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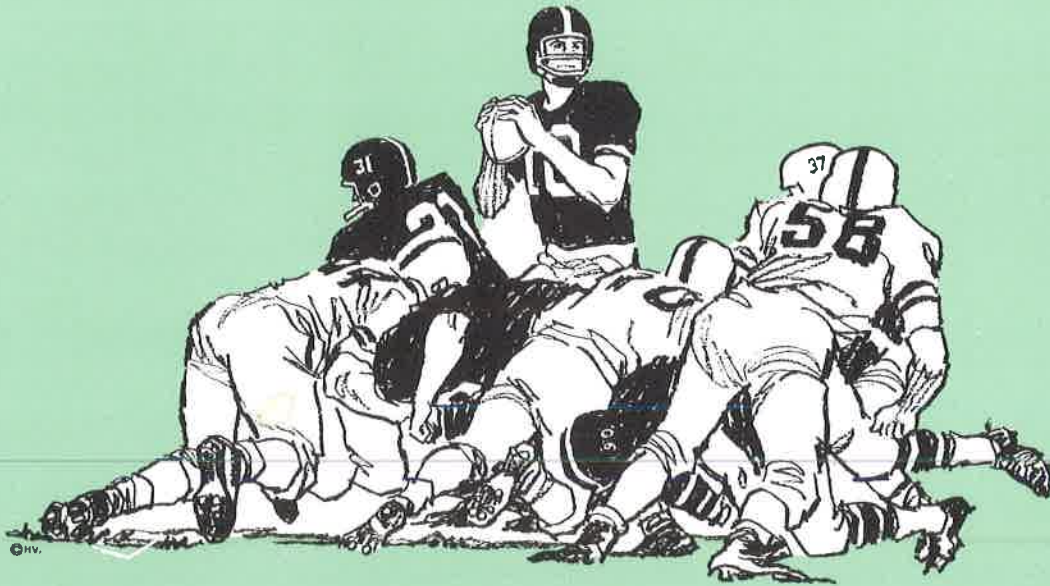
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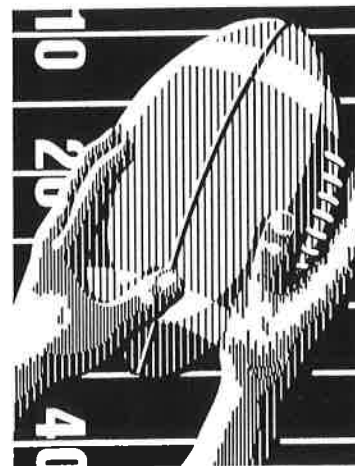
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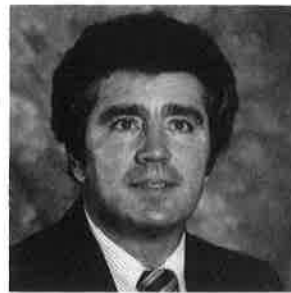
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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Beginning my year as President of the Minnesota Football Coaches' Association, I wish to recognize Dave Nigon of Totino-Grace, our outgoing president. Dave's professionalism and enthusiasm for the coaching ranks is second to none. He has been a great leader for our association and his presidency was a time of growth for football in Minnesota. You can bet that I'm not letting Dave rest either, he is already busy in committee work and his expertise will be used constantly.

Dave Brokke, Granite Falls head football coach, will join the Football Coaches Association Executive Committee as our new Second Vice President. He joins Jerry Peterson of Owatonna and me this year. Dave's credentials speak for themselves as he brings a wealth of experience to his new position. We welcome Dave and know he will soon become a valued member of our committee.

Congratulations to coaching staffs of Silver Lake, Minneota, Granite Falls, Cambridge, and Moorhead on their 1987 victories in the Dome. As a coach, I know that, that has to be a great thrill.

Every year we owe our thanks to John Gutekunst and his super staff. This year was certainly no excep-

tion. The clinic the Gophers put on was second to none. Any coaches who have not attended are missing a great chance to increase their football knowledge. Let's see all of you there next spring.

I know I speak for all the high school coaches in the state in wishing Coach Gutekunst and his Golden Gophers the very best in the upcoming season.

The Minnesota Football Coaches Association continues to be one of the leading sport associations in Minnesota high school athletics. We need all your comments, both good and bad. Get involved. Become a conference representative, join a committee. Let us know and we'll put you to work. To start, attend our association meetings.

Lastly, I would like to ask all the football coaches of Minnesota for their continued support to make high school football in Minnesota a better sport in which young men can develop themselves to their fullest potential both physically as well as mentally.

Keith Swanson  
President MHSFCA  
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# Use Motion and Improve Your Passing Game

By Larry Thompson, Lakeville High School



## About The Author

1970 graduate of Lakeville  
 1974 graduate of Augsburg College  
 Taught in Lakeville for 14 years  
 Head Coach in Lakeville 9 years  
 58-31 coaching record  
 Minnesota Conference Titles 1986, 87  
 All Star Game Coach 1985  
 Section IA Champions 1984, 1987  
 State Finals 1987

The passing game has been a vital part of the Lakeville offense for 4 years. We feel most outstanding offensive teams have a balanced attack. Lakeville runs the ball 65 to 70 per cent of the time, but this is the first year that we gained as many yards passing as rushing.

I feel in the big games you must throw effectively to win. The good teams can usually stop the run. In our big games, we have been successful using the passing game. Another reason we like the passing game is that it is the most fun to work with. Our players love to throw the ball during the off-season and they don't consider it a tedious job. Most kids like to throw the football, watch as your players come out to practice, they are either throwing the football or kicking extra points. Not many are running through the chutes.

We use almost every type of pass in our offense. The kind of personnel we have from year to year will determine what phase of the passing game we will stress.

Here is the type of pass we run.

- A. Drop Back (50 Series)
- B. Play Action (60 Series)
  - 1. Delaware
  - 2. Crossback
  - 3. Lead
- C. Sprintout (70 Series)
- D. Quick Passes (0 Series)
- E. Screens & Draws
- F. Special Passes (Gimmicks)

**Patterns:** Our patterns are memorized by our players. The first route is the outside receiver. The second route is the second receiver. The route in paren-

thesis is a possible HB and the complimentary weakside route is listed.

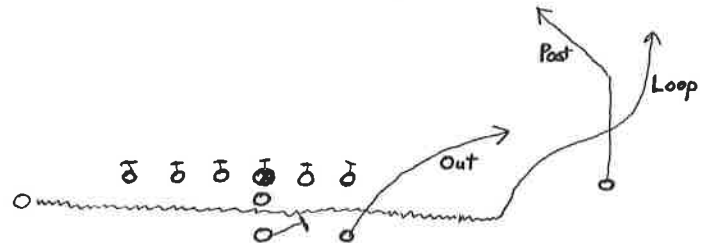
Strong Side		Weak Side
0:	Fly, Square (Swing)	Post
1:	Curl, Out (Fly)	Curl
3:	Post, Cross	Post
4:	Comeback, Corner (Swing)	Post
5:	Post, Loop (Out)	Fly
6:	Comeback, Hook (Fly)	Comeback
8:	Cross, Drag	Post
9:	Post, Drag	Corner

**Motion:**

- Zac: Flankerback across
- Z: Flankerback out
- Rip: Halfback across
- R: Halfback out

Example of a called pattern.  
 (Pro Lt. Zac 55 RT)

55 means Dropback with the 5 pattern

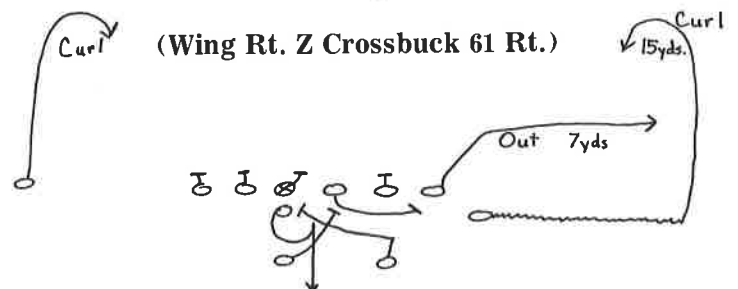
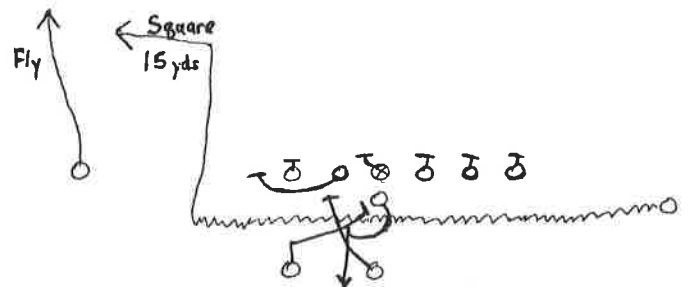


Most of our offense involves motion. We feel motion gives us an advantage against teams and causes them to adjust their defense before the snap of the ball. If they have the slightest amount of hesitation their reactions will be slower.

Our favorite passes are out of play action. Lakeville has had outstanding fullbacks for many years and our inside trapping game has been good. Therefore we like Crossback action.

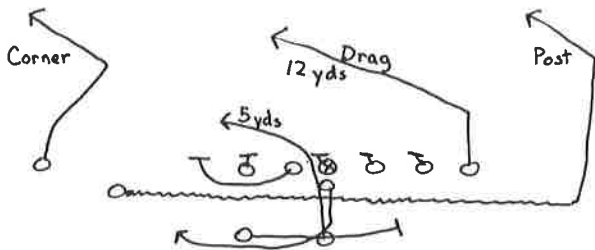
(Pro Rt Zac Crossback 60 Lt.)

Crossback 60 means Crossback action and 0 pattern

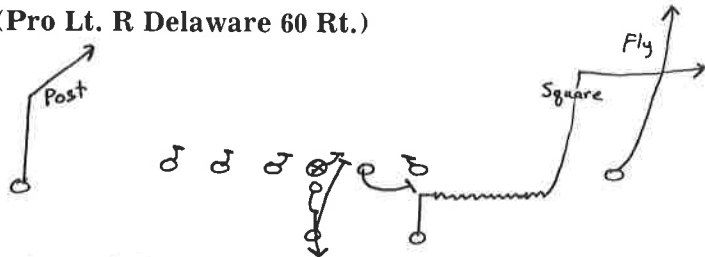


(Wing Rt. Z Crossback 61 Rt.)

**Delaware Action:**  
(Twins Lt. Zac Delaware 69 Lt.)



(Pro Lt. R Delaware 60 Rt.)



Our quick passing attack will be a three step drop attack. The Fullback always blocks opposite the Tight End.

The three passes we throw are:

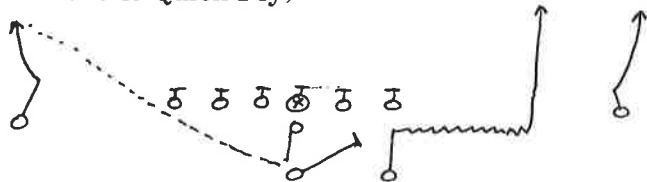
Quick Fly: Drive defender in and fade out.

Lookin: Drive defender out and slant in.

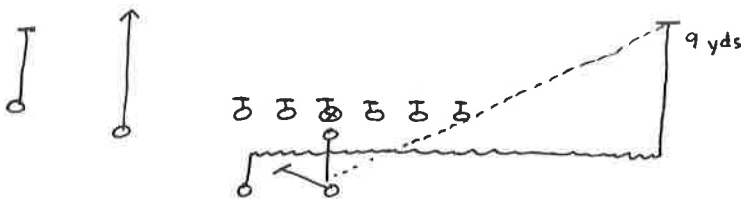
Hitch: Drive defender deep and stop.

Example

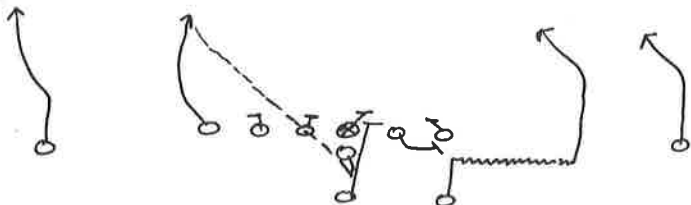
(Pro Lt. R 40 Quick Fly)



(Twins Lt. Rip 30 Hitch)



We can use with play action also:  
(Pro Lt. R Del 90 Rt)

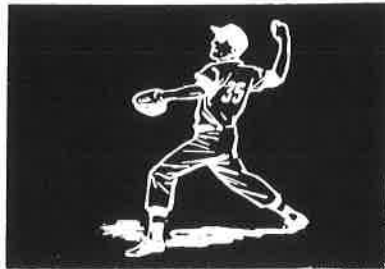


Using motion has helped our running game as well as our passing game. We are able to run the same plays without using the same initial look from our formations.

I do feel that there is a place for motion in your offenses. I covered the material lightly, but I hope you found something useful. Remember, motion causes defensive hesitation and defensive hesitation leads to big plays with your passing game.

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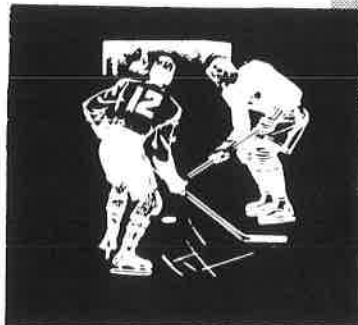


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# The Central Wishbone and Sprint Out Series

By Floyd G. Smaller, Central High School

## About The Author

I have been in the coaching profession for 23 years, 16 of those years has been in the area of football. My record to date is 77 wins and 66 loses, this past year we went undefeated in the St. Paul City conference to win our first Championship in 19 years.

I have had 2 State Championship track teams, (1979) boys, (1978) girls. I retired from basketball after 20 consecutive years with an overall record of 573 wins and 193 loses.

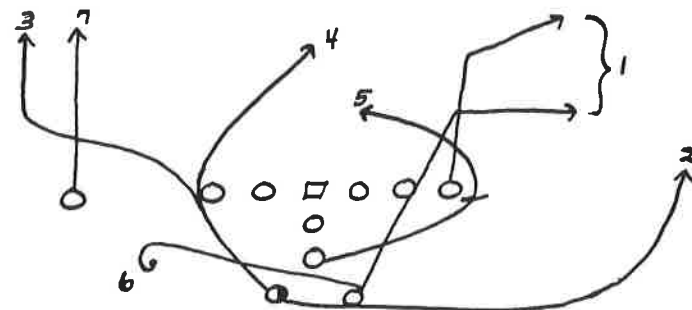
The sprint out series is good to use in any T-formation system. It fits the wishbone T-formation pretty well also. Some of the strong points of the sprint out series is as follows:

1. We usually have the type of quarterbacks that can utilize the sprint out series because of their ability to run or pass.
2. A complete series of plays can be run from the sprint out action.
3. The quarterback gets a chance to focus on the secondary as he makes up his mind (reading) to pass or run.
4. The sprint out series can be run from the offensive alignments that we may shift into such as I trips or the pro set.

The number of plays may vary from year to year. Team talent will help determine the number of plays.

### Some Basic Routes

In our series the left halfback usually is the hot receiver on most of our passes. The passing routes of the primary receivers are as follows:



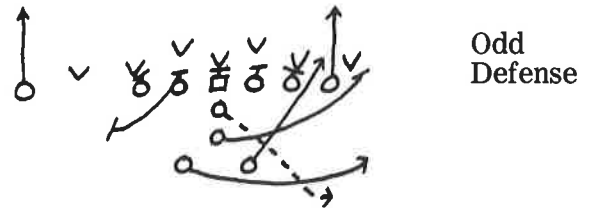
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| 1. Basic | 3. Throwback | 5. Delay  | 7. Fly |
| 2. Flood | 4. Bend      | 6. Screen |        |

### Pass Protection

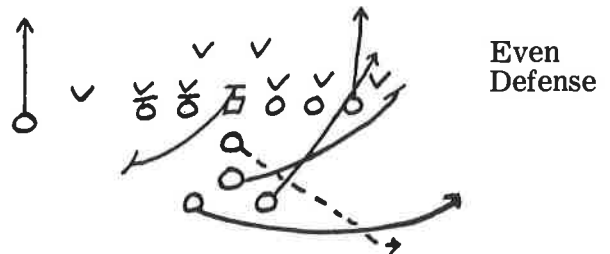
The pass protection blocking for the sprint out series is the same as the blocking used for basic passing attack. All blocking is the aggressive fire-out type of blocking. We want to make contact and maintain contact with the defensive man. All covered linemen execute the aggressive fire-out block. The uncovered linemen will start a fire-out block and then pull up to look for a stunt or a blitz. The uncovered left guard or

center depending on whether it was an odd or even defense, will drop back to block on the back side.

Example: I

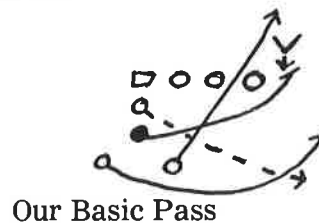


Example: II



The fullback has a critical block in the sprint out series. He sprints to the outside to block the defensive end. He then goes to a point one to one and a half yards in front of where the defensive end is aligned. The fullback executes a low, left shoulder block. If the defensive end starts to slip off, we tell our fullback to scramble block the end tying up his legs trying to force him to bend his body and use his hands. The quarterback will have more time, and be able to see his receivers better.

Example: III

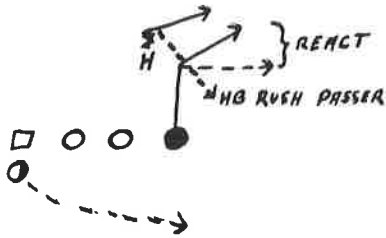


The left end either runs a fly drag route seven to nine yards deep. All the interior linemen execute their aggressive fire-out pass blocking techniques. The right end runs a flag route, reading the defensive man aligned in the deep outside zone. He releases, running towards the outside shoulder of the defensive secondary man. The right end drives the defensive secondary man back and outside as far as he can, looking for the pass over his outside shoulder. If the defensive man rolls up and comes past the right end toward the line of scrimmage, the right end cuts out toward the sideline immediately. This sideline cut will get the

right end away from the safety who is rolling to cover him.

In the sprint out series this optional route by the right end is referred to as a "deep reaction route".

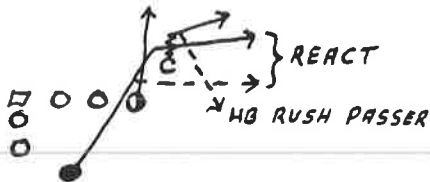
Example: IV



(Right end's reaction route)

The right halfback releases to run a flat route. He reads the contain man to tell him the depth that he will run. The right halfback goes to a depth of seven yards if the contain man will go that deep with him. He will cut to the sideline immediately if the contain man passes by him to rush the passer. In the sprint out series this optional route by the right halfback is referred to as a "short reaction route".

Example: V



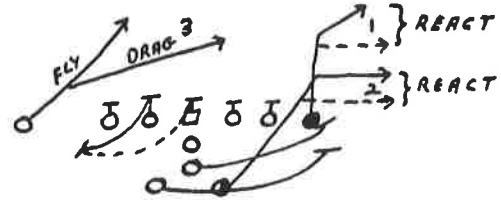
(Right Halfbacks Reaction Route)

Our Basic Sprint Out Pass

The fullback executes a low shoulder block on the defensive end. The left halfback comes across to the right and supports the fullbacks block on the defensive end. The quarterback sprints to the right at a 45 degree angle. He open steps with his right foot first and crosses over with his left foot on his second step to get depth and width. He moves the football into passing position as soon as possible after receiving the snap. This position is chest high, holding the ball with both hands to throw it. The quarterback levels off at about five yards deep, getting outside to execute the pass run option. The right end, right halfback and quarterback want to get a three on two situation against the defender in the deep outside third and contain man.

The quarterback reads the defense and looks for the right end first, the right halfback second and the left end third. If no receiver is open or if there is a good running lane open, the quarterback calls "block" and runs the football. The receivers will then peel back and block.

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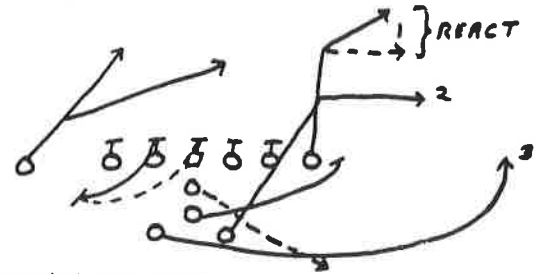


(Basic spring out pass)

Our Flood Pass

The area on one side of the field will have three receivers flooded into it. There are one major and two minor assignment changes between the flood and basic sprint out passes. The major change is the left halfback will run a flare pass route to the right. In the minor changes, the right halfback will run a flat route at a depth of seven yards. The fullback will block the end alone. All other players assignments remain the same.

