

Wadena Indians

Football



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Dedication



John Conzemius
Head Coach
1951-1981

I was born in the fall of 1955. Coach John Conzemius had just completed his fifth season at the helm of the Wadena High School football team. Coach retired after the 1981 season. That spring my first child was born. A thirty-one-year coaching career spanning all or parts of four decades. To me, and countless others, John Conzemius was synonymous with “Wadena football.” Many of his players went on to compete at the college level including one who was All-Big 10 for the Minnesota Gophers and later, an NFL All-Pro for the Pittsburgh Steelers. The story of John Conzemius’ journey culminates here, in the 1980’s.

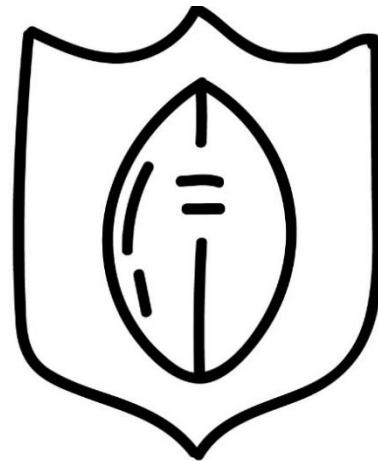
The “WHS Football Scrapbooks,” for each decade of his tenure, are dedicated to coach Conzemius, a great teacher of both the game of football and of the lessons of life.

Jebb Willis ‘74



The Beginning

The Wadena High School football program started in 1903. The high school athletic teams' nickname of "Indians" came from the town's namesake, the great Ojibwe Chief Wadena, who lived in the later part of the 19th century.



The Great Chief Wadena 1885

In the 1980's the Wadena and Deer Creek school districts merged and the new WDC athletic teams' nickname was changed to the "Wolverines."

The pages that follow are about the history of WHS football in the 1970's. In addition to this "Scrapbook" there are three separate "WHS Football Scrapbooks." One for the 1950's and one for the 1960's. The first "WHS Football Scrapbook", released in the fall of 2022, covers the first five decades, from 1900-1949.

Rosters, records, team, and individual achievements are provided where possible. Accuracy has been a goal but cannot be guaranteed. Feedback to provide missing information, or to point out inaccurate information, is encouraged. Old memorabilia including team and individual player photos would also be appreciated.

My primary sources of information have been from the Wadena County Historical Society as well as from the scrapbooks of former coaches and players.

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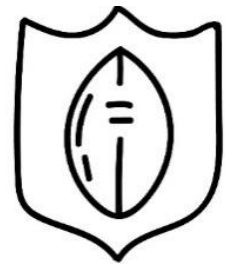
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1970-1980



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Season Records

Fall of	Won	Lost	Tied	Coach	Mid-State Conference Record All-Conference Honors
1970	8	1	0	C O N Z E M I U S	Mid-State 5-1-0 Bob Larson, Mark Vierkant, Steve Young, Scott Nelson, Curt Wussow
1971	5	4	0		Mid-State 3-3-0 Phil Uselman, David Larson
1972	2	5	2		Mid-State 2-3-1 Kevin Tabery, Tom Young, Jon Johnson
1973	6	3	0		Mid-State 3-3-0 Ken Tabery, Galen Bayer, Mark Beckel
1974	6	3	0		Mid-State 3-3-0 Gerald Stover, Dean Vierkant, Jeff Reineccius
1975	7	2	0		Mid-State 4-2-0 Reg Hooten, Jim Carter, Terry Pulju, Dale Vierkant
1976	4	5	0		Mid-State 1-5-0 Reg Hooten, Terry Pulju
1977	4	5	0		Mid-State 3-2-0 Jeff Browne, John Burns, Pete Beckel, Jim Andrie, Tom Schloeder
1978	7	2	0		Mid-State 3-2-0 Craig Walter, Scott Skalisky, Brian Becker, Mark Freer
1979	0	9	0		Mid-State 0-5-0 Greg Carlson, Terry Nelson, Brad Willis
1980	0	9	0		Mid-State 0-5-0 Scott Wallace
	49	48	2	1970-80 Winning Pct: 51%	



John Conzemius coached one more year, in 1981, his 31st football season. His team finished tied for 2nd in the conference at 3-2, and 5-4 overall.



1970 Season

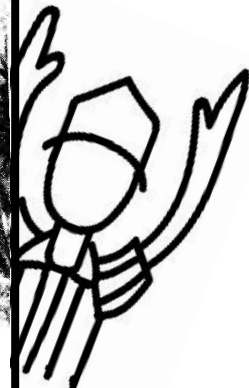
WHS Record 8-1-0
Mid-State 5-1-0



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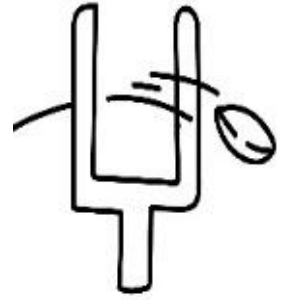


SENIOR LETTERMEN-meet with coaching staff in practice session near the senior high building. Shown here with Back Scott Nelson (center of photo) are WHS grid coaching staff: Lowell Roisum, assistant varsity coach, Chuck Visher, assistant varsity coach, Head Football Coach John Conzemius, assistant varsity coach Bill Larson as they discuss plans for the 1970 season. Other senior lettermen are (standing from left) Tackle Bob Larson, Halfback Mike Johnson, Guard Steve Young, Back Vierkant, End Darrell Dovenmuehle and Center Curt Wussow. Wadena's first game will be at Long Prairie, Sept. 7. On Friday,





"Well satisfied" was Coach Conzemius' comment about the '70 grid season. The situation looked bleak for the Indians at the start of the year. They had only six lettermen back from last years Mid-State co-champs who compiled an 8-1 record. But from the start the young braves banded together, performing like champions. "Their defense compiled one of the stingiest records in Wadena history," Coach Conzemius remarked. The fearsome eleven gave up 48 points through nine games, tops in Mid-State action.



Wadena Indians Face L.P. In Opener

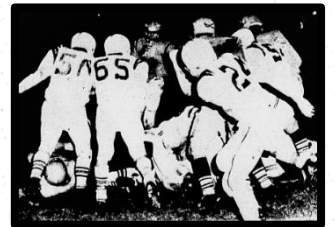
Wadena	6	Long Prairie	0
Wadena	26	Pelican Rapids	6
Wadena	26	Perham	0
Wadena	26	Little Falls	12
Wadena	6	Aitkin	0
Wadena	6	Crosby Ironton	14
Wadena	7	Detroit Lakes	2
Wadena	22	Staples	6
Wadena	29	Park Rapids	8

Weekend Grid Scores

Wadena 6 Long Prairie 0
 Menahga 40 Pine River 22
 Villard 42 Deer Creek 0
 Sebeka 8 Bagley 6



Indians Turnaway Vikings 26-6



★ Schmidt Carries 27 Times

(By Laurel Waldahl)

by Donnie Schmidt as he amassed 116 yards in 27 carries Donnie carried the ball more times in a game than any football player at Wadena has in at least the last 5 years. His 27 carries

WHS Gridders Sting Yellowjackets 26-0

The Wadena Indians, on a perfect fall evening, buzzed to Perham, Minnesota attacked the Yellow jacket hive, and came away with all the goodies, a 26 to 0 victory.

On offense two of the peskiest wasps in the Yellowjackets hive all evening were Don Schmidt and Dave Larson.

Donnie scored two touchdowns, picked up 95 yards in 24 carries while Dave in 2 tries carried for 75 yards and 2 and 0. One coming on a 58 yard perfectly thrown pass from quarterback Scott Nelson.

The defense again came up with an outstanding performance as it shut out the Yellowjackets competely in the first half as far as rushing yardage is concerned. The final result in total yardage was Wadena 301, Perham 99. The defense led by the middle of the line. Bob Larson, Dave Lindberg and Phil Uselman contained the Yellowjackets.

In the first quarter Steve Skalisky picked up a Perham fumble and raced 23 yards to the 3 yard line when he was tackled from behind. Don Schmidt then pushed the ball across.

The second quarter saw Schmidt hitting the line play after play and then from the counter with Dave Larson racing 40 yards to pay dirt. Joe Lorenzen kicked the extra point for a 13 to 0 lead at half.

In the third stanza, the Indians staged a long drive which was capped when Don Schmidt ran 7 yards for a TD. Later Scotty Nelson faded back and threw a perfect scoring aerial to Dave Larson for 58 yards and the Indians final TD. Joe Lorenzen kicked the ball at the cross bar with such accuracy that it hit the bar and fell over for a 26 to 0 final touch.

This Friday at 7:30 p.m. the Indians open up their Mid-State conference schedule by playing a



Indians Humble L-F Flyers 26-12



Flyers' Defense Rugged

(by Laurel Waldahl)

The score may suggest an easy victory but this was far from the truth as the Little Falls Flyers air show at Wadena on Friday evening September 25 proved to be one tough demonstration.

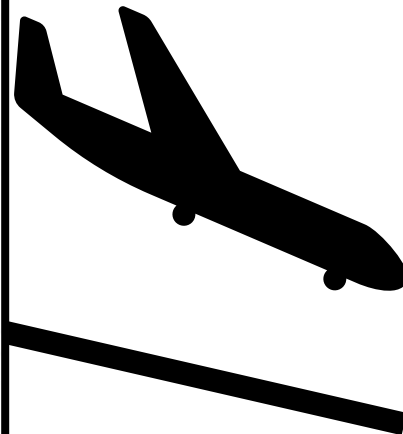
The Flyers' defense held Wadena to just 2 yards on the ground and 23 yards through the air in the first half. The second half was not much better as the Indians could only manage 7 first downs 52 yards rushing and 61 passing for the entire game. The Indian defense also was its stubborn self as the Flyer were held to 89 yards along the ground, but true to their name they picked up 126 yards through the air on 7 of 18 pass completion for 12 first downs and 215 yards total.

During the opening kickoff to Little Falls Don Schmidt got tapped just below the knee and the bruise put him out of the game for the remainder of the evening. Donnie had been averaging 100 plus yards per game. This injury inspired Donnie's buddy Dan Carpenter as on the 6th play of the evening "Carp" picked a Little Falls fumble off in mid air and raced 35 yards for first blood. Joe Lorenzon hit the extra point and with 9:32 to go in the first quarter the Indians led 7 to 0. Approximately one minute later Mark Vierkant decided to get into the act as he intercepted a Kevin Opatz aerial and the Indians took over in Flyer territory. In just 4 plays one a 17 yard pass to Steve Skalisky, Scott Nelson

engineered a drive that found Mike Johnson hitting paydirt with 7:02 to go in the first quarter. Joe again converted and the Indians moved in from 14 to zip.

From this point on the Indians had tough going. The Flyers put 6 points on the score board in the second quarter on Kevin Opatz 55 yard quarterback draw and at intermission the Indians were on top 14 to 6. The third quarter found the Flyers scoring with 4:46 to go as Phil DeRoiser ended a 25 yard drive with a 8 yard run on the 6th play. A pass was incomplete and the Indians work was cut out very plainly as the score stood 14 to 12. The Indian defense stood the test and a test it was as the Flyers had the ball for 57 plays and the Indians controlled the pigskin only 39 times. Larson, Young, Lindberg, Wussow, Skalisky, Johnson, Vierkant, Carpenter, Bjerle, Nelson, Uselman dug in and held on and in the fourth quarter. Then the offense gave some of them a rest as the Indians put together a drive of 62 yards in 9 plays with a spectacular 34 pass, Nelson carried the ball the last 6 yards on an end run for a TD. The extra point failed and the Indians had not escaped the Flyers as the score read 20 to 12. Then with 18 seconds left playing a very excellent defense game, Curt Wussow got his reward as he gathered in a Flyer pass and proceeded 30 yards to the end zone to finally ease the tension for the local fans.

The Indians now travel to Aitkin for their second conference game. This will be a clash of the unbeaten and all local help will be needed and appreciated.



Park Region Conf.

	W	L
Henning	3	0
Battle Lake	3	0
Verndale	2	1
Parkers P.	2	1
Bertha - H	1	2
N.Y. Mills	1	2
Menahga	0	3
Sebeka	0	3

	W	L	T
Wadena	2	0	0
C - I	2	0	0
Aitkin	1	1	1
Little Falls	1	1	1
Staples	1	1	0
Detroit L.	1	2	0
Park Rapids	0	3	0

	W	L
Hill City	3	0
Pillager	3	0
Nevis	3	1
Pequot	1	3
LaPorte	1	3
Backus	1	2
Deer Creek	0	3



WHS Indians Chop Aitkin Gobblers 6-0

(by Laurel Waldahl)

Duck hunting started on Saturday, October 3, but the Wadena Indians "went a hunting" another type of bird on Friday night.

The result was very satisfying but the hunt was of the utmost

difficulty. The Indians tried to bring down their limit of Aitkin Gobblers and unloaded all barrels full flast but the result was in doubt until the horn sounded.

The Wadena Indians gained a slight edge in the statistics 11 to 5 in first downs, and 199 yards to 128 yards in total offense. The Indians at the close of the first quarter put together one of the few sustained drives of the game.

They marched 46 yards in 7 plays, 20 yards of which Scott Nelson hit Mark Vierkant with the only pass completion of the game, and then Dave Larson hit paydirt with a 14 yard counter play with 1:08 to go. From this point on two great defensive teams hit extremely hard on the field of battle. There were no serious injuries on the field of play but many boys on each side were shaken up at various times in the hard hitting contest.

There were many plays in the game that a person could call key plays both offensively and defensively.

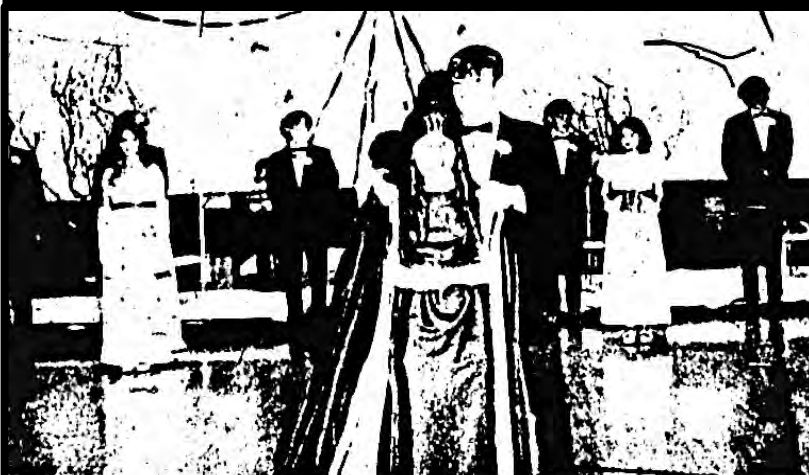
The wall set up for Scott Nelson on his punt return of 54 yards. Mike Johnson consistently tough running to give Wadena ball control, the defense forcing Aitkin to punt 5 times, few penalties, substitute players taking over for shaken players and doing very well, etc.

Friday the Indians will try to "Wreck the Rangers" as the co leader in the conference, CI, hits town for the Indian homecoming. CI fresh from a victory over Brainerd will provide probably the toughest encounter of the season.

Wadena High 1970 Homecoming Hilites



QUEEN CANDIDATES-pose outside the junior high auditorium foyer Friday prior to the 1970 Homecoming Queen Coronation Program. Pictured are (from left) Becky Browne, Missy Merckel, Terri Sletten, Cindy Goetz and Judy Busker. The petite crown carrier is Miss Pam Kern. (Photos by Pioneer Journal)



RECEIVES HER REGAL-robe. Here team captain Scott Nelson places the 1970 Homecoming Queen robe on the shoulders of Miss Terri Sletten who fearfully accepted the honor. In the background is Queen Terri's official court.

WHS Indian Defense Stop Lakers 7-2

Waldahl)

(by Laurel

The Wadena Indians improved their season record to 6-1 and their conference record to 3-1 with a hard-fought 7-2 decision over the Detroit Lakes Lakers.

This was a clash between two stubborn defenses.

The Indians moved the ball fairly well in the first half as their ground game picked up 47 yards in the first quarter and 64 in the second for a halftime total of 111 yards. Detroit Lakes could manage only 4 yards in the first stanza and 44 in the second for a halftime total of 40 yards.

The leader in the ground attack for the Indians was Don Schmidt as he carried 26 times for 84 yards. It was in the second quarter when the Indians put together a 96 yard drive in 9 plays with the quarterback Dan Sweere racing 16 yards for the touchdown.

Old reliable Joe Lorenzen then sent the pigskin in the air. The result looked like a bank shot in the corner pocket at I.G.'s as the football hit the right goal post and fell over for the point.

In the second half the Laker defense rose to new heights as the

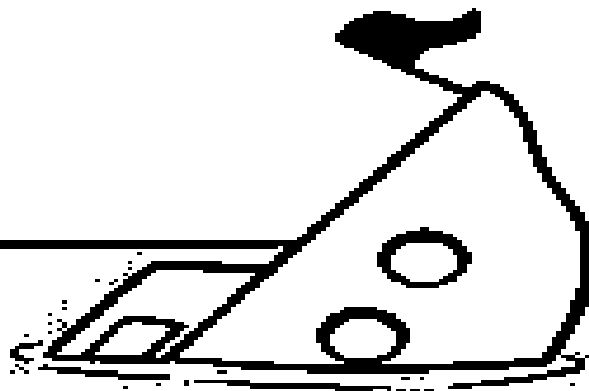
Wadena offense could manage only 26 yards in the third quarter and a mere 10 yards in the fourth. A phase of the football game easily overlooked in high school came into play, the foot or punt proved to be an important factor in this game. The Indians and the Lakers both punted the ball 7 times.

Kevin Lind hit the pigskin 6 times for the Indians and did a very excellent job. Kevin's kicks averaged 32 yards but most of them were 32 miles high giving the Indians excellent punt coverage. Greg Neitzke, an excellent kicker for Detroit Lakes, averaged 35 yards with one punt of 49 yards.

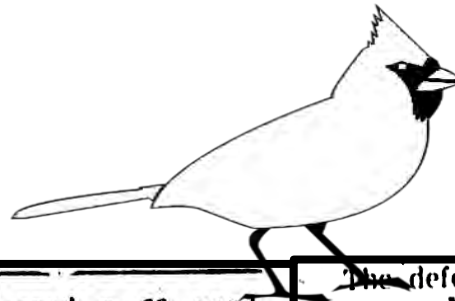
Neitzke's punting in the fourth quarter was the reason for Detroit Lakes 2 points as when his 49 yard punt was returned only to the 5 yard line the Detroit Lakes defense picked up a safety with 7:15 to play.

Approximately 3 minutes later Detroit Lakes almost accomplished the feat again but the Indians managed to punt out of trouble and the game ended near the midfield stripe.

Tonight at 7:30 the Staples Cardinal's will invade Indian land in an important Mid-State



WHS Indians Keep Conference Title Hopes Alive



Bump Cardinals 22-6 October 22

With the hunting season in full swing the Staples Cardinals proved to be one tough bird to bag Wednesday evening.

The Cardinals held onto the pigskin for 63 tries to the Indians 51 attempts. After the Indians initial series failed in 3 attempts Staples moved the ball 71 yards in 18 plays, 54 yards on the ground and 3 for 3 through the air for another 17 yards.

Greenwood lugged the ball 8 yards with approximately 4 minutes to play for a touchdown. The quarter ended with Staples leading 6 to zip.

The second stanza was all Wadena Quarterback Dan

Sweere engineered a 66 yard drive in 9 plays which found Donnie Schmidt scoring from 1 yard away. Joe Lorenzen's kick sailed through the uprights and with 10:50 to go in the half the Indians held a 7 to 6 advantage.

The Indians' defense then shut the door on the Cardinals and turned the ball over to the offense with 9 minutes to go. Dan Sweere faded back and hit Larson with an electrifying 69 yard pass play. With 8:42 to go the Indians held a 13 to 6 lead.

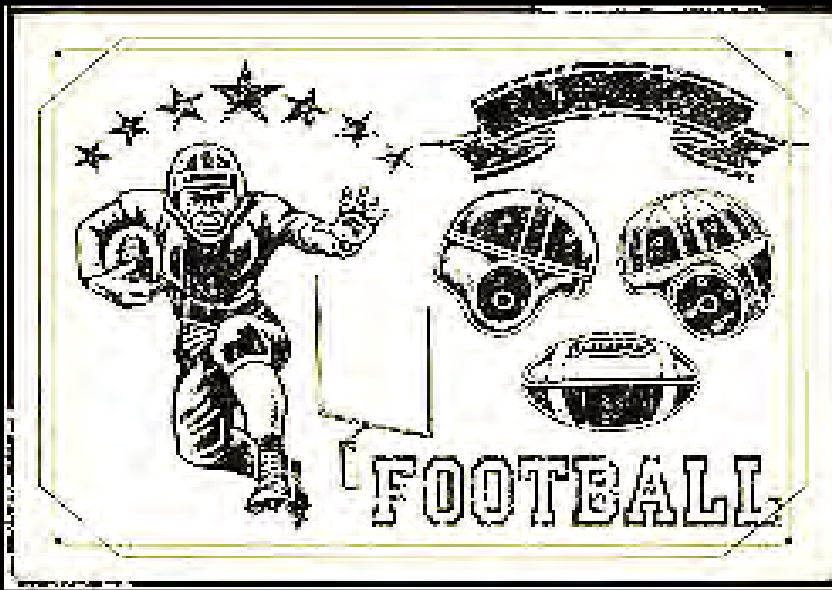
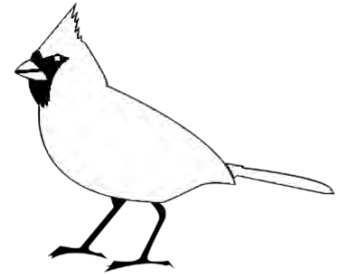
The third quarter found Wadena putting together a fine 80 yard drive in 14 plays. The running attack was led by Bruce Bjerke, Mike Johnson and Donnie Schmidt.

Like with just 11 seconds to go in the 3rd quarter, raced 10 yards to paydirt. Joe Lorenzen then proceeded to go 2 for 3 for the evening as he converted the extra point.

The defense then led by Bob Larson, Mark Vierkant, Phil Uselman, Curt Wussow and others pushed Staples toward its end zone. Steve Skalisky then put the icing on the cake as he tackled a Staples back in the end zone for a safety. Steve had 10 tackles for the evening and at the end was awarded by gathering in 2 points for a fine play.

The Indians travel to Park Rapids this Friday to take on a rapidly improving Panther team.

The Indians must win this tough game and hope for an Aitkin victory over Crosby Ironton for a share in the Mid State Conference Title.



Mid-State Standings

	W	L
Crosby Ironton	4	0
Wadena	3	1
Aitkin	2	1
Little Falls	2	1
Detroit Lakes	2	3
Staples	1	3
Park Rapids	0	5



Robert Larson



Curt Wussow



Scott Nelson



Steve Young



5 Wadena Indians Named to Mid-State All-Conference

Five Wadena high school seniors of the 1970 Indian football team were named to Mid-State

All-conference were Robert Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Larson; Scott Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Nelson; Mark Vierkant, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Vierkant; Curtus Wussow, son of Mr. Carl Wussow and Steven Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young.

Of the twenty-five gridlers named to All-Conference honors, twenty-one were seniors, three were juniors and sophomore Steve Sandberg of the Aitkin Goblites.

Conference champions Crosby-Ironton also placed five on the select team, Little Falls and Aitkin had four each, Detroit Lakes and Staples three each and Park Rapids Panthers one.

1970 Mid-State All-Conference: Rod Johnson, Aitkin; Curt Wussow, Wadena; Lloyd Hanson, Detroit Lakes; Ray Hinkley, Park Rapids; Curt Guida, Detroit Lakes; Steve Sandberg, Aitkin; Rockford Chasill, Detroit Lakes; Steve Wetzel, Little Falls; Steve Shimck, Little Falls; Scott Nelson, Wadena; Tom Zukoski, Little Falls; Wayne Shequen, Staples; Mark Vierkant, Wadena; Kevin Nenti, Aitkin; John Rocca, Crosby Ironton; Steve Young, Wadena; Mike Heglund, Crosby Ironton; Bob Larson, Wadena; Carl Hendrickson, Crosby Ironton; Larry Rochell, Aitkin.

Steve Marolt, Crosby Ironton; Herb Greenwood, Staples; Lee Uglem, Crosby Ironton; Steve Hall, Staples.

In individual scoring Scott Nelson scored 12 points, Mark Vierkant 12 and Curt Wussow 6. Nelson completed 15 of 42 attempted passes. In pass receiving it was Mark with 4 for 47 yards. He also intercepted two of the opposition's passes one for a 65 yard touchdown.

Steve Young intercepted two passes, Curt Wussow one and Scott Nelson one. Young recovered two opponent's fumbles and one for the Indians. Bob Larson recovered an Indian fumble and an opponent's fumble with Scott Nelson doing the same. Curt Wussow recovered one of his own Indian fumbles.

In individual rushing it was Mark Vierkant of the all-conference selections with 151 yards.

In kick-offs it was Scott Nelson with 5 for 243 yards, or a 48.6 average and the longest went for 60 yards. In kick-off returns it was Scott Nelson with 3 for 54 yards of a 18 yard average. Mark Vierkant had three for 26 yards or 8.7 average.



Mark Vierkant



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A Sparkling Grid Season



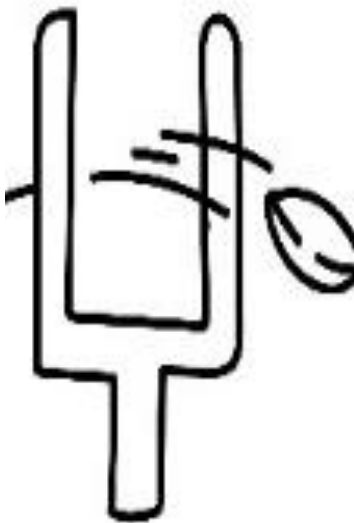
.. To even the most casual observer of Wadena high school football fortunes this season, the results of the progress of the 1970 grid team under the direction of Coaches Conzemius, Larson, Roisum and Visher have been most eventful and rewarding.

.. For many parents and boosters of the WHS Indians this fall, the outlook might have been just promising for it was a rebuilding year following the graduation of several talented seniors last spring. Both the offense and the defense of the squad have matured rapidly this season, particularly the defense. Progress has been pronounced from game to game, particularly following a Homecoming loss to Crosby-Ironton and then winning over Detroit Lakes and Staples, all coming in a span of 10 days.

.. To cite the progress of one gridder and to omit another on the 1970 squad would surely be injurious to all members. From a spectator's point of view it has been truly fun to see the team "jell". Surely finishing in a possible tie for the Mid-State Title or in second spot is no disgrace.

.. The team has looked well on the gridiron in games thus far, with the concluding one with Park Rapids Friday night. The members of the team have also exhibited gentlemen qualities in the classroom and the adult world which shows the quality of training that makes for leadership.

.. Surely the hours of toil that these men have put in since opening of practices in August and the moral support given by their parents are most commendable. It has been a sparkling grid season and everyone looks forward to Friday's season finale at Park Rapids and another outstanding game.





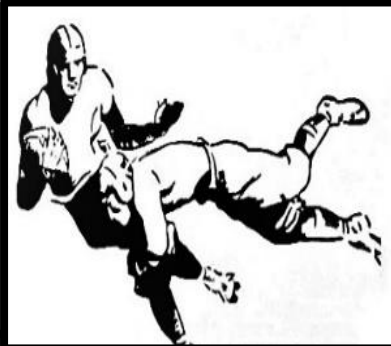
1971 Season



WHS Record 5-4-0
Mid-State 3-3-0



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Wadena	7
Wadena	14
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Wadena	23
Wadena	8
Wadena	27
Wadena	22

Long Prairie	0
Pelican Rapids	6
Fergus Falls	16
Little Falls	43
Aitkin	0
Crosby-Ironton	35
Detroit Lakes	16
Staples	0
Park Rapids	8



Coaches: Charles Visher, John Conzemius, William Larson, Lowell Roisum.



Trainers: Tim Sweere, Dave Schiller, Arlen Johnson.

Wadena Indians Host Long Prairie

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**Sept. 3 In 1971
 Football Opener**

Fifteen Wadena high school football lettermen and a host of Indian gridders will be in action against Long Prairie Friday night at the local athletic field in the season opener at 7:30 p.m.

Coach John Conzemius will be counting on this nucleus of seasoned veterans for a win over the L-P Indians Friday night. The Indians stopped Long Prairie there one year ago, 6-0.

Home season tickets will be on sale at the gate tonight, five

games for \$3.00 according to Mr. Conzemius.

Returning lettermen are seniors Dan Sweere, Dan Carpenter, Dave Larson, Donnie Schmidt, Kevin Berg, Dennis Wynn, Dave Fix, Kevin Lind, Steve Skalisky, Phil Uselman and Tom Conzemius; juniors - Joe Lorenzen, Kevin Tabery, Tom Young and Jon Johnson.

WHS Indian gridders include: Jacob Beckel, Rick Grewe, Tom Merickel, Randy Pudas, Tom Maroney, Len Gilbertson, John Wensman, Kelly Lynk, Mike Wynn, Brad Swenson, Mark Eifert, Galen Bayer, Tim Currie, Ronnie Young, Don Smith, Tom Hockert, Duane Steffens, Kim Wood, Tom Reger, Dave Wells, Ken Tabery, Ken Kraemer, Gary Mesner, Tim Montan, Ron Kresien, Dan Sartell, Jeff Wrenmuehle, Bob Brummer,

WHS Indians Edge L-P Tribe 7-0; Schmidt, Tabery Injured

The Wadena Indians won a "tuff" defensive battle with the neighboring tribe from Long Prairie 7 to zip.

In victory the Indians had the misfortune of having two valuable football players injured.

In the second quarter backs Don Schmidt and Kevin Tabery both suffered broken bones. Don broke the bones in his lower leg and Kevin broke his collarbone.

The WHS grid co-captains dedicated the game to Jim Krause, a WHS Senior hospitalized at St. Lukes.

The statistics of the game were as even as the score. In this tough defensive struggle the Indians had the edge on the ground while Long Prairie led via the airways.

Dave Larson was the leading ground man of the contest with 95 yards in 8 carries.

Joe Lorenzen filling in for the injured players after a slow beginning amassed 30 yards. The big man for "the Prairie" was the little man Chuck Dinkel, a work horse, 19 carries for 89 yards.

Defense was the name of the game as Wadena had many fine performers here. Tom Young led the charge with 9 individual tackles and 7 assists. Also high on the tackle chart were Jon Johnson and Dan Carpenter. Also fine defensive play with many tackles were Phil Uselman, Kevin Berg, Steve Skalisky, Jake Beckel, Dan Sweere and Tim Curgie.

Jake Beckel picked off a Long Prairie aerial and raced 28 yards in the 3rd stanza. Don Carpenter and Tom Conzemius pounced on two L.P. fumbles. Kevin Lind after one short punt brought his average up to 25 yards for 5 tries.

The Indians moved 48 yards in 6 plays capped by Dave Larson's 14 yard T.D. run. This touchdown was scored with 8:45 to go in the 3rd quarter. This week the Indians on Sept. 10 travel to Pelican Rapids to tackle a tough Viking team. All support will be appreciated by coaches, cheerleaders, and players.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	tot
Wadena	0	0	7	0	7
Long Prairie	0	0	0	0	0
Wadena L.P.					
Score	7 0				
First Downs	8 11				
Rushing	8 7				
Passing	0 2				
Penalty	0 2				
Rushing Plays	47 36				
Total yds. Rushing	232 145				
yds. lost	37 2				
Net	195 143				
Passes	3 17				
Computed	0 4				
Yds.	0 56				
Intercepted	0 1				
Returned	0 28				
Total Plays	50 53				
Total yds.	195 199				
No. of Penalties	11 5				
Yds.	75 55				
Fumbles	1 2				
Lost	1 2				

(By Laurel Waldahl)



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	Wadena	L.P.
Kickoffs	2	1
Yds.	87	40
Ave.	43½	40
Kickoffs Returned	1	2
Yds.	28	34
Ave.	28	17
Punts	5	4
Yds.	126	107
Ave.	25.2	26.8
Blk.	0	0
Longest	31	38
Shortest	7	8
Don Schmidt	5	17
Kevin Tabery	7	43
Kevin Berg	3	11
Dan Sweere	9	20
Joe Lorenzen	15	46
Dave Larson	8	95
	47	232
	37	195
	4.2	39

WHS Indians Sink Vikings Ship 14-6

The WHS Indian defense again played a fine football game as it allowed the Pelican Rapids Vikings only 31 yards on the ground and 26 through the air in the first half.

Leading the charge with 9 individual tackles and 3 assists was tough Tom Young. Close behind in tackles was Kelly Lynk with 7 and 3. In the fracas often also were "hugh" Jon Johnson and Tom Conzemius with 7 tackles. Dan Carpenter, Phil Ugelman, Tim Currie, Dan Sweere and Steve Skalisky also got in their licks.

The Vikings also put up a strong defense as they held the Indians to 60 yards on the ground and 18 through the air in the scoreless first half.

Then in the second half the Indians launched a 30 yard drive in 8 plays for a TD. The drive started when Jake Beckel recovered a Viking fumble on their 30 yard stripe and from this point Dan Sweere engineered the touchdown attack. The workhorse of the evening was Joe Lorenzen with 51 yards in 26 carries. Joe crossed the goal line with 6:40 to go in the 3rd stanza and then with Tom Merickel holding Joe sent the pigskin square through the up rights.

Dan Sweere with the aid of Jake Beckel engineered a 75 yard drive in 9 plays early in the fourth quarter.

Dave Larson picked up an important 25 yards on an excellent run and the final 6 yards for paydirt was a pass Dan Sweere to Kelly Lynk. Joe and Tom then put the pigskin for the 3rd straight time through the crossbars.

The Indians are at home Friday evening against the Fergus Falls Otters. This will be the toughest contest of the season as the Otters have one of the finest teams in Minnesota. All support will be appreciated.

Wadena Indians

Pelican Statistics

Att G Lt net ave, Lgst
Joe Lorenzen 26 62 11 51 2.0 7

Dave Larson	7	54	0	54	7.7	25
Dan Sweere	5	42	0	42	8.4	25
Kelly Lynk	9	30	0	30	3.3	9
Jake Beckel	1	1	0	1	1.0	1
	48	189	11	178	3.7	

Pelican 31 156 10 146 4.6 42

Record (2-0)

Wadena 7 Long Prairie 0
Wadena 14 Pelican 6

Total First Down

	Wadena	Pelican
No.	11	10
Rushing	10	7
Passing	0	2
Penalty	1	1

	no.	com	yds	TD	ave att.	ave com int.
Dan Sweere	6	2	10	1	1.7	5 0
Jake Beckel	4	1	14	0	3.5	14 0
	10	3	24	1	2.1	8.0 0
Pelican	24	9	52	0	2.2	5.8 0

Punts	No.	yds	ave	Lg	blk
Kevin Lind	6	216	36.0	41	0
Pelican	7	192	27.4	33	1/2

Kelly Lynk caused one deflected punt to go only 15 yds.

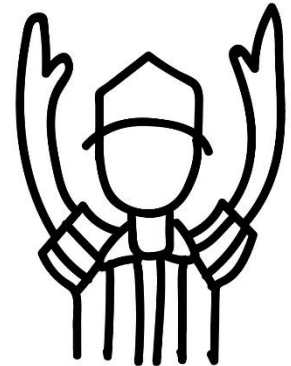
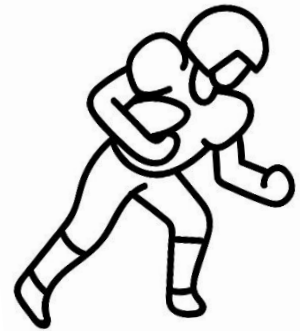
Punt returns	no.	yds	ave	lgst
Carpenter	4	23	5.8	12
Pelican	3	30	10	22
Penalties	No.	Yds		
Wadena	4	34		
Pelican	6	40		

Kickoffs	No	yds	ave	Lg
Joe Lorenzen	3	120	40	50
Pelican	2	26	13	26

Kickoff Returns	no.	yd	ave	Lg
Conzemius	1	9	9	9
Pelican	3	10	3.3	5

Fumbles	No.	Lost
Wadena	3	1
Pelican	1	1

Wad. Lorenzen recovered 2
Opp Jake Beckel recovered 1



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Casualties: Kevin Tabery, Donnie Schmidt, Dan Sweere.



Co-captains: Phil Uselman and Donnie Schmidt.



1971 ALL-CONFERENCE: Phil Uselman and David Larson.



Phil Uselman-Member of WCCO's Team of the Week.

Otters Glide By WHS Indians 16-13

The widely heralded Fergus Falls Otters slid into Wadena Friday evening and were treated to their toughest football test of the young season.

When the Wadena Indians pushed across the goal line with 2:56 remaining in the first quarter it was the first points given up by the Fergus team this year. It was a sustained drive

with jolting Joe Lorenzen doing most of the pigskin lugging. Dave Larson contributed two running plays, one of 13 yards, the longest run by either team in this defensive struggle. Kelly Lynk lunged for a 4 yarder and Dan Sweere eased in from the one for the six pointer. Joe, "The Groza of Wadena High" with Tom Merickel holding split the

uprights.

With 5:51 remaining in the second quarter Brad Kastell, the Otter quarterback likewise plunged one yard for 6 points. Mike Neuman, back, then raced for a 2 point conversion and the Otters held a slim 1 point edge at intermission.

Things looked bleak for the Indians in the 3rd quarter when their first drive fizzled. But the Indians mighty defense held on led by Phil Uselman and Tom Young as they gathered in more than their limit of other pelts. Phil and Tom both had 14 individual tackles and 4 & 3 assists respectively. Also in trouble with

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the Fergus game warden was safety Dan Carpenter as he had double his quota with 11 individual tackles and 3 assists. Kelly Lynk was not conservation minded either with 8 individual tackles and three of the helping out variety. Also above the limit of 5 were Jon Johnson 7, Tim Currie 6, Tom Conzemius 8. In their second drive of the 3rd period the Indians scored as Kelly Lynk copped the dive with a 1 yard T.D. plunge. With 7:38 to go in the 3rd period the scoreboard recorded Wadena 13, F.F. 8. Kastell, the Fergus quarterback scored early in the 4th quarter and the others moved in front 16 to 13. The Indians did not score but rose to stop a fine Otter drive late in the 4th quarter.

This week the Indians travel to Little Falls for their first conference game. The flyers have one conference victory under their belt a 28-0 shutout of Aitkin and this game as always will prove to be a tough conference opener.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	tot
Wadena	7	0	6	0	13
Fergus	0	8	0	8	16

Rushing

	Att	G	L	Net	Ave	Long	TD
Joe Lorenzen	18	49	5	44	2.4	8	0
Dave Larson	7	31	0	31	4.4	13	0
Kelly Lynk	8	12	-3	9	1.1	4	1
Jake Beckel	1	0	-1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Dan Sweere	3	2	10	-8	2.7	1	1
Kevin Berg	1	0	-1	-1	-1.0	-1	0

Wadena	38	94	19	75	2.0	13	2
Fergus	45	150	16	134	3.0	12	2

Passing

	att	cm	yds	td	lost	int
Jake Beckel	3	1	6	0	6	1
Dan Sweere	5	2	33	0	19	0
Fergus	8	3	39	0	19	1
	14	6	95	0	27	0

Total Offense

	att	yds	ave-play
Wadena	46	114	2.5
Fergus	59	228	3.9

Penalties

	No.	yds
Wadena	5	51
F.F.	6	50

Pass Receiving

	No.	yds	long
Lynk	1	14	14
Carp	2	25	19

Wadena 7
Wadena 14
Wadena 13

Long Prairie 0
Pelican 6
Fergus 16

First Downs

	Wadena	Fergus
Total	12	16
Rush	8	11
Pass	2	4
Pen.	2	1

Punts

	att	yds	ave	long
Wadena	3	77	25.7	34
F.F.	3	87	29	30

Punt Returns

	att	yds	ave	long
Wadena	0	0	0	0
F.F.	2	18	9	13

Kickoffs

	att	yds	ave	long
Wadena	3	123	41	48
F.F.	3	128	42.7	48

Kickoff Returns

	att	yds	ave	long
Wadena	3	72	24	33
F.F.	3	30	10	22

Fumbles

	No. lost
Wadena	0
F.F.	2

Recovered

Phil Uselman
Jon Johnson

Five Senior Girls Seek 1971 WHS Homecoming Title

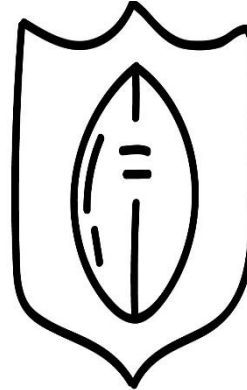


WADENA HOMECOMING QUEEN-candidates are pictured here at the senior high gym foyer. Students will vote this morning for the queen candidate of their choice with the 1971 Queen to be announced tonight during the coronation program at the junior high gym. Candidates are (from left): Becky Nau, Paula Johnson, Suzanne Iken, Mary Martin and Judy Vierkant. (P.J. Staff Photo)

Miss Suzanne Iken Crowned WHS Homecoming Queen Thursday



1971 HOMECOMING QUEEN - Suzanne Iken is shown here following her coronation Thursday evening with WHS alumnus John Edinger who was named Grand Marshall. Miss Iken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Iken, holds her blue bouquet of mums which indicated she was the new queen. (P.J. Staff Photo)



Homecoming Flyers Down Wadena 43-15

The Little Falls Flyers completed a successful homecoming Friday, September 24 by solidly defeating the Wadena Indians 43 to 15.

The Flyers lived up to their name as they flew through the air with the greatest of ease. Two Flyers quarterbacks, Kurt Ritters and Mike Larson completed 9 of 15 passes for 216 yards and 4 touchdowns.

The Indians blasted off like a rocket as the second play from scrimmage Dave Larson jetted 68 yards for a T.D. Joe Lorenzen kicked the pigskin for the 5th consecutive time through the uprights and the Indians with 10:51 to go held a 7 to zip advantage.

The Flyers touched paydirt with 5:10 to go as Kurt Ritters hit end Mike Josephenson with a 36 yard aerial. The kick failed and the Indians held a 7 to 6 first

quarter advantage.

The second quarter the "sky fell in" as Kurt Ritters hit Scott Schwanke with an 88 yard T.D. aerial. This was the first of 4 T.D.'s for Schwanke. Hard hitting and quick stepping Floyd Przybilla then scored 2 touchdowns in the next 10 minutes, one a seven yard jaunt, the other a 1 yard plunge. Also in this quarter Indian quarterback Dan Sweere was injured. The Flyers left for intermission with a 25 to 7 advantage.

The only score in the third period was Scott Schwanke's interception of an Indian aerial, as he then raced 70 yards to score.

The fourth period found Schwanke scoring on passes of 3 and 34 yards. The Indians also scored through the air as Jake Beckel hit Tom Conzemius for 29 yards and a T.D. Joe Lorenzen

ran the extra point for a final score of 43 to 15.

The Flyers are now 2 and 0 in the conference and the Indians 0 and 1. This week is homecoming in Wadena and the Indians will need your support to carry out the slogan "Make Aitkin Shake."

Wadena 15 Little Falls 43

First Downs

	Wad	LF
Total	6	13
Rushing	5	7
Passing	1	6

Rushing	at G	L	Net	ave.	Lng
Joe Lorenzen	8	57	4	53	6.6 21
Dave Larson	4	70	2	68	17.0 68
Kelly Lynk	12	23	4	19	1.3 5
Jake Beckel	8	18	43	-25	-3.1 7

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WHS Indians Blank 'Shakey' Aitkin 14-0

"Make Aitkin Shake" was the homecoming slogan of the 1971 Indians and the Aitkin Gobblers returned to the northeast Friday evening at approximately 10 p.m. "Shaken" to the tune of 14 to 0.

The Indians completed a fine weekend as they picked up their first conference victory and moved their season record back above "5" with their third victory against 2 defeats.

The halftime performance by the Indian band directed by Mr. Lindlief was excellent. Queen Suzanne Iken and attendants Paula Johnson, Mary Martin, Judy Vierkant and Becky Nau and their escorts Dave Bruininga, Mark Logan, Dave Schiller, Duane Schwartz and Tom Dittsworth helped to complete a fine evening.

The Indian defense topped the occasion by shutting out the Gobblers. Their leader "Terrible" Tom Young gathered in a flock of turkeys as he had 9 individual tackles and 3 assists. Tim Currie had his set tuned in well also as he had 7 tackles and 3 assists. Eight ball barriers were laid low by Lynk as Kelly had fine game. Phil Uselman, John Johnson and Kevin Berg also had strong performances. Steve Skalisky and Tom Conzemius with jarring tackles kept the Gobblers from running wide. The "old reliable man" Dan Carpenter contributed another fine performance.

The offense also had an excellent evening as for the first time this season 100 yards were picked up through the air as Jake Beckel hit 5 for 14 with one T.D.

The workhorse, Joe Lorenzen, carried 25 times for 83 yards and one T.D. Dave Larson picked up 41 on the ground but in one play picked up 44 through the air on a touchdown aerial. This was one of the big plays of the evening as it put Wadena on the scoreboard with 2:00 to go in the half. Steve Skalisky also gathered in 2 passes and Kelly Lynk made a very excellent reception with Gobblers hanging onto him. One of the most fantastic catches of the season was turned in by Dan Carpenter as Carp made a diving catch of a 14 aerial to keep a drive going. Joe had his usual good night with the toe as he was 2 for 2 and the Indians fine punter Kevin Lind nailed 3 punts for 91 yards with the longest traveling an excellent 35 yards.

But the games do not get any easier as the Indians must now travel to C.I. for probably their toughest test of the year. The players, cheerleaders, John Conzemius's coaching staff will appreciate all the support you can give.

Wadena 14 Aitkin 0

	Wad	A
First Downs	17	9
Rushing	13	3
Passing	4	5
Penalty	0	1

Wad. Rushing

Name	att	G.	L.	Net	lgst	ave	TD
Joe Lorenzen	25	87	4	83	13	3.3	1

Lynk	7	13	4	9	6	1.3
Beckel	7	13	23	-10	9	-1.4
Larson	6	41	0	41	14	6.8
Berg	1	0	0	0	0	0.0

Aitkin	46	154	-31	123	13	2.7
	26	83	-36	47	17	1.8

Passing	att	com	yds	td	lg	int
Beckel	14	5	100	1	44	1
Aitkin	21	9	92	0	17	1

Total Offense

	plays	yds	ave-play
Wadena	60	223	3.7
Aitkin	47	139	3.0

Penalties

Wad.	3	-35yds
Ait.	4	30yds

Fumbles

	no	lost
Wad	1	1
Aitkin	1	0

Kickoffs

	no	yd	ave	long
Wad.	3	117	39	43
Ait.	1	43	43	43

Kickoff Returns

	no	yd	long	ave
Larson	1	23	23	23
Ait.	3	48	20	16

Punts

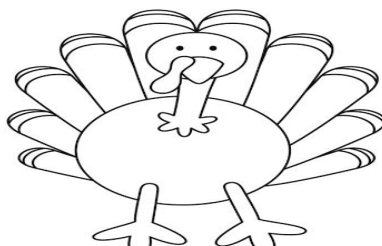
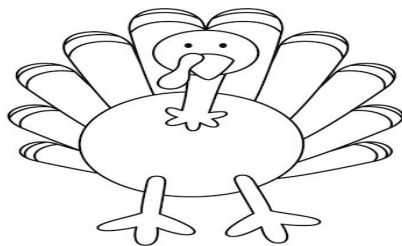
	no	yds	ave	long
Lind	3	91	30.3	35
Ait.	4	136	34	37

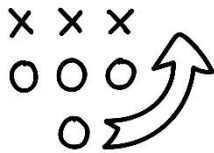
Punt Returns

	no	yds	ave	long
Ait.	2	0	0	0
Carp.	4	43	10.8	25

Pass Receiving

	No.	yds	long	td
Skalisky	2	18	11	0
Larson	1	44	44	1
Lynk	1	24	24	0
Carpenter	1	14	14	0





D-L Lakers Sink Wadena 16-8



The Friday evening weather conditions were very humid and the Detroit Lakes Lakers dampened the Wadena Indian hopes 16 to 8.

The wet condition led to 7 fumbles 4 by D.L. and 3 by the Indians. Each team lost the ball twice on fumbles. Wadena had two turnovers also on passes and D.L. lost only one aerial.

The Lakers put together a sustained drive in the second and Mike Davis a fine back injured in the last previous 3 Laker contests plunged 3 yards for a T.D. Davis then also carried for the two point conversion and with 2:53 remaining in the first half D.L. led 8 to 0.

At the start of the second quarter a bad D.L. pass from center gave Wadena the ball on

Laker one yard line. Jake Beckel then plunged over for the six points. Jake then hit Tom Conzemius for the 2 point conversion and as the 3rd quarter ended the Indians were in a 8 to 8 contest.

Wadena punted 7 times and the Lakers 6. Kevin Lind did a fine job for the Indians as he averaged 32 yards with one blocked punt. With 4½ minutes remaining Kevin connected on a fine 54 yard punt which rolled dead on the D.L. 14. The next play proved fatal for the Indian as Rich Johnson raced 86 yards through the middle for the winning points.

The Indians now moved to Staples Thursday evening to try to get back on the winning track. When these two teams meet the season records are tossed out of the window as throughout the years this has been one of the fiercest rivals of the Wadena Indians.

