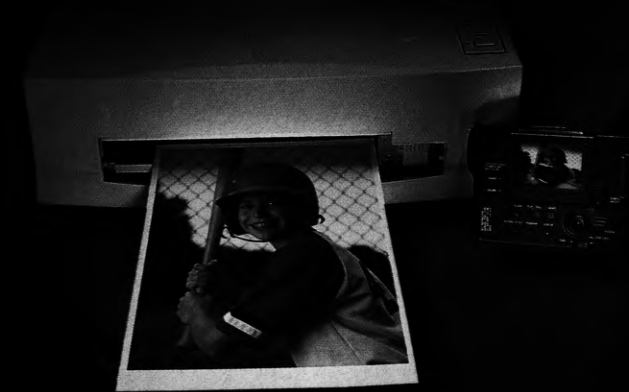
"That's an unfair advantage to any offense," Oregon defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti said. "We put out our base defense and we're able to match up with anything. I'll probably try to be vanilla so that I don't put players against something they haven't seen."

It means that if you're watching a Pac-10 game today, don't expect too many defenses to take a risk on first down.

"You go with your base defense and hope," Washington State defensive coordinator Bill Doba said. "If you call a blitz, and the offense goes with five wide receivers and one running back, I don't like my chances with that one."

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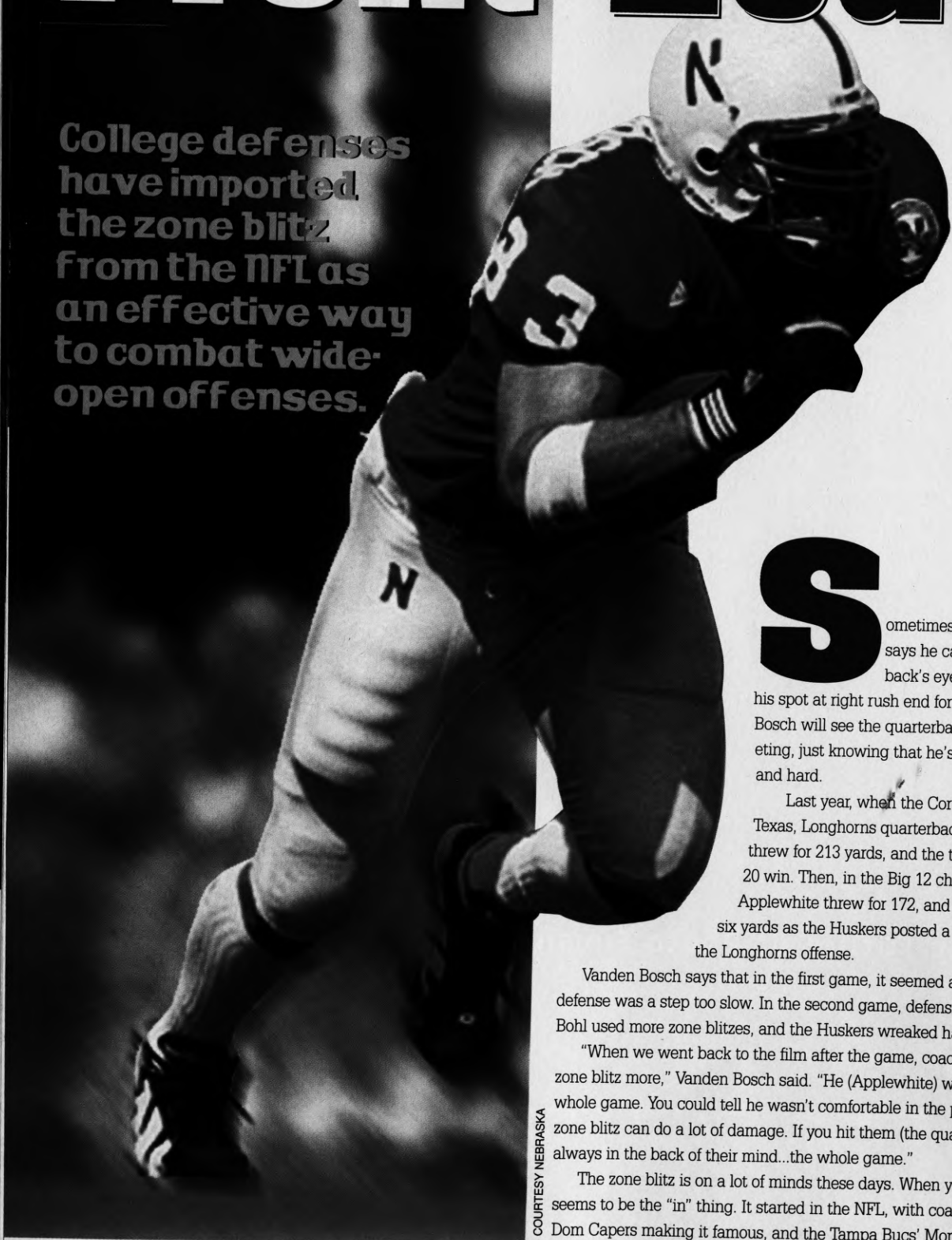
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College defenses have imported the zone blitz from the NFL as an effective way to combat wide-open offenses.



Nebraska senior Kyle Vanden Bosch is versatile enough to smash through the line or drop back into coverage.

Sometimes, Kyle Vanden Bosch says he can see it in a quarterback's eyes. Staring across from his spot at right rush end for Nebraska, Vanden Bosch will see the quarterback moving his feet, fidgeting, just knowing that he's going to get hit...often, and hard.

Last year, when the Cornhuskers played at Texas, Longhorns quarterback Major Applewhite threw for 213 yards, and the team ran for 62 in a 24-20 win. Then, in the Big 12 championship game, Applewhite threw for 172, and the team ran for only six yards as the Huskers posted a 22-6 win and shut out the Longhorns offense.

Vanden Bosch says that in the first game, it seemed as if the Nebraska defense was a step too slow. In the second game, defensive coordinator Craig Bohl used more zone blitzes, and the Huskers wreaked havoc on Texas.

"When we went back to the film after the game, coach decided to call the zone blitz more," Vanden Bosch said. "He (Applewhite) was on his back the whole game. You could tell he wasn't comfortable in the pocket. I love that. The zone blitz can do a lot of damage. If you hit them (the quarterback) early, it's always in the back of their mind...the whole game."

The zone blitz is on a lot of minds these days. When you talk defense, it seems to be the "in" thing. It started in the NFL, with coaches like the Jaguars' Dom Capers making it famous, and the Tampa Bucs' Monte Kiffin using it to

help make that defensive unit one of the best in the league.

It's not that using the zone blitz is a brand new concept. Florida State defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews, who knows a thing or two about defense from his 35 years of experience, says that pro teams have used it for a long time, it's just gained more popularity now.

"That's where we got it from (the NFL)," Andrews said. "You go back and look, and it's not as new as people think. It's just that it's becoming the more popular style to play."

The zone blitz is a pretty easy concept to grasp. A defensive unit wants to make an impact. They want to dictate the game to an offense, rather than having the guys with the ball do that to them. So, to combat that, a defensive unit will have its linemen

appear to rush, drop back in coverage, and then have a linebacker or safety blitz, giving them a seven or eight-man front.

"It's kind of a new thing in the college game, but it's filtered down from the NFL," Florida defensive line coach Bob Sanders said. "It's a different way to create an eight-man front. It gets more guys up front and allows you to do some gap exchanges and have different guys coming in the box."

"You want to prevent the big play, but it's a good way to stop the run."

Of course, it can leave your cornerbacks in danger, but if you get a good rush, the offense will have to adjust to the defense and not the other way around.

"The thing about it is that you can make it fit your defense—that's a big positive," Sanders said. "They're easy to change up and once the kids understand it, it gives you a multiple look. The offense might not account for something, and you put more guys up front. It's a great way to dictate more to the offense."

More than just stopping the run, the zone blitz will keep an offense honest. The offense, of course, wants to control the play of the game, but pushing more players into the "box," the center of gravity of any play, will allow a defense to turn the tables.

"It's tougher than just giving an offense a vanilla rush and coverage," Andrews said. "You throw people in at different angles and have guys dropping in at different angles. Like I said, you're trying to create an execution problem for the offense."

"You're making them do something quick with the football when they want to set up what they want."

"Our biggest thing in the 4-3 is that it really makes the quarterback stay on his toes," Vanden Bosch, an Academic All-American and All-America candidate said. "It opens up a lot of things."

"A lot of times, since I play rush end, we'll send in a linebacker or a safety, and I'll drop into pass coverage. Of course, you always want to be in on the action, but if our guys get to the quarterback quick, it gives us the chance to do some things."

And that's where things get interesting.

Last year, when Florida State played Virginia, the Seminoles had knocked out Cavaliers starter Dan Ellis, and junior David Rivers saw his first extensive action of the season. Andrews called a blitz in the third quarter and, under pressure, Rivers threw an interception, with FSU's 290-pound Corey Simons, a lineman, the beneficiary. Prior to that, FSU led 14-10, but the touchdown opened up a game that they eventually won 35-10.

Andrews still chuckles when he thinks about Simons coming off the field with the ball.

"Very seldom do you see a nose guard dropping into and playing pass defense," Andrews said. "What he did was draw the block of a lineman,

and we rushed a linebacker over the gap he played.

"It was a little unusual seeing him with the ball. I remember seeing the tape and chuckling because you're about as happy to see him with the ball as he is."

And that's what defensive players relish. Anytime they get the chance to get at the guy with the ball or, even better, if they get a chance to get the ball, you've got a happy defensive player.

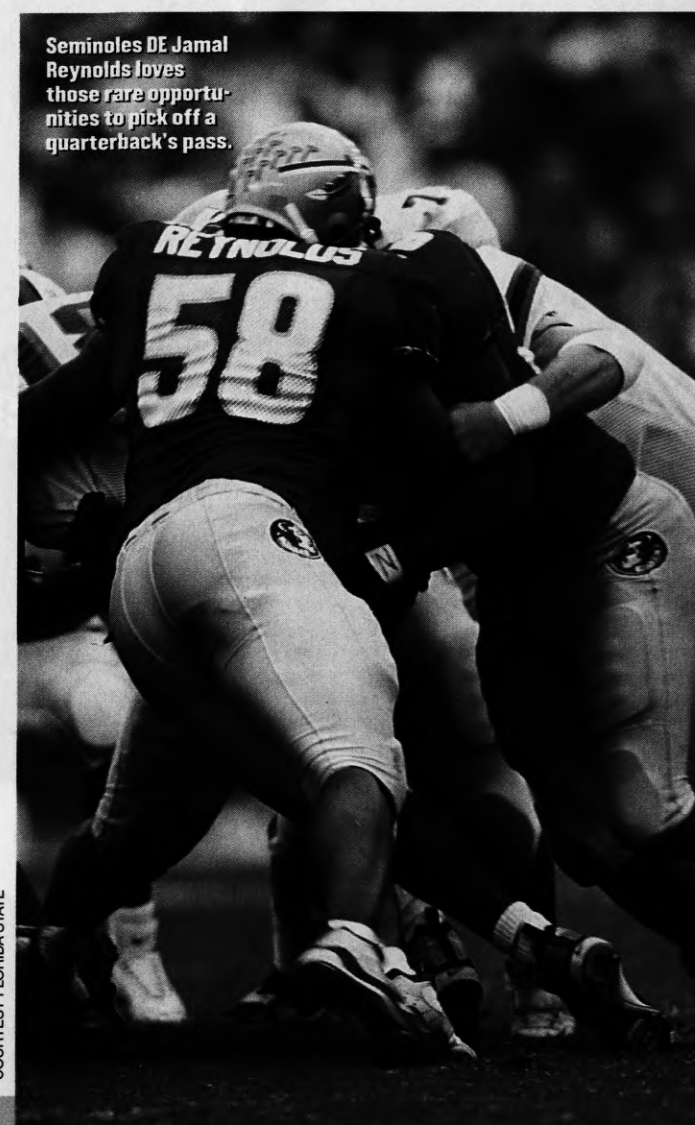
"It's great," Florida State senior defensive end Jamal Reynolds said. "At the end, I'm just trying to come around as quick as I can and get at the quarterback. And when we play the zone, we get a chance to drop back and get our hands on some interceptions, which we don't normally get."

When they do force a turnover, it's what can turn a game in your favor. That's a major reason why the zone blitz has become a more popular style in the college game.

"We love the attacking style," Vanden Bosch said. "As a defense, we like setting the tone. It keeps the quarterback on his heels. If he's getting hit as he throws, it makes him more tentative."

"We like to think that we're going to make it happen. And if it does happen, we're going to keep coming at him." ●

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Seminole DE Jamal Reynolds loves those rare opportunities to pick off a quarterback's pass.