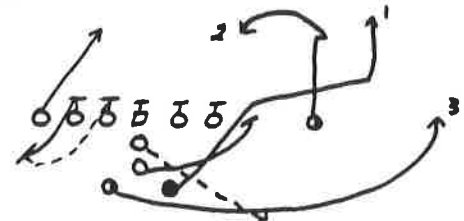
Example: VII



(Flood sprint out pass)

We can run the sprint out flood pass to the split end side which gives us a little variation in our look. The only changes involve the right end and the right halfback. The right end runs a curl route at 10-12 yards deep. The right halfback runs an out and up route, trying to get as deep as possible to the outside. The quarterback now looks for the right halfback first, the right end second and the left halfback third.

Example: VIII



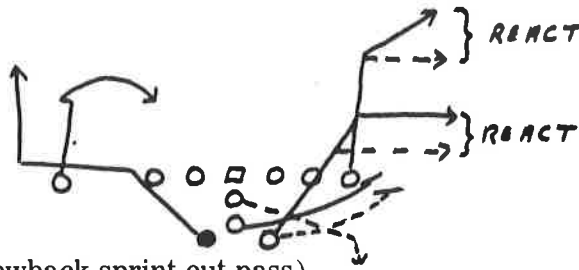
(Flood sprint out pass variation)

Our Throw Back Pass

The primary receiver is the left halfback who runs an out up route to the left side. The left end runs a curl route 10-12 yards deep. The routes for the throwback pass are similar to those for the flood variation except that the sprint flow fake is the opposite. All internal assignments are the same as those on the basic sprint out series. The right end runs a deep reaction route. The right halfback has the option of running a short reaction route or helping the fullback block the defen-

sive end. The quarterback should drop three to four yards deeper to make the longer crossfield throw.

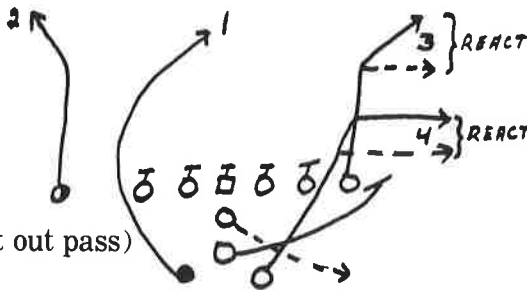
Example: IX



(Throwback sprint out pass)  
Bend Pass

The bend in route by the left halfback and a flag route by the left end are the only changes in the bend pass from the basic pass. The left halfback finds the first daylight to the left of the left tackle to run through and bends in slightly to the right as he goes downfield. The left end runs a flag route to take the defensive man deep and to the outside. The quarterback will pull up to throw a little quicker for he wants to deliver the ball to the left halfback as soon as he clears the linebackers. This is a good pass to use against a secondary that flows fast to stop the basic sprint out pass.

Example: X



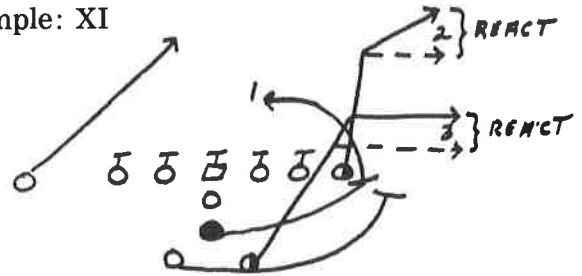
(Bend sprint out pass)

Delay Pass

The delay sprint out pass is good against fast flowing linebackers or linebackers who drop deep quickly on passes. It is also a good pass against a man to man pass defense. All players execute the same assignment except the left halfback and fullback. The left halfback will sprint to the right and block the defensive end as the fullback slips out to run his pass route. The fullback starts out as if he was going to block the defensive end, and then slips off and releases down field three to five yards, bending back inside. He looks for the football as soon as he leaves his fake block. The quarterback should be prepared to deliver the football quickly to the fullback as soon as he sees the fullback breaking open.

If the fullback is covered, the quarterback will continue sprinting out looking for the right end second and the right halfback third.

Example: XI



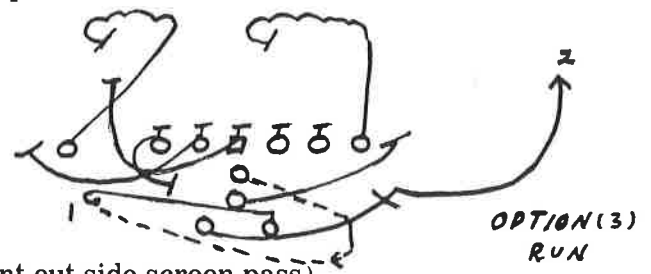
(Delay sprint out pass)

Side Screen Pass

The pressure put on the defensive to the sprint side will make the side screen opposite the flow very effective. The left end runs a fly pattern route through the safety and then peels back to the left to block. The left tackle, left guard and center fire out aggressively for two counts. They execute screen blocking by appearing to be beaten by their opponents. Then the left tackle pulls to the left for four yards and pivots back to block to the inside. The left guard pulls to the left and blocks to the outside. His block will be three yards outside the tackle. The center's path will be between the left tackle's and the left guard's blocks. If no defensive man is in the area to block, the left tackle and left guard lead on downfield to block. The right guard and the right tackle execute aggressive fire-out blocks straight ahead. The right end runs a flag route and sprints back to the left to block. The fullback executes his normal sprint out block on the defensive end. The left halfback sprints to the right, sets up to block for three counts, and then flares to the right as an outlet receiver if the primary receiver, the right halfback is not open.

The right halfback takes one step towards the line of scrimmage and then sprints to the left to set up for the screen pass from the quarterback. He sets up four yards outside where the left end aligns in tight alignment. This will put him about one yard outside and back of the left tackle's block and inside the left guard's block. The quarterback sprints out to the right just as he would on the basic sprint out pass. Then he drops quickly to get more depth to pass to the right halfback. The added depth is to insure that the pass is forward and not backward. Then if the pass is dropped, it is only an incomplete pass and not a backward pass that might be recovered or advanced by the defensive team. Upon receiving the football, the right halfback will call "block" and run into the running lane created by the three pulling linemen. If the right halfback is covered, the quarterback looks for the left halfback who has flared to the right.

Example: XII



(Sprint out side screen pass)

OPTION (3)  
RUN

# Quickside Running Attack From Wing-T

Bob Urness - Winona High School

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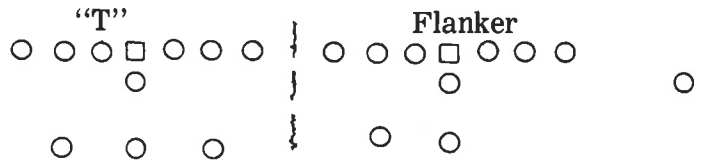
I have lived in Winona all my life. Graduated from Winona High in 1965. Played football at Winona State and graduated in 1970. Have taught at Winona Junior High for the past 18 years. Coached in the system for entire 18 year period. Have coached junior high sports as well as senior high. For the past 11 years have been the head football coach. Wife Sue is a graduate of Winona State. Have three children: Scott, 17; Kari, 16; Tim, 10.



We have been trying to run the Wing-T offense at Winona for the past three or four years. I say run because that's what we do the most and we feel we are getting better at doing it.

### Preset Offense

We will start in the straight T unless we are in a flanker formation.



We like to run a lot of plays from the "T" or preset. We will go on "ready" or with our regular cadence. We would like to have two halfbacks that can run with the ball. If we do, we will call them simply "right-half" or "left-half". If we are in a season with one great back we will run him a lot and call him the "tailback" and our other back is called the "wingback". Our "fullback" is lined up about four yards behind the quarterback.

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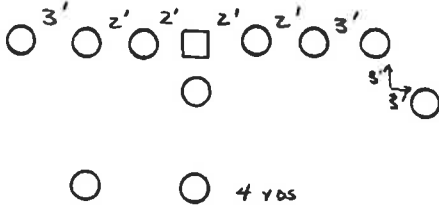
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**Wing T Formation**

This is our primary formation. We like to run with two tight ends. On our play calling we simply call this "wing right" formation.

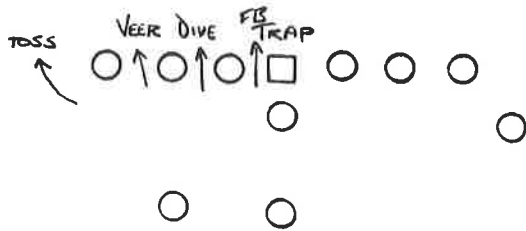


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**Blocking**

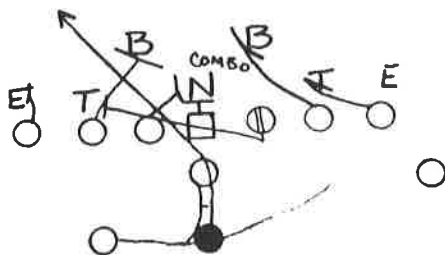
Our tackles will make a blocking call. For our offense we have a "base" block for each play. We have other blocking schemes for each play. The four plays that I will diagram will be run with the "base" call. I will also show some of our different blocking schemes on our veer.

**Four Quickside Plays**



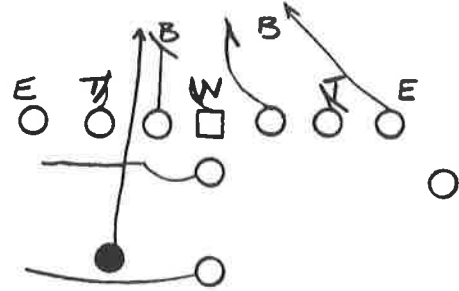
These are the four plays that I will discuss and diagram. I will start from the inside and work to the outside play. We have used the term "quickside" as opposed to "weakside" because we think it is a more positive term.

**FB Trap**



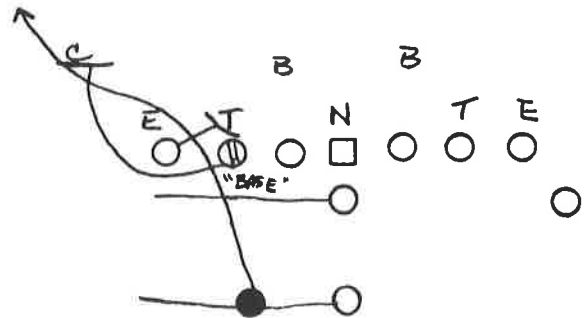
We run the FB Trap to both the quickside and the strongside. The play is drawn up against a 5-2 defense and this is our "base" blocking. This play comes off our power series and the back action is the same. We like to combo block the nose guard when we can. When we run this against an even front our fullback knows he will not make a cut, but will basically run the play right up the middle.

**Dive**

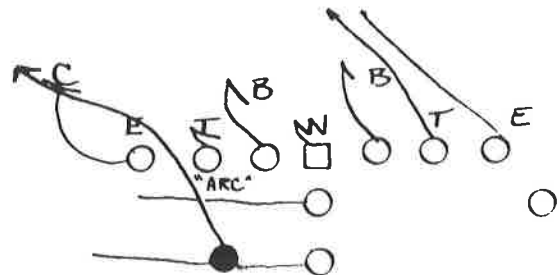


On the dive, speed is vital. We want our linemen to get off the ball as quickly as possible. We want our tackle to drive block the defensive tackle. We work a lot on getting the head playside. Our quarterback reverse pivots and gets the ball to the halfback as soon as he can. The back will read the block of the tackle and cut off his block. The fullback runs the option route and the quarterback carries out the option fake.

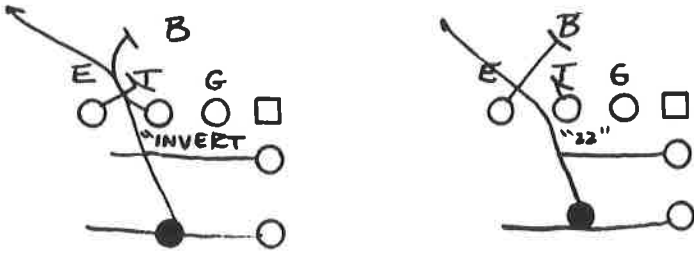
**Veer**



This is our base blocking on the veer. If we have a tackle that can drive block the defensive tackle we will "arc" block.

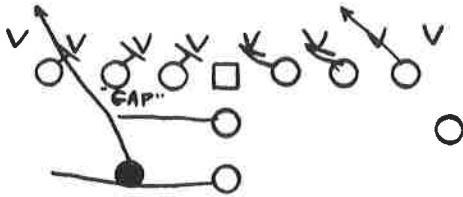


Against an eight man front we will use two blocking schemes.



As against a seven man front we have blocking schemes that allow the tackle to block the defensive tackle or use angle blocking schemes.

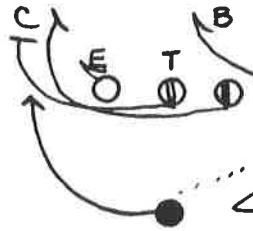
When we have a gap defense we will use a gap call. All playside linemen will block down.



Backside linemen will use reverse shoulder block techniques.

The final play that I will discuss is the toss. When

we were in the "I" format end, drive block the tackle our wing formation this is



hook. If the defensive end we will just run him to the will run or cut accordingly. on the corner. If the corner to run him to the sideline. If we will attempt to get the pulls and looks to the inside our guard will lead the

Our end will attempt to plays hard to the outside, hat will be remembered in sidelines and our halfback established a lot of firsts. Our tackle pulls and gets that they would be a story is playing hard we will try. We will always remember the corner is playing soft ship, undefeated season, outside on him. The guard ne and 37 hard working, first. If no inside flow, all players. halfback.

The fall of 1987 is one tl Winona High Football. We We had so many highlights or an article in themselves the conference champion playing in the Metrodon dedicated, and loyal footb:

**Semi-finals**

Grand Meadow — 27  
Morristown — 0

Minneota — 37  
Warroad — 14

**Final**

Minneota — 27  
Grand Meadow — 7

**CLASS 9-Man  
Quarter-finals**

Waldorf-Pemberton — 27  
Cottonwood — 18

Silver Lake — 41  
Hoffman-Kensington — 23

Verndale — 36  
Littlefork-Big Falls — 6

Hallock 54  
Gary — 26

**Semi-finals**

Silver Lake — 47  
Waldorf-Pemberton — 27

Verndale — 6  
Hallock — 3 20T

**Finals**

Silver Lake — 30  
Verndale — 14

**STATE FOOTBALL  
PLAYOFF RESULTS**

**CLASS "AA"  
Quarter-finals**

Winona — 25  
Burnsville — 7

Stillwater — 28  
Hill-Murray — 14

Moorhead — 6  
Osseo — 0

Richfield — 28  
Willmar — 25

**Semi-finals**

Winona — 28  
Stillwater — 20

Moorhead — 28  
Richfield — 0

**Finals**

Moorhead — 13  
Winona — 7

**CLASS "A"  
Quarter-finals**

Lakeville — 21  
Benilde-St. Margaret's — 0

Luverne — 21  
Orono — 20

Cambridge — 44  
Cloquet — 0

Fergus Falls — 19  
Litchfield — 18

**Semi-finals**

Lakeville — 28  
Luverne — 14

Cambridge — 42  
Fergus Falls — 12

**Final**

Cambridge — 28  
Lakeville — 14

**CLASS "B"  
Quarter-finals**

Le Sueur — 40  
Pine Island — 14

Granite Falls — 32  
Lake Crystal-  
Welcome Memorial — 12

Swanville/  
Grey Eagle — 28  
Mayer Lutheran — 21

Ely — 21  
Breckenridge — 18

**Semi-finals**

Granite Falls — 28  
Le Sueur — 21

Ely — 26  
Swanville/  
Grey Eagle — 0

**Final**

Granite Falls — 43  
Ely — 20

**CLASS "C"  
Quarter-finals**

Grand Meadow — 21  
St. Clair — 20

Morristown — 26  
Wabasso — 6

Minneota — 21  
Bertha-Hewitt — 20

Warroad — 20  
Ogilvie — 7

MINNESOTA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL  
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Inductees

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Mac Dahl



Herbert Claffy

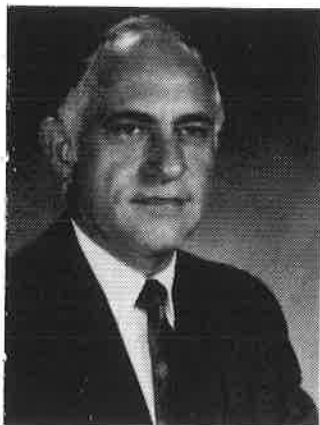
Herb graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1952, where he captained the football team and was named its MVP. Herb retired from education in 1987, after spending 35 years at Milaca High School. In 23 years as head football coach, Herb compiled an outstanding record of 132-59-5 including six conference championships. In 1975, the community of Milaca honored Herb by naming its new football field "Claffy Field".

Mac's first head coaching position was Lake Forest, Illinois. He returned to Minnesota in 1960 and coached at Bagley for five years. Mac then moved to La Crescent where he assisted in football for five years before taking over the program in 1969. Mac went on to win 60 games, while losing only 15 at La Crescent. He retired with an overall record of 102-40. He is a past president of the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association, and in 1976 the community of La Crescent honored Mac by naming him "Man of the Year."



Cal Stoll

Cal was born and raised in North Dakota. After serving in the South Pacific during W.W.II, Cal attended the University of Minnesota, where he lettered three years in football and graduated in 1950. His first coaching position was at Mound High School, where they won the 1951 Lake Conference Championship. From 1951 to 1968, Cal served as an assistant at Utah State, the University of Denver, Georgia and Michigan State. In 1969, Cal became the head coach at Wake Forest and during the 1970 season led them to the only A.C.C. Conference Championship in the school's history. Cal returned to the University of Minnesota as head coach in 1972 and led them to the 1977 Hall of Fame Bowl. This past February, Cal was named "Man of the Year" by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Minute Men.



**Art Fredrickson**

A 1948 graduate of St. Olaf College, Art spent the last 20 years of his brilliant 26 year coaching career at Minneapolis Southwest. At Southwest, Art was named Minneapolis "Coach of the Year" in 1958 and 1974. His 1974 team won the Twin City Championship. Prior to Southwest, Art coached at Kenyon, Waseca and Minneapolis South. Art retired from coaching football in 1975 with a career record of 140-85-2.



**Ralph Peterson**

Ralph spent 28 years coaching football in Illinois and Minnesota. During his 20 years in Minnesota, Ralph coached at Rochester, Lourdes, Stewartville and Plainview. His 112 career wins include eight conference championships. He was inducted into the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame in 1977 and into the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association's Hall of Fame in 1983.



**Ron Raveling**

A 1952 graduate of the University of Minnesota, Ron was the head football coach at Columbia Heights for 30 years. Ron's teams won six conference championships and 1979 AA State Title. He has compiled an overall record of 167-120-8. He is a past president of both the Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association and the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association. In 1979, Ron was selected as the State Football Coach of the Year.

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# THE MINNESOTA ACADEMIC ALL STATE FOOTBALL TEAM REPORT

By Frank Fredlund, Academic Team Chairman

May, 1988

The 1987 Minnesota football season had its first Academic All State Football Team for each class sponsored and selected by the Minnesota State Football Coaches Association.

Overall it was a great success and many fine compliments were paid. Being a new endeavor the selection process went quite well and I believe the main foundation was laid. However, we did have some problems with coaches getting their applications sent to the correct Class Representative and sending them back in time to be processed. Our intention was to announce each team during the pre-game activities of each class game, but we ran into a problem of not being able to get the names plugged into the computer program for the operator of the Metrodome scoreboard. To correct this problem we must meet some established deadlines to have the team selections in the hands of the State High School League and scoreboard operator by Monday of the week of the Prep Bowl. Another problem was to award the recipients. This took some time and the awards were sent out later than we wished. We now have enough certificates to last several years so the players selected will be awarded their honor during the Prep Bowl weekend.

To help facilitate the selection process and make our football association sponsorship better we ask all coaches to do the following.

1. All applications should be typed or printed with correct names and data.

2. The Selection Committee must have a good summary of not only the player's academic record, but the player's football accomplishments (see the new revised application form).

3. If the 1st quarter grades are not out for the applicant's senior year, his 1st quarter senior subjects must be listed.

4. All applications must be sent to your Class Academic Team Representative.

5. In order to get the teams announced and players notified by the Prep Bowl, the following time deadlines must be adhered to.

#### Time Deadlines

1) All applications must be in the hands of the Class Representatives by Saturday, November 12.

2) Class Selection Committees must have their teams picked and names sent to Frank Fredlund, Academic All State Chairman, by Saturday, November 19.

3) The State High School League must have the team selections by Monday, November 21.

4) Class Representatives must notify all team selections by Wednesday, November 23.

5) Teams will be announced Saturday, November 26 on the scoreboard during pre-game warm-up for each class game.

6) Perhaps, awarding of the certificate during the announcements can be arranged before the 1988 Prep Bowl.

If you have any concerns about your class teams, please contact your Class Academic Representative. Also, if any coach wishes to help out in the selection process, please contact your representative. Application forms will be available from your class and conference reps.