Wadena 8 D.L. 16 (Record 3-4)		Wad DL					
First Downs		7	10				
Rush		5	8				
Pass		1	2				
Penalty		1	0				
Leading Tacklers							
		tackles	assists				
Tom Young		16	6				
Phil Uselman		12	4				
Tim Currie		9	3				
Kelly Lynk		11	1				
Rushing							
	att	c	L	net	lg		
Kelly Lynk	11	49	0	49	11		
Jake Beckel	8	5	-31	-26	3		
Kevin Berg	5	17	2	15	6		
Ken Tabery	5	10	0	10	6		
Dave Larson	3	13	0	13	7		
Dan Carpenter	1	2	0	2	2		
Wad	33	96	33	63	11 1.9		
D.L.	50	230	39	191	86 3.8		
Passing							
	att	com	yds	int	yds	run	back
Jake Beckel	11	1	21	2	17		
D.L.	10	3	27	1	27		
Total Offense							
	att	yds	ave	play			
Wad.	44	84	1.9				
D.L.	60	218	3.6				
Penalties							
		no	yds				
Wad		2	10				
D.L.		2	20				
Fumbles							
		no	lost				
Wad		3	2				
D.L.		4	2				
Punting							
		no	yds	ave	blk	lg	
Kevin Lind		7	225	32.2	1	54	
D.L.		6	203	33.8	0	46	
Punt Returns							
		no	yd	ave	lg		
Carp		5	27	5.4	15		
D.L.		3	13	4.3	8		
Kickoffs							
		no	yds	ave	lg		
Uselman		2	86	43	44		
D.L.		3	118	39.3	50		
Kickoff Returns							
		no	yds	ave	lg		
Carp		2	47	23½	24		
D.L.		2	35	17½	26		

Pass Receiving

Dave Larson no yds
1 23

Pass Interceptions

Dave Larson 1 23
Kelly Lynk 1 14

Fumbles Recovered

Wadena opp own
Dave Larson 1 0
Tom Conzemius 1 0
Jake Beckel 0 1

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	W	L	T
C-I	4	0	0
Little Falls	4	0	0
Detroit L.	3	2	0
Aitkin	1	2	1
Park Rapids	1	3	1
Wadena	1	3	0
Staples	0	4	0

Penalties

Wad No yds
2 20
C-I 3 25

Fumbles

Wad no lost
1 0
C-I 1 1

Pass Receiving

Carp no yds lg TD
1 21 21 0
Joe 1 9 9 0

Kickoffs

(Joe) Wad no yds ave long
4 171 43.7 45
C-I 6 280 46.7 52

Kickoff Returns

Lars no yds ave long TD
1 1 1 1 0
Carp 5 77 13.4 23 0

Wad 6 78 13 23 0
C-I 4 63 15.7 21 0

Punts

Lind no yds ave long
2 63 31.5 32
C-I 1 30 30 30

Punt Returns

C-I no yds ave long TD
2 10 5 10 0
Carp 1 75 75 75 1

Scoring

Wad 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Tot
7 0 8 8 23
C-I 8 14 6 7 35

Rallying C-I Rangers Topple Wadena Indians 35-23

The Rangers from C-I took to the airways Friday evening as they hit 13 of 20 passes for 215 yards, two touchdowns and a 35 to 23 Mid-State conference victory.

The Indians started the contest with a beautiful sustained drive of 78 yards in 9 plays with Dave Larson sprinting to paydirt with 9:07 to go in the first quarter. Joe Lorenzen with Tom Merickel holding converted the 8

consecutive extra point this year.

C-I put four plays together with 3 minutes remaining in the first quarter for a score. The big play in this 71 yard march was a 31 yard aerial from quarterback Mark Polich to end Perry Platisha. A one-yard plunge by Mike Tazuel was good for 6 points and one of the finest football players in central Minnesota Carl Hendrickson ran for the two-point conversion. The Rangers led at the quarter mark 8 to 7.

The second quarter was all C-I as the Indians could only manage three rushing plays four incomplete passes and two turnovers. Carl Hendrickson scored two TD's in this quarter, one a 21-yard jaunt and the second a 22 yard screen pass from Mark Polich.

The Indians came storming back in the beginning of the second half. The Indian defense led by Tom Young, Phil Uselman, Tom Conzemius, Kelly Lynk and Don Carpenter with 13, 9, 10, and 8 tackles respectively forced the Rangers to punt. Dan Carpenter gathered in the pig bladder on the 25 yard line and started toward his left. A fine wall of blocking led by Phil Uselman was set up. With many blocks laid Carp dodged, jumped, jiggled from tackles, and ran 75 electrifying yards through the C-I defense to put the Indians back in the ball game. Jake Beckel ran for the two point convention and the scoreboard read C-I 22 Wadena 15.

With 73 seconds remaining in the third quarter and the Indian

defense concentrating on Carl Hendrickson, C-I's back, Mike Tazuel raced 48 yards through the middle of the Indian line and the Rangers moved to a 28 to 15 lead.

The 4th period found C-I quarterback Mark Polich hitting end Rocky Valintino for a 5-yard TD strike after 9 plays had netted 43 yards. Later in the fourth quarter the Indians put a sustained drive of 80 yards in 16 plays with Jake Beckel plunging in from the one for a touchdown. Dan Carpenter caught a pass from Jake for the two points and a final tally of 35 to 23.

The Indians are now 1-2 in conference and 3 and 3 overall. This Friday the tough Detroit Lakes Lakers hit town with a fine football team, conquerors of Park Rapids 56 to 6 last week, and the Indian coaching staff and team will have their work cut out for them. All support will be appreciated.

Wadena 23 C-I 35

	Wad	C-I
First Downs	12	21
Rushing	10	12
Passing	2	9
Rushing		

	att	G	los	nt	ave	lg	TD
Dave Larson	19	102	4	98	5.2	36	1
Joe Lorenzen	17	70	1	69	4.1	10	0
Jake Beckel	7	65	1	1	1.1	31	1
Kelly Lynk	2	2	5	-3	-1.5	2	0

	Wad	CI
45	180	15
165	3.7	36
2	37	221
29	192	5.2
48	5	

	att	yds	lg	TD	Int
Jake Beckel	10	2	30	21	0
C-I	20	13	215	33	2

Total Offense	Plays	yds	ave-play
Wad	55	195	3.5
C-I	57	407	7.1

Area Grid Scores

C-I 35	Wadena 23
Verndale 14	Henning 6
Detroit L. 56	Park Rapids 6
Aitkin 6	Staples 0
Moorhead 14	Fergus F. 0

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(Oct. 22, 1971)

	W	L	T
C-I	5	0	0
Little F.	4	1	0
Detroit L.	4	2	0
Wadena	2	3	0
Aitkin	1	3	1
Park Rpds.	1	3	1
Staples	0	5	0

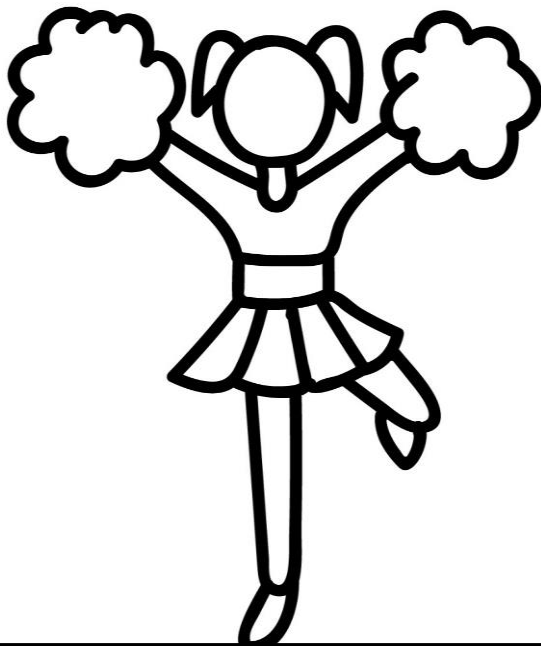
Area Grid Scores

(Oct. 20, 1971)

C-I 14	Little Falls 0
Hill City 54	Deer Creek 6
Henning 14	Menahga 0
Sebeka 13	Bertha-H 0
Pillager 60	Nevis 6
Fergus 14	Brainerd 6

(Oct. 21, 1971)

Wadena 27 Staples 0



Indians Whitewash Cardinals 27-0

★ ★
Tabery Gains 154 Yards

The Wadena Indians picked up their second conference victory and their third shut out of the season as they white-washed the Staples Cardinals 27 to 0.

The defense was superb but the offense line did the best job of execution of the season.

Many fine blocks by the interior linemen was a pleasant sight for the eyes of returning backfieldman Kevin Tabery. Kevin put the blocks to good use as he ran for 154 yards in 22 carries all in the space of slightly more than 3 quarters.

The Indians started off strong, when Staples gambled on 4th down the Indians took over on the Cardinal 49 with a fine defense play. In 8 plays from this excellent field position Jake Beckel capped the drive with a one yard plunge. With 5:38 to go in the first quarter the Indians led 7 to zip as Phil Uselman split the uprights.

Wadena scored twice in the second quarter. In 8 plays again this time a march for 84 yards with Dave Larson sprinting 43 yards for the score. Jake Beckel hit Kelly Lynk with a T.D. aerial of 12 yards and with 1:41 to go the Indians moved in front 19 to 0.

The third quarter was scoreless but in the beginning of the fourth the Indians marched 75 yards in 16 plays with Jake Beckel plunging in from the one. Dave Larson ran the 2-point conversion.

From this point on Rick Grewe took over the quarterbacking chores. Ken Tabery came in and tried to outdo his brother in just 10 minutes as he picked up 42 yards in 10 carries. Steve Boylan and Tom Merickel both lugged the pigskin as they marched the ball for 14 straight plays. Tim Montan discovered a loose pigskin on the field which he quickly devoured. Many other Indian substitutes saw extensive action as the tackle chart will verify. After booming punts all last week Kevin Lind did not have to put the football in the air as Wadena amassed 374 yards of offense.

The Panthers from Park Rapids hit town for the final tussle this Friday. The Indians will be striving to end up above "500" for the season at 5-4 and 3-3 in conference.



WHS CHEERLEADERS-who performed during the 1971 football games are pictured here at the entrance to the senior high gym. Advised by Miss Virginia Stute, cheerleaders are (from left) Maren Larson, Sue Fiskum, JoAnne Olson, Deetsy Bergman, Judy Vierkant and Becky Nau. The varsity yell team will soon be leading cheers for the high school basketball team that begins practice Nov. 15. (P.J. Sports Photo)



1972 Season

WHS Record 2-5-2
Mid-State 2-3-1



ROW 1: L TO R: J. Lorenzen, D. Hayward, P. Nehl, K. Wood, D. Sartell, D. Wells, J. Dovenmuehle, J. Johnson, J. Beckel, T. Young, K. Tabery, T. Maroney, P. Young, Trainer M. Larson. ROW 2: C. Moss, D. Schwartz, R. Brune, M. Wynn, R. Kreisen, G. Bayer, T. Hamerlinck, M. Beckel, T. Montan, T. Hockett, R. Pudas, M. Komuta, S. Burns, Trainer, J. Sweere. ROW 3: Coach Roigum, Coach Visser, G. Skatman, T. Kupfer, D. Endres, D. Kraemer, R. Olson, D. Frost, J. Fiskem, R. Neisess, D. Vierkaat, J. Bjerke, R. Young, L. McLeod, Trainer M. Conzenius, Coach Larson, Head Coach John Conzenius.

SENIOR SINGLES



Tom Young
Captain
WCCO Team Week
All Conference-All State



Kevin Tabery
All Conference
WCCO Team Week



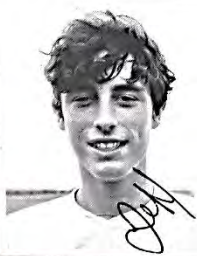
Jon Johnson
All Conference



Joe Lorenzen



Dan Sartell



Jeff Dovenmuehle



Tom Maroney



Ron Young



Kim Wood



Phil Nehl



Dave Wells



Jake Beckel

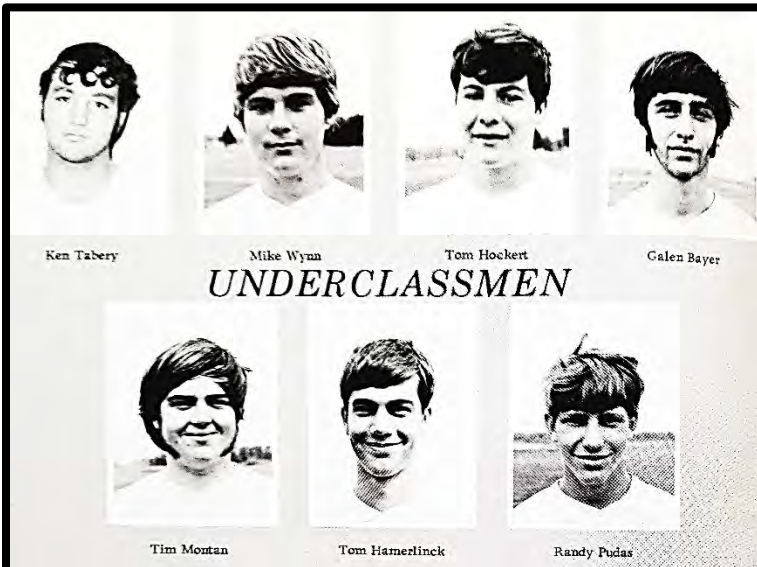
TRAINERS F



Mike Conn Steve Brown



Sue Fiskum Sarah Browne JoAnn Olson
Jonie Schmidt Debbie Sanders Ginger Goetz



Ken Tabery

Mike Wynn

Tom Hockett

Galen Bayer

UNDERCLASSMEN



Tim Montan



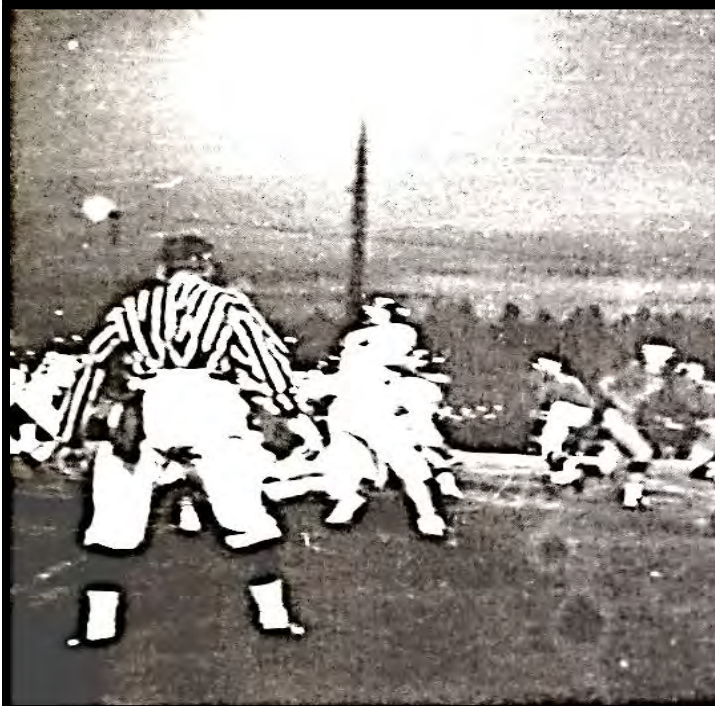
Tom Hamerlinck



Randy Pudas



Head Coach John Conzemius, Mr. Visher, Mr. Larson



Season tickets for adults are now available at \$2.50 for four games at the public schools

Published herein are the 1972 football schedules. (clip and save)

Varsity -

Sept. 1	Long Prairie	A
Sept. 8	Pelican Rapids	H
Sept. 15	Fergus Falls	A
Sept. 22	Park Rapids	A
Sept. 27	Little Falls	H
Oct. 6	Aitkin	A
Oct. 13	C-I	H
Oct. 20	Detroit Lakes	A
Oct. 27	Staples	H





8 RETURNING HIGH SCHOOL-lettermen to the 1972 Wadena grid team are shown here at Tuesday's practice session at the senior high. Thirty-eight football players have already responded to the opening call, according to Head Coach John Conzemius. Practices are being held twice daily, 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Wadena Indians' 1972 football opener is with Long Prairie, there, Sept. 1. Shown here are, from left, (front row): Tom Young, Kevin Tabery, Kim Wood, Jeff Dovenmuehle, Jon Johnson; back row: from left, Coaches Lowell Roisum, Chuck Visher, lettermen Joel Lorenzen, Tom Maroney, Jake Beckel, Coaches Bill Larson and John Conzemius. (P.J. Sports Photo)

WHS Indians Face L.P. In Opener

Eleven Wadena high school lettermen, 10 seniors, along with a host of other Indian gridders will be in action against Long Prairie Friday night, there, in the season football opener.

A total of 47 football players are out for the sports this fall, according to head Coach John Conzemius. Senior lettermen who will help bolster Wadena's chances for the Mid-State conference title are Jeff Dovenmuehle, Jon Johnson, Tom Young, Tom Maroney, Jake Beckel, Joe Lorenzen, Bob Brummer, Kevin Tabery, Kim Wood, Tim Currie besides junior Ken Tabery.

In the season opener one year ago, Wadena scored a 7-0 triumph over Long Prairie.

Seeking starting positions also includes seniors Ron Young, Dave Wells, Phil Nehl, Richard Hayward, Dan Sartell, Steve Boylan, Neil Evjen, Jim Turner; juniors, Jon Walker, Mike Wynn, Tom Hockert, Tom Hamerlinck, Ron Kresien, Mark Beckel, Galen Bayer, Tim Montan, Randy Pudas; plus sophomores Gerald Stover, Ross Brune, Roger Olson, Paul Young, Ron Neisess, Bob Endres, Keith Schwartz, Gary Skalman, Bill Burns, Dennis Frost, Tim Kupfer, Dean Vierkant, Curt Maas, Dave Kraemer, Jeff Reineccius, Leonard McLeod, Mark Komula, Jim Bjerke, Jim Fiskum and Bruce Erickson.

Wadena football Coaching staff includes Chuck Visher, Bill Larson and Lowell Roisum.



L-P Stuns Indians, 18-14, In Opener

★ ★ 1st Victory Over Wadena Since 1960

Wadena Indians' annual battle with Long Prairie Indians turned to a massacre for the local tribe in the last 96 seconds.

A massive air attack in the last few minutes by Chip Hortness, a converted back of four days before, led Long Prairie to the first victory over Wadena since 1960, 18-14.

The first half was all Wadena as quarter back Jake Beckel engineered a 14 point lead.

The charge was led by Kevin Tabery as he put together 85 yards in the first half and 107 for the game. Kevin also scored all 14 points. Joe Lorenzen on just 7 carries picked up 60 yards. The first quarter ended 0 to 0 then in the second quarter with 9:54 to go the Indians in 5 plays marched 60 yards for a T.D. Kevin blasted 14 yards for the score and Joe's kick was wide to the right. The Indians then put 55 yards together in 7 plays with Kevin again scoring at 5:16. Tabery then ran the extra points for a 14 to zip lead.

The third quarter proved to be a scoreless session as things looked promising for the first victory of the season.

In the beginning of the fourth quarter, Long Prairie marched 37 hard yards in 7 plays with 7:19 to go Tom Botz scored on a one-yard plunge.

Then Chip Hortness took over completing 10 of 14 passes in the last one half quarter of play.

With 1:36 to go in the game Chip Hortness hit Stan Hillman for 3 yards and touchdown. The points on a pass were missed and the Wadena fans sighed in relief.

Long Prairie then tried an onside kick of 12 yards which they recovered. They then passed 6 times completing five, four to Stan Hillman. Stan caught a 28 yard aerial for a T.D. with just 29 seconds left.

Tom Young was the leading tackler for the Wadena Indians with 15. "Rug" had 11 individual tackles and 4 assists. Jon Johnson was close behind with 9 individual tackles. Kevin Tabery and Tom Maroney had 7 each.

This week at home the Indians will tackle the tough Viking team from Pelican Rapids. All your support will be needed and appreciated.



Pelican Rapids Ties Indians 14-14

The Wadena Indians and the Pelican Rapids Vikings played a fine football game Friday evening at the local grid-iron.

The Indians dominated the first half and moved out to a 14 to 0 advantage. The Vikings put on a charge in the 4th quarter that led to the 14 to 14 tie.

The Indians drew first blood as with 9:54 to go Joe Lorenzen sailed 50 yards on the counter play to cap a 64 yard march in just 4 plays. The extra point try was no good and the Indians led 6 to 0. In the closing minutes of the first quarter Kevin Tabery raced 14 yards for the second touchdown. Joe Lorenzen picked up an extra 2 points and the Indians with 50 seconds to go in the first half moved to a 14 to 0 lead.

The 3rd quarter proved to be about an even match as neither team scored. The fourth quarter found the Vikings moving 59 yards in 5 plays. There was a 27 yard pass play from Dan Rollie to Paul Evenson and then Bret Emmel raced 25 yards on the counter for a 14 to 6 score. The conversion was no good and with 10:52 left in the game Wadena lead 14 to 6.

Following a series of exchanges Wadena fumbled on their own 45 yard line. The Vikings pounced on the pigskin and from this point put together a 45 yard march in 8 plays for a T.D. With 1:08 remaining Dan Rollie hit Steve Toso with a 15 yard aerial and 6 points. Bret Emmel raced around the Viking left end for the two points and a 14 to 14 tie.

Kevin Tabery continued his fine play as he carried the ball 25 times for 148 yards. Joe Lorenzen also had a fine night with 77 yards in 7 carries. Joe

also averaged 49 yards in 3 kickoffs. Tom Young the mean man on defense brought down 11 Vikings and also had one assist for a total of 12 tackles. Kevin Tabery also gathered in 9 Vikings and 2 assists for 11. Jon Johnson, line man, also had a fine evening as "big John" gathered in 7 Vikings individually and assisted on one tackle.

This week the Indians travel to the Otter camp at Fergus Falls. Fergus has one of the finest teams in our area and will prove to be the toughest test so far this season. All fan support will be appreciated by the team, cheerleaders, and coaching staff.

Game Statistic Report

Pelican Rapids	0	0	0	14	14
Wadena	14	0	0	0	14

	Vis.	Home
First Downs	12	14
By passing	2	2
By rushing	10	12
By penalty	0	0

Number of Passes Attempted	9	5
Completed	4	2
Yards gained	44	24
Touchdown passes	1	0
Passes had intercepted	0	1
Yards run back	0	0

Number of Rushing Plays	38	44
Yards gained	234	251
Yards lost	22	23
Net yards gained	212	228

Total Number Offensive Plays	47	49
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Total Offense	256	252
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GET IN THE GAME!



WHS Indians Trip Park Rapids 15-0

★ ★ Tabery Gains 137

Behind the 32 carries for 137 yards of Kevin Tabery, the Wadena Indians moved out in front of the Mid-State Conference race with a 15 to 0 victory at the Park Rapids 1972 Homecoming.

The huge crowd, over 2,000 people, enjoyed a hard hitting game which saw the Indian defense allow the Panthers only a brief stay in their territory.

Wadena played their best defense of the year as Tom Young, Kevin Tabery and Ken Tabery each had 10 tackles. Steve Boylan 9, Jon Johnson 7, Tom Maroney 7 and Joe Lorenzen 7 to demonstrate a fine team effort. Kevin was the work horse on offense as he lugged the pigskin 32 out of possible 45 attempts.

The first quarter was a scoreless affair as the Indians

chalked up 42 yards to P.R.'s 10 yards. Then with 3:26 to go in the first half after a 4th down punt attempt was fumbled Kevin on the Indian's first play from scrimmage rambled 15 yards to paydirt. Joe Lorenzen kicked the ball square through the uprights and the halftime resulted in a 7 to 0 advantage for the Indians.

In the 3rd quarter after a fumble recovery by Tom Young the Indians started a 63 yard march.

Kevin capped the driver on the 8th play with a three-yard run. The kick was blocked and with 4:14 to go in the 3rd quarter the scoreboard read Indians 13 Park Rapids zip.

Then with just 33 seconds left the Indians pushed Park back toward their goal line and at this point "Big Jon Johnson" fell on little Tom Grimes for 2 points in the end zone. This was the final tally of the evening and the Indians came away with a

	P.	R.	W.
First Downs	11	8	
By passing	3	0	
By rushing	8	6	
By penalty	0	2	
Number of Passes			
Attempted	18	6	
Completed	6	1	
Yards gained	52	7	
Touchdown passes	0	0	
Passes had intercepted	4	1	
Yards run back	22	16	
Number of Rushing Plays	32	45	
Yards gained	132	186	
Yards lost	26	3	
Net yards gained	106	183	
Total Number Offensive Plays	50	51	
Total Offense	158	190	
Total Offense	158	190	
Number of Punts	3	8	
Yardage	61	260	
Average	30.3	32.5	
Blocked	0	0	
Punts Returned	3	0	
Yards run back	15	0	
Number of Kick-offs	3	2	
Yardage	140	77	
Average	46.7	38.5	
Kick-offs Returned	1	2	
Yards run back	18	40	
Fumbles	4	2	
Fumbles lost	2	1	
Penalties	5	5	
Yards lost	45	62	
Scoring: Kevin Tabery 15 yard run Joe Lorenzen kick-good safety Jon Johnson Kevin 3 yard run kick blocked.			

satisfying 15 to 0 victory.

This week is 1972 homecoming and the Indians will try to "Ground the Flyers" as the Little Falls Flyers hit Wadena.

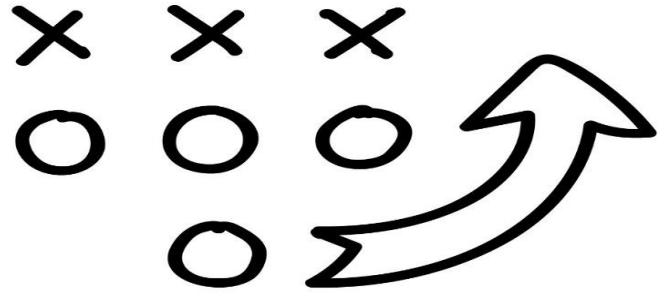
The Flyers come from a fresh conference victory over Aitkin and this promises to be a fine Mid-State battle Friday at 7:30 p.m.





WHS HOMECOMING QUEEN-candidates braved cold weather Monday to pose for this photo at the senior high. One of the five will be crowned the 1972 Wadena Indian Homecoming Queen in coronation ceremonies tonight at 7:30 in the junior high gym. The coronation is open free to the public. Candidates are: from left, Debbie Sanders, Linda Trout, Shella Baker, JoAnne Olson and Debbie McIntire. (P.J. Sports Photo)

WHS Prepares For Homecoming; Theme Is "Ground the Flyers"



Indians Deflate LF Flyers 13-0

★ ★
Tabery Gains 161

The Wadena Indians proved their homecoming slogan was factual as they brought down the Little Falls Flyers 13 to 0 for their second conference win.

For the second week in a row the defense besides not allowing a point did not let the opposing team anywhere near the goal line.

Tom "Rug" Young, a few fellows from Little Falls know him quite well now, led the attack with 12 individual tackles and 3 assists for 15 points.

Kevin Tabery besides 161 yards

Tabery again scored on a 16 yard burst leaving many Flyers lying in his wake. Kevin carried the ball 32 times as he ran up a total of 161 yards, his best as a halfback. Joe kicked the point and with only 5:24 to go the Indians put away their second straight Mid-State victory.

This week the Indians will travel to Aitkin. The Gobblers are a fine football team. They have beaten Staples, lost to Little Falls and tied powerful Detroit Lakes. The Indians will need another strong effort. All support will be appreciated.

Game Statistic Report

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Little Falls	0	0	0	0	0
Wadena	6	0	0	7	13

First Downs	L.F.	W.
	9	11

By Passing	5	1
By rushing	4	10
By penalty	0	0

Number of Passes	
Attempted	16 3
Completed	6 1
Yards gained	72 18
Touchdown passes	0 0
Passes had intercepted	4 0
Yards run back	20 0

Number of Rushing Plays	29 51
Yards gained	93 221
Yards lost	10 13
Net yards gained	83 208

Total Number Offensive Plays	45 54
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Total Offense	155 226
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Number of Punts	3 4
Yardage	113 108
Average	38 27
Blocked	0 0

Punts Returned	2 3
Yards run back	14 38

Number of Kick-offs	1 3
Yardage	25 125
Average	25 42

Kick-offs Returned	3 1
Yards run back	52 5

Fumbles	1 0
Fumbles lost	1 0

Penalties	4 2
Yards lost	30 20

Scoring Kevin Tabery 6 yd. run 65 yards 12 plays Kevin Tabery 16 yd. run Joe Lorenzen kick good 25 yds. 5 plays

Kevin Tabery besides 161 yards gained rushing also gathered in nine Flyers and two assists for 11 points in the tackling department.

Mean Steve Boylan picked up 9 points. Tom Maroney 5, Tim Currie 6, Joe Lorenzen 4, Ken Tabery 5, Galen Bayer 4, Jon Johnson 4, Dan Sartell 5, Jeff Dovenmuehle 5 and Bob Brummer 2 all played a fine defensive game.

Jeff Dovenmuehle for the second week in a row intercepted 2 passes. He leads the Indians in this department with 5.

Dan Sartell and Joe Lorenzen also grabbed the aerials from Little Falls for a grand team total of 4 interceptions for the evening.

The Flyers fumbled once and Ken Tabery immediately covered it.

The Indians scored their first touchdown with 6:12 to go in the first quarter as Jake Beckel engineered a 65 yard drive in 12 plays. Kevin capped the drive with a 6-yard touchdown run. Joe's kick was missed and the Indians made the 6-point advantage stand in the first half.

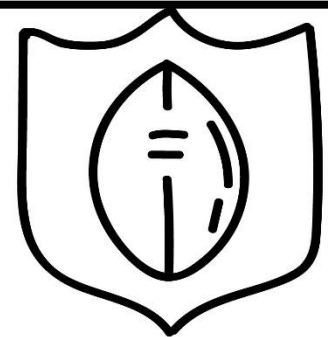
In the fourth quarter Little Falls' back Jerry Shimek fumbled and when Ken Tabery spread his huge frame over the pigskin it was hopeless for any other player to try to recover the ball.

From this point the Indians proved 25 yards in 5 plays. Kevin

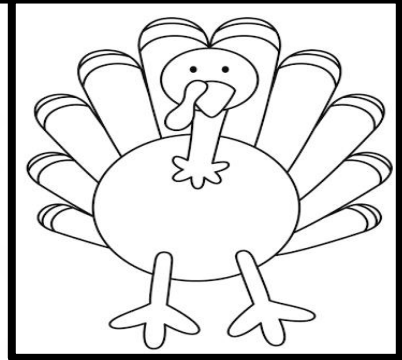
Tabery Named To WCCO Radio Team of Week



KEVIN TABERY



Aitkin Edges Wadena 10-0



Aitkin's Gobblers proved that they have one tough football team as the Wadena Indians could not penetrate into their territory.

The Indians only once moved inside the Aitkin 40 and that was on a Gobbler fumbled punt at the 42. Except for a 90 yard punt return and a last minute fourth down try for first down in our own territory, Aitkin also could not put a threatening attack together. The Indian drives were stopped by two things. At one stage in the 3rd quarter the Indians had 10 penalties to one for Aitkin (4 of these were refused).

Beside the Indians miscues the Gobblers have one of the finest punters in high school football. Jerry Green punted for an average of well over 40 yards in 5 punts and the shortest punt was a well aimed coffin corner job of 30 yards. The other four punts averaged about 48 yards which kept the Indians in the hole all evening.

The speedster Tom Shirilla

gathered in a punt on the 10 yard line and sped 90 yards to paydirt. Greg Paulson a fine place kicker sailed the pigskin through the uprights and with 7:22 to go in the first half Aitkin led 7 to 0. The score stayed 7 to 0 until 19 seconds to go when Paulson kicked a 25 yard field goal.

The Indians did play fine defense, allowing only 83 yards on the ground. Aitkin completed only 2 of 8 passes and Tom Maroney picked off two Gobbler aerals. Tim Currie had 8 tackles and 2 assists, followed by Steve Boylan's 5 tackles and 4 assists. Kevin Tabery 8, Ken Tabery 6, Tom Young 6, Jon Johnson 6 and Joe Lorenzen 4 led a fine defense.

Detroit Lakes now moves into first place in the conference. Wadena and C.I. will battle at Wadena Friday for the right to challenge the Lakers for the conference championship. All support like always will be appreciated.

Lakers Win M-S Title; Crush Indians 49-0

The Detroit Lakes Lakers won their first outright Mid-State Conference title with a convincing 49 - 0 blasting of the Wadena Indians.

The Lakers put the pigskin in the air for 338 yards and five touchdowns. They also scored two touchdowns via a ground attack.

Laker quarterback Kevin Shipley hit 9 of 17 passes for 309 yards and 4 touchdowns while substitute quarterback Gary Larson was one for one a bomb of 39 yards for a score. Paul "Bear" Byrant, Alabama Coach states that in wet weather a passing attack has an advantage because the receivers know when they are going to cut which will cause slipping by the defense.

Well, it was very damp and the Lakers made good the "Bears" prognostication by completing 8 passes 29 yards or longer.

The Indians held the Lakers ground attack through the first three quarters. But their air power was stopped only once, late in the first half, as Tom Maroney picked off a Shipley pass.

was good for a 49 to 0 victory.

"Rug" Young as many times this season led the Indians with 11 individual tackles. Close behind with 8 tackles and two assists, 9 tackles and 1 assist, were Steve Boylan and Tom Maroney, respectively. Close behind were Jon Johnson and Joe Lorenzen.

The last home game will find the Indians tackling the Staples Cardinals at home. An Indian-Cardinal contest is always a fiery affair and with an Indian win Wadena could have a "500" season in the conference. The Cardinal have been pplaying fine football in October and a tough game is forecast.

WHS seniors playing in their last football game of their high school careers are:

Jeff Dovenmuehle, Jon Johnson, Tom Young, Ron Young, Tom Maroney, Jake Beckel, Joe Lorenzen, Dave Wells, Phil Nehl, Bob Brummer, Dan Sartell, Kevin Tabery, Kim Wood, Tim Currie, Steve Boylan and Neal Evjen.

Game Statistic Report

Detroit Lakes 14 14 0 21 49

Maroney picked off a Shipley pass.

In the first quarter the Indians stopped the first two running plays but then Kevin Shipley threw a 58 yard aerial to Rick Johnson and with 7:12 to go in the 1st quarter Shipley plunged over from 2 yards out. The kick failed and Detroit Lakes led 6 to 0.

Later in the first stanza the Lakers moved 54 yards in 6 plays.

This march was capped by a 44 yard touchdown aerial Shipley to Bob Steinmetz. Kevin Shipley then hit Tom Evans for a 14 to 0 lead.

The Indian hopes came alive in the middle of the second quarter when Jeff Dovenmuehle blocked a Laker punt, picked it up and appeared to score 6 points. The Indians had 12 men on the field and the excellent play of Jeff's was nullified. Detroit Lakes gained a first down on the penalty and later a 47 yard aerial Shipley to Tom Evans accounted for 6 points. Mike Davis ran for two and the Lakers pushed to a 22 to 0 lead. Later with 3½ minutes to go the Lakers marched 52 yards in 2 plays as Shipley again tossed a touchdown pass of 22 yards to Rick Johnson. The try for 2 failed and the Lakers led at intermission 28 to zip. The Indians could not move offensively and finished the first half six yards in the red.

The Indians have been tough in the 3rd quarter all season and this game proved no exception. Wadena held scoreless through three quarters also blanked the Lakers in the 3rd stanza.

The 3rd play and first pass of the 4th quarter resulted in a 53 yard scoring aerial Shipley to Johnson. Tom Evans ran for the two points. Later Detroit Lakes moved the ball 65 yards in 9 plays with Jim Watson racing 23 yards for a tally. Later Gary Larson passed to Alen LeDoux for a 29 yard scoring aerial and the kick

Detroit Lakes 14 14 0 21 49
Wadena 0 0 0 0 0

D.L. W

First Downs 9 5
By passing 4 1
By rushing 5 4
By penalty 0 0

Number of Passes Attempted 18 19
Completed 10 3
Yards gained 338 19

Touchdown passes 5 0
Passes had intercepted 1 2
Yards run back 3 29

Number of Rushing Plays 34 31
Yards gained 131 94
Yards lost 26 44
Net yards gained 105 50

Total Number Offensive Plays 52 50

Total Offense 443 69
Number of Punts 4 6
Yardage 145 175
Average 36.3 29.2
Boltcked 0 0

Punts Returned 2 3
Yards run back 0 22

Number of Kick-offs 8 1
Yardage 380 40
Average 47.5 40

Kick-offs Returned 1 7
Yards run back 13 111

Fumbles 1 5
Fumbles lost 0 2

Penalties 10 3
Yards lost 90 15

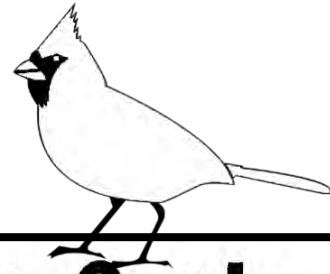
Scoring D.L. 6 plays 54 yds. 44 yd pts. pass Kevin Shipley to Evens Et. pass Shipley to 81 8 plays 74 yds Shipley 2 yd run 8 plays 68 yds. Mike Davis 2 yd. run. 2 pt. pass 47 yds Shipley to 85 2 plays 52 yds. pass 22 yds Shipley to Rick Johnson 3 plays 58 yds. Shipley to Johnson 33 yd pass Evans 2 pt run 9 plays 65 yds run 23 yds by No. 25 1 play pass 29 yds Kick good.



Mid-State Standings

	W	L
Detroit Lakes	4	0
C-I	3	1
Aitkin	2	1
Wadena	2	2
Little Falls	1	3
Staples	1	3
Park R.	1	4

Tabery Named To WCCO Radio Team of Week



Tom Young, WHS Grid Center Named On WCCO Team of Week

Mid-State conference grid champion Detroit Lakes placed six men on the All-Conference Team for 1972 while Aitkin had five, C-I four and Wadena three.

The Mid-State fall conference meeting was conducted Nov. 10 at Staples high school with President Harold Willis of Wadena chairing the session.

Head Football Coach John Conzemius reported that three of his 3-year lettermen were named to All-Conference honors Friday night.

Indians, Cards In Tie, 8-8

The Wadena Indians moved the ball all over the field Friday evening as Steve Boylan and Joe Lorenzen led the attack with 131 and 117 yards, respectively.

But the Indians could only push the pigskin once across the zero yard line as the stubborn Cardinals rose again and again to stop drives.

The Indians gained 287 yards on the ground to Staples' 144. Wadena added 29 through the air and the Cardinals did not complete a pass.

The Indians chalked up 15 first downs to the Cardinals' mere 4. The defense was led by "Rug" Young as he collected 11 individual tackles and 5 assists for 16 points. Also getting their limit of Cardinals were Joe Lorenzen 6, Tom Maroney 7, Steve Boylan 9, Ken Tabery 8, Kevin Tabery 6, Tim Currie 5, Jon Johnson 6 and Jeff Dovenmuehle 4.

Staples only score was on 1 play a 56 yard quarter back keep by Brian Baustian in the first quarter. The Cardinals moved

out in front 8 to 0 as back Dennis Hanson ran for the 2 point conversion.

In the third quarter Kevin Tabery pounced on a Cardinal fumble on the Staples 23 yard line. Three plays later Steve Boylan blasted 11 yards to paydirt. Joe Lorenzen countered for the 2 point conversion and the scoring ended for the season.

Later in the game both teams tried a field goal. The Cardinal 3 pointer was blocked by Gaylen Bayer and Joe Lorenzen. The Wadena field goal was short by Joe Lorenzen. The Wadena coaching staff, cheerleaders and players wish to thank all fans for their support. Wadena this season will lose through graduation these seniors: Jake Beckel, Joe Lorenzen, Neil Evjen, Tom Maroney, Steve Boylan, Kevin Tabery, Tim Currie, Tom Young, Ron Young, Kim Wood, Jon Johnson, Dan Sartell, Dave Wells, Jeff Dovenmuehle, Phil Nehl and Bob Brummer.

3 Wadena Gridders Named To Mid-State All-Conference



Kevin Tabery



Tom Young



Jon Johnson

The trio included Kevin Tabery, a senior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tabery, who played offensive halfback and defensive linebacker for the Indians; Jon Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Johnson and a senior, played tackle on both defense and offense; and Tom Young, also a senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young, who played guard for the WHS Indians.

WHS Indian Football Team 1972 Final Statistics Given

Wadena H.S. Football 1972
(Season Record 2-5-2)
Conference 2-3-1)

Score by Quarter

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot.	A.G.
Wadena	20	29	14	23	86	9.6
Opp.	45	57	6	63	171	19.0

Wadena Scoring

	TD	2pt	E.P	S	FG	Tot
Kevin Tabery	7	1	0	0	0	44
Jake Beckel	3	1	0	0	0	20
Joe Lorenzen	1	2	2-5	0	0-1	12
Steve Boylan	1	0	0	0	0	6
Jon Johnson	0	0	0	1	0	2
Jeff Dovenmuehle	0	1	0	0	0	2
Wad.	12	5	2-5	1	0-1	86
Opp.	24	8	6-9	1	1-2	171

	Att	G	L.	N	Ave.	L	Best G.
Kevin Tabery	166	756	19	737	4.4	26	L.F. 161
Joe Lorenzen	83	550	2	548	6.6	50	Stap. 117
Steve Boylan	46	224	16	208	4.5	26	Stap. 131
Jake Beckel	42	58	-109	-51	-1.2	9	C.I. 9
Ken Tabery	20	73	0	73	2.7	9	Stap. 17
Gerald Stover	10	17	8	9	.9	6	C.I. 9
Dennis Frost	6	6	-16	-10	-1.7	3	L.F. 6
Tom Maroney	3	11	0	11	3.7	5	F.F. 11
Gary Skalman	2	12	0	12	6.0	9	L.P. 12
Randy Pudas	2	0	-9	-9	4.5	-9	D.L. -9
Attempting to Wad	380	1707	179	1528	4.0	50	Stap. 264
Pass or Pundt Opp	326	1440	148	1192	3.7	56	F.F. 316

Total Offense

	Att.	Yds	Av-Pl	Av-Gm
Wadena	460	1743	3.8	193.7
Opp.	457	2061	4.6	231.2

Pass Receiving

	No.	Yds	Av	Lg	TD
Kevin Tabery	4	36	9.0	13	0
Joe Lorenzen	4	45	11.0	18	0
Tom Maroney	5	53	10.6	20	0
Bob Brummer	3	40	13.3	14	0
Gaylen Bayer	2	7	3.5	4	0
Jeff Reineccius	1	8	8.0	3	0
Jeff Dovenmuehle	1	15	15.0	15	0
Steve Boylan	1	15	15.0	15	0

Wad.	21	215	10.2	20	0
Opp.	60	889	14.8	52	11

Wadena 14	Long Prairie 18
Wadena 14	Pel. Rapids 14
Wadena 0	F. Falls 31
Wadena 15	P. Rapids 0
Wadena 13	L. Falls 0
Wadena 0	Aitkin 10
Wadena 22	C.I. 41
Wadena 0	D. Lakes 49
Wadena 8	Staples 8

Pass Interceptions

	No.	Yds	Ave.	Lg	Td
Jeff Dovenmuehle	5	2	4	1	0
Tom Maroney	4	40	10.4	22	0
Dan Sartell	2	18	9.0	18	0
Tom Young	1	18	18.0	18	0
Kevin Tabery	1	1	1	1	0
Tim Currie	1	0	0	0	0
Ken Tabery	1	0	0	0	0
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Wad	15	79	5.3	22	0
Opp.	10	144	14.4	50	1

Tackles

	Tack	As.	Tot.	B.G.
Tom Young	96	22	118	PP.22
Kevin Tabery	63	11	74	FF.12
Jon Johnson	64	9	73	FF.19
Steve Boylan	41	22	63	CI.17
Tim Currie	39	11	50	Aik.10
Joe Lorenzen	36	12	48	PR.7
Tom Maroney	40	6	46	DL.10
Jeff Dovenmuehle	34	8	42	CI.12
Ken Tabery	27	9	36	PR.10
Dan Sartell	25	6	31	FF.7
Tom Hockert	18	5	23	LP.7
Bob Brummer	15	4	19	FF.5
Dave Wells	15	4	19	Pel.8
Galen Bayer	13	4	17	C.I.4
Neil Evjen	5	0	5	D.L.3
Ron Young	3	2	5	DL.2
Dean Vierkant	3	1	4	DL.3
Jake Beckel	4	0	4	CI.1
Ron Kresien	2	0	2	PR.1
Jeff Reineccius	1	0	1	DL.1
Phil Nehl	1	0	1	DL.1
Kim Wood	1	0	1	CI.1
Mark Komula	1	0	1	CI.1
Tom Hamerlinck	1	0	1	Sta.1

College Football and Other Items of Interest

Schmit, Unsung Quarterback, Leads St. John's To 4-0 Record



Schmit Member of St. John U Football Team

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn. -- Paul Schmit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schmit and a 1970 graduate of Wadena High School, is a member of the football team at St. John's University, here.

St. John's, coached by John Gagliardi, tied for second place in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) last season with a 5-2 record. The team had a 6-3 overall record. Gagliardi, in 22 years of coaching, has compiled a 133-48-5 record to rank fourth in winning

Wadena Prep Star Honored at Banquet

Athletes who participated on football or cross country teams at Golden Valley Lutheran College will be honored at the annual fall Athletic Banquet, Wednesday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Among the athletes being honored at the banquet November 17 will be Scott Knutson of Wadena, member of the 1971 football team.

Larson Groomed To Become Middle Linebacker On MSC Dragon Squad

MOORHEAD, Minn. (Oct. 23, 1972) - When current Moorhead State College middle linebacker Robin Abraham completes his eligibility this fall, Dragon head coach Ross Fortier won't have to look long for a replacement.

Bob Larson, a 6-0, 205-pound sophomore at Moorhead State, is being groomed to replace Abraham. A 1971 graduate of Wadena, Larson has seen limited varsity duty this fall behind Abraham and has impressed the Dragon coaching staff.

"Bob's got excellent potential, and he'll have a bright future at Moorhead State. He works very hard to improve himself, and his technique is much better than earlier in the season."

"We moved Bob from defensive end to linebacker, and it takes time to make the adjustment. He works hard to improve himself - he's got tremendous dedication," Fortier added.

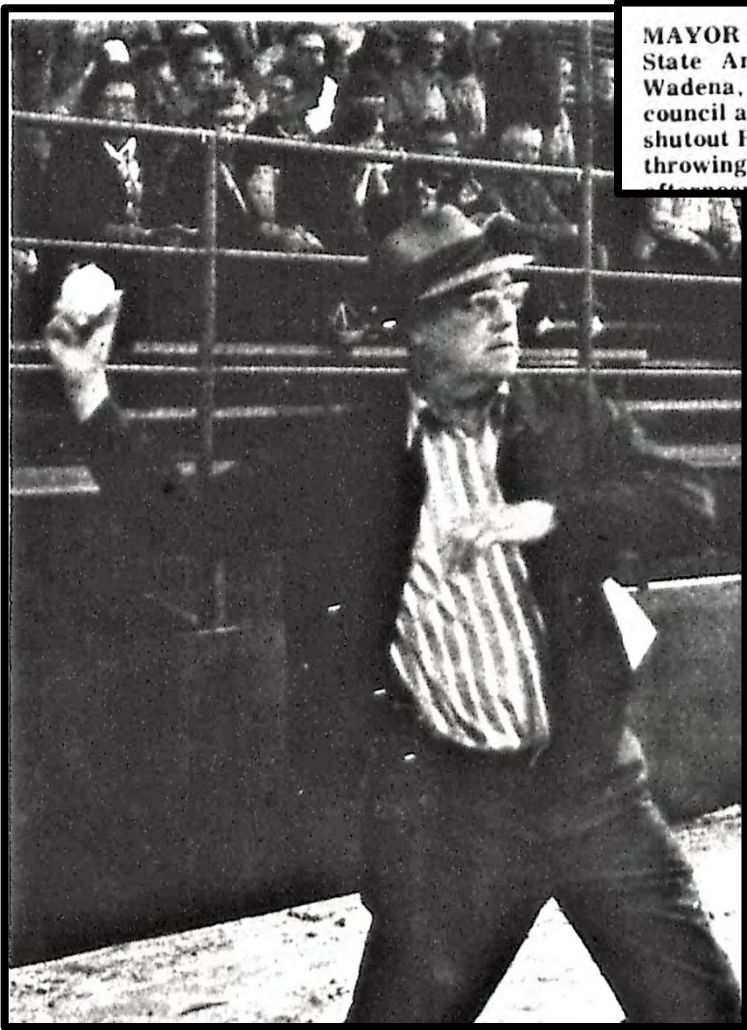
Larson was used as an offensive and defensive tackle in high school for head coach John Conzemius, an ex-Dragon. He was named to the Mid-State All-Conference squad as a senior.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Larson, Bob competed in basketball and track in addition to football in high school.



Moorhead State College whipped Southwest State College 31-0 last weekend at Moorhead, running its seasonal mark to 5-2 and its Northern Intercollegiate Conference record to 2-1.

The Dragons face a major test this Saturday (Oct. 28) at Houghton, Mich. against Michigan Tech University. Tech is currently tied with Minnesota-Morris for first place in the NIC with a 3-0 mark.