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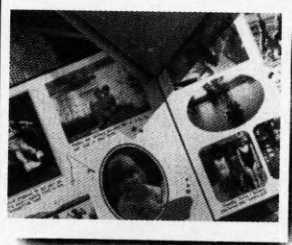
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77	David Beck	OT	6-5	283	Fr.	32	Ben Keefer	FB	5-11	224	Sr.	91	Steve Scheloske	TE	6-1	235	Jr.
	Lockport, NY/Lockport						Belle Vernon, PA/Belle Vernon						Erie, PA/Strong Vincent				
55	Nick Blair	DT	6-0	260	So.	46	Sean Koslar	OLB	6-4	236	So.	73	Karl Shelligren	OT	6-4	283	Fr.
	Norton, MA/Bishop Fechan						McDonald, PA/Fort Cherry						North Huntingdon, PA/Norwin				
40	Chris Buehner	WR	6-1	196	Jr.	65	Rick Kraus	NG	6-0	233	Fr.	80	Dave Smith	DE	6-3	247	So.
	Hopwood, PA/Laurel Highlands						Erie, PA/McDowell						Polk, PA/Franklin				
6	Lincoln Bufalino	CB	5-7	170	Fr.	5	Justin Lipscomb	WR	6-0	189	Fr.	81	Howie Smith	WR	6-3	187	Fr.
	Edinboro, PA/General McLane						Rome, OH/Grand Valley						Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler				
63	Brian Cales	K	6-0	165	Fr.	3	Stephano Lubin	WR/TB	5-6	158	So.	74	Steve Smith	C	6-3	295	So.
	Mercer, PA/Mercer						Brampton, ONT/Brampton Centennial						Orwell, OH/Grand Valley				
21	James Cowart	CB	6-0	183	Fr.	41	Javar Manning	RB	6-0	228	Fr.	71	Greg Tarbell	OT	6-2	290	Jr.
	Pittsburgh, PA/Linsly School(WV)						Meadville, PA/Meadville						Erie, PA/McDowell				
11	Berrick Davis	SS	6-2	190	Sr.	98	Glenn Mannion	NG	6-2	237	Sr.	61	Braden Telesz	ILB	6-0	181	Fr.
	Cleveland, OH/Glenville						Cranberry Township, PA/Seneca Valley						Volant, PA/Wilmington Area				
14	Jack Davis	QB	6-3	227	So.	13	Cam Marsh	QB	6-1	179	Fr.	12	Steve Tryon	QB	6-2	202	Jr.
	Cleveland, OH/Villa Angela St. Joseph						Hillsboro, OH/Hillsboro						Amherst, NY/Amherst				
89	Greg Deluomo	DE	6-4	238	Fr.	38	John Martin	QB	6-2	176	Fr.	97	Aaron Tucker	OLB	6-2	245	Jr.
	Poland, OH/Poland Seminary						Leesdale, PA/Quaker Valley						Aliquippa, PA/Aliquippa				
87	Ben Deszczykiewicz	TE	6-2	236	Fr.	35	Mike Martin	FB	5-11	240	Fr.	4	Jay Ulmer	WR	5-9	148	Fr.
	Chardon, OH/Chardon						Arnold, PA/Valley						Webster, NY/Webster				
82	Pete Gaylord	TE	6-0	206	Fr.	7	D.K. McDonald	CB	6-1	173	Sr.	72	Joe Valvoda	OG	6-1	295	Fr.
	Gowanda, NY/Gowanda Central						Orrville, OH/Orrville						Mantua, OH/Kenston				
1	Josh Geis	WR	5-10	178	Jr.	18	Sean McNicholas	P/PK	6-4	221	So.	28	Tommy Virgios	CB	5-11	188	So.
	Altoona, PA/Altoona						Kirtland, OH/Kirtland						Euclid, OH/Euclid				
24	Jason Gordon	FS	6-0	175	So.	22	Mike Modus	OLB	6-1	195	Fr.	2	Keldrick Walker	ILB	5-7	192	So.
	Columbus, OH/Brookhaven						Erie, PA/Strong Vincent						Miami, FL/Miami Senior				
99	Eugene Grooms	DT	6-1	295	Fr.	19	Mike Murton	FS	5-9	173	Fr.	48	Thomas Wallace	FS	5-11	168	Fr.
	Huttonville, ONT/Brampton Centennial						Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston						Pittsburgh, PA/Wilkinsburg				
25	David Hart	OLB	6-2	210	Jr.	10	Ed Nelson	QB	6-3	203	So.	70	Mark Weidner	OG	6-2	265	Sr.
	Meadville, PA/Saegertown						Panama, NY/Panama Central						Allison Park, PA/Shaler				
62	Joey Hendrix	OLB	6-1	221	Fr.	76	Brandon Nicodemus	OG	6-2	281	So.	45	Dylan Wessell	ILB	6-1	220	Fr.
	Mobile, AL						Altoona, PA/Altoona						Rome, OH/Jefferson				
33	Bernard Henry	TB	5-11	192	Sr.	75	Jason Oman	OT	6-4	286	Fr.	30	Chris Wiggins	ILB	5-9	224	So.
	Wadesboro, NC/Anson						Sharpsville, PA/Sharpsville						Solon, OH/Solon				
85	Sean Hess	WR	6-3	195	Fr.	9	Elliott Page	CB	5-9	172	Fr.	26	Anthony Williams	SS	5-10	205	So.
	Vandergrift, PA/Leechburg						Clairton, PA/Clairton						Pittsburgh, PA/Peabody				
39	David Holton	ILB	6-0	213	Jr.	58	Anthony Poluso	OG	6-0	295	Fr.	23	John Williams	TB	6-0	194	Jr.
	Altoona, PA/Altoona						Aliquippa, PA/Aliquippa						Millgrove, ONT/Waterdown				
78	Otto Hoover	DT	6-3	288	Fr.	17	Matt Riccomini	QB	5-11	160	Fr.						
	Aliquippa, PA/Hopewell						Edinboro, PA/General McLane										
44	Jermaine Hughley	ILB	6-0	210	Fr.	53	Brian Richardson	C	5-11	251	Fr.						
	New Kensington, PA/Valley						Wellsville, NY/Wellsville										
43	Matt Jakovac	TE	6-1	225	Jr.	27	Jeff Richardson	SS	6-0	195	So.						
	Gibsonia, PA/Pine-Richland						Webster, NY/Webster										
							36	Steve Robinson	SS	5-7	174	Fr.					
								Duquesne, PA/Peabody									

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WHEN EDINBORO HAS THE BALL ...

EDINBORO OFFENSE ...

X	40	Chris Buehner (6-1, 186, Jr.)
LT	75	Jason Oman (6-4, 286, Fr.-r)
LG	76	Brandon Nicodemus (6-2, 281, So.)
C	74	Steve Smith (6-3, 295, So.)
RG	70	Mark Weidner (6-2, 265, Sr.)
RT	71	Greg Tarbell (6-2, 290, Jr.)
Y	3	Stephane Lubin (5-8, 158, So.)
Z	42	Alonzo Roebuck (5-11, 195, Jr.)
QB	14	Jack Davis (6-3, 227, So.)
FB	35	Mike Martin (5-11, 240, Fr.)
TB	33	Bernard Henry (5-11, 192, Sr.)
PK	18	Sean McNicholas (6-4, 221, So.)

MERCYHURST DEFENSE ...

DE	82	Bill McCahee (6-1, 240, Jr.)
DT	50	Chad Fout (6-4, 280, So.)
NG	71	Charles Brown (6-1, 320, Jr.)
DE	2	Shane Lemons (6-1, 220, Sr.)
OLB	6	Scott Platz (6-2, 230, Sr.)
MLB	26	Tony Montini (6-0, 210, So.)
OLB	35	Ike Morrison (6-2, 225, So.)
CB	7	Casey Williams (6-0, 175, Jr.)
CB	11	Steve Hill (5-11, 175, Sr.)
SS	9	Garrett Patty (5-11, 190, Jr.)
FS	22	Tom Palmer (5-10, 180, Sr.)
P	25	Vinnie Corasaniti (5-8, 180, Sr.)

FIGHTING SCOTS NUMERICAL ROSTER

1	Josh Gels	WR	20	Paul Amico	FB	41	Javar Manning	RB	74	Steve Smith	C
2	Keldrick Walker	ILB	21	James Cowart	CB	42	Alonzo Roebuck	TB	75	Jason Oman	OT
3	Stephane Lubin	WR/TB	22	Mike Miodus	OLB	43	Matt Jakovac	TE	76	Brandon Nicodemus	OG
4	Jay Ulmer	WR	23	John Williams	TB	44	Jermaine Hughley	ILB	77	David Beck	OT
5	Justin Lipscomb	WR	24	Jason Gordon	FS	45	Dylan Wessell	ILB	78	Pat Ashley	DT
6	Lincoln Bufalino	CB	25	David Hart	OLB	46	Sean Keslar	OLB	79	Otto Hoover	DT
7	D.K. McDonald	CB	26	Anthony Williams	SS	47	Foster Johnson	ILB	80	Dave Smith	DE
8	George Bailey	WR	27	Jeff Richardson	SS	48	Thomas Wallace	FS	81	Howie Smith	WR
9	Elliott Page	CB	28	Tommie Virgiles	CB	49	Brian Richardson	C	82	Pete Gaylord	TE
10	Ed Nelson	QB	30	Chris Wiggins	ILB	55	Nick Blair	DT	85	Sean Hess	WR
11	Derrick Davis	SS	31	Chris Kane	FS	58	Anthony Peluso	OG	87	Ben Doszeczykiewicz	TE
12	Steve Tryon	QB	32	Ben Keefer	FB	61	Braden Telesz	ILB	89	Greg Belluomo	DE
13	Cam Marsh	QB	33	Bernard Henry	TB	62	Joey Hendrix	OLB	91	Steve Scheloske	TE
14	Jack Davis	QB	34	Dan Rodriguez	TB	63	Brian Cales	K	94	Glen Haskins	WR
15	Nick Roth	OLB	35	Mike Martin	FB	65	Rick Kraus	NG	97	Aaron Tucker	OLB
16	Corey Jensen	OLB	36	Steve Robinson	SS	70	Mark Weidner	OG	98	Glenn Mannion	NG
17	Matt Riccomini	QB	38	John Martin	QB	71	Greg Tarbell	OT	99	Eugene Grooms	NG
18	Sean McNicholas	PK/P	39	Dave Holton	ILB	72	Joe Valvoda	OG			
19	Mike Murton	FS	40	Chris Buehner	WR	73	Karl Shollgren	OT			

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EDINBORO DEFENSE ...

OLB	46	Sean Keslar (6-4, 236, So.)
DT	78	Pat Ashley (6-4, 245, So.)
NG	88	Eugene Grooms (6-1, 295, Fr.)
DE	80	Dave Smith (6-3, 247, So.)
ILB	44	Jermaine Hughley (6-0, 210, Fr.)
ILB	47	Foster Johnson (6-1, 212, So.)
OLB	25	David Hart (6-2, 210, Jr.)
CB	7	D.K. McDonald (6-1, 173, Sr.)
CB	21	James Cowart (6-0, 183, Fr.)
SS	27	Jeff Richardson (6-0, 195, So.)
FS	24	Jason Gordon (6-0, 175, So.)
P	18	Sean McNicholas (6-4, 221, So.)

MERCYHURST OFFENSE ...

WR	10	Justin Siemon (5-11, 165, Sr.)
LT	77	Brian Banville (6-4, 275, So.)
LG	66	Joe Kolek (6-2, 295, Sr.)
C	59	Eric Schmitz (6-1, 255, Sr.)
RG	62	Pat Testrake (6-3, 290, Sr.)
RT	70	Anthony Martin (6-3, 305, Sr.)
WR	3	Byron Curry (6-4, 200, Sr.)
A Slot	43	Justin Gibson (5-9, 205, Sr.)
B Slot	1	Ed Bailey (6-0, 200, Sr.)
QB	4	Mac McArdle (6-0, 185, So.)
RB	33	Joe Magorion (5-7, 175, Sr.)
PK	14	Vince Repucci (6-0, 185, So.)

LAKERS NUMERICAL ROSTER

1	Ed Bailey	WR	23	Brad Thompson	WR	50	Chad Fout	DL	79	Chris Banner	OG
2	Shane Lemons	DE	24	Rob Keefe	CB	51	Jason Stefanick	DE	80	Tim Siemon	WR
3	Byron Curry	WR	25	Vinnie Corasaniti	P/K	52	Patrick Carr	C	81	Mike Guffey	WR
4	Mac McArdle	QB	26	Tony Montini	LB	54	Steve Pickard	OT	82	Phil Annibale	WR
5	Collin Saad	LB	27	Miles O'Shea	LB	56	Jason Kerestes	C	83	Jay Papuga	WR
6	Scott Platz	LB	28	Cody George	WR	57	Justin Stefanick	DE	87	Ross Bandiera	LB
7	Casey Williams	DB	29	Scott Macker	DB	58	Bryan Paulozzi	DE	88	Eric Bott	WR
8	Faheem Williams	WR	30	Richie Phillips	DB	59	Eric Schmitz	C	89	John Cozzocrea	OT/TE
9	Garrett Patty	DB	31	Frank Pappano	DB	60	Todd Krajnak	DL	90	Jeff Jones	DE
10	Justin Siemon	WR	32	Craig Joseph	RB	61	Matt Dubowski	DL	91	Mike McQuillen	DT
11	Steve Hill	DB	33	Joe Magorion	RB	62	Pat Testrake	OG	92	Bill McCahee	DE
12	Brett Weidig	QB	35	Ike Morrison	LB	66	Joe Kolek	OG	95	Ben Wyke	DL
14	Vince Repucci	K	36	Joel Portwood	DB	68	Chip Cophas	OT	99	Andy Pink	WR
15	Shane Formica	LB	38	Andrew Cololla	CB	70	Anthony Martin	OT			
16	Greg Dore	WR	41	Tim Smith	LB	71	Charles Brown	NG			
17	Scott Farison	QB	42	Chris Victor	LB	72	Aaron Burrows	NG			
20	Phil Provenzano	RB	43	Justin Gibson	RB	74	Dan Lowery	OT			
21	Matt Berdysz	RB	44	Bob Whiting	DB	76	Jim Lahood	OG			
22	Tom Palmer	DB	49	Tom Langworthy	LB	77	Brian Banville	OT			