A review of the Minnesota State Football Coaches Association's basic requirement for the team are:

1) Must be a senior varsity letterman for the current season who is a starter on either offense, defense or kicker.

2) The player must have outstanding football and leadership ability plus academic excellence.

3) Player must carry a 3.0 (4.0 scale) grade point average in an academic core curriculum in his sophomore, junior and first quarter of the senior year.

4) Player shall not have any Minnesota State League eligibility penalties or infractions during his high school career.

5) Each class will select a team consisting of the numbers stated below.

9-man	= 11
Class C	= 12
Class B	= 13
Class A	= 14
Class AA	= 15

6) The teams will not be selected by position, but the committee will select the top football players of each class who meet the criteria stated above.

The 1988 Class Representatives are the following:

9-Man	Keith Swanson, Hoffman-Kensington
Class C	John Gross, Medford
Class B	Bob Peterson, Esko
Class A	Dennis Nigon, Rochester Lourdes
Class AA	Paul Miller, Apple Valley
Academic Teams Chairman,	Frank Fredlund, St. Peter

# Academic All State Football Application

Sponsored by: The Minnesota State Football Coaches Association

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Coach \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information

#### Grade 10 Subjects

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Grade 11 Subjects

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6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1st Quarter Senior Subjects

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Use a 4.0 Scale for GPA

Pursuant to the provision of PL 93-380 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) I hereby grant permission to release a copy of my academic record and GPA average for use by the Minnesota Football Coaches Association in selecting the Academic All State Team.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Student Applicant if 18 years or older.

### PLAYER INFORMATION

Coaches: Please use the following format to submit data for your applicant.

#### School Background Information:

- 1) List academic honors.
- 2) List other school activities and leadership role in school.
- 3) List other sports with varsity participation.

#### Football Information:

- 1) Football position: List in order of which player has best demonstrated ability (offense, defense, kicking game)

- 2) List all football honors—previous and this season.

- 3) Statistics (list stats from this season and career totals. Mention any school or conference records. Mention if a lineman has any team stats that may be pertinent to the team's success.

- 4) Coaches Comment: Please submit a short letter to the Academic Team Selection Committee describing your player in terms of ability, performance, potential, character and what makes this football player special.

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# Monticello's Intramural/Interscholastic Junior High Program

By Mick Goudy, Monticello High School

## About The Author

- \* 1967 graduate of Cannon Falls, MN High School
- \* Graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College (Bachelor's degree) in 1971 and St. Cloud State University (Master's degree) in 1985
- \* Assistant Football Coach at Fertile-Beltrami High School for 6 years.
- \* Head Football Coach at Fertile-Beltrami High School for 5 years with a 34-14 record and 2 conference championships
- \* Head Football Coach at Monticello High School for the past 6 years with a 43-15 record and 2 conference championships
- \* Overall record of 77 wins and 29 losses

Because we were not satisfied with the number of players out for football in Monticello in 1984, a number of actions were taken to improve this situation. This article will deal specifically with our Junior High Program (7th & 8th Grades) where we have had a marked increase in participation the past four years. Our belief was that there were not enough playing opportunities for everyone in our interscholastic program prior to 1984. Often, we had 25-35 players on the sidelines watching the 11 playing. Many of those players never returned the following year because "I wasn't playing enough". None of our players were playing enough and our coaches were becoming more like traffic cops in trying to make sure that everyone got into the game.

After a great deal of research, we decided that we needed to change to an intramural program to provide these opportunities. However, that was impossible since our administration felt, and rightly so, that we also had to honor our commitment to the Wright County Conference at that time. Since we did not want our system to be the reason for dropping out of the football program, we developed a combination Intramural/ Interscholastic Junior High Program. This idea would meet our goals and also our obligation to our conference.

We originally began this system with three coaches and have now added a fourth since our numbers have increased significantly. The credit for the success of this program must go to our Junior High Coaches of Ed Lane, John Lanners, Bruce Novak, and John Ottersen. They had the tough job of putting this plan into action and making it work. They have done a tremendous job.

In our system, we divide the junior high players into

four intramural teams of equal ability (Teams No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the schedule). Each team will have the same number of 7th graders on it and the same number of 8th graders as well. We have found few problems in having the 7th graders playing with and against the 8th graders. We would move a dominant 8th grader up to our Freshman team if that were a problem.

We have simplified our offense at this level so that we can spend more practice time on fundamentals and so that all players will know both a back and a line position. This has made the practices more enjoyable for the players and we do not run short of a particular position in case of absences or injuries during a game situation. We usually have between 70-90 out for Junior High Football now; depending on your situation, you could increase the number of intramural teams if your numbers are greater than ours, or you could have 9-man or 7-man intramural games if your numbers don't allow you to have 11-man games.

## Redmen Football League Calendar 1988

Mon. Aug. 29 - Issue Equipment, collect forms and fees (3:30-5:00); Tues. Aug. 30 - Issue Equipment, collect forms and fees (3:30-5:00); Wed., Aug. 31 - Practice (No pads) (3:20-5:30); Thurs., Sept. 1 - Practice (No Pads) (3:20-5:00); Fri., Sept. 2 - No practice.

Mon., Sept. 5 - Labor Day (No practice); Tues., Sept. 6 - School Begins, Practice (3:20-5:00); Wed., Sept. 7 - Practice; Thurs., Sept. 8 - Practice; Fri., Sept. 9 - Practice.

Mon., Sept. 12-Fri., Sept. 16 - Practice.

Mon., Sept. 19 - (1-2) Vs. Annandale (4:00), (3-4) Intramural (3:45); Tues., Sept. 20 - Practice; Wed., Sept. 21 - Practice; Thurs., Sept. 22 - (3-4) Vs. STMA (4:00), (1-2) Intramural (3:45); Fri., Sept. 23 - Practice (Homecoming)

Mon., Sept. 26 - (1-3) Vs. Buffalo (4:00), (2-4) Intramural (3:45); Tues., Sept. 27 - Practice; Wed., Sept. 28 - Practice; Thurs., Sept. 29 - (2-4) At Waconia (4:00), (1-3) Intramural (3:45); Fri., Sept. 30 - Practice.

Mon., Oct. 3 - Practice; Tues., Oct. 4 - Practice; Wed., Oct. 5 - Practice; Thurs., Oct. 6 - (1-4) At Delano (4:00), (2-3) Intramural (3:45); Fri., Oct. 7 - Practice.

Mon., Oct. 10 - Practice; Tues., Oct. 11 - Practice; Wed., Oct. 12 - Practice; Thurs., Oct. 13 - (2-3) At Watertown (4:00), (1-4) Intramural (3:45); Fri., Oct. 14 - Practice.

Mon., Oct. 17 - SUPER BOWL V, Parents Night, 3rd-6:00 p.m.; Champ - 7:15 p.m.; Tues., Oct. 18 - Turn In Equipment.

To give you an example from our 1988 schedule, we will use our games on September 19th. On that day, our 7th graders on Teams 1 & 2 will combine to play Annandale's 7th graders. Our 8th graders on Teams 1 & 2 will play Annandale's 8th graders. Teams 3 & 4 will play each other in the intramural game for that day. Each player will participate in three interscholastic games and four intramural games. Notice that on October 17th, our last intramural games are the "Super Bowl" games under the lights on the varsity field. The parents enjoy and appreciate this game. We feel that this combination program has the following benefits for the Monticello Football Program:

1. We are developing twice as many skilled players, (QB, Running Backs, Receivers, Kickers) in each class as we had before 1984.

2. Each interscholastic game is played with a different group, so the players do not begin to rely on any one or two top players to make the big plays for their team. They learn that they must contribute if the

team is to be successful.

3. Game situations have become much more enjoyable for the coaches. They now have the opportunity to coach more and it is easier to substitute.

4. We know that our numbers have increased because the kids know they will play a great deal at this level. We haven't heard "I quit because I didn't play enough" in four years.

5. Our conference schools did not emphasize the kicking game in the interscholastic games when we started this, so we were able to do that in our intramural games. We encourage the players to begin kicking at this age. They know we are going to kick extra-points on the varsity. One rule that we use to encourage this idea of kicking extra-points is that we award 2 points to our intramural teams for kicking an extra-point conversion and we award 1 point for either a run or pass conversion.

Please feel free to contact me if you would want more information concerning this program.



The Zumbrota-Mazeppa Cougars posted a 8-0 regular season mark to capture the Wasioja Conference title. Pictured are No. 86 Junior cornerback Darin Baumberger and No. 60 Senior linebacker Paul Thompson as they sandwich a Kenyon-Wanamingo running back in the Cougars 21-6 homecoming win.

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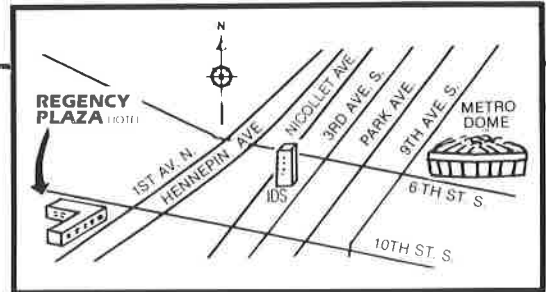
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# Multiple Blocking Schemes Requiring Minimal Learning

By Willie Rauon  
Pine Island High School

## About The Author

Attended Adams High School  
Attended Winona State University, 4 year letterman in football from 1960-1964.  
Has been teaching math and coaching football for 24 years.  
Wykoff - 3 years                      4 wins - 18 losses - 2 ties  
Mabel-Canton - 4 years                      19 wins - 17 losses  
Pine Island - 17 years                      102 wins - 57 losses  
Conference Coach of the Year: 1979, 1981, 1986  
Section 1-B Coach of the Year: 1987  
Conference Champions: 1975, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1986  
Section 1-B Champions: 1987  
State Class B Runners-Up: 1981



One of the things that coaches constantly look for are simplified blocking rules with multiple blocking schemes.

A number of years ago our coaching staff evaluated the system we were using and we decided we needed a change. Our blocking rules used to rely on the count-down method where the center had the 0 man, the guard the 1 man, etc. Our tackles called the blocking schemes and each player had to memorize his assignments on a given play. On film nights we constantly had to point out blocking mistakes which was the main reason prompting us to change.

Our linemen are usually small and we wanted to get better angles and double team the better defensive people. We also wanted to make a "call" for the linemen. Our linemen are now told when to pull, block down, or double team. The blocking scheme is called in the huddle along with the play for the backs. If we fail to call a scheme it will be straight rule blocking. On audibles we rule block unless our scouting report

indicates another scheme.

Now our tackles' only responsibility is to call cross blocking on our Cross Buck series and plays where our scouting report indicates we can gain an advantage with this scheme. We kept this part of our old system because we wanted the flexibility to be able to call the cross block off at the LOS.

Our cross blocking is called at the LOS by the tackle with a live color. If the live color for the guard is red, the guard and tackle will cross. (figure 1). If the ends live color is blue, the end and tackle will cross. (figure 2).



The only blocking assignments our kids have to memorize are the counter/trap series and the PI special (explained later in the article).

Our basic blocking rules for the LOS and linebackers are as follows:

A. Gap — Anytime a defensive man, on your inside, threatens the LOS in a gap he is your responsibility.

B. Man On — If no gap responsibility you must block the man on.

C. Inside — If no gap or man on happens you must wall off inside.

Coaching points —

A. To handle overloaded situations our linemen will yell our ends name to come down on the DT.

ample — If the LB jumps into the guard tackle gap and there is also a man on the tackle, our tackle will yell our ends name to come down on the DT.

B. Against a stacked defense we will always zone block if their tendency is to blitz.

C. We constantly coach our kids that we will make some changes according to the scouting report of game type adjustments. Example - To run an Iso our tackle and end will violate their rules and block out against this type of defense. (figure 3)

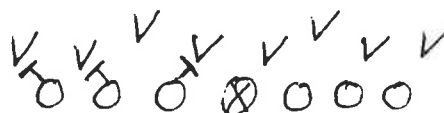


figure 3

Our basic blocking schemes are as follows:

A. Man — Always rule block unless a specific

scheme is called in the huddle.

B. Down Block — The center always stays if the playside guard pulls. This scheme will be be called in the huddle.

C. Cross Blocking — The tackle makes the call on the LOS as was indicated earlier.

D. Pulling — A pulling man will be called in huddle.

E. Double Team — The man being doubled will be called in the huddle.

We run a multiple offensive set. Our holes are numbered odd to the left and even to the right. Our backs are numbered quarterback 1, wingback or flanker 2, fullback 3, and the tailback 4.

I won't go through our entire offense but just enough plays to show how we diversify with minimal learning. The blocking schemes will be from our wing formation. We will run the same plays from a flanker, twins, or pro set. The plays will be called exactly the way they are called in the huddle.

**ISO — DOUBLE SERIES**

This is the standard Iso series that everyone is familiar with. (figure 4) With a few blocking changes, the same play that the defense has been stopping, can suddenly be very successful.

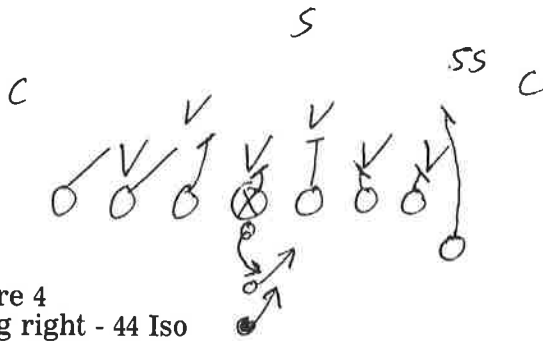


figure 4  
Wing right - 44 Iso

If we are having problems with the nose, linebacker, or tackle we will double team or block down to give our smaller linemen an advantage. The tackle blocks down on a nose or guard double team and the fullback always kicks out at the point of attack. (figures 5 and 6)

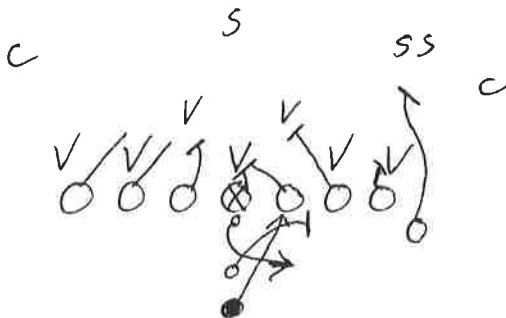


figure 5  
Wing right - 44  
Double the Nose

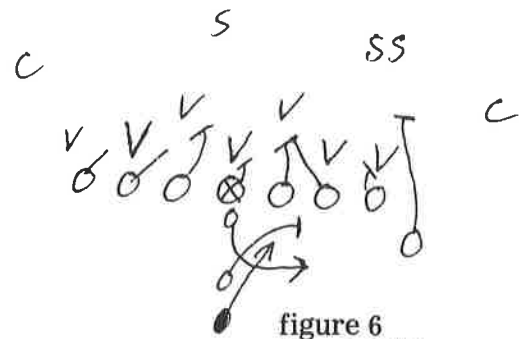


figure 6  
Wing right - 44  
Double the Linebacker

Against the monster defense our blocking schemes really allow us versatility. The same play can be run to the strong or weakside. (figures 7, 8 and 9)

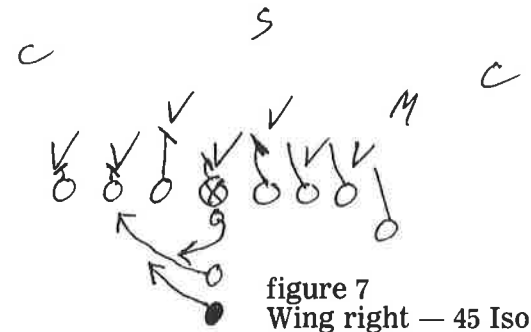


figure 7  
Wing right — 45 Iso

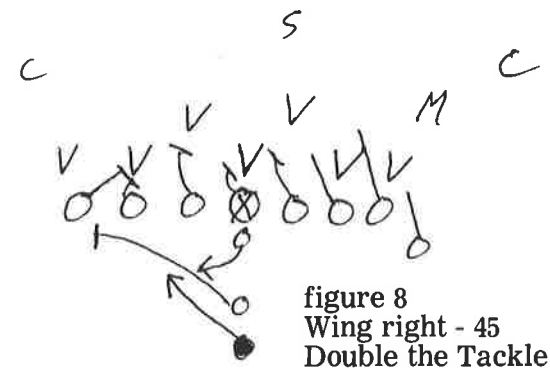


figure 8  
Wing right - 45  
Double the Tackle

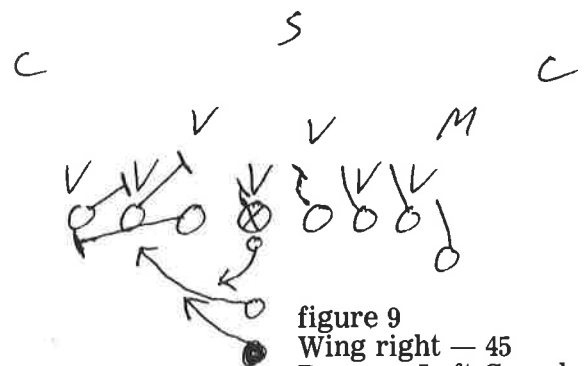


figure 9  
Wing right — 45  
Down — Left Guard

**SECOND MAN THROUGH**

This is a very effective play for us, with various blocking schemes, run out of the I or split backs. (figures 10, 11 and 12). This play is set up by our option series.

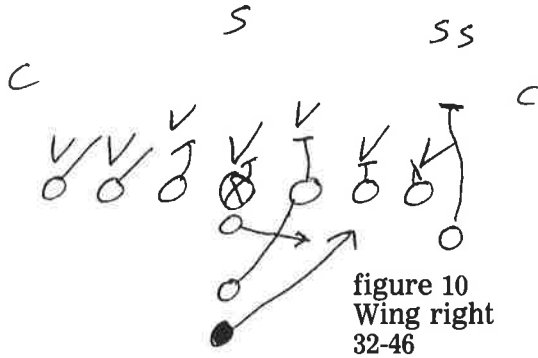


figure 10  
Wing right  
32-46

**PI SPECIAL**

Like all coaches we will use a play that is successful for someone else. With our blocking rules and schemes we can easily install it in our system. A number of years ago we liked the counter play that the Washington Redskins ran so well. The call in the huddle for our system would have to be: Wing right - 45 Counter-down-Right guard and tackle. To install Pine Island pride and to avoid delay of game penalties we simply call: PI right or left. (figure 13)

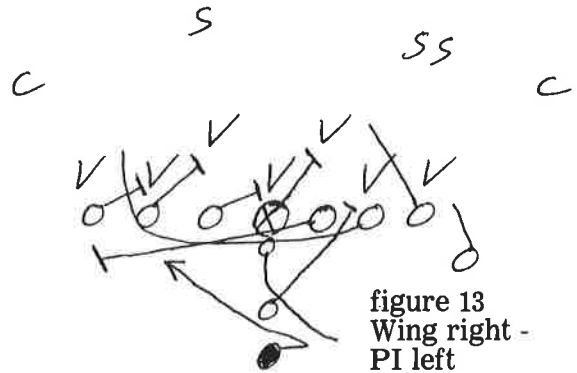


figure 13  
Wing right -  
PI left

**PASS PROTECTION**

We will also call our pass protection in the huddle.