MAYOR MILT GASLIN-throws out the very first ball of the 1972 State Amateur Baseball tournaments at County Stadium in Wadena, Aug. 30, 1972. On hand were members of the village council and village department heads. In the opener, Deer Creek shutout Red Lake of the Paul Bunyan league 10-0 with Al Stigman throwing a one-hitter. The Cardinals stopped Hibbing Sunday ~~Game 1-2 to advance.~~ (P. J. Sports Photo)



ANDERSON BOYS-bike to a family reunion at Milaca, Saturday. Mark and Greg Anderson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson of Wadena, set out Aug. 19, and biked 107 miles to attend a family reunion at Milaca. The duo made the trip in 14 hours. Quite a fete (feet)! (Photo contributed)





1973 Season



WHS Record 6-3-0
Mid-State 3-3-0

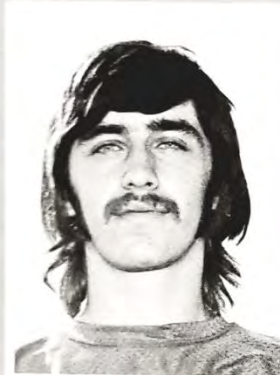


(L - R) ROW 1: M. Larson (tr.), R. Pudas, G. Stover, D. Houle, R. Neisess, B. Endres, G. Skalman, N. Lundquist, K. Vandenberghe, R. Olson, B. Skalman, D. Zeta, S. Hepokoski, D. Stromberg, J. Wynn, J. Reineccius, M. Wynn, M. Conzemius (tr.). ROW 2: T. Montan, D. Frost, M. Komula, S. Wallgren, D. Folkestad, B. Nyberg, D. Kraemer, D. Vierkant, M. Condiff, J. Fiskum, D. Vierkant, R. Olson, K. Schwartz, J. Carter, B. Ericson, R. Kern, B. Bayer. ROW 3: D. Barry (coach), B. Larson (coach), J. Wensman, R. Hooten, J. Pilgrim, M. Beckel, T. Hockert, T. Hamerlinck, G. Bayer, J. Hamerlinck, D. Engstrom, B. Burns, M. Anderson, J. Hertel, C. Visser (coach), J. Conzemius (Head coach). Not Pictured: K. Tabery, J. Crocker, J. Sample, C. Heins, B. Ohrmundt, C. Leeseberg.

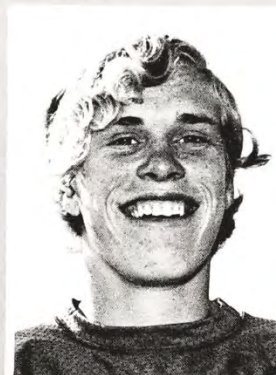
Senior Singles



Ken Tabery
Co-Captain
All Conference
WCCO Team Week



Galen Bayer
Co-Caption
All Conference



Mark Beckel
All Conference



Tom Hamerlinck



Tom Hockert



Tim Montan



Randy Pudas



Mike Wynn

Underclassmen



Bill Burns



Bob Endres



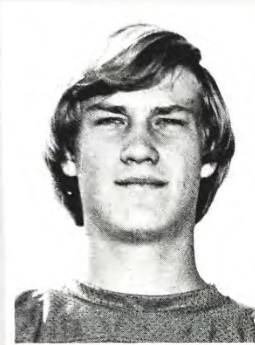
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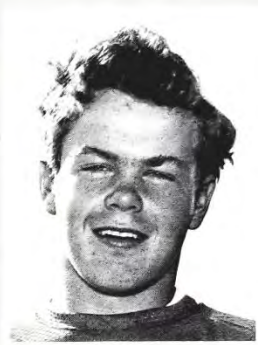
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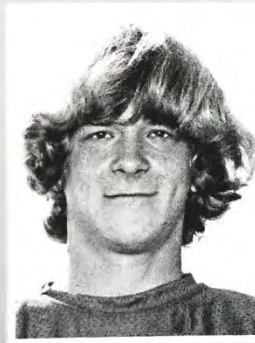
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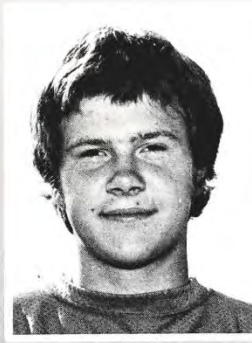
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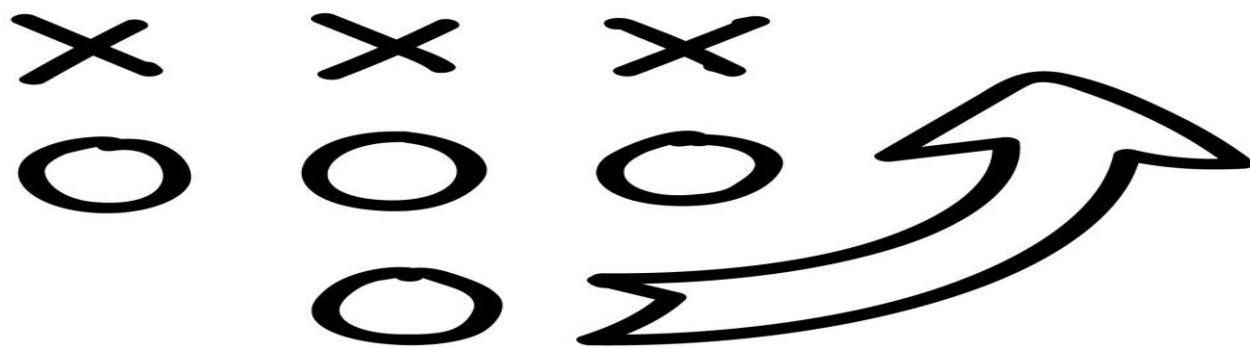
Dean Vierkant



Trainers- Ricky Sanders,
Jim Sample



WADENA HIGH SCHOOL- football practices are underway and shown here at the senior high practice field are grid coaches, seniors and lettermen. 45 reported for opening practice. This picture was taken during the official photo session held Tuesday morning for the general public at 10 a.m. WHS football coaches are Charles Visher, John Conzenius, Bill Larson, and Dennis Barry; standing, are from left, Mark Beckel, Randy Pudas, Tom Hockert, Tom Hamerlinck, Galen Beyer, Tim Montan and Mike Wynn. Regular practices open to the general public are at 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. daily except no practice on Friday August 17 at 7. The first scrimmage will be held at the athletic field, Aug. 25, at 10 a.m. when Brainerd, Grand Rapids and Wahpeton, N.D., gridgers are in town. The season opener is with Long Prairie, here, Aug. 31. Not pictured are Kenneth Tabery and Ron Kreiser. (P. J. Sports Photo)



WHS Indians Tackle L-P In Grid Opener

★ ★
Friday, Aug. 31st

Wadena's high school Indians grid team will open its 1973 football season Friday, Aug. 31, at the local athletic field at 7:30 p.m. when non-conference foe Long Prairie invades.

Long Prairie stunned the Indians last year 18-14 for their first win over Wadena in football since 1960.

48 gridders responded to the initial call for football, according to head Coach John Conzemius and they have been working out in conditioning practices near the senior high school on regular schedule.

Of the 48, eight are seniors, fourteen juniors and 25 sophomores. There is one frosh on the 1973 squad.

Ken Tabery had earned two letters in football, Galen Bayer, Tom Hockert, Tim Montan and Mike Wynn have each earned one letter, according to Coach John Conzemius.

Seniors Tom Hamerlinck, Randy Pudas and Mark Beckel are expected to aid the Wadena cause when they tackle Long

Prairie in the football opener Friday night.

The Wadena squad lost 16 lettermen by graduation so the football coaching staff has a job before them in rebuilding.

The Indians host Long Prairie Friday, travel to Pelican Rapids Sept. 7 and host Morris H.S. Sept. 14.

Wadena's first conference

1973 Wadena Junior - Senior High School Football Schedule

Date	School	Varsity Schedule
Aug. 31	Long Prairie	H
Sept. 7	Pelican Rapids	A
Sept. 14	Morris	H
Sept. 21	Park Rapids	H
Sept. 28	Little Falls	A
Oct. 5	Aitkin	H
Oct. 12	Crosby-Ironton	A
Oct. 17	Detroit Lakes	H
Oct. 26	Staples	A

All games start at 7:30 p.m.

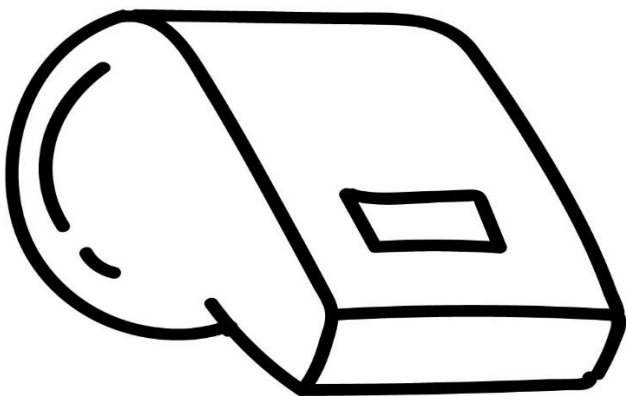
Nov. 2 Playoff Football game between the winners of the

RUNNER-UP TROPHY- in Here manager Lee Dem Wegscheid, Wadena, at th Dennis Hennagir, Bison dr Lundeen, Wadena baseball

game is with Park Rapids Sept. 21, here.

Grid coaches are John Conzemius, William Larson, Charles Visher and Dennis Berry.

WHS cheerleaders are Sarah Browne, Ginger Goetz, Terra Johnson, Lona Baker, Pam Grewe, Jenny Iken; alternates Kris Larson and Vicki Rosenthal.



WHS Indians' Rally Tops L-P, 26-14

The Wadena Indians showing a great deal of hustle and spirit started the 1973 football season off on the right foot as they set back the tribe from Long Prairie 26 to 14 Friday night at Wadena.

Gerald Stover, junior runningback, carried the pigskin 28 times for 175 yards.

Gerald did some fancy stepping but also he was aided by some gaping holes in the line that Mr. Larson and Mr. Visher could go through side by side.

The blocking in the line of Ken Tabery, Bob Endres, Mike Wynn, Dean Vierkant, Tim Montan and Jeff Reineccius was the cause of the huge holes.

Mark Beckel and Galen Bayer besides doing a fine job when they carried the ball also aided Gerald in his 175 yards.

Starting quarterback Roger Olson did very well and also showed that he can be a running threat.

Roger also punted for a fine 38 yard average. The toe of Tom Hamerlinck proved very strong as he was 2-2 an extra point and excellent in the kickoff department.

Wadena started the season off correctly as their opening drive which last 14 plays resulted in a score. Roger plunged from one yard out and Tom kicked the ball through the uprights for a 7 to 0 lead with 5:38 to go in the 1st period.

Wadena	7	0	6	13	26
Long Prairie	0	6	8	0	14

	Wadena	L.P.
First Downs	13	11
By Passing	0	3
By Rushing	13	8
By Penalty	0	0
No. of Passes Attempted	3	17
Completed	2	5
Yards Gained	-1	65

T.D.S.	0	0
Had Intercepted	1	2
Yards Run Back	10	43

No. of Rushing Plays	48	29
Yards Gained	261	148
Yards lost	20	13
Net Yards	241	135

Total No. of plays	51	46
Total offense	240	200
No of Punts	4	3
Yards	153	92
Ave.	38	31
Blocked	0	0
Punts Returned	1	1
Yards	5	8

	Wadena	L.P.
No. of kickoffs	5	3
Yards	190	141
+Ave.	38	47
++ Kickoff returns	2	4
Yards	37	75
Fumbles	2	3
Lost	2	2
Penalties	5	3
Yards	35	25

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lead with 5:38 to go in the 1st period.

Later in the second quarter 1:59 Long Prairie scored as Kevin Blake blasted 8 yards around his left end for 6 points. Kevin also had a fine evening as he rambled for 106 yards. The kick was wide and Wadena led 7 to 6 at half.

Midway through the 3rd quarter Blake again plunged for 1 yard as Long Prairie pushed in front 12 to 7. Kevin then ran for the two points and with 6:49 left to go in the 3rd quarter Long Prairie moved to a 14 to 7 lead. Dennis Frost then hit Blake so hard that Kevin whose intention was to head for the Tech school instead ended up in Southbrook and released the precious pigskin. Mark Komula quickly gathered it in and the Indians moved into paydirt. Gerald Stover with 3:26 to go scored on a one-yard plunge. The try for two failed and the Indians of Wadena were still on the short end of a 14 to 13 score.

Then things happened as Randy Pudas picked off a Scott Hellman aerial and raced 43 yards to set up other Wadena score. Roger Olson plunged over from the one the try for 2 failed and with 7:28 to go the Wadena Indians led 19 to 14. Less than three minutes later Mark Beckel scored from the 3 yard line and Tom kicked his second straight point to ice the game 26 to 14. Freshman Reggie Hooten also picked off a fumble in this game as many young players had a fine evening.

Galen Bayer with 8 tackles led the defensive attack. Ken Tabery and Randy Pudas, and Jeff Reineccius were close behind with 6. Mark Komula, Jerry Hertel, Dennis Frost, Tim Montan and Dean Vierkant collected 5, 5, 4, 4, 4 respectively for a fine team effort.

This week the Indians travel to Vikingland. The Pelican Rapids Viking will be looking for revenge because last season the tie with Wadena was the only blemish on their record.

	Quarters	Total
Wadena	7 0 6 13	26
Opponents	0 0 0 0	0

Penalties	5 3
Yards	35 25

Opponents	Fumbles Recovered
Reggie Hooten	1
Mark Komula	1

Opponents	Passes Intercepted
Randy Pudas	1 for 43 yards
Mark Komula	1 for 0 yards

+ One kickoff out of bounds
 ++ Clipping Penalty on kickoff

Pass Receiving	No.	yds.	L.	TD
Gerald Stover	1	1	1	0
Galen Bayer	1	-2	-2	0

Pass Interceptions	No.	yds	L.	TD
Randy Pudas	1	32	32	0
Mark Komula	1	0	0	0

Punts	N.	yds	VA	L.	B.
Roger Olson	4	153	38	43	0
Opp.	3	92	31	34	0

Punt Returns	N.	Yds	L.	TD
Mark Komula	1	5	5	0
Opp.	1	8	8	0

Kickoffs	No.	yds	L.	A.
Tom Hamerlinck	5	190	45	38.0
Opp.	3	141	53	47.0

Penalties	No.	Yds	A.P.	A.G.
Wadena	5	35	7.0	35
Opp.	3	25	8.3	25

Wadena 26
 Long Prairie 14

Individual Scoring	TD	R-C	Ex	PT
C Ex.P T.				
Roger Olson	2	0	0	12
Gerald Stover	1	0	0	6
Mark Beckel	1	0	0	6
Tom Hamerlinck	0	0	2-2	2

Wadena	4	0-2	2-2	26
Opponents	2	1-1	0-1	14

Individual Rushing

	No.	G.	L.	N.	A.	Lg.
Gerald Stover	28	178	3	175	8	27

Indians' Safety Nips Vikings 15-14

★ ★ Wadena Hosts Morris HS Friday

The Indians and the Vikings may have battled in the 11th century in Minnesota but no battle then could have been as closely a contested affair than the one Friday evening in Pelican Rapids land.

The first quarter found both teams putting together only short drives and the total yardage rested 32 to 30 in favor of Pelican as the scoreboard read 0 to 0.

The Wadena Indians put something on the scoreboard first as Galen Bayer recovered a Pelican fumble on the Vikings' 24-yard line and four plays later Gerald Stover rambled 9 yards to score.

Tom Hamerlinck's toe added the 7th point and with 5:30 to go in the half Wadena had pushed ahead. The Indians made this seven point lead good for a halftime advantage of 7 to zip.

After an Indian pass interception, the Vikings moved 26 yards in 5 plays as Mike Johnson, a fine running back (100 yards in 21 carries) ran into paydirt from seven yards out.

With 8:30 to go in the 3rd stanza Johnson then ran for 2 more points to push the Vikings into an 8 to 7 lead.

Just as the 3rd period was ending after a fine 44 punt return

by Mark Komula this set the Indians up for another score. Eight running plays and one passing play later Gerald Stover again ran across the goal line from 3 yards out. Although the pass was complete the Vikings stopped the try for 2 points and Wadena held a shaky 13 to 8 lead as the 3rd stanza ended. Tom Hamerlinck's big toe sailed the ball into the end zone and the Vikings had to start from their own 20. Like the long trip from Norway to Minnesota and just as steady the Vikings pushed 80 yards in 11 plays as Johnson blasted over from 2 yards out.

The try for 2 failed and with 7:25 to go Pelican lead 14 to 13. Pelican had a short kick-off and Wadena moved to mid field as Mark Beckel ran the ball 13 yards straight ahead. The Indians put together a fine drive and moved what appeared to be in scoring territory.

Things looked bleak as the Indians lost the ball with about 2 minutes to go on the Viking 7 yard line. It appeared that the Vikings had the game safely tucked away when Jeff Reineccius sank their ship as he tackled quarterback John Lund 2-yards deep in the end zone for 2 points.

The safety forced Pelican to kick to the Indians from their own 20 yard line. The Vikings punted and Gerald Stover returned it 22 yards to the Viking 38. The Indians were held on 4 straight downs and Roger Olson then punted the ball to the 1-yard line to secure a sweet victory.

September 7th Area Grid Scores

Wadena 15	Pelican 14
Deer Creek 34	Nevis 0
Mahnomen 22	Henning 20
Motley 48	Backus 12
Verndale 28	Waubun 0
LaPorte 18	Hill City 8
Pequot Lakes 39	Akeley 0
Park Rapids 22	Frazee 16
C-1 22	Bemidji 8
Eagle Bend 34	Menahga 6
Perham 26	Staples 6
Milaca 32	Aitkin 7
Bagley 30	Sebeka 0
Brainerd 22	Duluth Cent. 20
Battle Lake 26	Brow. 10
Bertha H 20	L. Prairie 6



...to secure a sweet victory.

The stats were close to even as was the score. Galen Bayer with 15 tackles led the Indians. Ken Tabery was close behind with 11. Tim Montan and Jeff Reineccius gathered in 9 Vikings. Reggie Hooten was at 8 with Mark Beckel and Jim Carter at 7.

	Quarters	Total
Wadena	0 7 6 2	15
Pelican	0 0 8 6	14

First Downs	Wad.	Pel.
Total		8 12
Rush		7 10
Pass		1 1
Penalty		0 1

No. Pass Att.	4 7
Completed	1 1
Yards	12 13
TD's	0 0
Had Intercepted	1 2
Yards Run Back	25 20

No. of Rushing Plays	45 45
Yards Gained	181 206
Yards Lost	16 27
Net	165 179
Total No. of plays	49 52
Total offense	177 192

Penalties	3 1
Yards	28 1

	Wad.	Pel.
No. of Punts	7	5
Yards	232	162
Ave.	33	32
Blocked	0	0
Punts Ret.	4	3
Yards	77	15
Ave.	19	5

No. of kickoffs	2	4
Yards	104	147
Ave.	52	37

Kickoff returns	4	1
Yards	56	14
Ave.	14	14

Fumbles	4	6
Lost	2	2

Four way battle seen in Mid-State

PARK RAPIDS ENTERPRISE.

The 1973 Mid-State Conference football race, league coaches predict, will be a four-way battle.

Schools drawing mention as favorites include defending champion Detroit Lakes, perennial titlist Crosby-Ironton, Aitkin and Little Falls.

After an opening 6-6 tie with Aitkin last year, Detroit Lakes reeled off five straight victories to claim its first clear-cut Mid-State grid title since it joined the conference in 1969-70. (Detroit Lakes and Wadena shared the crown with 5-1 records in 1969.)

The Laker championship of 1973 ended a two-year reign of coach John Davies' Crosby-Ironton clubs.

Coaches around the league mention both Detroit Lakes and C-1 in the title picture, but also feel that Little Falls and Aitkin -- who had junior dominated teams last fall -- will be in the thick of the race.

A summary of each of the seven Mid-State schools and how the coaches see the 1973 season follows (records in parenthesis are for 1972):

AITKIN (4-1-1 in conference and 5-2-2 overall)

White coach Harlon Buisman lost eight offensive starters, he has 13 lettermen back, including all-conference players Greg Paulson and Pat Sullivan. Paulson, a halfback, and Sullivan, a quarterback, are Aitkin's co-captains for 1973 and were the only juniors named to the all-conference team last fall.

"Our attitude has picked up as a result of last year and we hope to be fighting for the conference title," Buisman says.

Other returning letter winners are end Keith Knutson, tackle Dave Rom, halfback Ed Hermel, halfback Paul Hoge, halfback Ken Torgerson, guard Mark Swanson, end Perry DeSutter, guard Wayne Appel, guard Larry Goble, fullback Rock LaBounty and tackle Mark Luck.

CROSBY-IRONTON (4-2 in conference and 4-5 overall)

John Davies, who has directed the Rangers to one successful football season after another during his years at C-1, says Detroit Lakes "was the best team in the league in 1972 and is the best in 1973 until some other team proves differently."

"Aitkin has its blue chip athletes returning and Little Falls is going to be tough," Davies adds as he seeks to place his squad back on top the Mid-State standings.

Crosby-Ironton also has 13 lettermen, including quarterback Tom Bedard, halfback Jeff Stueck, tackle Ron Liedman, guard Dave Dusbabek, tackle Dave Anderson, flanker Bob Rocca, halfback Jim Koop, linebacker Mike Perpich, halfback Mike Davies, halfback Mike Huesman, guard Jack Hales, end Greg Hall and end Paul Vranish.

DETROIT LAKES (5-0-1 in conference and 6-3-1 overall)

Marv Kostelecky, beginning his third year as head coach of the Lakers, feels the Mid-State race will be a three-way affair.

"I'd say that Crosby-Ironton and Little Falls have to be favored, with Aitkin right in there," Kostelecky states. "All

Master schedule

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7

Milaca at Aitkin
Crosby-Ironton at Bemidji
Detroit Lakes at T.R. Falls
Willmar at Little Falls
Staples at Perham
Wadena at Pelican Rapids
Park Rapids at Frazee

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

Aitkin at Detroit Lakes
Crosby-Ironton at Staples
Little Falls at Park Rapids
Morris at Wadena

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

Little Falls at Aitkin
Detroit Lakes at Crosby-Ironton

Park Rapids at Wadena

Staples (open date)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

Staples at Aitkin
Crosby-Ironton at Brainerd
Park Rapids at Detroit Lakes
Wadena at Little Falls

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

Aitkin at Wadena

Crosby-Ironton at Park Rapids

Detroit Lakes at Staples
Brainerd at Little Falls

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

Aitkin at Bemidji
Wadena at Crosby-Ironton
Little Falls at Detroit Lakes
Staples at Park Rapids

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

Aitkin at Crosby-Ironton
Detroit Lakes at Wadena
Staples at Little Falls

FRIDAY, OCT. 19

Park Rapids at Long Prairie

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

Park Rapids at Aitkin
Crosby-Ironton at Little Falls
Detroit Lakes at Alexandria
Wadena at Staples

FRIDAY, NOV. 2

Mid-State conference championship vs. Central Gopher conference champion at Central Gopher site.

three had a lot of juniors in their lineups last year and will be experienced teams. I expect Aitkin to surprise a lot of people, just like last year."

The Lakers lost heavily from last year's championship team and return only six lettermen. They are captain Joe "Hrastil" at fullback, halfbacks Mike Neltzke and Jim Watson, quarterback Gary Larson, tackle Bill Archer and center Eddie Sprague.

LITTLE FALLS (2-4 in conference and 4-5 overall)

"Because of its strong showings in the past and the return of some very good football players, I feel Crosby-Ironton will be the favorite in 1973," says Flyer coach Joe Soulls about the Mid-State race.

"Detroit Lakes and Aitkin will be strong contenders. Detroit Lakes because of its outstanding sophomores of last year and Aitkin because it didn't lose much from last year's team," says the second-year Flyer mentor.

Soulls feels that his Little Falls club "will be stronger" this season and says the Flyers "are going to be a good team if our juniors come through for us."

"It should be a real good race and we hope to be in it,"

he summarizes.

Fourteen lettermen are back at Little Falls. They are halfback Jerry Shmek, quarterback Mike Larson, fullback Dave Braith, fullback Steve Sylvester, end Harold Lutz, center Perry Nouis, tackle Bart Grams, tackle Paul Pederson, guard Gary Meyer, guard Brad Bigatke, guard Tim Felix, end Pat Wielinski, halfback Steve Lindgren and halfback Brad Hermson.

PARK RAPIDS (1-5 in conference and 1-8 overall)

"Both of our returning seniors -- captain Tom Hofer, a guard, and tackle Steve Blanchard -- are experienced and have good attitudes and also are the fastest members of the team," says Andy McCarty about his Park Rapids Panthers.

"We have to rely heavily on younger players in the junior and sophomore classes," McCarty continues, "but last year's ninth-graders were outstanding, so the future looks good."

Ten other lettermen are back at Park Rapids. They are end Mark Kotowski, tackle Norm Georgina, quarterback Mark Johnson, halfback Jeff May, center Pete Pickett, end Steve Swanson, defensive halfbacks Jim Crist and Joe Burton, guard Larry Mack and halfback Rick Benham.

STAPLES (1-4-1 in conference and 1-8-1 overall)

Staples has the only new head coach in the conference in Myron Smith, who formerly served on the grid coaching staff at Fargo-Shanley.

A graduate of Red Wing High School and Concordia College, Smith was line coach for three years at Shanley after competing in football, wrestling and baseball at Concordia. Captain Jim Braith heads 10 returning Staples lettermen.

The others back are Lloyd Canasty, Doug Cizek, Tom Goff, Pat Goff, Leigh Mayer, Don Pavlacky, Dan Melhus, Mike Thelen and Gary Pipek.

Smith regards Detroit Lakes, Aitkin, Crosby-Ironton and Little Falls as favorites in the Mid-State battle.

"We're pretty deep in line positions," Smith says, "but overall we're young and green and our backs and ends have very little experience."

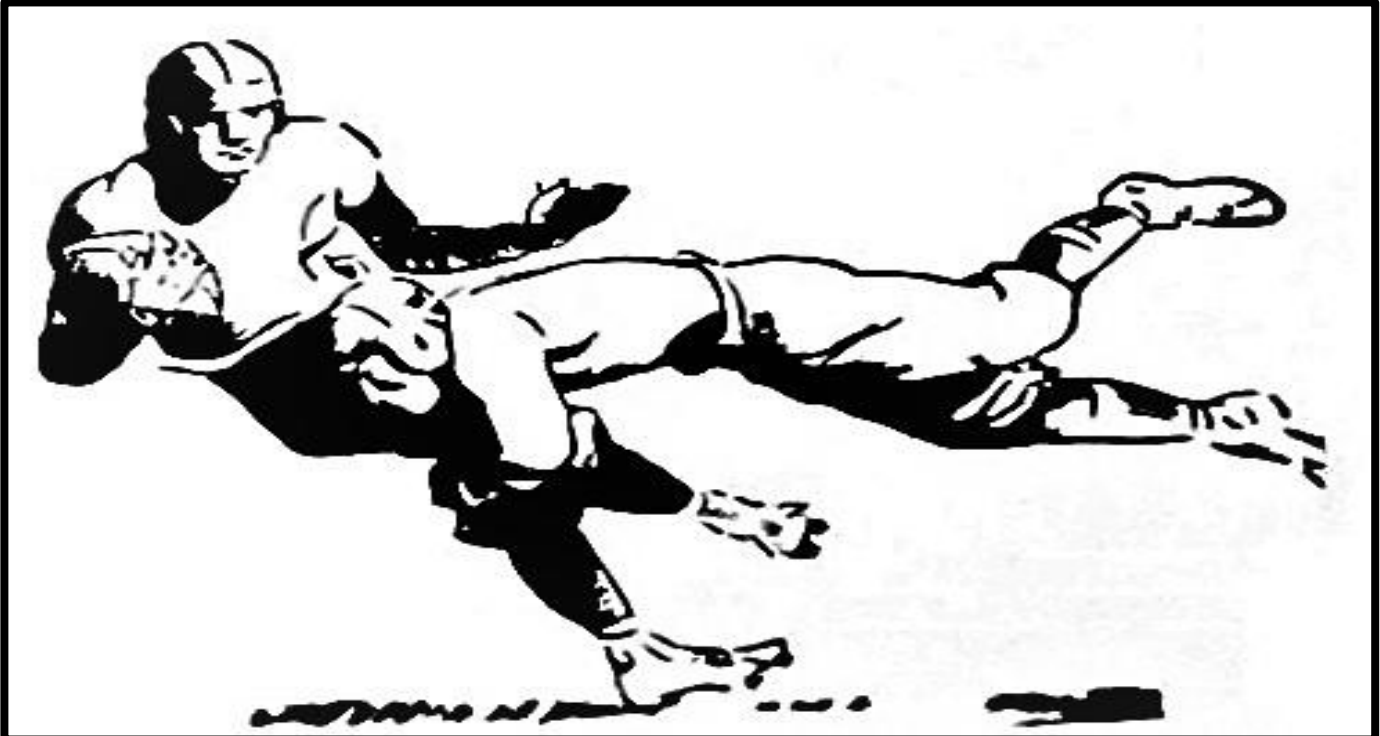
WADENA (2-3-1 in conference and 2-5-2 overall)

Head coach John Conzemius at Wadena says "a rebuilding job is evident" after he lost 16 lettermen from last year's team.

"Crosby-Ironton appears to be the team with the most experienced people back," Conzemius says about the Mid-State, "and Detroit Lakes, Aitkin and Little Falls should be strong. Park Rapids and Staples also have a large number of veterans."

Wadena has the fewest returning lettermen (five) of all seven league schools. They are Ken Tabory, Galen Bayer, Tom Hockett, Tim Montzau and Mike Wynn.

Conzemius says that Tom Hamerlinck, Randy Pudas and Mark Beckel "are other seniors who are expected to make strong contributions to the team."



Wadena Homecoming Hilites



REIGNING QUEEN - Here Miss Sue Neltzke reigned over Homecoming activities as she was presented her crown, robe, bouquet of flowers and a football by WHS team captains Galen Bayer and Ken Tabery. (P.J. Staff Photo)

Indians 'Explode', Sink Tigers, 14-13

The Morris Tigers traveled to Wadena Friday for the first football game ever.

The Tigers were to their dismay after throttling the Indians most of the way found, Wadena exploding for two T.D.'s.

Morris set the first explosion as they blocked a Roger Olson punt and end Mark Ness gathered in the bomb and raced 40 yards to paydirt.

Steve Kent kicked the one pointer and with only two minutes gone in the game the Tigers led 7 to zip.

Mark Beckel then returned the kickoff 9 yards to Wadena's 22 yard line. Here Wadena's quarterback, Roger Olson, decided to try a quarterback sneak. Sneaky Roger slithered 78 yards straight ahead for 6 points.

Tom Hamerlinck sailed the pigskin through the uprights and only 40 seconds after the Tiger's score the Indians had the game knotted at 7 and 7.

Morris then demonstrated ball control as they kept possession of the pigskin for 18 plays and 67 yards. The Tiger quarterback Tom Jacobson plunged over from the one for 6 points. The extra point was low and with only 40 seconds left in the 1st quarter the scoreboard read Morris 13 Wadena 7.

The second quarter found neither team moving the ball as Wadena amassed only 24 yards and Morris 19. The defense probably had a great deal of the to do about this as big Galen Bayer and huge Ken Tabery each had 11 individual tackles. Galen also assisted on 10 and Ken on 5 for 21 and 15 respectively.

Jeff Reineccius was close behind with 7 and 5 for 12.

The third quarter also found Wadena and Morris stymied 31 yards to 10 yards respectively. For all purposes the game should

have stayed 13 to 7 except for a Tiger punt. With approximately one minute to gain the 3rd quarter the Tiger punter Jon Power hit a five 32 yard kick.

Mark Komula captured the pigskin on the 27 and started to his left. Then all of a sudden he reversed his field and headed for the right sidelines. Behind a fine wall of blocker and some fine balance he raced 73 yards for a 13 to 13 score. Tom sailed the extra point true and the Indians were ahead 14 to 13. The Indians at this point did not have a first down.

Halfway through the fourth period the Indians did pick up three very important first downs.

This drive used up very valuable time and the result was too little time and too much yardage left for the Tigers once they got the ball.

This week the Indians open conference play with a homecoming game against Park Rapids. All support will be appreciated by the team cheerleaders and coaches as the Indians will try to "paddle the Panthers".

Wadena	7	0	7	0	14
Morris	13	0	0	0	13

	Wad.	Mor.
No. of First Downs	3	11
By Rush	3	6
By Pass	0	4
By Penalty	0	1
No. of Rushes	36	39
Yard Gained	213	113
Yard Lost	25	17
Net	187	96
No. of Passes	4	19
Completed	1	6
Yards	4	65
TD's	0	0
Had Intercepted	1	0
Yard Ran Back	10	0

Panthers 'Paddle WHS Indians 24-16

The weather was on the wet side and it was a fine day for ducks but the Park Rapids football players proved it was a good day for cats also.

In a very close game throughout the Panthers broke a 16 to 16 tie with 1:06 to play as Steve Pachel raced 25 yards for 6

points and spoiled the Indian homecoming game.

With 6:58 to go in the first quarter Pachel pushed 75 yards and then ran the extra point to put Park Rapids ahead 8 to 0.

After a fumble recovery by Mark Komula the Indians went 23 yards in 4 plays as Gerald Stover ambled in from 8 yards out.

Gerald then ran for the two

yards in 4 plays as Gerald Stover rambled in from 8 yards out.

Gerald then ran for the two points and the Indian and Panthers were knotted at 8 and 8. Just as the first quarter was ending Park Rapids quarterback Roger Day hit Mark Kotowski for a 54 yard scoring aerial. Day then ran the two points and Park Rapids led 16 to 8 as the first quarter came to a close.

The second quarter proved scoreless for both teams so at intermission the Panthers still held a 16 to 8 advantage.

The third quarter found Park Rapids fumbling again and Ken Tabery surrounded the pigskin.

The Indians then marched 24 yards in 6 plays with important 2 point pass.

As the fourth quarter came to a close it looked as if we were to see our first overtime of the season.

But the Panthers proved it was the year of the cat as they snared a Wadena aerial and raced 22 yards to the Indian 30. Three plays later Steve Pachel raced his game winning 25 yards.

Mark Komula and Randy

Mark Komula and Randy Pudas two Indians in the secondary led in tackles with 9 each. Reggie Hooten had 8 and Galen Bayer 7 as Park Rapids rushed for 203 yards and passed for 141 yards. Gerald Stover picked up 105 yards in 27 carries, Mark Beckel had 46 in 7 carries and Roger Olson 39 in 9 carries. The leading rusher in the game was Steve Pachel of Park Rapids with 153 yards in 18 carries.

This week the Indians travel to Little Falls for a tough affair. The Flyers have one of the best football teams in the Mid-State and the Indians bid for their 4th victory will not be easy.

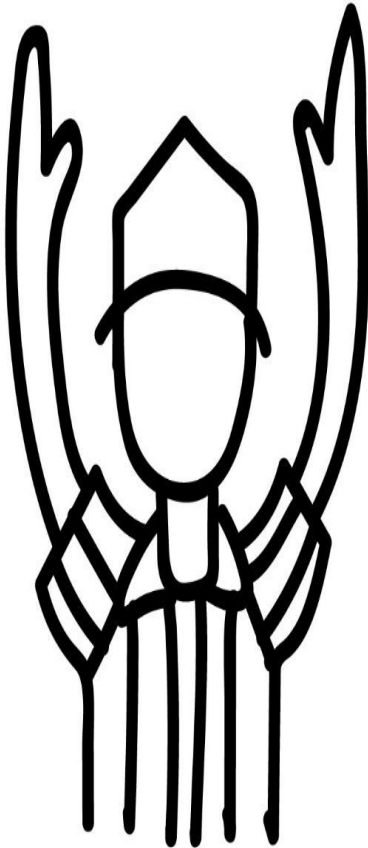
	Quarters		Tot.		
Wadena	8	0	8	0	16
Park Rapids	16	0	0	8	24

	Wad. P.R.	
First Downs	11	10
By Rush	10	5
By Passing	0	5
By Penalty	1	0

No. of Pass Att.	7	12
Com.	2	8
Yards Gain	2	141
TD's	0	1
Had Intercepted	2	1
Yards Runback	51	0

No. of Rushes	45	40
Gained	209	225
Lost	20	22
Net	189	203

Total Plays	52	52
T		
Total Offense	191	344



WHS Indians Axe Aitkin, 21-7

★ Stofer Gains 100 Yards ★

The Wadena Indians enjoyed their Thanksgiving turkey approximately one month early as they roasted the Aitkin Gobblers 21 to 7.

The Indians as a team offensively and defensively put together their best game. Gerald Stover carried the ball 40 times for 200 yards. Aitkin only had 24 rushes and 114 yards for their entire team.

The team aided Gerald with the finest blocking of the season as Mark Beckel, Ken Tabery and Dean Vierkant and others flattened the defensive and opened gaping holes. Mark Beckel had a fine evening running as he carried the ball four times for 41 yards.

The Gobblers drew first blood as they put together a 67-yard march in nine plays as Greg Paulson, one of the Aitkin's finest football players ran for a 19 yard TD. Paulson, a fine kicker, then hit the extra point and with 6:53 to go in the first quarter Aitkin led 7 to 0.

In the second quarter the Indians put together 47 yards in 11 plays as Gerald Stofer carried

the ball into the end zone from three yards out. Tom Hamerlinck hit his sixth straight extra point and the Indians with 10:08 to go pushed even with the Gobblers.

In the 3rd quarter the Indians put 75 yards in the rushing column with a sustained 15-play march. Stofer scored his second T.D. from two yards out and Tom went 7 for 7 for the year.

The Indians in the fourth period again demonstrated ball control as 76 yards were marched off in 12 plays.

The big play was a 40 yard aerial from Roger Olson to Jeff Reineccius. Gerald Stover ran in from the 6 to cap the drive. Ham kept his record intact at 8 for 8.

The Indians controlled the ball game as they had the pigskin for 66 plays to Aitkin's 35. The game was well played with few penalties and no fumbles. The Wadena kicking game, with Tom Hamerlinck 3 for 3 and 47 yard average on kickoffs, Roger Olson's astounding 39 average on punts is an important factor in field position.

Players like Mark Komula who can play almost anywhere and played every play are very valuable. Kent Tabery and Dean Vierkant and Jeff Reineccius also go both ways. Mark Beckel with 12 tackles led the Indians but Ken Tabery, Tom Hockert, Dean Vierkant and Jeff Reineccius were close behind with 9

Dennis Frost and Mark Komula had 6 tackles and Reggie

Hooten controlled his end of the line with 5 Gobblers gathered in.

This week the Indians will need a superb effort from everyone as they play the toughest turn of their schedule, the C-I Rangers. C-I is currently ranked second in the state and have dominated many good football teams. All local support will be appreciated at C-I on Friday evening

Wadena 21 Aitkin 7

Scoring:	1st	2nd	3rd	5th	T
Wadena	0	7	0	14	21
Aitkin	7	0	0	0	7

First Downs	Wad	Opp.
Tot.	16	7
Rush	15	5
Pass	1	2
Pen	0	0

No. of Rushes Gained	61	24
Lost	267	114
Net	11	6
	256	108

No. of Passes	5	11
Com.	1	5
Percent	20	45
Yds	40	77
TD's	0	0
Had. Int.	2	2
Yards Runback	1	6
Total Plays	66	35
Total yards	307	143

Penalties	No.	Yds
Wadena	4	50
Aitkin	5	45

No Fumbles

No. of Kickoffs	W	A.
Hamerlinck	4	2
Yards	189	98
Ave.	47	49

WHS Indians Sink D-L Lakers, 6-0

The Wadena football team, and it was a fine team effort, punched out a 6 to 0 well deserved win over the Detroit Lakes Lakers Oct. 17 here at Wadena.

The Lakers crippled with injuries most of the season had their line running back Jim Watson and defensive back Greg Neitzke back for the first time.

Wadena was the injured team as Gerald Stover, starting back, Bill Burns, starting guard and Galen Bayer, former fullback now on defense were all injured.

Then, when quarterback Roger Olson was injured punting and Dennis Frost injured passing replacing Rog; things looked bleak.

But the defense put up the finest fight of the year and held off until late in the 4th quarter when the Indians, with terrific ball control marched 65 yards in 7 plays. With 2:59 to go Wadena pushed in front 6 to 0 as substitute Dale Vierkant, with hard nosed running, hurdled in from 3 yards out.

There were many heroes in this

There were many heroes in this game. Ken Tabery, Reggie Hooten, Tim Montan, Tom Hockert, Randy Pudas, Mark Beckel, Jeff Reineccius, Galen Bayer on the defensive side; Mark Komula, Dale Vierkant, Dennis Frost, Roger Olson Randy Pudas and others on offensive. But there were 9 seniors playing their last home game. Captain Ken Tabery 7 tackles and team leader, Mark Beckel 8 tackles, fine blocker all year, Randy Pudas 9 tackles fine defensive back Olson came in and punted very well when Roger was injured, Galen Bayer 12 tackles fine running and very good defensive player, Tom Hockert 7 tackles a player that can go both ways offensive and defense, Tim Montan 7 tackles the same as Tom a steady big lineman, Tom Hamerlinck, one of the finest kickers in the area 7 for 8 and 47 yard average on kickoffs. Mike Wynn the center the type of player you never hear about unless he makes a bad snap back to the kicker. He has been excellent all year. Jeff Crocker, a player that although he does not play much is equally as valuable to the team because of always being there and if you know Jeff then you know his enthusiastic attitude. This Friday these 9 players will tackle the Staples Cardinals, a game that is always hard played because of the rivalry. All support will be appreciated.

Wadena 6 Detroit Lakes 0

Scoring:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Wadena	0	0	0	6	6
Detroit Lakes	0	0	0	0	0

First Downs

	Wad	D.L.
Total	10	7
Rush	8	6
Pass	0	1
Penalty	2	0

	Wad	D.L.
No. of Rushes	46	30
Gained	134	137
Lost	21	22
Net	113	115

	Wad	D.L.
No. of Passes	7	12
Com.	2	5
Percent	29	42
Yds	-4	3
TD's	0	0
Intercepted	1	1
Yards Run Back	1	15

	Wad	D.L.
Total Plays	53	42
Total Yards	109	118
Penalties	2	6
Yards	30	50
Fumbles	3	3
Lost	2	1

	W.	D.L.
No. of Kickoffs	2	2
Yards	90	44
Ave.	45	44

	W.	D.L.
Kickoff Returns		
Komula	1	2
Yards	35	30
Ave.	35	15

	W.	D.L.
Punts		
Olson	1	33
Pudas	3	103

	W.	D.L.
Yards	4	6
Ave.	136	161
	34	27

Punt Returns

	W.	D.L.
Komula	1	52
Wad	1	4
Yds.	52	44
Ave.	52	11

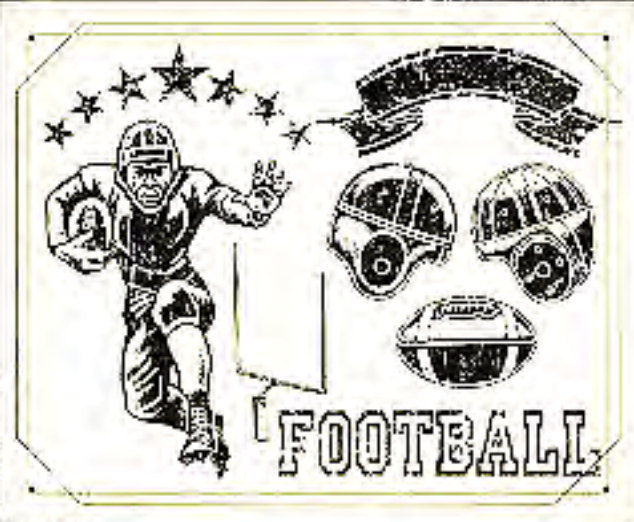
	Own	Opp
Fumbles		
M. Komula	1	0
D. Vierkant	0	1

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Area Grid Scores

(Oct. 17)

Wadena 6	D-L 0
Verndale 28	Sebeka 0
Little Falls 38	Staples 0
C-I 48	Aitkin 8
Henning 30	Parkers 13
Bertha-H. 26	NYM 0
Battle L. 20	Menahga 0
Deer Creek 61	Motley 6
Fergus Falls 34	Brainerd 8



Mid-State Standings

(Oct. 17)

	W	L
C-I	5	0
Little F.	5	0
Park Rapids	3	2
Wadena	2	3
Aitkin	1	4
Staples	1	4
Detroit L.	1	5

WHS Indians Deal Cards 35-7 Defeat

★ ★ Wadena Completes Successful (6-3) Season

The Wadena Indians completed a successful football season by displaying one of their finest offensive and defensive games of the season. The victims of the fine play were the Staples Cardinals.

The offense scored 35 points, while the defensive held the Cards to 7 points.

The offense collected 359 yards while the defense only gave up 144 yards.

The offensive charge was led by Mark Komula as he accumulated 127 yards in 17 carries. Mark Beckel 42 yards; Galen Bayer 24; Dale Vierkant 23; Nicky Lundquist 20; Jeff Wynn 13; and Roger Olson 13; also made for the strongest output of the year. The running was easy, as crater like holes were opened by Ken Tabery, Tom Hockert, Bob Endres, Dean Vierkant, Jeff Reineccius, Tom Hamerlinck and others.

The Indians started the game by dealing a 65-yard march in just 5 plays. Mark Komula played the trump card in this drive as he raced 17 yards for 6 points.

With 2:54 to go in the first quarter Tom Hamerlinck kicked the pigskin through the uprights and the scoreboard registered 7 to zip.

Early in the second quarter the

Wadena 23 Staples 7

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Wadena	7	14	7	7	35
Staples	0	0	7	0	7

	W	St.
First Downs	13	11
Rush	12	7
Pass	1	4
Pen	0	0
No. of Rushes	40	32
Yards Gained	271	118
Lost	9	50

Net	262	68
No. of Passes	6	11
Com	3	6
Percent	50	55
Yds.	77	86
TD's	2	1
Had Int.	2	0
Yds. Run back	25	0
Total Plays	46	43
Total Yds.	348	154
Penalties	4	7
Yds.	30	45

Fumbles	0	4
Lost	0	1

	W	St.
Kickoffs	6	2
Hamerlinck	293	60
Yds.	49	30
Ave.		

Kickoffs Returned		
Pudas	1-18	
Erickson	1-0	

	2	5
Yds.	18	71
Ave.	9	14

Punts	1	5
Olson		

Tabery Named To WCCO State Team of Week



Ken Tabery

Mid-State Standings

(Oct. 17)

	W	L
C-I	5	0
Little F.	5	0
Park Rapids	3	2
Wadena	2	3
Aitkin	1	4
Staples	1	4
Detroit L.	1	5



Mid-State All-Conference



Galen Bayer



Mark Beckel



Ken Tabery

Three gridders of Coach John Conzemius' Wadena Indian football squad were named to the Mid-State All-Conference team it has been reported.

Named to this honor from

Wadena were Ken Tabery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tabery; Galen Bayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Bayer; and Mark Beckel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beckel.

The 24-member all-conference football team was selected Wednesday by coaches of the Mid-State conference.

C-I, who finished 10-0 and captured the league championship, dominated the squad with six players.

Runner-up Little Falls had five men on the squad and Park Rapids, four.

Greg Paulson, a senior of Aitkin, Minnesota, was the only repeater from the 1972 squad to the 1973 team.

Player & School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
Tim Anderson, Aitkin	5-10	160	12
Greg Paulson, Aitkin (+)	6-1	180	12
Mike Davies, Crosby-Ironton	6-0	175	12
Crosby-Ironton	5-11	150	12
Pete Midthun, Crosby-Ironton	6-2	180	12
Tom Bedard, Crosby-Ironton	5-11	170	12
Ron Leidman, Crosby-Ironton	6-2	200	12
Jack Hales, Crosby-Ironton	5-11	180	12
Joe Chrastil, Detroit Lakes	5-10	175	12
Gary Larson, Detroit Lakes	6-1	175	12
Jerry Shimek, Little Falls	6-0	180	12

Perry Nouis, Little Falls	5-10	170	12
Bart Grams, Little Falls	6-0	185	12
Tim Felix, Little Falls	6-0	185	12
Roger Kapsner, Little Falls	5-10	160	11
Steve Pachel, Park Rapids	5-7	155	12
Tom Hofer, Park Rapids	5-9	160	12
Steve Harsha, Park Rapids	6-1	160	12
Mark Kotowski, Park Rapids	6-1	170	11
Doug Cizek, Staples	6-0	170	12
Jeff Marden, Staples	6-1	165	12
Ken Tabery, Wadena	6-0	220	12
Galen Bayer, Wadena	6-0	180	12
Mark Beckel, Wadena	6-0	170	12

the 1973 team.

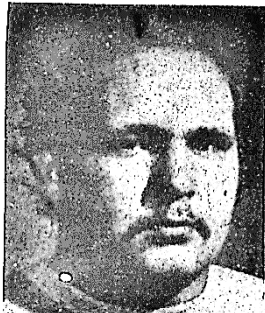
All of Wadena's gridders are seniors. Bayer averaged 9 tackles per game with a total of 81 tackles or assists. Tabery had 8 tackles per game and 72 total tackles. Beckel had 68 tackles and a 7.6 average per game.

On offense Beckel scored 18 points for the Indians. In individual rushing, Beckel rushed for a total of 323 yards and Bayer for 98 yard total. Beckel's longest run was 65 yards against Morris. Bayer's longest run was 9 yards against Staples.

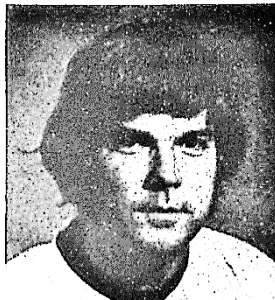
Final Wadena football facts are published this week in the Pioneer Journal.

College Football and Other Items of Interest

Two Wadena Athletes Return To MSC In Coaching Positions



Mike Langer



Daryl Oja

MOORHEAD, MINN. -- Two Wadena products and former athletic standouts at Moorhead State College - Daryl Oja and Mike Langer -- have returned to the Dragon camp this fall in coaching positions.

Oja, a graduate assistant at MSC, is serving as head freshman coach of the Dragons while Langer, a former All-Northern Intercollegiate Conference selection during his playing career at MSC is coaching the freshmen defensive line.