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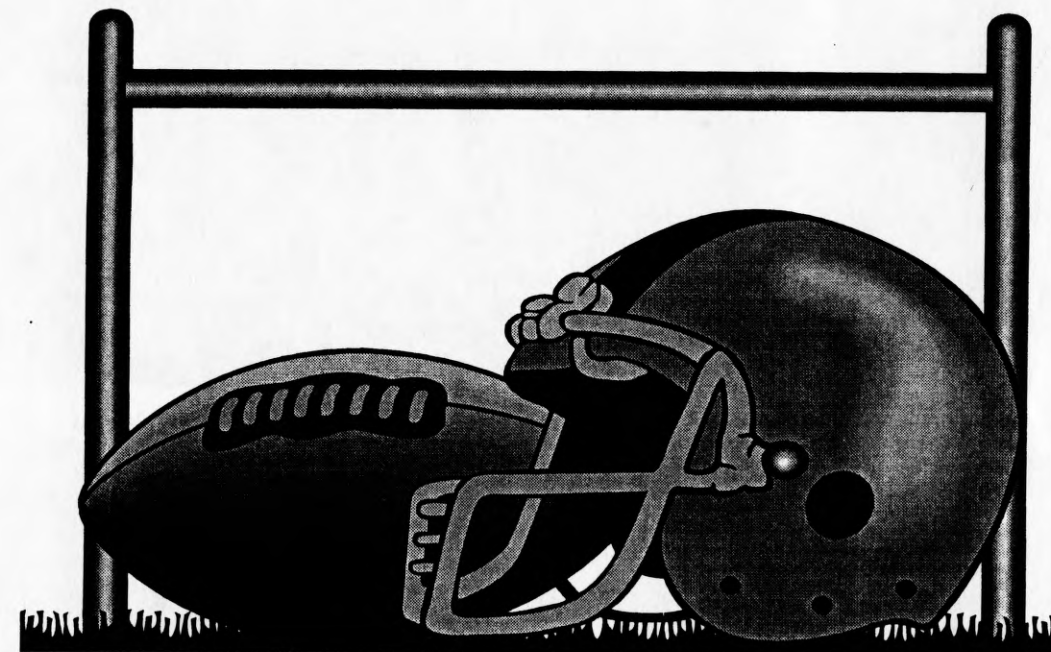
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MERCYHURST LAKERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
82	Phil Annibale	WR	6-1	180	Fr.
	Medina, OH/Highland				
1	Ed Bailey	WR	6-0	200	Sr.
	South Euclid, OH/Brush				
87	Ross Bandiera	LB	6-1	220	So.
	Lyndhurst, OH/Brush				
79	Chris Banner	OG	6-2	285	Fr.
	Pittsburgh, PA/Penn Hills				
77	Brian Banville	OT	6-4	275	So.
	Mayfield Heights, OH/Mayfield				
21	Matt Bordysz	RB	5-9	185	So.
	Garfield Heights, OH/Garfield Heights				
88	Eric Bott	WR	6-3	190	Fr.
	McDonald, PA/South Fayette				
71	Charles Brown	NG	6-1	320	Jr.
	Columbiana, OH/Columbiana				
72	Aaron Burrows	NG	5-10	275	Fr.
	Bronx, NY/Mount St. Michaels				
68	Chip Cophas	OT	6-7	315	So.
	Pittsburgh, PA/Shadyside Academy				
38	Andrew Cololla	CB	5-10	180	Fr.
	Poland, OH/Poland				
25	Vinnie Corasaniti	P/K	5-8	180	Sr.
	Syracuse, NY/Cicero-North Syracuse				
52	Patrick Corr	C	5-9	250	So.
	Pittsburgh, PA/Fox Chapel				
89	John Cozzocrea	OT/TE	6-4	275	Fr.
	Carmel, NY/Carmel				
3	Byron Curry	WR	6-4	200	Sr.
	Twinsburg, OH/R.B. Chamberlin				
16	Greg Dore	WR	6-3	210	Jr.
	Edinboro, PA/General McLane				
61	Matt Dubowski	DL	6-0	280	Fr.
	Erie, PA/Mercyhurst Prep				
17	Scott Farison	QB	6-2	215	Jr.
	Marion, OH/Pleasant				
15	Shane Formica	LB	5-10	210	Jr.
	Columbia Station, OH/Olmstead Falls				
50	Chad Fout	DL	6-4	280	So.
	Ridgeway, OH/Elgin				
28	Cody George	WR	5-9	165	So.
	Sharpsville, PA/Kennedy Christian				
43	Justin Gibson	RB	5-9	205	Sr.
	Berea, OH/Berea				
81	Mike Gaffey	WR	6-2	195	Jr.
	Cranberry, PA/Seneca				
11	Steve Hill	DB	5-11	175	Sr.
	McMurray, PA/Peters Twp.				
80	Jeff Jones	C	6-3	230	So.
	Beverly Hills, MI/Groves				
32	Craig Joseph	RB	6-1	215	Fr.
	Bronx, NY/Cardinal Hayes				
24	Rob Keefe	CB	5-11	175	Fr.
	Pittsburgh, PA/Thomas Jefferson				
56	Jason Kerestias	C	6-2	260	Fr.
	Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon				
66	Joe Kolok	OG	6-2	295	Sr.
	Oswego, NY/Oswego				
60	Todd Krajnak	DL	6-0	285	Fr.
	Solon, OH/Solon				
76	Jim Lahood	OG	6-3	300	So.
	Strongsville, OH/Strongsville				
49	Tom Langworthy	LB	5-11	225	Fr.
	JAmestown, NY/Southwestern				
2	Shane Lemons	DE	6-1	220	Sr.
	Wadsworth, OH/Wadsworth				
74	Dan Lowery	OT	6-4	310	Fr.
	Mineral Ridge, OH/Mineral Ridge				
29	Scott Macker	DB	5-11	180	So.
	Chardon, OH/Chardon				
33	Joe Magorien	RB	5-7	175	Sr.
	Erie, PA/McDowell				
70	Anthony Martin	OT	6-3	305	Sr.
	Fairmont, WV/West Fairmont				
4	Mac McArdle	QB	6-0	185	So.
	Pittsburgh, PA/Upper St. Clair				
82	Bill McSahee	DE	6-1	240	Jr.
	Gibsonia, PA/Hampton				
81	Mike McQuillan	DT	6-4	270	So.
	Youngsville, PA/Youngsville				
26	Tony Montini	LB	6-0	210	So.
	Mt. Pleasant, PA/Mt. Pleasant				
35	Ike Morrison	LB	6-2	225	So.
	Kennedy, NY/Randolph				
27	Miles O'Shea	LB	6-1	220	Fr.
	Meadville, PA/Meadville				
22	Tom Palmer	DB	5-10	180	Sr.
	Erie, PA/McDowell				
31	Frank Pappano	DB	6-0	185	So.
	Fairlawn, OH/Revere				
83	Jay Papuga	WR	6-0	170	Fr.
	Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks				
9	Garrett Patty	DB	5-11	190	Jr.
	Mayfield Heights, OH/Mayfield				
58	Bryan Paulozzi	DE	6-4	275	Fr.
	Strongsville, OH/Strongsville				
30	Richie Phillips	DB	5-10	175	So.
	Warren, OH/Warren G. Harding				
54	Steve Pickford	OT	6-2	280	So.
	Syracuse, NY/Christian Bros. Academy				
89	Andy Pink	WR	6-5	235	So.
	East Palestine, OH/East Palestine				
6	Scott Platz	LB	6-2	230	Sr.
	Chardon, OH/Chardon				
36	Joel Portwood	DB	6-0	185	Fr.
	Westlake, OH/Westlake				
20	Phil Provenzano	RB	5-8	190	So.
	Webster, NY/Bishop Kearney				
14	Vinny Repucci	K	6-0	185	So.
	Austintown, OH/Youngstown Ursuline				
5	Collin Saad	LB	6-1	210	Jr.
	Poland, OH/Poland Seminary				
59	Eric Schmitz	C	6-1	255	Sr.
	North Olmsted, OH/St. Edward				
10	Justin Siemon	WR	5-11	165	Sr.
	Pittsburgh, PA/Thomas Jefferson				
80	Tim Siemon	WR	6-0	170	So.
	Pittsburgh, PA/Thomas Jefferson				
41	Tim Smith	LB	5-11	200	Fr.
	Chardon, OH/Chardon				
51	Jason Stefanick	C	6-1	225	So.
	Columbiana, OH/Columbiana				
57	Justin Stefanick	DE	6-1	225	So.
	Columbiana, OH/Columbiana				
62	Pat Testrake	OG	6-3	290	Sr.
	Erie, PA/Stong Vincent				
23	Brad Thompson	WR	6-4	200	Sr.
	North Ridgeville, OH/North Ridgeville				
42	Chris Victor	LB	6-2	220	So.
	Garfield Heights, OH/Garfield Heights				
12	Brett Weidig	QB	6-3	210	So.
	Chardon, OH/Chardon				
44	Bob Whiting	DB	5-9	180	Fr.
	New Wilmington, PA/Wilmington Area				
7	Casey Williams	DB	6-0	175	Jr.
	Youngstown, OH/Ursuline				
8	Faheem Williams	WR	6-1	195	So.
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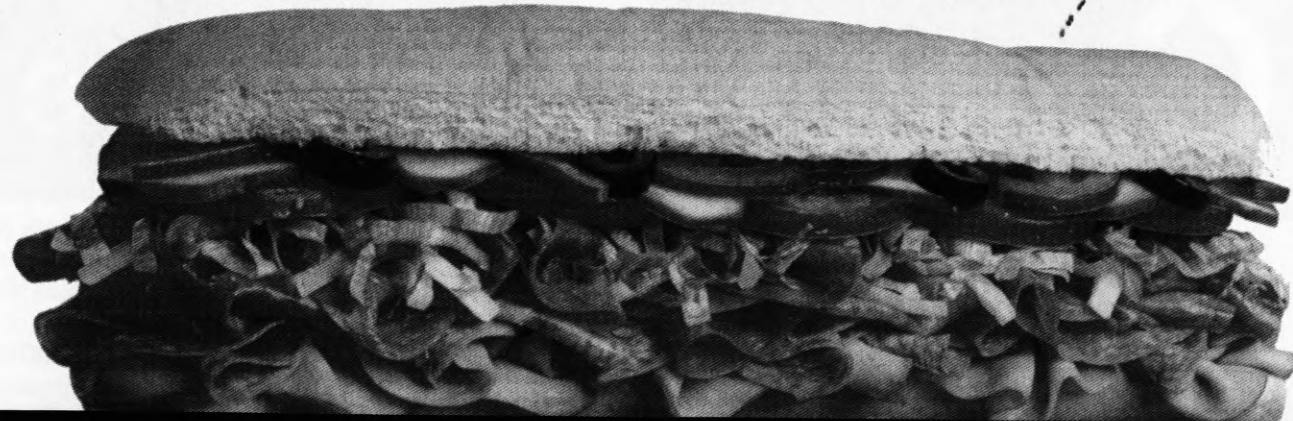
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Williams, who attracted more attention before the season for his dreadlocked hair style, tattoos and body piercings than he did for his on-field performances, broke Tony Dorsett's NCAA career rushing record with an amazing senior season that included 2,124 yards and 27 touchdowns. In the process, he diverted the country's attention away from one of the finest collections of quarterbacks in recent memory.

After surprising many by returning to Texas for his senior season,

Williams went right to work once the '98 season started, gaining 215 yards and scoring six times in UT's opener against New Mexico State. Three weeks later, he hammered Rice for 318 yards and six more TDs, then blitzed Iowa State for 350 yards and five scores. By that point, the Heisman was just about his. The only drama was whether he would catch Dorsett. He did, setting the record against archrival Texas A&M with a 259-yard performance.

Williams' whopping 1,563-vote margin of victory was made even more impressive by the NFL's decision to make four of the five runners-up first-round draft choices. The only one who didn't go that early was second-place finisher Michael Bishop of Kansas State, an all-purpose wizard who led the Wildcats to an undefeated regular season and the cusp of the national title game.

There was an impressive line of candidates after Bishop. Third place went

to UCLA's Cade McNown, who threw for 3,130 yards and 23 touchdowns to lead the Bruins to the Pac-10 title. All fourth-place finisher Tim Couch did was set seven NCAA records, 14 Southeastern Conference marks and 26 Kentucky standards. Cleveland then made him the first overall pick in the 1999 draft.

Right behind Couch in the hearts of the professionals was Syracuse's Donovan McNabb, drafted second by the Eagles, following a season in which he threw for 2,134 yards and 22 touchdowns and ran for 438 yards and eight more scores. The final quarterback in the group, Daunte Culpepper completed his sterling career at Central Florida by shattering Steve Young's NCAA single-season completion percentage record (73.6%) in a season during which he threw for 3,690 yards and 28 touchdowns.

Maybe it was the Year of the Quarterback. But it was Ricky Williams' Heisman Trophy. ■

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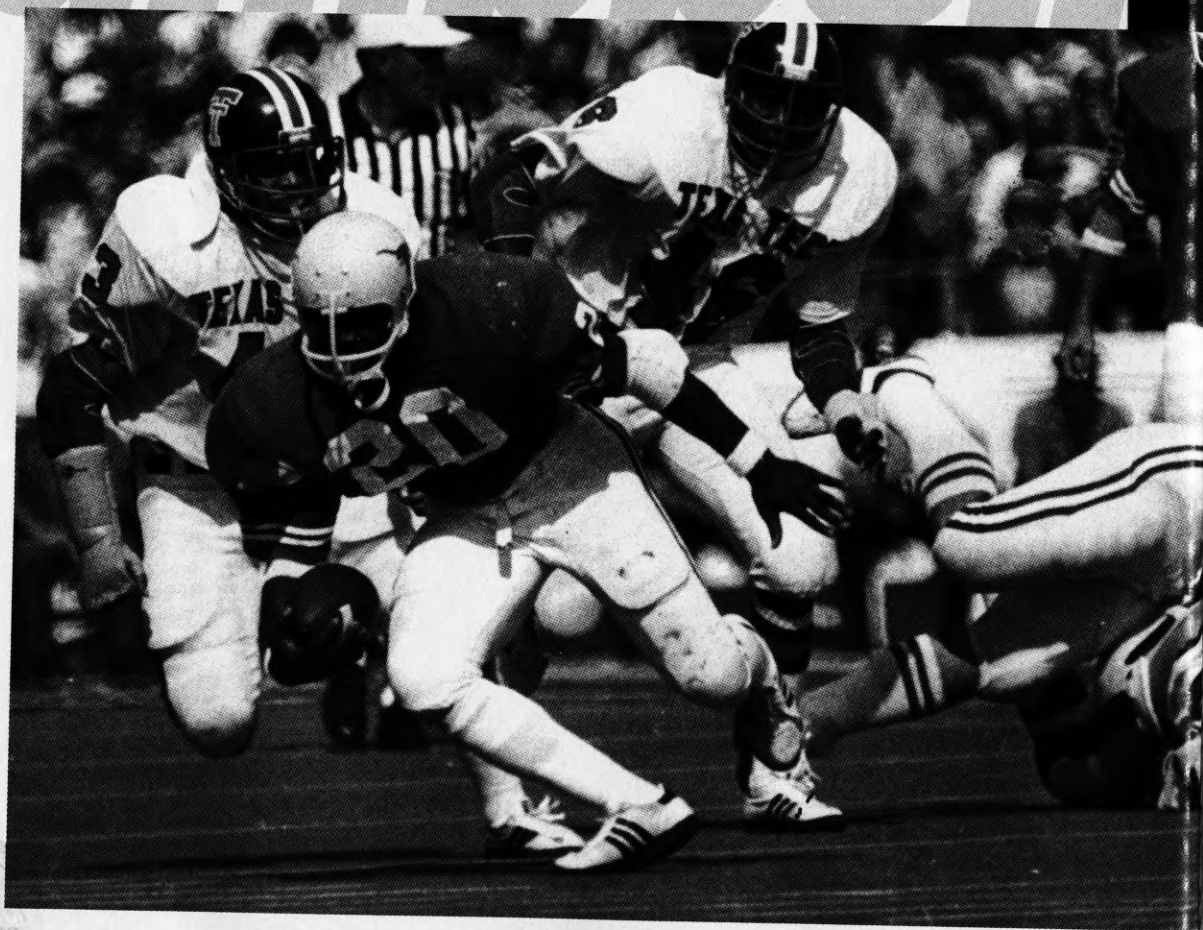
The Men Who Revolutionized The Game

BY JIM CAMPBELL

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Earl Campbell

Earl Campbell exploded out of Texas with the force of a tornado to signal a new



breed of running back.

Since 1935, the Heisman Trophy has been a symbol of excellence. Arguably the most famous piece of award hardware in the world, the trophy itself, given annually by the Downtown Athletic Club of New York, far outstrips the notoriety of the man it memorializes—pioneer college football coach John W. Heisman. Each award winner is a legend in his own right. However, certain Heisman winners revolutionized the approach to the game of college

football with his special skills.

Heisman Trophy winners seem to go in cycles. For a time, quarterbacks were all the rage; then it was running backs. Earl Campbell came along as the fifth in a long line (eleven) of consecutive Heisman runners. But no one was quite like him in 1977. Tony Dorsett, the 1976 winner, was shifty and compact (5-11, 188-pounds). Billy Sims, the 1978 winner, was only a little bigger (6-0, 205). Campbell was what coaches admirably call "a full load."

He stood the same height as Dorsett, but was 25 pounds heavier than Sims. He was quick. He was fast. And he was utterly fearless. He was the first of the "pounders"—backs who just kept hammering away at the opposition. He was Ron Dayne, the latest Heisman Trophy recipient, nearly a quarter of a century before Ron Dayne. He revolutionized the position, paving the way for future bulldozing Heisman awardees—George Rogers (1980), Herschel Walker (1982), Bo Jack-



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THE BULL CONTINUED

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son (1985) and Dayne.

When Earl Campbell left Tyler, Texas, to matriculate at the University of Texas in Austin in the fall of 1974, he had dreams. One could say that most of those dreams came true. The 19-year-old, first-year student-athlete wrote in a composition that "before I leave Austin, I want to gain two-thousand yards in a season, win the Heisman Trophy, be on a national championship team, and help us win the Southwest Conference championship the next three seasons. Then I want to turn pro and sign for enough money to buy Mama a new house."

After leaving UT, he had a firm grasp on two of those goals and just narrowly missed two others. The powerful running back won the Heisman and, as the overall No. 1 choice in the NFL draft, signed a contract with the Houston Oilers that allowed him to build his mama Ann a new brick house on the small farm on which he had grown up—with ten brothers and sisters—a few miles outside of Tyler. During the Heisman season, Campbell gained only 1,774 yards, but did lead the nation. In the 1978 Cotton Bowl, a game that pitted the Southwest Conference champion Longhorns against the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame for the national title, the 'Horns were upset.

Life wasn't easy for young Earl. Tyler, located in East Texas, is noted for the colorful and beautiful roses grown there. Earl's father, B. C., was an expert rose grower; the family had inherited a 14-acre farm from Earl's mother's family. But B.C. died when young Campbell was in the fourth grade, leaving Ann to keep the family of eleven kids

together. Earl began running with an older and faster crowd, and neglected school and his studies. His mother noticed this and sat him down and told him that he needed to get back on the right track. Football, in part, showed him the way. He paced John Tyler High School to Texas's 4-A state championship with a 15-0 season as a senior. He was destined for college stardom, but the local boosters argued over whether he would be better as a linebacker or a running back. He would soon show them.