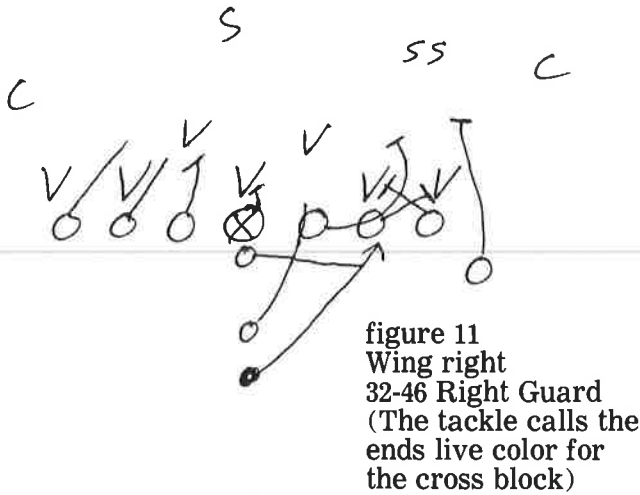


figure 11  
Wing right  
32-46 Right Guard  
(The tackle calls the  
ends live color for  
the cross block)

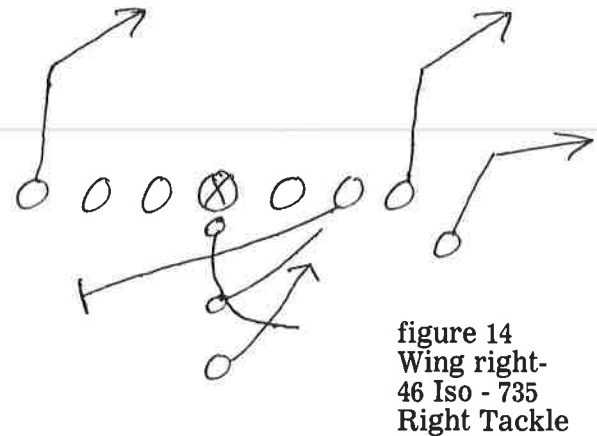


figure 14  
Wing right-  
46 Iso - 735  
Right Tackle

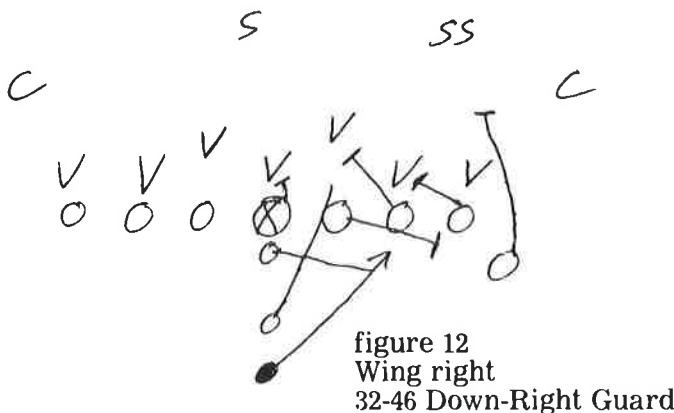


figure 12  
Wing right  
32-46 Down-Right Guard

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Minnesota Football Coaches Association for giving me the opportunity to write in their annual publication. I would also like to thank Dean Krambeer, Dave Sween, Dave Johnson, Jim Huston, Craig Anderson, and Mike Prescher, my assistant coaches, who have had a tremendous impact on the success of Pine Island football.

# Silver Lake Football

By Buzz Rumrill

The question we are most often asked is "How do you manage to stay on top year after year". We think there are many factors which contribute to our success. In the past six years we have won two State Championships, been State Runner-up twice, and lost twice in the semi-finals to the eventual State Champion. Our record for this six years is 74-5.

We attribute our success to a good solid program supported by dedicated coaches and athletes. The support we receive from our community and civic-minded organizations is also a great help.

Our program consists of four levels. We begin with a fifth and sixth grade team. This team is sponsored by our Lion's Club and plays an eight game schedule in a youth tackle football league in Hutchinson. This is our only exclusively eleven man team. The next level is seventh and eighth grade. They play an eight game schedule playing both nine and eleven man games. This is followed by our Jr. Varsity team made up of ninth, tenth and eleventh graders who do not play much varsity ball. They also play nine or eleven man with an eight game schedule. Varsity is our fourth level.

In addition to our football program we encourage our athletes to participate in other sports during the winter and spring.

During the summer vacation our weight room is open four nights a week for three hours a night. This is done by our coaches at no cost to the district and is open for all students. This is not mandatory for football players, but most do lift.

Perhaps the best rule we have in our program is that everyone plays at the first three levels. At those levels everyone plays an equal amount of time. This is considered more important than winning. This is the head coaches rule and everyone lives by it.

We consider attendance at clinics to be very important to our program also. We attend as many as possible. We also like to attend Spring practice sessions

and All-Star practice sessions to pick up new ideas. We will steal any idea or drill we can. We have never encountered a problem adapting anything from eleven man football to nine man.

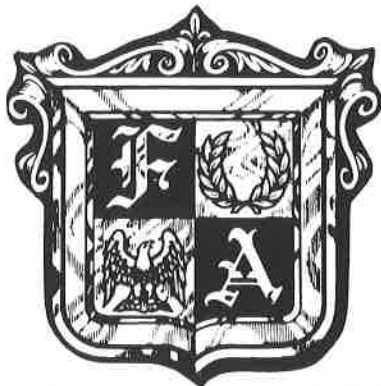
Although this program has worked for us it may not be good for everyone. As long as this program works for us we will stay with it but we are always willing to change if we find ways to improve.

To avoid having people think we have too much emphasis on football I should explain our practice time.

Our 5th and 6th grade team practices 1½ hours per week. Our 7th and 8th graders practice 2½ hours per week. Our Varsity and Jr. Varsity practice 2 hours on Tuesday, 2 hours on Wednesday and 1½ hours on Thursday. We do not practice on Monday because we play Jr. High and Jr. Varsity games that day. Our coaches (3 total) are involved with those teams on Monday. When we play at home our Varsity players referee, run the chain and down marker, and run the scoreboard. When we are away from home the varsity players view film.

During both practices and games each of our three coaches is responsible for his area of responsibility, Coach Tschimperle handles both the offensive and defensive lines. He knows what we expect of them and he prepares them in his way. Coach Mollberg and myself are responsible for the offensive and defensive backs. We divide those duties to work on specific aspects of the game. During games Coach Mollberg directs the defense and I direct the offense. Coach Tschimperle helps both of us depending upon who has the ball.

All of the above mentioned items are geared to make every player and every coach feel that they are a very important part of the program. Everything is based on a team concept. We can only hope that this concept will continue to work for us.



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# What Little I Know

By Larry Mischke, Ely High School



Ely Coaching Staff, L. to R., Larry Mischke, Head Coach; Tom Wetzel, Asst. Coach; Bill Braun, Asst. Coach; not pictured, Jerome Debeltz.

## Larry Mischke

Taught and coached for 5 years at Wells High School. Head wrestling coach and assistant football and track. Ely High School for past 15 years. 13 years head football coach and 15 years as head track coach. Football coaching record is 79-39.

After 20 years of coaching, I am certain of few things. Each clinic I attend reminds me of how much smarter other coaches are. I've been an assistant coach, B squad coach, 7th grade coach, and for the last 13 years head coach at Ely High School, so I should know a few things, but when I try to list some, the list doesn't get very long. I suspect more than I know, and I'm not too sure about even more than that. So I give you three lists:

### 1. I know:

A dedicated, closely knit staff whose members are loyal to each other is necessary for success, and continuity in that staff is crucial.

The head coach is going to get the credit or blame for everything that occurs in the program... rightly or wrongly. Therefore, his philosophy must come through. He is in charge.

Football must be used to teach self discipline, teamwork, and dedication to students, many of whom don't learn it anywhere else. If it fails to do this, it is not worth the time and effort — for players or coaches.

You're in trouble if you want to win more than your players do.

Your offense must be able to take what the defense gives — (in lieu of taking anything it darn well

pleases)

Football is a game for seniors.

You must find a way to convert short yardage all the time.

Football must be fun, and it's not fun if you and your team don't really trust each other.

Mediocre athletes can have outstanding careers on your team if you teach them to execute properly.

If you're coaching to prepare football players for college football, your priorities need examination.

Your numbers will be O.K. if your former players support and believe in you and your program.

### I Suspect:

Football should not be the most important thing in a young man's life.

Most of us coaches get seduced into going with talent when we should go with character, even though we all know better.

Conditioning for football is over-rated. Injury prevention is far more important.

Having the right Kid at quarterback is the most important job the coach has.

Your junior high program hurts you as much as it helps you — even if you have good coaches. We don't have a junior high program.

Very few games are lost because you gave up the short pass.

You need to talk to your players more often, more honestly, more realistically than you do now.

Your success next year depends more on how well your team obeys training rules than any other single factor.

There is a strong correlation between the class programs you play against as you advance in the playoffs and the classy coaches who run those programs.

### I Don't Know:

If weight lifting is good for high school football. (It may be necessary)

How to win without quickness.

Why every time things go really well in some phase of the game one week, that's usually what goes bad next week.

Why high school kids overestimate their own ability and their team's ability so often.

How coaches get people to go scouting for them.

Why any football player would be motivated by stars on the helmet.

Many good teams that don't run the middle gaps effectively.

Many good teams who gamble and play games on defense extensively.

Why football fans would rather see a razzle-dazzle T.D. play than a well-executed 15 play drive finished off with a 1 yd. run.

Why I was chosen to write this article. Obviously most everybody knows more than I do.

# Organization & Technology On The Gridiron

by Bob Sieling, Bertha-Hewitt High School

## About the Author

Bob Sieling is a graduate of Perham High School and Concordia College, Moorhead. He played football and baseball at Concordia from 1967-71.

He has coached football for 15 years—8 years as head coach at Bertha-Hewitt. Coaching record is 65 wins, 18 losses (41-5 the past four years). The Bears have been the Park Region Conference Champs 4 times and Section 6C Champs the past three years. Bob is married. He and Deb have 4 children; Jennifer (12), Staci (10), Sarah (5), and Jason (2).



Coaches: (L to R) Dave Zirbes, Dale Erickson, Bob Sieling, Lynn Teigland, Jim Sutherland.

Organization is very important. The success of a program is dependent on organization. It takes time. Unfortunately, very few of us at the high school level are allowed ANY extra time to prepare for a sports season. We must find a way to go over as much material and details as we can in a very limited amount of time. That is why it is imperative that we use the technology that we have at our fingertips. The word processing, data base, and spreadsheet capabilities of the computer, the VCR's and camcords, the scouting software programs, and many other developments in technology can be used to make us more efficient managers of our programs. The intent of this article is to discuss areas of organization and how we are using some technology ideas in each area to help us use our time effectively and maintain consistency in our program.

### 1. PERSONAL ORGANIZATION

The first area of organization is personnel. It is important to examine your coaching personnel and blend it together. At Bertha-Hewitt we strive for "synergy". Synergy occurs when "the sum of the parts are greater than the whole". It is the additional energy created by two or more people working together and combining their strengths. It is the 1 + 1

= 3 concept—that is two people blended together in the right combination can accomplish what it would normally take three to do. We attempt to accomplish this by dividing up our coaching duties—division of labor so to speak. We have five coaches in our program—three varsity and two jr. high. I handle the defense. Jim Sutherland is our offensive coordinator. Dale Erickson is responsible for the junior varsity. Dave Zirbes handles the jr. high offense and Lynn Teigland takes care of the jr. high defense. We further divide our duties by position. Jim is responsible for the offensive backs and defensive ends. Dale is responsible for the offensive and defensive line. I am responsible for the receivers, linebackers and secondary. This is by no means a new concept. We all divide our staffs. The point is we need to get all our football minds working. Each coach must be assigned a specific area and be accountable in that area!

We have increased the consistency in our program through the use of the micro-computer. Word processing files have been built for each position. Examples of files by position are "defensive end play", "offensive line play", "linebacker play", etc. The advantage of the word processor is that as you add to or change files very quickly. We can come back from a clinic with a new idea and within minutes insert that new idea into the proper file and print off an entire new sheet on the topic. We also have our (and everybody else's) drills in word processing files. Again, changes, deletions, or additions are very easy. Keeping these files current and available to the coaches keeps consistency on our coaching staff. We do not forget coaching points or technique from year to year because it is in front of us in a nice neat format. New coaches can pick up our coaching points very easily and we can incorporate their ideas into our system with ease.

### 2. SEASON ORGANIZATION

The second area of organization is the season organization. Plan your season from start to finish. You can work on this before the season starts. Here we find many tedious but necessary tasks. You can cut many hours of time using the aid of a computer. Word processing files can be built and stored for your summer information letters, pre-season newspaper articles, workout schedules, etc. Put your player information into a data base file and you have rosters, depth charts, and other information sheets generated from the same file within minutes. Once the season is underway, our statistics can be taken care of easily and quickly with the aid of a spreadsheet or commercial statistics program. It used to take about two hours to compile game and season summaries. Now it is done in about 10 minutes.

**3. PRACTICE ORGANIZATION**

The third area of organization is the practice organization. Here is where we put into effect all of the things that we have worked on in getting ready for the season. Once again, organization is the key. Over the past few years, we have put together word processing files for each pre-season practice. Over the summer the staff meets to go over and improve our practice schedule and edit the files as necessary. Then as the pre-season progresses, we adjust the schedule each day with each coach having input on their specific area. A complete practice schedule is given to the coaches each day as well as posted for the players to see. We work hard on fundamentals. Our pre-season practices revolve around teaching fundamentals. The coaching staff, as well as the players, take pride in striving to become fundamentally sound. It is the difference between being a marginal player and a good football player. In looking at illustration 1-1 you can see how we break down prac-

Illustration 1-1

**PRE-SEASON — PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

- 8:00-9:30 — Offensive and defensive line.
- 8:00-8:15 — Warm-up and stretching, Session I — Offensive line (8:15-8:50). Daily Drills, Fundamental Drills, Team Scheme Concepts. Session II — Defensive line (9:00-9:30). Daily Drills, Fundamental Drills, Team Scheme Concepts.
- 9:15-9:30 — Backs warm-up and stretching.
- 9:30-10:30 — TEAM SCHEME.
- 10:30-10:40 — Linemen cool-down and stretching.
- 10:40-11:15 — Varsity Linemen Weight Room.
- 10:30-12:00 — Offensive and defensive backs. Session I Defensive backs (10:40-11:15). Daily Drills, Fundamental Drills, Team Scheme Concepts. Session II — Offensive backs and receivers (11:15-12:00). Daily Drills, Fundamental Drills, Team Scheme Concepts.

tice. We bring the offensive and defensive line in first and work fundamentals and technique. Then we work as a unit for an hour. Our final session is working with the offensive and defensive backs. We set practice up this way so that we can work with smaller groups. For example when we have defensive line technique drills, Jim will work with the defensive ends, Dale with take the tackles and nose guards, and I will have the linebackers. Once again, our coaching manual has the drills up to date and spelled out in front of us for quick review. As we get closer to our opening game, we will need to spend more time on team play. Once we are into the weekly game routine, our practice format changes. Illustration 1-2 is an example of a practice schedule during game week. As you can see it is more team orientated. We have very limited time with our players. We need to be organized and make the practice time we have as productive as possible.

Illustration 1-2

- 3:30-3:45 — Backs: Specialties - Skeleton passing. Linemen: Weight training.
  - 3:45-4:15 — Stretching, form running, rig, tackling.
  - 4:15-4:30 — Breakdown - (conditioning drills)
  - 4:30-4:50 — Defensive Scrimmage vs. Fresh-Soph.
- TEAM SCHEME FOR WEEK.**

**VARSITY SCRIPT:**

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**SPECIAL NOTES OR COVERAGES:**

- 4:50-5:20 — Offensive Scrimmage vs. Fresh-Soph.
- TEAM SCHEME FOR WEEK.**

**VARSITY SCRIPT:**

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- 5:20-5:40 — Specialty Situations:

**4. GAME ORGANIZATION**

Study your schedule. Find out where your key games are and plan accordingly. We start our weekly preparation on Saturday. Again we split up the duties. Jim takes our game film and critiques it while I study the film of the upcoming opponent. At the Team meeting on Monday, he will be responsible for critiquing our previous game and I will be responsible for the scouting report of the next opponent. Jim scripts our game film. Illustration 1-3 is an example of his weekly script.

Bertha-Hewitt vs. Opponent 42 (9/11/87) 6			
PLAY	YARDS	FORM/PLAY	COMMENTS
1.	3	TIR/33 Scissors	Should have had a Charlie call. Jon & Sam good blocks
2.	2	TIR/25 Blast	Sam take the LB. Willie don't miss your head up man. Good pickup Wade.
3.	2	TIR/42 Blast	Todd think dangers. Jeff block down. Good read on blitz Bill.
4.	26 TD	TIR/47 Reverse	Great up and out read Brad. Great job Jeff, Willie, Steve

The script serves many useful purposes. It gives the other coaches a chance to study the film with an evaluation from the expertise of the offensive coor-

dinator. Since each play is thoroughly analyzed, each player realizes he will play a starring role in the script—for better or worse! And finally, we make the film available to the players during the week. Our serious football players take advantage of this and study the film and script during the week. The script is a great evaluation tool that can be used repeatedly throughout the week with or without the coaching staff present. In our scouting process, we have used a computerized scouting program on a limited basis. We have not used it the past couple of seasons since we have gone to a film exchange. The information we were getting from the reports we felt did not justify the time we were spending entering the data. But there are some very usable scouting programs on the market.

Organization is essential to a successful program. We have to have an orderly way of presenting our ideas, our philosophy, our X's and O's. We must con-

tinue to upgrade our files and decide what is worth keeping and what should be thrown out. Technology has helped us become more efficient and eliminated a lot of non-coaching time. That allows more time to coach, be with the family, or to go fishing. We use an Apple computer with Appleworks. There are many other programs on the market, but Appleworks is probably already located in 99% of the schools in Minnesota. Appleworks, a good camcord and cameraman, can easily enhance a football program. Only if we have our act together, will it be possible for that average football player to become a good football player; and that good football player to become a great football player. That becomes the bottom line. We run a 50 defense and the "I" on offense. It is up to the football players to make things happen. If they are fundamentally sound and are taught to think the game, then we will be competitive.



Verndale quarterback Don Campbell (1) hands off to Matt Ganz (49) on 4th and goal from the 2 yard line in the second overtime vs. Hallock in the State Semi-finals. Ganz scored behind the blocking of Steve Carlson and J.R. Plautz to edge Hallock 6-3 and advance to the dome.



Verndale beats Eagle Bend 46-26 to win its 3rd straight Heartland Conference title. Matt Ganz Verndale's All-State Nine-man fullback scored a school record six touchdowns vs. the Eagles. Jake Schimtz (center), Scott Anderson (20), Ken Moyer (72) All-State Nine-man tackle.

# Centennial Conference

By Dave Aamoth  
Randolph High School, Conference Representative

It was business as usual in the Centennial Conference again in 1987 with Randolph and Morrystown squaring off for the conference title. Six of the last seven Centennial titles have gone to the winner of the Randolph-Morrystown game and 1987 was no exception. Chuck Larsen's Morrystown Comets defeated conference Runner up Randolph 41-0. The title game featured Cory Fritz rushing for 268 yards — 200 of those yards coming in the second half to break open a game that was close at halftime (7-0). The Comets win put a halt to the two year reign that Dave Aamoth's Randolph teams have had on the Centennial title. However, the Centennial Conference race was not a two team race. The Goodhue Wildcats, coached by Ed Pohl, lost only two conference games; both by close margins — 12-6 to Morrystown and 13-10 to Randolph. Cleveland also made a run at the title but lost close games to Randolph 19-18 and Morrystown 14-0.

1987 appears to be the final year for the Centennial Conference. Morrystown, Cleveland, Claremont, and MSAD have decided to play 9-man football in 1988. Randolph has moved to the Tri-Valley Conference while Goodhue and Faribault-Shattuck have yet to determine their plans for the 1988 football season.



Mark Whitson and Larry Bassett of Randolph for a pass vs. Morrystown.



Randolph - Dark Jersey, Morrystown - White. MSH 22, Rich Ranslow ball carrier, Joe Horsch (74), John Gergen (78), pursue.

	Conference Record				Overall Record	
Team	W	L	Pts.	Opp.	W	L
Morrystown	6	0	207	52	11	2
Randolph	4	1	84	67	7	3
Goodhue	4	2	166	51	6	4
Cleveland	4	3	111	85	5	5
Minn. Deaf	2	3	108	108	3	4
Claremont	1	5	36	163	2	5
Shattuck	0	6	30	206	0	9



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# 1987 Polar Conference Summary

by Kim Staum  
 Head Football Coach, McGregor High School

The Polar League Conference of 1987 was comprised of 5 teams: Barnum, Carlton, Esko, McGregor and Moose Lake-Willow River. In August, when the preseason conference favorites were announced, nobody was making any predictions. All the coaches agreed anybody could win the championship, there were no clear favorites.

After all teams had played their first 3 non-conference games it looked like Esko, (3-0); Carlton (2-1); McGregor (2-1) and Moose River (2-1) all looked like contenders. But, after the conference season progressed, it looked like it would be a 3-way fight for

the conference crown between Esko, McGregor, and Moose River.

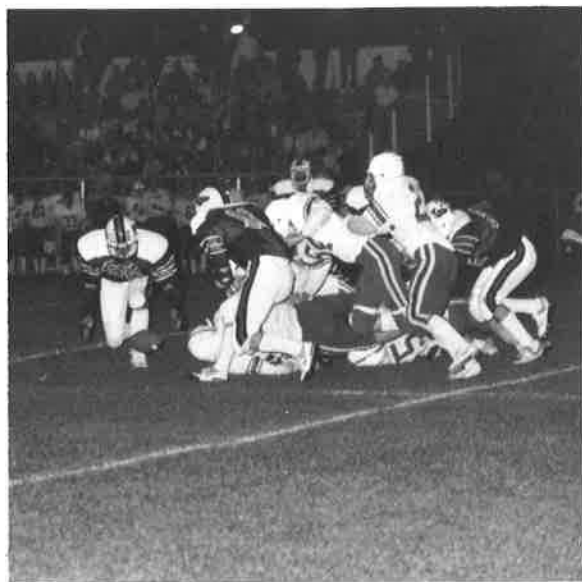
McGregors' chances looked dim after losing a hard fought battle to Moose River 14-7, but the Merces bounced back to defeat Esko 24-14. This set up the conference final between Esko and Moose River. The Eskomos upset the favored Rebels 19-7 to give all three teams Esko, McGregor and Moose Lake-Willow River a share of the Polar League Conference Championship. Congratulations to all the coaches and players on a fine season.