A fine all-around prep athlete at Wadena, Oja transferred to Moorhead State after a year at the University of Minnesota. He competed for three years with the baseball Dragons and gained All-NIC honors. Last year he helped coach football, basketball and baseball as a graduate assistant and will perform similar roles this fall. He is working on his Master's Degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Daryl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Oja of Cottage Grove, formerly of Wadena.

Langer was a two-year starter at offensive tackle for the Dragons after transferring from Wahpeton State School of Science. He shared Most Valuable Player honors with guard John Stolpman when Moorhead State captured the 1971 NIC championship.

Willis On Cobber Football Team

Greg Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Willis, 503 1st St. S.W., Wadena, is a member of the 1973 varsity football team at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

Willis, a 6'2"-230 lb. offensive tackle, is a senior at Concordia majoring in physical education and minoring in biology.

The Cobbers, members of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC), presently have 2 wins and 3 losses for this season, which includes 1 win and 2 losses in the conference. Cobber victories include a win over cross-town rival Moorhead State College and a homecoming win over Gustavus Adolphus of St. Peter.

Two WHS Prep Stars On Moorhead SC Grid Team

MOORHEAD, MN. -- Variety is the spice of life. Just ask Bob Larson at Moorhead State College.

A man of all positions, Larson has seen action at three different defensive positions in the Dragons' first four football games this fall, and he had made the adjustment very well, according to head coach Ross Fortier.

"Bob has great versatility, no question about that," Fortier mentioned Monday. "We have shifted him around quite a bit this fall, but he has done a good job wherever we have put him. It doesn't seem to make much difference to Bob if we use him as down lineman or at a linebacking spot—he's ready to play."

The 6-1, 215-pound junior was expected to wage a fierce battle with sophomore Dick Sagehorn of Bertha-Hewitt for the starting middle linebacker assignment this fall, but an early ankle injury this fall slowed Bob's progress.



Bob Larson



Tom Conzemius

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Larson of 1004 Jefferson Street, Larson is majoring in Criminal Justice and History at Moorhead State College.

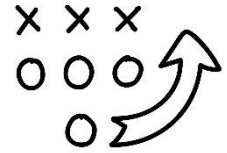
John Conzemius's son Tom is also a member of the Dragon varsity squad. A sophomore at MSC, Conzemius has been switched from tight end to offensive guard, and Fortier feels Tom can make a strong contribution in the future.

**Kevin Tabery On
MSC Wrestling Team**



1974 Season

WHS Record 6-3-0
Mid-State 3-3-0



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Football Cheerleaders:
Bev Lynk, Robin Hedstrom, Pat Baker, Jenny Iken, Lona Baker, Kris Larson, Karen Luna, Vicki Rosenthal.



Head Coach John Conzenius, and trainers Bob Iken, Pete Mueller.

C-I Rangers team to be beat in M-S

Crosby-Ironton's Rangers, defending Mid-State Conference football champions, are given the nod to repeat their 1973 triumph this fall. Coaches of the conference schools, while tabbing C-I as the league favorite, nonetheless feel this year's race will be more evenly balanced than a year ago and think the caliber of Mid-State

football will be greatly improved. One coach who was hesitant about picking C-I was Ranger mentor John Davies, who says that "four of five ball clubs will be in the race" for the 1974 title. "I think that a 5-1 record or possibly 4-2 will look pretty good and feel that Little Falls, Detroit Lakes, Park Rapids and Wadena will be in the race," said the

OUR SENIORS

 Ross Brune	 Bill Burns	 Bob Endres	 Bruce Ericson
 Jim Flakum	 Denis Frost	 Mark Komula	 Dave Kraemer
 Ron Holtes	 Roger Olson, Co-Captain All Conference Team of the WCCO week.	 Jeff Reinrocius, Co-Captain All Conference.	 Keith Schwartz
 Gary Skallman	 Gerald Stover, Co-Captain All Conference.	 Dan Vandenbergh	 Dean Vorkari, Co-Captain All Conference WCCO Team of the week.



WHS gridgers face L-P in '74 opener

Wadena's varsity high school football team faces a real test in its season opener with Long Prairie Friday night.

Coach John Conzemius' charges battle Long Prairie there in a non-conference game.

While the local Indians won a 27-20 opening thriller here one year ago, the going might be a bit rougher on the Long Prairie Indians gridiron, Friday night.

Of the 57 candidates out for

Indian football, seventeen are returning letter winners. Coach Conzemius indicates the squad will be smaller in size (per man) but he hopes they will make up the difference in quickness and speed.

The WHS grid coaching staff includes Bill Larson, Chuck Visher and Dennis Barry.

The home opener will be with Pelican Rapids, Sept. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

HS Indians trounce Long Prairie 36-8

Wadena's high school Indians made a strong showing in its football opener Friday by stopping Long Prairie, 36-8.

The Long Prairie Indians' lone touchdown came in the final minute of the game with Wadena deep reserves playing.

Wadena Coach John Conzemius' charges scored 36 points in the first half and then coasted in the second half for the victory over Long Prairie. In last year's contest at Wadena, the Indians won a thriller, 28-21 over the Long Prairie Indians.

Senior 5-9, 170 pound halfback Gerald Stover scored twice for the Wadena Indians as did backfield mate Mark Komula.

Stover's first TD run came from two yards out in the first quarter of play and his second was a romp of 29 yards in the second period.

In between those TD's, Komula a six-foot gridger, got his first touchdown of the season with a 10-yard carry.

Following Stover's second touchdown, Wadena halfback Gary Skalman tallied the game's fourth touchdown on a run of six yards and Komula finished the

Indian's scoring for the night with an eight-yard TD dash.

With 40 seconds remaining in the contest, Jim Erna of Long Prairie scored from close in.

John Hamerlinck was four for four in kicking point after touchdowns for the Indians who gained 328 total yards to 232 for Long Prairie.

The Indians' first touchdown came at 8:11 at of the first quarter in seven plays covering 51 yards. The second TD scored by Wadena was with five minutes remaining in the second quarter. It covered 45 yards in three plays.

In the second quarter, Wadena's third touchdown covered 55 yards in 11 plays. The fourth TD was scored in two plays and covered 25 yards. Mark Komula ran the fumble snap for two points (PAT).

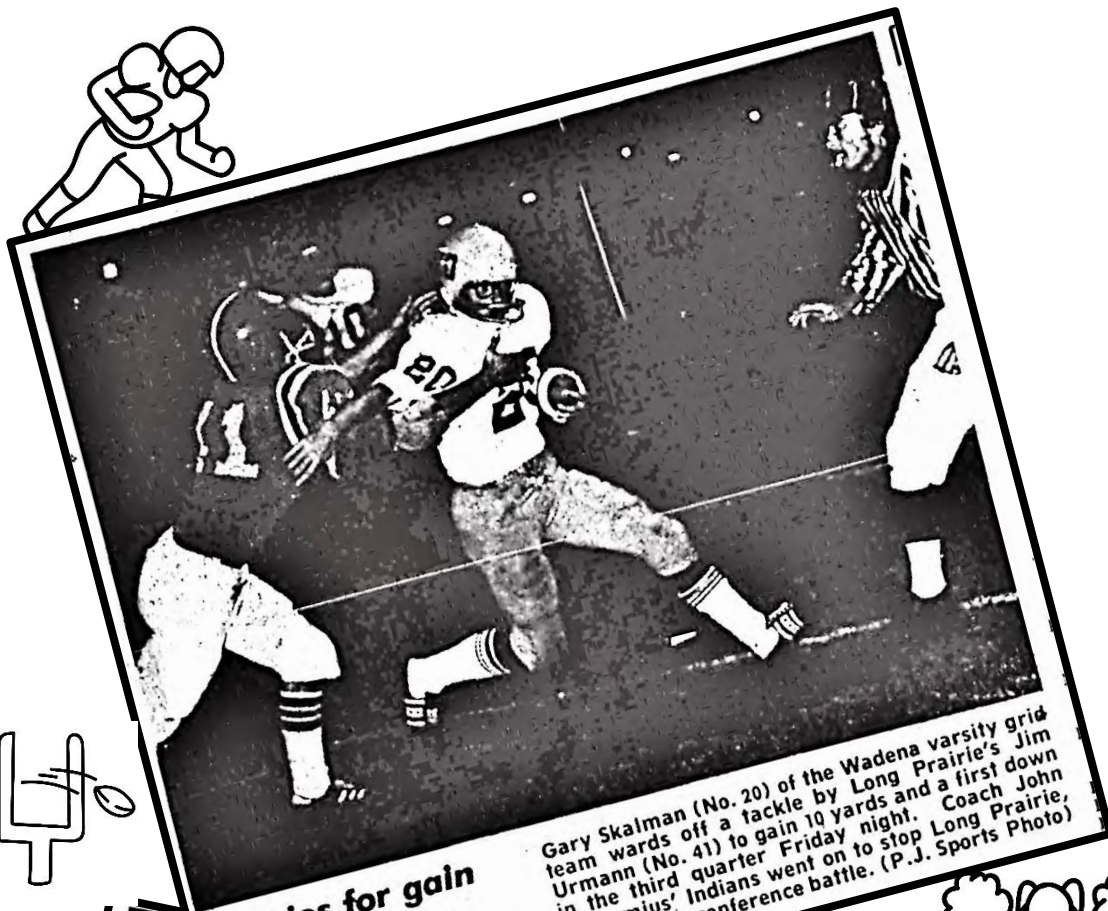
With less than 45 seconds remaining in the first half, Wadena's final TD came on 6 plays covering 27 yards.

Wadena will host Pelican Rapids Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in the first home game of the 1974 season. Season tickets for \$2.50 for four games will be available at the gates.

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No. of Passes Attempted	5 17
Completed	3 5
Percent	60 29.4
Yards Gained	45 84
Touchdown Passes	0 0
Passes had intercepted	1 2
Yards run back	0 29
No. of Rushing Plays	57 36
Yards Gained	304 179
Yards Lost	21 31
Net	283 148
Yards Per Play	5.9 4.1
Total Offensive Play	62 53
Total Yards	328 232
Yards Per Play	5.3 4.4
Drive Proficiency	
1st Half	2-3 0-4
2nd Half	0-4 1-5
Total	2-7 1-9
Percent	28.6 11.1

	W. L.P.
No. of Punts	4 5
Yards	99 106
Ave.	24.8 21.2
Blocked	0 0
Punts Returned	3 4
Yds.	9 29
Ave.	3.3 7.3
No. of kickoffs	6 2
Yards	244 78
Ave.	40.7 39.0
Kickoff Returns	2 5
Yds.	37 49
Ave.	18.5 9.8
Fumbles	0 2
Lost	0 2
Penalties	4 7
Yards	40 47
Ave.	10 6.7



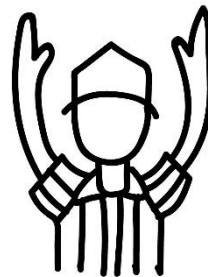
Carries for gain

Gary Skalman (No. 20) of the Wadena varsity grid team wards off a tackle by Long Prairie's Jim Urmann (No. 41) to gain 10 yards and a first down in the third quarter Friday night. Coach John Konzemius' Indians went on to stop Long Prairie, 36-8 in a non-conference battle. (P.J. Sports Photo)



Scores touchdown

Mark Komula (No. 22) of the Wadena Indians scored the game's first touchdown on this play in the first quarter against Long Prairie Friday night. Mark tallied on a two-yard plunge over left-tackle to climax a 51-yard march in seven plays in the first quarter of play at Long Prairie. The Indians host Pelican Rapids Friday at 7:30 p.m. in another non-conference battle at the athletic field. (P.J. Staff



Indians scuttle PR Vikings 32-8



Wadena scored in every quarter in an impressive 32-8 victory over Pelican Rapids in the Indians' 1974 grid home opener Friday night.

Coach John Conzemius' Indians took the opening kickoff and marched 66 yards to paydirt. The Wadena touchdown came on quarterback Roger Olson's 13-yard aerial to fullback Reggie Hooten, a sophomore on the Wadena varsity. John Hamerlinck kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

The Indians then climaxed a second quarter 80-yard drive when Dale Vierkant scored from the two and a 13-0 lead. Three minutes later Gary Skalman, Wadena halfback, scampered 10 yards for the Indians' 19-0 margin at halftime.

Senior halfback Gerald Stover tallied the fourth Wadena touchdown in the third period of play to cap a 52-yard drive. The march was highlighted by Olson's 39-yard pass to Mark Komula.

Wadena's final TD came in the final quarter of play on a two-yard run and Hamerlinck's kick gave the Indians 32 points.

Pelican Rapids scored with three minutes remaining in the non-conference game when Kevin Soberg drove in from the two-yard line. Soberg then ran for the extra points.

Wadena led in first downs 23 to Pelican's 7. The Indians had a total of 70 offensive plays to the Vikings' 42. Wadena gained a net yardage of 301 to Pelican's 128.

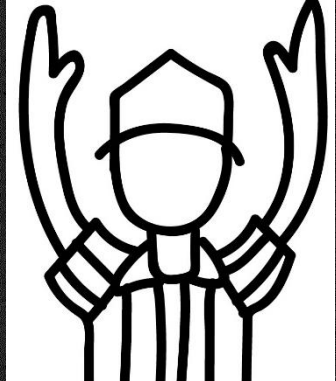
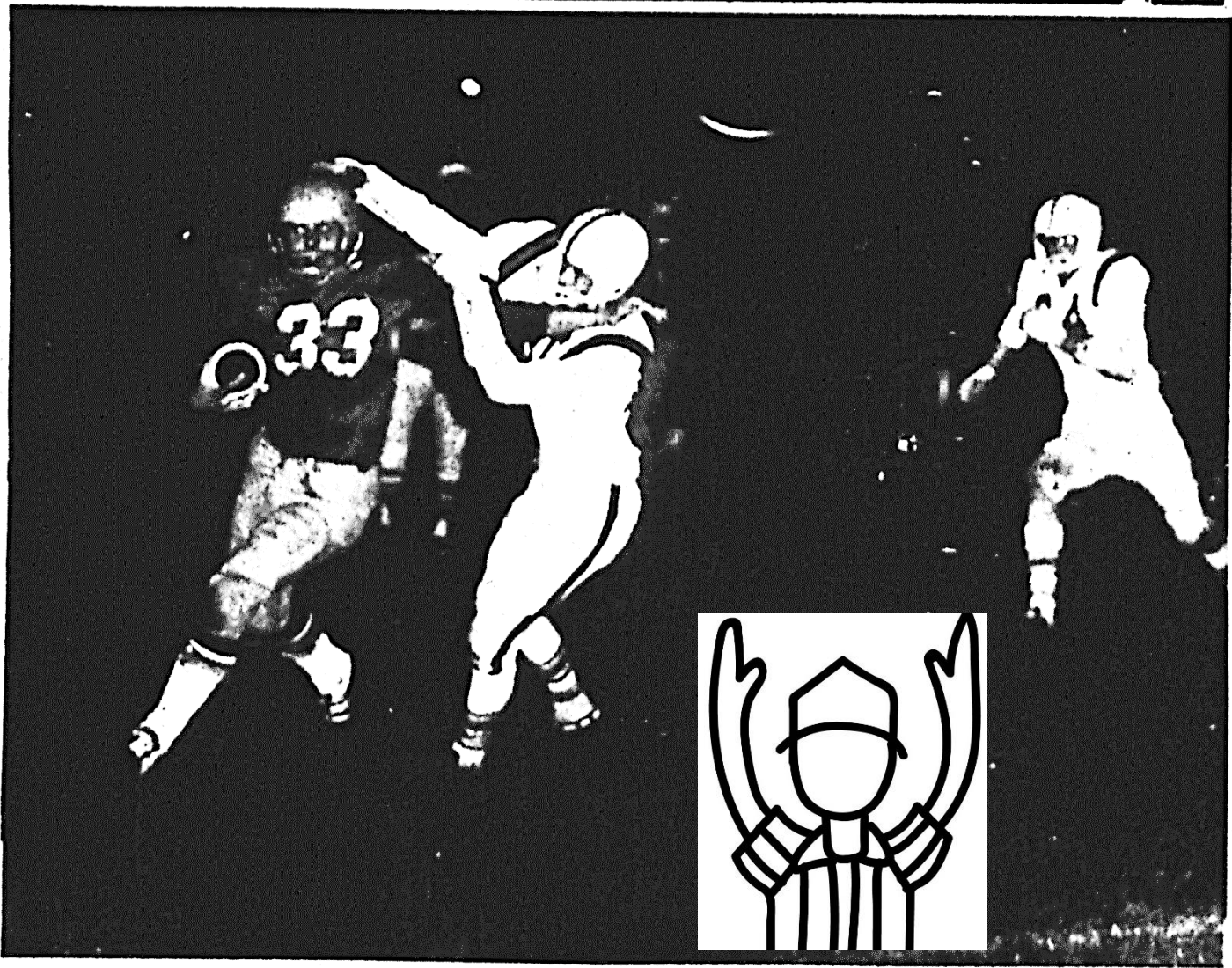
Wadena's first TD of 66 yards was accomplished in 13 plays; the second covering 80 yards in 12 plays; the third, 28 yards in 5 plays, the fourth of 52 yards in five plays, and the final of 50 yards in nine plays.

Pelican's TD covering 50 yards took nine plays.

KWAD radio broadcasts many of the area football games each Friday.

Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Wadena	7	12	6	7	32
Pelican	0	0	0	8	8

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Carries for Wadena Gerald Stover (No. 33) Wadena Indian halfback, carries for a touchdown against the invading Pelican Rapids Vikings in the third quarter of play Friday night. His TD capped a 52 yard drive. Indians triumphed 32-8. (P.J. Sports Photo)

Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Wadena	7	12	6	7	32
Pelican	0	0	0	8	8
	W. Pel.				
First Downs	23 7				
By Passing	2 1				
By Rushing	20 6				
By Penalty	1 0				
No. of Passes	5 5				
Completed	4 1				
Percent	80 20				
Yards	71 16				
TD's	0 0				
H. of Intercepted	0 1				
Yards returned	0 15				
No. of Rushes	65 37				
Yards Gained	314 138				
Yds. lost	13 10				
Net Yards	301 128				
Ave. Per Play	4.6 3.5				

Total Offensive Plays	70	42
Yards	372	144
Ave. Per Play	5.3	3.4
Drive Proficiency		
1st half	6-6	1-4
2nd Half	1-2	1-4
Total	7-8	2-8
Percent	87.5	25
No. of Punts	1	4
Yards	32	148
Ave.	32	37
Blocked	0	0
Punts Returned	3	1
Yards	32	10
No. of Kickoffs	6	2
Yards	249	78
Ave.	41.5	39

Pickoffs Returned	2	6
Yards	26	48
Ave.	13	6
Fumbles	3	2
Lost	0	0
Penalties	3	3
Yards	25	25
Fumbles Recovered		
For Wadena		
Roger Olson	2	
Mark Conzemius	1	



WHS Indians nip Morris Tigers in OT

Wadena scored its third consecutive victory of the early season by besting Morris' Tigers in overtime Friday night, 14-13.

It was the Indians second victory over Morris in as many meetings, while Wadena triumphed last year at home by the same score.

With the score knotted at 7-7 at the end of regulation time, the Indians won the toss and elected to play defense. On its fourth play after starting from the Wadena 10 yard line, Morris quarterback Tom Garberick drove from the one yard line giving the Tigers a 13-7 lead.

However, the Indians blocked the extra point try.

Wadena got their opportunity to score in four plays from the 10 and on the second play, Gerald Stover scored from three yards out to tie it at 13-13. John Hamerlinck followed with the extra point giving Wadena the hard-fought victory.

The Tigers took a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter when center Tom Beyer recovered an offensive fumble and scampered 54 yards to score. Dan Johnson of the Tigers kicked the extra point and that score stood until the third period.

SPORTS

Flyers, Panthers lock horns in M-S

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	T
Wadena	0	0	7	0	7	14
Morris	7	0	0	0	6	13

	W	M
First Downs	10	6
Number	8	4
Rush	1	2
Pass	1	0
Penalty	5	7
No. of Passes	2	3
Completed	40	43
Percent	10	56
Yards Gained	0	0
TD Passes	1	0
Passes had Intercepted	32	0
Yards Run Back	49	40
No. of Rush Plays	212	172
Yards Gained	36	19
Yards lost	176	153
Net	3.6	3.8
Yards Per Play	54	47
Total Offensive Plays	186	209
Total Yards	3.4	4.4
Yards Per Play		
Drive Proficiency		
1st half	2-8	1-5
2nd Half	2-4	3-7

Total	4-12	4-12
Percent	33	33

STANDINGS

School	W	L	pct.	tp	op
Detroit Lakes	1	0	1.000	38	0
Little Falls	1	0	1.000	32	22
Park Rapids	1	0	1.000	28	0
Wadena	0	0	.000		
Aitkin	0	1	.000	0	28
Crosby-Ironton	0	1	.000	22	32
Staples	0	1	.000	0	38

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	W	M
No. of Punts	5	7
Yards	164	155
Ave.	32.8	22.1
Blocked	0	1
Punts Returned	5	4
Yards	29	10
Ave.	5.8	2.5
No. of Kickoffs	2	2
Yards	82	93
Ave.	41.0	46.5
Kickoff Returns	2	2
Yds.	41	30
Ave.	20.5	15.0
Fumbles	0	3
Lost	0	0
Penalties	2	3
Yards	16	14
Ave.	8.0	4.7

Blocked kick Dale Vierkant
Blocked Extra point, Jerry Hertel and Jeff Reineccius

Area grid scores

Wadena 14	Morris 13 (OT)
Verndale 25	Bertha-H. 0
Pine River 20	Walker 8
Evansville 18	D. Creek 12 (OT)
Battle Lake 48	Henning 0
Det. Lakes 38	Staples 0
Park Rapids 28	Aitkin 0
L. Falls 32	C-I 22
Sebeka 38	N.Y. Mills 14
Parkers 41	Menahga 2

third period. Wadena's Dale Vierkant blocked a Morris punt in the third quarter giving the Indians the ball at the Morris 25 yard line. Nine plays later, Stover, a senior, scored on a four-yard run. Hamerlinck then tied the contest at 7-7 by kicking the extra point.

The Indians were unable to penetrate the Morris goal line in the fourth quarter as they were stopped on fourth down plays at the 19, 14 and 12 yard lines.

The Indians gained 10 first downs to the Tigers' 6.

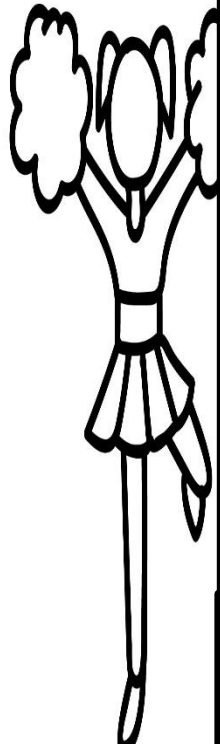
Wadena completed two of five passes and Morris three of seven. The Indians managed 49 rushing plays to the Tigers' 40. In total offense it was Morris with 209 yards and Wadena 186.

Wadena punted five times averaging 32.8 yards per punt while Morris punted 7 times for a 22.1 yard average.

Jerry Hertel and Jeff Reineccius of Wadena were credited with blocking the Morris extra point try in the overtime period.

Wadena hosts Crosby-Ironton Friday night at 7:30 at the athletic field in another stern football test and the first Mid-State conference battle of the season for the Indians.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	T
Wadena	0	0	7	0	7	14
Morris	7	0	0	0	6	13



Indians conquer C-I Rangers 15-6

Wadena successfully mastered the Crosby-Ironton in its opening Mid-State conference grid battle, 15-6, Friday night at the local athletic field but face another stern test in Park Rapids tomorrow night in the Panthers' 1974 homecoming game.

The Rangers missed a golden opportunity to score against the Indians in the first quarter of Friday's conference battle after tackling the Wadena punter at the Indian 10 yard line. C-I's chance to score early went by the wayside when Ranger halfback Bob Rocca's pass on second down was intercepted.

While the first quarter was a scoreless deadlock, Ranger Rocca came back in the second quarter to hit Jon Stenstad for a 22-yard scoring toss after teammate Kevin Stangl blocked a punt at the Wadena 25 yard line. The pass for extra points failed and C-I gained a 6-0 lead.

Wadena halfback Gerald Stover broke away for a 68-yard touchdown gallop with 1:10 remaining with John Hamerlinck kicking the extra point in the first half to give the Indians a 7-6 lead.

While the third quarter was scoreless, Wadena got the game winning drive launched just before the quarter ended. The Indians capped it with 10:58 left in the game with Mark Komula dashing the final 16 yards of a 54-yard march in seven plays.

Quarterback Roger Olson then passed to Jeff Reineccius for the extra points:

The Rangers, however, battled back in the waning moments of the contest when C-I quarterback Steve Ricke reached Stenstad with an 18-yard pass into the end zone. Officials ruled Stenstad was juggling it as he stepped out of bounds at 2:15 remaining in the game.

Wadena grid coach John Conzemius praised his defense for its strong showing against the Rangers. "We had a good pursuit and we took C-I's fullback play away from them."

Conzemius in speaking to the Quarterbacks club Monday noon said his entire front line played extremely well. Calling defensive signals at the linebacking spot was Dean Vierkant, a guard on offense, Wadena rushed for 268

yards and gained nothing through the air other than the extra point pass. Crosby-Ironton had 141 yards rushing and 57 yards by passing.

The Indians lost last year's encounter with C-I, 32-6, and were treated to a 26-18 homecoming loss at the hands of the Park Rapids Panthers one year ago.

Wadena will be the Panthers' 1974 homecoming foe Friday at 7:30 p.m.

	W	C-I
First Downs		
No.	9	8
Rush	9	7
Pass	0	1
Penalty	0	0
No. of Passes Att.	0	13
Completed	0	3
Percent	0	23
Yards	0	57
TD Passes	0	1
Passes Had Intercepted	0	1
Yards Run Back	0	18
No. of Rushing Plays	56	45
Yards Gained	278	148
Yards Lost	10	7
Net	268	141
Yards Per Play	4.8	3.1
Total Offensive Plays	56	58
Total yards	268	198
Yards per play	4.8	3.4

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Scoring:

2nd Quarter

(C-I) 8:23 2 plays 26 yards

(TD) Pass 23 yards Bob Rocca to Jon Stenstad

conversion - Pass no good

(Wad) 1:10 5 plays 89 yards

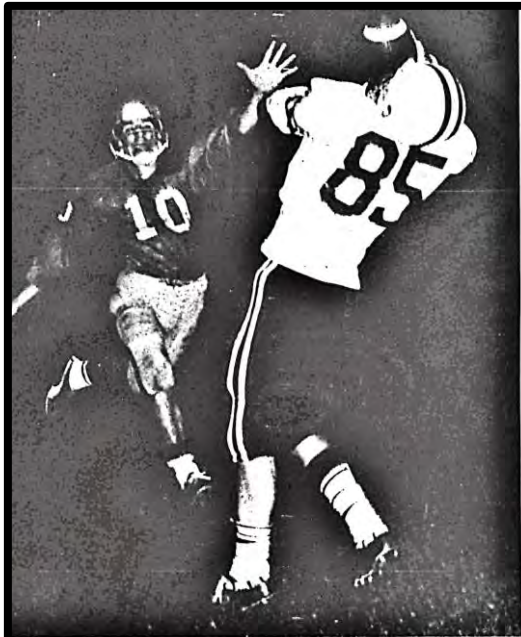
(TD) Gerald Stover 68 yard run John Hamerlinck kick good

4th quarter

(Wad) 10:58 7 plays 54 yard

(TD) Mark Komula 15 yards

(2 pt. conversion) Pass Roger Olson to Jeff Reineccius



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Crosby-Ironton Ranger Jon Stenstad (No. 85) caught a touchdown pass during the fourth quarter against Wadena Friday night at the athletic field as Indian defender Dennis Frost (No. 10) attempted to deflect the football. Officials ruled that Stenstad was out of the end zone nullifying the TD. Wadena went on to score a 15-6 Mid-State conference win over the Rangers. (P.J. Sports Photo)

Larson at home with MSC Dragons

MOORHEAD, MINN. -- Former Wadena prep standout Bob Larson has finally found a permanent home with the football Dragons of Moorhead State College.

The 6-1, 220-pound senior has been used at virtually every defensive position with the Dragons but has finally found job. He has starts as outside linebacker in Moorhead State's first four appearances and is solidly entrenched in the Dragons' starting cast.

Injuries and lack of experienced personnel at key positions forced Larson to fulfill a variety of duties as a junior. He was used at middle-linebacker, defensive end, defensive tackle and outside linebacker. He performed well despite the constant transitions, and helped the Dragons claim their second Northern Intercollegiate Conference title in three years.

"Bob is a very versatile and complete football player for us," Dragon head coach Ross Fortier mentioned Monday. "He can play defensive end, tackle and both the outside and middle linebacker spots; he has handled them all for us."



Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Larson of 1004 Jefferson St. in Wadena, Bob is majoring in criminal justice and history at Moorhead State.

The Dragons' quest for their third NIC football crown in four years continues this weekend when Moorhead State host Southwest State College in a 1:30 meeting at Alex Nemzek Stadium.



Wadena yell team

Ready for tonight's homecoming game with the Little Falls Flyers are Wadena high school's varsity cheerleaders. They have been in action during the current football season but will make a special effort in leading yells tonight as the Indians host the Flyers. Pictured at the senior high are, from left, Vicki Rosenthal, alternate; Robin Hedstrom, Jenny Iken, Lona Baker, Karen Luna, Krista Larson and alternate Bev Lynk. The team is advised by Virginia Stufc. (P.J. Sports Photo)

Mid-State roundup

Games Friday, Sept. 27

Aitkin at Staples; Brainerd at Crosby-Ironton; Detroit Lakes at Little Falls; Wadena at Park Rapids.

Coach Andy McCarty's Park Rapids Panthers, coming off a sparkling 38-16 victory over the Little Falls Flyers of last Friday, play the Wadena Indians in their homecoming Friday in the Mid-State Conference "game of the week."

Both schools are undefeated in Mid-State action -- Park Rapids at 2-0 and Wadena at 1-0 and both are a perfect 4-0 overall heading into Friday night's crucial clash.

Dan Pachel ran for three touchdowns in Park Rapids' win over Little Falls last Friday and that was the first Little Falls loss of the year after the Flyers had posted three straight wins.

Wadena got touchdowns from Gerald Stover and Mark Komula in defeating defending champion Crosby-Ironton 15-6 and that loss was the second in two conference starts for C-I this fall.

Another important game Friday finds Detroit Lakes (2-0 in the league and 4-0 overall) traveling to face Little Falls, which will be seeking to tumble the Laker and retain its hopes for a conference title. Detroit Lakes rolled over Aitkin 32-8 last week

as halfback Mike Neitzke scored 26 points.

Staples, which stepped outside Mid-State play to hand Pine City a 35-6 non-conference defeat last Friday, is host to Aitkin this week in a battle of schools seeking their first Mid-State triumph of 1974.

Crosby-Ironton meets arch-rival Brainerd at C-I in a non-conference game on Friday.

Mike Neitzke of Detroit Lakes tops the individual scoring race after two weeks, with the scoring leaders as follows:

Player & School	TD	PAT	FG	TP
Mike Neitzke, Det. Lakes	6	7	1	46
Jeff Faust, L. Falls	4	0	0	24
Dan Pachel, Pk. Rapids	3	0	0	18
Steve Ricke, C-I	2	0	0	12
Jim Watson, Det. Lakes	2	0	0	12
Jeff May, Pk. Rapids	2	0	0	12
Ron Pickett, Pk. Rapids	2	0	0	12

Area grid scores

Park Rapids 13	Wadena 7
C - I 36	Brainerd 12
Aitkin 31	Staples 8
Detroit Lakes 21	Little Falls 6
Verndale 71	Menahga 8
Parkers 8	Bertha -H. 0
Battle Lake 28	Sebeka 0
Henning 26	N. Y. Mills 0
Deer Creek 12	Villard 8
Barnsville 8	Frazee 0
Browerville 14	Clarissa 12
Eagle Bend 46	Grey, Eagle 0

Park Rapids rally tips Indians 13-7

Park Rapids Panthers dealt the Wadena Indians their first loss of the current football season Friday night in a Mid-State battle on the Panthers' gridiron, 13-7.

It vaulted Park Rapids into a tie with Detroit Lakes for the Mid-State conference lead with 3-0 records and the Lakers host Wadena Friday night at 7:30.

As Wadena Coach John Conzemius said following the game, "Both clubs had two opportunities to score, the Panthers made it on two occasions and the Indians only once."

The Indians took an early 7-0 lead when fullback Dale Vierkant on a two-yard run scored in the second quarter of play Friday night against the Homecoming Panthers. John Hamerlinck kicked the extra point and Wadena held a 7-0 lead.

Park Rapids retaliated in the third quarter when Panther quarterback Roger Day hit Jay Pilkey in the end zone to complete an eight-yard pass. Mark Kotowski then kicked the extra point for a 7-7 score.

The Panthers broke the 7-7 deadlock in the final period when senior halfback Rick Benham drove in from the one for the victory clinching TD.

Carrying the defensive load for the Panthers was Duane Sutherland who was in on 23 tackles, according to coach Andy McCarty. The game ended with the Indians threatening to score as they reached the Park Rapids' eight yard line as time expired.

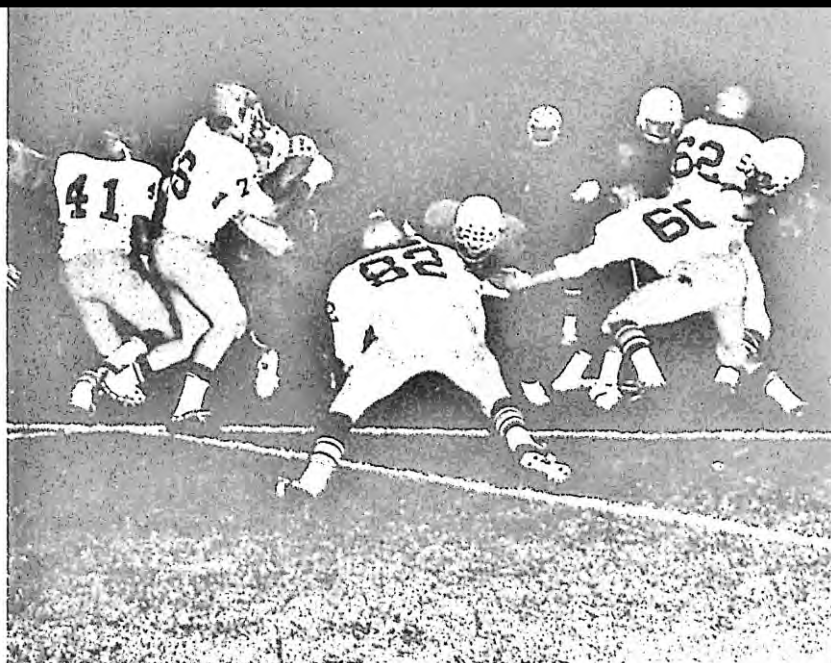
Wadena totaled 190 on offense to the Panthers' 185 yards. The Indians gained 12 first down to Park Rapids' 10.

	W	P	R.
First Downs	12	10	
No.	10	9	
Rush	1	1	
Pass	1	0	
Penalty			

No. of Passes Att.	11	3
Com	4	2
Percent	36	67
Yards	48	27
TD Passes	0	1
Pass Had Intercepted	0	0

No. of Rushing Plays	54	38
Yards Gained	163	153
Yards Lost	36	13
Net	127	140
Yards Per Play	2.4	3.7

Total Offensive Plays	65	41
Total Yards	175	167
Yards Per Play	2.7	4.1
Penalties	0	2
Yards	0	20



Winning TD

Senior fullback Rick Benham, in center of photo, scored the winning touchdown against the Indians in the fourth quarter of play on a one-yard plunge. The Homecoming Park Rapids Panthers triumphed, 13-7. (P.J. Sports Photo)

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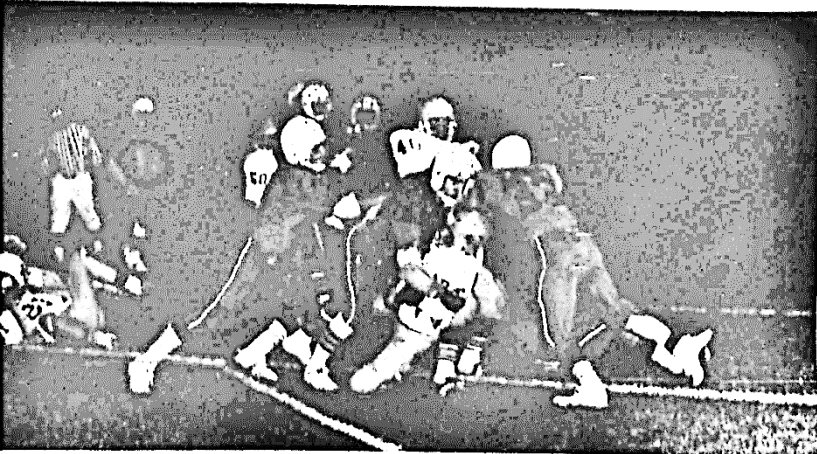
	W	L
Park Rapids	3	0
Detroit Lakes	3	0
Wadena	1	1
Little Falls	1	2
Aitkin	1	2
C-I	0	2
Staples	0	2





Gets good gain

Wadena halfback Gerald Stover (No. 30) gets a good gain against Park Rapids in the first quarter of Friday's Mid-State conference battle on the Panther gridiron. The first quarter ended a scoreless tie, 0-0. (P.J. Sports Photo)



Indians score

Wadena fullback Dean Vierkant (No. 42) scored the Indians' first touchdown on a two-yard run in the second quarter of play against the Homecoming Park Rapids Panthers. Shown here is a host of Panther defenders who were unable to keep Vierkant from crossing the goal line. Hamerlinck kicked the extra point and Wadena led at halftime, 7-0. (P.J. Sports Photo)



D-L Lakers sink fumbling Indians

Detroit Lakes splashed by Wadena in a Mid-State conference grid battle Friday night on the Lakers' rain-soaked field 20-6 to keep pace with Park Rapids who stopped Staples, 17-0.

The Lakers took advantage of Wadena fumbles to triumph 20-6.

Jeff Johnson passed for two touchdowns despite the heavy rain to lead unbeaten Detroit Lakes over the invading Indians.

Detroit Lakes took the opening kickoff and marched 68 yards in eleven plays to gain an 8-0 advantage as a pass from Jeff Johnson to Jim Watson of 24 yards was good for the first touchdown. Mike Neitzke ran for the two-point conversion.

Late in the second period of play, Wadena fumbled at its 35 yard line which set up the second Laker score. In 9 plays Detroit Lakes went 35 yards capped by Mike Watson's two-yard run for the TD. The run for extra point was no good and Detroit Lakes led, 14-0.

The Indians caught the Lakers by surprise in the late moments of the first half when in three plays they covered 90 yards and a touchdown. Wadena Quarterback Roger Olson, deep in his own territory, threw a pass to fleet-footed Gerald Stover who turned it into a 90 yard scoring play. Run for points was contained by the Laker defense and Detroit Lakes held a 14-6 halftime advantage.

Another Indian fumble at its 46 yard line was pounced on by the Lakers' defense and converted into Detroit Lakes' third touchdown.

In 10 plays the Lakers covered 46 yards with Jeff Johnson passing to John Griffin for the TD at 4:46 of the third quarter. The run for extra points failed.

Wadena came back in the final period to march to the Detroit Lakes' 10 before the Lakers took over on downs.

Wadena managed eight first downs to the Lakers' 12. The Indians had 202 yards on offense to Detroit Lakes' 246. The Indians were able to march on Detroit Lakes Friday night but eight fumbles, four snared by the Lakers, was a big factor in Wadena's loss.



WADENA HEAD FOOTBALL COACH- Varsity grid coach John Conzemius is shown here during a football practice session near the senior high earlier in the season. Friday night his charges will battle Little Falls in Wadena's 1974 homecoming game at the athletic field at 7:30 p.m. (P.J. Sports Photo)

The Indians play host to the Little Falls Flyers Friday night in Wadena's 1974 homecoming game at the athletic field. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Wadena will host Staples Wednesday, Oct. 16, in a Mid-State conference clash at the athletic field prior to MEA in the last home game of the season.

Wadena	6	Detroit Lakes	20			
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
Wadena		0	6	0	0	6
Detroit Lakes		8	6	6	0	20

First Downs	W.	D.L.
No.	8	12
Rush	7	9
Pass	0	3
Penalty	1	0
No. of Passes Att.	8	10
Completed	4	5
Percent	50	50
Yards	113	79
TD Passes	1	2
Pass Had Int.	0	0
No. of Rushing plays	28	47
Yards Gained	101	176
Yards Lost	12	12
Net	89	164



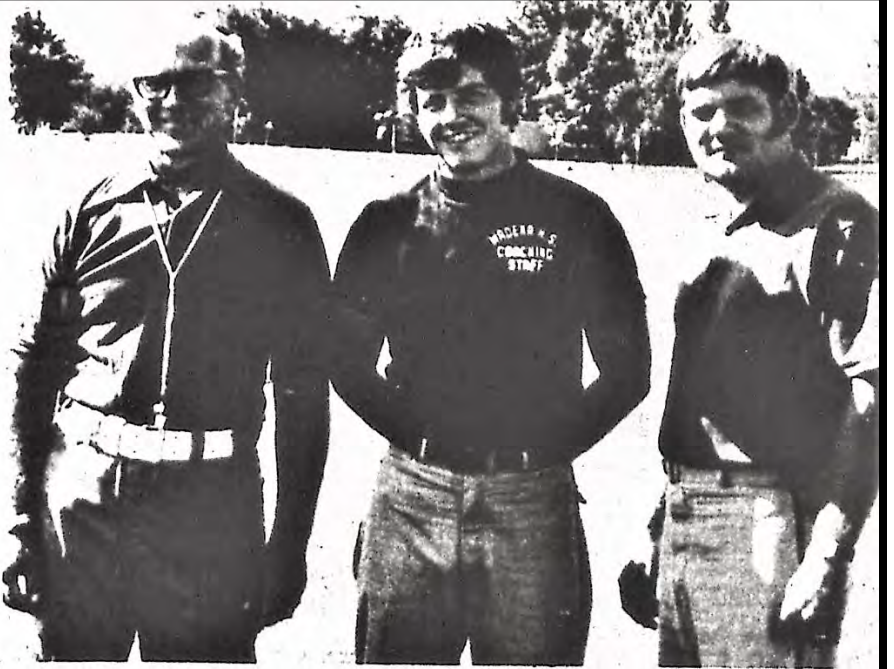
QUEEN VICKI. Wadena homecoming queen Vicki Rosenthal was jubilant following her coronation Friday afternoon. She was surrounded by a flood of student and adult well-wishers in the junior high auditorium foyer. Miss Rosenthal is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rosenthal. (P.J. Staff Photo)

L-F Flyers shutout Indians, 12-0

Little Falls used ball control and a tight defense to stymie the Wadena homecoming Indians Friday night, 12-0, before a crowd of chilled fans.

The Flyers evened their Mid-State conference record at 2-2 while the Indians are now 1-3 on the season.

The stubborn Flyers dominated play after the first



Football coaches

FOOTBALL COACHES- Assisting John Conzemius with the responsibility of the senior high football coaching program are coaches Bill Larson, Dennis Barry and Chuck Visher. The coaching staff has been busy preparing the varsity gridders for Wednesday's game with Staples and the season finale with Aitkin, Oct. 25. (P.J. Staff Photo)

Named to WCCO All-State grid team of week



Dean Vierkant

WCCO Radio announced its All-State Football Team of the Week Thursday night on "Prep Parade," and Dean Vierkant of Wadena high school was one of the players chosen on the honorary squad.





FOOTBALL FANS 1974 KWAD BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Mid-State conf.

(Final)

Park Rapids
Detroit Lakes
Little Falls
Wadena
C-I
Aitkin
Staples

W	L
6	0
4	2
4	2
3	3
3	3
1	5
0	6

Indians deal Cards 39-14 M-S setback

Wadena's Indians bounced back from three consecutive Mid-State conference losses, to hand winless Staples a 39-14 defeat Wednesday night at the athletic field.

The Indians, taking advantage of early-in-the-game Cardinal mistakes, built a 39-0 lead and limited Staples to just five yards rushing and passing against the first string.

In the first period a recovered fumble at the Staples' 18 was turned into a touchdown by

Wadena quarterback Roger Olson who passed from there to Dale Vierkant for the score.

John Hamerlinck kicked the extra point, but had his next try blocked after Staples fumbled on its second play and Olson passed 30 yards to Gerry Stover for the TD.

In the second period of play, Stover capped a 48-yard drive from the one; Placekick for point was not good. A 53-yard pass play from Olson to Jeff Reineccius produced a third quarter TD and again the point

after failed. It was Olson over from the 10 to complete a 48-yard drive and Hamerlinck kicking the extra point to make it 32-0 after three quarters.

Jeff Wynn broke away in the final quarter dashing 61 yards for a touchdown and Hamerlinck's placekick again was true making it 39-0.

Staples drove 71 yards against Wadena reserves. Mark Craft scoring from the one-yard line, Mike Thelen kicked the extra point and got another one shortly thereafter as a Wadena fumble was recovered at its 26 and frosh quarterback Mark Redemske three from there to Curt Johnson for the touchdown.

Wadena ended with 324 total yards and Staples 146.

The Indians are at Aitkin in the final grid game of the 1974 season Friday night.

Wadena Quarterback Roger Olson in guiding the Indians over Staples ran for 65 yards, passed for 114 yards including three touchdowns.

His TD passes were 15, 22 and 53 yards. Olson completed six of eight passes for 75 percent. He scored one Wadena touchdown on a 10-yard run and pounced punted once for 42 yards.

First Downs	W	Staples
No.	11	7
Rush	10	5
Pass	1	1
Penalty	0	1

No. of Passes 8 11

Completed	6	2
Percent	75	18
Yards	114	50
TD's	3	1
Had Intercepted	0	1
Yards Returned	0	0
No. of Rushes	47	34
Yards Gained	244	115
Yards Lost	24	19
Net	220	96
Ave. play	4.7	2.8

Total Plays	55	45
Yards	334	146
Ave. play	6.1	3.2

WHS Indians rip Gobblers, 27-7

Wadena Indians' first half sputtering offense ignited for four touchdowns in the second half in the season's finale Friday night at Aitkin as the Indians topped the Gobblers, 27-7.

Coach John Conzemtus said his gridders surprised the coaching staff and fans with their second half 27-point production after

faltering during the first half of play.

The Indians evened their Mid-State conference record at 3-3 and were 6-3 overall.

Aitkin gained its only touchdown of the night when in 19 plays the Gobblers drove 80 yards with Mike Mentle plunging over from the one in the second quarter. Ed

Hermel's kick for PAT was good and Aitkin enjoyed a 7-0 halftime lead.

At 8:17 of the third quarter Wadena quarterback Roger Olson on a bootleg play around right end went for 15 yards and the touchdown. John Hamerlinck's kick was true and the Indians had tied the score.



Wadena gridders honored

Three Wadena Indian football players were honored in being named to the 1972 Mid-State All-Conference squad recently. Pictured with their coach John Conzemius at the senior high are all-conference selections Gerald Stover, Jeff Reineccius and Dean Vierkant. All three gridders are seniors. (P.J. Sports Photo)



Roger Olson

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ALL-STATE TEAM OF THE WEEK

College Football and Other Items of Interest

Larson at home with MSC Dragons

MOORHEAD, MINN. -- Former Wadena prep standout Bob Larson has finally found a permanent home with the football Dragons of Moorhead State College.

The 6-1, 220-pound senior has been used at virtually every defensive position with the Dragons but has finally found job. He has starts as outside linebacker in Moorhead State's first four appearances and is solidly entrenched in the Dragons' starting cast.

Injuries and lack of experienced personnel at key positions forced Larson to fulfill a variety of duties as a junior. He was used at middle linebacker, defensive end, defensive tackle and outside linebacker. He performed well despite the constant transitions, and helped the Dragons claim their second Northern Intercollegiate Conference title in three years.

"Bob is a very versatile and complete football player for us," Dragon head coach Ross Fortier mentioned Monday. "He can play defensive end, tackle and both the outside and middle linebacker spots; he has handled them all for us."



Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Larson of 1004 Jefferson St. in Wadena, Bob is majoring in criminal justice and history at Moorhead State.

The Dragons' quest for their third NIC football crown in four years continues this weekend when Moorhead State host Southwest State College in a 1:30 meeting at Alex Nemzek Stadium.



FOOTBALL FANS 1974 KWAD BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Wadena Indians		
Sept. 6	Pelican Rapids	Away
Sept. 13	Morris	Away
Sept. 20	Crosby-Ironton	Home
Sept. 27	Park Rapids	Away
Oct. 4	Detroit Lakes	Away
Oct. 11	Little Falls	Home
Oct. 16	Staples	Home
Oct. 25	Aitkin	Away

All Games 7:30 p.m.