Longhorns coach Darrell Royal won the recruiting war over Oklahoma's Barry Switzer, and Campbell enrolled at the Austin campus. He gained 928 yards as a freshman to lead all UT runners. His sophomore season he gained 1,118 yards and made All-America. Injuries cut his output to 653 yards as a junior—the idleness also contributed to a weight gain. Campbell was closer to 300 pounds than to 200 pounds.

Coach Royal, a father-like figure to Campbell, retired before his senior season and Fred Akers took over the Longhorns. Akers wisely constructed the Texas offense around Campbell—by now known nationally as the Tyler Rose. Earl had worked hard to get his weight back down to 223 pounds. The 11-0 regular season of the Longhorns and Campbell was well documented. Earl ran over, under, around, past, and through all opponents. He was a unanimous choice as All-America.

When it came time for the Heisman award, Campbell was part of a new departure for the Downtown Athletic Club. In previous years, the Heisman recipient was announced to the media and the honoree was feted at a later date

at a banquet at the New York Club. In 1977, Campbell was part of a group of leading candidates who were invited to New York for the presentation. No one would know the winner of the Heisman until it was revealed on a special Heisman show carried for the first time on network television (CBS-TV). Campbell was the logical choice, and indeed Earl did win the highly-prized trophy—he had nearly twice the votes of runner-up Terry Millers, running back of Oklahoma State.

At the nationally-televised award ceremony, Campbell held the trophy high and proudly and told a nation and his mother, "Mama, this is your award. You've worked so hard. If it hadn't been for you, I wouldn't have gone as far as I did in life." He would go still farther.

As a NFL rookie, he led the league in rushing with 1,450 yards. He also led NFL rushers in his second and third seasons. He gained a remarkable 1,934 yards in 1980. He was such a force that one NFL defender said "trying to tackle him [Campbell] is like walking blindfolded in the middle of I-75 at rush hour."

Perhaps his folksy, if not too grammatical, Oilers coach O.A. "Bum" Phillips said it best, "If ol' Earl ain't in a class by himself, it sure don't take long to call the roll."

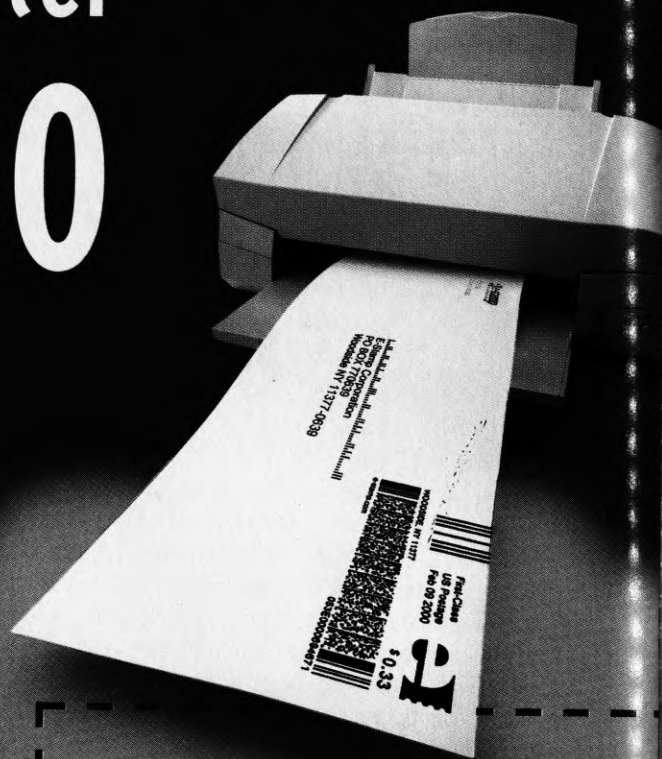
In recent years, Campbell has overcome a panic disorder to become a successful businessman in Texas. ■

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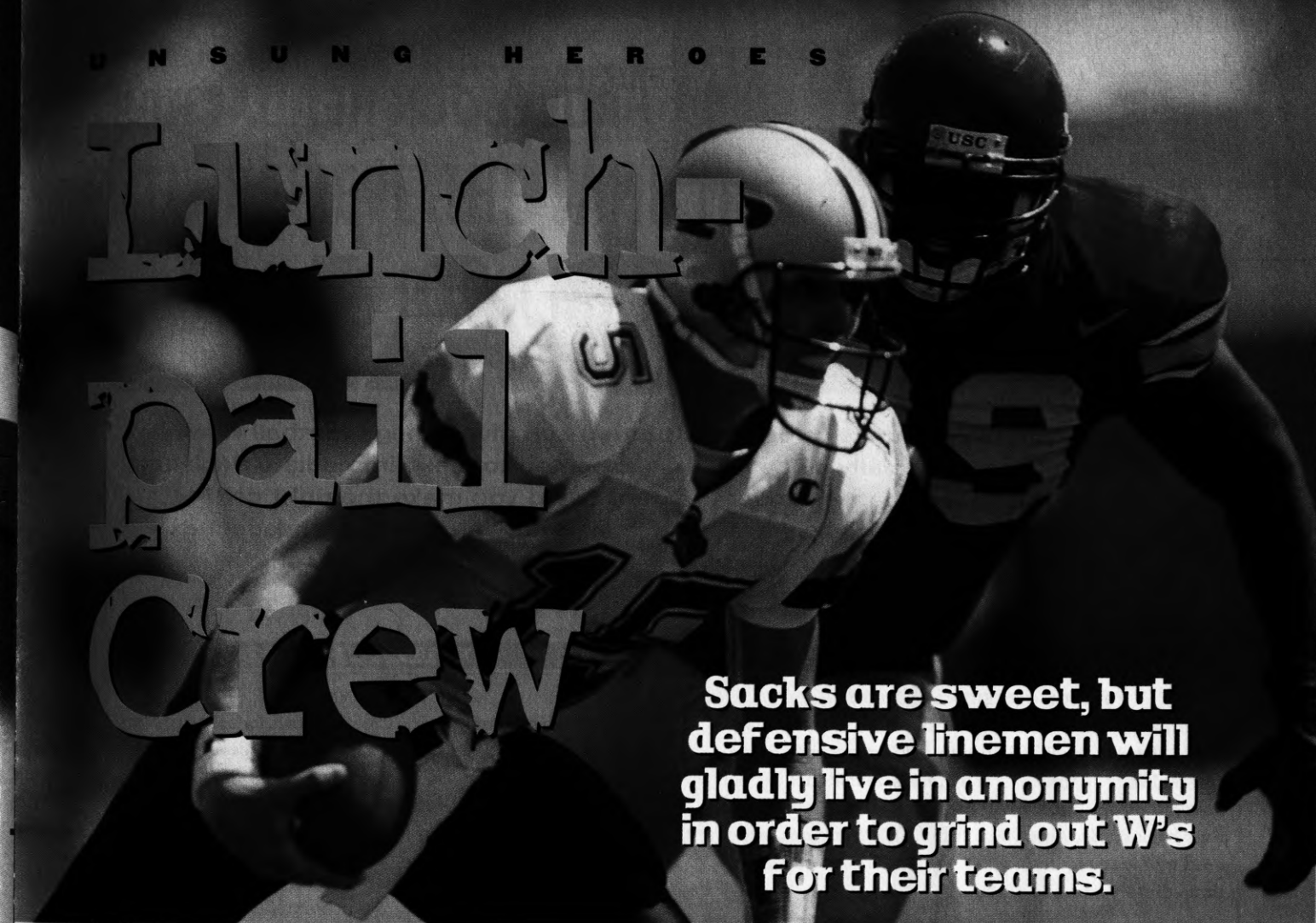
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When you're growing up, you learn about the three R's in school. When you're growing up in football as a nose guard, you learn about the three T's: toughness, tenacity and terror. Because you have to have all three of those qualities to play there, and to succeed.

"They're blue-collar workers," Syracuse defense line coach Thurmond Moore said. "Your typical defensive line player will bring his lunch pail with him, get his face bloodied and his knuckles dirty.

"You just have to wait for the end of the day to get your due."

Which is typical for most nose guards.

Oh, at some places, they are a focal point, but more often than not, your typical nose guard and defensive lineman get lost in the shuffle.

There really is no question about it. Not as far as coaches and players are concerned, at least.

Many fans may not realize, but that hulking mass standing over the center, that huge 6-4, 300-pound frame of muscle and venom—the nose guard—is probably the smartest player on the field.

He also has to be one of the most athletic. Nose guards and defensive linemen may not have the breakaway speed of a slick running back or a fleet wide receiver. However, they must be quick off their feet, react to the snap at an instant's notice, deal with double, and sometimes, triple teams, and attempt to break down a play before it has broken through the first line of defense.

Multi-tasker

You think all the guys on the line do for 60 minutes each Saturday is battle in the trenches over a few feet of ground? Think again. Take a look at Ennis Davis, Southern Cal's 6-4, 300-pound defensive lineman. The senior is starting his third-straight season on the line. Sure he clogs running lanes, wreaks havoc on opposing QBs and is able to shift gears to cut down a running back from behind. In addition, consider last year when he started all 12 games, posted 31 tackles (including seven for losses of 22 yards), five sacks (for minus-18 yards), two fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and two interceptions (one a 30-yarder he brought back for a score against Arizona State). All of this despite not being fully recovered from a knee injury suffered as a sophomore.

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THE CALL

The rare play, quirky bounce or bizarre situation can give college football referees instant headaches, especially since they are expected to make immediate decisions during the heat of battle. Under the gun, could you make the right call? Touchdown Illustrated gives you the whistle. Below are rulebook headaches designed to test your knowledge of the game. You be the ref!

HEADACHE #1

BOSTON COLLEGE vs. SYRACUSE

BC tailback Cedric Washington runs to the outside, where he's hit hard at the BC 36-yard line by Orangemen defensive end Duke Pettijohn. Washington's helmet flies off, but he remains upright. Hoping to outmaneuver Pettijohn, he runs backwards, where he fumbles. The fumble is recovered by Syracuse linebacker Morlon Greenwood, who's immediately stopped at the 30.

YOU'RE THE REF:
 What happens next?

ANSWER

BC keeps possession, and the ball is spotted at the 36. According to Rule 4, Section 1, Article 3g, when a runner's helmet comes completely off, the play is dead, and the ball belongs to the runner's team at that spot.

HEADACHE #2

NEBRASKA vs. TEXAS A&M

Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch throws for split end Matt Davidson in the end zone, but Aggies safety Michael Jameson steps in and makes the interception. Jameson catches the ball on the 2-yard line, but backpedals into the end zone, where he is taken down by Davidson.

YOU'RE THE REF:
 What happens next?

ANSWER

Texas A&M's ball on the 2. According to Rule 8, Section 5, Article 1, when a player intercepts a pass or fumble between the five-yard line and the goal line, and his momentum carries him into the end zone, where the ball is declared dead, his team gets the ball at the spot of the interception or fumble recovery.

HEADACHE #3

WISCONSIN vs. MICHIGAN STATE

Down 26-24, with four seconds on the clock, the Badgers have the ball on the Spartans 15-yard line. Quarterback Brian Bollinger rolls out of the pocket, but can't find an open receiver. With time expired, and Spartan linebacker Josh Thornhill bearing down on him, Bollinger drop kicks the ball towards the end zone, and through the goal post.

YOU'RE THE REF:
 What happens next?

ANSWER

It's good! Rule 8, Section 4, Article 1 says that any scrimmage kick that passes through the uprights is a field goal. Wisconsin wins by a point.

HEADACHE #4

ARMY vs. NAVY

Naval academy wide receiver Brandon Rampani is lined up on the far right. After the snap, Army defensive back Derrick Goodwin pushes him at the line of scrimmage, and he steps out of bounds. He steps back in bounds, runs down the field, and catches a pass in the end zone from quarterback Brian Broadwater.

YOU'RE THE REF:
 What happens next?

ANSWER

Touchdown, Navy. A receiver who steps out of bounds is normally ineligible, but if he is blocked out of bounds and immediately returns inbounds, he retains his eligibility.

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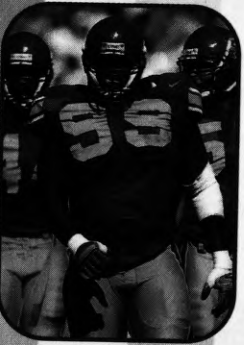
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(Top-Bottom) USC defensive line coach Ed Orgeron, who now guides All-America candidate Ennis Davis, once oversaw the growth of Miami's defensive linemen, including Warren Sapp, Russell Maryland and Cortez Kennedy.



"They used to say it about us [defensive linemen]," Southern California senior defensive tackle Ennis Davis, an All-America candidate, said of the idea that most defensive linemen (the big and burly) can't run. "We all can run. A lot of our work is on the line of scrimmage, but if they get by us, we're going to chase them down."

"We're all over the place. We're active." Imagine being a quarterback and being the last line of defense after Davis picked off one of your passes. Not a pretty sight.

"Size and speed, that's what you look for," USC defensive line coach Ed Orgeron said. "If you look at a guy like Ennis, he's 6-4 and 300-pounds, so he's got the size, but he can run. Those guys are hard to find."

Orgeron should know. Before joining Paul Hackett's staff in Pasadena, he coached the likes of Warren Sapp, Cortez Kennedy and Russell Maryland at Miami. And he says that Davis can be that good.

But unlike most schools, where quarterbacks or linebackers take center stage, at Southern Cal, it's the defensive linemen who get the attention these days.

"We look at them as the premier players in our defense," said Orgeron.

"You've got to like the physicalness of the game," Michigan defensive line coach Brady Hoke, the brother of Florida defensive coordinator Jon, said. "Playing in the box, that area inside, having players locking angles on you, holding your point of gap integrity, that's what it's all about."

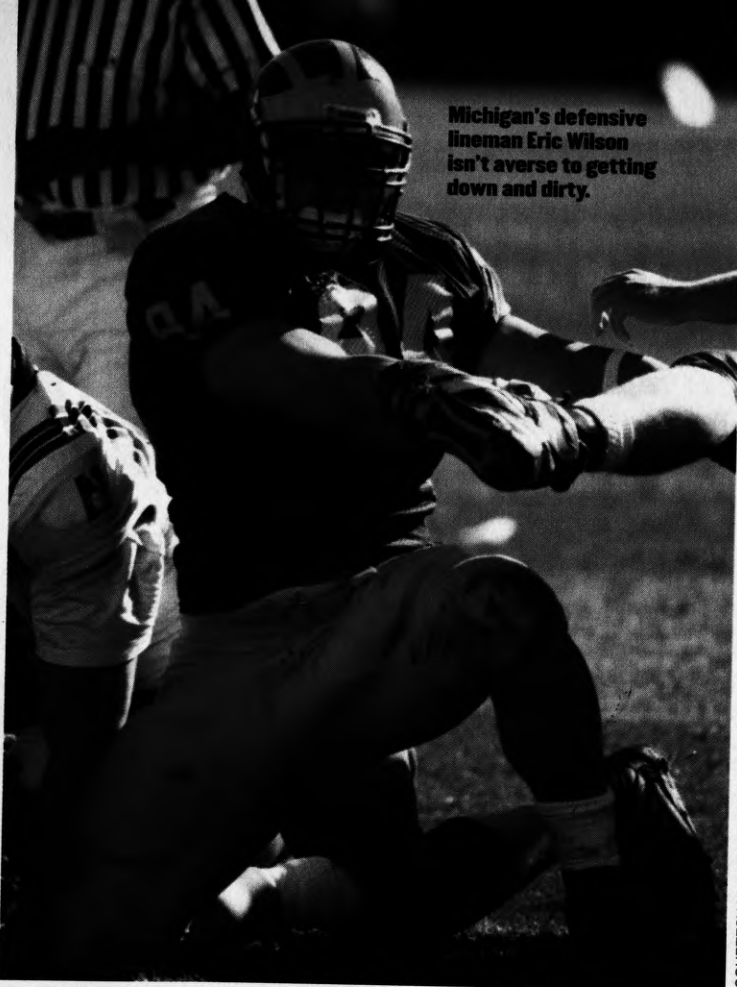
"You've got to fight for the ground that is yours. When you play up front, you're in hand-to-hand combat, that's where the age-old adage is true."

