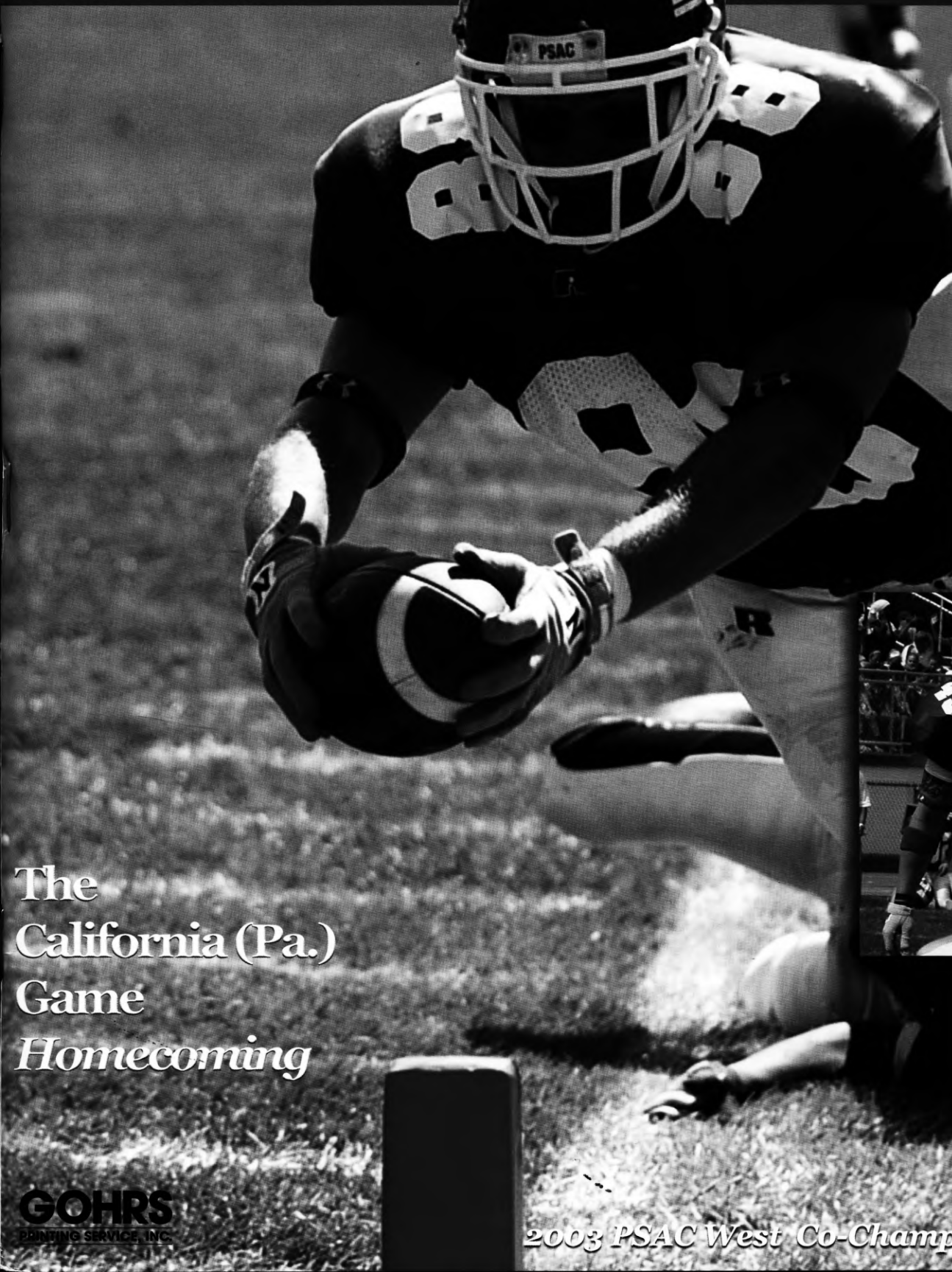


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September 25	at Shippensburg*	1:00 p.m.
October 2	at Clarion*	2:00 p.m.
October 9	CALIFORNIA(PA)* <i>Homecoming</i>	2:00 p.m.
October 16	INDIANA(PA)* <i>Family Legacy Weekend</i>	1:00 p.m.
October 23	at Slippery Rock*	2:00 p.m.
October 30	at Kutztown	1:05 p.m.
November 6	LOCK HAVEN*	1:00 p.m.

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HEAD COACH: Lou Tepper

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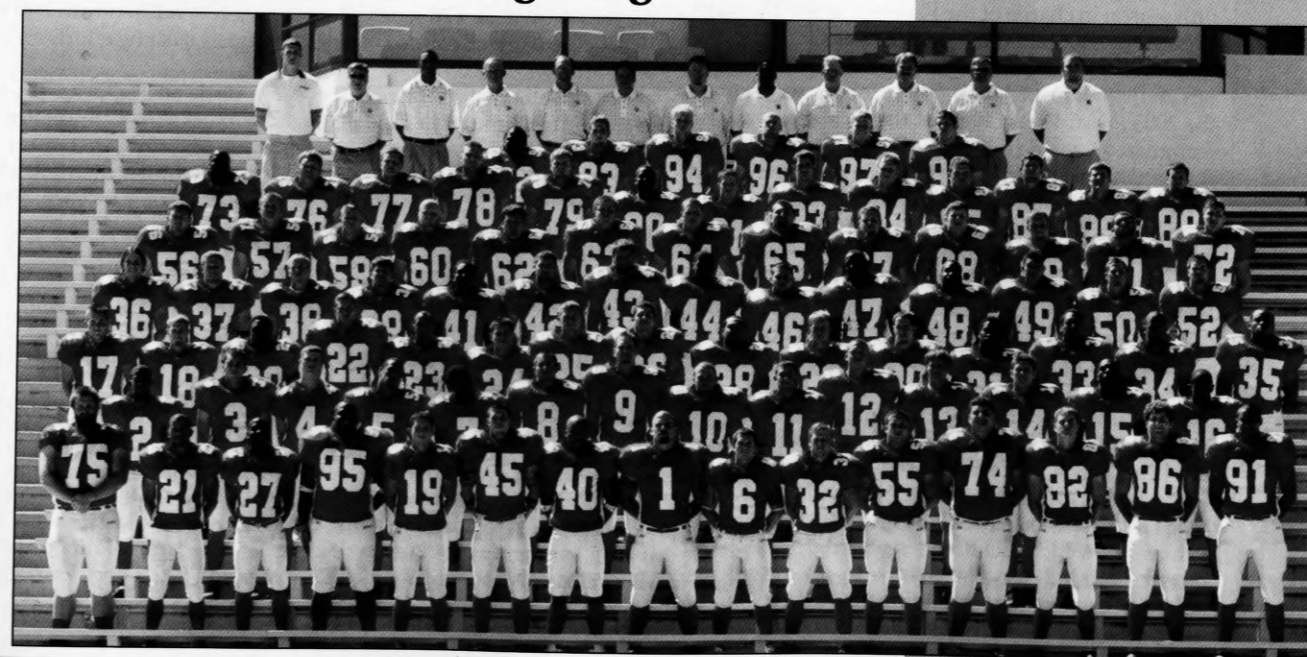
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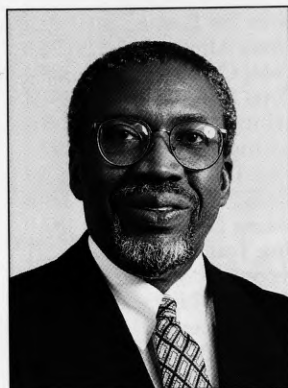
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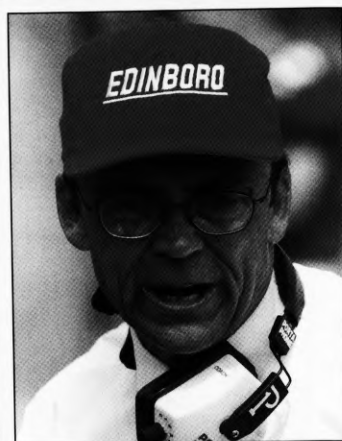
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Head Coach Lou Tepper



Veteran Division I mentor Lou Tepper was appointed the 12th head football coach at Edinboro University, officially taking charge of the Fighting Scot program on January 5, 2000. He promised a tough and classy program, and in four short years has delivered a championship team that fans and alumni enthusiastically endorse.

Tepper inherited an Edinboro program which had won just eleven games in the previous three seasons. The Scots have shown consistent improvement in "Coach Tep's" four years, culminated by an appearance in the NCAA Division

II Playoffs this past year. The 2000 season brought a 5-6 record, matching the Edinboro record for wins by a first-year head coach, and a fifth place PSAC finish.

"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

The Fighting Scots survived a brutal three-game stretch early in the season, defeating 16th-ranked East Stroudsburg, 30-21, dropping a 40-34 decision to 22nd-ranked Shippensburg, and finally upsetting fourth-ranked Indiana (Pa.) on the Indians' home turf, 28-20. That win propelled the Scots to a six-game winning streak to end the regular season. During that stretch Edinboro held opponents without a touchdown for 20 consecutive quarters. Tepper was recognized as the PSAC West Coach of the Year in 2004.

While winning is important, it isn't the only emphasis at Edinboro with Tepper at the controls. He has stressed improved character and talent, a family concept and racial harmony. In the classroom the Fighting Scots have shown marked improvement in recent years. It all adds up to a championship program.

BACKGROUND

Tepper, a native of Keystone, PA, returned 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 standouts include Bruce Smith, John Holecek, Simeon Rice, Kevin Hardy, Brad Hopkins, Booger MacFarland, and Ken Dilger, all current or former 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 has been neat to be a head coach again and to be a head coach in this environment," Tepper related following his first season at Edinboro. "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 coordi-

nator at Louisiana State University in 1999. 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 19 of his 37 years in the coaching profession.

BIG TEN HEAD COACH

The 58-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 postseason 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



Head Coach Lou Tepper

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

Through the years Penn State had gained the reputation as "Linebacker U", but Illinois could have made 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 has published a 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 the 2000 NFL Draft when Penn State's Courtney Brown and Lavar Arrington went one-two.

DIVISION I ASSISTANT COACH

In over thirty years as an assistant coach, Tepper has worked at some of the top institutions in the country. That includes the likes of Pittsburgh, Virginia Tech and Colorado, in addition to his time at Illinois and LSU.

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 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.

In 1978, Virginia Tech head coach Bill Dooley hired Tepper as his linebackers coach. Tepper helped build the Hokies into a consistent bowl con-

tender 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 Miami (FL) in the Peach Bowl.

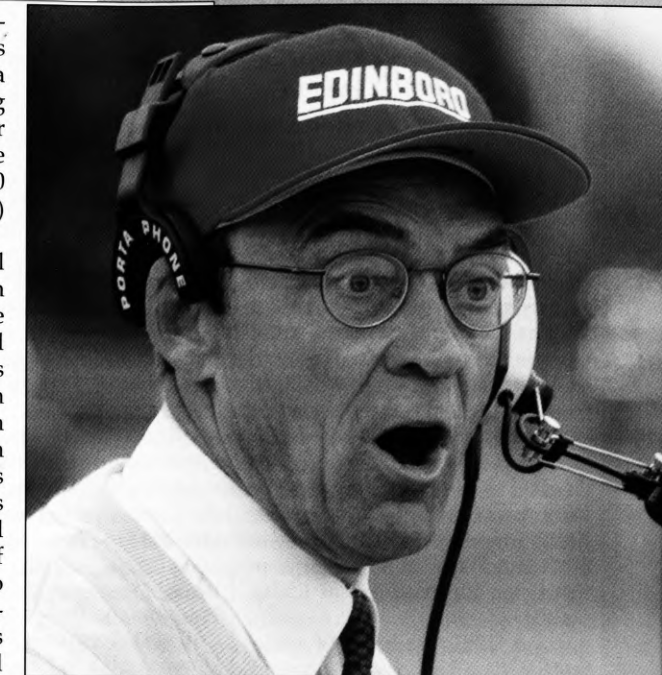
Tepper joined Bill McCartney's staff at Colorado in 1983, serving as the defensive coordinator and assistant head coach until departing for Illinois in 1988. Tepper helped turn around a Buffalo defense which ranked No. 100 nationally in yards allowed prior to his arrival, to one which was as high as 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 All-American Committee and 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, who recently graduated from Edinboro with a master's degree in Counseling, and Stacy Ann, a graduate of LSU who is an administrator for Young Life Ministries in Columbus, OH.



Tepper's 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/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; LSU -- defensive coordinator/linebackers, 1998-99

Wife: Karen
Children: Matthew (29), Stacy Ann (27)

Lou Tepper's Head Coaching Record

Year	School	Overall Record	Conference Record	Notable
1991	Illinois	0-1	4-3-1 (4th, Big Ten)	Sun Bowl
1992	Illinois	6-5-1	4-3-1 (4th, Big Ten)	Holiday Bowl
1993	Illinois	5-6	5-3 (T4th, Big Ten)	
1994	Illinois	7-5	4-4 (T5th, Big Ten)	Liberty Bowl
1995	Illinois	5-5-1	3-4-1 (T7th, Big Ten)	
1996	Illinois	2-9	1-7 (T9th, Big Ten)	
2000	Edinboro	5-6		
2001	Edinboro	4-6		
2002	Edinboro	5-6	2-4 (5th, PSAC West)	
2003	Edinboro	9-3	5-1 (T1st, PSAC West)	NCAA Div. II Playoffs
Totals		48-52-2		

Assistant Coaches



Scott Browning
Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line
19th Year
Ohio State '81

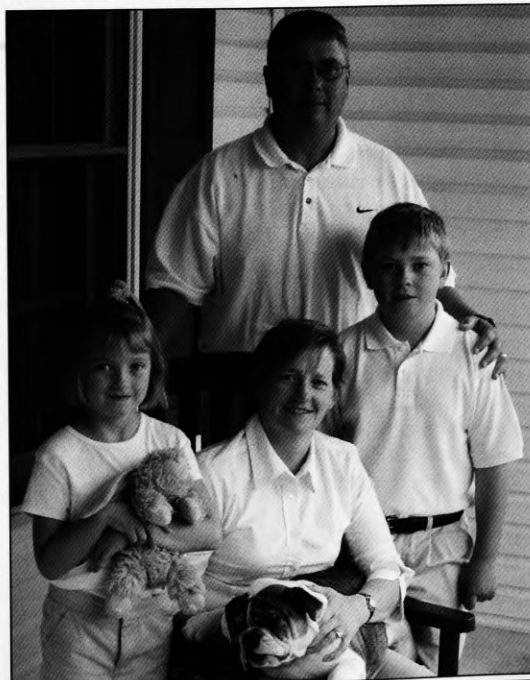
Scott Browning is in his 19th season as a Fighting Scot assistant, working with his third head coach.

After serving as the offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator in Lou Tepper's first season, Browning took over as the offensive coordinator three years ago, while continuing to work with the linemen. This marks his 11th year in charge of the offensive linemen, and ninth as offensive coordinator. He has also coached the running backs and defensive backs in the past.

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 at Ohio State for two years. The Buckeyes went to the Rose Bowl and the Citrus Bowl in his two seasons. Browning served as a graduate assistant coach at New Mexico State in 1982, and the following year instructed the receivers at Idaho State.

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, 10, and Katelyn, 6. His brother, Mitchell, is the offensive coordinator at the University of Minnesota. Browning is also camp director of the Tri-State Linemen's Camp, a highly-successful instructional camp for linemen now in its ninth year.



Wayne Bradford
Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line
6th Year
Salisbury State '90

Wayne Bradford is in his sixth year as a member of the Edinboro coaching staff. Bradford was recently given the additional responsibilities of defensive coordinator, a position which he previously held in 1999 under former head coach Tom Hollman. He will continue to oversee the defensive line.

Under Bradford's tutelage, Edinboro has had five first team All-PSAC West defensive linemen. That includes Dave Smith, a four-time All-PSAC selection who ranks first in career tackles for losses and tied for second in sacks, and Eugene Grooms, who was a three-time All-PSAC selection. His 2003 defensive line featured three all-conference performers.

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. 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 runnerup.

Bradford and his wife, Gwen, reside in Edinboro with their six-year-old son, Nicholas, and four-year-old daughter, Julia.



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; defensive line, 2000 to present
Wife: Gwen
Children: Nicholas (6), Julia (4)

Assistant Coaches



Jim Henson
Running Backs
7th Year
Hiram '68

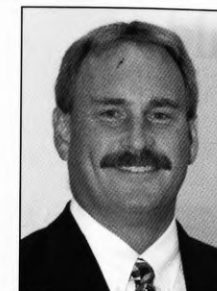
Jim Henson, a highly successful high school coach in Ohio for over twenty years, enters his seventh season on the Edinboro staff. After working on the defensive side of the ball as the strong safeties/outside linebackers coach for two years, he moved over to the offense and will instruct the running backs for the third straight season. He previously worked with the running backs in 1999 and was in charge of the defensive linemen in '98. Henson is also a professor in the Mathematics Department at Edinboro.