Mike Morrissey with Chris Bernier, Wadena High School Sports

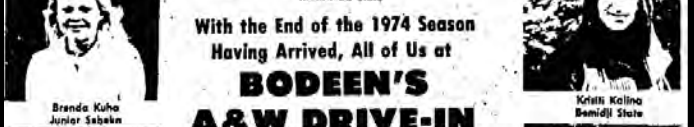


Nancy Layman
Junior Deer Creek

GERI RAGH
Asst. Manager
Moorhead State

Carol Snyder
Junior Deer Creek

Kristi Kalina
Bemidji State



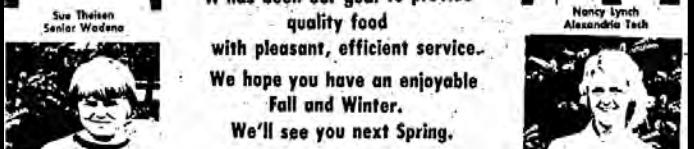
Brenda Kuha
Junior Sebeka

Nancy Lynch
Alexandria Tech



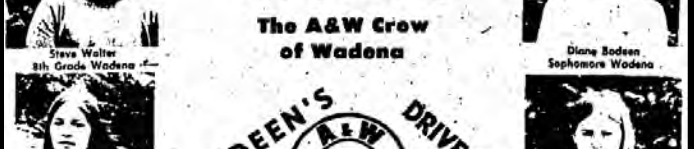
Sue Theisen
Senior Wadena

Steve Waller
8th Grade Wadena



Denise Bodeen
Junior Wadena

Kris Larson
Senior Wadena



Lori Borch
Junior Sebeka

Bob Messer
Junior Wadena



Gary Eason
Wadena Tech

[Caption for the second woman in the row]

With the End of the 1974 Season
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Fall and Winter.
We'll see you next Spring.

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of Wadena**

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1975 Season

WHS Record 7-2-0

Mid-State 4-2-0



Row 1: D. Schmidt, S. Wolter, K. Paulson, T. Schloeder, J. Browne, J. Burns, J. Andrie, M. Uselman, J. Johns, J. Neugebauer, T. Reineccius, M. Wood, M. Lynk, J. Harrison, B. Egan Row 2: D. Houle, N. Lundquist, R. Olson, C. Heins, H. Schwartz, S. Hepokoski, J. Lehr, D. Folkestad, P. Hockert, M. Conzemius, B. Skalman, D. Goetz, M. Condiff, S. Niska (tr.), J. Conzemius (Head coach) Row 3: B. Larson (coach), C. Leeseberg, D. Vierkant, K. Tabery (WCCO Team of the Week), T. Pulju (All Conference), J. Nehl, B. Covert (coach), D. Barry (coach) Not Pictured: J. Carter, S. Wallgren, J. Wynn, D. Kupfer, P. Beckel, T. Becker, B. McGrane, R. Thompson, T. Johnson, R. Uselman, M. Johnson (tr.)



Cheerleaders: M. Olson, J. Dunker, R. Hedstrom, J. Edeburn (alt.), K. Luna, K. Olson, G. Hooten

Wadena	20	Long Prairie	0
Wadena	20	Sauk Centre	14
Wadena	19	Breckenridge	12
Wadena	41	Crosby-Ironton	22
Wadena	7	Park Rapids	33
Wadena	34	Detroit Lakes	6
Wadena	0	Little Falls	6
Wadena	27	Staples	6
Wadena	14	Aitkin	12



ALL Conference: Coach Conzemius, J. Carter, R. Hooten, T. Pulju Not Pictured: D. Vierkant

SENIOR SINGLES



Dale Vierkant
Co-Captain
All Conference
WCCO Team of the Week



Jim Carter
Co-Captain
All Conference



Ron Olson



Nick Lundquist



Mark Condiff



John Hamerlinck



Bob Skalman



Jeff Wynn



Bob Nyberg



Curt Leeseberg



Jerry Hertel



Steve Hepokoski



Chuck Heins



Duane Engstrom



Doug Houle



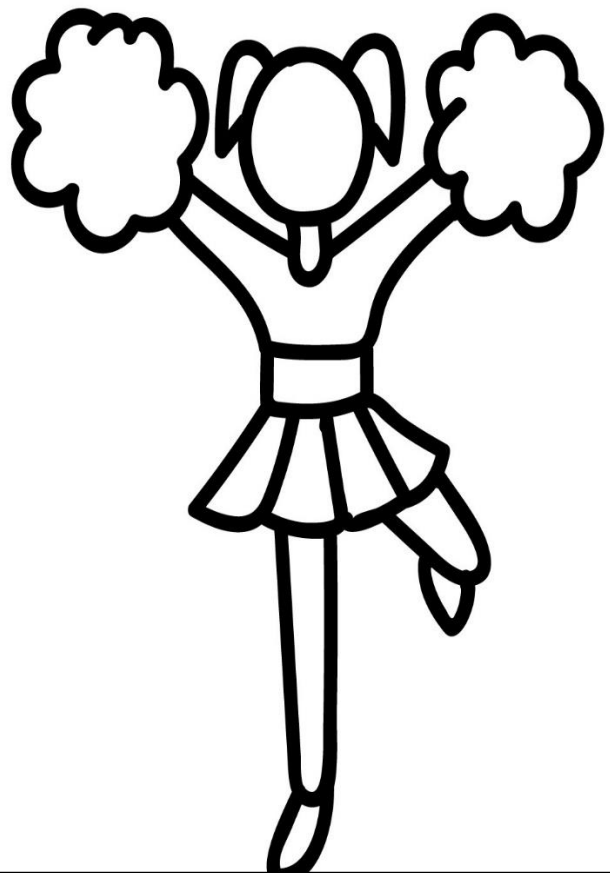
Dave Folkestad



Jim Pilgrim



Steve Wallgren





Long gainer

A Long Prairie gridder in the third quarter of Friday night's contest carried the ball for a good gainer against Wadena defenders. The Wadena varsity shutout LP, 20-0, in the season football opener. (P.J. Sports Photo)

Wadena blanks LP in season opener

Wadena senior quarterback Mark Condiff scored two touchdowns Friday night as Coach John Conzemius' Indians shutout visiting Long Prairie, 20-0. Last season Wadena stopped LP, 38-8, in a non-conference contest.

Condiff's first touchdown came in the second quarter at 9:55 on a two-yard run and his second was scored in the final period at 4:12 from one yard out. The first TD was set up by Ronald Olson's 42-yard punt return.

The final TD was the result of a fumble recovery by senior halfback Dale Vierkant. Wadena went 27 yards in 16 plays to score, at 4:12 of the final quarter.

Earlier in the fourth quarter junior halfback Reg Hooten

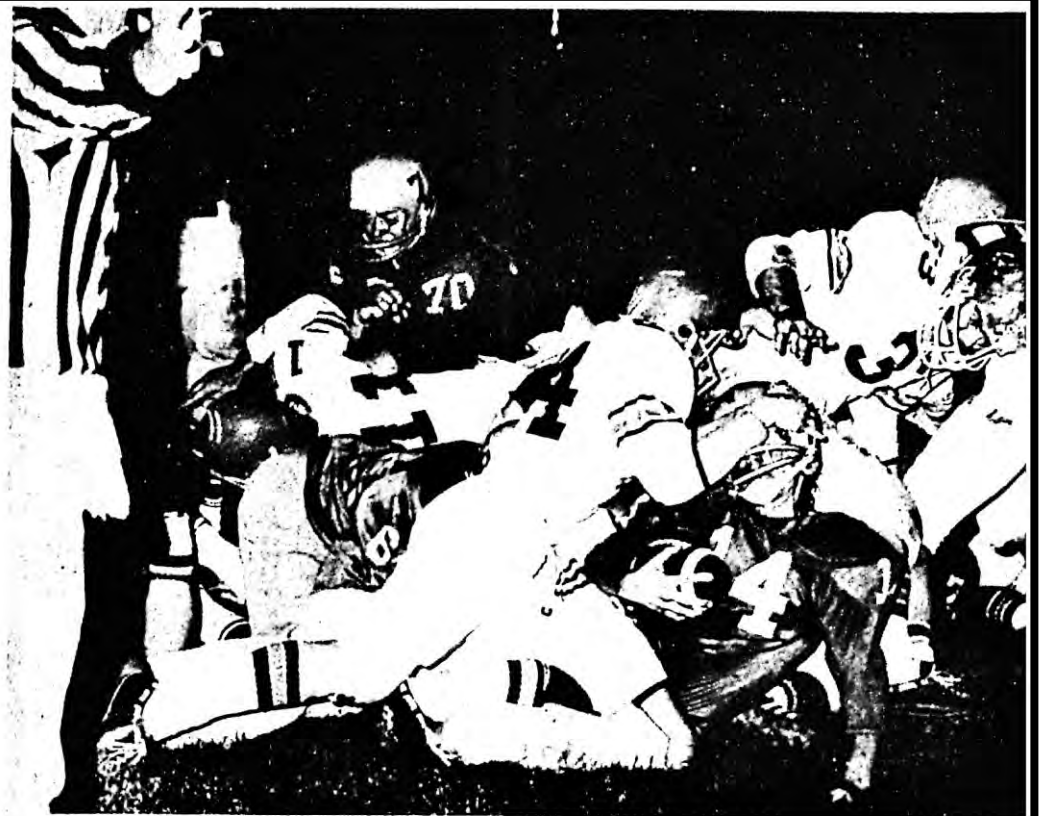
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Earlier in the fourth quarter junior halfback Reg Hooten scored on a 45-yard scamper. Hooten finished the game with 149 yards rushing in 12 carries for the winning Indians.

John Hamerlinck was two for three on extra point kicks for the victors which had a 241 total yards while holding Long Prairie to 93.

Terry Pulju, Wadena linebacker was in on nine tackles and five assists against Long Prairie.

Wadena managed nine first downs and the LP Indians four. Wadena averaged 28 yards on three punts while Long Prairie averaged 34 yards on five



Area grid scores

(Aug. 29)

Wadena 20	Long Prairie 0
Deer Creek 48	Ashby 0
Park Rapids 40	Perham 0
Fergus Falls 7	Detroit Lakes 0
Verndale 18	Remer 6
Battle Lake 26	Pine River 0
Clarissa 20	Bertha-H 0
Menahga 13	Cass Lake 0
Walker 24	Henning 6
Parkers 24	Upsala 6
Little Falls 41	Melrose 16
Sebeka 18	Browerville 12
N. Y. Mills 22	Frazee 20
Staples 6	Pelican Rapids 0
St. Cloud Cath. 46	C-I 0
Pequot Lakes 18	Eagle B 6

Scores TD

Wadena senior quarterback Mark Condiff (No. 14) scored his second touchdown in the fourth quarter against Long Prairie Friday night as a host of opposing LP Indians tried to stop his progress. Condiff's first TD

came in the second quarter on a one yard run. The Wadena varsity shutout Long Prairie, 20-0, and journey to Sauk Centre Friday night to play the Mainstreeters. (P.J. Sports Photo)

Area grid scores

(Sept. 4)

Eagle Bend 20 Menahga 6

(Sept. 5)

Wadena 20	Sauk Centre 14
Verndale 14	Pine River 6
Sebeka 28	Swanville 6
Little F. 32	Willmar 7
Pk. Rapids 41	Frazee 6
Parkers 22	Walker 14
	(OT)
Bemidji 54	C-I 8
T. Riv. Falls 33	Det. Lakes 14
Staples 28	Perham 16
Milaca 22	Aitkin 6
Battle Lake 42	Elb. Lake 16
N. Y. Mills 56	Osakis 12

(Sept. 6)

Bertha-H. 6 Long Pr. 0

SPORTS

Improved Indians halt Sauk Centre

Sauk Centre may have its Sinclair Lewis but the Wadena Indians had their Sinclair man Jim Carter Friday evening in a

20-14 conquest of the Mainstreeters.

Big Jim opened up gaping holes and Reg Hooten, Mark

Condiff, Jeff Wynn and Dale Vierkant took advantage of these.

Dale rolled up 155 yards as the Indians ran over the Mainstreeters.

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Jim Carter was not alone in the line as outstanding efforts by Bud Engstrom, D. D. Lehr, Terry Pulju, Bob Nyberg, Steve Wallgren and Steve Hepokoski widened the holes large enough for assistant coach Covert to roll through.

The Indian defense did not take any back seat to the offense as they were required to hold a quick Mainstreeter team. Sauk Centre could manage only one sustained drive even with all its speed. The Mainstreeters felt the sting of the Huntersville Horsefly as Terry Pulju was all over the sidestreets as well as main. Led by Terry's 12 tackles, the other two linebackers Dale Vierkant and Reg Hooten also contributed nine tackles each. Bud Engstrom with seven and Ronnie Olson, Jerry Hertal and Jim Carter with six each were chuckholes in the Mainstreeters sides. Big Keith Tabery also got a few takedowns on inside reverses.

The Indians drew first blood as Mark Condiff engineered a 67-yard drive in 10 plays. Dale Vierkant with 6:04 to go in the first period ran a 12-yard counter for six points. John Hamerlinck put the pigskin through the uprights for a 7-0 advantage.



Following a muffed punt the Mainstreeters, stopped on the ground, went to the air for their first six points. Quick quarterback John Welle hit half-back Cary Toenis with a nine-yard pass to complete a 23-yard drive. The extra point was blocked and the Indians held a 7-6 lead.

In the middle of second period, Wadena matched 42 yards in five plays after Jerry Hertel had pounced on a 'Mainstreeter' fumble. Reg Hooten blasted the last three yards for the TD. John's kick was true and the Indian posted a 14-6 halftime lead.

The third stanza was dominated by Sauk Centre as most of the time was used up on a 78 yard march in 15 plays. Back Tom Kleinschmidt's two-yard plunge with 18 seconds to go made the score 14 to 12. Quarterback John Welle's quick feet took him around end for two points and a 14 to 14 game.

The third canto may have belonged to Sauk Centre but the fourth was all Wadena.

The Indians defense held the Mainstreeters to a total of only eight yards while the Indians' offense rolled up 144 yards. Wadena did march 68 yards in only five plays as a mixed-up counter turned out to be a 51-yard electrifying TD jaunt by Dale Vierkant. The kick hit the crossbar and with 10:15 to go in the game the Indians led 20 to 14. The Indians in this period also missed a field goal with 2:42 to go and Nick Lundquist intercepted his second pass of the night and raced 35 yards for a TD but a clipping call nullified the six points.

Quarters	1	2	3	4	T.
Wadena	7	7	0	6	20
Sauk Centre	0	6	8	0	14

	W	SC
First Downs	15	10
By Pass	0	1
By Rush	13	9
By Penalty	2	0
No. of Passes Att. Completed	0	8
Percent	0	25
Yards	0	18
Had Intercepted	0	2
Yards Returned	0	37
No. of Rushes	54	46
Yards Gained	310	175
Yards Lost	2	18
Net	308	157
Total Plays	54	54
Total Offense	308	175
No. of Penalties	4	5
Yards Penalized	40	65
No. of Punts	3	4
Yards	93	129
Ave.	31	32
Punts Returned	2	2
Yards	0	4
Ave.	0	2
No. of Kickoffs	4	3
Yards	174	121
Ave.	43½	40½
Kickoff Returns	3	4
Yards	47	76
Ave.	16	19
Fumbles	1	1
Lost	1	1
Muffs	2	0
Lost	2	0
Drive Proficiency		
1st Half percent	4-5	2-5
2nd half percent	80	40
Total percent	3-6	3-6
Total	50	50
margin	7-11	5-11
	84	48



Indians rally to stop Breckenridge

Breckenridge's Cowboys controlled the first quarter running up a total of 110 yards in 20 plays on the ground against the Indians and scored one touchdown. Wadena had the ball for six plays and 16 yards in the first quarter in a non-conference battle of unequals at Breckenridge Friday afternoon.

The Indians spotted the Cowboys two touchdowns and then broke loose for a 19-12 win. Wadena halfbacks Dale Vierkant and Reg Hooten combined for more than 200 yards rushing for the Indians and scored the team's three TD's.

There were reportedly tears in Conzemius' eyes Friday at 5:30 p.m. after the Wadena - Breckenridge game.

The tears belonged to Ed Conzemius, 230-pound Breckenridge sophomore tackle as he realized the first defeat of his undefeated, unscored on Cowboys. The Cowboys, similar to old western movies, moved easily through the Indian defense.

The Cowboys scored with 7:19 to go in the first quarter as a 78-yard march in 13 plays. Cowboy quarterback Brady Lipp raced 10 yards around his right end for the score. Wadena's Jerry Hertel did a good job in turning Lipp inside other defenders were blocked out on the play. The kick for PAT failed and the Cowboys led, 6-0.

The Cowboys took the ball after an Indian drive failed in the early going of the second quarter and shoved it right down the throat of Wadena defense. Breckenridge's drive went 63 in 13 plays for a 12-0 advantage.

Halfback Doug Milbrandt with 9:57 to go in the half raced four yards for the touchdown. A running play was stopped, but it looked as if the Cowboys were on their way to a victory.

The Indians recuperated in time to put together a 55-yard march in six plays. Dale Vierkant ran the counter 19 yards for Wadena's first TD. John Hamerlinck's kick failed and with 7:22 to go in the first half the Indians trailed 6-12.

Wadena's defense arose to the occasion and again thwarted the Cowboys' advance. The job of stalling the Cowboys was through the efforts of Nick Lundquist who picked off a Brady Lipp thrown pass.

The Indians put together another strong drive which was stopped only by a fumble. Although behind 6-12 Wadena had generated momentum by intermission.

Wadena demonstrated a completed turn-around the second half. In the first quarter and early part of the second, the Cowboys had a drive proficiency of 5 out of 6. On third down or fourth down they converted to a first down all but once. The Indians completely shut the Cowboys out in the second half.

Breckenridge was unable to convert a first down from a third down situation in the second half. Wadena's defense was led by the linebackers Terry Pulju (14 tackles) Jim Carter (12) and Reg Hooten (11). Other players strengthening the second half defense were Keith Tabery, Steve Wallgren, Chuck Heins, Bud Engstrom and Phil Kraemer. Agile Nick Lundquist in the secondary intercepted two passes and knocked down a number of others. Speedy halfback intercepted two passes and knocked down a number of others. Speedy halfback.

Ronnie Olson besides getting eight tackles, intercepted a pass and picked up a fumble.

While the Wadena defense did an outstanding job the second half the offense also

moved the ball, 167 yards on the ground. It did take until the fourth quarter (9:40 to go) before the Indians tied the game. A 60-yard march in 13 plays was capped by a one-yard plunge by senior Dale Vierkant.

Hamerlinck's kick sailed true and the Indians led 13-12.

Ronnie Olson moments later picked up a fumble which set up Wadena on Breck's 45-yard line. Four plays later Reggie Hooten rambled 25 yards for the final touchdown.

The center snap was fumbled and the Indians led 19 to 12. Coach John Conzemius' return trip to his home town was as his Indians rode off into the sunset with a 19-12 victory.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Wadena	0	6	0	13	19
Breckenridge	6	6	0	0	12
	W Br.				
First Downs	15 11				
By Pass	1 2				
By Rush	13 9				
By Penalty	1 0				
No. of Passes Att.	3 15				
Completed	1 4				
Percent	33.3 26.7				
Yards	21 47				
Had Intercepted	0 3				
Yards Returned	0 20				
No. of Rushes	55 38				
Yards Gained	265 182				
Yards Lost	6 2				
Net	259 180				
Total Plays	58 53				
Total Offense	280 227				
No. of Penalties	3 3				
Yards	35 35				
No. of Punts	5 4				
Yards	142 159				
Ave.	28.4 39.8				
Punt Returns	3 3				
Yards	34 38				
Ave.	11.3 12.7				
No. of Kickoffs	4 3				
Yards	147 115				
Ave.	37.8 38.3				
Kickoff Returns	3 4				
Yards	52 41				
Ave.	17.3 10.3				
Fumbles	3 1				
Lost	2 1				
Drive Proficiency					

Drive Proficiency

1st Half	2-4 5-8
Percent	50 62.5
2nd Half	4-8 0-3
Percent	50 0
Total	6-12 5-11
Percent	50 45.5

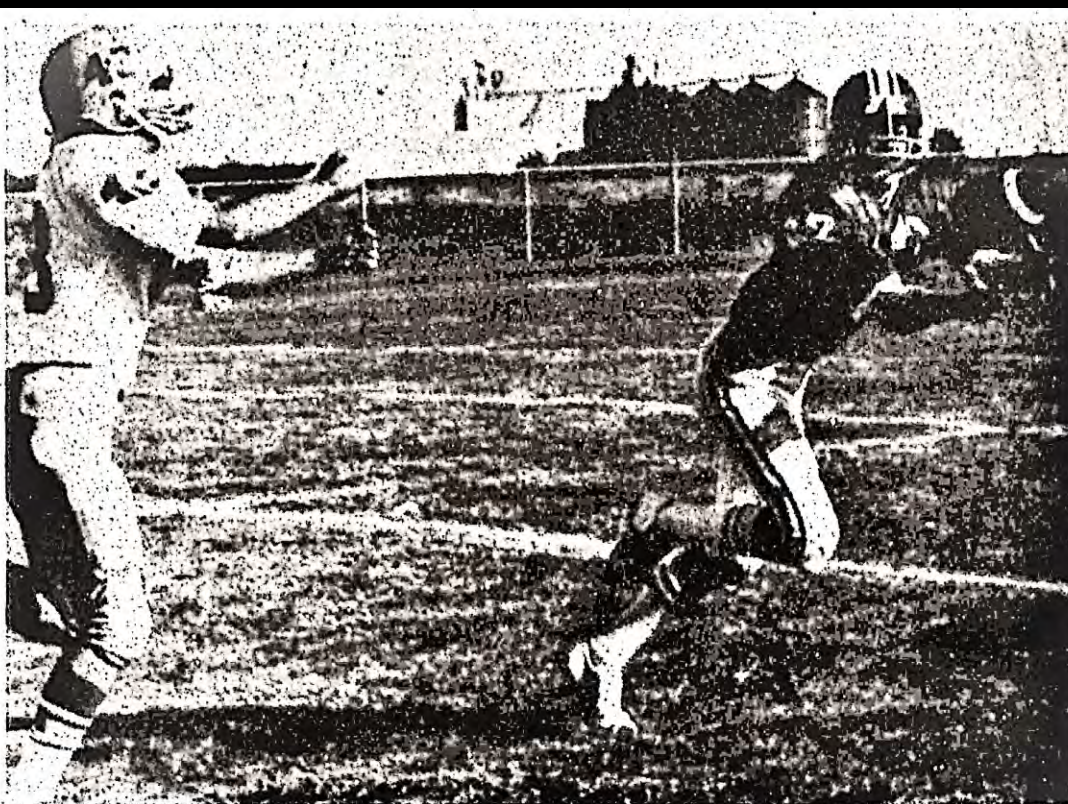
1st Quarter Breck 78 yards 13 plays Lipp 10 yard run (7:19) kick failed.

2nd quarter - Breck 63 yards 13 plays Milbrandt 4 yard run (9:57) run failed

Wadena 55 yards 6 plays Vierkant 19 yard run (7:22) kick failed

4th quarter - Wadena 60 yards 13 plays Vierkant 1 yard run (9:40) Hamerlinck kick good.

Wadena 46 yards 4 plays Hooten 25 yard TD (7:43) fumbled snap PAT failed



**Incomplete
pass**

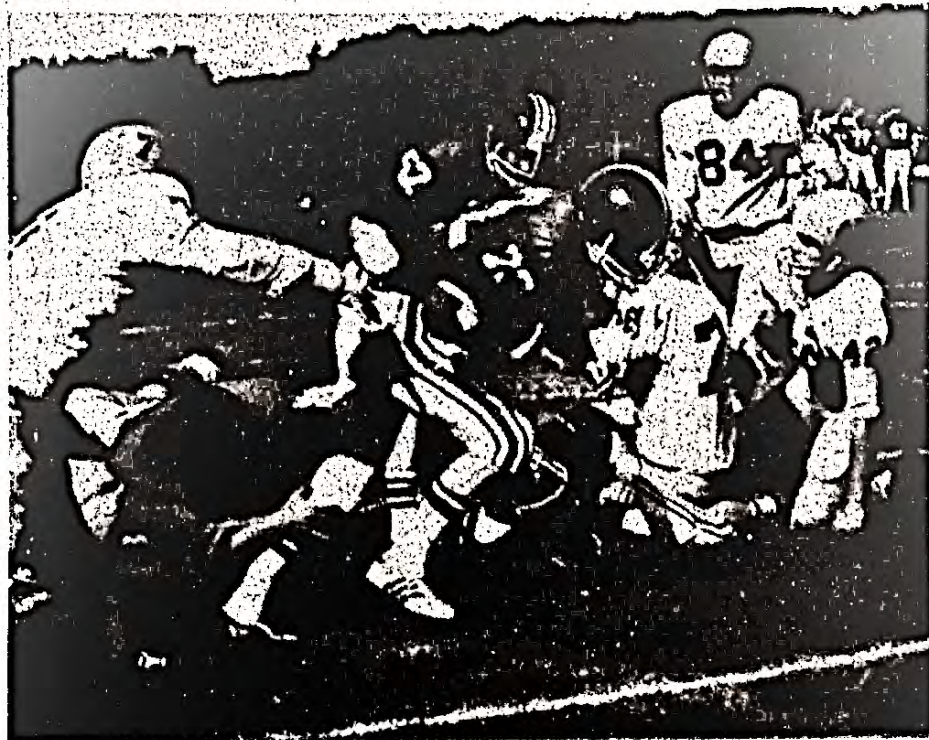
A pass to Breckenridge's Dave Gunderson (42) was incomplete in the fourth quarter of play Friday afternoon on the Cowboys' field. In on the play is Wadena's Jeff Wynn (43). Wadena won over the Cowboys, 19-12. (P.J. Sports Photo)



INTERCEPTS PASS- Wadena's Dale Vierkant (No. 22) intercepted a Breckenridge thrown pass in the fourth quarter of Friday's game played at Breckenridge. Vierkant scored touchdowns in the second and fourth quarters of play to key Wadena's 19-12 win over the previously undefeated Cowboys. (P.J. Sports Photo)

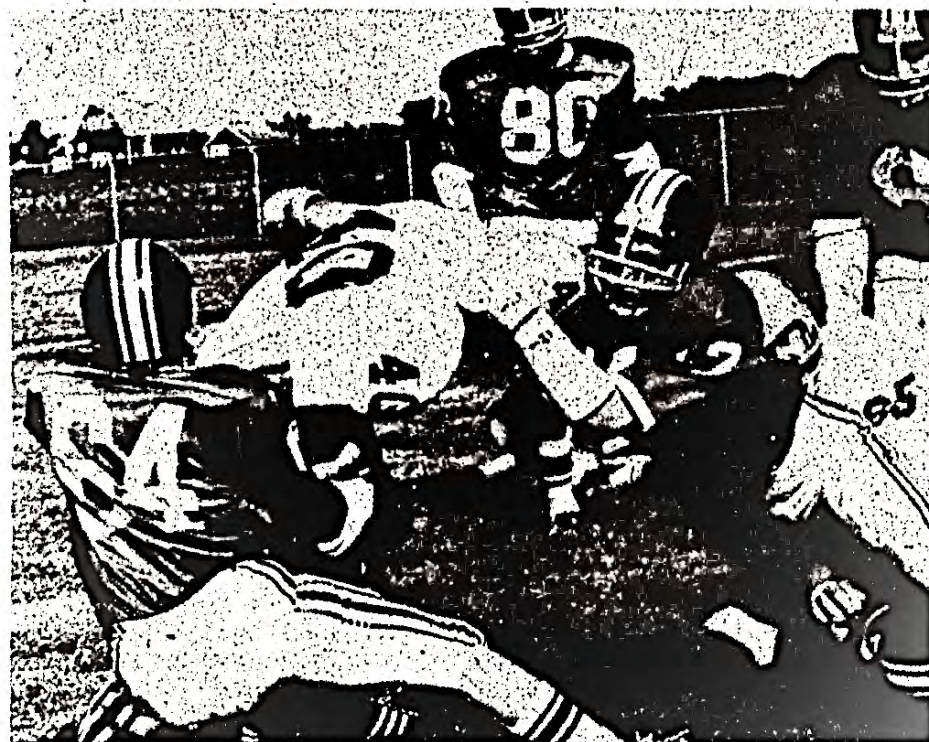
Area grid scores

Wadena 19	Breckenridge 12
Parkers 8	Battle Lake 6
Sebeka 16	Bertha-H. 0
Deer Creek 36	Wrenshall 6
Henning 12	Menahga 0
Perham 22	Frazee 6
Staples 22	Detroit Lakes 21
Park Rapids 20	Aitkin 0
Verndale 22	N. Y. Mills 6
Eagle Bend 20	Clarissa 14
L. Falls 30	C-I 0
Walker 18	Pine River 12



Cowboy scores

Breckenridge Cowboy Doug Milbrandt (22) scored here on a four-yard run in the second quarter of Friday afternoon's game with Wadena. The extra point try failed and the Cowboys held a 12-6 half-time lead. Wadena scored two TD's in the final quarter and defeated previously unbeaten Breck, 19-12. (P.J. Sports Photo)



Swarmed under

Indian halfback Reg Hooten (40) was swarmed under by a host of Breckenridge Cowboys the first quarter of Friday's non-conference grid game at Breck. Hooten, however, led Wadena in rushing with 101 yards in 23 carries and scored one TD. The Indians rallied to win, 19-12. (P.J. Sports Photo)

Wadena is darkhorse in M-S race

Defending champion Park Rapids, favored to win a second straight Mid-State Conference football title this fall, waltzed to a 41-0 victory over Perham Friday night as it opened its 1975 campaign in impressive fashion.

Coach Andy McCarty's Panthers, boasting three all-conference players from last year, got touchdowns from six different players in romping past Perham. Among those scoring were Roger Day and Duane Southerland, two of last year's all-conference selections.

Three other Mid-State schools (Little Falls, Wadena and Staples) joined Park Rapids in the winner's circle in openers Friday night, but Aitkin, Crosby-Ironton and Detroit Lakes fell to non-loop rivals in their openers.

Wadena, with Mark Condiff scoring twice and Reggie Hooten getting one TD and running 149 yards from scrimmage, blanked Long Prairie 20-0. Mid-State coaches regard Coach John Conzemius's Wadena eleven as a darkhorse in the 1975 race.

Little Falls, figured to give Park Rapids its sternest competition for the 1975 crown, overcame Melrose 41-16.

Staples, capitalizing on the running of Jeff Cizek, shaded the Pelican Rapids Vikings 6-0. Cizek ran 37 times for 213 yards and got the game's lone touchdown on a 40-yard run in the third period. Pelican Rapids is the pre-season favorite to win the Heart o'Lakes Conference football title.

Crosby-Ironton, which has



Good gainer

Wadena halfback Reg Hooten (40) grabbed a short pass thrown by quarterback Mark Condiff in the fourth quarter of Friday's game at Breckenridge. This play set up the go ahead TD scored by teammate Dale Vierkant at 9:40. Defending against the pass was Breck's Dave Gunderson (42). Wadena triumphed, 19-12. (P.J. Sports Photo)

enjoyed several successful seasons under the coaching of John Davies, dropped its opener by a score of 46-0 to potent St. Cloud Cathedral. This is one of the most inexperienced C-I teams in history, since the Rangers have only two seniors in their lineup.

Jerry Hall, taking over the head coaching duties at Aitkin High School, saw his Gobblers drop a 34-16 decision to Coleraine. Blake Toms scored three times to lead the winners, while Mike Nentl and Dave Lowe tallied for Aitkin.

Detroit Lakes dropped a 7-0 decision to arch-rival Fergus Falls when Jon Erickson of the Otters ran 16 yards for the game's lone touchdown on the opening play of the final period to cap an 80-yard march.



Indians spoil C-I homecoming 41-22

Home on the range Friday evening had a slightly different look than normal when Wadena challenged C-I on the Rangers' 1975 homecoming.

The big, mature C-I teams of the past years were replaced by a much younger freshman and sophomore club.

The "Go C-I Go" was replaced by the Indian attack as Wadena ambushed C-I, 41 to 22.

The skies were cloudy the first half for the Rangers as the Indians completely dominated play and pushed to a 33-0 halftime lead.

It started when the Indians took the pigskin on the first series of plays for 40 yards and a touchdown. Quarterback Mark Condiff engineered the drive and Reg Hooten blasted over from eight yards out for the score.

With 8:17 to go John Hamerlinck's kick was good and Wadena had an 8-0 advantage.

Four and one-half minutes later, "Hoot" scored again from 10 yards out after a 39-yard six-play march.

Hamerlinck's kick sailed through the uprights and the Indians were in front 14-0.

Wadena kicked off and C-I raced back to the 23-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage the Rangers fumbled and Wadena end Steve Wallgren gathered the pigskin and raced 15 yards for the tally.

The extra point was blocked but the Indians had moved to a commanding 20-0 first quarter lead.

Wadena dominated the second quarter on the running of Dale Vierkant, Reg Hooten and Jeff Wynn. The Wadena trio managed to roll up 150 yards on the ground in the first half. Mark Condiff's right arm also connected three for three for an additional 51 yards.

Dale Vierkant grabbed one aerial for 19 yards, Jeff Wynn one for 15, and Terry Pulju the third for 17 yards. Wadena put a 52-yard drive together in the second period that took just eight plays.

Reggie scored his third TD of the half from eight yards out, but the extra point was missed because of a bad snap.

The Indians' next touchdown was set up by Keith Tabery. Tubby pounced on a Ranger fumble on C-I's 35 yard line and it only took three plays before Mark Condiff followed big Jim Carter into the end zone from one yard out. John got back in the kicking game as he sailed the pigskin through the posts for a 33-0 halftime lead.

Nick Lundquist did most of the quarterbacking the second half. He bootlegged for a 31-yard TD and passed for a 25-yard connection to Ronnie Olson, and the touchdown.

Nick proved he is a dependable quarterback as well as an excellent safety.

Curt Leeseberg led the team in number of tackles with 12. Dale Vierkant had eight, J.D. Lehr and Jim Carter seven each, Chuck Heins and Terry Pulju six each, Keith Tabery five, Pete Beckel four, Paul Hockert, Bill Egan, Harvey

Schwartz, Bob Skalman three each, Loren Lundquist, Phil Kraemer and Dan Schmidt two each.

Mark Condiff, Keith Tabery, Steve Walgren and Pete Beckel all recovered C-I fumbles. Jeff Wynn picked off the only interception of the evening.

C-I scored in the third period on a 75-yard march in 14 plays. Ranger quarterback Tim Steinke ran in from one. He also ran for the two-point conversion. In the fourth quarter freshman Mark Selisker raced 42 yards for a score. The last touchdown of the evening was scored by Don Mooers as he went 13 yards with only :56 to go in the game. Steinke hit Selisker with a pass for the final two points.

The Indians finally returned home after a three-game road trip. The Park Rapids Panthers with an excellent football team will be in town recuperating from an 18-6 setback Friday night.

	W	C-I
First Downs	13	12
By Rush	10	10
By Pass	3	2
By Penalty	0	0
No. Passes Att.	5	9
Completed	4	4
Percent	80	44
Yards	76	60
Had Intercepted	0	1
Yards Returned	0	6
No. of Rushes	40	45
Yards Gained	229	239
Yards Lost	12	13
Net	217	226
Total Plays	45	54
Total Offense	293	286
No. of Penalties	5	1
Yards	35	15

(C-I cont.)

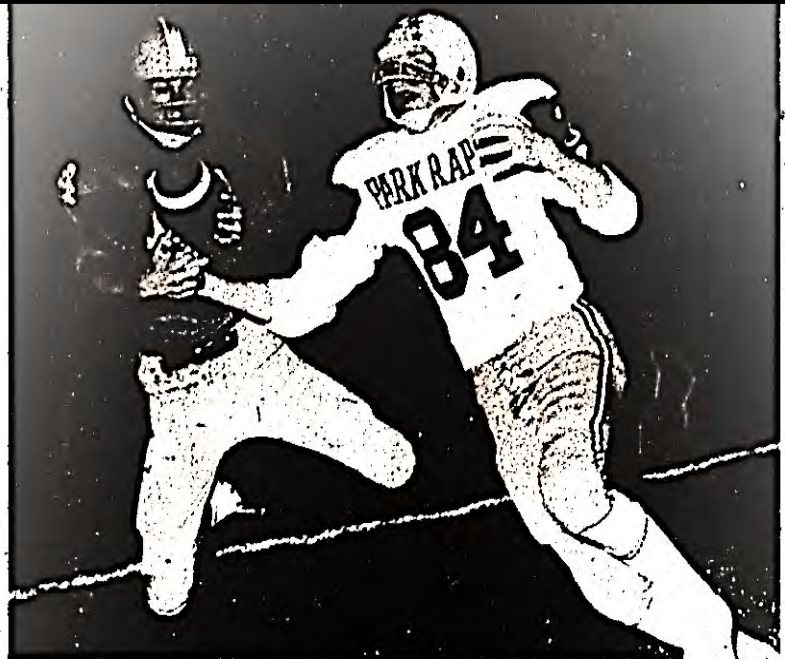
Yards	35	15
No. of Punts	4	2
Yards	133	81
Ave.	33	40½
Punt Returns	1	2
Yards	13	7
Ave.	13	3½
No. of kickoffs	7	4
Yards	326	186
Ave.	47	46½
Kickoff returns	4	7
Yards	87	132
Ave.	22	19
Fumbles	1	5
Lost	1	4
Drive Proficiency		
1st Half	5-6	1-7
Percent	83	14
2nd half	3-6	4-4
Percent	50	100
Total	8-12	5-11
Percent	67	45

Wadena	20	13	8	0-41
Rangers	0	0	8	14-22

W - Hooten (8, run)
 Hamerlinck (kick).
 W - Hooten (10, run).
 Hamerlinck (kick).
 W - Wallgren (23, fumble recovery). Kick blocked.
 W - Hooten (8, run). Kick fumbled.
 W - Condiff (one-foot, run)
 Hamerlinck (kick).
 C-I - Steinke (one foot, run).
 Steinke, (end run).
 W - Lundquist (32, run) Egan (pass)
 C-I Selisker (41, run). Pass fails.
 C-I - Mooers (12, run).
 Selisker (pass).

Area grid scores

Wadena 41	C-I 22
Verndale 28	Bertha-H. 0
Sebeka 50	N. Y. Mills 20
Staples 14	Pine City 0
L. Falls 18	Park Rapids 6
Detroit Lakes 32	Aitkin 12
Deer Creek 48	Kensington 7
Battle Lake 7	Henning 6
Clarissa 8	Brooten 7
Browerville 24	Upsala 0
Perham 8	Hawley 6
Parkers P. 30	Menahga 6
Backus 12	Motley 8



Keeps possession

Wadena senior quarterback Mark Condiff (14) kept possession of the pigskin from Park Rapids defender Tim Annette (84) during the first half of play Friday night. Condiff scored the Indians' lone touchdown on a one-yard run in the fourth quarter. Annette kicked field goals of 23 and 24 yards plus three PATs. Park Rapids assessed the Indians their first loss of the season, 33-7. (P.J. Sports Photo)

PR Panthers end Wadena win string

Recuperating from an 18-6 setback by Little Falls a week earlier, Park Rapids pounced on Wadena Friday night ambushing the Indians, 33-7.

Panther senior quarterback Roger Day and the field goal kicking of Tim Annette provided much of the heroics for the invading Park Rapids team. The Panthers went 81 yards in six plays to score the game's initial touchdown with 2:32 remaining in the first quarter. The key play was a screen pass from Quarterback Day to Mike Quinn for 58 yards and the TD. Annette's kick for PAT was true and the Panthers led, 7-0.

Annette's PAT kick, after the second touchdown scored at 9:44 of the second quarter on a

19-yard run by Bill Anderson, was also good. Later in the second period Annette kicked a 23-yard field goal and boxed another from 24 yards out in the third quarter.

Park Rapids' second TD came in 10 plays which covered 80 yards. With :39 left in the first half having marched 42 yards in nine plays, the Panthers went with Annette and his first field goal giving the invaders a 17-0 halftime advantage.

The Panthers made it 23-0 when they marched 60 yards in nine plays with quarterback Day capping the drive with a two-yard touchdown plunge. The try for extra point failed. Annette's second field goal put the game out of reach in the late moments of the third quarter to give the Panthers a 26-0 lead.

Wadena scored early in the final quarter as Indian quarterback Mark Condiff went over from the one and John Hamerlinck's extra point kick split the uprights. Wadena's lone TD came at 9:50 on 59 yards in 11 plays.

The Panthers scored their final touchdown at 6:43 of the fourth quarter when Day sneaked in from the one. Annette's kick for PAT was good and the Panthers had a 33-7 victory nailed down.

Wadena galled 189 yard net offense in 50 plays while the Panthers had 392 yards net in 62 plays. The Indians gained 11 first downs to Park Rapids' 17.

Both Wadena and Park Rapids are 4-1 on the season. Wadena will host Detroit Lakes, winner over Park Rapids Friday, 29-22, in the Indians' 1975 homecoming

(PR cont.)

Net	146 258
Total Plays	50 63
Total Offense	189 392
No of Penalties	6 4
Yards	40 30
No of Punts	4 1
Yards	123 31
Ave.	31 31
Punt Returns	1 1
Yards	5 30
Ave.	5 30
No of Kickoffs	2 7
Yards	54 317
Ave.	27 45.3
Kickoff Returns	7 2
Yards	159 6
Ave.	23 3
Fumbles	2 2
Lost	2 0
Drive Proficiency	
1st Half	1-5 5-7
Percent	20 71
2nd Half	5-7 4-5
Percent	71 80
Total	6-12 9-12
Percent	50 75

First Quarter Park Rapids (2:32) 81 yards, 6 plays to screen pass Day to Quin 58 yards Annette kick good.

2nd quarter Park Rapids (9:44) 80 yards 10 plays TD 19 yard run by Bill Anderson Annette kick good. Park Rapids (:39) 42 yards 9 plays field goal 23 yards by Annette.

Third Quarter Park Rapids (5:19) 60 yards 9 plays 2 yard TD by Day kick no good. Park Rapids 15 yards 4 plays 24 yard field goal by Annette.

Fourth Quarter Wadena (9:50) 59 yards 11 plays TD Condiff 2 yards Hamerlinck kick good. Park Rapids (6:53) 53 yards 11 plays TD Day 1 yard Annette kick good.



Seek

queen title

Five Wadena seniors are seeking the 1975 homecoming queen title in tonight's (Thursday) coronation program at the junior high gym at 7:30. Selected as queen candidates by their

classmates are (l-r) Patty Baker, Peggy Quincer, Paula Wallgren, Abby Merickel and Barbara Nau. Senior high students vote for their favorite candidate today during Block I.

'Drain D.L.' Wadena's 1975 homecoming cry



Area gridgers named to Team of Week honors

Tabery named to grid team of the week

Area grid scores

Wadena 34	Detroit Lakes 6
Brainerd 13	C-I 8
Park Rapids 37	Staples 6
Henning 16	N.Y. Mills 0
Battle Lake 20	Sebeka 8
Verndale 28	Menahga 0
Parkers P. 20	Bertha-H. 6
Clarissa 15	Browerville 0
Deer Creek 20	Underwood 16

Tom Young on St. John's 'U' football team

Thomas Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young and a 1973 graduate of Wadena senior high school is a member of St. John's University's football team this fall.



Dale Vjerkant



WCCO Radio named its second All-State Football Team of the Week Friday night (Sept. 26) on "Prep Parade," and Keith Tabery, Wadena high school was on the list of players chosen for the honorary squad.

Keith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tabery and a senior plays guard on the Indian football varsity.



Makes gain

Wadena senior halfback Dale Vierkant (42) made a good gain against a host of Detroit Lakes Lakers Friday night in the third quarter of the Indians' homecoming battle. Vierkant was the leading Indian rusher with a total of 181 yards. Wadena stopped the Lakers, 34-6. (P.J. Sports Photo)

Wadena in 34-6 homecoming win

Coach John Conzemius' Indians recuperated quickly from a 33-7 shellacking administered a week ago by the Park Rapids Panthers to sink the invading Detroit Lakes Lakers, 34-7, before a happy homecoming crowd Friday night.

Scoring 14 points in each of the first and final quarters and matching the Lakers' lone TD in the second, Wadena dominated play throughout the contest. The Indians are now 2-1 in conference play and Detroit Lakes has a 2-2 mark.

Senior quarterback Mark Condifff scored four of the Indians' five touchdowns, with halfback Dale Vierkant opening the scoring on a five-yard run in the first period at 7:21. Vierkant finished the night with 181 yards rushing and Condifff with 99 yards.

Reggie Hooten and Ronald Olson were sidelined with injuries and did not see action against the Lakers.

The Indians marched 67 yards with the opening kickoff to start their bid for a homecoming win. Wadena gained a 14-point advantage when the Indian defense forced a Laker punt midway through the first quarter. The Indians then marched 52 yards with quarterback Condifff going over from the one at 1:09.

Detroit Lakes jumped back in contention in the early going of the second quarter as the Lakers marched 61 yards mainly on the passing of quarterback Jeff Hanson. Gregg Johnson then scored from the one but the point after kick failed and Wadena led, 14-6.

Condifff's second TD came just prior to halftime to give local fans a 20-6 halftime advantage to crow about.

Neither team scored in the third period but Wadena's Condifff one-yard plunge gave

the Indians a 26-6 lead. John Hamerlinck's kick for PAT was true and Wadena enjoyed a 27-6 margin. The Indians in seven plays carried for 65 yards and the TD.

Wadena's final drive covered 51 yards in 10 plays with Condifff scampering the final six yards to pay dirt. Again, Hamerlinck, after the first and second Wadena touchdowns, successfully kicked the extra point at 1:44 p.m. giving the Indians a 34-6 win.

Wadena rushed for 395 yards and passed for 12 more for a grand total of 407 points against Detroit Lakes. The Lakers finished with a total of 145 yards.

Hanson of the Lakers picked up 127 yards passing by connecting on 11 of 27 passes. The Lakers managed only 23 yards on the ground against Wadena's improved defense.

Wadena travels to Little Falls to face the conference leading Flyers Friday at 7:30

Detroit Lakes 0 6 0 0-6
 Wadena 14 6 0 14-34
 W - Vierkant 5 run
 (Hamerlinck kick)
 W - Condifff 1 run (Hamerlinck kick)
 DL - Johnson 1 run (run failed)
 W - Condifff 2 run (kick failed)
 W - Condifff 1 run (Hamerlinck kick)
 W - Condifff 6 run (Hamerlinck kick)

	W	DL
First Downs	21	8
By Rush	19	4
By Pass	1	4
By Penalty	1	0
No. of Rushes	66	14
Gained	398	47
Lost	-2	-24
Net	396	23
No. of Passes	6	27
Completed	1	11
Percent	17	41
Yards	12	122
Had Intercepted	1	2
Yards Returned	0	10
Total Plays	72	41
Total Yards	408	145
No. of Penalties	4	5
Yards	30	45
No. of Punts	2	6
Yards	60	203
Ave.	30	34
Punt Returns	0	2
Yards	0	12
Ave.	0	6
No. of kickoffs	6	2
Yards	271	90
Ave.	45	45
Kick off returns	2	6
Yards	25	106
Ave.	12.5	18
Fumbles	3	1
Lost	1	0
Drive Proficiency		
1st half	6-7	1-3
Percent	86	33
2nd half	5-6	0-5
Percent	83	0
Total	11-13	1-8
Percent	85	12.5



Wadena scores

Quarterback Mark Condit (underneath the pile) scored his fourth TD in the final quarter against the invading Lakers Friday night.



War cries

Wadena cheerleaders publicly challenged Detroit Lakes Lakers during a pep rally Friday during the homecoming parade on Jefferson street.

1975 Wadena homecoming highlights



Reigning supreme

Queen Barbara Nau and her attendants Peggy Quincer, Abby Merickel, Paula Wallgren and Patty Baker appeared in the parade on their bicentennial-themed float. Queen Barb appeared at halftime of the Wadena-Detroit Lakes homecoming game Friday night. (P.J. Staff Photos)



PEANUT GALLERY-Students arrive early on 2nd St. SW Friday to secure good positions for viewing the 1975 homecoming parade.



MAGIC MOMENT-Here Barbara Nau shows the excitement of that "magic moment" when crowned 1975 Wadena homecoming queen at the junior high gym. Ready to place the crown on her head is Dale Vierkant at right and Jim Carter has her regal robe.

Homecoming queen -- what so many young girls dream of becoming. This year it was Barbara Nau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Nau, Wadena, who achieved this dream.

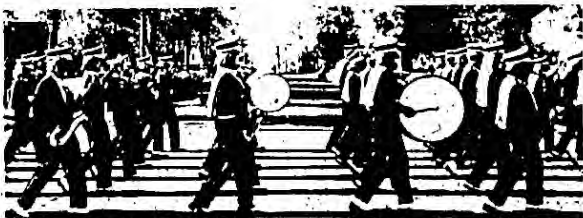
She, along with the four other candidates, was chosen by the senior class, and campaigned via showcases set up within the senior high. Besides pictures of her at different ages, Barb's showcase displayed indications of her school involvement including a flute, Girls Recreation Association (GRA) initiation pin,

besides band and choir letters.

Barb is a member of the band council and plays flute and piccolo. She is president of the GRA, a member of the drama club and works on the sales staff of Indian Trails, the school annual.

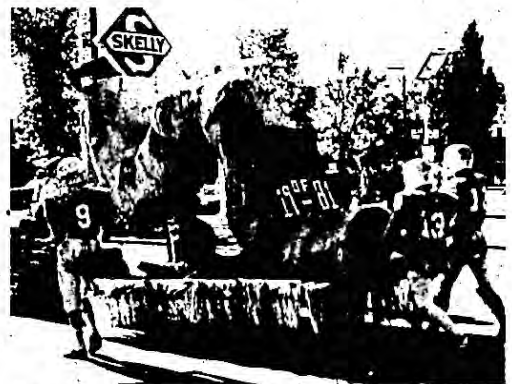
Although she does downhill ski, Barb likes Minnesota summers the best, when she can water ski and swim.

She plans to study child development and family relations at North Dakota State University, Fargo following 1976 spring graduation here.



Synchronized steps

Wadena senior band led by John Lindlief stops traffic to start Friday's homecoming parade.



Winning float

The seventh grade student is "drained" on winning homecoming float. Second and third place prizes went to the 8th and 10th grades, respectively. Winning floats were displayed at halftime of the Wadena-Detroit Lakes football game.