If, in the midst of the combat, they can get an opening, the player with the ball better watch out.

"The game moves fast," said Wisconsin's Wendell Bryant. "If you get thinking, you can have a lapse, but if I get an opening, all I'm thinking is to run through him and hit the guy as hard as I can."

And that's what it's all about. Defensive linemen have to know what to do, and have to react to it quicker than any defensive player on the field. Which can be a lot to ask for a player of that size who's out on the field for nearly every down.

"You know you've done something good when you're down there under the pile," Michigan senior Eric Wilson said.



Michigan's defensive lineman Eric Wilson isn't averse to getting down and dirty.

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"You connect with one of your players and you look into his eyes and you just know it. That's just a great feeling."

That's the glory for these guys, when they get a chance to make a hit. "We get double-teamed, triple-teamed, chop blocked, cut blocked, you name it, and we get it," Bryant said. "The ball snaps and your reaction time better be quick because as soon as you get a chance it can be gone."

Those chances can be few and far between, and they know it. Defensive linemen have to be in excellent condition to stay out for 70-100 plays each game during the course of the season.

"You have to be a tough guy, a real true tough guy," Moore said. "You're not going to get any credit, but if you're causing the bubble to move, you're making plays. And then you have to do it from the first snap to the last, from the time you start your day until you finish."

They know it too. They love it. They relish it. And they want more of it.

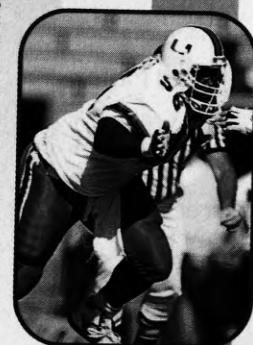
"It's mostly grunt work and you spend your time in the trenches," Wilson said. "The good part is being able to show your strength and ability in the game. The sacks and tackles for loss are the highlights, but the glory doesn't show since you're sitting on the bottom of a pile most of the time."

"You just can't be selfish. But when you walk off the field knowing you won, that's the reward." ●

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THE GROUND—AND HIS UNIT WAS ON THE FIELD FOR 99 PLAYS, 20 MORE THAN HIS OFFENSE. THAT KIND OF PERFORMANCE USUALLY LEADS A COACH TO A "PEEL THE PAINT OFF THE LOCKER ROOM WALLS" SPEECH.

As expected, there was a lot of yelling in the Northwest Missouri State locker room when head coach Mel Tjeerdsma got there. But it was yelling in celebration of winning the Division II championship, 58-52, over Carson-Newman in quadruple overtime.

So much for the football axiom about defense winning championships.

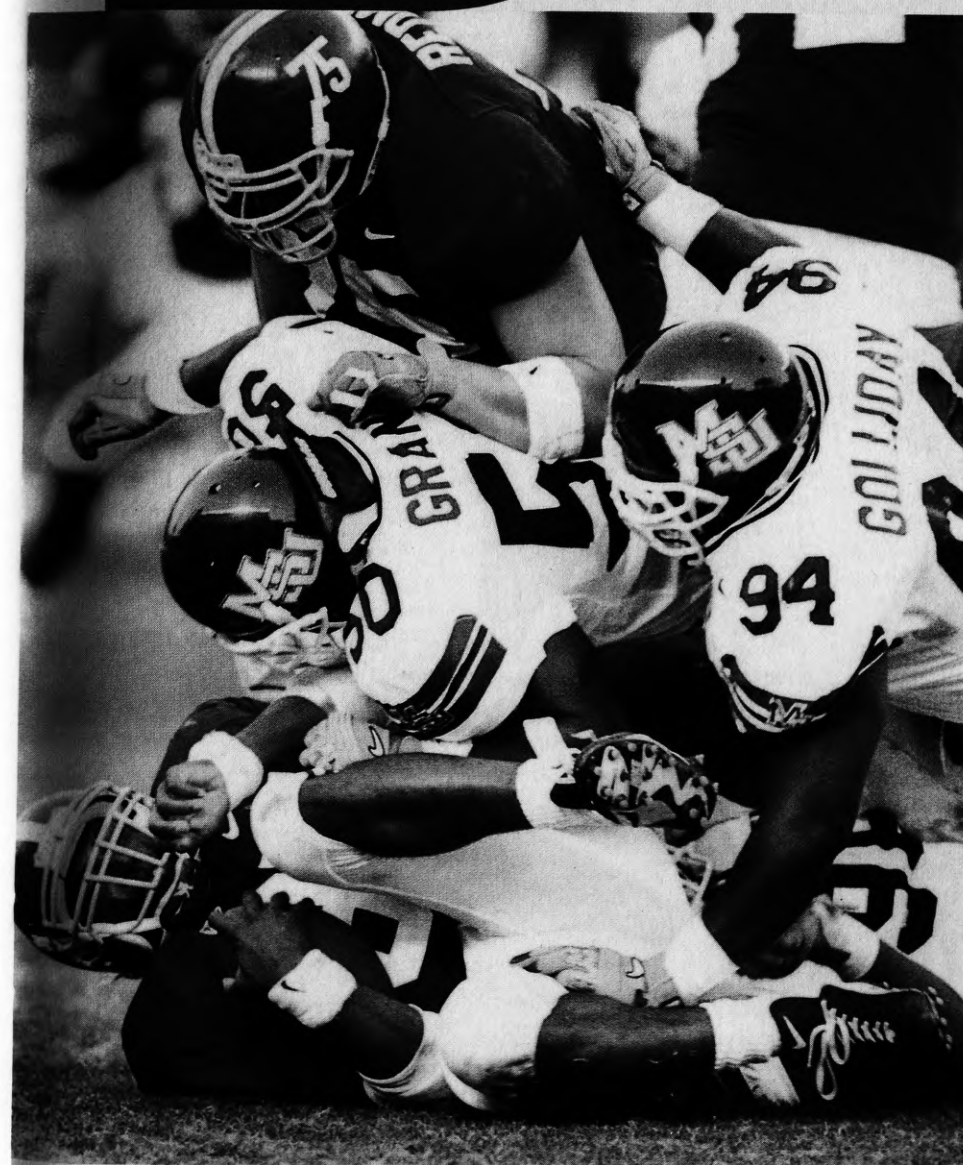
"We've had some discussions about that," said Tjeerdsma with a laugh.

D-II champions Northwest Missouri State won it all despite finishing out of the division's top 50 in rushing defense, passing defense or total defense and ranking 32nd in scoring defense. They did, however, finish No. 13 in total offense and tied for eighth in scoring offense, with 38.9 points per game.

"I think obviously you have to play good defense. But I think the trend has switched a little bit the last few years. You have to score points to win a championship."

It seems in today's college football, the best offense—or just the better offense—is a good defense. Georgia Southern head coach Paul Johnson would certainly give a "yea" vote for that theory.

Offenses seem to be out of control at all levels, but Mississippi State—the nation's top DI defense in fewest yards allowed per game in '99 (222.5)—is doing its best to help defenses regain the upper hand.



BY J O N C O O P E R

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Won't Get Fooled Again

Thanks to a new rule beginning this season, what defenses see in the huddle is what they get coming out of the huddle. Such wasn't always the case.

"Offenses try to keep 12, 13, 14 guys in the huddle," said Kansas State defensive coordinator Phil Bennett.

"[University of Florida head coach Steve] Spurrier's done it forever. You never knew his personnel groups. And they try to get the matchup that they want, but you can't get your nickel and dime packages in. And that's what this is, a game of matchups. The rules have always favored the offense."

Bennett feels it's about time that little trick was removed from offensive repertoires. Rule 3-5-2-e does just that. It reads:

While in the process of substitution or simulated substitution, Team A is prohibited from rushing quickly to the line of scrimmage and snapping the ball with the obvious attempt to create a defensive disadvantage. The following procedure will be applied:

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PENALTY: Dead-ball foul. An official will sound his whistle immediately. 15 yards from the succeeding spot.

Johnson's Eagles, who rolled up 653 rushing yards in their 59-24 victory over Youngstown State in the Division I-AA title game, were 39th in I-AA in total defense, allowing 301.9 yards per game. Yet when the dust settled, the Eagles were flying highest.

"I don't know. We might be an enigma to that," said Johnson when asked if defense still wins championships. "Certainly we played very well on defense a year ago. I'm not sure I totally believe that old adage that defense wins championships. I believe good football teams win championships."

Even the Division I-A National Championship game between Florida State and Virginia Tech, the 19th and third-ranked defenses, wasn't exactly a battle in the trenches, as the two teams kept scoreboard operators busy, combining for 75 points and 862 yards.

"My theory about defense has really changed," said Mississippi State defensive coordinator/defensive ends coach Joe Lee Dunn, whose Bulldogs finished first in the nation in total defense, at 222.5 yards per game. "I think what you do with defense nowadays is keep yourself in the ballgame. Don't let it get out of hand."

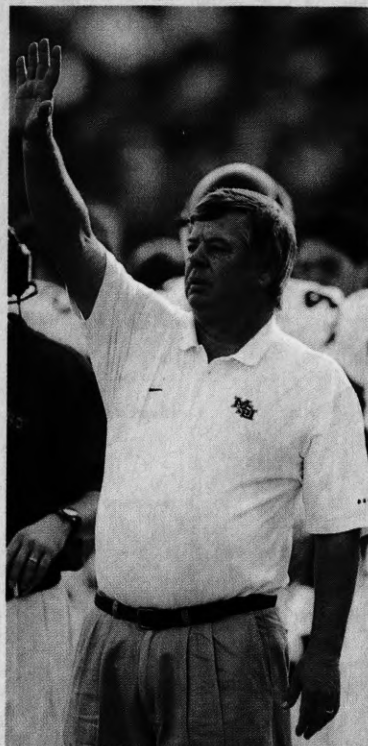
Most coaches agree that a major reason things have gotten out of hand offensively is the willingness of more teams to go up top. Hand-in-hand with that approach is the relaxation of rules, allowing offensive linemen more liberal use of their hands.

"The rules were changed to basically legalize holding," said Dunn. "That gives the offense a little bit of an advantage. So that's a reason people score more."

"People don't like you to get up there and just run the football over and over and over," he continued. "They're not gonna come and pay to see you do that. That's the nature of what the game has turned into. They want it wide open; they want excitement. What you call the frills is what it amounts to."

The "frills" of which Dunn speaks come via an opening up of offenses. Teams no longer attack with a standard two-receiver, two-back set. Now they utilize three, four, even five receivers at a time.

"This is a game of matchups," said Kansas State defensive coordinator Phil Bennett. "[Offenses] like the matchup of a 4.8 linebacker on a 4.4, 4.3 receiver. We're getting so many four-wides and even five-wides that we have a nickel, dime package, we're recruiting more DBs that have the ability to match up with these receivers."



"What you do with defense nowadays is keep yourself in the ballgame. Don't let it get out of hand." Mississippi St. defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn

Part of what has made matching up with receivers so difficult is that defenses don't know who's in and who's out practically until the offense is lined up. That's about to change, courtesy of the NCAA (see sidebar left). Bennett, for one, couldn't be happier.

"They just made a rule that deals with deception," said Bennett. "If you have a guy and you run him off the field real late and run someone else on, it's gonna be a major penalty."

But rising scores are caused by more than not knowing who's on the field until the last minute. It sounds cliché, but bigger, faster and stronger offensive skill players have made it more difficult for defenses to impose their will.

"That's a trend that has come down from the NFL," said Bennett. "You look at the NFL, you have Keyshawn Johnson, go back to Michael Irvin, Herman Moore. Ideally you'd like to have the big, fast corners, but that's not always the case. What you have to do is be careful by isolating those matchups."

"A lot of formations, when they get in the four wide, they put three to one side then they put their stud to the one-receiver side," he continued. "They say, 'Look, if you overload to our four-man side, then you're gonna be matched up one-on-one with our stud.' We favor that matchup. If you double

the one-receiver side, then somebody on the three-man side [is open]. You've got to keep 'em guessing with the same look, along with pressing them so they can't get in rhythm."

For Dunn, preparation is the key.

"We try to always have five DBs in the ball game," he said. "So when they go into all those different formations, we're gonna be able to have a comparable player cover their comparable player and not get a mismatch."

While some teams seek an advantage in coverage, others attempt to use strength in numbers up front and press that advantage.

"If you have four wide receivers, normally that means you only have six-man protection," said Georgia Tech offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Ralph Friedgen. "They can make you throw hot. You can advance the ball up the field, though, if you can take advantage of a 1-on-1 situation. The defense knows they can make you throw hot. They just have to make sure they can cover those guys one-on-one. If you have protection that can pick a particular blitz up, the advantage goes back to the offense."

Friedgen preaches offensive balance, which keeps defenses off-balance. In his tenure at Georgia Tech,

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three of his teams—including the last two—have both run and passed for 2,000 yards. Of course, the past two years that balance was easy to attain, thanks to quarterback Joey Hamilton.

Dual-threat quarterbacks like Hamilton are the wrench in the works of the best-laid plans of the attack-first defense. What began with the occasional Tommie Frazier or Kordell Stewart, has now become almost a weekly occurrence. At the top of the current class is 2000 Heisman Trophy front-runner Michael Vick of Virginia Tech, who faced Friedgen's Yellow Jackets this past August 27 in the Black Coaches Association Football Classic.

Vick single-handedly—and "dual-leggedly"—kept Virginia Tech in last year's Sugar Bowl, throwing for 225 yards and one TD while rushing for 97 yards and a score. The likes of Vick and the trend toward the mobile game-breakers are doing their part to keep defensive coordinators, already sleep-deprived by nightmares of multiple sets and receiving corps made up of four Randy Mosses, up all night.

"I fear a guy who can move," said Tjeerdsma. "Guys who are good athletes and move around usually end up making big plays out of things that never should have happened. Drop-back passers will make big plays too, but if you're doing your job, usually they're not gonna make a play. But with a scrambler, you can do your job perfectly and he'll still make a play on you."

Some coaches have adapted to the playmaker by instituting a "spy," often the middle linebacker, whose sole responsibility is to contain the quarterback and keep him from making the big play.

"You just about have to," said Bennett, whose Wildcats perfected the concept by chasing Michael Bishop around the practice field. "You take Michael Vick or Bishop. When the quarterback can turn a bad play into a good one just on athletic ability, you've got to be careful and have somebody there as a rush-control guy."

Others, such as Dunn, leave that idea cold.

"We don't do that," stated Dunn. "That's not the way we prepare for games."