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. He led the Mustangs to a 150-68-4 record, with five Grand River Conference championships, three East Suburban Conference titles, and three state playoff appearances. In the 1990's, Henson's charges posted three undefeated campaigns and a 23-game regular season winning streak. He 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 of arts degree in Mathematics, then completed work on his master of science degree in Education with a major in Mathematics from Youngstown State in 1972. He and his wife, Evelyn, reside in Edinboro. They are the parents of a son, Jim, and a daughter, Jennifer, along with four grandchildren.

Born: September 11, 1946
Hometown: Orwell, OH
College Education: Hiram College, B.A. in Arts & Mathematics - 1968; Youngstown St. Univ., M.S. in Mathematics Education - 1972
Playing Experience: Hiram College, defensive back - 1964-66
Coaching Experience: Cardinal Middlefield (OH) High School - assistant coach, 1968-75; Grand Valley (OH) High School - head coach, 1976-97; Edinboro Univ. - defensive line, 1998; strong safeties/outside linebackers, 2000-01; running backs, 1999, 2002 to present
Wife: Evelyn
Children: Jim (35), Jennifer (27)



Mike Hodgson
Quarterbacks
1st Year
Maine '79

Mike Hodgson is the newest member of the Edinboro staff, replacing Scott Weaver as quarterbacks coach in July. Hodgson brings 23 years of experience on the collegiate level with stops at schools such as Princeton, Maine Maritime Academy and Central Connecticut State.

Most recently Hodgson served as the offensive coordinator while working with the quarterbacks and wide receivers at Central Connecticut State from 2000-2004. Prior to joining the Central Connecticut State staff he was the head coach at Maine Maritime Academy for seven years, from 1994-2000. In his seven seasons at Maine Maritime his teams were ranked in the top 25 by Street & Smith and won New England Football Conference titles in 1994 and 1998. During Hodgson's tenure the Mariners established 70 school, NEFC, ECAC, and NCAA records. The Mariners produced three All-American running backs during that period.

Hodgson arrived at Maine Maritime following a nine-year stint as receivers coach at Princeton University. He served as the passing game coordinator for two seasons and was also the recruiting coordinator for two years. While at Princeton he coached several All-Americans, along with NFL quarterback Jason Garrett. The Tigers won two Ivy League championships during his stay while winning over 60 percent of their games and establishing 29 school records.

A 1979 graduate of the University of Maine with a bachelor's degree in Park and Recreation Management, Hodgson began his coaching career at his alma mater in 1979. He remained a member of the Maine staff from 1979-85, working with the tight ends, offensive line, running backs and receivers. He completed work on his master's degree in Education Administration in 1982.

Hodgson was a three-year starter for the Black Bears at tight end and kicker. A native of Newark, DE, he earned All-State honors as a quarterback at St. Mark's High School. He led his team to a perfect 12-0 record and the Delaware State title, earning game MVP honors.

Hodgson and his wife, Raeann, have a son, Kenney (17), and daughter, Cassie (15).



Born: February 22, 1957
Hometown: Newark, DE
College Education: University of Maine, B.S. in Park and Recreation Management - 1979; M.Ed. in Education Administration - 1982
Playing Experience: University of Maine, tight end & kicker - 1975-79
Coaching Experience: University of Maine - tight ends, 1979-80; offensive backs & kicking, 1980-81; offensive line & kicking, 1981-83; receivers & recruiting coordinator, 1983-85; Princeton University - receivers, 1985-94; Maine Maritime Academy - head coach, 1994-2000; Central Connecticut State University - offensive coordinator, 2000-04
Wife: Raeann
Children: Kenney (17), Cassie (15)

Assistant Coaches



D.K. McDonald

Defensive Backs
2nd Year
Edinboro '01

Former Edinboro standout D.K. McDonald was appointed a full-time staff member this past spring and is now in his second season on the coaching staff. He takes over as the

defensive backs coach.

McDonald was a four-year starter for the Fighting Scots at cornerback from 1997-2000, earning first team All-PSAC West honors as a junior when he finished with 29 tackles and a team-high 11 passes broken up. He finished his career with 108 tackles, 4 interceptions and 34 passes broken up, leading the team in the final category in all but his sophomore year. McDonald played for Tepper as a senior.

A 2001 graduate of Edinboro with a bachelor's degree in History, McDonald has also been an area representative for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is extremely active in the Erie area as a speaker.

An outstanding student, McDonald was a four-year Edinboro Scholar-Athlete. He also served as the president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Edinboro. The native of Orrville, OH resides in Erie.

Born: August 28, 1974
Hometown: Orrville, OH
College Education: Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, B.A. in History - 2001
Playing Experience: Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, cornerback - 1997-2000
Coaching Experience: Edinboro University - defensive backs, 2003 to present



Ray Gilman

Tight Ends
3rd Year
Lock Haven '66

Ray Gilman is in his third season as an assistant coach for the Fighting Scots. He takes over as the tight ends coach this season after previously instructing the strong safeties. In addition, Gilman will oversee the equipment operations.

Gilman has plenty of experience on the high school level, including serving as the head coach for the Allegheny-Clarion Valley High School team in 2000 and 2001, after beginning there as an assistant coach in 1997. The team is in a co-op with Cranberry High School, and participated in the Class AAA District IV Playoffs four of the five seasons.

Gilman previously had stints as an assistant coach at Northern High School in Dillsburg, PA and Pittsburgh North Catholic High School. He also served as the head coach at Finley (Pa.) Junior High School, where one of the players on his team was Joe Montana.

In the summer of 2001, Gilman guided the Pennsylvania All-Stars to the gold medal in the Down Under Bowl in Australia.

A 1966 graduate of Lock Haven State College with a bachelor of science degree in Health & Physical Education, Gilman resides in Hilliards, PA with his wife, Kay. His son, Chris, a transfer from Lock Haven, is in his third year as a Fighting Scot defensive back.



Tom Parry

Wide Receivers
3rd Year
Slippery Rock '64

Tom Parry is in his third season as a member of the Edinboro football staff, coaching the wide receivers.

Parry has been a head football coach on the high school level for 17 years and an assistant coach at the collegiate level for 15 seasons. He coached the quarterbacks and receivers at Mercyhurst from 1995-2001.

Prior to joining the Mercyhurst staff, Parry was the passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Iona College from 1992-95. He also served on the collegiate level in 1979-80 at Cortland State, from 1977-79 as the defensive coordinator at St. Lawrence University, and got his start as a student assistant at his alma mater, Slippery Rock State, in '63-64.

Parry served as an assistant coach at Academy High School in Erie in 1965-66. He served as the head coach at Tech Memorial High School from 1967-69, and was also the head coach at Bishop Ludden(NY) High School and Mount Vernon(NY) High School.

A 1964 graduate of Slippery Rock State University with a bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education, Parry later completed work on his master's degree in Educational Administration from St. Lawrence in 1979. He played one season at Edinboro then completed his career at Slippery Rock.

Parry resides in Erie and has one daughter, Jillian (19), a sophomore at the University of Maryland.



Dan Holland

Strong Safeties/Drop Linebackers
1st Year
Edinboro '01

Dan Holland enters his first season as a member of the Edinboro coaching staff but is well-known in western Pennsylvania. All told he has 14 years experience on the high school

level, serving as the head coach at Saegertown High School from 2001-03 in addition to stints as an assistant coach at McDowell High School and General McLane High School. He will coach the strong safeties and drop linebackers.

Holland led Saegertown to the 2002 French Creek Valley Athletic Conference championship, as the Panthers finished with a 9-1 record. He was recognized as the 2002 FCVAC Coach of the Year and was also named the PIAA District 10 Coach of the Year by the Pennsylvania State Football Coaches Association. He posted a 19-10 record in three seasons as head coach, resurrecting a program which had gone just 1-17 the previous two years.

Holland began his coaching career as an assistant at General McLane in 1990, leading his 1993 junior varsity squad to a 7-1 record. He moved on to the McDowell school system in 1994, working for three seasons as the head coach at J.S. Wilson Middle School before joining coach Jon Caccione's varsity staff in 1997. The 1997 edition of the Trojans advanced to the PIAA Class AAAA western finals. While serving on the McDowell staff for four seasons, Holland worked with the offensive and defensive lines, tight ends and special teams.

A 2001 graduate of Edinboro with a bachelor's degree in Specialized Studies, Holland resides in Meadville with his wife, Brenda, a 1996 graduate of Edinboro University with a bachelor's degree in Education.



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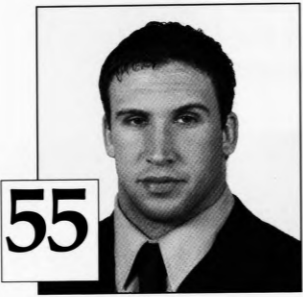
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Chris Amico DT
So. Webster, NY
6'0" 250 lbs.



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Chris Avery CB
Jr. Berea, OH
5'9" 179 lbs.



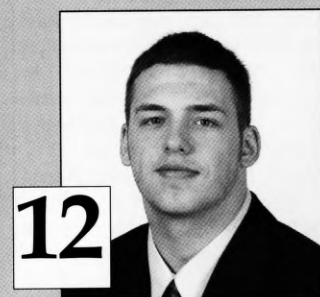
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Brandon Banas ILB
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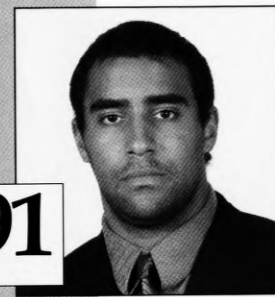
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Matt Barley P
Sr. Springville, NY
5'11" 199 lbs.



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Justin Bouch QB
Jr. Brackenridge, PA
6'3" 200 lbs.



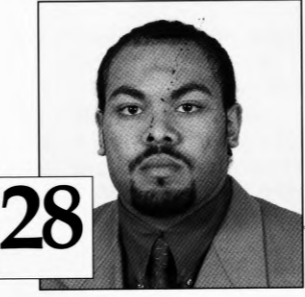
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Ed Brown TE
Sr. North Springfield, PA
6'4" 255 lbs.



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Lincoln Bufalino TB
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5'8" 192 lbs.



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Andre Burke TB
Jr. Wilkinsburg, PA
5'10" 205 lbs.

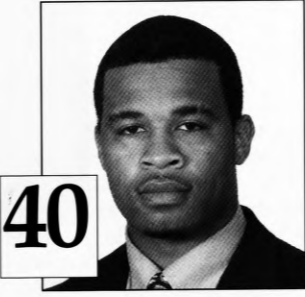


Ed Brown



37

Regis Burns SS
Jr. Jefferson, OH
6'0" 209 lbs.



40

Robert Burns OLB
Sr. Delray Beach, FL
6'0" 218 lbs.



78

Greg Bzorek OT
Jr. Saxonburg, PA
6'6" 318 lbs.



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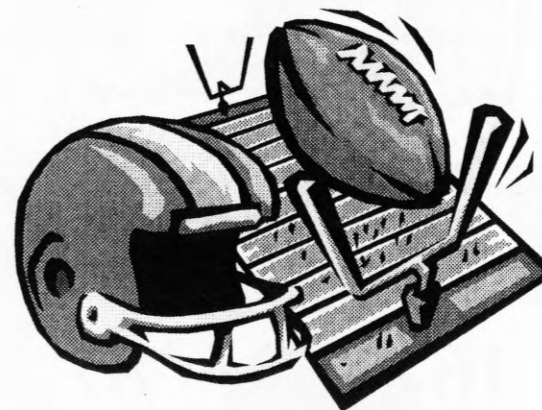
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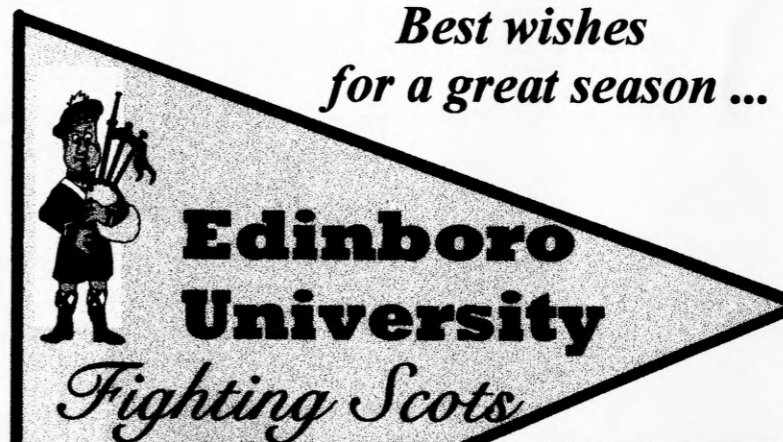
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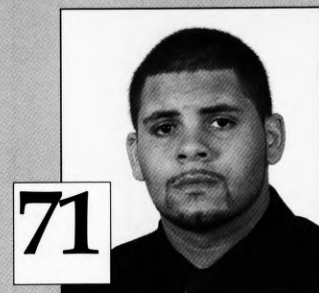
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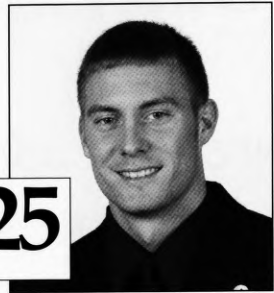
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A.J. Cousins NG
So. Chillicothe, OH
6'1" 270 lbs.



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Mike Craddock FS
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6'0" 191 lbs.



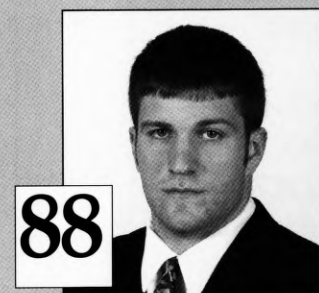
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Tom Davidson FS
Fr.-r Geneva, OH
6'1" 184 lbs.



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Jeff Dinger WR
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6'5" 191 lbs.



88

Nate Eimer TE
Jr. Oswego, IL
6'2" 224 lbs.



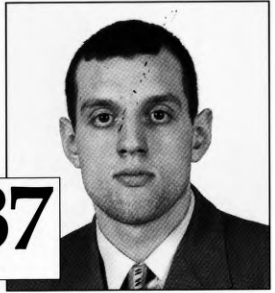
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Raji El-Amin FS
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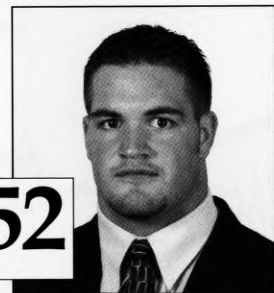


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Aaron Fetty WR
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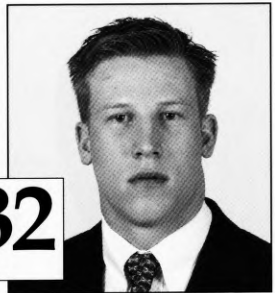


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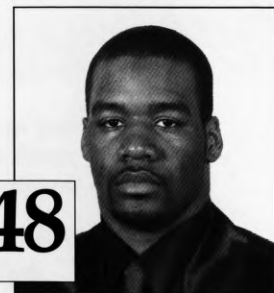
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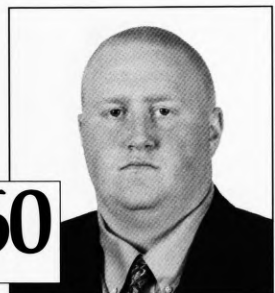
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Chris Gilman CB
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5'9" 174 lbs.



48

Syl Hanner ILB
Fr.-r Pittsburgh, PA
5'11" 206 lbs.



60

Ben Harris LS
Fr.-r Lock Haven, PA
6'3" 242 lbs.



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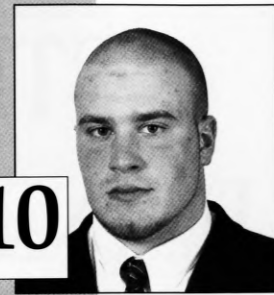
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6'7" 221 lbs.



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Dave Jazenski ILB
So. Erie, PA
5'11" 224 lbs.



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Joe Jowly LS
Sr. Wilson, NY
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Chris Kaczor C
So. Brook Park, OH
6'2" 302 lbs.



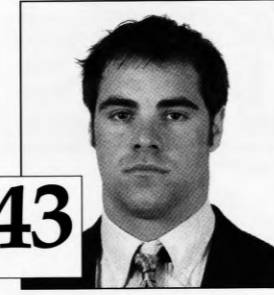
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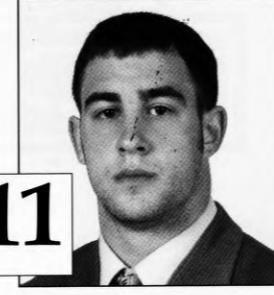
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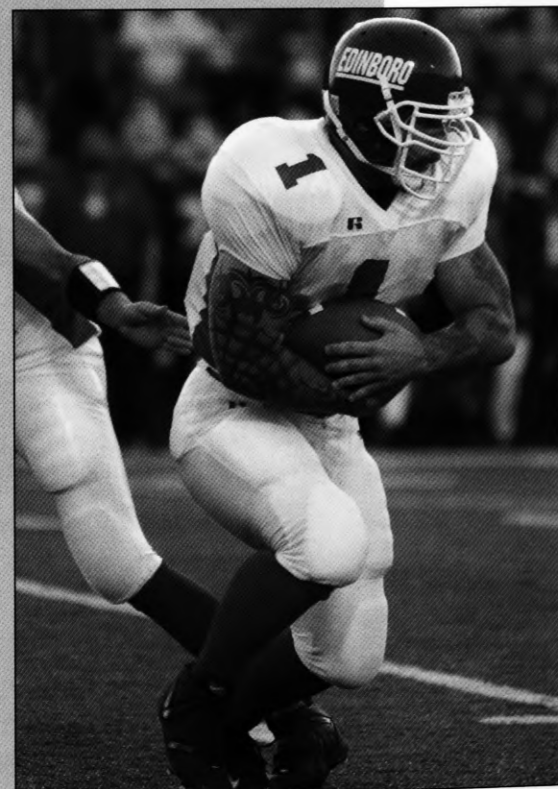
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6'4" 228 lbs.