Flyers nip Wadena in defensive battle

The Little Falls Flyers' victory over the Wadena Indians Friday was similar to Charles Lindberg's flight over the Atlantic. The Indian team much like the Atlantic Ocean put up a fierce fight before being conquered.

Everyone remembers that "Lucky Lindy" made it. Everyone will remember that

Little Falls won 6-0. Almost everyone will forget the courageous battle the ocean and Mother Nature gave the Spirit of St. Louis.

Almost everyone will forget the spirit that the Indians put forth before losing 6 to 0. Forgotten will be Dale Vierkant's 109 yards of hard rushing, forgotten will be the

hard blocking of Jim Carter, Bob Nyberg, Bud Engstrom, Terry Pulju and others.

Forgotten will be the great team effort at the end of the first half as the Indians held off on a fine goal line stand to preserve a 0-0 halftime score. Forgotten will be the 14 tackles by Reg Hooten, nine by Jim Carter and eight by Terry Pulju. Forgotten will be the

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Wadena	0	0	0	0	0
Little Falls	0	0	0	6	6

	W.	L.	F.
First Downs			
No.	10	15	
By Rush	9	9	
By Pass	1	4	
By Penalty	0	2	
No. of Rushes	44	31	
Yards Gained	205	145	
Yards Lost	31	7	
Net	174	138	
No. of Passes	9	25	
Completed	4	10	
Percent	44.4	40	
Yards	38	130	
Had Intercepted	1	1	
Yards Returned	25	1	
Total Plays	53	56	
Total Yards	212	283	
No. of Penalties	5	5	
Yards	23	55	
No. of Punts	5	5	
Yards	156	178	
Ave.	31.2	35.6	
Punt Returns	2	1	
Yards	17	11	
Ave.	8.5	11	
No. of kickoffs	1	2	
Yards	35	91	
Ave.	35	45.5	
Kick off returns	2	1	
Yards	35	23	
Ave.	17.5	23	
Fumbles	2	0	
Lost	2	0	
Drive Proficiency			
1st Half	3-7	4-7	
Percent	42.9	57.1	
2nd Half	4-5	3-6	
Percent	80	50	
Total	7-12	7-13	
Percent	58.4	53.8	



Area grid scores

Little Falls 6	Wadena 0
Staples 28	C-I 12
Pk. Rapids 28	Det. Lakes 6
Deer Creek 28	Brandon 6
Battle Lake 32	N.Y. Mills 18
Verndale 12	Parkers 0
Henning 12	Sebeka 6 (OT)
Bertha-H. 32	Menahga 7
Bemidji 49	Aitkin 14
Clarissa 14	Grey Eagle 6

Mid-State conf.

	W	L
Park Rapids	4	1
Little Falls	3	1
Wadena	2	2
Staples	2	2
Aitkin	2	2
Detroit Lakes	2	3
Crosby-Ironton	0	4

passing of Mark Condiff as he hit Jeff Wynn three out of four times. Forgotten will be the fine punting done by Mark as it helped to establish good field position.

The thing that will be remembered will be the Flyer drive of 55 yards in the fourth period. On the ninth play of the series Bob Olson rushed in from three yards out for the only score of the game.

Forgotten will be the last desperate attempt by the Indians, the hard running of Reggie and Dale in a last ditch effort to gain a victory or a tie. This drive ended as Father Time brought down his cruel hand and the scoreboard clock read 0 minutes, 0 seconds.

The Indians travel to take on Staples Oct. 24 on the Cardinals gridiron.

The Indians traveled to Staples Wednesday night in a Mid-State conference battle. Wadena hosts Aitkin at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 24 in the final game of the football season.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Wadena	0	0	0	0	0
Little Falls	0	0	0	6	6

Wadena scores 27-6 win over Cardinals

Wadena trumped the Staples Cardinals in a Mid-State battle Wednesday night, 27-6, on the Cards' gridiron to bring its conference record to 3-2.

Both teams going into the contest were 2-2 in Mid-State competition and 5-2 overall.

After a scoreless first quarter, Wadena quarterback

Mark Condiff passed to half-back Reg Hooten for 67 yards and the Indians' first touchdown at 2:24 to go in the first half. John Hamerlinck's kick was good and the Indians held a 7-0 halftime advantage.

In seven previous games, the Indians had scored only one touchdown in the third period. Tough defense on the part of both clubs made it appear the scoring would be at a minimum.

Midway through the third period Staples called time out

Staples put together a 44-yard drive in 10 plays in the final quarter. Halfback Jeff Cizek carried from the one for the Cardinals' only tally. Cizek, who has averaged 100 yards a game, was held to 46 yards in 18 carries.

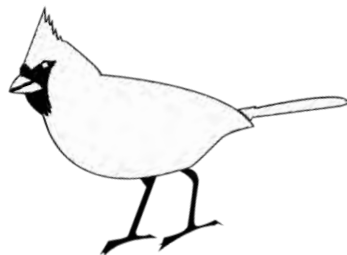
Terry Pulju, had 10 Jim Carter and Reg Hooten nine tackles apiece Wednesday night against the Cardinals. Coach John Conzemius commended the blocking of the offensive line.

Area grid scores

Wadena 27	Staples 6
Detroit Lakes 27	C-120
Little Falls 47	Aitkin 20
P. Rapids 41	L. Prairie 12
Deer Creek 41	Evansville 8
Verndale 12	Henning 0
N.Y. Mills 34	Menahga 7
Bertha-H 8	B. Lake 0
P. Prairie 16	Sebeka 14
Clarissa 30	Upsala 6
Browerville 29	E. Bend 6

M-S standings

	W	L
Park Rapids	4	1
Little Falls	4	1
Wadena	3	2
Det. Lakes	3	3
Staples	2	3
Aitkin	2	3
Crosby-Ironton	0	5



Scoring:

Wadena	0	7	20	0-27
Staples	0	0	0	6-6
			W. St.	
First Downs			10	13
By Rush			10	5
By Pass			0	7
By Penalty			0	1
No. of Rushes			42	35
Yards Gained			256	95
Yards lost			-3	-31
Net			253	64
No. of Passes			7	22
Completed			1	12
Percent			14	55
Yards TD			67	122
Had Intercepted			1	0
Yards Returned			2	1
Total Plays			20	0
Total Yards			49	57
No. of Penalties			320	186
Yards			1	2
No. of Punts			15	9
Yards			3	7
Ave.			107	202
Punt Returns			3	2
Yards			16	11
Ave.			5.3	5.5
No. of kickoffs			5	2
Yards			251	70
Ave.			50.2	35.0
Kickoff returns			2	5
Yards			24	66
Ave.			12.0	13.2
Fumbles			4	1
Lost			1	1
Drive Proficiency,				
1st half			3-6	3-8
Percent			50	37.5
2nd half			4-4	3-6
Percent			100	50
Total			7-10	6-14
Percent			70	42.9

Midway through the third

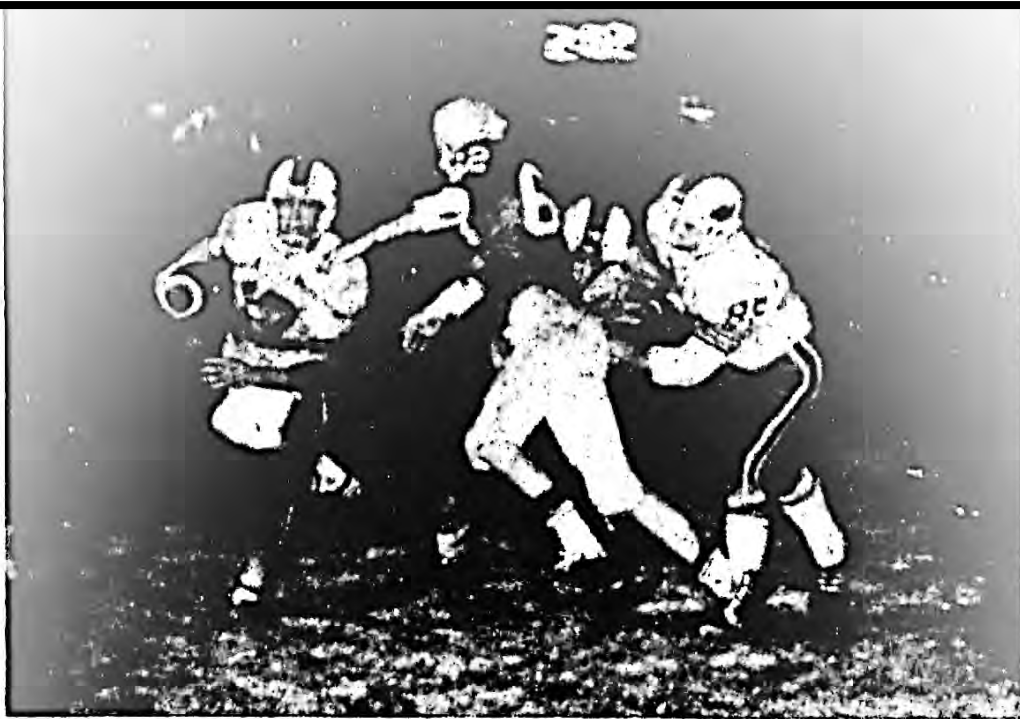
period Staples called time out on fourth down and one yard to go from its own 40. It appeared the Cardinals were going to run it for the first down. Staples quarterback Mark Redemski pitched out to halfback Jeff Cizek and who started around left end. After two strides, Cizek made a long quick kick. As the football left Cizek's toe, Wadena's Hooten made a hard tackle on Cizek.

The Indians were penalized 15 yards for roughing the kicker. The Wadena defense responded allowing the Cardinals only 11 yards gain in the third quarter.

The Indians' offense came alive in the third quarter moving for three successive touchdowns.

Wadena scored on drives of 65, 40, and 34 yards as they amassed 136 yards on the ground in the third period. Wadena halfback, Dale Vierkant scored the first third quarter TD on a one-yard plunge capping a 65-yard drive in 10 plays. Three minutes later, Vierkant on the second play from scrimmage raced 29 yards for his second touchdown.

In the closing minutes of the third quarter, Wadena quarterback Mark Condiff tallied from the one. The 40-yard touchdown march was achieved in 10 plays. John Hamerlinck's kick for the extra point was good and Wadena held a 27-0 lead. Hamerlinck finished the night with three out of four extra point attempts.



Halts Gobblers

Wadena guard Jerry Hertel (62) was instrumental in stopping Aitkin's running back Mike Nentl from scoring in the late moments of the second quarter of Friday night's Mid-State contest at the local athletic field. In on the play is the Gobblers' end Mark Roberts (85). The Indians stopped the Aitkin Gobblers, 14-12.

Indians tomahawk invading Gobblers

Slowed by a soggy field and four fumbles in the early going, Wadena rallied to defeat invading Aitkin Friday night in a snowstorm, 14-12.

For Coach John Conzemius' charges, it was a cherished victory as the Indians had to recuperate from early game lethargy, a determined band of Gobblers and game conditions that were less than ideal.

Wadena finished with a 7-2 record, the two losses coming at the hands of Park Rapids and Little Falls who tied for the Mid-State conference championship with identical 6-1 marks.

Little Falls was named to represent the Mid-State grid conference by the Minnesota

state high school league computer system in an inter-conference playoff Friday, 8 p.m., at Albany when they play Albany, champion of the Central Gopher conference.

The Indians claimed third place in the MS conference with a 4-2 record.

Down 12-0 late in the third quarter, halfback Dale Vierkant scampered 56 yards up the middle with 3:37 to play to give Wadena its first touchdown. The extra point kick failed and the Indians trailed, 12-6.

Gaining momentum in the early moments of the final quarter, Wadena drove 25 yards in six plays to tie the game on a seven-yard pass

from quarterback Mark Condiff to Jeff Wynn. It was Wynn's first varsity touchdown of his career.

Vierkant, who garnered 144 yards in Friday's game and finished with 997 yards on the year, ran for the winning two-point conversion.

The Gobblers dominated play in the first half as they marched 65 yards in seven plays in the first quarter to score. The drive was highlighted by Kevin Ritter's 37-yard touchdown run. Aitkin threatened to score with less than 1½ minutes remaining in the first half when the Wadena defense stiffened. The Gobblers were forced to give up the ball within the Wadena 10 yard line.

1st downs	W A.
	11 10
Rushing	10 9
Passes	1 0
Penalties	0 1
No. of rushes	52 38
Yards gained	229 234
Yards lost	-7 -11
Net	222 223
No. of passes	5 7
Completed	2 1
Percent	40 14
Yards	36 3
touchdowns	1 0
Had intercepted	0 0
Total plays	57 45
Total yards	258 226
No. of penalties	3 2
Yards	45 20
No. of punts	3 4
Yards	68 149
Average	29 37
Punts returned	1 2
Yards	8 4
Average	8 2
No. of kick offs	3 3
Yards	125 121
Average	42 40
No. kickoff returns	3 2
Yards	43 34
Average	14 17
Fumbles	6 2
Lost	3 2
Muffs	0 1
Lost	0 1
Total	6 3
Lost	3 3
Drive proficiency	1st half
Wadena	4 over 7
	Aitkin 3 over 7
	Percentages 57 Wadena
	43 Aitkin
	2nd half 6 over 8 Wadena
	1 over 4 Aitkin
	Percentages 75 Wadena

line.

Aitkin scored in the third quarter when Mike Nentl went in from the one giving the Gobblers a 12-0 advantage.

Nentl's TD capped a 48-yard drive as he gained 111 yards on the night.

Wadena coaching staff praised the entire team for their winning effort against Aitkin. Coach Conzemius cited Terry Pulju who had 15 tackles and offensive guard Jim Carter. Dale Vierkant had nine tackles while Danny Kupfer, Reg Hooten and Keith Tabery each had six.

Wadena finished with a total yardage of 258 to the Gobblers' 226.

Eighteen seniors seeing final action with the varsity were Ron Olson (injured and sidelined in the Park Rapids game), Bob Skalman, Nick Lundquist, Bob Nyberg, Curt Leeseberg, Jerry Hertel, Steve Hepokoski, Chuck Heins, John Hamerlinck, Duane Engstrom, Doug Houle, Dave Folkestad, Jim Pilgrim, Steve Wallgren, Jim Carter, Jeff Wynn, Dale Vierkant and Mark Condiff.



**Wadena
all-conference
gridders**

Wadena's all-conference team members assemble. They are (rear, l. to r.) seniors Dale Vierkant and Jim Carter; (front l. to r.) juniors Reg Hooten and Terry Pulju.

**Tabery named
to grid team
of the week**



**Area gridgers
named to Team
of Week honors**

**Wadena puts four
on honors team**

Four Wadena gridgers were named to the all-conference team of the Mid-State conference at a coaches' meeting in Staples, Nov. 5.

Those chosen for the 22-member team were James Carter and Dale Vierkant, seniors, and Reg Hooten and Terry Pulju, juniors. Wadena players receiving

honorable mention were Mark Condiff, Duane Engstrom and Steve Wallgren.

The following is the list of the complete team.

Wadena:
Dale Vierkant HB
James Carter G
Terry Pulju E
Reg Hooten HB

Park Rapids:
Duane Southerland LB, FB
Bo Bajenske T
Roger Day QB, DB
Tim Annett E
Steve Donnay DE

Staples:
Clark Dahl T
Jeff Cizek HB

Detroit Lakes:
Mark Veronen FB
Casey Nolden G-DE
Jon Dahl SE-S
Aitkin:
Bill Hasskamp E
Kent Paulbeck DE

Little Falls:
John Hanowski E
Bob Olson HB
Gary Starr G
Roger Hesch C
Tom Faust G
Doug Fregin QB

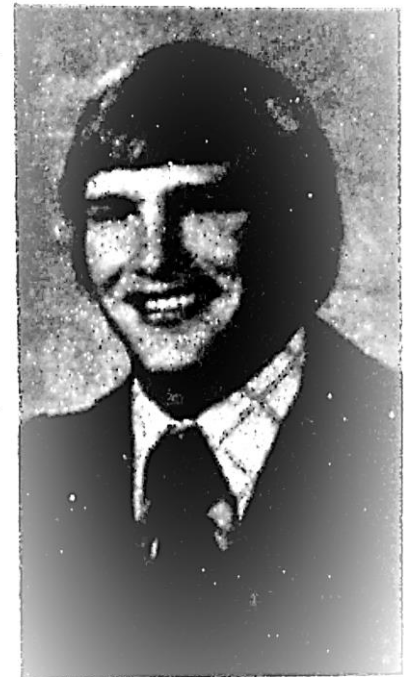
**Brown to learn
civil defense
procedures**

Vincent Brown, Wadena, a newly appointed civil defense director will attend a St. Cloud workshop, Nov. 11 - 13.

The purpose of the workshop is to acquaint new civil defense personnel with procedures and

**Corrections
board meets**

The Community Corrections Advisory board will meet at 6:15 p.m. Monday in the Wadena county courthouse, followed by a 6:30 p.m. meeting of the administrative subcommittee.



Dale Vierkant

SPORTS

Indians outscore opponents in 1975

Indians compiled a total of 182 points to their opponents 111 in nine games during the 1975 season.

Wadena finished the season with a 7-2 record and a Mid-State conference 4-2 mark to finish in third place.

Wadena blanked its opening non-conference foe, Long Prairie, 20-0, and was shutout by Mid-State conference opponent Little Falls, 6-0.

The Indians' biggest scoring production was 41 points against the Crosby-Ironton Rangers. Park Rapids scored the most points, 33, against the Indians this season.

Wadena scored a total of 61 points in the fourth quarter in 1975. The Indians had a total of 46 points in the second quarter, 41 in the first and 34 in the third quarter.

The local varsity averaged 20.2 points per game to the opponent's 12.3 points. In total offense, Wadena averaged 278.6 yards per game while the opposition averaged 222 yards.

Halfback Dale Vierkant was the leading Indian rusher who averaged 6.2 yards per carry. He amassed 997 yards on the season. His longest gain was a 56-yard run against Aitkin in the final game of the season. Dale Vierkant's most yards gained in one game were 181 against Detroit Lakes.

Halfback Reg Hooten was the second leading Indian rusher with 636 yards in 114 attempts for a 5.6 average. His longest carry was 45 yards and the most yards he gained in one game was 149 against Detroit Lakes.

Wadena quarterback Mark Condiff netted 227 yards in 70 carries for a 3.2 yard average. Fullback Jeff Wynn gained 221 yards rushing in 43 attempts for a 5.1 yard average. His longest carry was 74 yards against Detroit Lakes. Terry Pulju, Wadena fullback, gained 46 yards in 13 carries for a 3.5 yard average.

The Indians passed 53 times, completed 30, for 316 yards. Their opponents passed 138 times completing 55 for 683 yards.

Fullback Jeff Wynn caught

nine passes for 100 yards, fullback Terry Pulju caught four for 66 yards, halfback Reg Hooten three for 105 yards, Dale Vierkant two for 16 yards, Ron Olson one for 25 yards and Lauren Lundquist one for four yards.

Nick Lundquist was credited with four pass interceptions, Ron Olson and Dan Kupfer two each, Jeff Wynn, Terry Pulju and Mark Condiff one each.

Wadena gained 100 first downs by rushing, 10 by passing and five by penalty for a total of 115. Wadena's opposition had 100 first downs, 70 by rushing, 26 by passing and four by penalty.

Terry Pulju led the Wadena Indians in total number of tackles (including assists) with 100. Reg Hooten was second with 74, Jim Carter third with 61, Dale Vierkant fourth with 58, Duane Engstrom fifth with 38 and Keith Tabery sixth with 37. Jerry Hertel and Nick Lundquist were tied for seventh place with 30 tackles apiece.

Wadena Coach John Conzemius announced the 1975 football letter winners as seniors Bob Nyberg, Doug

Houle, Jerry Hertel, Mark Condiff, Dave Folkestad, Jim Carter, Steve Wallgren, Jeff Wynn, Dale Vierkant, Ron Olson, Bob Skalman, Nick Lundquist, Curt Leeseberg, Jim Pilgrim, Steve Hepokoski, Chuck Heins, John Hamerlinck, Duane Engstrom; juniors Dan Kupfer, Bill Egan, Reggie Hooten, Terry Pulju, Don Goetz, J.D. Lehr, Paul Hockert, Keith Tabery, Phil Kraemer and Lauren Lundquist.

Team scores:

Wadena 20	Long Prairie 0
Wadena 20	Sauk Centre 14
Wadena 19	Breck. 12
Wadena 41	C-I 22
Wadena 7	Park Rapids 33
Wadena 34	Detroit Lakes 6
Wadena 0	Little Falls 6
Wadena 27	Staples 6
Wadena 14	Aitkin 12

1976 varsity schedule:

Aug. 16: Football practice starts.
 Sept. 3: Long Prairie, there
 Sept. 10: Sauk Centre, here
 Sept. 17: Breckenridge, here
 Sept. 24: Park Rapids, there
 Oct. 1: Little Falls, here
 Oct. 8: Aitkin, there
 Oct. 15: Crosby-Ironton, here, homecoming
 Oct. 20: Detroit Lakes, there
 Oct. 29: Staples, home
 All games start at 7:30 p.m.



College Football and Other Items of Interest

Tom Young on St. John's 'U' football team

Thomas Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young and a 1973 graduate of Wadena senior high school is a member of St. John's University's football team this fall.

The Johnnies, defending Minnesota Intercollegiate co-champions, must fill some critical positions this fall to continue its pace of winning three of every four games the last 22 years under coach John Gagliardi. Nine starters are back, however, from last year's team that finished 7-2 with a national rank of 19 among small schools.



1976 Season

WHS Record 4-5-0
Mid-State 1-5-0



ROW 1: G. Lind, D. Maroney, J. Engelke, B. Johnson, C. Fedorenko, G. Kraemer, T. Reineccius, D. Neitzke, R. Neisess, P. Kollodge, L. Geiser, T. Quincer, R. Rosenthal, C. Walter, D. Turner, ROW 2: S. Niska-trainer, P. Beckel, J. Edwards, R. Uselman, R. Greenwalt, S. Wolter, T. Stinar, M. Wood, J. Heuer, B. Swenson, M. Reger, M. Miller, K. Wegscheid, J. Nelson, L. Knox, A. Reed, Coach J. Conzemius, ROW 3: Asst. Coach W. Larson, T. Lehr, M. Larson, B. Sartell, M. Freer, P. Kraemer, D. Simmons, R. Clarksean, J. Speckeen, H. Schwartz, J. Dovenmuehle, M. Conzemius, D. Kupfer, D. Geotz, B. Egan, J. Andrie, J. Harrison, ROW 4: Asst. Coach J. Sundstrom, Asst. Coach D. Barry, T. Schloeder, J. D. Lehr, D. Richter, R. Hooten, L. Lundquist, J. Olafson, S. Skalisky, R. Thompson, J. Burns, J. Browne, K. Paulson, M. Lynk.



	OPPONENT	WADENA
Long Prairie	0	13
Sauk Centre	0	21
Breckenridge	6	12
Park Rapids	26	0
Little Falls	34	0
Aitkin	7	27
C-I	28	20
Detroit Lakes	32	0
Staples	27	8



Seniors



Reg Hooten
Captain
All Conference
WCCO Team Of The Week



Terri Pulju
All Conference



Harvey Schwartz



Loren Lundquist



J.D. Lehr



Don Goetz



Mark Conzemius



Bill Egan



Dan Kupfer



Phil Kraemer



Jeff Harrison



Kieth Tabery



Varsity lettermen

Eight Wadena high school varsity lettermen were among 55 candidates who reported for opening football practice at the senior high last week. The eight are shown here with head coach John Conzemius (kneeling center) along with other team coaches as they discussed plans for the upcoming season. Shown here are (kneeling from left): Gerald Dovenmuehle, Reg Hooten, Coach Conzemius, Dan Kupfer, Dave Kraemer; standing (from left: assistant coaches Jim Sundstrom and Dennis Barry; Don Goetz, Lauren Lundquist, J.D. Lehr, Bill Egan and assistant coach Bill Larson.

Wadena Indians top Long Prairie

An all-round performance by Wadena senior halfback Reg Hooten keyed the Indians' 13-0 victory over Long Prairie in Friday's season grid opener on the latter's field.

Hooten scored all of the Indians' points and intercepted two Long Prairie passes.

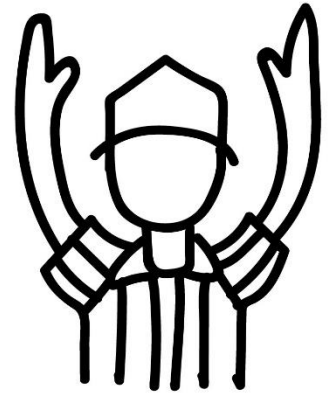
Hooten scored Wadena's first touchdown at 8:23 in the first quarter on a nine-yard run. He kicked the extra point to give Wadena a 7-0 first quarter margin.

The touchdown drive covered 32 yards in five plays. Hooten completed the In-

dians' scoring in the second quarter on a three-yard plunge at 4:47. The kick for extra point failed.

Wadena's second successful drive covered 45 yards in 10 plays.

Wadena's Jeff Browne picked off one Long Prairie



Indian pass to add to Hooten's two interceptions and Lauren Lundquist recovered a Long Prairie fumble.

Senior Terry Pulju led the Wadena defensive unit with nine tackles while Hooten had eight.

Wadena rushed for 157 yards and passed for 52 more for a total offense of 209 yards.

Long Prairie passed for 37 yards and rushed 128 for a total of 165 yards.

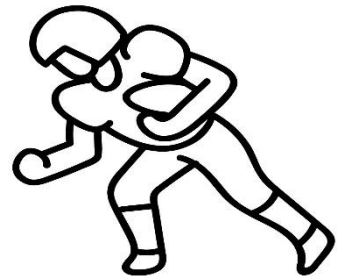
Wadena edged Long Prairie in first downs 11 to 10 and in total offensive plays, 53 to 45.

Wadena was penalized a total of 75 yards to Long Prairie Indians' 52 yards.



Scores first TD

Wadena senior halfback Reg Hooten (40) scored a touchdown here on a nine-yard dash in the first quarter against the Long Prairie Indians in the season opener Friday night. Long Prairie's Jim Dinkel (22) and Dick Laine (42) tried unsuccessfully to stop Hooten's touchdown run. In on the play is Wadena's J.D. Lehr, (74). Wadena blanked Long Prairie, 13-0.



FOOTBALL



Hauls down halfback

Wadena Indian halfback Rick Greenwaldt (20) was finally downed by a host of Sauk Centre tacklers in the first half of Friday's non-conference football contest at the local athletic

field. An official (at right) hurried to get out of Greenwaldt's way. The Indians went on to blank Sauk Centre, 21-0, for their second straight season victory.

Indians shutout Sauk Centre 21-0

Wadena quarterback Mark Conzemius threw a 50-yard touchdown strike to Dan Kupfer with four seconds remaining in the first half of Friday's non-conference contest here as the Indians went on to blank invading Sauk Centre 21-0.

Touchdown runs of 80 yards by Jerry Dovenmuehle and 23 yards of Reg Hooten in the final quarter completed scoring.

Senior Reg Hooten added all three points-after attempts.

The Indians host Breckenridge Friday night at

7:30 in a noon-loop contest. Wadena travels to Park Rapids next Friday for its first Mid-State conference battle.

"It was a game of team defense where Wadena shut off all of Sauk Centre's scoring threats," Coach John Conzemius said following his team's victory.

Conzemius pass to Kupfer with :04 of the second quarter culminated an 85-yard touchdown drive in seven plays.

Wadena's second touchdown came at 8:23 in the fourth quarter. The drive covered 75 yards in five plays. The final

TD spanned 34 yards in five plays and came at 3:36.

The Indians rushed for 193 yards and passed for 69 for a total offense of 262 yards. Sauk Centre passed for 57 yards and ran for 66 for a total of 123 yards.

Senior Reg Hooten led the Wadena defense with seven tackles, while Jerry Dovenmuehle and Terry Pulju had five apiece. Don Goetz and Pete Beckel each had four tackles and Keith Tabery and Dan Kupfer had three apiece. Kupfer also had a pass interception

Wadena outlasts Breckenridge 12-6

Wadena's high school Indians jumped to a 12-0 first quarter lead and then held off a fired-up Breckenridge aerial attack to gain a 12-6 non-conference victory over the invading Cowboys Friday night.

It was Wadena's third straight non-conference victory of the season.

The alert Indians recovered three Cowboy fumbles inside the Wadena 10-yard line and Terry Pulju picked off a Brady Lipp thrown pass at his goal line returning it 45 yards in the final period of play.

Lipp, completing 19 of 32 aerials for 215 yards, hit his brother Scott with a 28-yard pass in the fourth quarter for the Cowboys' only touchdown.

Wadena scored its first

touchdown in the opening period as Dan Kupfer capped a 63-yard drive in four plays when he raced the final 22 yards for the score. The initial TD came at 10:04.

The kick for the extra point failed and Wadena held a 6-0 lead.

Reggie Hooten, Wadena senior halfback, broke away to go 69 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown at 4:59 of the first quarter. The pass for points failed as Wadena led 12-0.

Breckenridge gained 360 yards in total offense, 203 passing and 157 rushing. The Indians gained 195 yards, all by rushing.

Hooten led the Indians in number of unassisted tackles with 10 while Pulju had nine,

Dan Kupfer six, Jeff Browne five and Lauren Lundquist and Keith Tabery four apiece.

Lundquist was credited with recovering two fumbles and Hooten one.

Also getting key tackles were Don Goetz, Pete Beckel, Phil Kraemer, Harvey Schwartz, J.D. Lehr and Jim Andrie.

Breckenridge had 19 first downs to Wadena's five. The Cowboys had 35 rushing plays to the Indians' 38. Breckenridge had 67 to Wadena's 38 offensive plays.

The Cowboys were penalized five times for 25 yards while the Indians were penalized eight times for 60 yards.

Wadena tackles Park Rapids Friday night at 7:30 on the Panthers gridiron in Mid-State conference action.

Sports



Deflects pass Wadena's Dan Kupfer (No. 32) went high to deflect a Mark Gamm's thrown pass to end Tim Asselt (No. 81) in the first half of Friday's Mid-State conference clash at Park Rapids. The Panthers triumphed 12-6 over the Indians.

Panthers blank invading Indians



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Hooten named to prep team of the week

Halfback Reg Hooten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hooten, Wadena, and captain of the Wadena varsity football team was named to the second WCCO All-State Prep parade team of the week for the 1976-77 season. Hooten was named on the station's 'Prep Parade' program, one of 36 players cited.

Wadena Indians fall to Flyers

Little Falls handed Wadena its second straight Mid-State conference setback here Friday night as the Flyers blanked the Indians 34-0.

Wadena's season mark is now 3-2 as the Indians are at Aitkin in a Mid-State contest Friday night. The Flyers are 3-0 in conference action.

Quarterback Doug Fregin hit Brian Silbernick with a six-yard scoring strike at 6:42 in the first quarter and Fregin connected with end Paul Cameron for a two-point conversion as the Flyers held an early 8-0 lead. The Flyers TD covered 66 yards in 16 plays.

Little Falls tallied twice in the second quarter on a one-yard touchdown plunge by fullback Mike Peck and on a Fregin 24-yard pass to Cameron in the last three seconds of the first half. Both attempts for two-point conversions by the Flyers failed and Little Falls held a 20-0 halftime advantage.

The Indians held the Flyers scoreless in the second quarter. However, Fregin again found Silbernick open in the end zone for a four-yard fourth-quarter pass at 8:51 in

the fourth quarter. The drive covered 81 yards in eleven plays.

Dave Smith capped the Little

Falls' scoring on the night at 3:24 of the final period when he plunged a yard for the TD. Cameron's kick for PAT was

good and the Flyers triumphed 34-0. The play covered 34 yards in eight plays.

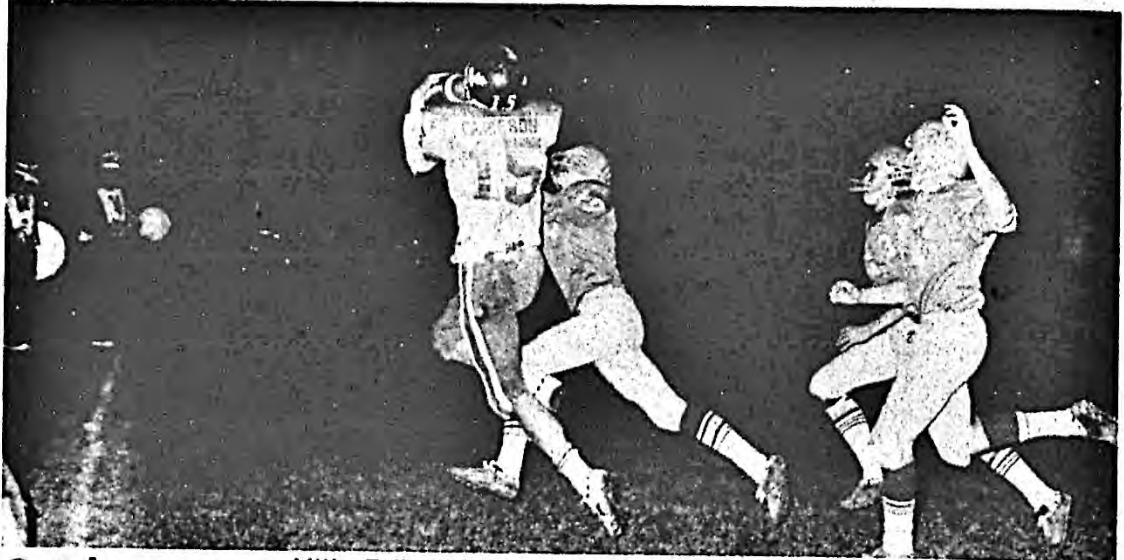
Fregin completed 18 of 25 passes which keyed the Flyers' offense.

The Flyers had 347 yards total offense to Wadena's 101. Wadena gained five first downs to Little Falls' 23.

The Indians penetrated as far as the Little Falls' 20 yard line during the contest. Leading the Wadena defense

was Reg Hooten who had 12 unassisted tackles. Terry Pulju finished with nine, Jeff Browne and Lauren Lundquist six apiece, and Don Goetz and John Burns five apiece.

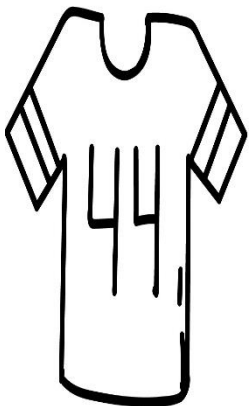
In other Mid-State action, Park Rapids blanked Detroit Lakes 39-0, Staples hosting Aitkin at its homecoming won 23-6 and Crosby-Ironton shocked Brainerd 20-12 in a non-conference tussle.



Catches TD pass

Little Falls end Paul Cameron (15) caught a pass from his quarterback Doug Fregin in the last second of the first half Friday night at the local athletic field to score his team's third

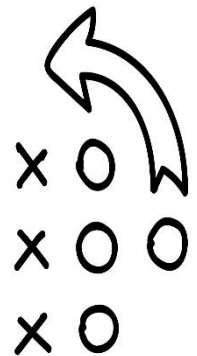
TD. Wadena defenders were Jeff Browne (10), Phil Kraemer (22) and Dan Kuper (32). The Flyers blanked the Indians 34-0.



Five seek queen's title

These five Wadena senior homecoming queen candidates will be introduced at an 8:45 a.m. assembly today at the senior high gym. They are (from left): Kris Kollodge, Mary Leaders, Mary Nelson, Gwen Hooten and Karen Olson.

Students will cast their ballot for their homecoming queen choice tomorrow morning with the 1976 Wadena Indian queen coronation ceremony slated at 7:30 at the junior high gym tomorrow night.



Indians spank Aitkin Gobblers

Wadena's Indians turned spoiler Friday night upending Aitkin in the Gobblers' homecoming game 27-7 to gain their first Mid-State (MS) conference victory and sport a 4-2 record. The Indians had been shutout by Park Rapids and Little Falls in their previous conference starts.

The Indians will host the Crosby-Ironton Rangers Friday night at 7:30 in Wadena's homecoming battle themed "Fry-C-I".

In capturing its first MS win of the season, Wadena generated 295 yards total offense to host Aitkin's 166. The Indians ran off 58 offensive plays to the Gobblers' 41.

The Indians, more aggressive from the line of scrimmage on offense, scored when quarterback Jeff Browne

hit halfback Reg Hooten with a 22-yard touchdown strike with 10 seconds remaining in the opening quarter. Hooten's kick for the point after touchdown (PAT) try was good and the Indians led 7-0.

The initial TD drive covered 92 yards in 16 plays.

Wadena scored at 8:57 of the second quarter when Browne plunged one yard for the score. Hooten's PAT kick was true and the Indians realized a 14-0 advantage. Wadena's second touchdown effort covered 25 yards in five plays.

Aitkin rallied with a touchdown at 5:27 of the second period when Gobbler quarterback Mike Nentl hit Dave Lowe with a 15-yard scoring strike. The Gobblers' drive covered 71 yards in eight plays while Wadena led 14-7 at the half.

Dan Kupfer scampered 21 yards with 3:24 remaining in the third quarter to give Wadena a bigger lead. The drive covered 73 yards in 10 plays. Hooten's PAT kick was on the mark for a 21-7 Indian lead.

Wadena climaxed its scoring with its fourth touchdown at 3:13 of the final quarter as Hooten dashed 29 yards to paydirt. The final Indian TD drive covered 32 yards in two plays.

Hooten's kick for PAT was blocked.

Wadena gained 15 first downs to the Gobblers' six. Aitkin attempted 19 passes completing eight for 138 yards and had one intercepted. The Indians attempted three passes completed one which went for a touchdown.

Terry Pulju led the Wadena

defense with eight unassisted tackles while Keith Tabery had five. Donald Goetz and Lauren Lundquist each had four.



Royal ride

Friday's harsh weather was a real test of royalty for Homecoming Queen Mary Leaders and her court (left to right) Gwen Hooten, Judy Nelson, Karen Olson and Kris Kollodge, who managed regal smiles (most of the time) for the parade's onlookers.



Sports



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Early TD powers C-I past Indians

Crosby-Ironton turned a Wadena bobble on the opening kick-off into a touchdown against the homecoming Indians and the Rangers went on to a 28-20 Mid-State conference triumph.

The touchdown came in the first 10 seconds of play when Tom Perpich saw the ball squirt loose from the arms of an Indian. Perpich grabbed the ball, cut to the outside and raced 37 yards for the score. Pol Bryninx, C-I's leading kicker, kicked the extra point and the Rangers led 7-0.

The Rangers added insult to injury by scoring three more times in the first half to lead 28-0 at intermission.

Early in the second period, the Rangers, now 5-2 on the season, drove 34 yards for their second touchdown. Senior halfback Jim Leitch went the

final 10 yards to hit paydirt. The Rangers then drove 64 yards in 10 plays with sophomore back Mark Selisker sprinting the five final yards for the TD.

Senior quarterback Tim Steinke capped a 54-yard drive when he threw to Selisker for one yard who made a diving catch in the Wadena end zone.

The final CI touchdown came with 12 seconds remaining on the clock in the first half. It was the result of Selisker's interception of a Wadena aerial. The drive included two Steinke passes to end Shayne Johnson, the second pass covering 31 yards to the Indians' one.

All Ranger touchdowns were followed by Bryninx, an American Field Service student who played soccer in his native Belgium, kicked the

extra points.

The Indians, behind three touchdowns from Reg Hooten, won the second half 20-0 but lost their third MS contest against one victory. The contest was not as keenly contested as the score might indicate. Hooten's second and third touchdowns came in the final 19 seconds of the contest.

The Indians were in possession of the pigskin most of the second half as C-I went to the bench to replace Leitch, Selisker and Johnson who were knocked dizzy by Wadena's defense.

The Indians got on the scoreboard at 4:34 in the third quarter when Hooten powered his way across the goal line from nine yards out. Jeff Browne, playing only his second game as Wadena

quarterback this season, threw the conversion pass to John Burns.

With time fleeting, it appeared the homecoming Indians were going to be assessed a 28-8 drubbing. Hooten, however, raced through the Rangers' defense for a 38-yard touchdown making the score 28-14 with 19 seconds remaining.

After taking the kick, C-I's reserves fumbled on their first play from scrimmage and Wadena recovered at midfield.

Browne promptly connected with Hooten on a short pass and the 195-pound senior scampered 53 yards for the score. One second remained following this TD but Ranger coach Davies inserted his first string on the ensuing Indian Kickoff.

The Indians had 316 yards in total offense including 215 rushing. Hooten had 138 yards rushing and caught three passes for 71 yards.

The Rangers totaled 260 yards including 165 rushing. Top ball carrier for the Rangers was Mike Davies with 86 yards in 18 tries.

Leading the Wadena defense was Hooten with 10 unassisted tackles. J.D. Lehr had six, Pete Beckel five and Mark Larson and Terry Pulju each had four tackles.



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**Carries
for gain**

Wadena Indians' Reg Hooten (40) and Rangers Don Engen (50), Syanye Johnson (81) and John Mykkanen (78). While the Indians' homecoming slogan was Fry-CI as pictured on the press booth in the background, the Rangers won 28-20.

Lakers shutout invading Indians

Detroit Lakes assessed Wadena its fourth Mid-State conference setback Wednesday night as the Lakers triumphed 32-0.

The Indians' defense held Detroit Lakes scoreless in the opening period but the victors

relied on an aerial game and built leads of 12-0, 28-0 and 32-0.

Dan Kupfer, Reg Hooten, Craig Walter and Harvey Schwartz were injured in the contest but are expected to be ready for Staples who invades the Indians' gridiron Friday in

the last game of the season.

Halfback Greg Johnson scored on a four-yard run at 9:57 of the second quarter to put the Lakers in the lead. Detroit Lakes' successful drive covered 61 yards in nine plays.

With :34 remaining in the first half, Tim Buckley caught

and again the run for points failed. The Lakers scored again in the third period when Darrell Engen ran the ball in from the five yard line. The drive covered 47 yards in five plays.

Engen also ran for the extra points to give the Lakers a 28-0 advantage.

Jeff Joy hit Johnson for a 23-yard scoring strike at 1:34 in the final quarter. The run for points failed and the Lakers triumphed 32-0.

Detroit Lakes gained 209 yards passing and 125 rushing

Staples rallies to stop Indians

Wadena's high school Indians played stout-hearted football for three quarters against the invading Staples Cardinals Friday night but wound up on the short end of a 27-8 score.

The Indians trailed at halftime 7-0 but led 8-7 late in the third quarter when Jeff Browne scored from the one-yard line. Browne passed to Terry Pulju for the two-point conversion and the Indians realized an 8-7 advantage.

Moments before this scoring drive Wadena took the second-half kickoff 63 yards to the Staples three where the drive was thwarted. A Cardinals' running game did not materialize and Staples was forced to punt.

The Indians recovered a fumbled snap from center on

the Staples' three yard line.

The Staples Cards regained the lead early in the final quarter marching 57 yards in 12 plays when quarterback Mark Redemske ran it in from the seven. The point-after run failed leaving the Cardinal with the lead at 13-8.

Staples' Dave Roberts picked off a Jeff Browne thrown pass and returned the ball to the Wadena 24-yard line. Staples scored four plays later at 8:21 on a Redemski to Bob Nurnburger pass of six yards.

Redemske hit Steve Grossman for the two-point conversion and a 21-8 Staples lead.

The Cardinals earned their fourth win against two setbacks in Mid-State competition with 2:02 remaining in the contest. Tony Spandle drove in from the one. The play covered

41 yards in eight plays. The kick for extra point failed and Staples had a 27-8 victory.

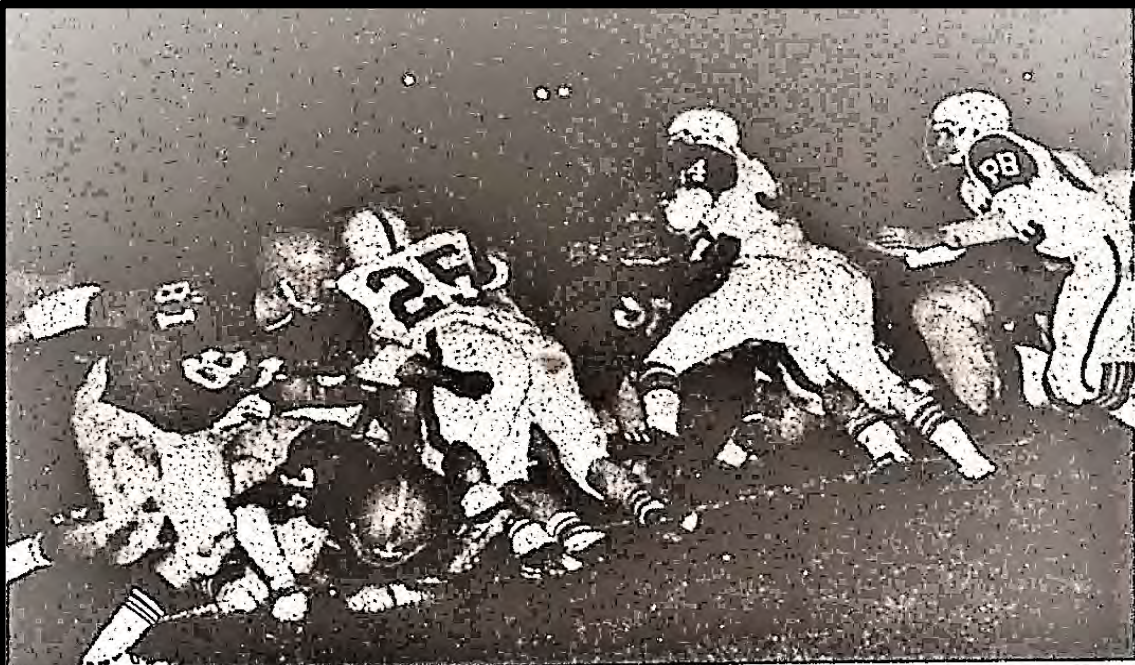
Staples rushed for 183 yards and passed for 50 for 233 total offense. Wadena had 58 yards rushing and 71 passing for 129 total yards.

Browne completed four of 12 passes for 74 yards while Redemske hit on five of eight for 51 yards.

The Cardinals converted 10 first downs to the Indians' seven.

The Indians finished the season with a 4-5 record and 1-5 in the Mid-State conference while Staples overall record was 7-2.

Staples, Little Falls and Park Rapids finished with 4-2 Mid-State marks. Crosby-Ironton won the MS title (5-1) and plays Albanby Friday at C-I in inter-conference playoffs.



Wadena

scores

Wadena quarterback Jeff Browne was under this pile of gridders when he scored from the one-yard line in the third quarter against Staples Friday night. Browne's pass to Terry Pulju moments later gave the Indians a short-lived 8-7 lead. Paving the way for Browne's TD plunge were Indians Terry Pulju (81), J.D. Lehr (74), Harvey Schwartz (50), Mark Wood (52) and John Bruns (23). Cardinals defending against the touchdown were Joe DeMarais (25), Doug Heldman (34) and Bob Nurnberger (88). Staples won 27-8.



MS repeaters Seniors Reg Hooten (left) and Terry Pulju (right) were repeaters on the 1976 Mid-State (MS) conference All-Conference squad. Both were congratulated by their coach John Conzemius (center) when named to this honor.

Two repeat as MS all-conference

Two Wadena high school gridgers repeated as Mid-State All-Conference selections following a meeting of conference coaches Wednesday night at Staples.

Seniors Reg Hooten, halfback, and Terry Pulju, linebacker, were named to all-conference honors representing Wadena.

Mid-State champion Crosby-Ironton placed six, Little Falls, Park Rapids and Staples four each and Detroit Lakes, Wadena and Aitkin, two apiece on the all-conference squad.

The C-I Rangers were represented by seniors Tim Steinke, quarterback, Don Engen, guard, James Leitch, halfback, Tom Smeija, guard, John Mykhonent, tackle and junior linebacker Don Backberg.

Little Falls placed Flyer quarterback Doug Fregin, halfback Pat Faust, end Paul Cameron and fullback Mike Peck on the select team.

Seniors Dan Pachel, halfback, Tim Annette, end, Tim

Barstad, center and junior halfback Mike Quinn represent Park Rapids' Panthers on the all-conference team.

The Staples Cardinals had senior linebacker Pete Card, defensive back Dave Roberts, fullback Douglas Heldman and junior quarterback Mark Redemske on the select squad.

Detroit Lakes' Lakers placed seniors John Dahl, end, and Greg Johnson, halfback; Aitkin seniors Mike Nentl, quarterback and halfback Dave Lowe on the all-conference list.

Another 20 players were named honorable mention.

Those in this category are: Crosby-Ironton, Mark Sellsker, Jim Radinovich, Bill Bosaaen, Tom Perpich, Jeff Hallada, Pol Bruyninx; Park Rapids, Len Eix, Ben Pickett, Kerry Ward; Little Falls, Bruce Motes, Jack Wachlarowicz, Brian Silbernick; Staples, Jim Marden, Steve Olstad, Steve Grossman; Wadena, Harvey Schwartz; Detroit Lakes, Jeff Hanson, Mike Williams and Atkin, Kevin Hoge, Steve Cook.

Hooten named to prep team of the week

Halfback Reg Hooten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hooten, Wadena, and captain of the Wadena varsity football team was named to the second WCCO All-State Prep parade team of the week for the 1976-77 season. Hooten was named on the station's 'Prep Parade' program, one of 36 players cited.

Hooten has rushed for a total of 310 yards in three games and has averaged 5.5 yards per try. His 69-yard touchdown gallop against Breckenridge last week was his longest carry of the season. He gained 139 yards rushing against the Breckenridge Cowboys for the largest net yards in one game.

Reg kicks off for the Indians



Reg Hooten

and has a 43.5 yard average per try. He has 34 unassisted tackles to his credit in three games and has recovered one fumble. Hooten has scored four touchdowns and is four for six in kicking for extra point tries for a total of 28 points.