So what do defenses do? As they say about Denver, if you don't like the weather, wait five minutes. The same holds true with defense. Football is a cyclical game, and chances are what is working now has already been worked somewhere before. And where an offensive scheme has worked, there has been an opponent who has concocted a way to stop it. It's just a matter of making the re-discovery.

"Last year against Colorado, I used stuff I used in 1984 when I was defensive coordinator at Iowa State, and it really worked for us," said Bennett.

"The thing is, it's still a player's game. They're the guys that have to make the plays. Our job as coaches is putting them in favorable matchups and not asking them to do something they're not capable of doing."

Friedgen sees a lot of the Dan Fouts-led San Diego Chargers and "Air Coryell" in today's modern multi-receiver sets.

"Nickel defense became popular because there would be a [third receiver] like Charlie Joiner and they'd split him out wide on a linebacker," Friedgen said.

But it took time for teams to figure out how to stop Air Coryell—basically by keeping them off the field and wearing out the Chargers defense.

Today's defenses are also on their heels and must first regain their balance before worrying about hitting back. For now, that may require adhering to the status quo and going back to the old-school basics.

"It's gonna take a little time. Right now defenses are really just trying to adjust to everything," said Tjeerdsma, adding, "I think there's always a tendency for us coaches to analyze too much. I look at some of the better defensive teams on our level, and they're pretty basic defensive teams. They're seeing all these multiple sets but they're staying pretty basic."

They may be basic but they're still intent on forcing the offense's hand.

"I think you can set a tempo. I truly believe that every formation and personnel grouping gives you an attack point," stated Bennett. "That attack point is dictated by how I put my defensive players in. My thing as a defensive coordinator, whatever you do best, I want to take that away and make you do something different."

"The days of just calling the defense and not worrying about the personnel in the game and not worrying about the formation is over."

What's in now is big, bad receivers and quarterbacks who not only are faster than some defensive backs, but also bigger than some linebackers. Defenses can't really even turn to the NCAA for help.

"I think the truth of the matter is the head coaches and the coaches appreciate great defense, but I don't think [the NCAA] feels the fans do," said Bennett. "But I know that's not the case here. We take great pride in our defense and the fact that we're pretty good at it."

"I think [high-scoring] will continue," concluded Bennett. "It's the fans' game. They pay for all this. Scoring might go up. Hopefully not here." ●

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A Formation by Any Other Name

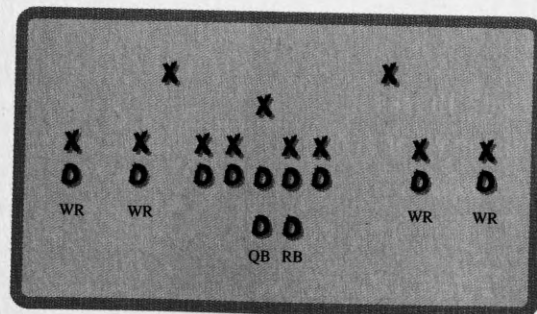
No one likes to tinker with success more than an offensive coordinator. Their thinking is that if a play works one way, once defenses catch up, why not try it another? Such is the case with the Wishbone Offense. The Wishbone's glory days came back in the '70s, courtesy of the University of Oklahoma. Then, when the game opened up, the Run-and-Shoot Offense soon became the rage.

While diametric opposites, the two formations are joined at the hip.

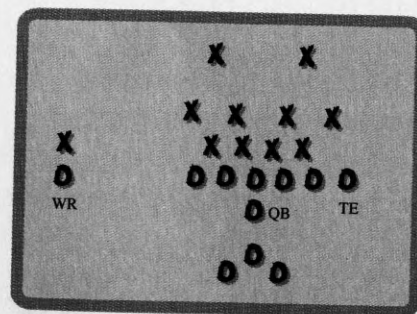
In fact, one is actually a spinoff of the other. (See diagrams below.)

"The Run-and-Shoot is the passing version of the Wishbone," said Phil Bennett, defensive coordinator at Kansas State. "[The offense is] counting how many people there are in the box, where in the Wishbone you always counted off the end man. It was the running version of it. They're always trying to outnumber where they're at."

Here's how the offenses line up personnel wise.



"Run and Shoot" Offense
 1 Quarterback
 1 Running Back
 4 Wide Receivers
 0 Tight End
 5 Offensive Linemen



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"No one threw at Haynes as a senior because he burned them so many times as a junior that they quit going his way."

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While the 1952 Pitt team was en route by train to South Bend to play Notre Dame, team captain Joe Schmidt



laid down the law during a team meeting. The Panthers were a solid underdog, but that game was the most important on their schedule. "If you guys don't beat Notre Dame, I'll beat up each and every one of you," Schmidt forcefully told his teammates.

It was not inflated rhetoric. They understood that he probably could do it, so the Panthers went out and stopped the favored Irish, 22-19.

A two-way player—a guard and linebacker—for the Panthers, Schmidt was elected this year to College Football's Hall of Fame. He went into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1973 after a stellar 13-season career with the Detroit Lions.

Joining Schmidt in the Hall are guard-linebacker Harley Sewell from Texas and defensive end Billy Ray Smith from Arkansas. The rough-and-tumble Sewell was an All-America linebacker during the early 1950s and later played pro ball with Schmidt. Smith, a unanimous All-America player in 1981 and '82, finished his career with 299 total tackles was voted to the Arkansas All-Century team.

QB Nightmare

Mike Haynes made life miserable for opposing offenses as a cornerback at Arizona State.

By Jack Clary

When Mike Haynes played four years (1972-75) of varsity football as a cornerback at Arizona State, his coach, Frank Kush, called him a "luxury." That is a word not generally found in a football coach's vocabulary, given the worrisome state of the profession where even the slightest blip can loom as a disaster.

"We put Mike at cornerback as a freshman because we needed help there," Kush said about his former cornerback/return specialist who was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame this year. "It was my intent to move him to receiver, but he was so valuable to us there he started the whole four years."

Then there's this: "Leaving Mike by himself enabled us to let the free safety help the other corner, or even utilize the safety blitz. He provided us a great luxury to cover our defensive shortcomings without sacrificing his position."

Haynes achieved the pinnacle of success at his position in his senior season—opponents stopped throwing the ball in his area. He had only two interceptions after leading the nation with 11 the previous season.

"No one threw at him as a senior," said Kush, "because he burned them so many times as a junior that they quit going his way. Our other corner, Mike Martinez, got all the business and he led us in interceptions that season with seven."

Mike's football mentor at Arizona State was Fred Glick, a great college defensive back in the Fifties.

"With Mike, we had a variety of combinations but we always rotated away from him," he recounted. "I think that's why he was the most valuable player in our Fiesta Bowl victory over Pitt. I'm sure the Pitt coaches looked at the films and said, 'Hey, they're always rotating this way, so we'll throw it the other way, at Haynes. Mike had a pair of picks in that game.'"

But that was only half the story of Mike's college career, during which

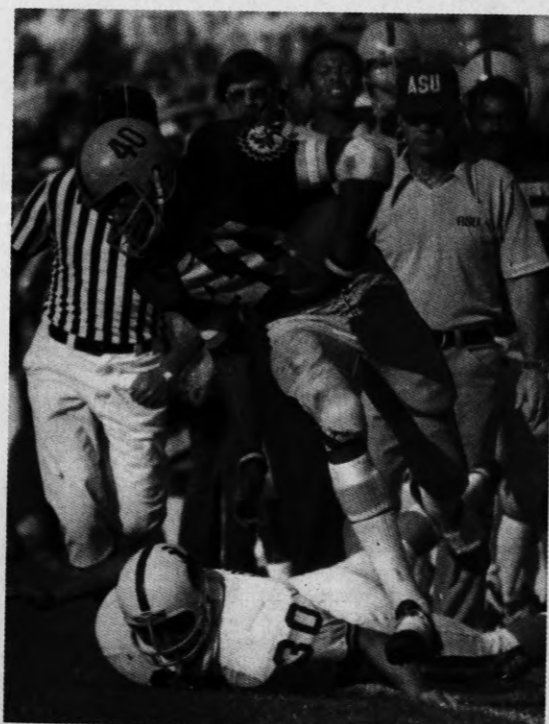
he made the All-Pac 10 teams three of his four varsity seasons, and was a consensus All-American in his senior year. As a junior, he came up with a double—All-Pac 10 as both a cornerback and return specialist. He led the Sun Devils in return yardage in his final two seasons.

He scored a pair of punt return touchdowns of 60 (New Mexico) and 75 (University of Pacific) yards, and also returned a kickoff 97 yards for a TD against North Carolina State.

Haynes, who was also inducted into Pro Football's Hall of Fame three years ago, had the perfect qualifications to play the corner—speed, great athletic ability and a short memory for those times when he did get beaten.

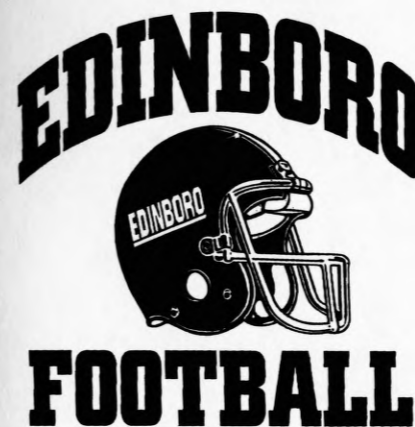
"If I got beat, I'd just say to myself that that wasn't like me on that play," said Haynes. "Then, I'd go out there with the confidence that the next time I'd be ready. I liked it when they came after me. Those were the fun games for me."

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Haynes, one of the most feared cornerbacks of the early 1970s, led the nation with 11 picks as a junior. As a senior in '75, QBs avoided throwing in his direction.



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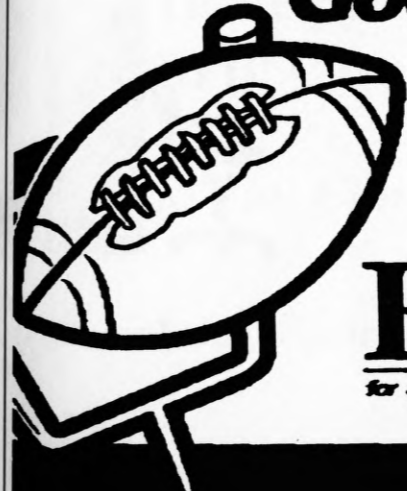
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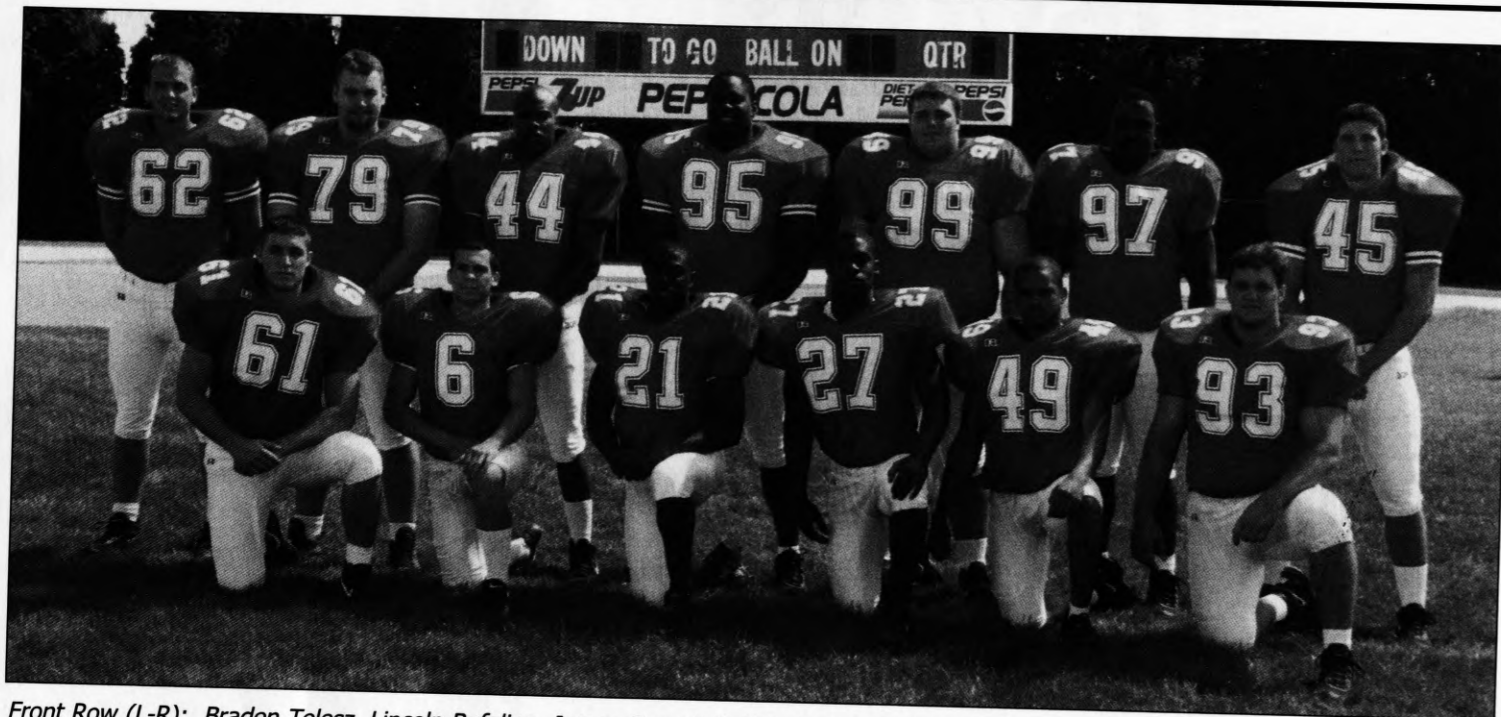
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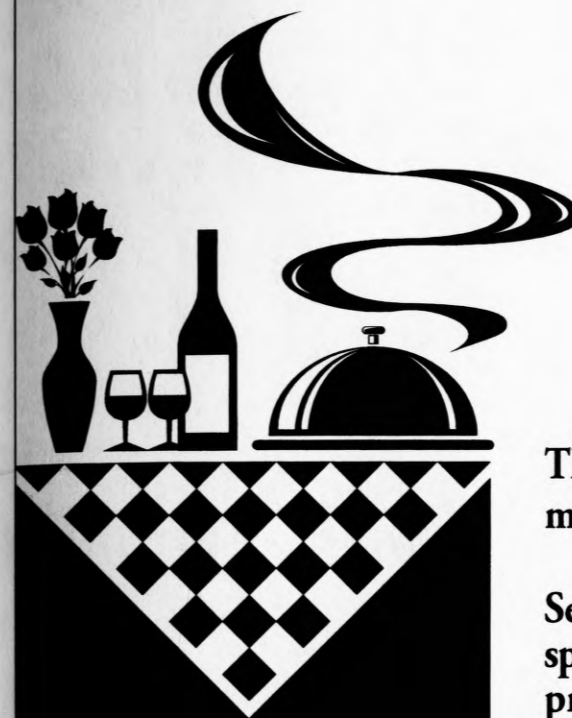
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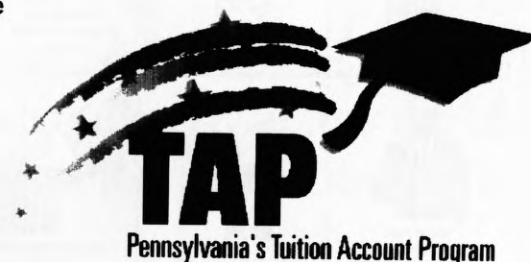
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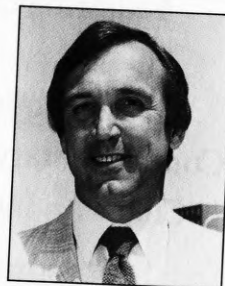
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1927	Sox Harrison	3-2-0	83	38		1964	Jim Hazlett	2-5-1	113	129	1-4-1
1928	Sox Harrison	5-2-0	212	30		1965	Jim Hazlett	6-2-1	204	132	4-2-0
1929	Sox Harrison	2-4-0	46	76		1966	William Cutcher	1-6-1	42	224	1-4-1
1930	Sox Harrison	3-4-0	131	86		1967	William Cutcher	2-7-0	81	224	1-4-0
1931	Sox Harrison	1-5-0	19	80		1968	William Cutcher	2-7-0	114	307	0-5-0
1932	Sox Harrison	3-2-0	40	25		1969	Bill McDonald	4-4-1	194	203	2-2-1
1933	Sox Harrison	1-6-0	11	118		1970	Bill McDonald	9-1-0	237	89	5-0-0
1934	Sox Harrison	0-6-0	6	154		1971	Bill McDonald	9-1-0	355	155	5-0-0
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1936	Sox Harrison	1-4-0	59	88		1973	Bill McDonald	4-4-1	194	203	3-2-0
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1938	Sox Harrison	1-4-0	18	72		1975	Bill McDonald	8-3-0	259	156	6-0-0
1939	Orville Bailey	1-6-0	39	131		1976	Bill McDonald	6-4-0	273	174	4-2-0
1940	Orville Bailey	0-7-0	27	191		1977	Bill McDonald	3-6-1	139	123	2-3-1
1941	Sox Harrison	2-2-1	80	45		1978	Bill McDonald	3-6-1	167	247	2-3-1
1942	Sox Harrison	1-3-0				1979	Denny Creehan	4-6-0	131	148	2-4-0
1943	No Team - World War II					1980	Denny Creehan	6-2-1	155	84	3-2-1
1944	No Team - World War II					1981	Denny Creehan	4-6-0	178	84	1-5-0
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1946	Art McComb	0-6-0	7	154		1983	Denny Creehan	8-2-0	412	144	4-2-0
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1951	Art McComb	0-5-1	45	116		1988	Tom Hollman	5-4-1	223	184	4-1-1
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1960	Loyal Park	3-4-1	91	114		1997	Tom Hollman	4-6-0	202	230	2-4-0
1961	Loyal Park	4-3-1	139	114	2-2-1	1998	Tom Hollman	4-7-0	253	304	2-4-0
1962	Jim Hazlett	3-5-0	116	113	1-5-0	1999	Tom Hollman	3-8-0	222	347	2-4-0