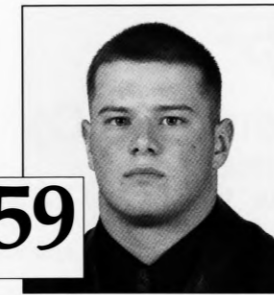


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5'10" 183 lbs.



Matt Phillips



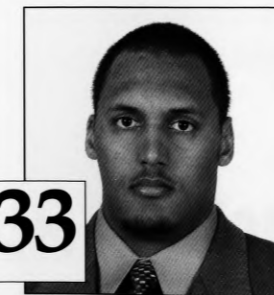
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Justin Olney FB
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Jason Oman OT
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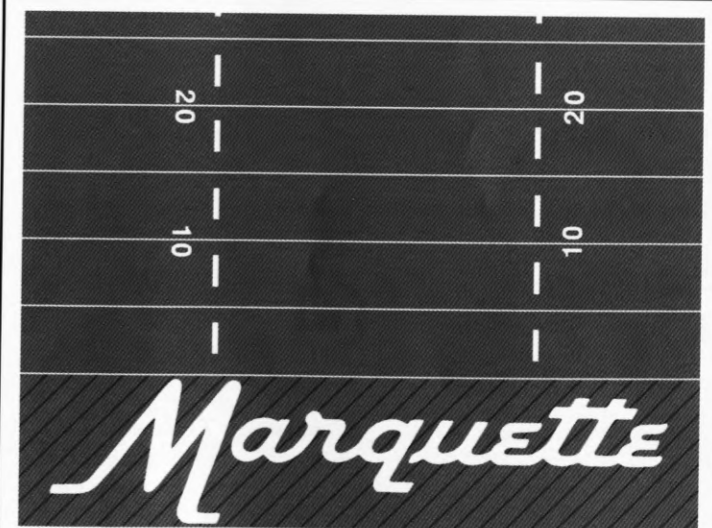
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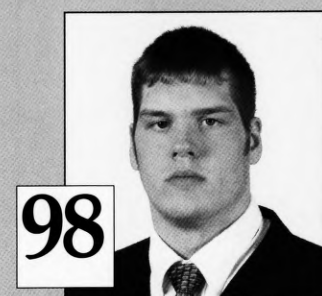
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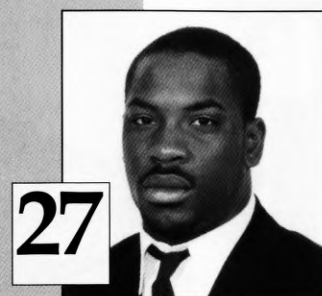
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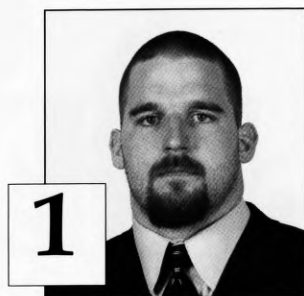
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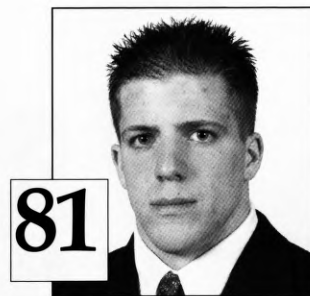
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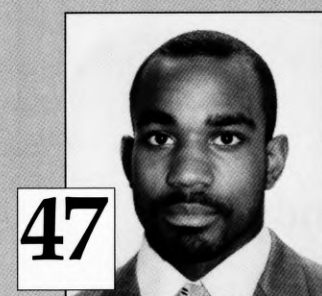
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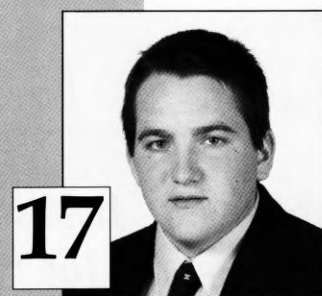
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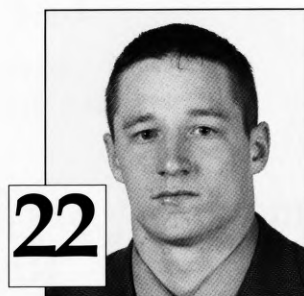
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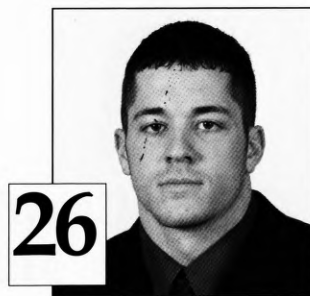
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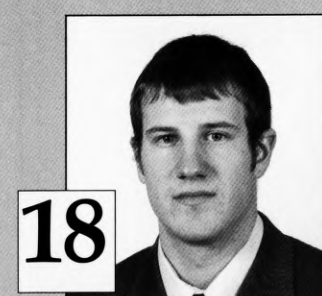
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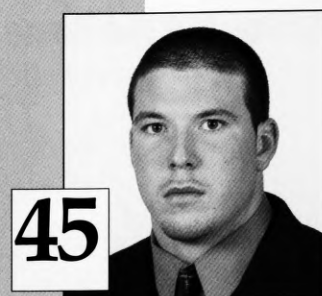
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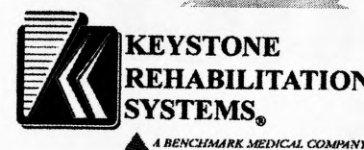
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C	69	Chris Kaczor (6-2, 302, So.)
RG	76	Andy Young (6-4, 302, Fr.-r)
RT	78	Greg Bzorek (6-6, 318, Jr.)
TE	91	Ed Brown (6-4, 255, Sr.)
Z	18	Ryan Valasek (5-9, 165, So.)
H	5	Justin Lipscomb (6-0, 190, Jr.)
QB	12	Justin Bouch (6-3, 200, Jr.)
FB	1	Matt Phillips (6-1, 251, Sr.)
TB	28	Andre Burke (5-10, 205, Jr.)
PK	17	Kody Robertson (5-10, 210, So.)

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NG	93	George Barron (6-0, 290, Jr.)
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ILB	36	Brian Oddi (6-0, 220, Sr.)
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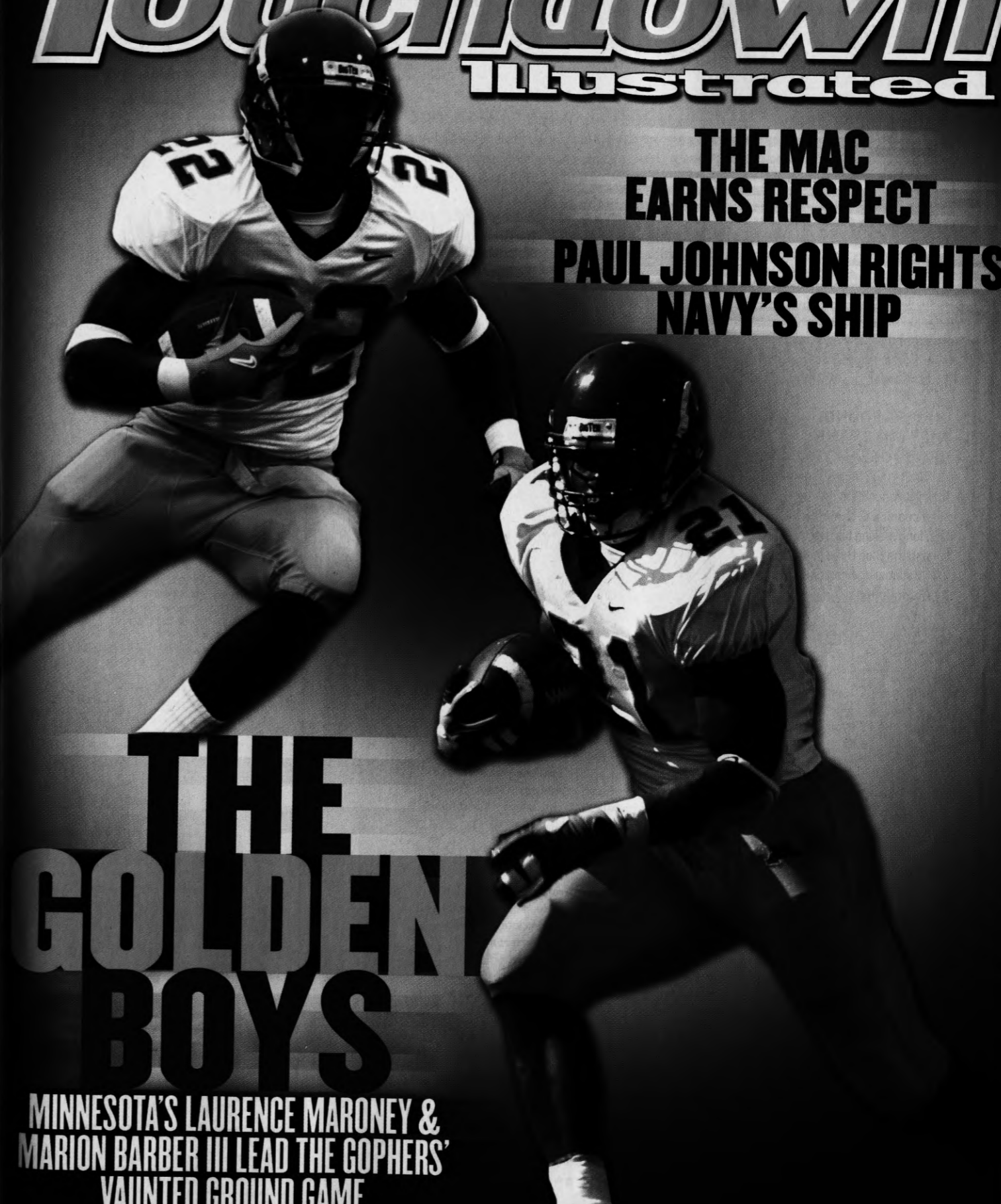
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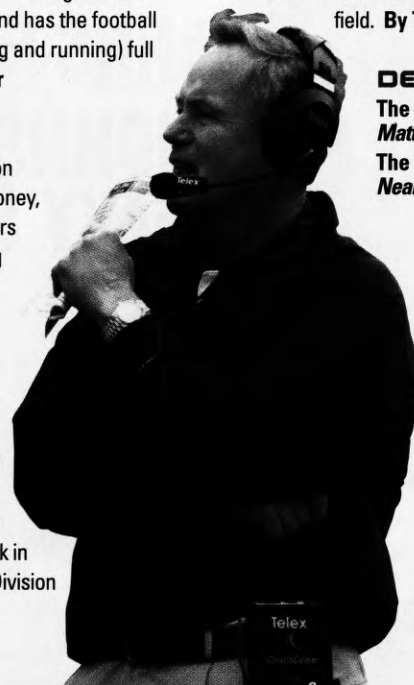
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Game: Hampden-Sydney at Bridgewater; October 2 at Jopson Field
Last Meeting: Bridgewater 31, Hampden-Sydney 28 (10/4/03 at Hampden-Sydney)
Breakdown: The top two squads in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference square off in a match-up that should determine the league's champion. The Eagles knocked off the Tigers on their home turf last season, en route to a national semifinal appearance. Bridgewater will be looking to advance even further this season behind the play of quarterback Brandon Wakefield and All-ODAC defensive linemen Lawrence Frierson and Rowdy Hoover. The Tigers are stout on defense as well, with All-ODAC end James Riley coming off a 2003 campaign where he led the conference with 10 sacks.

Game: California at USC; October 9 at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
Last Meeting: California 34, USC 31, 30T (9/27/03 at California)
Breakdown: The defending co-national champion Trojans will be looking to avenge the only blemish on their record last season. Head coach Pete Carroll has done a masterful job at bringing the USC program back to perennial dominance, and as usual, this year's squad is loaded. Quarterback Matt Leinart and running back Reggie Bush, both strong Heisman candidates, guide a punishing offensive attack. Cal, however, has some great counter-punchers themselves, with strong-armed junior Aaron Rodgers behind center and the electric Geoff McArthur hauling in one pass after another.

Game: Utah at San Diego State; October 30 at Qualcomm Stadium
Last Meeting: Utah 27, San Diego State 6 (10/11/03 at Utah)
Breakdown: The Aztecs have a monster positioned at middle linebacker in senior Kirk Morrison. The 6-2, 240-pounder was the Mountain West Conference Player of the Year in 2003, and the scary thing is that he's only going to get better. Tallying 115 tackles and four forced fumbles a season ago, Morrison will have his eye on stopping quarterback Alex Smith and the Utes' versatile offense. When Morrison isn't in his face, Smith will be looking to get the ball to his No. 1 target, Paris Warren, who led the team with a school-record 76 receptions last season.

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CLASSICS WITH A TWIST



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ANCHORS AWEIGH!

Head coach Paul Johnson has righted the ship at the Naval Academy and has the football program running (and running and running) full speed ahead **BY JON COOPER**

When Paul Johnson left Division I-AA powerhouse Georgia Southern prior to the 2002 season to become the head coach at the U.S. Naval Academy, he inherited a program that had won only one game in its previous two seasons—their 1-20 record in that span was the low-water mark in the 122-year history of Navy football.

Johnson, who had been Navy's offensive coordinator during the 1995 and '96 seasons, brought back the same triple-option offense that had worked so well during his first tour of duty (Navy's last Bowl win had come in the 1996 Aloha Bowl) and had helped Georgia Southern win back-to-back I-AA championships while recording an impressive 62-10 ledger.

The Midshipmen finished 2-10 in his first season, but ended on a high note, embarrassing archrival Army, 58-12. The 58 points were an Army-Navy Game record and the margin of victory was the second biggest in the series.

Last season, Johnson's squad went 8-5, leading the nation in rushing (323.2 ypg), winning the Commander-in-Chief Trophy for the first time since 1981, beating a ranked team for the first time

since '85—that it was then-No. 25 Air Force made it even sweeter—and made it two-for-two against the Black Knights, this time winning 34-6. Johnson was rewarded by being named a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award and earning a contract extension through 2009.

The 47-year-old native of Newland, N.C., talked with *Touchdown Illustrated* about successfully returning to Annapolis, restoring the proud tradition of Navy football and visiting the White House.

TOUCHDOWN ILLUSTRATED: What has been the key to the turnaround at Navy since you've taken over?

PAUL JOHNSON: There are several factors. One of the biggest is attitude. Like in anything, it's so important to have the proper attitude. I think we were fortunate when we came in that we got the players to buy into the system and to raise their standards a little bit and have the right kind of attitude to work.

TDI: You've had success with the same system everywhere you've gone. To what do you attribute that success?

PJ: It's a good system and we've been fortunate we've had good players. We feel like we have a good grasp of what we're trying to get done, and I think the biggest thing is getting the players to trust and believe. They truly believe that if they do it right, they're going to be successful.

TDI: Are you surprised at the speed in which you've turned things around?

PJ: We didn't really have a timetable when we came in. I've always felt like you work and do the best you can with what you've got, and if you work hard enough then maybe you'll have a chance to be successful. We were fortunate, we got a break with our schedule and we started winning. Then the confidence level went up and we

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In only his second year at the helm in Annapolis, Paul Johnson guided Navy to the academy's first Commander-in-Chief Trophy since 1981.



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THE JOHNSON FILE

Name: Paul Johnson

Born: Aug. 20, 1957

High School: Avery County [N.C.] HS

College: Western Carolina '79

Master's Degree: Appalachian State '82

Wife: Susan

Child: Kaitlyn

Coaching Career:

- Assistant Coach, Avery County HS, 1979-80
- Offensive Coordinator, Lees McRae JC, 1981-82
- Offensive Coordinator, Georgia Southern, 1983-86
- Offensive Coordinator, Hawaii, 1987-94
- Offensive Coordinator, Navy, 1995-96
- Head Coach, Georgia Southern, 1997-2001
- Head Coach, Navy, 2002-present

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THE GREAT HEISMAN DEBATE



MATT LEINART OR BRAD SMITH

Which of these star-studded quarterbacks will continue to shred the competition and add a Heisman Trophy to his resumé? **BY STEVE SINISKI**

MATT LEINART, JR., QB, USC

At the start of 2003, it wouldn't have been a surprise if Leinart looked for a Trojan horse to hide in to escape the pressure of following a Heisman Trophy winner. But a funny thing happened when the smoke cleared on his first season—Leinart was hoisting up some hardware of his own. The national champion now has higher expectations to live up to after guiding USC to a 12-1 record and a pinball-like 41.1 points per game. If his accuracy is any indication (63.4 percent), Leinart's going to be on target for a Heisman run thanks to another superior collection of weapons at USC.