Sports



Hooten, Pulju lead offense, defense

Wadena high school football captain Reg Hooten led the Indians in scoring during the 1976 season with 61 points which included nine touchdowns, and seven of 10 extra point tries for nine additional points.

Dan Kupfer, senior halfback, was second in scoring for the Indians with 18 points while quarterback Jeff Browne had 12 points, Jerry Dovenmuehle 6 and John Burns and Terry Pulju two points apiece.

Coach John Conzemius' Indians finished the season with a 4-5 overall record and 1-5 in the Mid-State conference.

The Indians opened with non-conference victories over Long Prairie, Sauk Centre and Breckenridge and topped Aitkin 27-7 in the Mid-State. Wadena suffered conference losses to Park Rapids, Little Falls, Crosby-Ironton, Detroit Lakes and Staples.

Wadena scored a total of 101 points to the opponents' 160.

Hooten averaged 5.7 yards carry in rushing. In 211 carries he gained 695 yards. Kupfer rushed 58 times for 199 yards (3.4 yard average), Dovenmuehle carried 38 times for 171 yards (4.8 yard average); Browne 28 tries for 110 (3.3 yard average); Burns 24 tries for 77 yards (3.2 yard average). Greenwaldt carried eight times for 50 yards and a 6-yard average while Heuer carried one time for nine yards.

In total offense the Indians gained 1,711 yards in 420 attempts for 190.1 yards per game. The opposition had a total of 2,238 yards gained on offense. Wadena gained its most yards, 316, against CI and the least against Park Rapids, 89. Breckenridge gained the

most yards against Wadena, 360, while Sauk Centre had the least yards, 123.

Browne passed 28 times completing 15 for 243 yards. Conzemius passed 25 times completing nine for 166 yards. Hooten grabbed seven passes for 117 yards and two TDs. Kupfer snared five for 153 yards and one touchdown. These two were followed by Pulju who caught four for 65 yards, Burns three for 26 and Dovenmuehle two for 22 yards. Conzemius, Harrison and Lundquist each caught one pass for 14, nine and four yards, respectively.

David Richter attempted 23 punts for 663 yards and a punting average of 28.8 yards. Dan Simmons was second in punting with 10 attempts, 253 yards and a 25.3 yard average.

Kupfer returned nine kickoffs for 220 yards and a 24.4-yard average. His longest was 78 yards against Park Rapids. Pulju returned seven kickoffs for 80 yards, Dave Kraemer five for 70 yards, Dovenmuehle three for 37, Hooten two for 22 and Conzemius one for 14 yards.

Pulju led the Indians in defense with 68 unassisted and 26 assisted tackles. Hooten had 57 unassisted, 18 assisted, to place second in this department. Tabery had 38 unassisted, 19 assisted; Lundquist 32 unassisted, 21 assisted; Browne 29 unassisted, 19 assisted; Beckel 30 unassisted, 15 assisted; Goetz 25 unassisted; 20 assisted; Burns 28 unassisted, 14 assisted; Kupfer 25 unassisted, 15 assisted; Lehr 18 unassisted, 22 assisted; Kraemer 20 unassisted and eight assisted; Harvey Schwartz 17 unassisted and 10

assisted and Dovenmuehle 12 unassisted and five assisted tackles.

Browne and Kupfer each had three pass interceptions to their credit while Hooten had one and Pulju one.

Lauren Lundquist blocked one field goal.

Coach Conzemius reported 24 athletes were 1976 football major letter winners. These included Mark Conzemius, Phil Kraemer, Dan Kupfer (2), Reg Hooten (4), Bill Egan (2), Harvey Schwartz, Don Goetz, J.D. Lehr (2), Keith Tabery (2), Terry Pulju (3), Jeff Harrison, Lauren Lundquist (2), Jeff Browne, Pete Beckel, Mark Wood, Steve Wolter, Tom Schloeder, Rick Greenwaldt, Kevin Paulson, James Andrie, Mark Larson, Dan Simmons and Scott Niska (2), trainer.

Minor letter winners were Tom Stinar, Larry Knox, Jim Heuer, Criag Walter, Bill Sartell, Jay Edwards, Rick Neisess, Randy Clarksean, David Neitzke, Scott Skalsky, Tim Becker, Alan Reed, Russ Thomson, Mike Uselman, Dalen Wilkening, Bruce Swenson, Jay Olafson, Mark Freer, Mike Lynk, Dave Maroney, Jim Nelson, Tim Quincer, Bruce Johnson, Ron Rosenthal, Tom Lehr, Lee Geiser, Mark Reger, Joe Kern, Steve Sowers, Jon Speckeen, Danny Turner, Gregg Linda, Carmen Walter and Jeff Huckel, trainers.

Wadena varsity (1977) grid schedule: Sept. 2 Long Prairie, here; Sept. 9, Sauk Centre there; Sept. 16 at Breckenridge; Sept. 23 Morris (homecoming); Sept. 30 Detroit Lakes here; Oct. 7 Park Rapids here; Oct. 14 Staples there; Oct. 19 Aitkin here; Oct. 27 C-I here.

College Football and Other Items of Interest

Wadena frosh win on 40 yard pass to Willis

A 40-yard scoring pass from Kent Visher to Brad Willis gave Wadena's freshmen football team its first win of the young season Thursday night at Staples.

Penalties stopped most of Wadena's offensive drives, but the local defense led by Wayne Nelson's 10 tackles stopped any offensive threat that Staples might have had.

The next frosh game will be at home with Detroit Lakes Thursday, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Contributes to specialty teams

Wadena native Bob Brummer is a contributing member on the specialty teams for the Moorhead State university (MSU) football Dragons this fall.

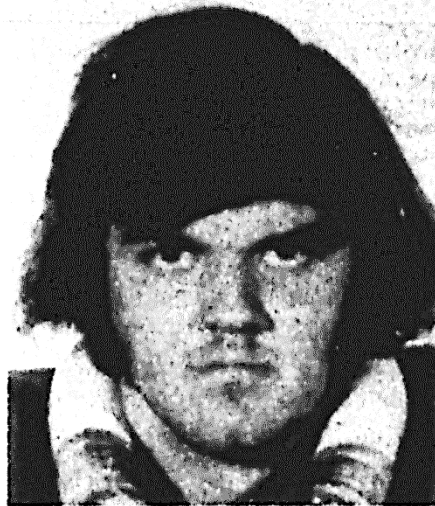
A junior at MSU, the 6-1, 208 pound Brummer transferred to Moorhead State last spring from Anoka-Ramsey Com-

munity college. He has seen limited duty at defensive end as well, and is expected to be a strong starting candidate next year, according to defensive coordinator Dave Olson.

"Bob is playing behind Craig Lippert right now, and Lippert is having a great senior season," Olson explained. "Craig's play has made it difficult for Bob to break in, but he has done a fine job on our specialty teams."

"Bob has the quickness, agility and size," continued Olson. "If he stays involved and enthusiastic in the off-season, he has a good chance to start next year as a senior."

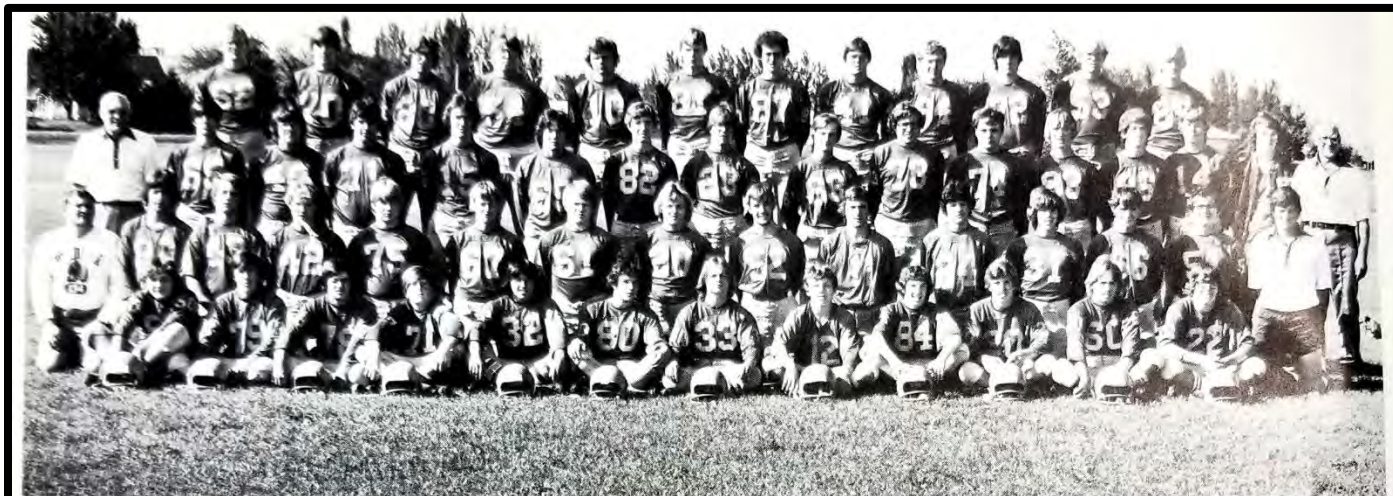
Moorhead State, 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the Northern Intercollegiate Conference (NIC), completes seasonal play with a home game with U Duluth (Nov. 6).



1977 Season

WHS Record 4-5-0

Mid-State 3-2-0



Row 1: Dennis Reger, Dale Geiser, Roger Geiser, John Ament, Don Cooney, Jim Rude, Paul McManigle, Greg Hooten, John Brown, Pete Beckel, Dave Neitzke, Jim Heuer Row 2: Asst. Coach Charles Visher, Robert Moe, Jay Edwards, Tim Quincer, Terry Nelson, Lee Geiser, Steve Wolter, Rick Greenwaldt, Mark Wood, Tim Stinar, Pat Foster, Dave Maroney, Larry Knox, Rick Neisses, Asst. Coach Dennis Barry, Row 3: Coach John Conzemius, Wayne Schwartz, Dan Schmidt, Dan Simmons, Wayne Nelson, Brad Kern, Jeff Walther, Craig Walter, Joe Kern, Kevin Paulsen, Jim Andrie, Jim Nelson, Tom Kraemer, Kent Visher, Trainer Jeff Huckle, Asst. Coach Bill Larson, Row 4: Tom Schloeder, Brian Hanson, Scott Skalisky, Terry Manselle, Jeff Browne, Brad Willis, Bill Sartell, John Burns, Randy Clarksean, Allan Reed, Mark Larson, Mark Freer.

Wadena Schedule:

Sept.

- 2: Long Prairie, here
- 9: Sauk Centre, away
- 16: Breckenridge, away
- 23: Morris, here
(1977 homecoming)
- 30: Detroit Lakes, here

Oct.

- 7: Park Rapids, there
- 14: Staples, there
- 21: Aitkin, here
- 28: C-I, here,

Rangers capture MS championship

Crosby-Ironton's Rangers, led by the running of juniors Mark Davies and Mark Selisker, won the outright Mid-State Conference football championship for 1977 on Thursday, Oct. 26, by posting a 27-0 victory over Wadena.

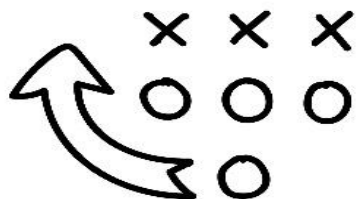
The title was the second straight for the Rangers and the school's 12 football crown since the league was formed.

Davies gained 117 yards and scored once and Selisker gained 96 yards and also scored a touchdown in the victory. Tom Perpich and Kevin Kertzman added touchdowns for C-I.

Mid-State Individual scoring title as he finished with 43 points to 42 for Davies of C-I. The individual scoring leaders follow:

Player & School	TD	PAT	TP
Mike Quinn, P.R.	8	0	48
Mark Davies, C-I	7	0	42
Tom Perpich, C-I	6	0	36
John Burns, Wadena	6	0	36
Mark Redemske, Stap.	5	2	32
Mark Selisker, C-I	5	2	32
Doug Collins, Aitkin	5	0	30
Tony Spandl, Stap.	5	0	30
Kerry Ward, P. R.	4	2	26
R. Peterson, Stap.+	2	12	24
Jeff Browne, Wadena	4	0	24

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John Burns, Pete Beckel, Jeff Browne

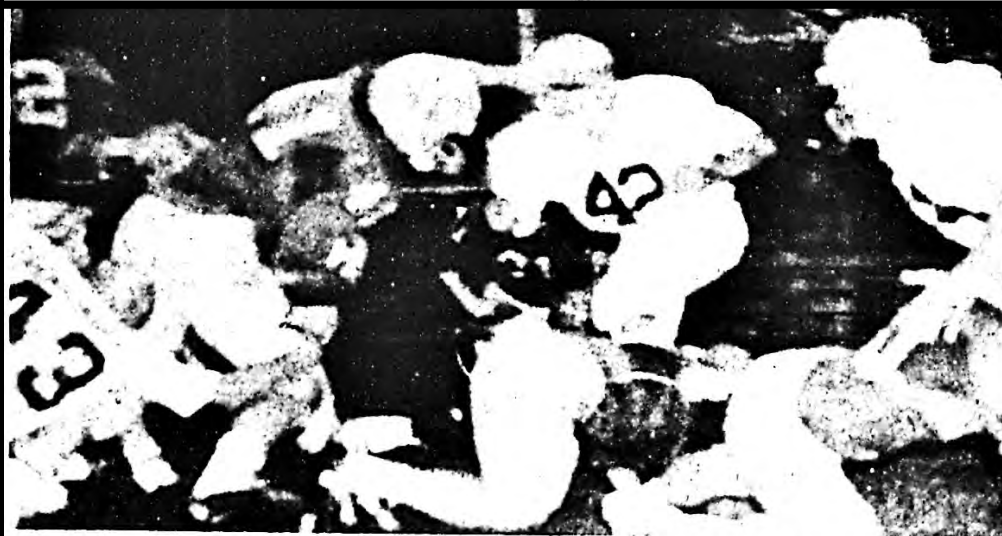


Row 1; Jeff Browne, John Burns, Pete Beckel, Row 2; Jim Andrie, Steve Wolter, Tom Schloeder, Kevin Paulson, Row 3; Mark Wood, John Brown, Rick Greenwaldt.

Mid-State grid race may be three-way affair

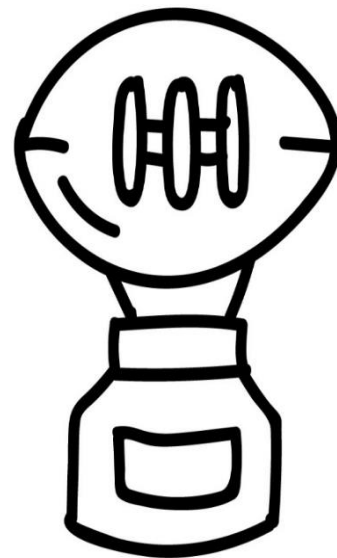
The six football coaches in the Mid-State Conference feel that the 1977 championship race will be a three-way affair, with defending champion Crosby-Ironton joined by Park Rapids and Staples in the title chase.

Crosby-Ironton, coached by John Davies, emerged with a 5-1 mark to win the 1976 title, while Little Falls, Park Rapids and Staples all finished 4-2. Little Falls has dropped from the conference and joined the newly-formed Central Lakes Conference this fall.



Carries for gain

Senior fullback John Burns (No. 41) carried the ball during the first of Wadena's opening football game Friday night with Long Prairie at the local athletic field. The Long Prairie Indians scored a TD in the third quarter and passed for the PAT to topple Wadena 8-0 in non-conference action.



LP Indians top Wadena gridders

Wadena suffered its first football defeat to Long Prairie in several years here 8-0 Friday night when an LP pass interception and a 31-yard return

by Jim Dinkel on the first play of the third quarter set up the touchdown.

Dan Bullert hit Dinkel from the nine-yard line for the touchdown and then he passed to Jim Dennis for the PAT and the LP Indians triumphed 8-0.

Coach John Conzemius' Indians threatened in the waning moments of the first half when they carried to the Long Prairie eight. The local Indians, however, had to cough up the ball on downs. Conzemius said he thought it was a well-placed non-conference battle.

"Long Prairie fumbled once and Tom Stinar recovered for Wadena; and they intercepted

one of our passes for the only mistakes in the contest.

"Jeff Browne and John Burns ran well for us and both played well on defense, Browne at safety and Burns as inside linebacker. Peter Beckel and Tom Schloeder were also strong as linebackers," Coach Conzemius said.

Wadena tallied 14 first downs to the Long Prairie Indians' five.

Wadena gained 177 yards rushing and 41 through the air for 218 total yards to Long Prairie's 128 total yardage.

The Indians are at Sauk Centre Friday night in a non-conference contest.

Area grid scores

(Sept. 16)

Wadena 27-Beckenridge 26 (2 OT)
 Staples 35-Eveleth 25
 Golden Valley 14-Aitkin 7
 Montevideo 14-Det. Lakes 13
 Moorhead 14-T.R. Falls 8
 Motley 94-Nevis 0
 Pine River 20-Remer 0
 Verndale 19-Sebeka 0
 Battle Lake 26-Menahga 0
 N.Y. Mills 46-Bertha-H. 0
 Deer Creek 53-Ashby 20
 Henning 23-Parkers Pr. 6
 Sauk Centre 16-Long Prairie 6

Wadena 27, Breck 20 in double overtime

Senior Pete Beckel's interception of a Cowboy thrown pass preserved Wadena's 27-20 double overtime victory over host Breckenridge Friday afternoon.

It provided the happy Indians with their first win of the early season as they host Morris' Tigers Friday in Wadena's annual homecoming battle at 7:30 p.m. at the athletic field.

It was a well-deserved victory for the stubborn Indians who scored in each of the overtime periods.

Wadena's senior John Burns ran for 93 yards in 28 carries and had 11 tackles and eight assists from his linebacking spot to pace the Indians.

Coach Conzemius' Indians scored first in the first opening quarter when junior Craig Walter dashed 90 yards on a punt return. Sophomore Greg Hooten kicked the extra point

for a 7-0 Wadena lead.

Breck tied it in the second quarter when the Cowboys drove 58 yards in 12 carries with Mike Yaggie plunging the final three yards for the TD. Bruce Dell's kick was true and the Cowboys had tied Indians at 7-all.

Kicking into a strong wind Breckenridge got a short punt of 13 yards to its own 33. With 1:25 to go in the first half, Wadena was able to score. The Indians went 33 yards in seven plays with quarterback Jeff Browne dashing the final six yards to paydirt.

Hooten's kick for extra point was blocked.

The Cowboys tied it in the third period going 56 yards in eight plays. The key play was Yaggie's 30-yard TD strike to Scott Lipp. Dell's kick was wide and the contest remained deadlocked 13-13 through the fourth quarter.

Wadena won the flip of the coin and chose the wind in the first overtime period. On the third play, senior Rick Greenwaldt scored from the six and Hooten kicked the point.

Yaggie passed six yards into the wind on third hitting Rob Schueler for the touchdown for the host Cowboys. Dell's placekick sent the non-conference battle into a second overtime.

Wadena scored again on the third play with Burns breaking cross the goal line from the three. Hooten again kicked the extra point to put the pressure on Breck.

The Cowboys tried a pass on fourth and five when Pete Beckel came up with the crucial interception.

The Indians rushed for 172 yards and hit on two of four attempted passes for 20 yards and 192 total offense. Breckenridge ran for 111 yards

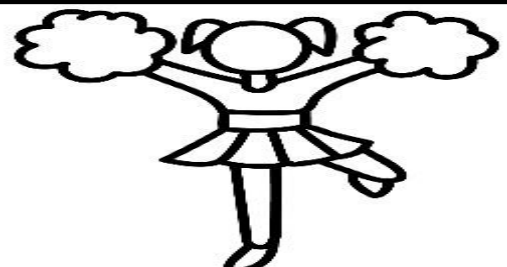
and passed for 61 for 172 yards of total offense.

Wadena had seven first downs to the Cowboys' 11.

Jeff Browne gained 34 yards in 16 carries, Craig Walter 39 in eight attempts and Rick Greenwaldt six in one carry.

Leading Breckenridge rusher was Pete Coen who had 85 yards in 28 carries.

Mark Larson had seven tackles and Tom Schloeder and Mike Uselman five each for Wadena.





New

**Wadena
queen**

Wadena high school homecoming queen Kathy Richter accepted gracefully her crown, regal robe and bouquet of roses from football co-captains following her coronation Thursday night at the junior high gym. Assisting here were co-captains Jeff Browne and John Burns.

Queen Kathy reigns over '77 homecoming

Tigers gain 6-0 win over Wadena



Wadena's Indians suffered a 6-0 homecoming setback at the hands of the Morris Tigers Friday night in a non-conference battle played in mud and rain.

The Tigers are now 2-2 on the season while Wadena dropped to 1-2 and face Detroit Lakes Friday here at 7:30 p.m. in a Mid-State conference test.

The Tigers' Jim Garberick

scored Morris' lone TD in the waning moments of the first quarter on a 15-yard scamper. Morris' pass for points failed and the Tigers made the six points stand up for a victory.

Garberick, playing as a running back, gained 153 yards in 34 carries.

Leading rusher for Wadena was senior co-captain John

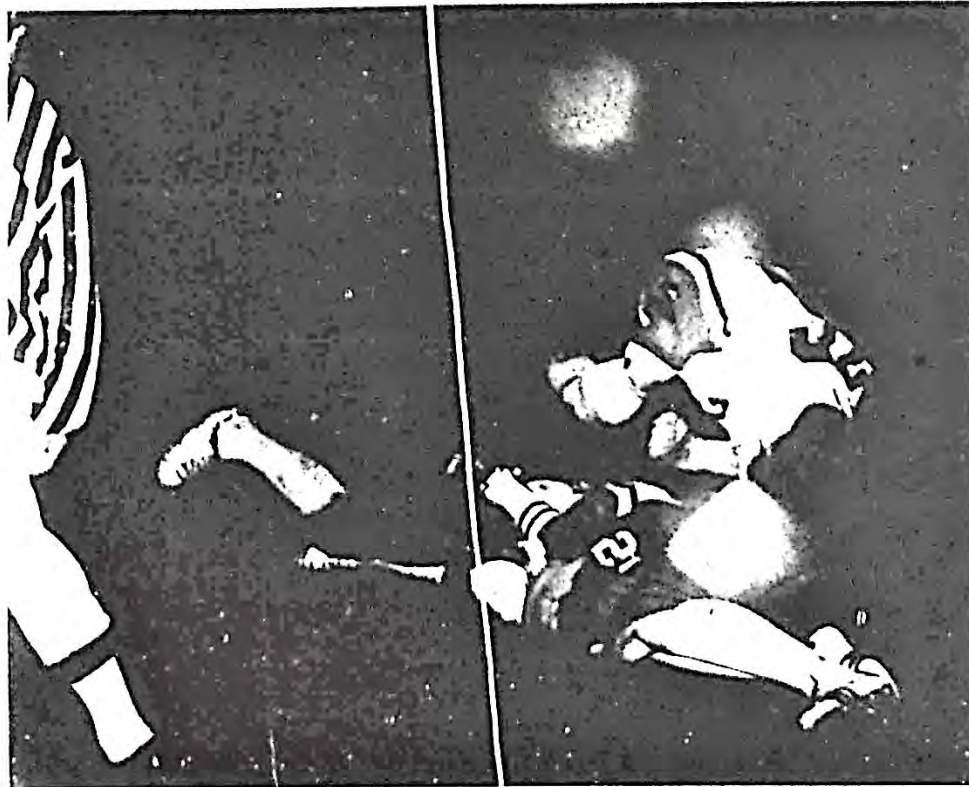
Burns who rushed for 39 yards in 13 tries.

Morris drove 61 yards in 10 plays to score the game's only touchdown. The Tigers finished with 193 total yardage to the homecoming Indians' 52. Morris had 13 first downs to Wadena's three.

The Tigers were credited with 59 plays to 32 for the In-

Standings (non-Conference play)

	W	L
Crosby Ironton	3	1
Park Rapids	3	1
Staples	3	1
Aitkin	1	3
Detroit Lakes	1	3
Wadena	1	3



In mud, rain

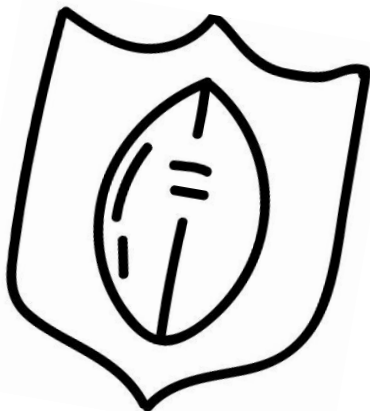
Wadena senior Rick Greenwaldt (20) carried for a short gain in the first half against the invading Morris Tigers Friday night during the 1977 homecoming football game. The Tigers spoiled the Indians' homecoming with a 6-0 victory accomplished in mud and rain.



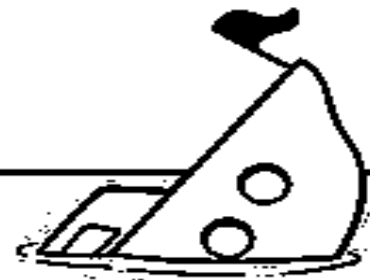


Leading rusher

Dave Hutchinson (63) and Greg Stromme (82) and a host of other Detroit Lake Lakers tried to stop the progress of the Wadena ball carrier John Burns (41) in the first half of Friday's Mid-State conference battle here. Burns was the leading Indian rusher with 127 yards in 25 carries. The Indians triumphed over the Lakers 13-7.



Sports



Indians' rally sinks Lakers 13-7

Wadena rallied from a 7-6 halftime deficit to sink the invading Detroit Lakes Lakers 13-7 in a thrilling Mid-State conference battle at the local athletic field Friday.

The Indians record stands at 2-3 overall and 1-0 in MS action while Detroit Lakes' season mark dropped to 1-4 overall and 0-1 in conference competition.

Wadena is at Park Rapids Friday at 7:30 p.m. in a Mid-State test.

The Lakers scored first in the opening quarter when quarterback Kent Molberg tossed a 28-yard bomb to end Robin Hoppert with :05 seconds remaining. Scott Santwire's kick for extra point was good and the Lakers held an early 7-0 lead.

The Indians had a punt blocked which set up Detroit Lakes scoring drive.

The Lakers completed the touchdown drive in three plays.

Indian senior halfback John Burns put Wadena in scoring

position in the second quarter following runs of 28 and 32 yards. He capped the 66-yard five-play drive when he scampered the final three yards for the touchdown. The kick for extra point failed and the Indians trailed 7-6 at the half.

Burns plunged one-yard for the go-ahead and winning touchdown with 2:34 remaining in the final quarter.

The touchdown drive covered 77 yards in 20 plays.

Greg Hooten's kick for extra point split the uprights making it 13-7 for Wadena.

Burns had the best night of his high school career leading the team with 127 yards in 25 tries while teammate Craig Walter had 87 yards in 10 carries. Quarterback Jeff Browne carried 17 times for 40 yards. Walter also had a pass interception in the waning moments of the fourth quarter which halted a Laker scoring threat.

Wadena led in first downs fifteen to seven over the Lakers

and outrushed Detroit Lakes 243 yards to 57. Wadena finished with 283 yards total offense to the Lakers' 117.

The Indians had 69 offensive plays while Detroit Lakes earned 41.

Wadena was penalized seven times for 75 yards to the Lakers' four penalties and 40 yards.

Brown finishes 11th at Bemidji

Progress has been the most important product of the 1977 cross-country edition at Moorhead State University, and coach Ken Bladow expects continued improvement this weekend when the Dragons compete in the South Dakota State University Invitational at Brookings, S.D.

The one-day meet begins at 12:30 on Saturday afternoon over a 10,000 meter (6.2) mile course. "This is the first time in many years we've been in this meet, so we don't know much about the field," said

Indians upset PR Panthers 22-20

The television network may have exciting Monday night football, but the game played at Park Rapids Monday would have left Dandy Don, Howie, and Frank envious with excitement. The Panther homecoming slogan was "blackout the Indians" and for three periods it looked like the Panthers not only would "black out" Wadena but would shut out Wadena, as the score at that point was seven to zip.

The first score of the game came after a 28-yard punt return by the Panthers, who moved the ball to the Indian 29 yard line. From this excellent field position the Panthers marched 29 yards in 4 plays. Kerry Ward got a 15 yard touchdown on a misdirection play. Mike McDowell kicked

the extra point and, with 8:55 to go in the half, the Panthers led seven to zero.

The Indians defense played their usual stubborn excellent play. Ends Scott Skallsky, Mike Uselman, Mark Freu worked hard all evening in containing the two fast backs, Mike Quinn and Kerry Ward from escaping to the outside. Jim Andrie, Mark Larson and Kevin Paulson again held up the middle. John Burns, Tom Schloeder, Pete Beckel, and Jeff Browne, as usual, were making tackles everywhere. Tom Stinar and Rick Greenwald used their speed to help out on many defensive situations.

But it looked like all their efforts were in vain, because with 7:05 to go in the fourth quarter Park Rapids scored again. They marched 70 yards in eight plays with Mike Quinn rambling eight yards to paydirt. Again McDowell's kick was good and the Indians were behind 14 to zip.

around the right side and hurled his body into the endzone to knott the score 14-all. The Wadena defense fought hard and when time ran out the Panthers had the ball at the Indian 5.

The Indians having never lost an overtime victory in history (they're 3 and 0) took offensive first. On the first play John Burns got two up the middle. The second scene found Jeff Browne blasting eight yards for a 20 to 14 advantage. John Burns on the conversion ran a beautiful fake up the middle, but Craig Walter had the ball and ran to two points around the left side.

Then it was the Panthers turn. On their 3rd play, the quarterback Mike Grimes plunged for six points from one yard out. The try for two through the air was batted down by Craig Walter and the Indians received a 22 to 20 victory.

Quarterback

Then, like a sleeping giant, the offense awoke, Mark Wood, Steve Wolter, Kevin Paulson and others started opening large holes. With just 5:40 to go in the game John Burns raced 42 yards and put the pigskin on the platter. The Indians tried for two, but when the pitch went out wide the Panthers sighed a sigh of relief.

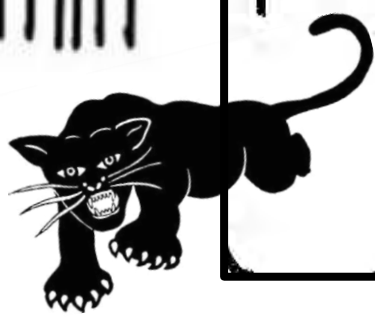
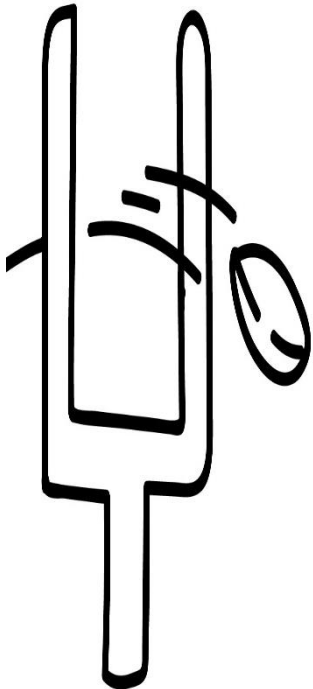
But the Indians were not to be denied. Tom Schloeder kicked an onside kick, Mark Freer fell on it and the Indians fell on it and the Indians had the ball back. They could not move it and the Panthers took possession.

The Indians held Park and forced a punt. Tom Schloeder blasted in and blocked the kick. Mike Quinn kicked the ball and the ball caroomed off Tom's chest.

Jeff Browne then took over to direct the drive. Park Rapids didn't have any idea where Jeff was headed, although Jeff lost the ball once. Teammate Mark Freer alertly gathered it in on the one. Four plays and 14 yards later Jeff plunged into the endzone from one yard out to put the Indians within two points 14 to 12.

Now with 1:37 to go came one of the biggest plays of the evening. Craig Walter headed

Sports



Cardinals stymie invading Indians

Staples' talented senior Mike Redemske delighted homecoming Cardinal fans Friday night scoring four touchdowns to lead his team to a convincing 30-21 Mid-State conference victory over Wadena.

Redemske scored on runs of two, two, one and 40 yards.

It was the Indians' first loss in the MS loop while the Cardinals registered their first conference win against two setbacks.

Wadena hosts Aitkin tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. in a key conference battle while Staples faces conference leader Crosby-Ironton on the Rangers' field.

The Cardinals went 60 yards in 10 plays to register their first touchdown of the night at 4:58 of the first quarter. Mike Redemske ran the final two yards for Staples while Tim Miller's kick for extra point was good and the Cardinals led 7-0 at the first quarter end.

Wadena scored at 10:44 of the second quarter on a drive covering 59 yards in eight plays. Senior John Burns

plunged over from the one for the first Wadena TD and Greg Hooten's kick was good and the Indians and the Cardinals were deadlocked at 7-all.

Redemske plunged another two yards to score Staples' second TD to cap a 85-yard, 10-play drive giving the victors a 13-7 lead at 7:00 minutes.

Randy Peterson then kicked a 21-yard field goal for Staples with :04 remaining in the half as the Cardinals gained a 16-7 halftime advantage. Staples went 74 yards in nine plays to set up the successful field goal try.

The Indians narrowed the gap to 16-14 in the third quarter when Burns ran seven yards for a touchdown at 5:48. The Indians' second touchdown drive covered 71 yards in 12 plays. Hooten's kick was good and Wadena went into the final period trailing by two.

Redemske scored the Cardinals third TD on a one-yard plunge at 11:57 of the final quarter and the PAT kick was good. Staples went 59 yards in eight plays in its third touchdown drive.

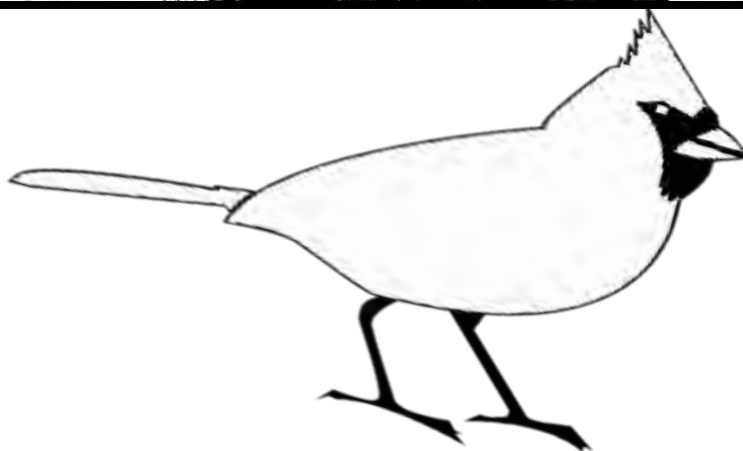
Mike again scored on a 40-yard dash and Peterson's kick was good as the Cardinals gained a 30-14 fourth quarter advantage. The drive came on four plays and 56 yards.

Wadena's final touchdown drive was highlighted by quarterback Jeff Browne's 54 yard ramble to paydirt. The Indians final touchdown was completed in 13 plays and 70 yards. Hooten's kick for extra point was good. The winning Cardinals rushed for 246 yards and added 119 yards through the air for a total offense of 365 yards.

Wadena had 136 yards on the ground and 99 in the air for 235 total yards. Staples gained 16 first downs to Wadena's dozen.

Burns gained 63 yards in 14 carries, Browne went 23 yards in 10 tries, Rick Greenwaldt 21 yards in two carries and Craig Walter 27 yards in six attempts.

Staples' halfback Tony Spandl carried 11 times for 45 yards, Dan Pipek gained 91 yards in 18 carries and Redemski had 86 yards in 11 tries.



Wadena clobbers Gobblers 19-13

Wadena's offensive and defensive lines struggled the first half against invading Aitkin Wednesday night but both sparkled in the second half as the Indians gained a 19-13 cherished victory over the Gobblers.

The Indians have a 3-1 Mid-State conference record while Aitkin slipped to 2-2. Wadena hosts conference leader Crosby-Ironton (4-0) Thursday at 7:30 p.m. while Aitkin hosts Park Rapids.

Coach John Conzemius' charges reached the Gobblers' seven yard line in the first half but with fourth and long yardage, Wadena chose to kick a field goal blocked by Aitkin. The Indians trailed 6-0 when Aitkin scored the only touchdown of the first half at 2:09 remaining. Dan Pratt culminated a 10-play, 78-Gobbler drive running three-yards off tackle for the score.

Conzemius said his team simply "decided to play football in the second play" as they scored three touchdowns.

Wadena's coaching staff said it did make some second half adjustments. Realizing that the Gobblers could be keying on senior fullback John Burns, the Indians decided to run with junior halfback Jim Heuer.

The switch worked as Wadena on its first possession in the third quarter (at 8:56) and on their own 42 yard line scored. Heuer took a handoff from senior quarterback Jeff Browne, cut through a large opening in the line and galloped 58 yards for the Indians' first TD. The PAT failed but momentum appeared going the Wadena way.

A muffed Wadena punt minutes later gave Aitkin the ball on the Indian 35. The Indians' defense rose to the occasion when a fourth down pass by Gobbler quarterback Joe Hyytinen fell incomplete and

Wadena gained possession at their own 24.

It was from this point in the third quarter, the Indians staged a rally that spelled victory. The Indians initiated an 11-play, 76-yard drive which gave them a 13-6 lead.

Following three rushes by Heuer which advanced the ball to the 37, Browne completed his only pass of the night to end Jim Rude who carried to the Aitkin 45-yard line.

Two more Wadena rushes gained five yards. Heuer then broke the Aitkin defense for a 12-yard advance to the Gobbler 28.

Jeff Browne's three-yard keeper ended the third quarter. Browne gained another first down for the victors on a third-down carry to Aitkin's 17. On

the next play he found freedom and an open field to score on a 17-yard gallop.

Greg Hooten's kick for the conversion gave the Indians a 13-6 lead with 11:14 remaining in the third quarter.

It took two minutes for the Indians to get on the score board again.

Wadena's final touchdown was set up by 15-yard Aitkin penalty and the Indian end Mark Larson's sack of the quarterback.

Aitkin was forced to punt and Wadena took over on their own 49-yard line.

Heuer began carrying the mail again for the Indians. On his first try he went to the Gobbler 46.

On the next play long forgotten John Burns burst up the

middle for 48 yards and the touchdown. The kick for PAT was blocked but the Indians enjoyed a more comfortable 19-6 advantage.

The Gobblers' final TD came with 3:30 remaining in the fourth quarter when Gobbler tackle Brad Morris recovered a Wadena fumble on the Indian 15. Two plays later, Hyytinen passed 14 yards to his halfback Dan Pratt for the TD. Joe Lottman converted for the PAT and Aitkin trailed 19-13.

Aitkin managed one more possession at the Wadena 24 with 54 seconds remaining in the contest. An incomplete pass and another sack of the quarterback by Larson ended Aitkin's hopes.

Heuer led all rushers with 129 yards while Burns had 77 and Browne 70 in a winning cause. The Indians gained 317 total yards to the losers 218.

Aitkin gained only 47 total yards in the second half as Wadena's defense stiffened.

Gobbler halfback Doug Collins gained 47 yards as the leading Aitkin ball carrier. Hyytinen had 41 yards rushing.



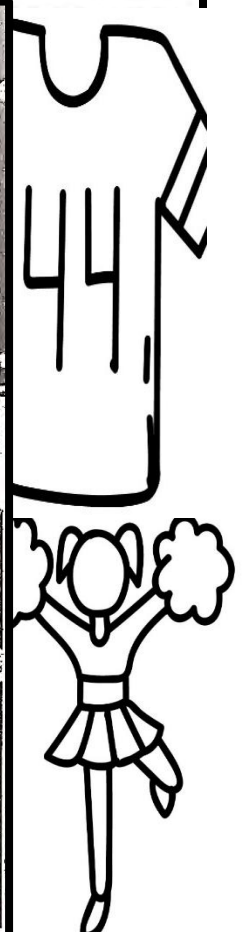
Dashes
46 yards

Wadena high school quarterback Jeff Browne found a hole in the Aitkin line and scampered 17 yards to score the Indians' second touchdown Wednesday night. Greg Hooten's kick for extra point good giving Wadena the lead at 13-6 in the third quarter. The Gobblers Joel Hyytinen (12) tried in vain to stop Browne's TD scamper.



Scores
go-ahead TD

Senior halfback John Burns (41) scored Wadena's third and clinching touchdown on a 46-yard gallop in the third quarter as the Indians surprised Aitkin 19-13. In on the play was Aitkin's Joel Hyytinen (12), Joe Lottman (31), Kelly Reich (64), and Wadena's Scott Skalisky (80) and Tom Sfinar (11).



**Wadena end
 named to grid
 'team of week'**

Wadena junior end Mark Larson was among 51 Minnesota high school grid stars named to the WCCO prep parade all-star football team of the week Friday (Oct. 29).



Mark Larson



**Ranger
 scores**

Junior halfback Mark Selisker (22) scored the Rangers' third touchdown against Wadena Friday night in the second quarter on this play. The C-I Rangers went on to win the Mid-State conference title blanking Wadena 27-0

**CI Rangers blank
 Wadena for title**

Crosby-Ironton marched 61 yards in nine plays on its opening possession Thursday night here and went on to trample the Indians 27-0 to successfully defend its Mid-State (MS) conference title.

The Rangers finished with a 5-0 MS conference mark while Wadena was tied with Park Rapids for second place with 3-2 record.

Ranger senior quarterback Tom Perpich scored CI's first touchdown at 8:21 of the first quarter when he carried from the one-yard line for the score. Wut's kick for the conversion point, a foreign exchange student from Thailand, was good and the Rangers had an early 7-0 lead.

Wadena went to work on a drive of its own moving the ball against a strong Ranger line 57

yards to the CI four before losing the ball on downs. This was the Indians' only sustained drive of the night as the Ranger defense allowed Wadena a total of 151 yards rushing for the night.

Junior halfback Mark Selisker scored on a 14-yard dash through right tackle with 7:46 remaining in the half. The CI touchdown capped a 70-yard, 10-play drive. It was Wut who again kicked the extra point to give the Mid-State champions a 14-0 halftime advantage.

Coach John Conzemius' charges again took the second half kickoff and moved steadily to the Rangers' 16 yard line. But the stubborn CI defense held forcing Wadena to give up the ball on downs.

The Rangers on their next

drive went 84 yards in 11 plays to gain a 20-0 lead. Ranger fullback Mark Davies carried seven times for 46 yards in the third TD drive. He powered through the middle of Wadena's line from 11 yards out to score.

Wut's kick was also good. The final touchdown of the contest came with 1:48 left in the final quarter when sophomore end Kevin Kertman fell on a Wadena fumble in the end zone. Selisker's kick for extra point was blocked and the score remained at 27-0. Leading Wadena's rushing were Jim Heuer who carried eight times for 61 yards, John Burns 46 yards in 13 tries, Jeff Browne 48 yards in 15 attempts and Craig Walter 12 yards in three tries.

The Indians finished with 55 yards passing, 153 yards rushing for 208 yards total offense. Crosby-Ironton gained 351 yards total offense, all on the ground.

Leading Ranger rusher was Davies with 117 yards in 20 carries. Selsker had 97 yards on 14 tries and Perpich 44 yards in seven carries.

Recovering fumbles for Wadena were Browne with two and Jim Heuer, Scott Skalisky and Dan Simmons each had one recovery. C-I had 18 first downs to the Indians' 11.

The Rangers' only loss to this season was to non-conference foe, St. Cloud Cathedral, 11-10.





Gridders honored

Wadena Coach John Conzemius (at left) congratulates five of his varsity gridders who were named to Mid-State all conference honors. They are (from

left): Pete Beckel, Jim Andrie, Tom Schloeder, John Burns and Jeff Browne.

Beckel.

League champion Crosby-Ironton dominated the team with six players, Wadena and Park Rapids each had five on the all-conference team while Aitkin and Staples placed three each. Detroit Lakes had two.

Repeaters were Crosby-Ironton's Dan Backberg, Mark Redemske of Staples and Mike Quinn, Park Rapids.

Gaining honorable mention honors were Mark Wood, Kevin Paulson, Steve Wolters, Wadena; Tim Miller, Scott Nurphagen, Staples; John...

Five Indians on all-conference

Five Wadena seniors were among 24 gridders named to the 1977 Mid-State all-conference team.

The group included three repeaters who were chosen

Nov. 2 by MS coaches at a fall meeting held at Staples.

Indians receiving all conference honors were John Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burns, Jim Andrie, son of Mr.

and Mrs. John Andrie, Jeff Browne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Browne, Tom Schloeder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Schloeder, and Pete Beckel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul

Rangers capture MS championship

Crosby-Ironton's Rangers, led by the running of juniors Mark Davies and Mark Selisker, won the outright Mid-State Conference football championship for 1977 on Thursday, Oct. 26, by posting a 27-0 victory over Wadena.

The title was the second straight for the Rangers and the school's 12 football crown since the league was formed.

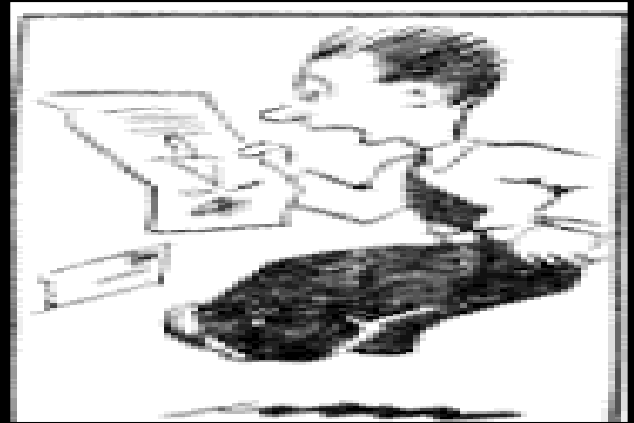
Davies gained 117 yards and scored once and Selisker gained 96 yards and also scored a touchdown in the victory. Tom Perpich and Kevin Kertzman added touchdowns for C-I.

Mid-State Individual scoring title as he finished with 43 points to 42 for Davies of C-I. The individual scoring leaders follow:

Player & School	TD	PAT	TP
Mike Quinn, P.R.	8	0	48
Mark Davies, C-I	7	0	42
Tom Perpich, C-I	6	0	36
John Burns, Wadena	6	0	36
Mark Redemske, Stap.	5	2	32
Mark Selisker, C-I	5	2	32
Doug Collins, Aitkin	5	0	30
Tony Spandl, Stap.	5	0	30
Kerry Ward, P. R.	4	2	26
R. Peterson, Stap. +	2	12	24
Jeff Browne, Wadena	4	0	24

(+) Includes field goal.

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College Football and Other Items of Interest

Beckel royalty at NDSU homecoming

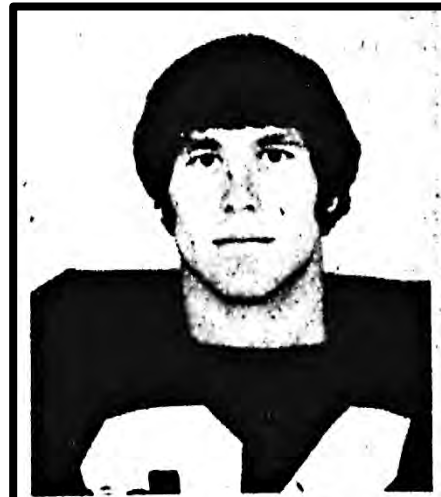
Jake Beckel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beckel, Wadena, numbered among 10 North Dakota State university (NDSU) students nominated as 1977 Homecoming royalty candidates.

Five men were nominated for king and five women for queen. The king and queen reigned over homecoming activities Oct. 17-22.

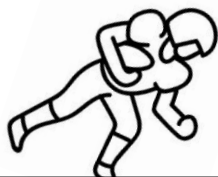
Some of the duties of the king and queen include riding in the Bison Roots homecoming parade, in downtown Fargo and attending the homecoming football game between the NDSU Bison and the University of North Dakota Sioux.



Jake Beckel



STARS WITH BISON. Reg Hooten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hooten, and a 192-pound defensive end with the North Dakota State University Bison junior varsity football team, was instrumental in the team's 19-10 win over Minnesota-Morris in the season opener. Hooten was in on several tackles. It was the JV's eighth straight win over three seasons. The Bison battled Concordia college Monday. Hooten was a four-year football letterman for the Wadena Indians and competed in the Shrine All-Star grid game Aug. 6.