ALL-TIME COACHING RECORDS

Coach, Seasons	Years	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Sox Harrison (1926-38, 41-42)	15	27	56	2	.329
Orville Bailey (1939-40)	2	1	13	0	.071
Art McComb (1946-55)	10	14	56	4	.203
Bob Thurbon (1956-59)	4	15	16	2	.485
Loyal Park (1960-61)	2	7	7	2	.500
Jim Hazlett (1962-65)	4	9	22	2	.288
William Cutcher (1966-68)	3	5	20	1	.212
Bill McDonald (1969-78)	10	54	34	7	.605
Denny Creehan (1979-84)	6	39	20	1	.658
Steve Szabo (1985-87)	3	15	15	1	.500
Tom Hollman (1988-99)	12	78	48	2	.617
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Yards	Name	Opponent	Year
99	Lester Frye	California(Pa.)	1991
92	Derrick Russell	Bloomsburg	1990
91	Al Raines	Waynesburg	1971
91	Joe Sanford	Waynesburg	1991
88	Dave Green	Saginaw Valley	1975
85	Al Raines	Lock Haven	1969
83	Larry Jackson	Millersville	1993
80	Al Raines	Indiana(Pa.)	1970
79	Floyd Faulkner	Shippensburg	1986
79	Joe Sanford	California(Pa.)	1970

PASSING

Yards	Name	Opponent	Year
92	Stewart Ayers to Tim Beacham	Shippensburg	1980
91	Chris Hart to Denorse Mosley	California(Pa.)	1996
83	Blair Hrovat to Eric Bosley	Lock Haven	1982
82	Bill Kruse from Rick Shover	Westminster	1979
80	Joe Sanford to Jim Romaniszyn	Clarion	1971
79	Jody Dickerson to Terry Roberts	Elizabeth City St.	1993
77	Hal Galupi to Ernest Priester	California(Pa.)	1990
76	Jim Ross to Daryl Cameron	Mansfield	1987
76	Jude Basile to Rod Jones	Kenyon	1974
75	Chris Hart to Gerald Thompson	Lock Haven	1995

KICKOFF RETURNS

Yards	Name	Opponent	Year
100	Cleveland Pratt	Lock Haven	1987
100	Eric Bosley	West Liberty	1984
98	Tim Beacham	Millersville	1977
95	Tim Beacham	Shippensburg	1980
94	Ross Rankin	Clarion	1986
92	Steve Russell	Slippery Rock	1993
90	Cleveland Pratt	West Chester	1987
90	John Mikovich	East Stroudsburg	1967
90	Willie Miller	Bridgeport	1964
88	Cleveland Pratt	Mansfield	1986

PUNT RETURNS

Yards	Name	Opponent	Year
85	Gilbert Grantlin	Mansfield	1995
85	Ken Petardi	Indiana(Pa.)	1978
85	Jack McCurry	Shippensburg	1971
82	Tim Beacham	Clarion	1980
80	Floyd Faulkner	California(Pa.)	1986
70	John Mikovich	California(Pa.)	1965
62	Jim Romaniszyn	Indiana(Pa.)	1972
58	Mike Gaul	New Haven	1981
55	Tim Beacham	Indiana(Pa.)	1980
55	Rich Riffle	Geneva	1966

PUNTS

Yards	Name	Opponent	Year
82	Kevin Conlan	Clarion	1983
70	Mike Abbiatici	Millersville	1980
66	Burford	Youngstown State	1989
65	Tyson Cook	Cheyney	1997
65	Tyson Cook	Univ. at Buffalo	1996
65	Scott Rupert	Indiana(Pa.)	1994
65	Gary Lhotsky	Shippensburg	1992
65	Mike Abbiatici	Millersville	1980
65	Dan Fiegl	Fairmont State	1976
62	Gary Lhotsky	Shippensburg	1990

FIELD GOALS

Yards	Name	Opponent	Year
52	Darren Weber	Indiana(Pa.)	1987
48	Tyson Cook	California(Pa.)	1997
47	Rich Ruskiewicz	Bloomsburg	1981
47	Rich Ruskiewicz	California(Pa.)	1979
45	Rich Ruskiewicz	California(Pa.)	1980
44	Jim Trueman	California(Pa.)	1984
44	Rich Ruskiewicz	Clarion	1980
43	Jim Trueman	Lock Haven	1984
43	Rich Ruskiewicz	Clarion	1980
43	Frank Berzansky	Waynesburg	1972
43	Tom Rockwell	Central Conn.	1970

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Opponent	W-L-T	First Meeting	Last Meeting	Streak	Opponent	W-L-T	First Meeting	Last Meeting	Streak
Alfred	0-1-0	1928	1928	L1	Hiram	0-0-1	1959	1959	T1
Allegheny	2-2-0	1930	1933	W2	Indiana(Pa.)	17-47-4	1926	1999	L4
Alliance	5-4-0	1926	1949	W1	John Carroll	1-2-0	1955	1960	W1
American International	1-0-0	1994	1994	W1	Kent State	1-1-0	1926	1927	W1
Appalachian State	0-1-0	1995	1995	L1	Kenyon	1-0-0	1974	1974	W1
Ashland	3-2-0	1953	1973	L2	Kutztown	1-1-0	1988	1989	W1
Baldwin-Wallace	1-2-1	1965	1975	L1	Liberty	0-3-0	1987	1989	W1
Bloomsburg	5-1-0	1981	1999	L1	Lock Haven	28-13-1	1958	1989	L3
Bridgewater	2-0-0	1964	1965	W2	Lycoming	1-1-0	1960	1961	W18
Brockport State	7-5-1	1948	1969	W1	Mansfield	11-12-1	1935	1995	W1
Buffalo State	1-0-0	1983	1983	W1	Mercyhurst	2-1-0	1982	1999	W1
University at Buffalo	4-1-0	1928	1996	L1	Michigan Tech	0-1-0	1964	1964	L1
C.W. Post	0-2-0	1976	1978	L2	Millersville	3-5-0	1977	1999	L2
California(Pa.)	31-33-2	1927	1999	L1	Muskingum	1-1-0	1978	1979	W1
Canisius	0-1-0	1930	1930	L1	New Haven	3-3-0	1981	1995	L2
Carson-Newman	0-3-0	1996	1998	L3	North Dakota State	0-1-0	1989	1989	L1
Case Tech	0-1-0	1955	1995	L1	Northwood	2-0-0	1991	1992	W2
Central Connecticut St.	3-1-0	1970	1987	W2	Ohio Northern	2-1-0	1968	1971	W1
Cheyney	3-1-0	1967	1996	W3	Portland State	1-0-0	1995	1995	W1
Clarion	34-35-2	1926	1999	W1	Saginaw Valley St.	2-1-0	1975	1988	W1
Cortland State	1-1-0	1972	1976	W1	Shippensburg	18-20-1	1957	1999	L3
Curry	1-0-0	1965	1965	W1	Slippery Rock	20-41-7	1926	1999	L4
District of Columbia	1-0-0	1984	1984	W1	Shepherd	1-2-0	1957	1990	W2
Duquesne	0-1-0	1929	1929	L1	Southern Connecticut St.	2-0-0	1991	1992	W2
East Stroudsburg	2-4-0	1967	1985	W2	St. Francis	0-1-0	1953	1953	L1
Elizabeth City State	2-0-0	1993	1994	W2	St. Vincent	0-2-0	1929	1959	L2
Fairmont State	4-6-2	1973	1991	W3	Thiel	1-8-0	1933	1952	W1
Ferris State	0-2-0	1992	1993	L2	Virginia Union	1-0-0	1990	1990	W1
Findlay	0-1-0	1947	1947	L1	Waynesburg	2-1-0	1957	1972	W2
Frederick	0-1-0	1961	1961	L1	Wayne State(MI)	1-0-1	1985	1986	W1
Frostburg State	2-0-0	1976	1977	W2	West Chester	1-3-0	1970	1987	L3
Geneva	5-1-0	1952	1969	W4	West Liberty	2-2-0	1926	1984	W2
Glenville State	1-2-0	1997	1999	W1	West Virginia Wesleyan	3-0-0	1975	1984	W3
Grove City	4-3-0	1933	1963	W3	Westminster	2-12-0	1930	1980	W2
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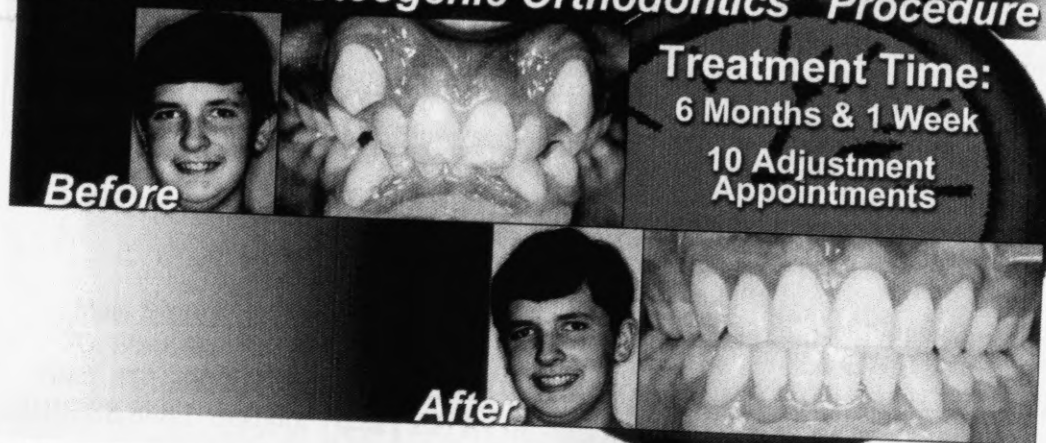


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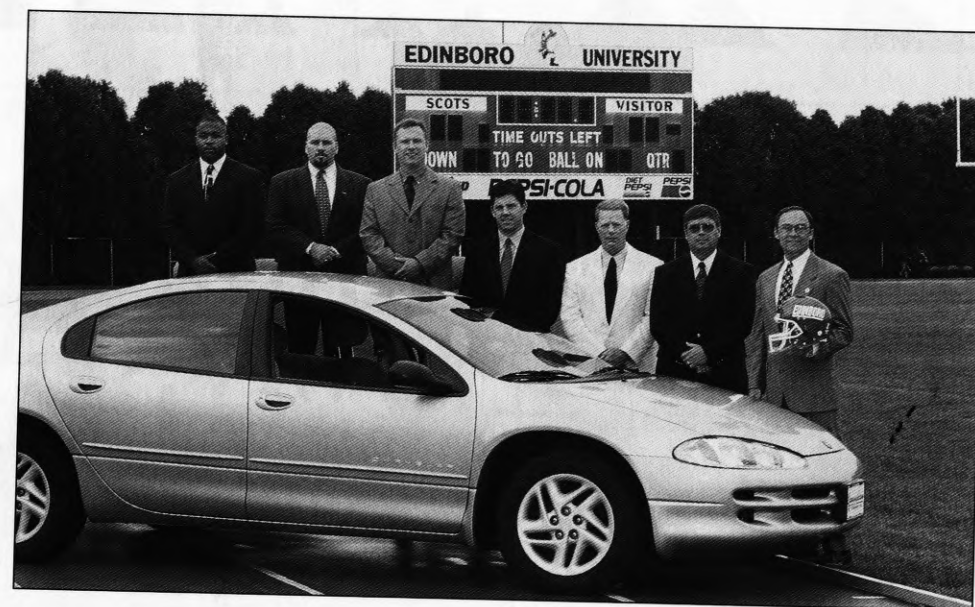
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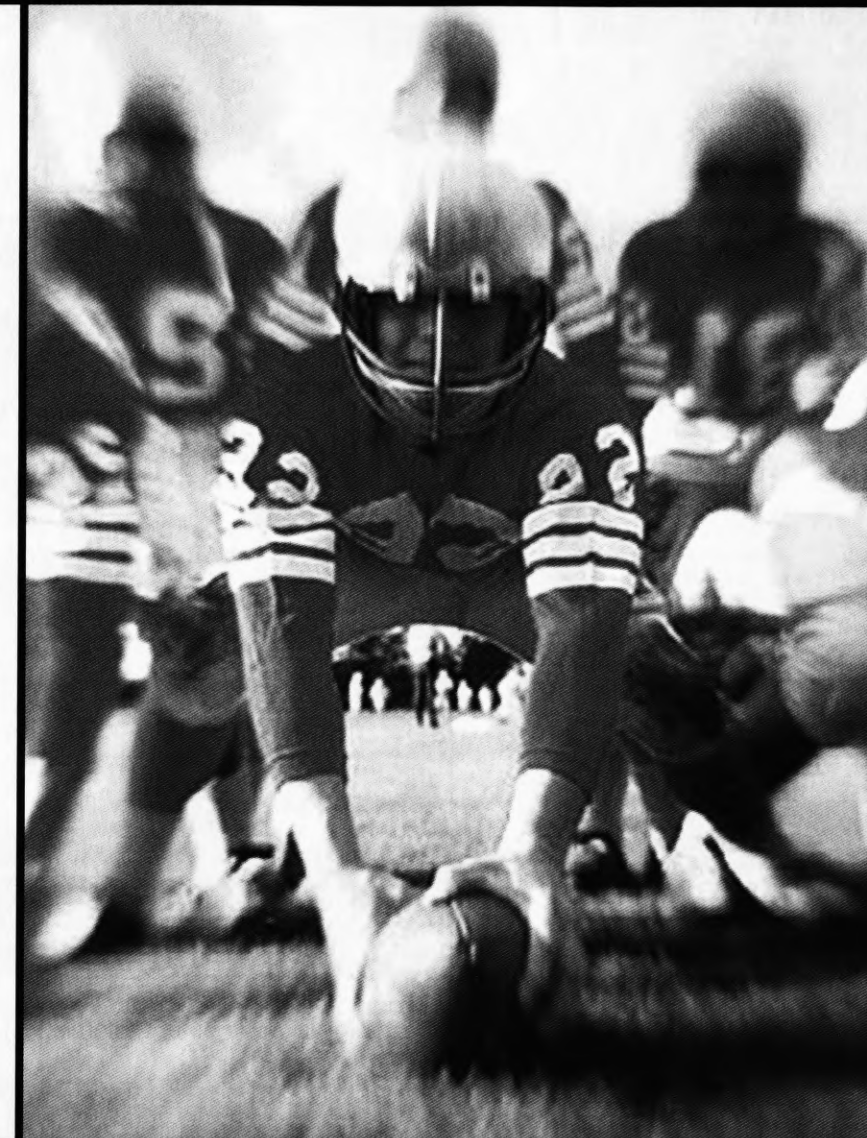
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PSAC/OPPONENTS TODAY