2003 Statistics

Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Rating
402	255	3,556	38	9	164.5

- Leinart set a Pac-10 record by throwing 212 consecutive passes without an interception in 2003.
- He also raised the conference bar by tossing a Pac-10 record 38 touchdown passes.
- Leinart had at least two touchdown passes in 12 of USC's 13 games.



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BRAD SMITH, JR., QB, MISSOURI

Forget the big screen, Smith is a straight-to-video production...video games that is. Can you just see him in Madden 2007? No? Then maybe we should clue you in on a few of his exploits. First, name another player on the planet (OK, Michael Vick aside) who could run for 295 yards and five scores in a single game, or take a quarterback-throwback pass 47 yards to the house? Don't forget, Smith is a quarterback by trade and has thrown at least two touchdowns in a game 12 times in two years. He has opponents reaching for the reset button every time the ball's in his hands. Unfortunately for them, this is one athlete you can't pull the plug on.

2003 Statistics

Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Rush Yds.	Rush TD
320	194	1,822	11	6	1,310	17

- As a freshman, Smith became only the second quarterback in Division I-A history to amass 2,000 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing in a season.
- He set a national record for freshman quarterbacks by running for 1,029 yards.
- As a sophomore, Smith ran for at least 100 yards seven times in 12 games.

Steve Siniski is a freelance writer based in New York and a regular contributor to *Touchdown Illustrated*.

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GREAT GOLD RUSH

THANKS TO TAILBACKS MARION BARBER III AND LAURENCE MARONEY, THE MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS ARE SCORING POINTS AND SETTING RECORDS AT A HISTORIC PACE
BY JON COOPER

It's been a long time since the University of Minnesota football team had a piece of the Big Ten championship. That was back in 1967, when Minnesota, Purdue and Indiana all finished 6-1 in the conference, with Indiana getting the Rose Bowl bid.

It's been even longer since UM won the Big Ten title and had a Heisman Trophy winner. You have to go back to 1941 for that, when halfback Bruce Smith led the Gophers to a perfect 8-0 season (5-0 in the conference) and an undisputed league championship.

The 2004 Golden Gophers may have the best chance in recent memory to bring back the memories of that magic season, thanks to a pair of tailbacks, redshirt junior Marion Barber III and true sophomore Laurence Maroney.

Led by these two backs and a system that systematically runs the ball down opponents' throats, the Golden Gophers have gone from guaranteed walkover to a steamroller capable of running over—or around—any team in the nation.

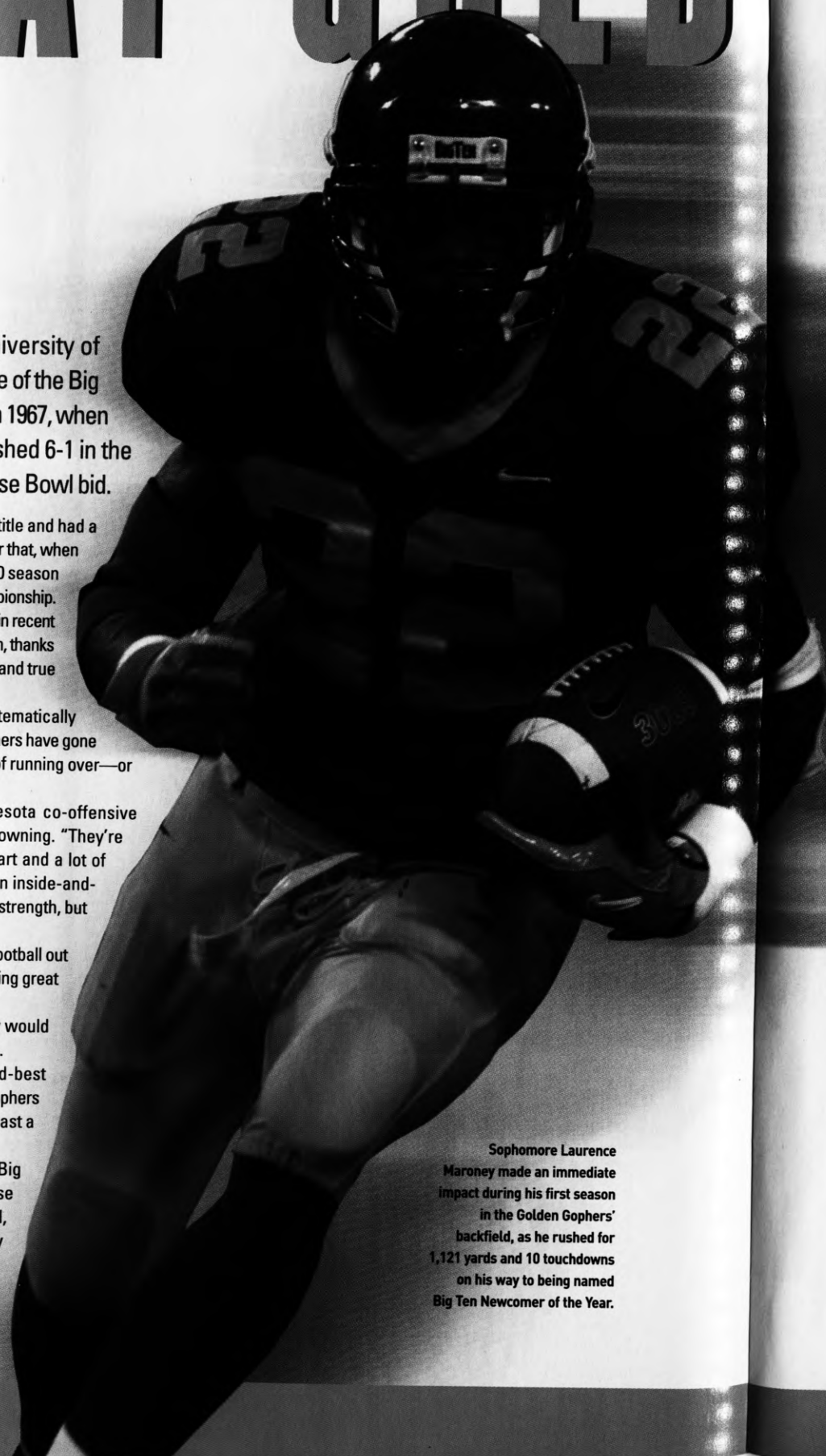
"They're both very talented kids," said Minnesota co-offensive coordinator/tight ends and tackles coach Mitch Browning. "They're excellent football players who play with a lot of heart and a lot of enthusiasm. Marion's probably a little bit better of an inside-and-outside runner right now because of his maturity and strength, but Laurence has great speed and quickness.

"Both of them have excellent hands catching the football out of the backfield. They both can protect. We're anticipating great things from them this year."

Browning and head coach Glen Mason probably would be happy if they merely matched last year's success.

Barber and Maroney sparked the nation's third-best rushing attack (289.2 yards per game), as the Golden Gophers became only the 30th backfield in NCAA history to boast a pair of 1,000-yard rushers in the same season.

"When we first came here, we were last in the Big Ten in rushing offense," Browning said. "The offense couldn't run the football a lick. They threw the ball, and they gave up a tremendous amount of sacks. They were down at the bottom nationally as far as rushing stats. So we've made a tremendous turnaround here



Sophomore Laurence Maroney made an immediate impact during his first season in the Golden Gophers' backfield, as he rushed for 1,121 yards and 10 touchdowns on his way to being named Big Ten Newcomer of the Year.

Marion Barber III, a redshirt junior, was a First-Team All-Big Ten selection after gaining 1,196 yards and scoring 17 touchdowns on the ground in 2003.

on offense. Our kids have bought into it, and they have worked extremely hard."

Barber and Maroney agree.

"I like everything about [the system]," said Barber. "[Coach Mason] just gives you a great opportunity, and he has a great staff behind him. It's just the attitude around here. It keeps us really focused."

"We run the ball so much that we think we can run against any defense," added Maroney. "Even though coach Mason is coming up with the good blocking schemes, you've got to give credit to the line, because they're just awesome."

Last season, Barber and Maroney helped the Golden Gophers get off to a 6-0 start, the school's best since 1987, a seven-game win streak, the school's first since 1961, and a 10-win season, the first since 1905.

It's little wonder that the sky has been the limit in 2004.

"Feeding off last season, it's only going to get greater," said Barber, a 2003 All-Big Ten First-Teamer and 2004 preseason Heisman candidate who rushed for 1,196 yards and 17 touchdowns.

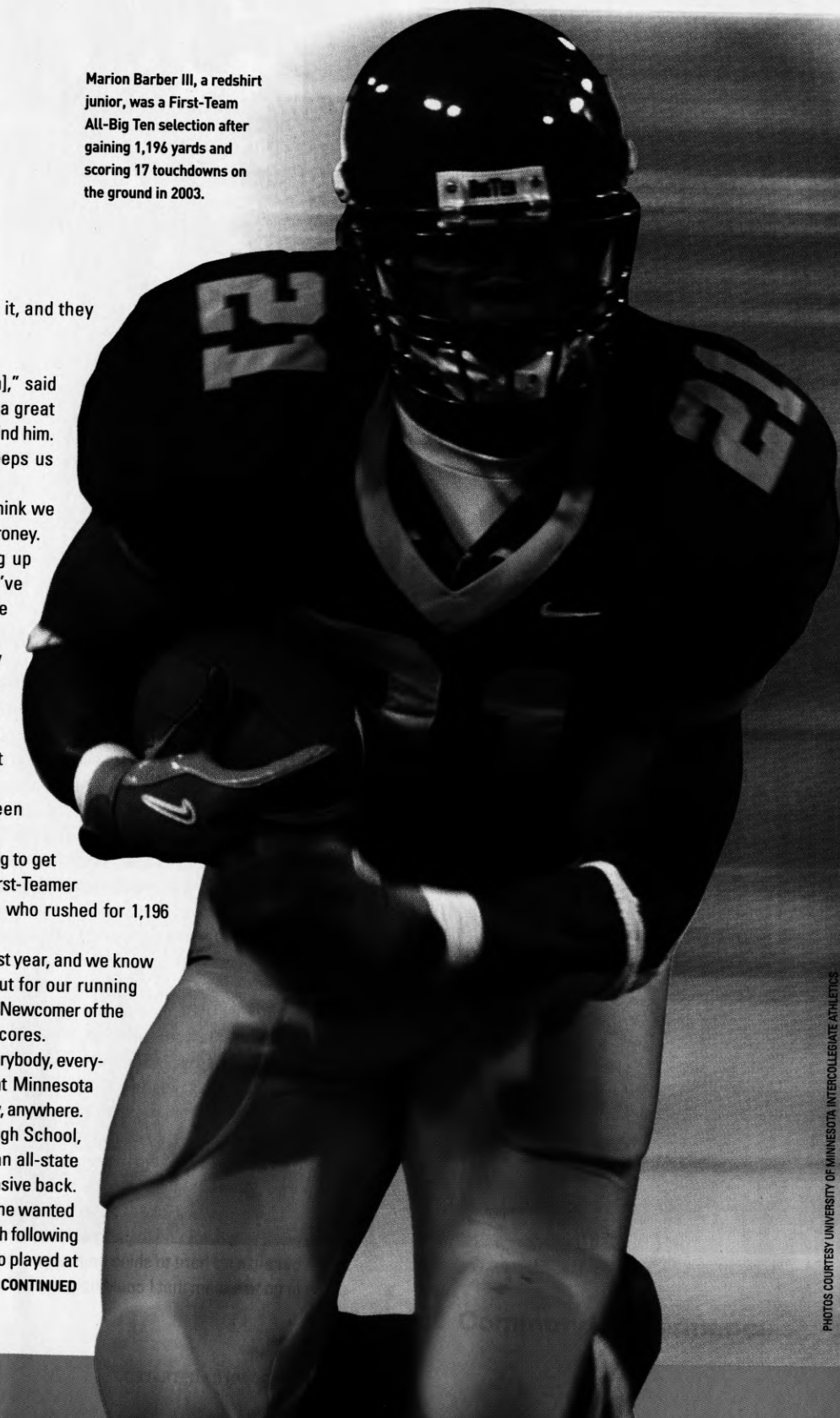
"We know that we had a good year last year, and we know that people are going to be watching out for our running game," added Maroney, last year's Big Ten Newcomer of the Year who rushed for 1,121 yards and 10 scores.

While praise is now coming in from everybody, everywhere, Barber and Maroney ended up at Minnesota because of a lack of response from anybody, anywhere.

A two-way star at nearby Wayzata High School, Barber was not recruited despite being an all-state performer at both running back and defensive back.

But Barber had no doubt about where he wanted to go to college, and it had nothing to do with following in the footsteps of his father, Marion Jr., who played at

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TERRIBLE TWOS

As the University of Minnesota's duo of Marion Barber III and Laurence Maroney begin their quest for greatness, they can aim high and try to reach the level of some of these great tandems of the past:

Felix "Doc" Blanchard and Glenn Davis, Army

Blanchard, "Mr. Inside," and Davis, "Mr. Outside," combined for 97 touchdowns and 585 points to lead Army to a 27-0-1 record from 1944-46. In 1945, Blanchard became the first junior to win the Heisman Trophy, while Davis won the '46 Heisman after finishing second in '45.

Eric Dickerson and Craig James, SMU

"The Pony Express" led the Mustangs to back-to-back Southwest Conference titles and a 22-1-1 record in two seasons, including an 11-0-1 mark and No. 2 final ranking in 1982. Dickerson is the SWC's career leader in rushing touchdowns (47) and is third in rushing yards (4,450). James finished with 3,743 rushing yards.

Archie Griffin and Pete Johnson, Ohio State

Griffin is the only back-to-back Heisman Trophy winner and is still Ohio State's all-time leading rusher (5,589 yards). Johnson, a 6-1, 247-pound bulldozer, rushed for 2,308 yards and holds the school's season record for points (156) and career marks for points (348) and touchdowns (58).

Ricky Bell and Charles White, USC

In 1976, Bell rushed for 1,417 yards and 14 touchdowns. Clearing the way for Bell was freshman Charles White, the '79 Heisman winner, who ran for 858 yards and 10 touchdowns and starred in the Trojans' 14-6 victory in the '77 Rose Bowl.

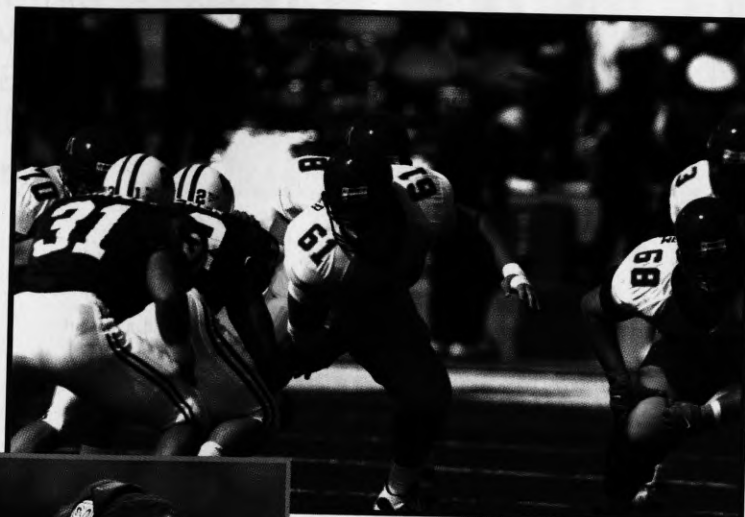
Lydell Mitchell and Franco Harris, Penn State

Mitchell, a 2004 College Football Hall of Fame inductee, rushed for a then-school-record 1,567 yards in 1971 and led the nation with 29 touchdowns and 174 points. Harris was his lead blocker and rushed for 2,002 yards and 24 touchdowns in his college career. Penn State was 29-4 with Mitchell and Harris in the backfield.

Tommie Frazier and Ahman Green, Nebraska

Quarterback Tommie Frazier, 33-3 as a starter, led Nebraska to a second consecutive national championship in 1995. Frazier set the Nebraska career record for total offense (5,476 yards) and touchdowns produced (79), and ran for 199 yards in the 62-24 Fiesta Bowl thrashing of Florida. Green broke the school freshman rushing record that season, gaining 1,086 yards with 12 touchdowns.

— JC



It's not just the running backs who make a successful rushing offense. The gameplans executed from head coach Glen Mason (left) and a stout and versatile offensive line, led by center Greg Eslinger (#61, above), give Barber and Maroney plenty of room to operate.

Minnesota from 1977-80 and was an All-Big Ten running back.

"I wasn't even thinking about that," he said. "What my dad did is what he did; I just liked Minnesota. I liked the coaching staff and the opportunity they gave me, because they were the only school that offered me a scholarship. So it was just motivation for me to come here and play for my hometown crowd."