## Polar Conference Champions Over All Team Records

<u>Team</u>	<u>Conference Record</u>	<u>Overall Record</u>
Esko	3-1	7-3 ?
McGregor	3-1	6-3
Moose Lake-Willow River	3-1	7-2 ?



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## Litchfield, Rocori Tie For Central Gopher Title

Litchfield, coached by Scott Vettleson, and Cold Spring Rocori, coached by Tom Bergner, tied for the Central Gopher Conference Championship. Each team had a 5-1 conference record. Albany had a 3-3 conference record followed by Melrose 2-4 and St.

Cloud Cathedral with a 0-6 record.

The Central Gopher gives special recognition to several players each year. Glenn Henneman, 6' 170, from Albany was selected the Most Valuable Player. Hennemann led the conference in rushing the past

two seasons and was selected as the league's outstanding offensive back. Litchfield's Jody Homan, 6' 210, was selected the conference's outstanding defensive lineman. His teammate, Derrick Wagner 6' 210, was named as the outstanding defensive back. Rocori's Brian Undermann was chosen as outstanding offensive lineman.

Litchfield's Scott Vittleson was selected as the Central Gopher Coach of the Year. He led the Dragons to the Section 6 Championship and a 9-3 record.

This may have been the final year for the Central Gopher Conference. Litchfield has opted to join the Suburban West and Rocori has joined The Central Lakes Conference. Albany, Melrose and Cathedral remain and have chosen to play independent schedules for the 1988 season.



Albany (white): Dennis Klug — 51, Bill Blonnigen — 34; Litchfield (dark): Troy Johnson — 16, scoring touchdown and John Weyrens — 53, blocking in Section 6 semi-final game. Litchfield 32, Albany 16.

## Twin City Conference

by Dave Nelson, Conference Representative

The Twin City Suburban Conference, in its first year, provided many exciting moments and thrills for fans in 1987. The Twin City Suburban, which is made up of Anoka, Blaine, Coon Rapids, Forest Lake, Roseville, Hill-Murray, Stillwater, and White Bear Lake, proved to be one of the top football conferences in the state of Minnesota.

Anoka, behind a well-balanced offense and a stingy defense, finished with a 6-1 conference mark and won the league's first championship. Finishing second with 5-2 records were the Stillwater Ponies and the Forest Lake Rangers.

Leading the conference in total offense was Stillwater, gaining over 2,300 yards. Roseville, which featured the league's most explosive offensive threat in Rod Smith, finished first in the league in rushing yards. Hill-Murray, behind the strong arm of George Behr, led the league in passing offense. Stillwater proved to be the conference's most explosive offensive team by scoring 202 points during the 1987 season. Defensively, Anoka led the league in points allowed by yielding only 63. Roseville led the league in total defense, while Anoka led all teams in rushing defense, and White Bear Lake led the league in pass defense.

The league's first season also showcased many great individual performances. Roseville's Rod Smith, a unanimous All-State selection at running back, gained 1,385 yards on 244 carries and scored a league leading 14 touchdowns. Smith, the conference's most valuable player, also led the league in scoring with 84 points. Hill-Murray's versatile quarterback, George Behr, led the Twin City Suburban in passing by amassing 1,035 yards through the air. One of Behr's favorite targets, Pat Holmes, led the league in receiving yards with 398 yards on 17 catches. Anoka's Chad Richardson and Hill-Murray's Derek Storble were leaders in number of catches with 25 each. Forest Lake's Tom Ramboldt had the best

passing percentage and Stillwater's Tom Thomsen led all quarterbacks in touchdown passes with 6.

Seven Twin City Suburban teams qualified for section playoffs once league play was finished. Blaine lost to eventual Section 4AA champion Osseo in the first round. Anoka lost in the section 4AA championship, while Stillwater and Hill-Murray went on to win their respective sections and qualify for the State Playoffs. Stillwater defeated Hill-Murray in the opening round. The Ponies were defeated in the State semi-finals by Winona.



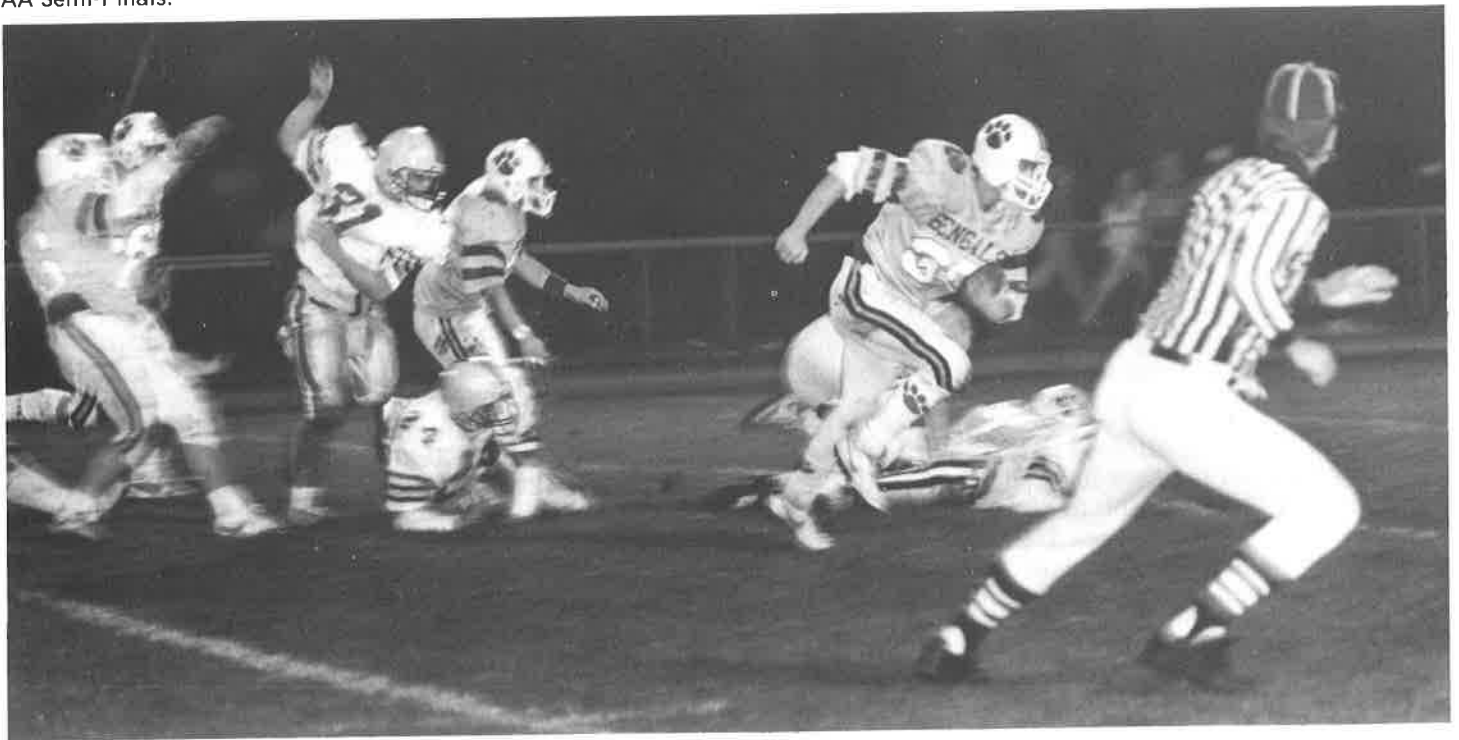
Erick Holm of Stillwater hauls in a 15 yard pass during his team's 30-14 Section 2AA championship victory over Park-Cottage Grove.



Stillwater's Sharm Scheverman picks up yardage in 35-15 win at Roseville. The Ponies compiled a 10-3 record and advanced to State AA Semi-Finals.



Rod Smith, All State Halfback for Roseville High School takes off on a good gain in the Twin City Suburban Conference action.



Marc Benson scores during Blaine's 17-7 homecoming win over Roseville. Touchdown run.

# The Central Minnesota Conference

The 1987 season of the Central Minnesota Conference football teams was marked with close competition, big plays and tough defense. The CMC was well represented in sectional play by key wins from the Sartell Sabres and the Kimball Cubs. The final standings in the CMC were as follows:

1) Kimball	7-0
2) Holdingford	5-2
3) Sartell	5-2
4) Becker	4-3
5) Eden Valley-Watkins	3-4
6) Big Lake	2-6
7) Maple Lake	1-6
8) St. John's Prep.	1-6

For the second straight season, the Kimball Cubs lead the CMC with an undefeated season. The strong



Holdingford's Brad Blaszczyk is pressured by the strong defense of Kimball.



Becker vs. Maple Lake

defense of the Cubs allowed only 79 yards per game. Kimball finished the season as the Region 4B runner-up with a 9-7 loss to eventual state champion Granite Falls. Jamie Rice and Tom Hurrell of Kimball were named outstanding linemen in the conference, and Ted Greeley was named outstanding defensive back.

Sartell and Holdingford posted fine 5-2 records and tied for second in the conference. The future looks bright for the Sartell Sabres as they will return an excellent junior class, 5 of whom were named to the

CMC All-Conference teams. The Sabres posted a key win in sectional play over the 1986 Class B Champions, Watertown-Mayer. Holdingford was lead by senior Brad Blaszczyk who was named as the outstanding offensive back and specialist in the conference.

Becker and Eden Valley-Watkins lead the rest of the CMC pack, and both teams provided the type of play that has kept their programs very competitive in the conference. The Big Lake squad broke a 26-game losing streak and was actually only 3 points away from a .500 season. With 18 returning starters, Big Lake is certainly favored to be a future contender in the CMC. The Maple Lake offense slowed down after a mid-season injury to their quarterback, but Joel Olson was named CMC offensive back of the year for his play at running back. The St. John's Prep. team showed improved over the season and picked up some valuable experience for their young team.

The Central Minnesota Conference continues its tradition of exciting football and anxiously awaits what promises to be an excellent future.

## St. Paul Suburban Conference

The 1987 season found a new face in the conference as Inver Grove Heights Simley joined the St. Paul Suburban Conference. The inclusion of the Simley Spartans coupled with the move of White Bear Lake and Stillwater to the Twin City Suburban left the conference with eight teams.

Park of Cottage Grove posted a 7-0 record to claim first place. The Indians powerful running game led by

Joe Scofield, Sean Ducette and Joe Hemberger averaged over 340 per game rushing during the conference race. Gary Halvorson's return to the conference brought Woodbury Royals a 6-1 record and sole possession of second place. The passing duo of Paul Novak to Tom Brown powered Woodbury to a 6-1 record. Henry Sibley and Simley tied for third place with 4-3 records. The Warriors relied on Joe Florez's



Henry Sibley's Andy Biggs (32) powers past Park defenders Rob Moen (23), Chris Sterling (44) and James Glampe (88) for a score.



Henry Sibley Defenders Todd Paskett (35), Dan Gallagher (99), Gregg Tischler (66) and Rick Pace (64) surround Simley's Scott Stowell (20).



Simley's Chris Campbell (25) intercepts a pass intended for Henry Sibley's Dan Bonniwell (86).

761 rushing yards while Simley's Scott Brynjulfson's 24.8 yards per reception propelled the Spartans. Hastings and North St. Paul tied for fifth place with 3-4 record, and each team featured an outstanding Offense performer. Hastings wide receiver Troy Freirmuth and North's quarterback Brent Killen were among the best at their positions. South St. Paul's Tom Whelan and Tartan's Mike Salana were among the conference leaders in rushing throughout the season.

## Taconite "B" Conference

by Bill Palo  
(Ely Echo Sports Editor)

Ely	7-0
Chisholm	5-2
Nash. Keewatin	5-2
Silver Bay	4-3
Aurora-Hoyt Lakes	4-3
Mountain Iron-Buhl	2-5
Eveleth-Gilbert	1-6
Babbitt-Embarass	0-7

After two very competitive years, the conference will shrink to four teams for 1988 as "A" schools. Eveleth-Gilbert and Aurora-Hoyt Lakes-Biwabik (combined for 88-89), move to the Sea-Range Conference and Silver Bay goes to the Polar League. Babbitt-Embarass will play an independent schedule.

On November 28, 1987 the Ely Timberwolves represented the Taconite Conference in the State Class B finals at the Metrodome. For the Timberwolves, it was a berth they were destined for: they ripped through thirteen previous opponents to earn the right to face Granite Falls. In these contests Ely outscored their opponents by 432-122 with a balanced offensive attack and a solid defense. Jon Kastelic completed 55 percent of his passes for over 1,000 yards with only 4 interceptions. Halfback Lance Ronn (1,286 yds., 33

touchdowns), Bob Latourell (3,278 yards career), and fullback Tom Gornik (532 yards, 5.5/carry), completed a balanced backfield.

Coach Jim Larkin led Chisholm to a runner-up spot in his first year as head coach. Quarterback Kyle Forsline used his strong arm and talented receivers to launch a very good passing attack. Bob Klinker's Nashwauk-Keewatin Spartans were third, and Doug Conboy's Silver Bay Mariners were a strong fourth place club.



Ely Junior Running Back Lance Ronn (44) cuts behind the blocks of Jon Prijatel (61) and Jason Akerson (65) in a Taconite Conference match up against Mountain Iron-Buhl.



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## Central Lakes Conference, Section AA

1987 was another competitive season in the tough Central Lakes Conference. Alexandria, Brainerd and Willmar finished in a three-way tie for the championship in a year which featured big-play offenses and hard-hitting defenses. Brainerd handed Willmar its only regular season loss 3-0 to open the conference schedule. It was a true defensive battle with Brainerd's All-Conference Quarterback/Kicker, Mike Musty, hitting a 26-yard field goal for the only score of the game. Brainerd's wishbone offense was led all season by its All-CLC "Pony Backfield" of Musty (5-9, 155) at QB and halfbacks Troy Bescheinen (5-9, 155) and Erick Heikkenen (5-8, 150). Willmar got back on the winning track the next week defeating Alexandria 21-13 for Alexandria's only CLC loss. Featured play of the game was a 75-yard punt return for a TD by Willmar's All-CLC junior halfback, Tom Hagert. In the final conference game of the year, Alexandria upset Brainerd in overtime to put the con-

ference in a three-way tie. Alexandria's All-CLC QB, Jeff McCoy, triggered the victory on offense while All-CLC defense end, Mike Navratil, anchored the defense.

In the Section 8AA playoffs, Willmar avenged its earlier loss to Brainerd 35-6 in the semifinal game, and then downed North Suburban Champion, Elk River, in the finals 24-21. In the first round of the state playoffs, Willmar bowed to top-ranked Section V Champion, Richfield, 28-25. It ended the record-setting season for consensus All-State Willmar end, Dan Carlson, (46 receptions, 963 yards, 8 TDs) and All-CLC Quarterback, Ryan Kray, (1513 yards passing and 15 Touchdown passes). Deryl Ramey of Willmar was named CLC Coach-of-the-Year.

The Central Lakes Conference will expand to seven teams in 1988-89 with the addition of Rocori High School.

## Silver Lake Claims Second Nine-Man Championship

The Silver Lake Lakeites claimed their second Minnesota Nine-man Championship in five years when they defeated the Verndale Pirates 30 to 14 in the first of five championships in the 1987 Prep Bowl. Silver Lake, a perennial contestant to the nine-man tournament has been perhaps one of the more dominate programs in the 1980's. The Lakeites, coached by Buzz Rumrill, claimed top honors in 1983 by defeating Norman County West-Climax. Silver Lake finished runner-up in 1984 to Norman County West, lost in the semi-finals in 1985 to the eventual champion Westbrook, finished runner-up again in 1986 to the Argyle Eagles, before rebounding to claim the 1987 championship.

In the past, the Lakeites have relied on the strength of a potent ground game and the effectiveness of an explosive tailback, behind power blocking to achieve their successes. In 1987 the Lakeites lived by a different script. Rather than throwing all their eggs into one basket, namely an explosive tailback, the Lakeites found that they had the offensive weapons to score both on the ground and through the air from all areas of the field. The 1987 version of the Silver Lake team was a deep and balanced squad lead by 16 seniors and 27 lettermen from the 1986 second place squad. Three Lakeites were selected to the 1987 Nine-Man All-State team. Leading the group was tailback-

linebacker, Tim Rumrill, son of Coach Rumrill. Also on the squad were fullback-linebacker, Jeff Konen, and offensive tackle Mike Stifter. Stifter, an "A" student, was also selected to the Minnesota State Football Coaches Association All-Academic team. Stifter and assistant coach Dan Tschimperle will be participating in the annual Metro-Outstate game to be played this summer. The 16 seniors leave the Silver Lake squad with an incredible three year record of 38 wins and only two losses.

The Lakeites, having won six consecutive Circle 8 Conference crowns, and not having lost a conference game since 1981, will have a difficult time repeating in 1988. The Lakeites will return only four of 18 starters. At the present time, the favorite to unseed the Lakeites is the Lester Prairie Bulldogs coached by John Rosell. The Bulldogs return all but two players from a fine 1987 squad. Look for the 1988 Circle 8 Conference race to be a dog fight.

## Valley Plains Conference

For the first time in many years the Valley Plains Conference was well balanced with five teams in a big dog fight for the conference crown. Again, two of the powerhouses of the conference, Glyndon-Felton and Fertile-Beltrami shared the title.

This year a vastly improved team in Ada-Borup, coached by the Conference Coach of the Year Jeff Stoen had the Cougars on a tremendous offensive roll. Their quarterback Darin Everson, only a Junior, set a new conference record with over 850 yards in passing.

The Glyndon-Felton Buffalos, lead by their new Coach Dan Motchenbacher, Lineman of the Year Adon Alonzo, and Back of the Year Troy DeJong, paced the conference in Section 8 play only to lose to Warroad once again in the Section Championship.

New conference records set in 1987 including Everson's passing record were: Quarterback Scott Bauck

of Glyndon-Felton with a 60 percent completion mark, Quarterback Ryan Lee of Fertile-Beltrami threw for a record 10 touchdown passes, and Shawn Ellingson of Ada-Borup had 349 yards in pass receiving. Also, Robert Rootham of Glyndon-Felton established a conference punting record with an average of 42.2 yards per kick.

### FINAL STANDINGS

Glyndon-Felton	6-1
Fertile-Beltrami	6-1
Ada-Borup	5-2
Dilworth	4-3
Waubun	4-3
Hawley	2-5
Red Lake Falls	1-6
EGF Sacred Heart	0-7

## 1987 Gopher Conference

Blooming Prairie used a stingy defense to go through the season undefeated and become the Gopher Conference Champions for 1987. Coached by Jerry Kokoschke, the Blossoms defense averaged 139 yards per game and allowed 18 points during the conference season.

Second place in Gopher action was shared by New Richland-Hartland, coached by Jim Simser, and Jon Bakken's Waterville-Elysian Bucs. The Cardinals featured the conference's top receiver, Troy Pederson; while the Bucs led the conference by averaging 336 yards per game. Brian Ellingsworth of Waterville-Elysian averaged 6.7 yards per carry and topped the scoring with twelve TDs.

The Medford Tigers had a solid defense with two of the conference leaders in tackles, Richie Rhodes and Gary Rowe. John Gross' team also featured Todd Wobbrock who led the conference in passing yards and percentage of completions. Jim MacClellan and the Faribault Bethlehem Academy Cardinals showed a strong offense line, anchored by Troy Caron.

Glenville-Emmons had the top punter, Brian Yost. Coached by Louie Toulouse, the Wolverines were led by Jeff Vierkant — a member of the 1987 All State Academic Football Team. Mike Niemczyk was the conference co-leader in tackles and second in rushing for the Janesville Golden Bears, coached by George Tuvey. The Ellendale-Geneva Raiders, under the guidance of John Howe, were led by Troy Sommers, who was near the top of the Conference in kickoffs and punting.

Two major changes will take place in the Gopher Conference for 1988. New Richland-Hartland and Ellendale-Geneva will be paired, making room for the entry of Alden-Conger-Freeborn to Conference action.



In the Class B State Championship game Granite Fall's Rick Meyer (middle) was nothing but a blur to Jon Kastelic (9) and Steve MacJarlarand of Ely. Meyer set a prep bowl record of 183 rushing yards to lead the Kilowatts to a 43-20 victory.

# Minn. River Conference

The 1987 Minnesota River Conference had a very unusual occurrence this past season. The League champion was undefeated in league play and secondly, the Conference did not have its usual balance. This year the LeSueur High School "Giants", who lost in the State Play-offs semi-final game, in the last 40 seconds, dominated by seniors and with an excellent job of coaching, the Giants easily won the league championship. Their season record was an excellent 11-2. They were followed by LeCenter, (2nd place) with an overall 8-2 record, both

losses to LeSueur. The remainder of the conference in order of finish were: Sibley East, Mankato Loyola, Jordan, Belle Plaine, Montgomery and Norwood/Young America.