ASHLAND (2-0)

Sept. 2 at Edinboro W, 24-17
 Sept. 9 at Wayne State W, 42-41
 Sept. 16 FINDLAY
 Sept. 23 at Grand Valley State
 Sept. 30 SAGINAW VALLEY STATE
 Oct. 7 at Hillsdale
 Oct. 14 MICHIGAN TECH
 Oct. 21 at Northern Michigan
 Oct. 28 NORTHWOOD
 Nov. 4 INDIANAPOLIS
 Nov. 11 at Mercyhurst

YOUNGSTOWN STATE (2-0)

Aug. 31 SLIPPERY ROCK W, 24-10
 Sept. 9 EDINBORO W, 33-0
 Sept. 16 at Kent
 Sept. 30 at SW Missouri
 Oct. 7 at Illinois State
 Oct. 14 NORTHERN IOWA
 Oct. 21 at Western Illinois
 Oct. 28 INDIANA STATE
 Nov. 4 HOFSTRA
 Nov. 11 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
 Nov. 18 at Cal Poly

SLIPPERY ROCK (1-1)

Aug. 31 at Youngstown State L, 10-24
 Sept. 9 at West Virginia Wesleyan W, 61-21
 Sept. 16 FAIRMONT STATE
 Sept. 23 EDINBORO
 Sept. 30 at Indiana(Pa.)
 Oct. 7 at Shippensburg
 Oct. 14 CALIFORNIA(PA)
 Oct. 21 CLARION
 Oct. 28 at Lock Haven
 Nov. 4 at Millersville
 Nov. 11 BLOOMSBURG

2000 PSAC STANDINGS

PSAC West	Conference		Overall	
	W-L-T	Pct.	W-L-T	Pct.
Indiana(Pa.)	0-0-0	.000	1-0-0	1.000
California(Pa.)	0-0-0	.000	1-1-0	.500
Shippensburg	0-0-0	.000	1-1-0	.500
Slippery Rock	0-0-0	.000	1-1-0	.500
Clarion	0-0-0	.000	0-2-0	.000
EDINBORO	0-0-0	.000	0-2-0	.000
Lock Haven	0-0-0	.000	0-2-0	.000

PSAC East	Conference		Overall	
	W-L-T	Pct.	W-L-T	Pct.
East Stroudsburg	1-0-0	1.000	2-0-0	1.000
Cheyney	0-0-0	.000	1-0-0	1.000
Kutztown	0-0-0	.000	1-1-0	.500
Mansfield	0-0-0	.000	0-1-0	.000
Millersville	0-0-0	.000	0-1-0	.000
Bloomsburg	0-0-0	.000	0-2-0	.000
West Chester	0-1-0	.000	0-2-0	.000

THIS WEEK'S GAMES Saturday, September 16

Mercyhurst at EDINBORO, 1:00 p.m.
 Lock Haven at Bloomsburg, 1:00 p.m.
 Bowie State at Cheyney, 1:00 p.m.
 East Stroudsburg at Glenville State, 1:00 p.m.
 Mansfield at Ithaca, 1:00 p.m.
 Fairmont State at Slippery Rock, 1:00 p.m.
 Cal Davis at West Chester, 1:30 p.m.
 Siena at Kutztown, 1:35 p.m.
 West Virginia Wesleyan at California(Pa.), 7:00 p.m.
 Clarion at Tiffin, 7:00 p.m.
 New Haven at Indiana(Pa.), 7:00 p.m.
 Shippensburg at Millersville, 7:00 p.m.

LOCK HAVEN (0-2)

Sept. 2 at James Madison L, 0-72
 Sept. 9 KUTZTOWN L, 8-21
 Sept. 16 at Bloomsburg
 Sept. 23 INDIANA(PA)
 Sept. 30 at Shippensburg
 Oct. 7 EDINBORO
 Oct. 14 at Cheyney
 Oct. 21 at California(Pa.)
 Oct. 28 SLIPPERY ROCK
 Nov. 4 at Clarion
 Nov. 11 MANSFIELD

INDIANA(PA) (1-0)

Sept. 2 FERRIS STATE W, 24-13
 Sept. 16 NEW HAVEN
 Sept. 23 at Lock Haven
 Sept. 30 SLIPPERY ROCK
 Oct. 7 at Bloomsburg
 Oct. 14 SHIPPENSBURG
 Oct. 21 at Edinboro
 Oct. 28 CLARION
 Nov. 4 at California(Pa.)
 Nov. 11 MILLERSVILLE

CALIFORNIA(PA) (1-1)

Aug. 31 at Geneva L, 14-16
 Sept. 9 at Fairmont State W, 31-21
 Sept. 16 WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN
 Sept. 23 at Mansfield
 Sept. 30 at Edinboro
 Oct. 7 CLARION
 Oct. 14 at Slippery Rock
 Oct. 21 LOCK HAVEN
 Oct. 28 at Shippensburg
 Nov. 4 INDIANA(PA)
 Nov. 11 CHEYNEY

CLARION (0-2)

Sept. 2 EAST STROUDSBURG L, 33-37
 Sept. 9 at New Haven L, 7-37
 Sept. 16 at Tiffin
 Sept. 23 SHIPPENSBURG
 Sept. 30 at Kutztown
 Oct. 7 at California(Pa.)
 Oct. 14 EDINBORO
 Oct. 21 at Slippery Rock
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WEST CHESTER (0-2)

Aug. 31 NEW HAVEN L, 0-7
 Sept. 9 EAST STROUDSBURG L, 6-12
 Sept. 16 UC DAVIS
 Sept. 23 at Delaware
 Oct. 30 BLOOMSBURG
 Oct. 7 at Mansfield
 Oct. 14 at Kutztown
 Oct. 21 MILLERSVILLE
 Oct. 28 EDINBORO
 Nov. 4 at Cheyney
 Nov. 11 at Clarion

SHIPPENSBURG (1-1)

Sept. 2 SHEPHERD L, 13-28
 Sept. 9 BLOOMSBURG W, 24-17
 Sept. 16 at Millersville
 Sept. 23 at Clarion
 Sept. 30 LOCK HAVEN
 Oct. 7 SLIPPERY ROCK
 Oct. 14 at Indiana(Pa.)
 Oct. 21 at East Stroudsburg
 Oct. 28 CALIFORNIA(PA)
 Nov. 4 at Edinboro
 Nov. 11 KUTZTOWN

EAST STROUDSBURG (2-0)

Sept. 2 at Clarion W, 37-33
 Sept. 9 at West Chester W, 12-6
 Sept. 16 at Glenville State
 Sept. 23 SHEPHERD
 Sept. 30 MILLERSVILLE
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TODAY'S FEATURE

A LOOK AT THE EDINBORO-MERCYHURST BACKYARD RIVALRY

By Bob Shreve, Sports Information Director

Edinboro and Mercyhurst first met on the gridiron in 1982. The series continued the following year, but following two lopsided Fighting Scot victories, the series was discontinued. At the time, it made perfect sense, with Edinboro offering scholarships and Mercyhurst a non-scholarship program.

That changed several years ago when the Mercyhurst administration decided to offer athletic scholarships in football. With that decision came the renewal of the series last year, and also a Mercyhurst victory. The Lakers overcame an early 14-0 deficit to post a 34-20 decision over the Fighting Scots.

Let's take a look back at the first three meetings between the two backyard rivals.

November 13, 1982 -- Edinboro 38, Mercyhurst 8

A muddy Erie Veterans Stadium was the scene of the first-ever meeting between Edinboro and Mercyhurst. The Fighting Scots outgained Mercyhurst, 422 yards to 68, as Mercyhurst failed to complete a pass. The Lakers were 0-for-7 through the air, although 5 balls were caught by Edinboro defenders.

Despite the final score and huge disparity in yardage, Edinboro held just a 17-0 lead at the half. Rick Ruzskiewicz accounted for the first points in the series on a 21-yard field goal late in the first quarter.

Dave Parker, the Edinboro defensive back, not the Pittsburgh Pirate slugger, came up with the first of his three interceptions to set up the next score. Blair Hrovat did the honors, hooking up with Ron Rankin for a 5-yard scoring play.

Another Parker pickoff set up the third Boro score in the final minute of the half. Rankin beat the Laker secondary for a 59-yard strike from Hrovat and a 17-0 lead.

Jon Gerarde brought the Laker fans to their feet with an 83-yard interception return, cutting the margin to 17-8 following Mike Tighe's two-point conversion. Damon Chambers answered with a 2-yard run late in the third period to boost the Edinboro margin back up to 24-8.

Hrovat accounted for his third touchdown of the day with a one-yard run, and Keith Collier closed out the scoring with a touchdown run.

Hrovat ended the day completing 7 of 14 passes for 141 yards and 2 TDs.

November 5, 1983 -- Edinboro 74, Mercyhurst 13

A Friday night snowstorm left doubt whether the contest would be played on Saturday, but 55 Edinboro freshman gridders cleared the Sox Harrison Stadium field the next morning. Mercyhurst no doubt wished the early snowstorm had come several hours later, as the Lakers were snowed under by a relentless Edinboro outfit.

Edinboro hosted Mercyhurst sporting a 7-2 record, and at 5-2-1, the Lakers looked like a challenge on paper. But the Fighting Scots blitzed Mercyhurst for 24 first quarter markers and never looked back. The Lakers had not allowed a point in the opening quarter prior to that.

Blair Hrovat, who in the first meeting accounted for three touchdowns, passed for four touchdowns on the afternoon. The first came on the opening drive of the game, a 5-yard toss to Bob Klenk. The extra point failed, but it didn't matter. On their next possession, the Fighting Scots went 64 yards, with Hrovat finding Don Harr for a 15 yard touchdown. Klenk ran in the two-point conversion.

Before the first quarter ended, Ron Rankin scored on a 3-yard run and Jim Trueman kicked a 20-yard field goal.

Edinboro slowed down in the second quarter, scoring just once on a Hrovat-to-Klenk 13-yard pass. Mercyhurst answered with a

touchdown of its own late in the quarter as former Edinboro signal-caller Greg Harayda combined with Craig Zonna for a 3-yard touchdown pass.

The Scots tacked on three more scores in the third quarter. Hrovat found Harr for a 2-yard score, Damon Chambers reached paydirt on a 10-yard run, and Jim Durkin returned his second interception of the game 11-yards for a six-pointer.

Mercyhurst stopped the run thanks to Harayda's 13-yard pass to Lance Trott, but Edinboro would answer with the final 22 points of the contest. Keith Collier had a 2-yard run, Henry Mesa added a 10-yard burst, and Brian Dean scored from 25 yards out.

As expected, the statistics were decidedly one-sided. Edinboro gained 531 total yards, including 390 yards on the ground. In addition to completing 12 of 23 passes for 137 yards and 4 TDs, Hrovat ran for 57 yards on six totes.

Mercyhurst, meanwhile, managed just seven yards on the ground and turned the pigskin over six times. Harayda completed 14 of 30 passes for 176 yards.

September 18, 1999 -- Mercyhurst 34, Edinboro 20

Edinboro jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead after ten minutes, but after that the Fighting Scots fell victim to the Matt Kissell Show. As if the senior quarterback was not enough of a weapon, Edinboro turned the ball over five times, resulting in 17 Laker points.

The Fighting Scots scored on their first possession when Rick Gates found Chris Buehner for a 75-yard scoring strike. Bernard Henry later capped a 72-yard drive with a one-yard plunge.

Kissell took over after that, throwing four touchdown passes to lead the Lakers to their first victory in the series. The first six-pointer came on a 7-yard toss to Ed Bailey late in the first stanza, then came a 9-yard pass to Joe Magorien.

Sean McNicholas put the Scots back on top with a 39-yard field goal, but Vinnie Corasaniti kicked a pair of field goals in the final 125 seconds for a 20-17 lead at intermission.

Bailey hauled in his second touchdown pass, this one from 16 yards out, for the lone score of the third quarter. McNicholas' 35-

yard field goal cut the margin to 27-20 with just under 13 minutes to play, but

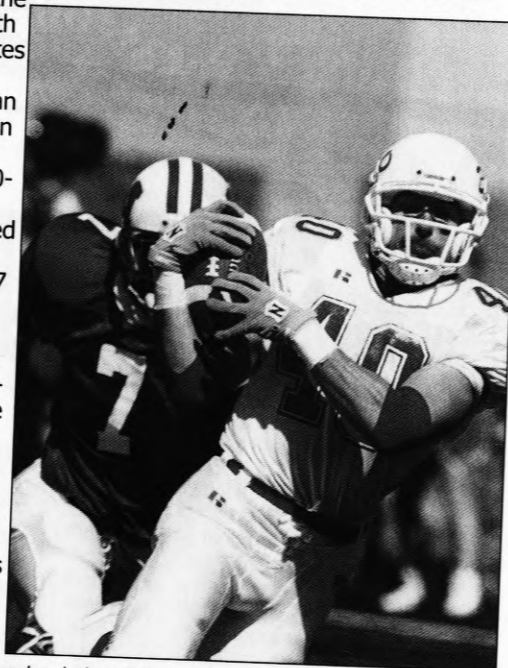
Mercyhurst scored an insurance touchdown when Kissell found Byron Curry for a 10-yard TD pass.

Kissell completed 25 of 48 passes for 241 yards, adding 37 yards rushing.

Mercyhurst finished with 359 total yards.

Edinboro, meanwhile, would manage just 163 yards after its first two drives, finishing with 310 total yards. Henry was a bright spot in defeat with 119 yards on 28 rushes, while Buehner caught 4 passes for 117 yards.

Chris Buehner hauls in a 75-yard touchdown pass in last year's Mercyhurst contest.



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