Browning recalled that recruiting Barber was a leap of faith by Mason.

"To be honest with you, we weren't sure if Marion was good enough coming out of high school," said Browning. "Coach Mason made a decision that we were going to recruit and offer him a scholarship. We took him as a defensive back and, as things turned out, all he wanted was an opportunity to play running back. We gave him an opportunity and he became the starter as a freshman."

Barber made an instant impact on special teams, winning the Bobby Bell Award as the school's outstanding special teams player, and showed he could carry the load offensively, rushing for 173 yards (the fifth-highest total ever by a Minnesota freshman) and two touchdowns against Louisiana-Lafayette, then raced for 158 yards and two scores on only 15 carries in a victory against Michigan State. He redshirted in 2002, after suffering a hamstring injury, but came back strong in 2003.

Barber had the eighth-best rushing season in school history, set a new mark with 17 rushing touchdowns and tied the school single-season record with seven 100-yard rushing games. His 102 points were the second-best single-season total in school history. Getting Barber into the end zone has been a harbinger of good things, as Minnesota was 8-1 (6-1 last season) in games in which he hits pay dirt, heading into this season.

Unlike Barber, Maroney required a little tougher sell, but he, too, found Minnesota to his liking despite the potential logjam at running back.

"We had Thomas Tapeh in the same backfield, we had Marion Barber and we had Terry Jackson," said Browning. "Laurence Maroney was a phenomenal high school football player that we recruited, and he was sold on Minnesota. He liked our staff, he liked our program, he liked our offense."

Maroney also liked the fact that Minnesota's program was not yet elite.

"I never wanted to go to a team that was already good or was always talked about, because it's hard to shine on a team that's already shining," he said. "I always wanted to go to a team that I could help out and help turn the program around."

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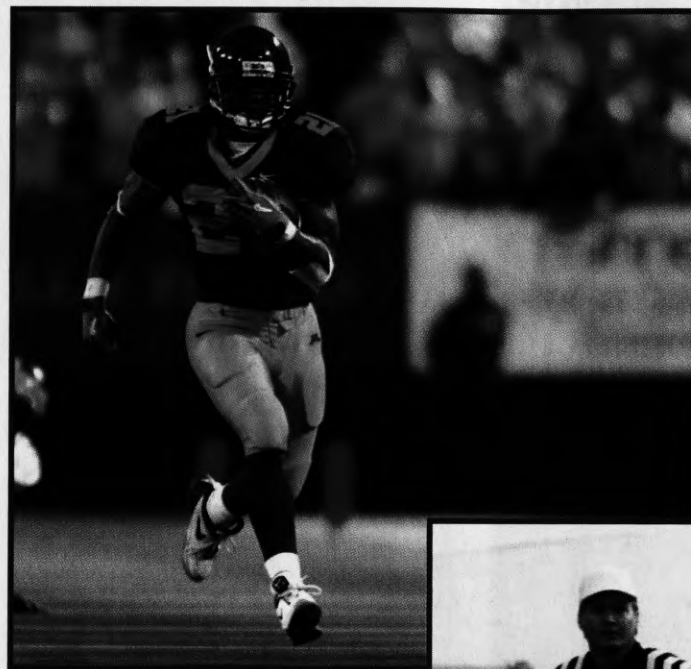
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In 2003, Barber (above) and Maroney (right) became just the 30th backfield tandem in NCAA history to each gain at least 1,000 yards in a single season. However, each is hoping to help Minnesota earn that long-awaited Big Ten championship.

A graduate of Normandy High School in Missouri, Maroney was a two-time all-state selection, as well as the 2002 St. Louis Player of the Year, and also excelled on both sides of the football.

Maroney got an unexpected break when he arrived in Minnesota, as Jackson transferred to Southern Illinois following the 2002 season. Browning insists Maroney's promotion was not caused by Jackson's transfer, but instead, Jackson's transfer was caused by Maroney's progress.

"To be honest, Laurence outplayed Terry," said Browning. "Laurence is a phenomenal football player and he's only going to get better because he's still relatively inexperienced. Terry Jackson did a great job for us. He had a phenomenal year in 2002. But truth be known, we had better running backs than him last year and the best guys played."

Maroney started the year excelling on special teams. He returned a kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown in the season's second week against Troy State, then further opened eyes two weeks later with a 132-yard day against Louisiana-Lafayette. And he didn't need to start to make his impact. Maroney proved to be lethal coming off the bench.

Following back-to-back tough losses to Michigan and Michigan State, Maroney turned his game up, rushing for more than 130 yards in four of the season's final five games, including a season-high 179-yard effort against Illinois—a school which denied him a scholarship—164 versus

Indiana, 135 against Wisconsin and 131 in Minnesota's Sun Bowl victory against Oregon, including a crucial fourth-and-two on the final drive leading to the game-winning field goal. His 1,129 yards was the best in the nation among freshmen, and his 6.92 yards-per-carry average is second best in school history.

While the Golden Gophers must work in sophomore Bryan Cupito at quarterback, replacing three-year starter Asad Abdul-Khalik, the veteran-laden offensive line increases optimism about the two-pronged tailback attack of Maroney, who can outrun you, and Barber, who will simply run you over.

"It gives us a chance to keep a fresh back in there," said Browning. "When you look at their carries, both of them average between 20 and 24 carries a game, compared to one guy carrying it 40 or 45 times. That's a big advantage when you can have a fresh guy in there all the time coming at the defense."

The thought of two running backs and only one ball is not a



problem. Maroney and Barber enjoy playing together and, as far as they're concerned, this is no numbers game.

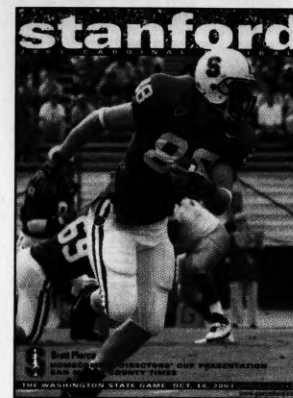
"We just work off each other," said Barber. "Neither of us cares how many carries the other gets; we're all about winning ballgames."

"We don't count carries and we don't count yards," agreed Maroney. "You can have 1,000, 2,000 yards, but if the team's not winning, nobody's going to be looking at you. All Marion and I want are the victories. We can contribute 50 yards a game and not get 1,000 yards next year, but as long as we win every game, that's all that matters to us."

The University of Minnesota has collected quite a few IOUs over the years and they're ready to collect. ■

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THE MAN OF THE HENHOUSE

Taking the place of legend Tubby Raymond, Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler didn't take long making his own mark in leading the Blue Hens to the Division I-AA national championship **BY MARK COHEN**

Harold "Tubby" Raymond led the Delaware Blue Hens to 300 victories between 1966 and 2001. He's a legend on campus and a College Football Hall of Famer. When Raymond retired, his former linebacker K.C. Keeler was hired to replace him.

Taking the place of a legend is never easy, and Keeler admits his first move was unorthodox.

"I don't know if it's the best idea to disobey your new boss on the first day," Keeler said recently, laughing. That boss, athletic director Edgar Johnson, thought it prudent for Keeler *not* to discuss national championship dreams at his introductory press conference, following a 4-6 season in Raymond's last year on the sidelines.

As Keeler recalls, he didn't make it past his first paragraph of an opening statement without mentioning his goal.

"I don't know how to coach any other way," he said. Keeler had already coached Rowan to the Division III title game five times in nine seasons.

After coming close many times with Rowan, K.C. Keeler finally got the chance to hoist up a national championship trophy in his second season with Delaware.



"At our first team meeting, he told us he wanted to win the national championship as soon as possible," said Haugabrook, a cornerback from Atlanta. "We all got in his wagon and were with him right away."

Keeler immediately made his vision clear: "The secret of winning a championship is to surround yourself with great kids and demand a lot out of them," Keeler told the team, "and I'm going to demand a lot out of you."

There were bumps on the way to that national title. For Keeler, the adjustments were numerous—I-AA programs have scholarships and spring football, for example.

"I knew there'd be a learning curve," Keeler says. "I tried to put together a staff that would not have the same learning curve. The coaches were all young, aggressive guys who had Division I-A or I-AA experience."

Some assistants were hired in part because they had Delaware roots. Others were selected in part because they did not.

"It was important to get some Blue Hen blood back here [on the

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And there was a method to the madness. "That's what the kids needed," Keeler said. "Someone to come in and capture their imagination."

It must have worked. Last December, Delaware completed Keeler's second season with a 15-1 record and the Division I-AA national championship. (Keeler played on Delaware's last national title team, the 1979 Division II champions.)

Sidney Haugabrook, an All-America candidate this season, had just completed his freshman season—under Raymond—when Keeler arrived.

coaching staff," Keeler said. "But I also wanted to bring in some new ideas. "None of these guys had ever worked together. It was a delicate thing, but it really worked out."

Keeler had quickly accomplished two major goals: getting the players to buy into his vision and assembling his ideal staff.

The 2002 team went 6-6 but showed progress. Five losses were by four points or fewer. However, the Blue Hens turned those close losses into wins in '03.

Although last year's playoff run included mostly one-sided games, the

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The Delaware Blue Hens won its four playoff games last season by a cumulative 149-23 margin en route to the Division I-AA national championship.

FIRST ROUND:

Delaware 48,
Southern Illinois 7

Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler: "Our kids knew that the following Monday there were gonna be two meetings. One team was going to start getting ready for the next game, the other was going to collect equipment. I told them we had to come out focused."

Delaware jumped to a 27-0 first-quarter lead and never looked back.

QUARTERFINALS:

Delaware 37,
Northern Iowa 7

In blizzard conditions, Delaware athletic director Edgar Johnson suggested postponing the game. Since Northern Iowa played its home games in a dome, Keeler would have none of that.

"My kids believe this is a huge advantage for us," he told Johnson. First quarter score: 17-0, Delaware.

SEMIFINALS:

Delaware 24, Wofford 9

Delaware players had been prepped on what to say at the Thursday night pep rally...except for quarterback Andy Hall, who told the student body: "If we win, how about tearing down those goalposts?"

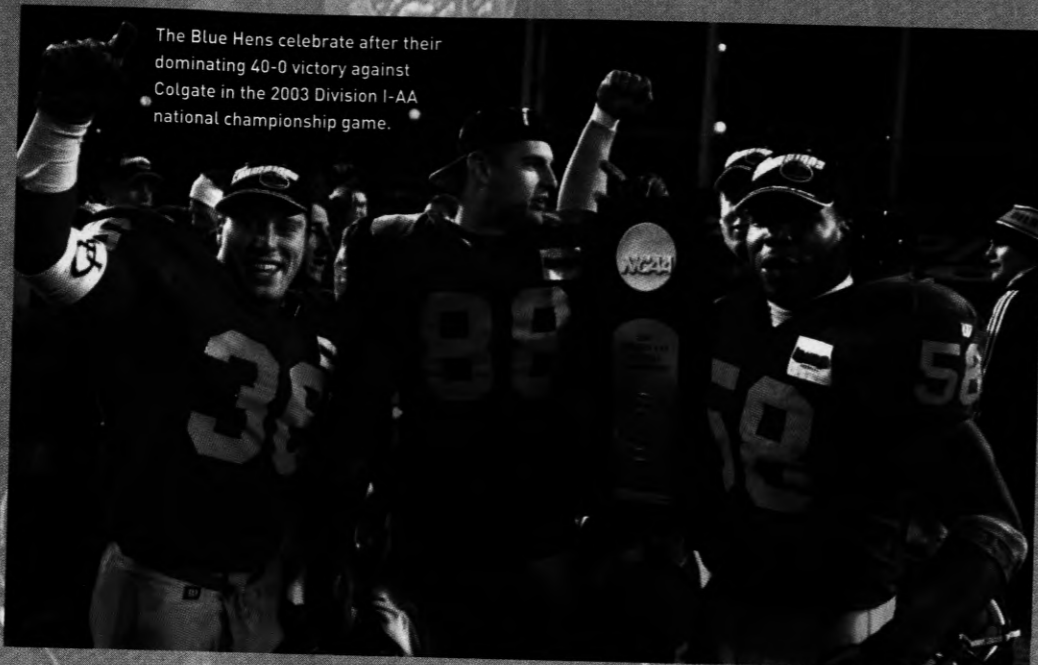
Keeler: "With about 40 seconds left, one of my assistants told me 'look to your right.' The Clydesdales were out on the field! It was goal-post protection." The goal posts came down anyhow.

CHAMPIONSHIP:

Delaware 40, Colgate 0

Keeler: "I watched the game with my family a few days later. They all told me, 'Watch when you smile.' Even though we had the game in hand, I didn't smile until there was 1:30 left."

—MC



The Blue Hens celebrate after their dominating 40-0 victory against Colgate in the 2003 Division I-AA national championship game.

regular season was filled with nail-biters, especially the final seven games, which included six wins. Five of those victories came by a total of 17 points, and three featured comebacks from deficits of 18, 14 and 21 points, respectively. One game went into overtime, another involved three extra sessions.

It seems awkward that a team would battle every week in the regular season before dominating in the playoffs, but Keeler said there's a simple explanation.

"We were really banged up during the regular season," Keeler said. "When we beat Navy, we were starting a true freshman at cornerback who had just come back from mono. His backup had just come back from a hamstring

injury. Another defensive back was just back from a hernia. Finally, we got everybody back healthy for the playoffs."

Everybody except his quarterback, that is. Andy Hall played through several injuries, including a separated shoulder he lugged through the playoffs. Hall received acupuncture treatments each week to enable him to play through the final six games and the playoffs.

Hall played, and the Blue Hens kept winning. Keeler became the toast of the entire state and was the guest speaker at several events statewide, including an appearance at the governor's mansion.

"Around here, the University of Delaware is [like] LSU...is Georgia...is Alabama...it's the Florida of I-AA,"

Keeler said. "This state's insane for football."

"I have a tough time going out to dinner. I didn't buy a meal in this state in January."

Once when he was leaving a take-out restaurant—where the manager refused his money—he was met in the parking lot by a pizza deliveryman who wanted to give Keeler a pizza, free of charge, even though he didn't order it and was already carrying his dinner!

It looks like the University of Delaware could have another legend in the making. ■

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K.C. Keeler (left) and his predecessor, Tubby Raymond (right), embrace following the title game win.