Next season it appears it will again be a dog fight, with no real clear cut favorite. Brent Christian, LeCenter RB/S and Scott Anderson, LeSueur RB/LB were voted co-M.V.P.'s by the coaches of the Minnesota River Conference.

## 1987 Suburban West Football Summary

Standings	W	L
Hutchinson	7	1
Orono	7	1
Chaska	5	3
Shakopee	4	4
Mound	4	4
Buffalo	3	5
Glencoe	3	5
Waconia	0	8

### Top 4 Play-off Seeds (1987)

- 1) Hutchinson
- 2) Orono
- 3) Monticello
- 4) Chaska

### HIGHLIGHTS

Hutchinson beat Orono during regular season play, but Orono came back to beat Hutchinson for the Section 4A title.

## Sea-Range Football 1987 Final Standings

Team	( Conf. )		( Overall )		Pts.
	W	L	W	L	
*Hermantown	6	1	6	2	625
*Cloquet	6	1	6	2	625
Greenway	5	2	6	2	600
International Falls	4	3	5	3	550
Virginia	4	3	4	4	400
Proctor	2	5	2	6	200
Two Harbors	1	6	1	7	100
Duluth Marshall	0	7	0	8	0

\* Denotes Conference Co-Champions

Cloquet advanced to Sectional Final vs. Cambridge.



# Coaches of the Year...



Larry Thompson, Lakeville  
Class A Coach of the Year



Dick Walker, Richfield  
Class AA Coach of the Year



Dave Brokke, Granite Falls  
Class B Coach of the Year  
Minnesota Coach of the Year



Gerhard Meidt, Minneota  
Class C Coach of the Year



Buzz Rumrill, Silver Lake  
Class 9-Man Coach of the Year

# Active High School Head Coaches 100 Victory Club

(Entering 1988 Season)

Head Coach & School	Won-Lost-Tied Record	Years Head Coach
1. Tom Mahoney, Fairmont	239-89-8	37
2. John Hansen, Osseo	233-90-13	36
3. George Larson, Cambridge	229-49-6	31
4. George Smith, Mahtomedi	227-99-11	38
5. Stav Canakes, Edina	190-60-1	26
6. Ken Mauer, St. Paul Harding	188-85-0	31
7. Les Dreschsel, Crookston	188-78-9	31
8. Bob Youso, Moose Lake/Willow River	184-74-3	29
9. Andy Nelson, Lake Benton/Verdi	179-87-2	29
10. Grady Rostberg, Hutchinson	178-62-2	24
11. George Thole, Stillwater	173-35-2	20
12. Billy Beck, Appleton	172-99-6	30
13. Burton "Buz" Rumrill, Silver Lake	171-81-3	26
14. Ken Bauman, Mahanomen	167-31-2	19
15. Don Stueve, Fergus Falls	165-85-1	27
16. Dick Walker, Richfield	161-59-5	25
17. Bob Peterson, Esko	160-54-2	23
18. Ron Stolski, Brainerd	158-88-5	26
19. Frank Jaszewski, Preston-Fountain	155-97-6	31
20. Gerry Brown, St. Thomas Academy	153-29-1	19
21. Gerhard Miedt, Minneota	153-53-0	22
22. Earl DeBates, Stewartville	152-43-2	22
23. Jerry Wallskog, LeCenter	148-56-1	22
24. Neal Hofland, Chokio-Alberta	146-34-2	18
25. Chuck Karger, Wabasha-Kellogg	143-67-6	24
26. Dick Hanson, Burnsville	143-48-2	19
27. Jerry Peterson, Owatonna	141-77-2	23
28. Jim Simser, New Richland-Hartland	139-55-1	20
29. David Main, Gaylord/Winthrop	139-38-0	19
30. Bill Bailey, Starbuck	138-72-0	22
31. Mike Mahlen, Verndale	135-41-3	19
32. Terry McLean, Elk River	135-60-0	25
33. Bruce Harding, East Central	134-68-2	21
34. Jerry Sonnek, Blackduck	134-61-3	22
35. Con Natvig, Swanville/Grey Eagle	133-71-2	22
36. Dave Nigon, Totino Grace	132-41-0	17
37. Stuart Nordquist, International Falls	127-66-2	21
38. Gary Trimble, Kimball	126-56-0	17
39. Ron Borchert, Balaton	125-98-0	26
40. Roger Lipelt, Wayzata	125-81-1	23
41. Willie Rauen, Pine Island	125-92-2	24
42. Ham Nelson, Pine City	124-130-4	28
43. Dean Taylor, Sartell	124-69-0	19
44. John Gross, Medford	122-77-0	23
45. Wayne Beisel, Lewiston-Altura	121-54-1	19
46. Dick Oliphant, Faribault	120-77-0	22
47. Ralph Pucci, Rochester Mayo	119-87-1	23
48. DeWayne Johnson, Anoka	117-59-2	19
49. Ron Johnson, Gonvick-Trail	115-54-0	19
50. Laddie Carda, Chandler-Lake Wilson	114-118-0	26
51. Dave Brokke, Granite Falls	114-27-0	13
52. Frank Fredlund, St. Peter	112-51-1	17
53. Stan Olson, LeRoy-Ostrander	111-46-0	16
54. Mal Scanlon, Cretin-Derham Hall	110-35-0	15
55. Dave Beadle, Albrook	109-93-3	30
56. Clark Bergloff, Mora	108-37-0	15
57. Ron Saarela, Biwabik	107-95-0	27
58. Larry Anderson, Barnesville	107-80-1	21
59. Kenneth Belanger, Zumbrota-Mazeppa	107-89-2	22
60. Dale Svaren, Oklee	103-58-1	18
61. Dick Strand, Southland (Adams)	102-32-0	15
62. David Montgomery, St. Paul Academy	100-63-2	18
63. Roger Goerish, South Central (Kiestler-Walters/Bricelyn)	100-78-1	19



Todd Baumgartner, Fridley, knocks down pass in Tiger's semi-final loss to Cambridge in Region 5A.



No. 20 Jim Saltness, Fridley, breaks the trap for 40 yd. run in Tigers 21-0 victory over Columbia Heights.



No. 42 Jon Lueders, Fridley's All Conference defensive back breaks loose a 60 yd. punt return in Tiger's 21-14 Homecoming victory over St. Francis.

# Coach of the Year Award

- 1966 Bill Severin, Grand Meadow, Region I
- 1967 Stan Canakes, Edina, Region V
- 1968 Tom Mahoney, Fairmont, Region II
- 1969 Jerry Sullivan, Minneapolis Roosevelt, Region V
- 1970 Art Hass, Austin, Region I
- 1971 Gary Gustafson, North St. Paul, Region IV
- 1972 George Larson, Cambridge, Region IV
- 1973 George Wemeier, Minneapolis Washburn, Region V
- 1974 Dick Lawrence, Eveleth, Region VII
- 1975 John Drews, Rochester John Marshall, Region I
- 1976 Bob Swanson, Mountain Iron, Region VII
- 1977 Lyle Eidsness, St. Peter, Region II
- 1978 Paul Benson, Granite Falls, Region III
- 1979 Jim Simser, New Richland-Hartland, Region I
- 1980 Ron Raveling, Columbia Heights, Class AA
- 1981 L. E. Drechsel, Crookston, Class A
- 1982 Gary Roebuck, Holdingford, Class B
- 1983 George Thole, Stillwater, Class AA
- 1984 Ron Scott, Coon Rapids, Class AA
- 1985 Grady Rostberg, Hutchinson, Class A.
- 1986 Norm Johnson, Mpls. Roosevelt, Class AA
- 1987 George Larson, Cambridge, Class A
- 1988 Dave Brokke, Granite Falls, Class B

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Dave Nigon, Bob Roy, Don Swanson, Jim Dotseth, and Ted Wylowski stand proudly in front of the completed wall.

Bob Roy and Bud Olson Awards did the work on the plaques and with the work of the crack construction crew everything was in place by the Hall of Fame Banquet. Stop in the Radisson U and take a look at the wall, it is something we all can be very proud of.



Don Swanson (left) and MHSFCA President Dave Nigon show off the plaques to Evelyn Walter of the Radisson University Motel and Hall of Fame Banquet Chairman Jim Dotseth.



Ted Wylowski and Bob Roy begin the mounting with Don Swanson supervising.



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## CLASS "AA" - 69 Teams Representing - 891 Students and above (ADM)

### SECTION ASSIGNMENTS

#### Section I (9)

1. Albert Lea
2. Apple Valley
3. #Austin/Austin Pacelli
4. Faribault
5. Owatonna
6. Rochester John Marshall
7. Rochester Mayo
8. Rosemount
9. Winona

#### Section II (8)

1. Hastings
2. Henry Sibley
3. North St. Paul
4. Park (Cottage Grove)
5. Stillwater
6. Tartan
7. White Bear Lake
8. Woodbury

#### Section III (9)

1. \*Cretin-Derham Hall
2. Hill-Murray
3. Roseville Area
4. St. Paul Central
5. St. Paul Como Park
6. St. Paul Harding
7. St. Paul Highland Park
8. St. Paul Johnson
9. \*St. Thomas Academy

#### Section IV (10)

1. Anoka
2. Blaine
3. Columbia Heights
4. Coon Rapids
5. Forest Lake
6. Irondale
7. Mounds View
8. Osseo
9. Park Center
10. Spring Lake Park

#### Section V (9)

1. Minneapolis Edison
2. Minneapolis North
3. \*Minneapolis Patrick Henry
4. Minneapolis Roosevelt
5. Minneapolis South
6. Minneapolis Southwest
7. Minneapolis Washburn
8. Richfield
9. St. Louis Park

#### Section VI (10)

1. Bloomington Jefferson
2. Bloomington Kennedy
3. Burnsville
4. Eden Prairie
5. Edina
6. Hopkins
7. Minnetonka
8. Robbinsdale Armstrong
9. Robbinsdale Cooper
10. Wayzata

#### Section VII (6)

1. Bemidji
2. Duluth Central
3. Duluth Denfeld
4. Duluth East
5. Grand Rapids
6. Moorhead

#### Section VIII (8)

1. Alexandria
2. Brainerd
3. Buffalo
4. Elk River
5. St. Cloud Apollo
6. St. Cloud Tech.
7. St. Francis
8. Willmar

\*Opted to play in Class AA  
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## CLASS "A" - 84 Teams Representing - 331-890 Students (ADM)

### SECTION ASSIGNMENTS

#### Section I (11)

1. Cannon Falls
2. LaCrescent
3. Lake City
4. Lakeville
5. New Prague
6. Northfield
7. Prior Lake
8. Red Wing
9. Rochester Lourdes
10. Simley
11. Stewartville

#### Section II (11)

1. #Blue Earth-Frost-Winnebago/Elmore
2. Fairmont
3. Luverne
4. Mankato East
5. Mankato West
6. Marshall
7. New Ulm
8. Redwood Falls-Morton
9. St. Peter
10. Waseca
11. Worthington

#### Section III (11)

1. Benilde-St. Margaret's
2. Brooklyn Center
3. De La Salle
4. Farmington
5. Holy Angels Academy
6. Mahtomedi
7. Minnehaha Academy
8. St. Bernard's
9. St. Paul Humboldt
10. South St. Paul
11. Totino Grace

#### Section IV (9)

1. Chaska
2. Delano
3. Glencoe
4. Hutchinson
5. Monticello
6. Mound-Westonka
7. Orono
8. Shakopee
9. Waconia

#### Section V (11)

1. Cambridge
2. Centennial
3. Chisago Lakes
4. Foley
5. Fridley
6. Milaca
7. Mora
8. #North Branch/Taylor's Falls
9. Pine City
10. Princeton
11. Sauk Rapids

#### Section VI (11)

1. Albany
2. Annandale
3. Dassel-Cokato
4. Litchfield
5. Melrose
6. Montevideo
7. New London-Spicer
8. Rockford
9. Rocori (Cold Spring)
10. St. Cloud Cathedral
11. Sauk Centre

#### Section VII (10)

1. Cloquet
2. Eveleth-Gilbert
3. Greenway (Coleraine)
4. Hermantown
5. Hibbing
6. International Falls
7. Mesabi East (Aurora-Hoyt Lakes-Biwabik)
8. Proctor
9. Two Harbors
10. Virginia

#### Section VIII (10)

1. Crookston
2. Crosby-Ironton
3. Detroit Lakes
4. East Grand Forks
5. Fergus Falls
6. Little Falls
7. Park Rapids
8. Staples
9. Thief River Falls
10. Wadena

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**CLASS "B" - 103 Teams Representing - 178 - 330 Students (ADM)****SECTION ASSIGNMENTS****Section I (17)**

1. #Bethlehem Academy/  
Shattuck-St. Mary's
2. Blooming Prairie
3. Byron
4. Caledonia
5. Chosen Valley, Chatfield
6. #Dodge Center/  
Hayfield
7. Dover-Eyota
8. Kasson-Mantorville
9. #Kenyon/Wanamingo
10. Lewiston-Altura
11. Pine Island
12. Plainview
13. St. Charles
14. Southland (Adams)
15. #Spring Valley/Wyckoff
16. Wabasha-Kellogg
17. Zumbrota-Mazeppa

**Section II (16)**

1. #Butterfield-Odin/  
Mountain Lake
2. #Ellendale-Geneva/  
New Richland-Hartland
3. Heron Lake-Okabena-  
Lakefield
4. Jackson
5. Lake Crystal-Wellcome  
Memorial
6. Mapleton-Amboy-  
Good Thunder
7. Martin County West  
(Sherburn-Dunnell-  
Trimont-Welcome)
8. Pipestone
9. Russell-Tyler-Ruthon
10. St. James
11. #Sanborn-Lamberton/  
Walnut Grove
12. Slayton
13. #Springfield/Comfrey
14. #Tracy/Milroy
15. Wells-Easton
16. Windom

**Section III (15)**

1. Archbishop Brady
2. Belle Plaine
3. Blake
4. Breck
5. Gibbon-Fairfax-  
Winthrop
6. Jordan
7. LeSueur
8. Mankato Loyola
9. Montgomery-Lonsdale
10. Norwood-Young America
11. St. Agnes
12. St. Anthony Village
13. St. Paul Academy
14. #Sibley East (Arlington-  
Green Isle/Henderson)
15. Waterville-Elysian

**Section IV (11)**

1. Atwater-Grove City
2. #Minnesota Central  
(Belgrade-Elrosa/Brooten)
3. Benson
4. #Bird Island-Lake Lillian/  
Olivia
5. Canby
6. #Glenwood/Villard
7. Granite Falls
8. Morris
9. Ortonville
10. Paynesville
11. Renville-Sacred Heart-  
Danube

**Section V (13)**

1. Becker
2. Big Lake
3. Eden Valley-Watkins
4. Holdingford
5. Howard Lake-Waverly
6. Kimball
7. Maple Lake
8. Mayer Lutheran
9. Minneapolis Lutheran
10. St. John's Prep
11. St. Michael-Albertville
12. Sartell
13. Watertown-Mayer

**Section VI (9)**

1. Aitkin
2. Blackduck
3. Deer River
4. Long Prairie
5. New York Mills
6. Pequot Lakes
7. Pierz
8. Pine River
9. Walker-Hackensack

**Section VII (11)**

1. Braham
2. Carlton
3. Chisholm
4. East Central (Sandstone-  
Askov)
5. Ely
6. Esko
7. #Hinckley/Finlayson
8. #Moose Lake/Willow River
9. Mountain Iron-Buhl
10. Nashwauk-Keewatin
11. Rush City

**Section VIII (11)**

1. Bagley
2. Barnesville
3. Breckenridge
4. Fosston
5. Frazee
6. Hawley
7. Mahnommen
8. Pelican Rapids
9. Perham
10. Roseau
11. Warroad

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**CLASS "C" - 84 Teams Representing - 0-177 Students (ADM)****SECTION ASSIGNMENTS****Section I (11)**

1. Grand Meadow
2. Harmony
3. Houston
4. Lanesboro
5. LeRoy-Ostrander
6. #Mabel-Canton/North  
Winneshiek,(Decorah), IA
7. Peterson
8. Preston
9. Rushford
10. Spring Grove
11. Winona Cotter

**Section II (8)**

1. Concordia Academy
2. Elgin-Millville
3. Goodhue
4. Medford
5. Mounds Park Academy
6. Randolph
7. St. Croix Lutheran
8. West Concord

**Section III (8)**

1. Alden-Conger-Freeborn
2. #Glenville/Emmons
3. #Granada-Huntley-East  
Chain/Martin Luther,  
Northrop
4. Janesville
5. LeCenter
6. Madelia
7. St. Clair
8. Truman

**Section IV (9)**

1. Adrian
2. Fulda
3. Gaylord
4. MN Valley Lutheran
5. New Ulm Cathedral
6. Sleepy Eye St. Mary's
7. Sleepy Eye Public
8. Wabasso
9. #Westbrook/Storden-  
Jeffers

**Section V (9)**

1. Appleton
2. Buffalo Lake-Hector
3. #Clara City/Maynard
4. Clarkfield
5. Dawson-Boyd
6. Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg
7. Madison
8. Minneota
9. Wheaton

**Section VI (14)**

1. Battle Lake
2. Bertha-Hewitt
3. #Brandon/Evansville
4. Browerville
5. Eagle Valley (Clarissa-Eagle Bend)
6. #Henning/Deer Creek
7. Menahga
8. Osakis
9. Parkers Prairie
10. Royalton
11. Sebek
12. #Swanville/Grey Eagle
13. Upsala
14. West Central (Elbow Lake-Wendell-Barrett)

**Section VII (12)**

1. Babbitt-Embarrass
2. Barnum
3. Cherry (Iron)
4. Cook
5. Duluth Marshall
6. Grand Marais
7. Isle
8. McGregor
9. Northland (Remer)
10. Ogilvie
11. Onamia
12. Silver Bay

**Section VIII (13)**

1. #Ada/Borup
2. #Badger/Greenbush
3. Cass Lake
4. Dilworth
5. EGF Sacred Heart
6. Fertile-Beltrami
7. Glyndon-Felton
8. #Gonvick-Trail/Clearbrook
9. Lake of the Woods
10. #Norman County East (Gary/Twin Valley)
11. Red Lake Falls
12. Warren
13. Waubun

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**CLASS "NINE-MAN" - 83 Teams Representing - 0-125 Students (ADM)**  
**SECTION ASSIGNMENTS**

**Section I (9)**

1. Ceylon
2. Claremont
3. Cleveland
4. Lyle
5. #Minnesota Lake/Delavan
6. MN State Academy for the Deaf
7. Morristown
8. South Central (Kiestner-Walters-Bricelyn)
9. Waldorf-Pemberton

**Section II (12)**

1. Balaton
2. Chandler-Lake Wilson
3. Cottonwood
4. #Echo-Wood Lake/Belview
5. Edgerton
6. Ellsworth
7. Hendricks
8. Hills-Beaver Creek
9. Ivanhoe
10. Jasper
11. #Lake Benton/Verdi
12. Sioux Valley-Round Lake-Brewster

**Section III (10)**

1. Brownton
2. Cedar Mountain (Morgan-Franklin)
3. Clarkfield
4. Cosmos
5. Lester Prairie
6. Nicollet
7. Raymond
8. Silver Lake
9. Stewart
10. Winsted Holy Trinity

**Section IV (11)**

1. Ashby
2. Beardsley-Browns Valley
3. #Bellingham/Marietta-Nassau
4. #Campbell-Tintah/Fairmount, ND
5. Chokio-Alberta
6. Clinton-Graceville
7. #Hancock/Cyrus
8. Herman-Norcross
9. Hoffman-Kensington
10. Milan
11. Starbuck

**Section V (10)**

1. #Akeley/LaPorte
2. Audubon
3. Backus
4. Hillcrest Lutheran Academy (Fergus Falls)
5. Lake Park
6. Nevis
7. Pillager
8. Rothsay
9. Underwood
10. Verndale

**Section VI (8)**

1. #Fisher/Climax
2. #Kelliher/Northome
3. Norman County West (Halstad)
4. Oklee
5. Plummer
6. Red Lake
7. Ulen-Hitterdal
8. Win-E-Mac

**Section VII (13)**

1. Albrook
2. Big Fork
3. Chief Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig
4. Cotton
5. Cromwell
6. Floodwood
7. Fond-du-Lac Ojibway
8. Hill City
9. Littlefork-Big Falls
10. Orr
11. Toivola-Meadowlands
12. Tower-Soudan
13. Wrenshall

**Section VIII (10)**

1. Argyle
2. #Goodridge/Grygla
3. Hallock
4. Kennedy
5. #Lancaster/Humboldt-St. Vincent
6. Marshall County Central (Newfolden)
7. #Middle River/Strandquist
8. #Oslo/Alvarado
9. Stephen
10. Tri-County (Karlstad)

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# THE BUTCH NASH AWARD



To the many of us who know him, Butch Nash is the epitome of the ideal assistant coach:

Total loyalty to his school and the head coach.

Hard working - beyond measure.