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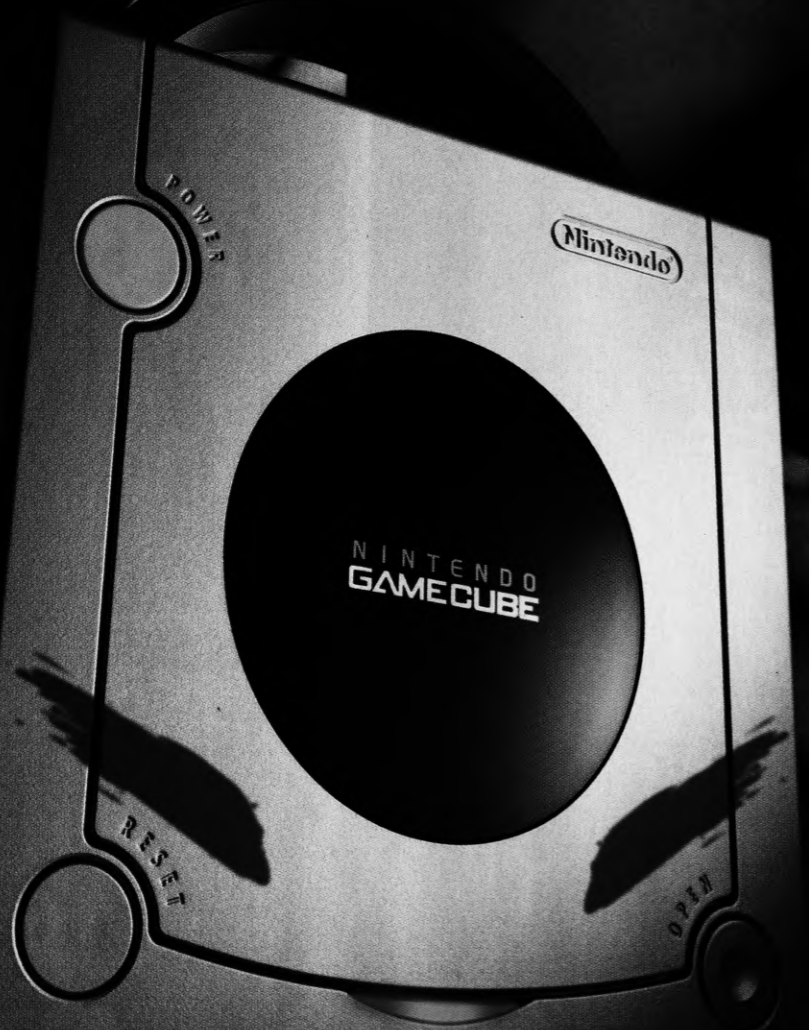
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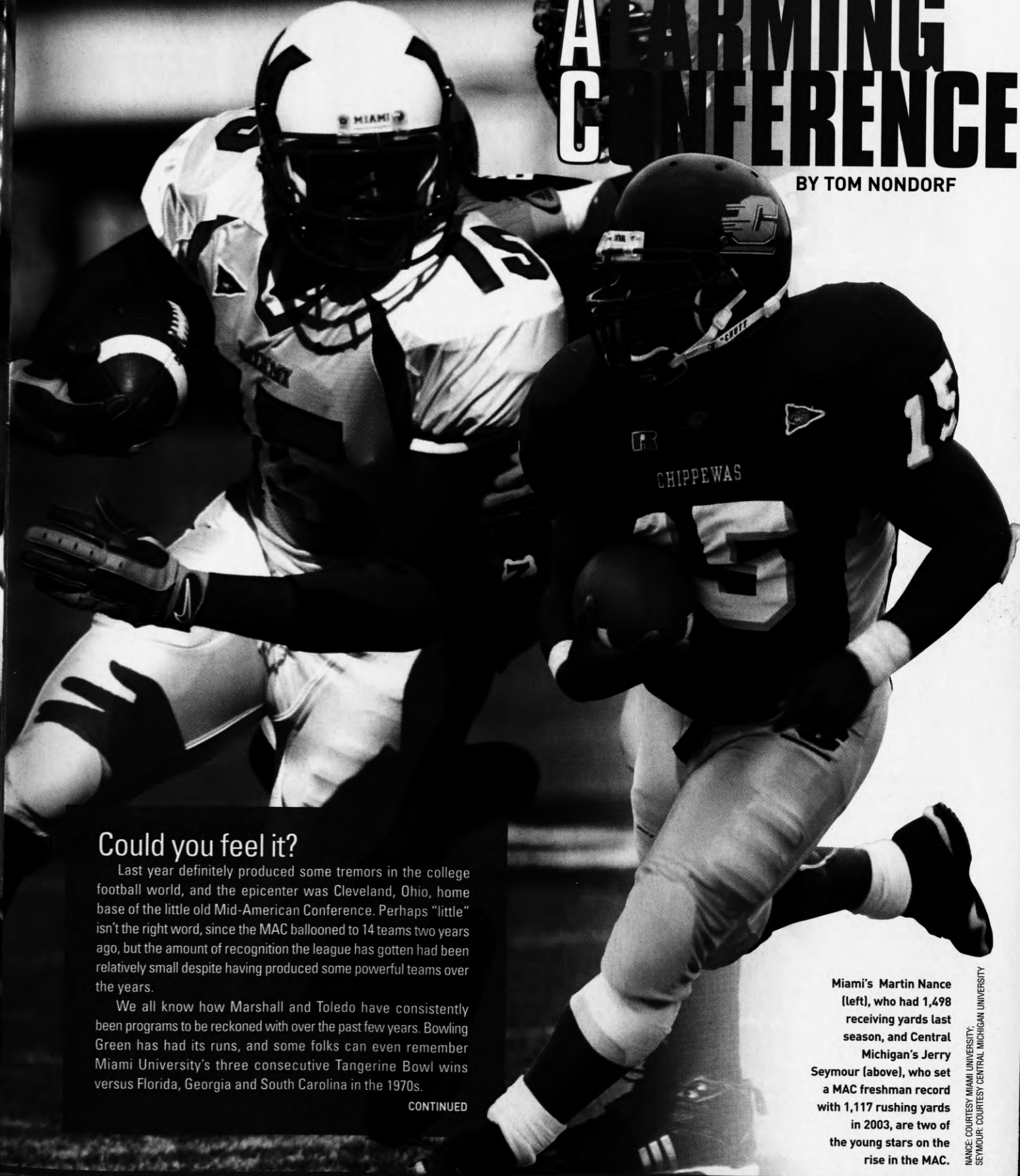
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MOST ALARMING CONFERENCE

BY TOM NONDORF



Could you feel it?

Last year definitely produced some tremors in the college football world, and the epicenter was Cleveland, Ohio, home base of the little old Mid-American Conference. Perhaps "little" isn't the right word, since the MAC ballooned to 14 teams two years ago, but the amount of recognition the league has gotten had been relatively small despite having produced some powerful teams over the years.

We all know how Marshall and Toledo have consistently been programs to be reckoned with over the past few years. Bowling Green has had its runs, and some folks can even remember Miami University's three consecutive Tangerine Bowl wins versus Florida, Georgia and South Carolina in the 1970s.

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Miami's Martin Nance (left), who had 1,498 receiving yards last season, and Central Michigan's Jerry Seymour (above), who set a MAC freshman record with 1,117 rushing yards in 2003, are two of the young stars on the rise in the MAC.

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From recruiting to scheduling to preparation, Mid-American Conference coaches, such as (L to R) Greg Brandon of Bowling Green, Joe Novak of Northern Illinois and Tom Amstutz of Toledo, are doing a great job helping the conference earn the national respect it has deserved for years.

But an interesting thing happened last year. The MAC was more than just a one-school league. It was more than just Marshall and Toledo, who have met in the lion's share of MAC championship games. It was a conference where Marshall and Toledo did field darn good teams (both beat schools ranked in the top 10) but the Thundering Herd and the Rockets might have been the fourth-and-fifth-best teams in the league.

"We had five teams that belonged in bowls," says Bowling Green head coach Greg Brandon. "Toledo should have gone, Northern [Illinois] should have gone and Marshall should have gone. You can even make a case for Akron."

Suddenly, the MAC is deep, which is something it has never been accused of before. The knock had always been that the league had too much dead wood in the cellar.

"Now every game is a tough fight," says "Toledo Tom" Amstutz, the Rockets' head coach who saw his team beat top-10 Pitt last year but get ambushed at Ball State.

Ball State made some improvements under first-year head coach Brady Hoke, and they and Akron helped give the league a stronger middle, while Miami and Bowling Green moved up to the top echelon. The Redhawks of Miami, led by quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, lost their first game to Iowa and won the next 12, and only one of the games was even close. Bowling Green rode QB Josh Harris to a win against Purdue, a close call at Ohio State and a Motor City Bowl win against Northwestern. Northern Illinois started the season with a win versus Maryland and later picked up wins at Iowa State and Alabama, but they couldn't handle

a swing through Northwest Ohio that had them losing to Bowling Green and Toledo and missing out on one of the league's two bowl bids.

So as the league grows stronger, more bowl bids would seem in the offing, but Joe Novak, head coach at Northern Illinois, knows the drill.

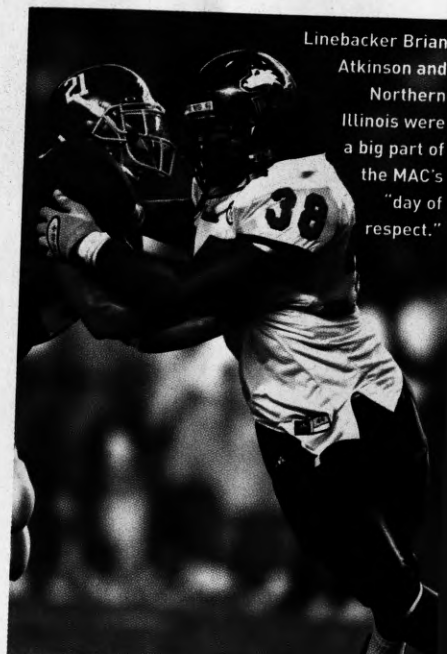
"Everybody in our league understands going in, there's two bowl births in our conference," says Novak. "That's it. And the only team that's assured a bowl is the team that wins our conference championship. We've approached it that way every year. We don't necessarily have to agree with it or like it. We can be disappointed or bitter, but we knew that going in, so we have to deal with that."

This might seem like a handicap to the league, and it is definitely unfair, but it has made for some exciting football for followers of the MAC, where every game really counts.

This excitement couldn't come at a better time, as Marshall will be taking off for Conference USA after this season, a move that would have been seen as disastrous to the MAC a few short years ago. Marshall can be given credit for raising the level of play since its re-entry into the MAC in 1997. The Herd dominated the conference, playing in every title game until last year, giving the other schools something for which to aim. The MAC Marshall will be leaving behind is definitely stronger than the MAC they entered, now even stronger than their new conference. But the question is, can the MAC maintain the excellence?

Amstutz has no fear. "We're in the heart of some really good

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Linebacker Brian Atkinson and Northern Illinois were a big part of the MAC's "day of respect."

WHAT A DAY!

Tom Amstutz calls it a "day of respect."

September 20, 2003, has to go down in MAC fans' minds as the greatest day in conference history. Right around the time that Bowling Green was locked in a rare intrastate battle with then-No. 5 Ohio State at the Horseshoe in Columbus, Marshall was hanging tough with No. 6 Kansas State. BG would prove tough for the Buckeyes to put away, but the Falcons' 24-17 loss appeared, at the time, to be another case of a MAC team getting close but no cigar. Then Kansas State was driving late against the

Thundering Herd with time running out, and a strange thing happened. The Wildcats did not pull off the expected last-minute comeback, and the Herd was left celebrating on the field in Manhattan, Kan.

Night fell, and Toledo welcomed No. 9 Pittsburgh into the Glass Bowl and rather rudely defeated the Panthers in an offensive dogfight, where Toledo quarterback Bruce Gradkowski, a native of Pittsburgh, did his best to show the Panthers why they should have recruited him.

Cut to Tuscaloosa, Ala., that same night and imagine what the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant would have thought of the way the Crimson Tide was being manhandled by the MAC's Northern Illinois. The Tide ranked No. 21 in the polls, so when the carnage was calculated, MAC schools had taken down three Top-25 schools, taken another to the wire and Miami University capped things off by dominating Colorado State in Fort Collins, Col.

"It was a coming out party for our conference," says NIU's Joe Novak. "And nationally, that's something we've been striving for in our conference for a long time."

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1969: Texas 15, Arkansas 14

How big was this one? Well, President Nixon traveled to rainy Fayetteville to watch top-ranked Texas take on No. 2 Arkansas. When Arkansas' quarterback Bill Montgomery hit Chuck Dicus with a 29-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter, Arkansas had a 14-0 lead and looked comfortable. But back came Texas. Quarterback James Street ripped off a 42-yard scoring run, and Texas converted the two-point play to trim the gap to 14-8. With 7:58 to play, Texas faced a fourth-and-three from its own 43. Instead of trying the run--Texas led the nation on the ground with their vaunted wishbone--Street surprised Arkansas by hitting tight end Randy Peschel with a razor-sharp 44-yard pass. Two plays later, Jim Bertelsen scored on a two-yard run. Happy Feller's extra-point conversion made it 15-14, and Tom Campbell's late interception preserved the win. Less than a month later, on New Year's Day, Texas upended Notre Dame, 21-17, to finish a perfect 11-0 and take the national title.

1975: Oklahoma 28, Missouri 27

Oklahoma had won the national championship in 1974 and were top-ranked heading into November the following year, before stumbling against Kansas. But there was still time for Oklahoma to revitalize and hope for a number-one ranking, if OU could beat Missouri and Nebraska to finish the season. Everybody expected the meeting with Nebraska to be a doozy, but the game against Mizzou was as close as a blade can get to your face. Although Oklahoma bolted to a 20-0 lead, thanks to the use of an unbalanced line formation that confounded the Missouri, Missouri barreled back with four straight touchdowns. Although Mizzou kicker Tim Gibbons missed the extra point following the fourth score, things still looked good for them, leading 27-20. Then

came the lightning. OU halfback Joe Washington took a pitch from Steve Davis and cut through Missouri for a 71-yard touchdown run with 4:20 to play. Washington then ran over Missouri's Kenny Downing for the two-point conversion, giving Oklahoma a 28-27 win. A week later, Oklahoma routed Nebraska, 35-10. On Jan. 1, the OU disposed of Michigan, 14-6, in their Bowl Game to earn their second straight national crown.

1997: Michigan 28, Iowa 24

It had been a dream until this point. Dismissed by some as mediocre and expected to struggle in the conference, much less compete for national laurels, Michigan entertained Iowa with a perfect 5-0 mark and hopes of greatness. By halftime, all of that was in jeopardy. Iowa held a 21-7 lead and looked poised to cut down Michigan. But Michigan wasn't about to quit. Michigan tied the game in the third quarter on a 10-yard scoring pass from Brian Griese to Russell Shaw and a one-yard sneak by Griese. Iowa answered back with a Zach Bromert field goal that made it 24-21 and set up a dramatic fourth-quarter comeback. With time winding down, Griese drove Michigan down the field and then calmly hit tight end Jerame Tuman with a two-yard pass in the end zone. When Sam Sword intercepted an Iowa aerial in the final minute, Michigan had a whisker-close 28-24 win and a still-perfect record. Nearly two months later, Michigan concluded their magical season by gliding into the Bowl Game and whipping Washington State to capture a national championship.

Season after season, championship teams face these rough obstacles at least once. These three games are just an example of how dramatic and satisfying a close shave can be.



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football," he says. "Being in the middle of Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Indiana, we have the opportunity to bring in some good, strong talent from those states."

"Our conference has good football coaches, good players, good talent, and we can play. More people are just starting to recognize the level of talent we have."

In other words, yes the MAC is getting better, but it has only been public perception that has been holding the league back.

"We'd always felt it was a pretty darn good football league," agrees Novak. "It certainly isn't the SEC, it's not the Big 12, it's not the Big Ten, but still, it's not that far behind."

From now on, it will be tougher for MAC schools to sneak up on their competition.

"Our players now know they are definitely going to get



PASSING THE TEST

Over the years, the Mid-American Conference has produced many successful quarterbacks, and the trend seems to be continuing

No sooner had the Pittsburgh Steelers taken Miami's Ben Roethlisberger on draft day, then some wags in Steeltown were saying he hadn't faced great defensive competition while playing in the MAC. Two words counter that: Pennington and Leftwich.

Whether the national media knows it or not, the MAC has become seeding ground for some excellent quarterbacks, and not just at Marshall. Josh Harris at Bowling Green was another MAC signal-caller to be drafted this year, going to the Baltimore Ravens.

The next stud on whom to keep your eyes peeled? Charlie Frye at Akron.

The dynamic Frye threw for 3,549 yards and 22 touchdowns while spending a lot of the season running for his life.

Frye, the type of guy who carries a team on his shoulders, nearly declared for the NFL Draft after Zips head coach Lee Owens was let go after the season, but he changed his mind after a talk with new head coach J.D. Brookhart. "He just wanted to know that we wanted him here," says Brookhart.

Frye will have to adjust to what Brookhart calls a "completely different system," but Brookhart believes the system will provide Frye with more of what he needs to play at the next level.

If not, look for Bruce Gradkowski, who has the advantage of playing for an experienced Toledo team, to challenge for best-in-the-league honors. The accurate junior completed 70 percent of his pass attempts in 2003.

—TN



Toledo wide receiver Lance Moore (above) and quarterback Bruce Gradkowski (left) are currently the MAC's best one-two offensive punch. Moore is coming off a 2003 campaign where he hauled in 103 receptions, while Gradkowski chipped in with 29 touchdown passes and a remarkable passer efficiency rating of 161.5.

other teams' best shots," says Amstutz. "We have [our opponents'] attention, so we have to rely on what we do on the field, not hope that the other team is not ready to play."

But success is breeding success around the league. The culture of winning and being in the national spotlight is catching on. Bowling Green made more national TV appearances last year than many BCS teams.

"The teams that have elevated their programs are seeing the fruits of their labor," says Brandon. "You can either build or rebuild, and rebuilding is more expensive than building."

Joe Novak can sum up the effect that winning has had at his school: "When I took the job eight years ago [at NIU], they'd had seven winning seasons in 33 years. We sold three games out last year. We'd never had a sellout in the history of the school. I've been told that we have five home games this year and probably four of them will sell out for sure, and that's never happened before. There's just a great feeling on campus and in this community, and it has been fun to watch and be a part of." ■

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NEAR PERFECTION

Virginia's Connor Hughes needed some coaxing to get into football as a youngster. However, when he's kicking, the pigskin hardly needs it to get through the uprights **BY MARK COHEN**

VERY SPECIAL PLACEKICKERS

College football has turned out some terrific placekickers over time, such as Morten Andersen, Jason Elam, Martin Gramatica, Sebastian Janikowski, Fuad Reveiz and Uwe Von Schamann. However, these six stand out as the best the game has seen:

Kevin Butler, Georgia (1981-84)
He is the only pure placekicker to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Russell Erxleben, Texas (1975-78) and Tony Franklin, Texas A & M (1975-78)
Southwest Conference rivals still hold records for longest Division I-A field goal (Erxleben, T-67), 60-yarders in a game (Franklin, two), 60-yarders in a season (Erxleben, three) and longest bowl game field goal (Franklin, 62).

Jason Hanson, Washington State (1988-91)
He recorded 20 field goals in his collegiate career of at least 50 yards.

Ove Johansson, Abilene Christian (1976)
In his only season of college football, the 28-year-old kicked a 69-yard field goal, still the longest ever at any level.

Jan Stenerud, Montana State (1964-66)
He was the first great collegiate kicker, setting a record at the time with a 59-yard field goal. —MC

Having perhaps the best placekicker in college football affects how a coach approaches game situations.

"If we can get the ball to a certain spot on the field, we're going to get points," says Virginia head coach Al Groh. "That's become part of how we manage the game. Connor allows you to conduct the game in that fashion."

Connor is Connor Hughes, the Cavaliers' almost-perfect junior placekicker. Last season, Hughes converted 23 of 25 field goal attempts and all 40 extra-point tries. For his career, he has made 28 of 31 field goals.

Hughes didn't start playing football until his freshman year at Lafayette High School in Williamsburg, Va., and only then it took some arm-twisting by some friends. Hughes had played soccer since he was five years old, and the team needed a kicker.

"It was more of a migration [to football]," he says. So he told his friends he would kick a few footballs, but if he wasn't any good, he was leaving.

He stayed, and twice earned All-State honors...in football and in soccer.

As a freshman at Virginia, Hughes waited for his chance, and took over placekicking duties late in the season. He was five-of-six on field goals and 16-of-17 on extra points, and scored 12 points (2-2 FG, 6-6 XP) in Virginia's Continental Tire Bowl win against West Virginia.

No sophomore jinx for Hughes: he made his first 10 field goal attempts. The biggest came at Wake Forest, a 53-yard kick with 1:51 remaining that tied the score. Then, following a turnover, Virginia was looking to get its kicks.

"We tried to get the ball well within his accuracy range," Groh says. "Bang! We won the game." Hughes's 38-yard kick gave Virginia a 27-24 victory.

Hughes says his positive mental aspect may be the difference-maker as he outshines other kickers.

"I look forward to getting in and kicking a field goal," he says. "I look forward to the opportunity to get out and perform for my teammates. I feel like I'm rewarding the offense for moving the ball."

Hughes is a religion major—one of the top students on the team, according to Groh—and believes it is his religion that helps him stay positive, even after a miss.

"A lot of it probably has to do with my faith," Hughes

says. "God will use me the way he wants to use me."

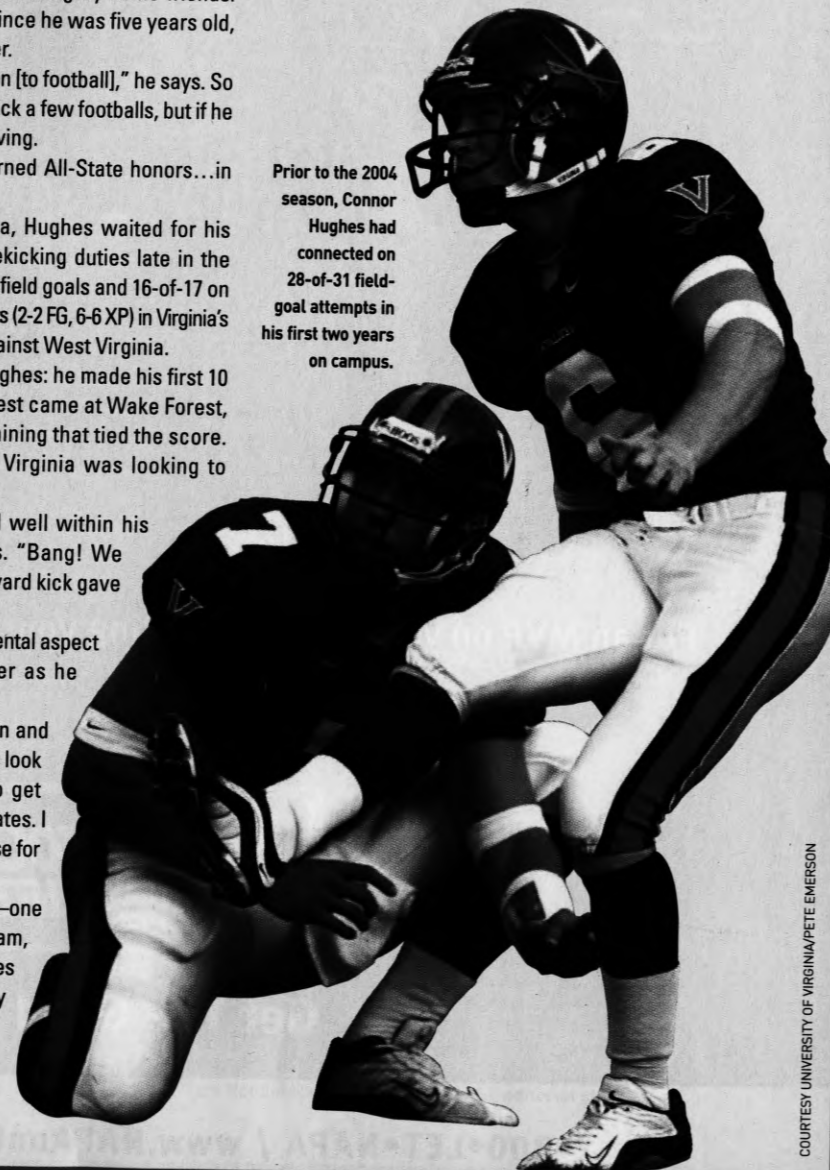
Hughes is hoping for a shot at pro football, and Groh, who coached 13 years in the NFL (including time as the New York Jets head coach), thinks Hughes has the stuff.

"He's demonstrated the range," Groh says. "He's certainly demonstrated accuracy and guts. And he understands competition very well."

For now, Hughes has set his personal goals as high as he can: he wants to be perfect this season. Well, he's not far from it already. ■

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Prior to the 2004 season, Connor Hughes had connected on 28-of-31 field-goal attempts in his first two years on campus.



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OLB	52	Seth Fragale (6-2, 217, Jr.)
DT	42	Chris Amico (6-0, 250, So.)
NG	71	A.J. Cousins (6-1, 270, So.)
DE	43	Greg MacAnn (6-4, 228, Jr.)
ILB	45	Dylan Wessell (6-2, 220, Sr.)
or	26	Ben Stroup (6-1, 205, So.)
ILB	55	Brandon Banas (6-1, 219, Sr.)
or	10	Dave Jazenski (5-11, 224, So.)
OLB	22	Jim Soltis (6-2, 184, So.)
CB	23	Chris Avery (5-9, 175, Jr.)
CB	27	Elliott Page (5-9, 180, Sr.)
SS	30	Tim Hyde (5-11, 200, Jr.)
FS	25	Tom Davidson (6-1, 184, Fr.-r)
P	19	Matt Barley (5-11, 199, Sr.)

CALIFORNIA(PA) OFFENSE

WR	8	Garvin Graves (6-3, 200, So.)
LT	72	Tim McCutcheon (6-4, 275, Fr.)
LG	78	Akil Patterson (6-3, 305, Jr.)
C	68	Eric Zeznanski (6-1, 260, Jr.)
RG	63	Kevin Kamicker (6-2, 275, Sr.)
RT	66	Carl Jay (6-5, 280, So.)
TE	82	Matt Gerger (6-3, 200, Jr.)
WR	22	Claude Whitaker (6-3, 195, Sr.)
WR	3	Marc Huddleston (5-11, 195, So.)
QB	12	Matt Humbert (6-3, 190, Fr.)
or	14	Dustin Strayer (6-2, 200, Sr.)
TB	46	Antoine Bagwell (5-11, 185, Jr.)
PK	29	Gary Amos (6-1, 195, Sr.)

The VULCANS numerical roster

1	Jared Dumm	DB	20	Avery Hawkins	DB	38	Rusty Springer	P	60	Mallay Volpe	OL	79	Brian Melcher	OL
2	Jaison Cook	DB	21	Jerry Ntkrah	DB	39	Josh Smith	DB	61	Harry Kaufman	OL	80	Brandon Jackson	WR
3	Marc Huddleston	WR	22	Claude Whitaker	RB	40	Brian Mohr	LB	62	Ryan Turner	OL	81	Marcellus Garner	WR
4	Mike Broadnax	LB	23	Nate Liberty	DB	41	Ross Houston	FB	63	Kevin Kamicker	OL	82	Matt Gerger	TE
5	Gerris Wilcox	DB	24	Shannon Hawkins	DB	42	Jason Ellis	LB	64	Nate McClain	OL	85	Zach Beebe	OL
6	Gary Butler	LB	25	Kwabena Baffoe-Bonnie	DB	43	Robert Calhoun	RB	65	Josh Davidson	OL	86	Nick Zarnich	TE
7	Garvin Graves	WR	26	Rashad Griffin	DB	44	Nate Brown	LB	66	Carl Jay	OL	87	Tony Hoskin	WR
8	Demetrius Rich	DB	27	Tayon Mitchell	RB	45	Mike Harrington	LB	67	Matt Messich	DL	89	Le'roi Johnson	TE
9	Dedric Anderson	DB	28	Antwon Cox	WR	46	Antoine Bagwell	RB	68	Eric Zeznanski	OL	90	John Testa	DL
10	Josh Kemp	WR	29	Gary Amos	K	47	Jon Fowler	K	70	Ben Avon	OL	92	Anthony Rose	DL
11	Josh Kemp	WR	30	Lloyd Price	LB	49	Chris Glass	DB	71	Joe Moorehead	OL	93	George Barron	DL
12	Matt Humbert	QB	31	Steven Rule	DB	52	TJ Carden	LB	72	Tim McCutcheon	OL	94	Justin Tarovisky	DL
13	DeShaun Thompkins	DB	32	Kevin Fancher	RB	53	Josh Zunic	LB	73	Brad Watkins	OL	95	Mark Clark	DL
14	Dustin Strayer	QB	33	ReMaro Rush	RB	54	Terrell Robinson	LB	75	Dylan Snyder	OL	96	Cha'Mar Jones	DL
15	Greg Dapper	QB	35	Tommy Byrd	FB	55	Derek Katris	OL	76	Nathan Flowers	OL	97	Avery Goode	LB
16	Joe Ruggiero	QB	36	Brian Oddi	LB	56	Chet Henderson	OLB	77	Ken Brown	OL	98	Matt Cyktor	DL
17	Brian Dapper	WR	37	Phil Berta	LB	57	Mike Dodson	LB	77	Matt Hinkle	OL	99	Andre Williams	DL
19	David Venson	DB				58	Luke Katris	OL	78	Akil Patterson	OL			

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29	Gary Amos	K	6-1	195	Sr.
	<i>Marianna, PA/Beth Center/Slippery Rock</i>				
10	Dedric Anderson	DB	6-1	190	Jr.
	<i>Wilmington, IL/Wilmington</i>				
70	Ben Avon	OL	6-3	255	Fr.
	<i>Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park</i>				
25	Kwabena Baffoe-Bonnie	DB	6-0	185	So.
	<i>Toronto, ONT/Fr. Henry Carr</i>				
46	Antoine Bagwell	RB	5-11	185	Jr.
	<i>Lansing, MI/East Lansing</i>				
93	George Barron	DL	6-0	290	Jr.
	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Northgate</i>				
85	Zach Beebe	OL	6-4	250	Fr.
	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon</i>				
37	Phil Berta	LB	5-11	200	Fr.
	<i>Baldwin, PA/Baldwin</i>				
5	Mike Broadnax	LB	6-0	230	Jr.
	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Woodland Hills</i>				
44	Nate Brown	LB	6-3	230	Jr.
	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Perry</i>				
7	Gary Butler	LB	6-1	205	Fr.
	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Langley</i>				
35	Tommy Byrd	FB	6-1	225	So.
	<i>West Alexandria, OH/Valley View</i>				
43	Robert Calhoun	RB	5-11	195	So.
	<i>New Castle, PA/New Castle</i>				
52	TJ Carden	LB	6-1	230	Sr.
	<i>Monongahela, PA/Ringgold</i>				
95	Mark Clark	DL	6-2	270	Fr.
	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Perry</i>				
2	Jaison Cook	DB	6-0	215	Jr.
	<i>Duquesne, PA/Duquesne</i>				
28	Antwon Cox	WR	5-11	180	Fr.
	<i>Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands</i>				
98	Matt Cyktor	DL	6-4	245	Fr.
	<i>West Newton, PA/Belle Vernon</i>				
17	Brian Dapper	WR	6-2	180	Fr.
	<i>Pittsburgh, PA, Keystone Oaks</i>				
15	Greg Dapper	QB	6-3	210	So.
	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks</i>				
65	Josh Davidson	OL	6-5	300	Fr.
	<i>Hamilton, OH/Hamilton</i>				
57	Mike Dodson	LB	6-2	215	Fr.
	<i>Waldorf, MD/Thomas Stone</i>				
1	Jared Dumm	DB	6-3	195	Jr.
	<i>Charleroi, PA/Charleroi</i>				
42	Jason Ellis	LB	6-0	230	Sr.
	<i>Washington, PA/Washington</i>				
32	Kevin Fancher	RB	5-8	215	Jr.
	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Woodland Hills</i>				
76	Nathan Flowers	OL	6-6	305	Fr.
	<i>Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park</i>				
47	Jon Fowler	K	6-0	180	Fr.
	<i>Belle Vernon, PA/Belle Vernon</i>				
81	Marcellus Garner	WR	6-3	180	Fr.
	<i>McKeesport, PA/McKeesport</i>				
8	Garvin Garves	WR	6-3	200	Sr.
	<i>Waco, TX/LaVerga</i>				
82	Matt Gerger	TE	6-3	200	Jr.
	<i>Coraopolis, PA/Montour</i>				
49	Chris Glass	DB	6-0	190	Fr.
	<i>New Brighton, PA/Freedom</i>				
97	Avery Goode	LB	6-2	240	Fr.
	<i>McKeesport, PA/McKeesport</i>				
26	Rashad Griffin	DB	5-10	180	So.
	<i>Westerville, OH/Westerville North</i>				
45	Mike Harrington	LB	6-1	230	Fr.
	<i>Canonsburg, PA/Fort Cherry</i>				
20	Avery Hawkins	DB	5-9	190	Jr.
	<i>Johnstown, PA/Bishop McCort</i>				
24	Shannon Hawkins	DB	6-0	200	Jr.
	<i>Harrisburg, PA/Central Dauphin</i>				
56	Chet Henderson	OLB	6-0	250	So.
	<i>Washington, PA/Washington</i>				
77	Matt Hinkle	OL	6-4	280	Fr.
	<i>Titusville, PA/Titusville</i>				
87	Tony Hoskin	WR	6-1	195	Jr.
	<i>Columbus, OH/Northland</i>				
41	Ross Houston	FB	6-0	230	Fr.
	<i>Myersdale, PA</i>				
5	Marc Huddleston	WR	5-11	195	So.
	<i>Canton, OH/Canton McKinley</i>				
12	Matt Humbert	QB	6-3	190	Fr.
	<i>Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands</i>				
80	Brandon Jackson	WR	6-2	200	So.
	<i>Monessen, PA/Monessen</i>				
66	Carl Jay	OL	6-5	280	So.
	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Peabody</i>				
89	Le'roi Johnson	TE	6-4	280	Fr.
	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Peabody</i>				
96	Cha'Mar Jones	DL	6-2	270	Fr.
	<i>Aliquippa, PA/Aliquippa</i>				
63	Kevin Kamicker	OL	6-2	275	Sr.
	<i>New Brighton, PA/New Brighton</i>				
55	Derek Katris	OL	6-3	280	So.
	<i>Columbus, OH/Bishop Ready</i>				
58	Luke Katris	OL	6-2	280	Fr.
	<i>Columbus, OH/Bishop Ready</i>				
61	Harry Kaufman	OL	6-0	270	Fr.
	<i>Uniontown, PA/Uniontown</i>				
11	Josh Kemp	WR	5-10	170	Fr.
	<i>Westland, PA/Fort Cherry</i>				
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79	Brian Melcher	OL	6-4	290	Fr.
	<i>Strongsville, OH/Strongsville</i>				
67	Matt Messich	DL	6-0	275	Fr.
	<i>Greensboro, PA/Mapletown</i>				
27	Tayon Mitchell	RB	5-9	195	Jr.
	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Schenley</i>				
40	Brian Mohr	LB	6-1	230	Fr.
	<i>Beaver Falls, PA/Riverside</i>				
71	Joe Moorehead	OL	6-3	300	So.
	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Central Catholic</i>				
21	Jerry Ntakrah	DB	5-8	185	Sr.
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16	Joe Ruggerio	QB	6-2	195	So.
	<i>Detriot, MI</i>				
31	Steven Rule	DB	6-0	185	Fr.
	<i>Lincoln, UNIV/Avon Grove</i>				
33	ReMaro Rush	RB	5-7	175	Fr.
	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Northgate</i>				
39	Josh Smith	DB	5-10	200	So.
	<i>Alum Bank, PA/Chestnut Ridge</i>				
75	Dylan Snyder	OL	6-4	285	Fr.
	<i>Harrisville, PA/Montineau</i>				
38	Rusty Springer	P	6-0	180	Sr.
	<i>Bedford, PA/Bedford</i>				
14	Dustin Strayer	QB	6-2	200	Sr.
	<i>Germantown, OH/Valley View</i>				
94	Justin Tarovisky	DL	6-5	250	So.
	<i>Wheeling, WV/Wheeling Park</i>				
90	John Testa	DL	6-2	260	Fr.
	<i>Washington, PA/Trinity</i>				
13	DeShaun Thompkins	DB	5-11	195	So.
	<i>Battle Creek, MI/Battle Creek Center</i>				
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	<i>Verona, PA/Penn Hills</i>				
60	Mallay Volpe	OL	6-1	250	Fr.
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	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Central Catholic</i>				
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	<i>Pittsburgh, PA/Perry</i>				
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	<i>Rochester, PA/Rochester</i>				
68	Eric Zeznanski	OL	6-1	260	Jr.
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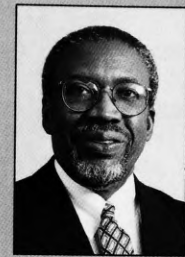