Integrity in dealing with athletes and especially high school coaches.

Particularly competent in his coaching specialty - defensive ends.

Unique ability to relate to and be supportive of the athlete - their love for Butch is virtually legendary.

Lastly, the many many years of dedicated service to his university.

It is these much admired qualities that have

motivated the Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association to institute an annual award to be given to those high school assistant coaches who approach the greatness of Butch Nash.

The requirements for selection as a recipient of the Butch Nash award are:

1) An active assistant football coach at the high school level.

2) Although not strictly limited to varsity level coaches, the Executive Committee set a requirement of being an assistant who is a "front liner" - in the limelight, under the gun, recipient of praise or criticism approaching the level of that endured by the head coach.

3) Certainly, a few younger coaches can meet these requirements, BUT in all candor, years of service to a program will influence the selection committee's choices.

The recipients of the Butch Nash award for 1987-88 are:

1. Dean Allen-Cambridge
2. Colin Anderson-Elk River
3. Jim Fehrman-Medford
4. Ed Drahiem-Owatonna
5. Brian Kispert-Richfield
6. Doug Spray-Montevideo
7. Leo Trauig-New Ulm
8. Dan Tschimperle-Silver Lake

\*Head coaches are urged to nominate outstanding assistant coaches for future consideration by the selection committee.



Dan Tschimperle, Silver Lake  
Butch Nash Award



Leo Trauig, New Ulm  
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Doug Spray, Montevideo  
Butch Nash Award



Colin Anderson, Elk River  
Butch Nash Award



Dean Allen, Cambridge  
Butch Nash Award



Brian Kispert, Richfield  
Butch Nash Award



Jim Fehrman, Medford  
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Ed Drahiem, Owatonna  
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## STATE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES (1972-1986)

1972				1980			
Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score	Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score
AA	Mpls. Washburn	Moorhead	26-6	AA	Burnsville	Cambridge	23-6
A	Burnsville	Sauk Centre	46-19	A	Crookston	Pipestone	32-6
B	Mountain Iron	Dassel-Cokato	54-6	B	Mahnomen	Austin Pacelli	34-0
C	Gaylord	Preston	26-6	C	Bird Island-Lake Lillian	Mountain Lake	20-7
9-Man	Rothsay	Cotton	64-12	9-Man	Hoffman-Kensington	Toivola-Meadowlands	18-14
1973				1981			
Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score	Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score
AA	Rochester John Marshall	St. Paul Harding	25-0	AA	Rosemount	Moorhead	40-14
A	Eveleth	Willmar	28-18	A	St. Peter	Hermantown	18-14
B	New Prague	Appleton	13-7	B	Holdingford	Pine Island	39-0
C	Gaylord	Holdingford	29-6	C	Medford	Clarkfield	33-28
9-Man	Lake Benton	Brandon	50-12	9-Man	Argyle	Starbuck	31-19
1974				1982			
Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score	Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score
AA	Rochester John Marshall	Bloomington Jefferson	41-19	AA	Stillwater	Owatonna	34-27
A	Alexandria	Chaska	26-7	A	Brooklyn Center	East Grand Forks	30-8
B	New Prague	Caledonia	41-12	B	LeCenter	Mahnomen	12-6
C	Battle Lake	Bird Island	34-26 (2 ot)	C	Truman	Belgrade	16-14
9-Man	Lake Benton	Fisher	36-6	9-Man	Westbrook	Fergus Falls Hillcrest Lutheran Academy	34-12
1975				1983			
Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score	Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score
AA	Stillwater	Richfield	20-17	AA	Coon Rapids	Bloomington Jefferson	34-31
A	St. Thomas Academy	St. Peter	21-14	A	Hutchinson	Park Rapids	36-14
B	Gaylord	Onamia	14-13	B	Jordan	Breckenridge	27-0
C	Esko	Karlstad	62-0	C	Southland (Adams)	Bird Island- Lake Lillian	28-0
9-Man	Ruthton	Audubon	42-20	9-Man	Silver Lake	Norman County West/ Climax	27-12
1976				1984			
Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score	Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score
AA	White Bear Lake	Cloquet	14-13 (ot)	AA	Stillwater	Burnsville	36-33
A	St. Peter	Mora	56-12	A	Hutchinson	Centennial	32-7
B	Caledonia	Sartell	38-7	B	Granite Falls	Breckenridge	13-7
C	New Richland-Hartland	Bird Island	21-19	C	Harmony	Glyndon-Felton	20-14
9-Man	Deer Creek	Fergus Falls Hillcrest Lutheran Academy	57-14	9-Man	Norman Co. West	Silver Lake	37-20
1977				1985			
Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score	Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score
AA	Minneapolis Washburn	Stillwater	13-0	AA	Burnsville	Apple Valley	27-21
A	Fridley Grace	Cold Spring Rocori	36-12	A	New Prague	Mora	16-12
B	Granite Falls	Stewartville	44-6	B	Jackson	Mahnomen	26-20
C	Battle Lake	Henderson	22-20 (ot)	C	Glyndon-Felton	Zumbrota	38-14
9-Man	Deer Creek	Fergus Falls Hillcrest Lutheran Academy	20-0	9-Man	Westbrook	Norman Co. West	45-18
1978				1986			
Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score	Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score
AA	Edina West	Fridley	21-0	AA	Apple Valley	Osseo	35-6
A	Fridley Grace	Apple Valley	17-14	A	Cambridge	Stewartville	24-0
B	New Richland-Hartland	Barnesville	48-8	B	Watertown-Mayer	Granite Falls	29-6
C	Alden-Conger	Battle Lake	15-14	C	Minneota	Sherburn-Dunnell	52-19
9-Man	Hoffman	Albrook	44-28	9-Man	Argyle	Silver Lake	32-7
1979				1987			
Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score	Class	Champions	Runners-up	Score
AA	Columbia Heights	Richfield	8-3	AA	Moorhead	Winona	13-7
A	Rochester Lourdes	Apple Valley	22-6	A	Cambridge	Lakeville	28-14
B	Gaylord	Mahnomen	15-6	B	Granite Falls	Ely	43-20
C	Bird Island-Lake Lillian	Harmony	34-6	C	Minneota	Grand Meadow	27-7
9-Man	Russell	Toivola-Meadowlands	17-14	9-Man	Silver Lake	Verndale	30-14

1988-89 — UNIFIED DUES APPLICATION FORM

# Minnesota State High School Coaches Association

308 Lord Avenue, Foley, Minn. 56329

DARIEN DEROCHE - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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[Last] [First] [Initial]

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETIC DISTRICT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Region No. \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ AA \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE # [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

DUES PAYABLE: Check One

[ ] ANNUAL DUES PAYING MEMBERS-\$15.00  
Eligible: League Member secondary coaches  
and athletic directors

[ ] ASSOCIATE MEMBERS-\$5.00  
Eligible: Out of State High School Coaches  
In State & Out State College Coaches

[ ] LIFE MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years coaching, including 1988-89 School Year \_\_\_\_\_

### SPORT ASSOCIATION DUES

[Optional-Must join parent organization before  
you can join individual Sport Association]

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS.....	\$15.00
BASEBALL.....	\$5.00 [H]; \$3.00 [A]
BASKETBALL.....	\$10.00 [H]; \$5.00 [A]
CROSS COUNTRY.....	\$3.00
FOOTBALL.....	\$10.00 [H]; \$5.00 [A]
GOLF.....	\$5.00
GYMNASTICS.....	\$5.00
HOCKEY.....	\$10.00 [H]; \$5.00 [A]
SKIING.....	\$5.00
SOCCER.....	\$4.00
SWIMMING.....	\$5.00
TENNIS.....	\$5.00 [H]; \$3.00 [A]
TRACK.....	\$3.00

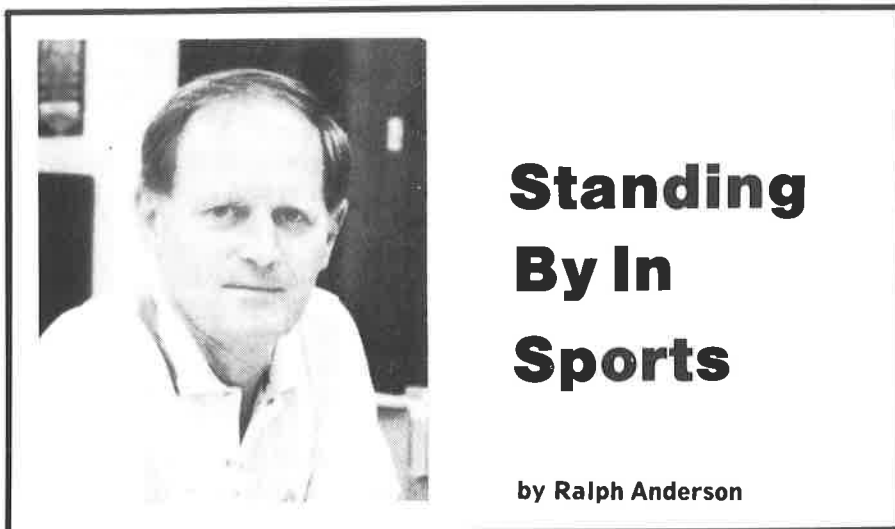
### DIRECTORY INFORMATION List Your Coaching Assignments

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MSHSCA DUES.....	\$15.00
SPORT ASS'N DUES.....	\$ _____
NATIONAL DUES [Optional]-\$1.00.....	\$ _____
TOTAL.....	\$ _____

Membership Deadline For 1988-89 — November 18, 1988

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## Standing By In Sports

by Ralph Anderson

MINNESOTA'S five 1987 football champions completed their seasons with undefeated records for the first time since 1977 to culminate Prep Bowl IV at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis on Saturday, Nov. 28.

Claiming state titles were the following:

**Class AA** — Moorhead, which defeated Winona, 13-7. Greg Reinhiller kicked two field goals in the last half to break up a 7-7 halftime tie and the winning Spuds limited Winona to just 39 total yards in the final two periods. Moorhead ended the season with a 14-0 record.

**Class A** — Cambridge, which won its second straight Class A title with a 28-14 victory over Lakeville. Lakeville rallied to score two touchdowns in the last period before Cambridge's Jeremy Wicht intercepted a pass and returned it 56 yards for a TD as the Bluejackets posted their 26th successive victory.

**Class B** — Granite Falls, which rolled up the day's most points by a single team in defeating Ely 43-20 and completed a 14-0 campaign. All-state tight end Dave Anderson caught three scoring passes and Rick Meyer added two more on runs for the winning Kilowatts.

**Class C** — Minneota, which defeated Grand Meadow 27-7 behind the passing of quarterback Chris Meidt. Meidt completed 26 of 41 passes for 262 yards and three touchdowns to lead his team to its second straight state championship. The Minneota quarterback completed his prep career as the nation's career record-holder in passing attempts with 1,122 and completions with 646 and moved into second in all-time passing yards with 8,533.

**Class 9-Man** — Silver Lake, which defeated Verndale 30-14 and ended its season with a 14-0 record. Jeff Monahan passed for one touchdown and ran for another and Tim Rumrill ran for one TD and recovered a fumble in the end zone for another six points for the winners.

The five championship games attracted a crowd of 34,745, the lowest in the six-year history of the event,

but inclement weather conditions (icy roads prevented many fans from reaching the stadium) was attributed to the lower fan support. State quarter-final games drew 30,570, compared to 28,325 the previous year, while semi-final attendance was 17,301, down from the 18,935 of 1986.

ONE OF Minnesota's winningest high school football coaches has been elected vice president of the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association (MSHSCA) and, in 1990-91, will move up to the office of president of the organization.

He is Ken Baumann, who has directed Mahnomon High School football teams to an overall 151-27-2 record in 17 seasons at the helm. Under his direction, Mahnomon has won the Minnesota State High School Class B football title once (1980) and three other times finished second in its class.

A graduate of Lamberton High School and Bemidji State, Baumann also has served as head wrestling and head track coach at Mahnomon and has been an assistant in track and wrestling.

THREE SCHOOLS which won Minnesota High School football titles in 1987 — Cambridge (Class A), Granite Falls (Class B) and Minneota (Class C) — were rated No. 1 in their respective classes in the final 1987 Associated Press poll.

The other two state champions — Moorhead (Class AA) and Silver Lake (Class 9-Man) — were rated second in their respective classes. Richfield was rated tops in Class AA at the end of the season and Verndale drew top ranking in Class 9-Man.

Moorhead, which won the Class AA title, was rated second in the final AP poll and defeated top-rated Richfield in the semi-final round before stopping fourth-rated Winona for the championship.

Silver Lake, the Class 9-Man champion, was ranked second in the season-ending poll and defeated top-rated Verndale in Prep Bowl VI to take the state championship.

**THERE WILL BE** a considerable change in the football sections for Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) playoff action in the fall of 1988 over 1987.

As of May 5, Larry Larson, the MSHSL publicity chief, reported that only eight of the 40 sections will feature the same schools this fall as a year ago. They include four in Class AA, two in Class A and two in Class 9-Man.

The May 5 figures show there will be 69 teams in Class AA, compared to 70 last year; 84 in Class A, compared to 82 in 1987; 103 in Class B compared to 105 a year ago; 84 in Class C, compared to 88 last year, and 83 in Class 9-Man, compared to 87 in 1987.

Cooperative sponsorship will find two schools from outside Minnesota paired with state schools in football. Mabel/Canton, a Class C-Section I school will be joined by North Winneshiek of Decorah, IA., while Class 9-Man-Section IV Campbell-Tintah will be joined by Fairmount (N.D.) High School.

MSHSL statistics shows that 464 Minnesota high schools will be competing in football in 1988, with that total including 43 cooperatives and the total number of football teams in the state high school picture including 423.

**JIM CARRINGTON** of the Bemidji Pioneer named Moorhead as the Northern Minnesota high school football champion for 1987 and that marked the 10th time that Moorhead has been picked for the honor since Carrington began making the ratings in 1962.

Moorhead won the Minnesota Class AA championship and finished the season with a perfect 14-0 overall

record.

Rounding out the top 10 behind Moorhead in the ratings were Grand Rapids, Fergus Falls, Cloquet, Hermantown, Duluth Denfeld, Brainerd, Staples, Crookston and Coleraine.

**STEVE NELSON**, the Anoka High School graduate who went on to a starring professional football career with the New England Patriots, was honored on Tuesday, May 17, during Steve Nelson Day in Anoka.

Now retired (after a 14-year professional career), Nelson was the guest of honor at the "A" Club banquet in the evening and was presented a framed montage of items that detailed his grid career. His high school number (48) also was officially retired at that time.

**AFTER** 26 years of coaching football — the last 22 at Coon Rapids High School — Ron Scott has resigned his head coaching position at the school.

A graduate of Renville High School and Augsburg College, Scott began his football coaching career at Comfrey High School and then (in 1965) joined the Coon Rapids system and served as a ninth-grade coach. He became a varsity assistant under Bill Arndt (the first head grid mentor in Coon Rapids history) in 1968 and was named head coach a year later.

Scott's early years at Coon Rapids were fraught with disappointment, but 1971 brought a victory over conference champion Columbia Heights and a break-even record of 4-4. Coon Rapids won North Suburban Conference grid titles in 1973 and 1974, the first two of six league championships the school achieved under



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Scott's coaching.

In 1983 — when Coon Rapids won its fifth conference title under Scott — the school went on to gain the Minnesota Class AA playoffs and defeated Osseo, Moorhead and Bloomington Jefferson to capture the state title. The victory over Jefferson came during Prep Bowl II, the second year that event was held at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis.

In stepping aside as the school's head football coach, Scott will be able to devote full-time to his position as dean of students at Coon Rapids High School.

**NEIL ROYER**, former head football coach at Trimont High School, has been named head grid mentor of the cooperative known as Martin County West. Schools at the cooperative include Trimont, Sherburn-Dunnell and Welcome.

Martin County West is one of the 16 schools assigned to Class B-Section II of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) playoff picture.

**THE DETROIT LAKES** Senior High School Football Field will be officially named Mollberg Field in a ceremony scheduled on Friday, Sept. 9, when Detroit Lakes High School will play Wadena in its first home football game of the 1988 season.

The field will be named after the late Del Mollberg, who died Dec. 30, 1987, at the age of 60.

A member of the Detroit Lakes Public Schools staff for 26 years before he retired in 1985, Del Mollberg was the Lakers' head football coach for seven seasons and resigned as football coach when appointed as the Detroit Lakes athletic director.

He graduated from Breckenridge High School, served with the U.S. Navy and then earned his bachelor's degree at Moorhead State, where he was an all-conference tackle. He taught and coached at Long Prairie before joining the Detroit Lakes staff.

Members of the Detroit Lakes School Board voted unanimously to name the football field in Mollberg's honor shortly after his death.

"Those who assisted in the football field project indicated to me that Del single-handedly did much of the work on the field and he deserves this honor more than anyone else," said George Jernberg, chairman of the board. "The honor which the school board is bestowing could not be more deserving, or more fitting."

Supt. Robert Melick of the Detroit Lakes Public Schools said he felt that naming the field in honor of Mollberg was "appropriate because of the leadership he provided the school district for so many years."

**JOHN HOWE**, former head football coach at Ellendale High School, has been appointed as an assistant to Head Coach Jim Simser in the cooperative involving Ellendale-Geneva/New Richland-Hartland, which is assigned to Class B-Section II of the MSHSL football playoff.

**FOR THE FIRST** time ever, the Minnesota State High School Football Coaches Association named Academic All-State Football Teams in all five classes (AA, A, B, C, and 9-man) in the fall of 1987.

Selections were made based upon academic criteria established by association members.

Those chosen to the academic all-state squads follow:

**ACADEMIC ALL-STATE FOOTBALL**

**Class AA**

James Mauer.....	St. Paul Harding
Paul Bartlett.....	Richfield
Ted Harrison.....	Robbinsdale Cooper
Carl Voss.....	Rochester John Marshall
Otto Sturzebecher.....	Tartan
Matthew Sullivan.....	Albert Lea
Jeff McComas.....	Fairbault
Jeff Nelson.....	Stillwater
Monte Johnson.....	Osseo
Bobby Jones.....	Elk River
Samuel Meckey.....	Wayzata
Mike Case.....	Hopkins
Bob Naylor.....	Minnetonka
Dan Scanlon.....	Cretin - Derham Hall
Paul Novak.....	Woodbury

**Class A**

Kevin Ahern.....	Simley - Inver Grove
Patrick Arendt.....	Rochester Lourdes
Dan Butterflus.....	Orono
Scott Degeus.....	Stewartville
Eric Hokanson.....	St. Peter
Eric Horner.....	International Falls
Kirk Howatt.....	Lake City
Jay Johnson.....	Lakeville
John Klonecz.....	Mpls. Patrick Henry
T.J. Panek.....	Mahtomedi
Chris Rauzi.....	Greenway-Coleraine
Marty Stang.....	Farmington
Jeff Warmka.....	New Prague
Jeff Wyffels.....	Marshall

**Class B**

Scott Baune.....	Silver Bay
Jeff Morken.....	Pine Island
Greg King.....	Byron
Ted Ellefson.....	Barnsville
Brian Whipps.....	Jordan
Doug Busho.....	Bloomington Prairie
Jaime Rice.....	Kimball
Curt Pianalto.....	Carlton
Bob LaTourell.....	Ely
Robert McDonald.....	Zumbrota-Mazeppa
Andy Bauer.....	Esko
Ron Kawleski.....	Perham
David Belseth.....	Breckenridge

**Class C**

Brian Blegen.....	Ogilvie
Brian Bruckbauer.....	Northland-Remer
Corey Gustafson.....	Randolph
Brent Hoiness.....	Rushford
Fred Krahmer.....	Shattuck-St. Mary's
Marc Max.....	Gaylord
Chris Meidt.....	Minneota
Kevin Pavelko.....	Glyndon-Felton

Greg Springman..... Adrian  
 Wade Stroup.....Clarkfield  
 Jeff Vierkant.....Glenville-Emmons  
 Andy Woelfel.....Wabasso

9-Man

Yuri Berndt.....Echo/Wood Lake  
 Chad Cravens.....Cottonwood  
 Peter Jay Svaren.....Hillcrest (Fergus Falls)  
 Donovan Koxvold.....LaPorte  
 Brian Berg.....Starbuck  
 Steve Joos.....Hancock/Cyrus  
 Jon Vikander.....Stewart  
 Jon St. Germain.....Argyle  
 Bryan DeBates.....Lake Benton  
 Chris Stark.....Hoffman/Kensington  
 Mike Stifter.....Silver Lake

football coach at Long Prairie High School, where he replaces Bruce Young.

Young, who served for three seasons as Long Prairie's head grid mentor after succeeding Scott Vettleson, will continue to be the Long Prairie athletic director and head boys' basketball coach.

FRED SAILER, who has done double duty in the head coaching department at Perham High School, has shed himself of one of the positions by resigning as the school's head baseball coach.

He stepped down from the baseball job following the 1988 season after compiling an overall 102-60 record in the position. Sailer's teams won three Park Region Conference championships, three District 23 titles and claimed the Region Six crown one time.

He is the son of Archie and Jean Sailer and his father served many years as a coach and teacher at both Frazee High School and Perham High School before retiring.

GENE MATTILA, formerly on the staff of the Esko Public Schools, has been appointed as the new head



Willmar's All-CLC Dave Buchanan on way to 95 yd. kickoff return vs. Richfield in state playoff game. Richfield won the game 28-25.



Willmar's All-CLC junior halfback Tom Hagert (22) on way to nice gain against CLC co-champion Alexandria. Willmar won this key CLC matchup 21-13 (85) for Alexandria is All-Conference def. end Mike Navratil.

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# “Cougar 6-Man Defensive Front”

By Dan Rohman - Head Coach  
Echo-Wood Lake/Belview

## About The Author

Played high school football at Trimont, Minnesota. Graduated in 1966. Played college football with the Estherville Jr. College Wolves in Iowa (1966 & 67). After a two year stint in the Army (1968-70) attended Mankato State and got B.S. degree in 1973. Moved to Belview that same year where he assisted in both football and basketball. Took the head football position at Belview in 1975 and coached the Blue Jays until 1984. The following season Belview and Echo-WoodLake paired their football programs and became the Echo-WoodLake/Belview Cougars. The two archrival teams blended very well and the two head coaches took over the coaching duties. Since 1979, Dan has had 3 Conference Championships, 3 Co-Championships, played in the old State Play-Downs twice, and in the present Sectional Play-offs the past three years. We were Section II Runner-up in 1985, losing to Westbrook 23-22; 1986 lost to Minneota in first round of Class C 9-6, with both finishing as State Champs. Since 1985 we've lost 1 regular season conference game with the 1986 team going 8-0 and the 1987 team going 7-1 as Conference Runner-up.

When I came into the Cougar Football system in 1985, Bill and I split the coaching duties right down the middle, he took the offense and I took the defense. Bill had mentioned that the long pass had been their demise over the past years and that we could use a new look.

We went from the traditional two deep look to the three deep 4-4 defensive scheme. Our personnel seemed to fit it very well. Three days into practice, it was quite evident that we would have to make some changes, since Bill and I were not that familiar with each others kids, it took us a while to fill some of our positions.

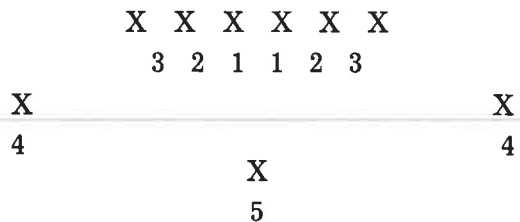
Some time before this, I had attended a clinic in Sioux Falls, sponsored by the Augustana Vikings coaching staff, where the “Radar Defense” was the main topic of conversation. I toyed with it for some time and had adapted it to fit our 9-man style of football. We put it in over the next six days and by scrimmage time on Saturday, it was ready to be tested. We were not quite sure what it would produce but we were going to try it.

In our first scrimmage, we used it against a perennial 9-man powerhouse and it gave us exactly what we needed; 3-man deep coverage, plenty of pressure up-front, and our “new look”. Our predictability was

gone and we were able to keep our offensive foes “on their heels”. We had every gap covered with a “read and react” style of play and it became our best swarming style defense. Our kids were not the largest but were quick and spent lots of time in the weight room.

This new style got our kids so excited that we had to keep reminding them to carry out their personal responsibilities as the “swarm” took place. In two weeks, we had instilled loads of confidence in our defense and every player wanted to be part of it. Our first two games turned out to be shutouts and that tripled our confidence and aggressiveness, something that is not usually a trait of high school kids coming off a combined 4-10 record from last season. They were winners now and wanted to stay that way.

In this, or any other defense, we always stress that each player has a unique responsibility and that if he does not carry out his job first, the defense will break down. This is the one thing that we “pound home” and our kids usually rally around this concept. Since the 6 is basically a read defense, we teach each player the simple technique for his position.



Following the diagram, these are the simple reads that we teach our kids:

**No. 3 ENDS** — In the 6, they must always chuck the offensive ends to hold him up enough to give others time to react to pass or run. Reads are: if the offensive end blocks down on your inside, look for a block from the interior or an iso block from the lead back. We teach him to stay low and square for the block. He must also always stay on the outside shoulder of the nearest player so as to not get caught inside. He also helps with sweep contain and flat pass coverage. We also have special calls to bring him down hard, taking the offensive end into the backfield with him.

**No. 2 TACKLE** — We line him up at two primary depths; tight on or 24” off. He also has four basic reads that he follows: **One on One** — here he must react to the pressure and fight his way through or around it. Here he keys on the first step and the helmet position. **Double Team** - when he feels it, he is to get low and try to split the block by penetrating between the two blockers. **Iso & Pull or Trap** - as both players in front of him move away from him, we

teach him to step up into the hole & look for the ball, while staying low. Here he will also look for the trap or pull coming down the line or the iso coming from the back in his direction. We also do some looping in special field situations.

**No. 1 MLB** — He has three depths from which he operates: Tight in the gap, 1½ yd. off, or 3 yds. depth. We use different depths for different field or down situations. His reads are: The dive, the trap, the double team, and the iso by the lead back. On passing situations we either shoot him or drop him into short zone coverage. Situation will tell him what to do.

**No. 4 CORNER** — for us, this player must be quick, a good reader, a good sticker, and be able to be both a man or zone player. We use a corner blitz in some passing situations and that means using a rotating zone coverage to the play-side. His first responsibility is pass and then to assist on the run, coming up hard to play the pitch man or to help contain on the sweep. (Gopher Spring Clinic had some good corner techniques on their handouts if you need more help.)

**No. 5 SAFETY** — He is our centerfielder. He reacts only to pass until he sees the ball cross the line of scrimmage. He keys on the path of the Q.B. and will never let a receiver get parallel to or past him. He must be able to get from centerfield to the sideline before the ball and the receiver can meet. (That means speed). He also keys the lead shoulder of the Q.B. since most will point that shoulder in the direction the ball will be released.

With these simple reads and every player doing his job list, we seldom have a defensive breakdown. The biggest question then looms before all of us, "Where do we get the time to teach each player his personal responsibilities?" Very simple; we spend a lot of our practice time teaching techniques. We believe that if each player knows exactly what he should look for, there is no doubt, in his mind, what will happen and thus can perform his job to the greatest of his ability, not having to second guess or hesitate in performing his job. Also, if the players see that you have confidence in what you are teaching on the field, they will work harder to learn what has to be done. By the way, there are only two of us coaching out there during the entire season and that means that we must have the kids "full attention" to get the job done.

We also use hand signals in calling our defenses. We use them throughout the season, from day-one, so the defensive captains can be certain of what we want. We change every play; sometimes changing only a small portion of the defensive set will give us a big edge. We can adjust each player or all nine and the signals are very simple. The kids love the hand signals and it has brought a fun aspect to our defensive game. We also play our defense very aggressive, no matter which set we are using. If our players are confident in what they are doing, they can be more aggressive, not having to hesitate and lose that winning split second it takes to be successful.

Our success on defense, over the past three seasons, has given us a good feeling as we enter the 1988

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season. Our 1986 team, first-team defense, gave up only 18 points all season and scored an unprecedented 48 points themselves. In our playoff game against Minneota we gave up a punt return early in the game and a field goal with about 2:00 in the fourth quarter. The game ended 9-6. Minneota had one of the high-powered offenses in the state that year. In 1987 we went 7-1, with defense being the cornerstone of the ball club. Many times our defense gave us breathing room on the field and held our opponents on many goalline situations. Over the past two seasons there are four stat categories that stand out above the rest:

1. Tackles behind the line of scrimmage.....86

2. Fumble recoveries and yards returned...29/332 yds.
3. Interceptions and yards returned.....39/532 yds.
4. Touchdowns scored on Defense '86 & '87.....13  
(7 fumbles/6 interceptions)

The thing is, we are really excited about our defensive accomplishments and our kids enjoy it immensely. Our kids are having fun with many of the things that we do and that is what high school is all about. When the end of practice comes, we usually have to chase some of the kids off the field or they would stay out there forever. We have also been fortunate to have some very talented ball players on our football teams. 1988 will tell the story.

# 1988 All-Star Football Teams

## METRO ALL STARS

RB	Jody Hawkins	Central
OE	Trent Eigner	Rosemount
DB	Tom Ramboldt	Forest Lake
DE	Jim Mauer	Harding
QB	Karl Bowman	Orono
QB	Larry King	St. Agnes
RB	Rod Smith	Roseville
DB	Morgan Donohue	Totino Grace
SS	Jim Bell	Simley
RB	Bill Dochniak	St. Bernard's
RB	Todd Murray	Jefferson
RB	Paul Plinski	Washburn
LB	Jeff Tatur	Park Center
SS	Brad LaCombe	St. Louis Park
RB	Andrai Harris	Roosevelt
RB	Andra Thompson	St. Paul Central
OE	Dan Bauer	Kennedy
DB	Irving Hill	Burnsville
LB	Otto Sturzebecher	Tartan
LB	Mark Ackermann	Anoka
OE	Brian Peterson	Armstrong
LB	Steve Donlin	Edina
OG	Randy Redenius	Park
OT	Mark Omott	Southwest
OE	Keith Geolat	Irondale
OC	Paul Bartlett	Richfield
OT	Rich Mandell	Roseville
LB	John Bruley	Forest Lake
DT	Jason Bergdahl	Harding
LB	Andy Butler	Anoka
DT	Jack Carlson	Columbia Hts.
OT	Bruce Yelkin	Como
OT	Tom Markgraf	Osseo
OG	Al Venske	Stillwater
DL	Nick Peterson	Coon Rapids
OT	Ted Harrison	Cooper
WR	Dan Butterfass	Orono
OE	Troy Freiermuth	Hastings
TE	Adam Johnston	Edison
DE	Vince Vertin	Wayzata
DT	Jeff Nelson	Stillwater
OC	Jamie Jankowski	Woodbury

## OUTSTATE ALL STARS

DB	Randy Soma	Fairmont
QB	Chris Meidt	Minneota
QB	Marc Max	Gaylord
LB	Aron Anderson	Willmar
LB	Craig Dauffenbach	St. Peter
DB	Jon Nystrom	Cambridge
RB	Tom Menage	Luverne
LB	Pat Dew	Moorhead
DB	Jason Dommeyer	Northfield
DB	Brad Blasczick	Holdingford
RB	Bryan Johnson	Ogilvie
RB	Mark Hansen	Owatonna
LB	Todd Hodapp	Mankato East
RB	Jeff Smith	Elk River
RB	Scott Anderson	LeSueur
RB	Jeremy Wicht	Cambridge
LB	Matt Sullivan	Albert Lea
DB	Troy Huseby	Pelican Rapids
DT	Tom Velde	Granite Falls
OC	Shawn Stewart	Hallock
NG	Adan Alonzo	Glyndon-Felton
NG	Bob Schwartz	Greenway
LB	Ted Greely	Kimball
OT	Pat Kennedy	Alexandria
OT	Tom Passe	Wabasha-Kellogg
OC	Brian Udermann	Rocori
OT	Eric Clement	Grand Meadow
OL	Kirk Rongen	Crookston
DE	Daimen Hamilton	Wrenshall
LB	Mark Kosek	Delano
OT	Mark Berg	Denfeld
OT	Andy Krause	Brainerd
NG	Matt Vardas	Pierz
NG	Steve McAlpine	Rochester Lourdes
OG	Mike Stiffer	Silver Lake
DT	Paul Bloemke	Sleepy Eye
DB	Rick Burke	Southland
TE	Barry McRaith	Hutchinson
DE	Richard Peterson	Cloquet
TE	Matt Swenson	Bemidji
DE	Eric Reed	Warroad
DE	Steve Connelly	Byron

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# MOORHEAD

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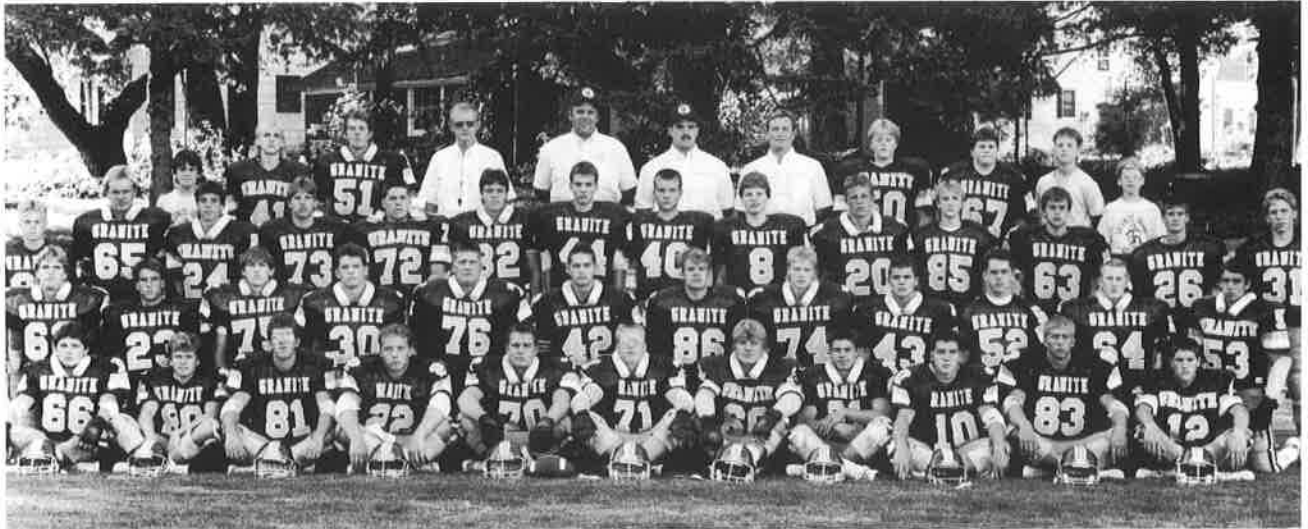
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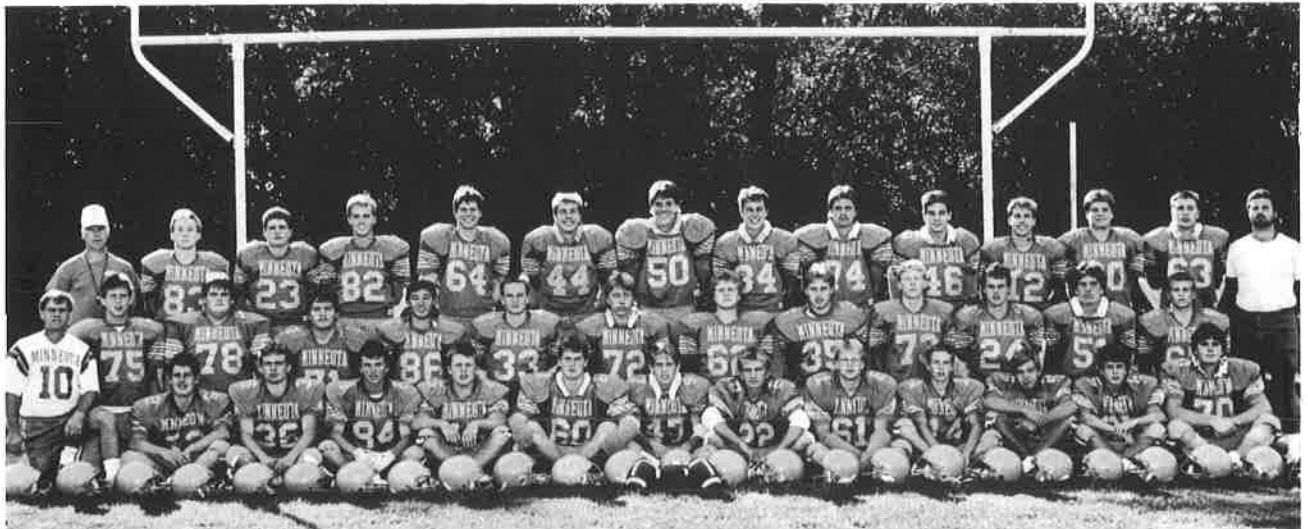
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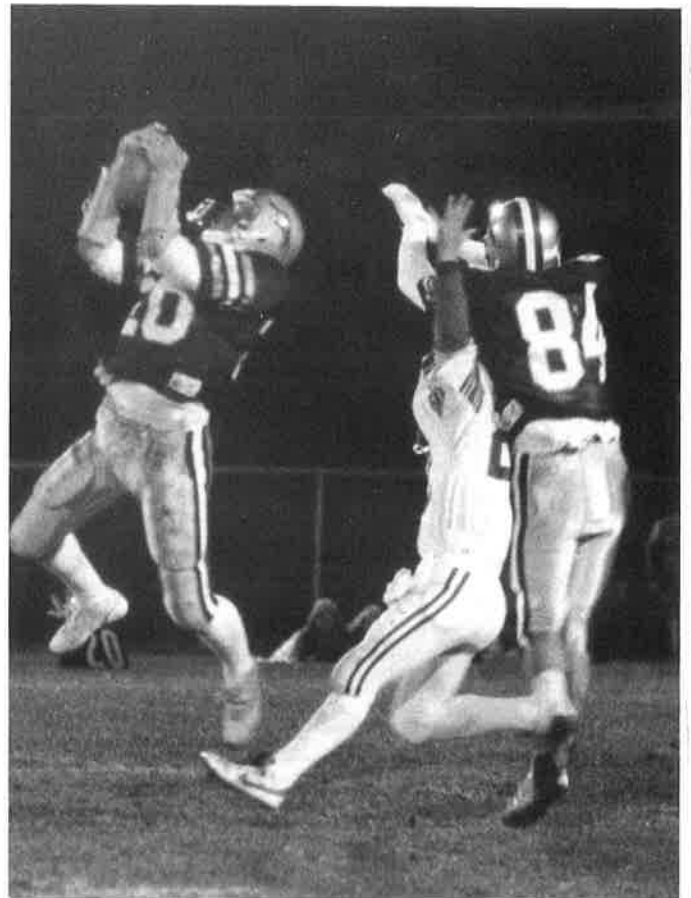
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Junior Darin Brettingen goes for a nice gain in Mora's 21-7 victory over Princeton. Jesse Harman and Craig Menze block for the Mustangs.



Mora split end Jason Norby scores on a 53 yard TD pass in Mora's victory over Foley.



Zumbrota-Mazeppa senior safety No. 20, Tony Stensland goes up high to make an interception in the Cougars 21-6 win over the Kenyon-Wanamingo Warriors. Assisting on the play for the Cougars is No. 84 junior cornerback Jon Kirtz. The Cougars won the Wasioja Conference championship with an 8-0 mark.



Pine Island tailback Brett Penning (33) follows blockers Dave McCall (62) and Darrin Goplen (26) in Pine Island's 28-14 win over St. Charles in the Section 1-B championship game. Saints players are Teyton Young (48) and Mike Ruhberg (85).

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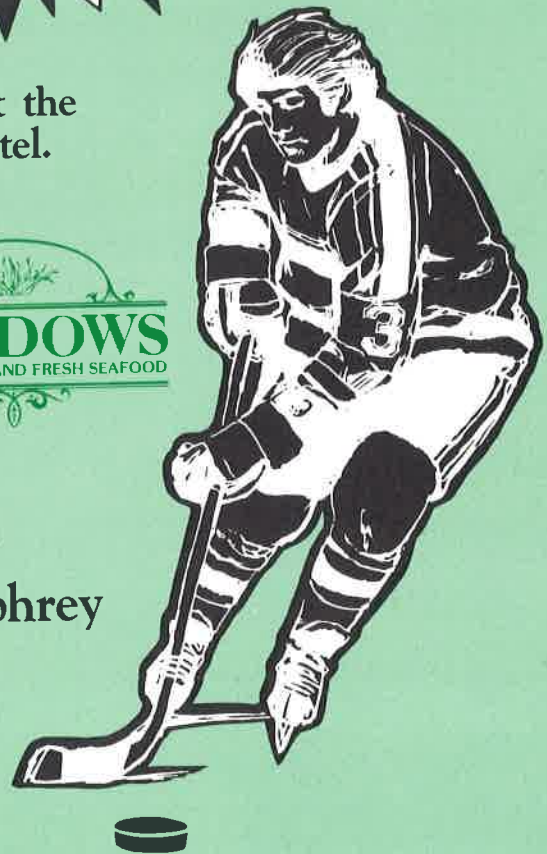
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**OUTSTATE ALL-STARS**

Head Coach — Stan Skjei (Jefferson)  
Assistants — Dean Aurich (Mayer Lutheran)  
Brian Kispert (Richfield)  
Dave Nelson (Blaine)  
Floyd Smaller (St. Paul Central)

Head Coach — Deryl Ramey (Willmar)  
Assistants — Gehard Meidt (Minneota)  
Lloyd Peterson (Marshall)  
Dan Tschimperle (Silver Lake)  
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