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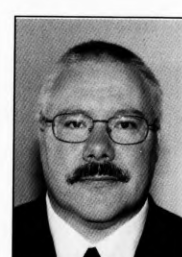
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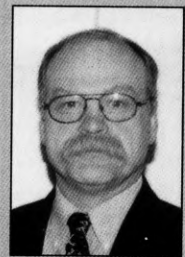
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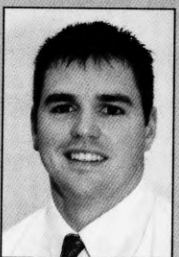
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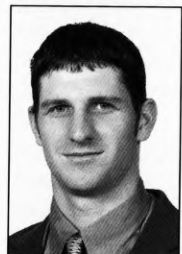


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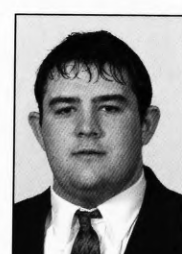
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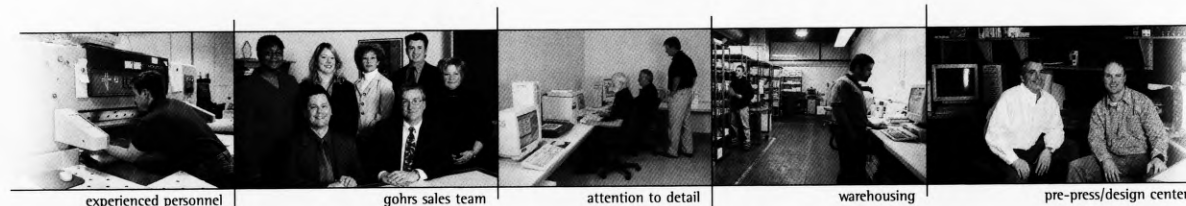
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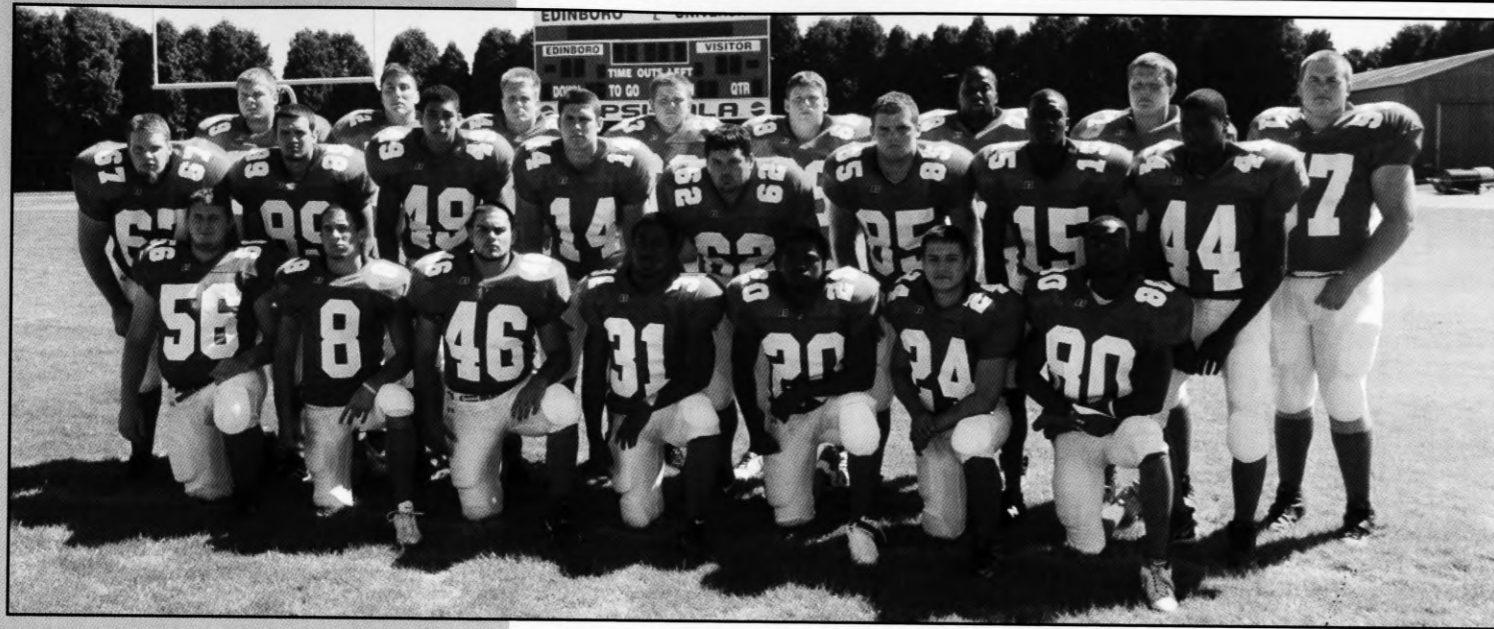
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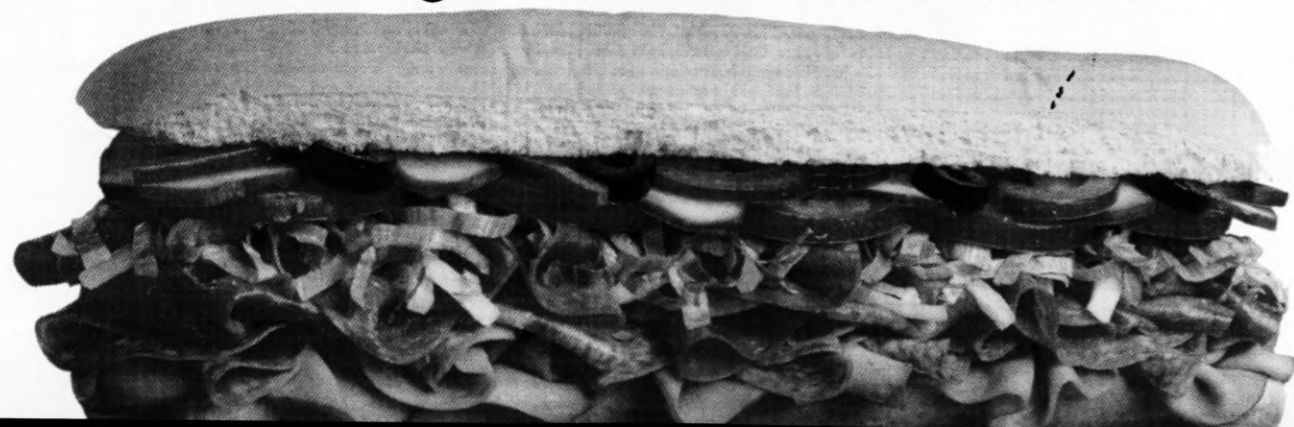
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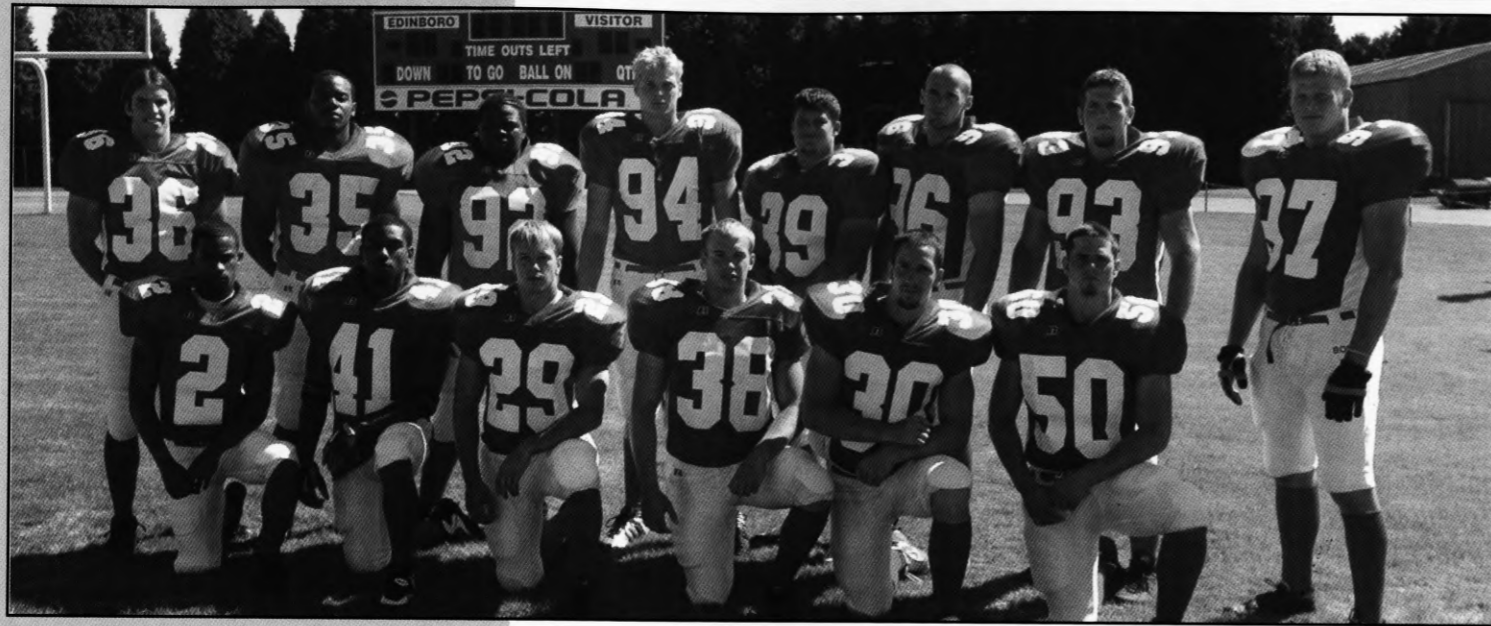
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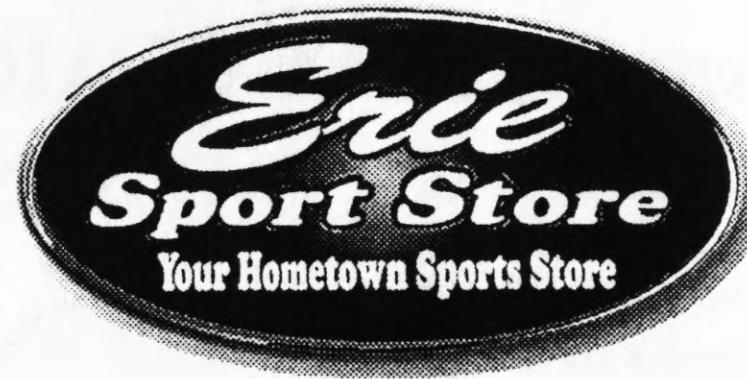
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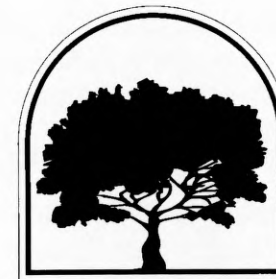
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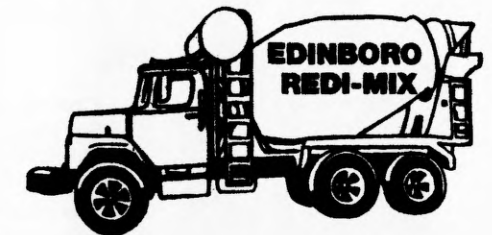
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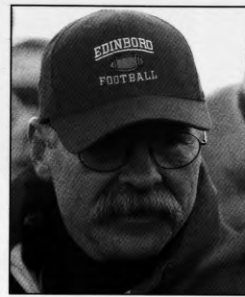
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Today's Feature

His Day Never Ends

by Bob Shreve, Sports Information Director



For Gary Hanna, it has to seem as if the day never ends. But it's that way for countless other athletic trainers across the country. Their job is simple — keep the players healthy so that teams can send out the best players and have the optimal chance to win week in and week out.

Sounds easy enough. Hanna began doing this type of thing way back in 1981 when he took over as the head athletic trainer at John Carroll University. After six years at John Carroll, he left there to work in the physical

therapy department at St. Joseph's Riverside Hospital in Warren, Ohio.

A three-and-a-half year stint there brought Hanna to Edinboro. "December 17, 1990," recalls Hanna, "That's when I started here". He's been at Edinboro ever since, and today oversees the health needs of over 300 student-athletes competing on Edinboro's 16 varsity sports.

In this day and age few jobs are of the 9-to-5 variety, and that's certainly the case with athletic training. Many times you can find Hanna here before 6:30 a.m. on a winter morning, despite the drive he has to make from Greenville, PA where he resides with his wife, Marsha, and their six children, to make early morning wrestling workouts. Other days it requires a late night, or driving the van and trailer with his staff back from a long trip to East Stroudsburg or Kutztown and not arriving until late in the evening.

Yet Hanna is still energized by the job. "This is a very dynamic profession," Hanna explained. "There's something new every day. It's a chance to stay involved in athletics, and you get to enjoy your successes. We get to see them perform when they've been hurt, rehabbed and come back healthy. And our coaches are outstanding here. It's been a real pleasure."

Athletics is definitely in Hanna's blood. He wrestled as an undergraduate at Indiana (Pa.), where he would get his start in the field working as a student in the training room. Even now if you watch Hanna at an Edinboro wrestling match, it's hard to tell who's doing more coaching, Hanna or coaches Tim Flynn and Lou Rosselli. There's no question that wrestling is still in his system.

Whether it was by design or pure dumb luck, Hanna is assigned possibly the two most difficult sports from a training aspect at Edinboro — football and wrestling. Both involve plenty of bumps and bruises, and more than their fare share of blood, along with the possibility of major injuries. And the time demands can be excruciating.

"I wrestled for 13 years and I also coached it, so I kind of gravitated to wrestling when I started here," Hanna commented. "I really enjoy it. The football just happened. There's such a volume there. But you can't ignore everyone else."

That being said, Edinboro also employs another full time certified athletic trainer — Becky Sidener — along with several graduate assistants and student trainers. While one would never hear Hanna complain, staffing is always an issue given the volume.

When asked the most difficult aspect of the job, it's easy for Hanna — time management. "Without a doubt it's time management. The time away from the family. It's a very demanding profession in terms of time, plus making sure not to neglect the athletes."

The demands of athletic trainers are many. First and foremost, it's with the well-being of the student-athlete in mind. It begins with everything possible to prevent injuries, and when an injury occurs, seeing the student-athlete through the proper rehab to return to the playing field healthy in as short a period as possible. Most coaches would like to see that time period even shorter, but it hasn't been an issue for Hanna.

"I've never had a problem with a coach," he asserted. "I've had issues other places. The bottom line is the student's welfare. We want to get them back so we can succeed. I've had more issues with players and

with parents."

If the truth be known, Hanna is probably the coaches' best friend when it comes to getting athletes back on the field quickly. Maybe it's the coach in him, or the fact that he has been doing this long enough that he knows what the body can endure, or that with the volume coming through the training room on a daily basis that he doesn't allow the athletes to spend idle time there, but Hanna isn't one to baby the athletes.

And yet he admits that in a sense, the trainer becomes a mother to the athletes at times. "We are the gateway between the athletes and the medical profession," he stressed. "It works both ways. We're here for prevention, strengthening, stretching, and when necessary, first aid. We provide the transition between the athletes and medical personnel, plus the coaches and the athletes. In a sense we're their mothers, moreso in college than high school."

Hanna sees a bright future for students interested in the athletic training field, or a similar area. "This profession is growing and expanding. You're seeing patient care in industrial settings, police academies, military academies. Many of these places are now hiring someone in patient care. Unfortunately, we don't have athletic trainers into all the high schools. With all of the NCAA legislation, there's now a greater demand than ever in colleges. But a lot of kids are getting out of this field because of the time demands."

For Hanna, the pride in seeing athletes succeed far exceeds the time demands. He takes great pleasure in watching Josh Koscheck take the stand in 2003 at the NCAA Division I National Championships following a third place finish despite several injuries; in seeing Jason Oman return to the football field after a series of ankle surgeries.

"The most rewarding thing for me is standing back and watching kids get on the stand and getting to play," he noted. "I like to be as anonymous and invisible as possible."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Gary Hanna graduated from IUP with a bachelor's degree in Health & Physical Education. After spending a summer in West Chester's summer athletic training program, he taught and coached football and wrestling at Conneaut Valley High School for a year. He would go on to earn his master's degree in Sports Science from the U.S. Sports Academy in Mobile, Ala. in 1980. He helped set up a clinic in Bahrain, where he spent 1 1/2 years. He also has extensive international experience, working with the United States Olympic Committee at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea. He has also worked at the USOC Training Center, and the U.S. Olympic Festivals.



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