1978 Season



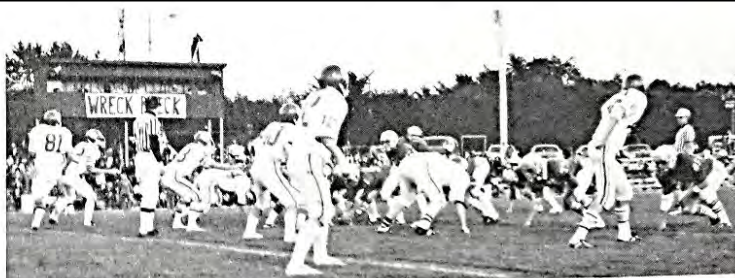
WHS Record 7-2-0
Mid-State 3-2-0



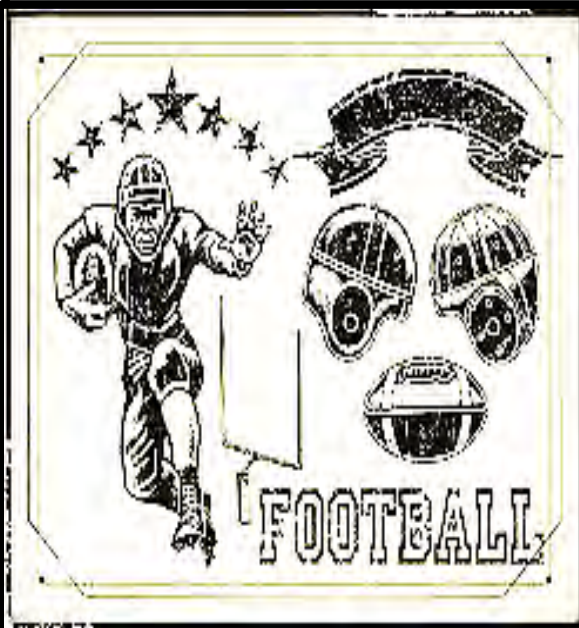
ROW 1: Trainer, Tim Edinger, Steve Kern, Pat Boline, Carey Heuer, Glen McCleod, Robert Pudas, Steve Schloeder, Mark Nyhus, Robert Olson, Dennis Lien, Scott Gustafson, Scott Wallace, Scott Taggart, Kyle Gylsen, Trainer. ROW 2: Head Coach, John Conzemius, John Ament, Brian Becker, Larry Knox, Rick Neiss, Kevin Greenwaldt, Dave Neitzke, Jim Heuer, Tom Stinar, Brad Kern, Roger Geiser, Tim Mitchell, Paul Freer, Tom Gaslin. ROW 3: John Judkins, Mark Freer, Greg Hooten, Tim Quincer, Jeff Huckle, Lee Geiser, Dennis Reger, Terry Nelson, Randy Clarksean, Jim Rude, Dale Geiser, Bucky Foster, Jim Johnson, Tom Kraemer, Asst. Coach, Dennis Barry. ROW 4: Asst. Coach, Bill Larson, Steve Stromberg, Craig Walter, Wayne Nelson, Greg Carlson, Dan Simmons, Mark Larson, Scott Skalisky, Kent Visher, Brad Willis, Pat Foster, Terry Manselle, Brian Hanson, Tim Pavek, Asst. Coach, Chuck Visher



The line of scrimmage, football's battlefield! !



Hut one, hut two!



Seniors
ROW 1: Mark Freer, Dave Neitzke, Jim Heuer, Tom Stinar, Tim Quincer. ROW 2: Brian Becker, Larry Knox, Lee Geiser, Rick Neiss, Jeff Huckle. ROW 3: Craig Walter, Dan Simmons, Mark Larson, Randy Clarksean, Scott Skalisky.

Crosby-Ironton favored in mid-state football this year

It's the same old refrain this fall in the Mid-State Conference, with Crosby-Ironton rated the favorite to win the football title.

Three years ago it was a down year for the Rangers, who went winless through a nine-game schedule, but Crosby-Ironton bounced back to capture the title in 1976 and waded through the 1977 mid-state campaign with an undefeated record to nail down still another title for Coach John Davies.

Clarksean, Mark Larson, Scott Skalisky, Tom Stinar, Mark Freer, Jim Heuer, Craig Walters, Pat Foster, Terry Nelson, Wayne Nelson, Greg Hooten, Tom Kraemer and Brad Kern. Of these, Larson, Stinar, Freer, Skalisky and Walters all saw action on a regular basis last year.

"Crosby-Ironton has to be

favored with the kids they have back," Conzemius says about the conference race, "but I look for all the teams to be improved."

Wadena lost one player during pre-season practice when Bucky Foster broke the same arm he had broken during the summer.

20 harriers report for first local cross country practice



This year, bolstered by the return of two exceptional backs — Mark Davies and Mark Sellsker — the Rangers are being picked by every coach, except Davies, to win it all again. All six coaches, however, believe that the 1978 mid-state race will be keenly contested and that none of the six schools will be a pushover.

John Conzemius, dean of the mid-state grid coaches, says the biggest problem for Wadena will be putting together a defensive unit.

"We lost a lot of people (like Jeff Browne, John Burns, Mark Wood, Pete Beckel) and expect to have a hard time getting a defense together," he notes. "We do have more speed and quickness than in the past, but we are small and we have no all-conference players returning."

Lettermen back are Larry Knox, Dan Simmons, Randy



Indians win season opener 7-6 over Perham

Joe Schmitz scored a touchdown on a seven yard run in the first quarter Friday night to give his Perham Yellowjackets a 6-0 lead over Wadena but the Indians scored in the third quarter and made good the extra point try to win its opener 7-6, a non-conference battle at Perham.

The winning touchdown

came with 1:17 remaining in the third quarter when senior Craig Walter scored on a one-yard run capping a 74-yard march by the Indians who took 10 plays. Greg Hooten kicked the game-winning extra point.

The Indians host Sauk Centre's Mainstroeters Friday night at the local athletic field at 7:30 in the home opener.

Leading rushers for coach John Conzemius' Indians were Jim Heuer with 65 yards in 15 carries, Brian Becker 45 yards in 11 tries, Craig Walter 22 in 10 carries and Kent Visser 23 yards in two carries.

The Yellowjackets' Scott Bergeson led Perham in rushing with 114 yards in 22

carries while Ron Palubicki had 43 and Mike Harenza 42 yards in a losing cause.

Perham's touchdown came as a result of 62-yard drive that took seven plays but fumbled the extra point attempt.

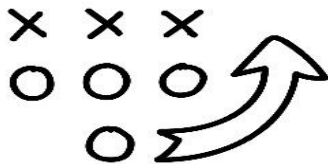
The Indians rushed for 155 yards to Perham's 295. Wadena had 38 offensive plays to the Yellowjackets' 63.

Wadena was penalized 41 yards while Perham had 58 yards in penalties.



IN THE OPEN. Quarterback for the Perham Yellowjackets, Mark Western, No. 12, attempts an end run in the fourth quarter of high school play Friday night, Sept. 1, at Perham against the Wadena Indians. Scott

Wallace of the Indians, No. 86 on the right, moves in for the tackle and holds Perham to a short gain. Wadena won the contest 7-6 in both teams' first conference play of the season.





QUARTERBACK SCORES. Wadena quarterback Craig Walter (22) scored on this play with 1:18 remaining of the second period at the local athletic field against Sauk Centre Friday night. An unidentified Wadena and Sauk Centre player and one of the

game's officials are shown here on the play. Walter scored all five of the Indians' touchdowns as Wadena trampled the Mainstreeters 34-21 in a non-conference contest.

Walter scores five TDs as Wadena tops Mainstreeters

Wadena senior quarterback Craig Walter scored five touchdowns, the final one on an interception of a Sauk Centre pass with 2:22 remaining of the

score. Hooten kicked the extra point and Wadena led 27-7. His touchdown highlighted a Wadena 23-yard drive in six plays.

apiece. "Overall, Wadena played sound defense," varsity coach John Conzemius said. "The team forced things to happen such as two Sauk

Centre fumbles and two Wadena pass interceptions," Conzemius emphasized. Sauk Centre fumbled five times while the Indians were guilty of three fumbles. Both clubs lost possession of the ball twice on fumbles. The Mainstreeters were assessed 114 yards in penalties to Wadena's 45 yards.

non-conference battle Friday night, to lead the Indians to a 34-21 conquest of the Mainstreeters.

The young and improving Indians never trailed in the game played at the local athletic field, but the Mainstreeters tied it at 7-7 after Walter plunged one yard to score Wadena's initial touchdown with 5:09 remaining in the first quarter. Greg Hooten kicked the point after. Sauk Centre quarterback John Braun's 62-yard bomb at 4:41 remaining in the first quarter to Jordy Walter caught the Wadena defense napping. Braun's extra point kick was good and the teams were tied 7-7 going into the second canto.

The Indians first touchdown came on five plays covering 27 yards. Wadena scored twice in the second quarter when at 10:44 Walter plunged one yard for his second TD and the same distance at 1:18 before the half for his third touchdown to give the Indians a 19-7 lead. After penalties were assessed both Wadena and Sauk Centre following the touchdown, Hooten's kick for the extra point sailed through the uprights and the Indians held a 20-7 halftime advantage.

Quarterback Walter's fourth touchdown came at 6:56 of the third quarter when he scampered three yards for the

Sauk Centre quarterback Braun dashed six yards with a minute to play in the third quarter to paydirt while the PAT kick was wide and the Mainstreeters trailed 27-13.

Following Walter's pass interception and touchdown with 2:22 minutes remaining in the final quarter, the Mainstreeters went 75 yards in five plays to score their final TD on a 13-yard touchdown run by back George Jacobson at 1:08.

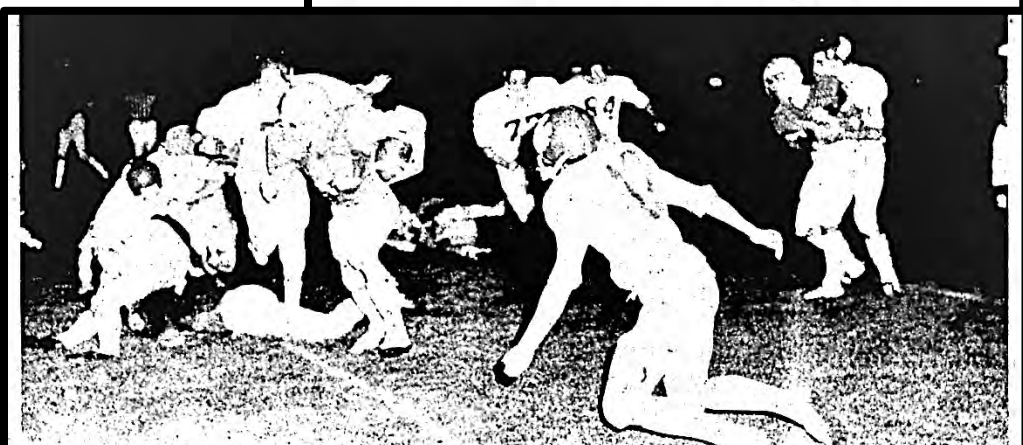
Jacobson ran the ball in for the PAT and the final score was 34-21.

Walter in 22 carries gained 81 yards while teammates Jim Heuer had 67 yards in 12 tries and Brian Becker 11 yards in eight carries to lead the Indians in rushing.

Mainstreeters back George Jacobson gained 79 yards in 20 carries while Braun had 39 yards in five tries, Mike Kettler 18 yards in three carries and Jordy Walter 19 yards in three tries.

Wadena gained 127 yards in 45 carries to the mainstreeters' 150 yards in 31 tries. Sauk Centre had 188 yards in the air to Wadena's 60 for a total of 343 total offense to the Indians' 197 yards while the Indians attempted six completing three for 80 yards.

Defensively, seniors Mark Larson and Brian Becker led the Indians with seven tackles



CARRIES FOR WADENA. Wadena senior quarterback carried the ball midway through the second quarter of Friday night's contest with Breckenridge for a substantial gain at the local athletic field. Walter in 10 carries gained 46 yards for a 4.6-yard per try average.

Wadena stopped the Cowboys 14-3 in the non-conference test. The Indians travel to Morris Friday night for another non-conference battle. In on the play are Cowboys Harry Johnson (87), Tim Kressin (77), Brain Schalbe (12) and Steve Smith (84).

Indians gain 14-3 win over invading Cowboys

Wadena won its third straight football victory Friday night turning back a spunky Breckenridge team 14-3 on the strength of Jim Heuer's touchdown and Brian Becker's plunge of one yard in the third period.

Coach John Conzemius' Indians travel to Morris Friday for their fourth non-conference test.

Bruce Dell's 35-yard field goal with one second remaining before halftime gave the Cowboys their only points of the contest. Dell's field goal came after Breckenridge had marched 27 yards in five plays.

Wadena's first drive covered 57 yards in 14 plays culminated by Heuer's two-yard dash for the touchdown at 5:08 of the

first quarter. Greg Hooten's kick for the extra point was true and the Indians enjoyed an early 7-0 lead.

Wadena scored in what proved the game clinching touchdown in the third quarter in a drive that covered 25 yards in five plays. Becker drove in from the one and Hooten kicked the PAT as Wadena assumed a 14-3 lead going into the final quarter.

Leading Wadena in rushing were Becker who carried 18 times for 71 yards, Heuer who in 22 tries gained 94 yards and quarterback Craig Walter who had 48 yards in 10 tries.

The Indians had 197 net yards while the Cowboys gained 144 net yards. Breckenridge's leading rusher was Bob Anderson who had 40

yards in 11 tries. Neil Penner had 20 yards in seven carries for the Cowboys.

The Indians garnered 10 first downs to the Cowboys seven. The Cowboys attempted 19 passes completing 10 for 94 yards while Wadena attempted three and failed to complete one.

Breckenridge fumbled five times losing possession once while Wadena had four fumbles losing the ball twice.

Wadena was penalized 75 yards to the Cowboys' 93. The Indians had 56 offensive plays to Breck's 43.



Indians shutout host Morris Tigers 10-0

"The Indians exhibited a great team effort in turning back a stubborn Morris Tiger club Friday night there," Wadena football coach John Conzemius said.

"I can't remember when a Wadena team has blanked an opponent in football in recent seasons and the team has to be commended for turning back Morris," Conzemius added.

The Indians now possess a 4-0 record as they battle Detroit Lakes there at 7:30 Friday night in Wadena's first Mid-State conference test of the season.

Wadena scored what were the winning points in the

second quarter on a 30-yard field goal by Greg Hooten.

The Indians scored for the final time when Brian Becker ran in from the three at 5:05 of the third quarter. Hooten's

kick for the extra point was true and the Indians enjoyed a 10-0 lead.

The scoring drive was set by Dave Nietzke's fumble recovery at the Tiger 28-yard line.

Wadena's fieldgoal came on an eight-play, 40-yard drive with Hooten kicking the FG.

The touchdown drive in the third quarter came on nine plays.

Conzemius' gridders gained

284 total yards while holding the Tigers to 97.

Wadena rushed for 267 yards as Jim Heuer gained 144 and Brian Becker 84. Craig Walter

had 40 yards for the Indians. The Indians had 65 offensive plays to the Tigers' 48.

Wadena garnered 16 first downs to Morris' six. Wadena was assessed 45 yards in penalties to the Tigers' 63.

Morris' record dropped to 1-3 on the year.

Wadena registered a 10-0 shutout over host Morris Friday night as the Indians are now undefeated on the season.



MS conference teams in weekend action

Wadena's Indians picked up their fourth straight non-conference football victory Friday night with a 10-0 conquest of the Morris Tigers and are the sole Mid-State Conference school to come through non-loop action with an unscathed record.

The Indians, coached by John Conzemius, were listed as a pre-season favorite by Coach John Davies of the defending champion Crosby-Ironton Rangers, although every other coach rated C-I as the team to beat.

Conference schools swing into action against each other this week with Wadena travelling to meet Detroit Lakes in the Lakers' homecoming, Crosby-Ironton at Aitkin and Staples at Park Rapids.

Mid-State teams completed their non-league play this past weekend with an overall record of nine wins against 15 losses and two of the six schools—Crosby-Ironton and Detroit Lakes—broke into the victory column for the first time in 1978. C-I edged St. Cloud Cathedral 12-10 in St. Cloud on Saturday afternoon, while the Lakers scored on a pass late in the first half to slip by East Grand Forks 6-0 at East

Grand. The win by Detroit Lakes was the first for a Mid-State school against a Northwest Conference school in 10 non-loop meetings between the two conferences.

Mid-State Notes: Wadena's Greg Hooten became the first conference player to kick a field goal this season when he hit one in his school's 10-0 win over Morris on Friday. Park Rapids has the best offensive record in non-conference action, averaging 18.5 per game, while Wadena is tops on defense, allowing an average of only 7.5 per start. Northwest Conference schools Bemidji and Thief River Falls each have 3-0 records in games against Mid-State rivals. Superintendents of the six Mid-State schools will meet Wednesday at Staples to consider a proposal that Pequot Lakes and Pine River be admitted to the league. The conference athletic directors, who met the past week, have approved conference football schedules for 1979 and 1980.

Mid-State Football		(Non-Conference Standings)	
	W..L		
Wadena	4 0		
Park Rapids	2 2		
Crosby-Ironton	1 3		
Detroit Lakes	1 3		

Staples	1 3
Aitkin	0 4

Games Friday (Sept. 29)
Wadena at Detroit Lakes
Crosby-Ironton at Aitkin
Staples at Park Rapids



Homecoming Lakers hand Wadena first loss 27-6

Wadena outrushed Detroit Lakes 141 yards to 128 in Friday night's Mid-State conference clash at DL but the Lakers connected on six of 10 passes and 175 yards enroute to

Lakers' first half action. The extra point try failed and Detroit Lakes enjoyed a 20-0 halftime advantage.

The Lakers' Dave Hutchinson intercepted a Wadena

yards in 14 carries while Heuer had 42 yards in 13 tries.

The Indians were penalized six times for 52 yards while the Lakers were assessed five penalties for 45 yards.

last Friday.
Results Sept. 29

Crosby-Ironton 28, Aitkin 7
Detroit Lakes 27, Wadena 6
Park Rapids 12, Staples 0

Games Oct. 6:

Detroit Lakes at Crosby-Ironton
Aitkin at Staples
Park Rapids at Wadena.

a 27-6 victory over the Indians. It was the Lakers' 1978 homecoming game and their opening conference contest. It was the Indians' first loss of the season following four non-conference wins.

The Indians host Park Rapids at 7:30 p.m. Friday night at the athletic field while Detroit Lakes travels to Crosby-Ironton.

"The Lakers were able to put together a complete game in defeating the Indians. It was the Lakers' homecoming and the team rose to the occasion. Mid-State schools Staples, Park Rapids and Detroit Lakes consider Wadena one of their keenest rivals and play accordingly," Conzemius said.

Eric Neas' one-yard plunge with three seconds remaining in the first quarter gave the Lakers' its first of four touchdowns. Scott Santwale's kick for the extra point was good and Detroit Lakes held an early 7-0 lead. The Lakers' TD was gained in 18 plays and covered 80 yards.

A 16-yard pass from quarterback Neas to Chris Engum at 4:46 of the second quarter gave the Lakers their second touchdown. Santwale's kick for the PAT was good and DL was ahead 14-0. The touchdown drive covered 67 yards in 11 plays.

An 82-yard touchdown pass from Neas to Engum about 2½ minutes later highlighted the

thrown pass at 3:02 of the third quarter and he raced 25 yards for the Detroit Lakes' final touchdown. Santwale's kick for PAT was good and the Lakers lead the Indians 27-0 going into the final quarter.

Wadena marched 81 yards in 13 plays late in the final quarter to register its lone touchdown with Jim Heuer running it in from the three. Hooten's kick for the extra point failed.

Wadena had 10 first downs to the Lakers' 13. The Indians had 36 rushing plays to the Lakers' 48.

Senior Brian Becker led the Indians in rushing with 74 total

Fire department plans area open house Oct. 11

In cooperation with fire prevention week (Oct 7-14), the Wadena fire department will host residents of this city, Wadena, Compton, Wing River and Leaf River townships to view equipment at the fire hall Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Public and parochial grade students have been invited to visit the fire hall throughout fire prevention week, John Edinger, Wadena fire chief, said.

The Oct. 11 open house is free to the public.

Schloeder plays offensive guard for NDSSS

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Let's Go!



Wadena Indians' 34-20 uprising shocks Panthers

Touchdowns by Jim Heuer, Tom Stinar and Craig Walter in the first half against Mid-State foe Park Rapids and three extra point kicks by Greg Hooten gave Wadena a 21-point advantage as the Indians went on to score a convincing 34-20 victory over the Panthers here Friday night.

Both the Indians and the Panthers had opportunities to score in the first half.

Wadena may have scored early in the first quarter when Park Rapids elected to pass on fourth down on its own 6-yard line, a pass which was incomplete. After a first down on the three, Heuer carried the ball into the end zone for what Wadena spectators thought was the Indians first TD. One official indicated Heuer was not in possession of the ball which Park Rapids recovered for a touchback.

The Panthers' next drive stalled with Wadena going 33 yards in seven plays Heuer carrying from the three for the touchdown. Hooten's kick for extra point was good and Wadena led 7-0 at 4:15 of the opening quarter.

Quarterback Walter fired a 29-yard pass to Tom Stinar at 10:17 of the second quarter to give Wadena a 13-0 lead. Hooten's second kick for PAT was good and the Indians sported a 14-0 lead. The second touchdown drive covered 89

yards in 11 plays.

Wadena later went 67 yards in 11 plays, Walter scoring from seven yards out at 3:41 before the half. Hooten's kick for extra point sailed through the uprights and Wadena enjoyed a 21-0 advantage.

Park Rapids made a strong bid in the final minute of play of the first half to score against the surprising Indians. Aided by some key Wadena penalties, the Panthers had a fourth down on the Wadena three with six

seconds remaining on the scoreboard clock. Park Rapids tried a sweep around left end and was halted on the one-yard as the first half ended.

Brad Kern scored from the three at 9:22 of the third quarter and Hooten's fourth kick for PAT was good as the Indians held a commanding 28-7 lead.

Bruce Blanchard dashed seven yards at 11:00 of the final quarter to give Park Rapids new life. The PAT failed and

Wadena still held a 28-6 lead.

The Panthers' Kip Gaudin scampered 23-yards to cap an 83-yard four play touchdown drive with 6:33 to play in the final quarter. The pass for PAT was intercepted and Park Rapids trailed 34-12.

Jay Pike plunged two yards for the final Park Rapids TD. Greg Gesler ran for the two-point conversion as time expired while Wadena triumphed 34-20.

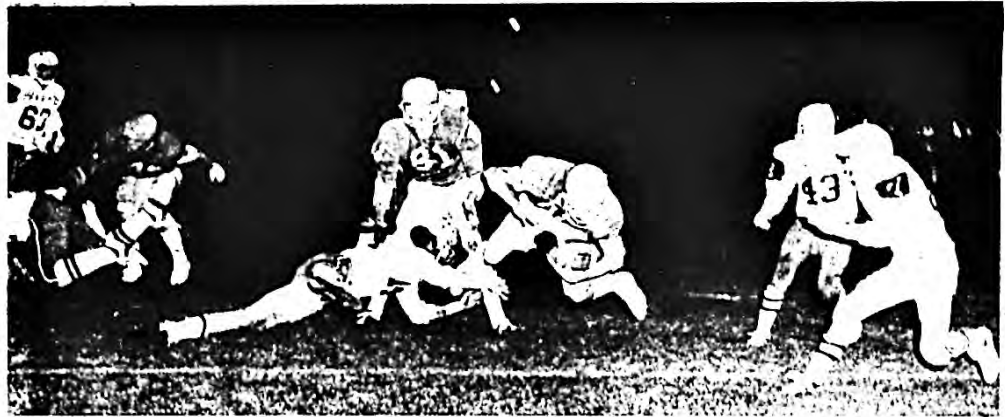
The Indians rushed for 304 yards in 56 tries and passed for 38 yards and one TD for a total offense of 342 yards. The Panthers rushed 372 yards in 48 carries, passed for 88 yards and a total offense of 372 yards. Leading Wadena rushers

were Walter 129 yards in 18 tries, Heuer who carried 19 times for 103 yards, Brian Becker 55 yards in 11 carries and Kern with 31 yards in seven carries.

Leading Panther rushers were Dave Schmitz with 170 yards in 21 carries and Gaudin with 78 yards in 10 tries.

The Panthers had 16 first downs to the Indians' 18. Wadena was penalized three times for 18 yards while the Panthers' were assessed 53 yards in penalties.

The Indians host Staples in a homecoming battle at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the athletic field while Park Rapids entertains C-1.



SCORES TOUCHDOWN. Wadena quarterback Craig Walter (with the ball) carried for a seven-yard gain and a TD with 3:41 remaining in the first half of Friday's battle with Park Rapids. The touchdown and Greg Hooten's kick for point after provided Wadena

with a 21-0 halftime advantage. In on the play is Wadena's Brad Willis (81) and the Panthers Paul Klettenberg (63) and Pete Babler (43). Wadena triumphed 34-20.

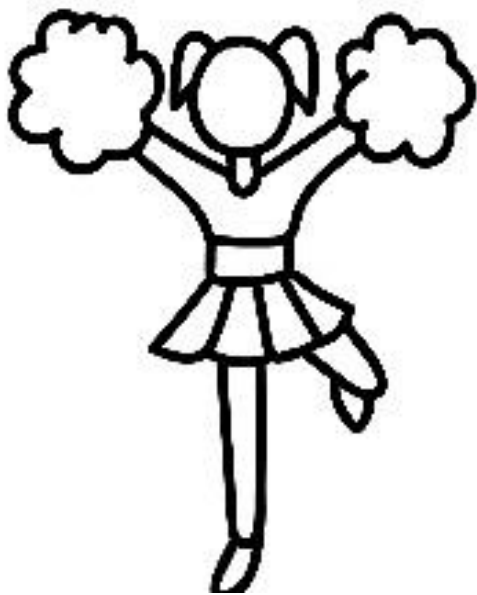


CARRIES FOR WADENA. Junior Brad Kern (41) carried the ball for the Wadena Indians in the first half. Kern rushed for 31 yards in seven tries and scored a Wadena TD on a three-yard plunge at 9:22 of the third

quarter. In on the action are Park Rapids gridders Jay Pike (22), Joe Grimes (14) and Bob Vik (50). Wadena turned back the Panthers 34-20 in a Mid-State conference battle.



ONE WILL BE QUEEN. One of these five seniors will be crowned 1978 Wadena high school homecoming queen Thursday night in coronation ceremonies at 7:30 at the junior high gym. Voting for candidates will occur Thursday morning. Homecoming candidates are (from left): Cheryl Wallace, Salli Fischer, Lori Gaslin, Joan Vorderbruggen and Leclia Heinen.



REGAL WALK. Here 1978 homecoming Queen Lori Gaslin, daughter of Warren and Lorraine Gaslin, begins her regal walk from the throne following her coronation Thursday night. Her escort at the moment was Mark Freer, football co-captain.

Nelson's 100-yard touchdown run keys Wadena homecoming victory

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Wadena's homecoming Indians scored 21 points in the second quarter against Staples Friday night keyed by junior Wayne Nelson's 100-yard return of an intercepted Cardinal pass as Wadena triumphed 28-14.

"I would term Wadena's

victory over Staples a team victory where many individual players doing a good job. I think it showed typical Wadena-Staples rivalry where both clubs play well," coach John Conzenius said.

It was a satisfying reward for coach John Conzenius' Indians

and a host of returning alumni. Wadena won its sixth victory of the season against a lone defeat at the hand of Detroit Lakes. It waulted the Indians into second place in the Mid-State conference race tied with Park Rapids, a 20-14 winner over C-I, with 2-1 marks.

Staples is now 6-3 in the Mid-State.

Staples, however, was on the scoreboard first when the Cardinals blocked a punt in the initial quarter. Staples' Dave Olson scampered seven yards for the touchdown five plays later but the extra point kick failed and the Cards led 6-0 at 6:20.

Wadena went ahead 7-6 when the Indians' quarterback Craig Walter plunged one yard for the touchdown at 1:33 of the opening period and Greg Hooten kicked the point after.

Walter scored his second touchdown at 8:12 of the second quarter as the Indians exploded for 21 points in that period.

The conversion attempt was fumbled and Wadena led the Cardinals 13-6. Walter's touchdown came on an 82-yard drive in eight plays. Three minutes later Wadena's Brian Becker scored a touchdown on a two yard carry culminating a 15-yard drive in four plays. Walter ran for the extra points conversion and Wadena increased its lead to 21-6.

Nelson's interception of a Staples thrown pass at 1:38 of the first half and its runback 100 yards for a touchdown keyed the homecoming Indians victory. Hooten's kick for the extra point was good and Wadena held a convincing 28-6 halftime lead.

Prior to Nelson's interception, the Cardinals had driven to the Wadena four yard line.

Staples went 54 yards in nine plays in the fourth quarter with Tony Spandl dashing thirteen yards for the Cardinals' final touchdown. Spandl passed to Paul Mayhew for the two-point conversion and Staples trailed 28-14 at 7:05 of the final quarter.

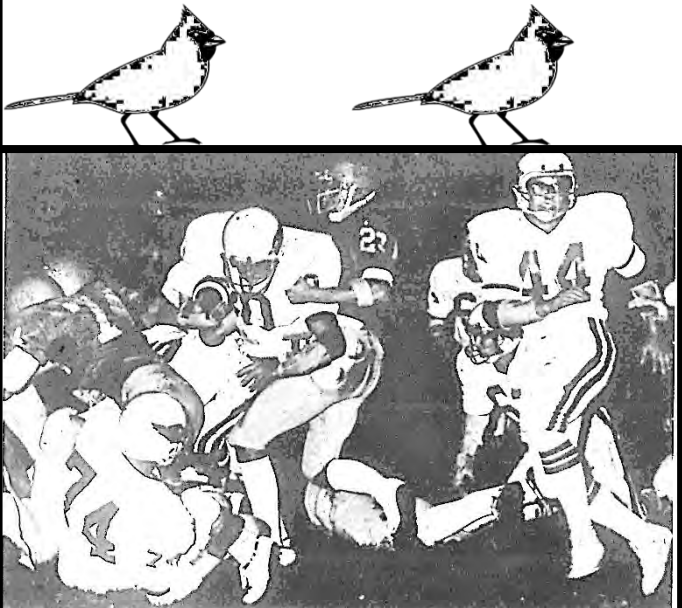
Wadena rushed for 207 yards in 45 tries while the Cardinals gained 189 rushing in 47 carries. Wadena completed six of 11 attempted passes for 85 yards while Staples completed nine of 18 for 68 yards but had three intercepted.

Walter rushed 17 times for 94 yards while Becker carried 15 times for 60 yards to lead Wadena's rushing. Staples Dan Pipek was the game's leading rusher with 152 yards in 22 carries.

The Indians had 17 first downs to the Cardinals' 12. Wadena was penalized five yards to the Staples' 47.

Indians travel to Aitkin tonight in Mid-State clash

Aitkin will host the Wadena Indians tonight in a key Mid-State clash as most school will be closed the remainder of the week for teacher conventions in the Twin Cities.

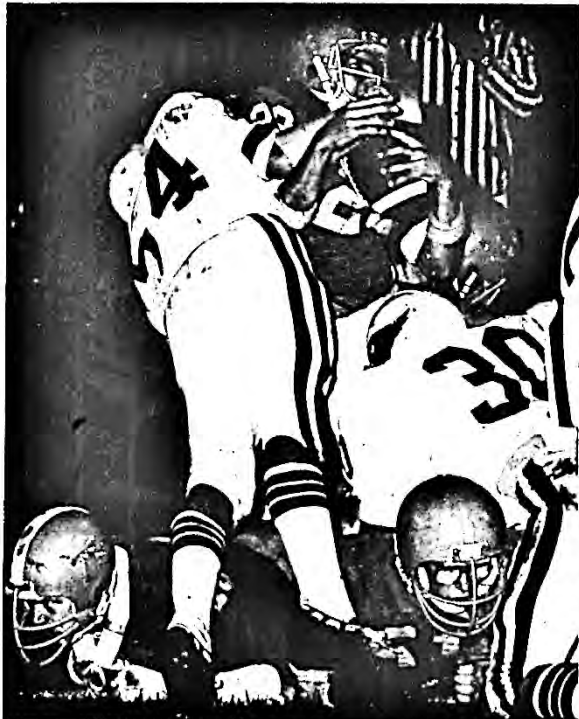


Above: tackling a Staples ball carrier in Wadena homecoming action Friday, Oct. 13, is the Wadena Indians' Craig Walters, No. 23. Tony Spandl, No. 44 for the Staples Cardinals, prepared to block a charging Indian.

The Cardinals' Dan Pipek, No. 45, below, sported a terrified expression as he escaped the clutches of a Wadena tackler about half way through the game.



Mid-State conf.		W	L
Detroit Lakes		4	0
Wadena		3	1
Crosby-Ironton		2	2
Park Rapids		2	2
Aitkin		1	3
Staples		0	4



Indian halfback-quarterback Craig Walters, with the ball, above, runs into a heavy Cardinal defense. In on the tackle are Staple's John Lewlica, No. 54, and No. 30 Dave Olson. Below, No.

43 on the Wadena squad, halfback Brian Becker, gains good yardage, but is tripped up by the Cardinals' No. 18, Jim Roberts. Ready to help bring Becker down is Tony Spandle, No. 44.



ROW 1: Scott Skalisky. ROW 2: Brian Becker, Craig Walter, Mark Freer.



Indians scamper to 28-7 win over Aitkin Gobblers

Coach John Conzemius' high school Indians rushed for 356 yards enroute to a convincing 28-7 Mid-State conference win over host Aitkin last Wednesday.

Wadena outgained Aitkin 392 yards to 171. The victory vaulted the Indians into second place in the conference standing with a 3-1 mark while Aitkin dropped to fifth place with a 1-3 record.

The Indians wind up the second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. travelling to Crosby-Ironton while Aitkin is at Park Rapids.

Jim Heuer scored Wadena's initial touchdown at 11:29 of the second quarter when he went in from the five yard line. Greg Hooten's kick for the point

Hooten's kick for extra point after both Walter TDs were good.

Senior Brian Becker dashed 19 yards for the final Wadena touchdown at 6:15 of the fourth quarter and Hooten's kick for the extra point was good. Wadena went 46 yards in five plays to achieve its final TD.

The Indians rushed for 356 yards to Aitkin's 156 while Wadena garnered 36 yards net passing to the Gobblers' 15.

Heuer rushed for 145 yards in 17 tries, Walter 131 yards in eight carries, Becker 74 in 15 tries, Quincer eight yards in three carries and Kern three yards in two carries.

Leading Aitkin rushers were

Jay McCarty who in 20 carries had 49 yards, while Joe Ryan went 29 yards in 12 carries and Jim Simonson had 25 yards in seven tries.

Wadena netted 16 first downs to the Gobblers' 11. Both clubs had 54 offensive plays.

Wadena punted four times for 155 yards and a 38.8-yard average while Aitkin punted six times for 213 yards and a 35.5-yard average.

The Gobblers fumbled four times but recovered each time while Wadena fumbled once and lost the ball to Aitkin.

The Indians were penalized five times for 55 yards while Aitkin was penalized the same number of times for 25 yards.

Standings (final)

	W	L
Detroit Lakes	5	0
Crosby-Ironton	3	2
Park Rapids	3	2
Wadena	3	2
Aitkin	1	4
Staples	0	5

Results Oct. 26

Detroit Lakes 33, Staples 14
Park Rapids 29, Aitkin 7
Crosby-Ironton 25, Wadena 13

after was good and Wadena led 7-0. Heuer's TD climaxed a 55-yard 11-play drive. Neither team scored in the opening quarter.

The Gobblers tied the contest at 6:23 after Jay McCarty went 10 yards for the touchdown and Paul Koreze's kick for the PAT was good.

The Indians charged ahead of the Gobblers to stay on touchdown runs by quarterback Craig Walter of 43 and two yards before halftime. Walter's first TD came at 5:34 climaxing a two-play, 74-yard drive. His second touchdown was at :54 before the half as the Indians went 52 yards in eight plays to gain a 21-7 halftime advantage over the Gobblers.

Detroit Lakes gains Mid-State title tie

Detroit Lakes, which last won the Mid-State conference football championship in 1972, clinched at least a tie for the 1978 title Oct. 18 with a thrill-packed 7-6 victory over the Park Rapids Panthers.

The Lakers made a goal-line stand midway in the fourth period, halting Park Rapids on the Detroit Lakes one-yard line to preserve the win and remain unbeaten in Mid-State play.

Jon Ahles, who gained 175 yards in 27 carries, scored the Laker touchdown on a 17-yard run in the first period while Darrell Mitchell tallied on a four-yard run for the Panthers in the final quarter. Junior Scott Santwire kicked the extra

point after Ahles' TD for the winning margin, while the Panther extra point try was wide of the uprights.

Other Mid-State games Wednesday found Wadena clinging to its hopes of a title tie with a convincing 28-7 win over Aitkin and the Crosby-Ironton Rangers defeating Staples 20-14.

Quarterback Craig Walter, the leading scorer in the conference, tallied two touchdowns for Wadena, while Jim Heuer and Brian Becker made one each. Jay McCarty ran 10 yards for the Aitkin score.

Brian Gaviglio fired touchdown passes of 29 yards to Tom Zima and 25 yards to Mark Selisker and Mark Davies crashed over from two yards out in the C-I victory. Dan Pipek tallied both Staples touchdowns, with all the

Cardinal scoring coming in the final 1:40 of the game.

Detroit Lakes hosts Staples on Thursday night in its quest of an undefeated championship, while other games have Aitkin at Park Rapids and Wadena at Crosby-Ironton.

The conference scoring leaders are:

	TD..	PAT..	TP
Craig Walter, Wadena	6	2	38
Mark Selisker, Crosby-Ironton	6	0	36
Chris Engum, Detroit Lakes	4	0	24
Kip Gauldin, Park Rapids	3	0	18
Dan Pipek, Staples	3	0	18
Jim Heuer, Wadena	3	0	18
Dave Schmitz, Park Rapids	2	2	14

Results Oct. 18:
Detroit Lakes 7, Park Rapids 6
Wadena 28, Aitkin 7

Crosby-Ironton 20, Staples 14

Games Oct. 26:
Staples at Detroit Lakes
Aitkin at Park Rapids
Wadena at Crosby-Ironton

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scorers are:

TD.. PAT & FG.. TP

Mark Selisker, Crosby-Ironton	10	0	60
Craig Walter, Wadena	6	2	38
Jon Ahles, Detroit Lakes	5	0	30
Chris Engum, Detroit Lakes	4	0	24
Brian Becker, Wadena	4	0	24
Scott Santwire, Detroit Lakes	0	21	21
Dave Schmitz, Park Rapids	3	2	20
Bruce Blanchard, Park Rapids	3	1	19
Dan Pipek, Staples	3	0	18
Jim Heuer, Wadena	3	0	18
Kip Gauldin, Park Rapids	3	0	18

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College Football and Other Items of Interest

Schloeder plays offensive guard for NDSSS

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1979 Season

WHS Record 0-9-0
Mid-State 0-5-0

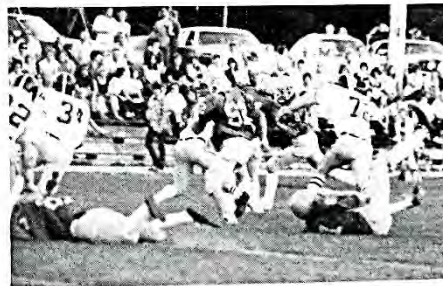


Row 1: Kyle Gylsen, John Boehne, Paul Freer, Roger Geiser, David Weniger, Glen McLeod, Bryan Gorackowski, Brian Fort, Jeff Carlson, Craig Boehne, Jim Johnson, Tom Gaslin, Pat Boline. Row 2: John Judkins, Steve Nelsen, Dale Geiser, Scott Wallace, Dave Palloch, Pat Heuer, Darren Ruschy, Terry Nelson, Bob Pudas, Brad Kaun, Brad Kern, Tim Mitchell, Jim Rude, Tim Borchardt. Row 3: Head Coach, John Conzemius, Paul Hagen, Duane Dunblazier, Robert Calhoun, Mike Weis, Mike

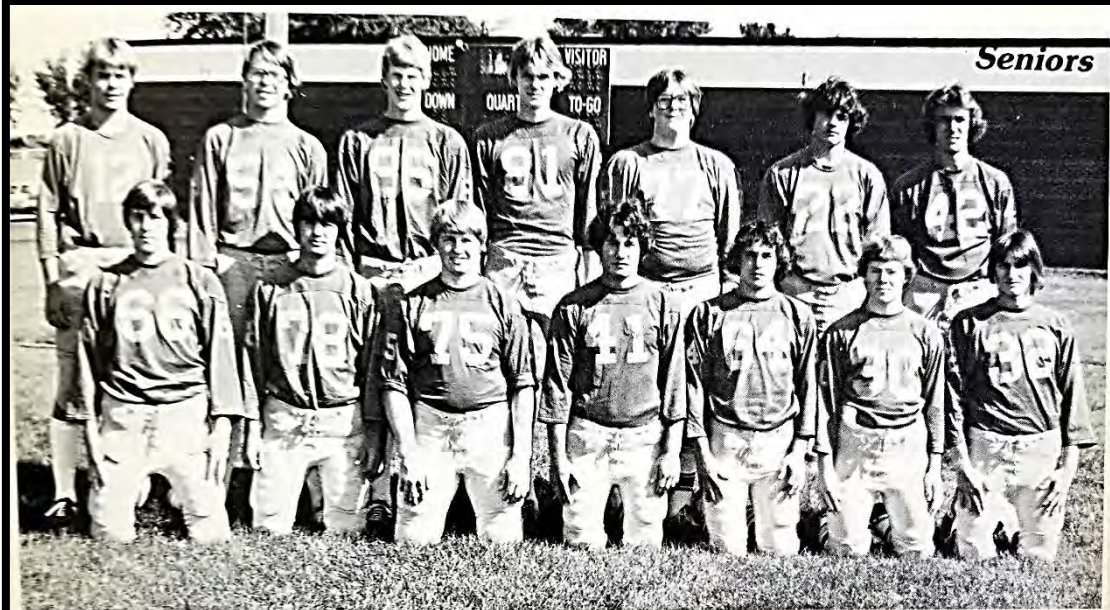
Priebe, Jay Hutson, David Baker, Ric Harrison, Bruce Veden, Steve Schloeder, Scott Gustafson, Mark Neitzke, Dennis Lien, David Nelson. Row 4: Asst. Coach, Chuck Visher, John Miles, Steve Stromberg, Bucky Foster, Greg Carlson, Kent Visher, Tim Pavlek, Dean Ellingson, Brad Willis, Tim Walther, Pat Foster, Terry Manselle, John Ament, Wayne Nelson, Asst. Coach, Jim Sundstrom, Asst. Coach, Dennis Barry.



Words of Wisdom.



Ring around the rose ... we all fall down!

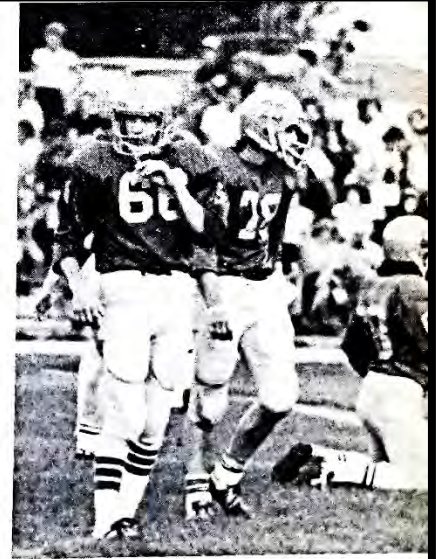


Row 1: Dale Geiser, Roger Geiser, Terry Nelson, Brad Kern, Jim Rude, Dennis Lien, Butch Borchardt. Row 2: Kent Visher, Terry Manselle, Dean Ellingson, Brad Willis, John Ament, Pat Foster, Wayne Nelson.

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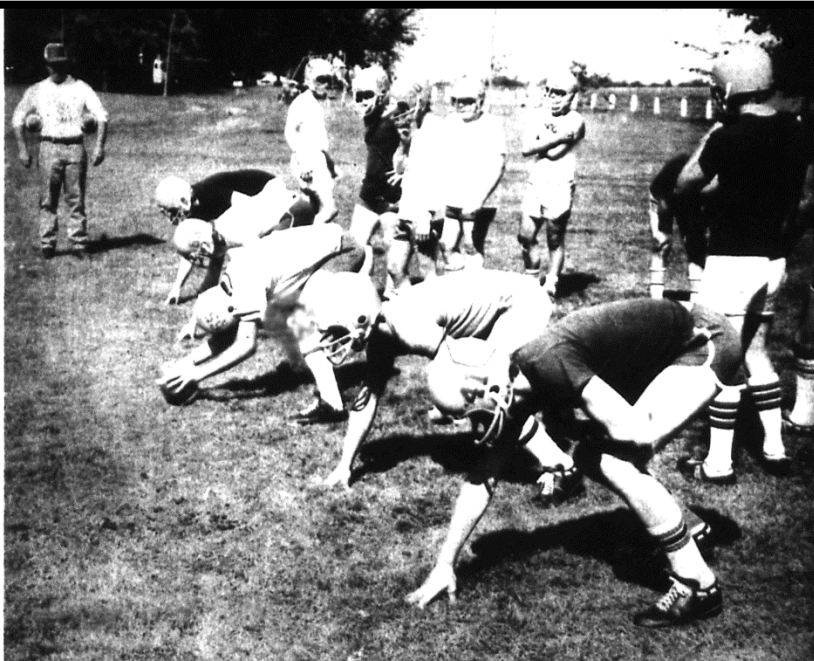


Row 1: Greg Carlson, Brad Willis Terry Nelson. Row 2: Honorable Mention; Mark Stave, Pat Foster, Kent Visser.



Two tackles and a prayer.

Park Rapids Panthers favored to cop Mid-State grid championship



INDIANS WORKOUT. Members of the Wadena high school football squad are pictured in a practice session near the swimming pool. The Indians will scrim-

mage here Saturday morning with Alexandria, Melrose and Wahpeton, N.D. Their opening game is here Aug. 31 with Perham.

in 1978 and were second in the Mid-State conference. Wadena will face Aitkin Sept. 28 in the 1979 homecoming contest.

Wadena—Entering his 29th year as head coach of the Wadena Indians, John Conzemius says his team "has a lot of green material and it's going to take a while for us to get organized."

Lettermen back are Kent Visser, Terry Manselle, Brad Willis, James Rude, Dale Geiser, Terry Nelson, Brad Kern, Pat Foster, Wayne Nelson, Roger Geiser and Mark Stave.



VISHER CARRIES FOR WADENA Wadena high school quarterback Kent Visser (12) carried for the Wadena Indians in the first half against invading

Perham's Yellowjacket. In on the play is Pat Foster (24) and Perham's Craig Neseth (63) and Trygve Thurmond (21).

Yellowjackets edge Wadena 6-0 in grid season opener

Perham's halfback Ron Palubicki scored the only touchdown of the game with less than two minutes remaining to give Perham the victory over the Indians here Friday night in the season opener for both clubs.

The visiting Yellowjackets' runningback scored by scampering into the corner of the endzone after mishandling the snap on an attempted field goal.

The extra-point conversion failed but it was of little consequence as Perham won 6-0.

The opening game seemed destined for overtime as both teams committed several mistakes to stop potential scoring drives. Typical first game mistakes were prevalent.

Perham was penalized 13 times for 73 yards while losing two fumbles, but was able to overcome those mistakes in their 99-yard scoring drive.

Wadena's offensive attack was also plagued with the loss of three fumbles, while the Indians were penalized five times for 53 yards.

Perham's first major scoring drive was stopped short by Wadena seconds before the end of the first half, sending both teams off the field scoreless. Inexperience was a big problem for many of the Indians who were seeing varsity action for the first time.

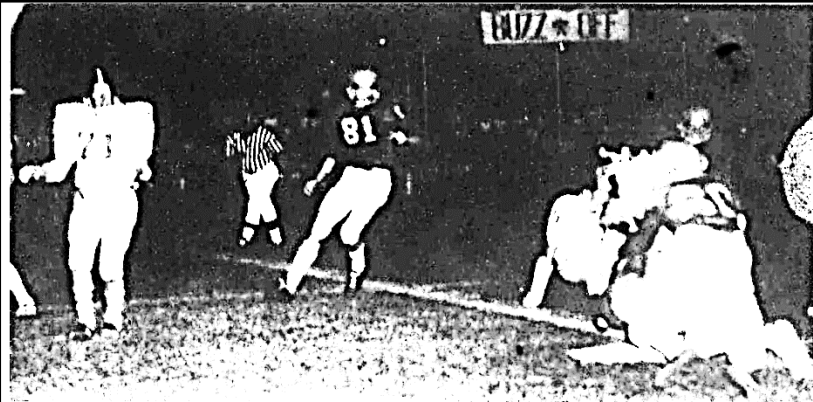
Two bright spots for the Indians included the passing game, with quarterback Kent Visser completing four of eight for 48 yards and Wayne Nelson's average of almost 40 yards per punt on five kicks.

The Indians will be an ex-

pecting and improved team with a little more experience.

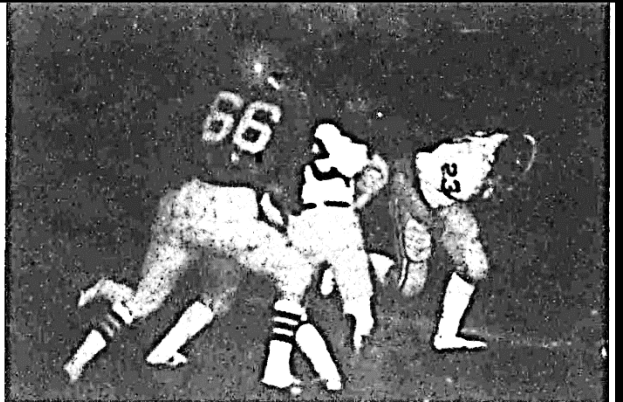
The Indians travel to Sauk Centre (Sept. 7) and Breckenridge (Sept. 14) before returning to Wadena for a contest with the Tigers of Morris on Sept. 21.

Perham	
First downs	9
Passing	111
Passing yardage	29
Rushing attempts	52
Rushing yardage	169
Total offensive plays	61
Wadena	
First downs	4
Passing	48
Passing yardage	48
Rushing attempts	27
Rushing yardage	42
Total offensive plays	31
Passing	11



TACKLES YELLOWJACKET Mark Neitzke (60) tackled a Perham ball carrier in Friday's non-conference grid game here. On the press booth in the back-

ground was the slogan, "Buzz Off". The Hornets however, stung the Indians 6-0 in the season football opener.



PERHAM YELLOWJACKET Perham's halfback Ron Palubicki (23) carried the ball for the Yellowjackets in the first half against Wadena Friday night here in the season football opener for both clubs. Perham triumphed 6-0.

Let's Go!

Mainstreeters score 30-7 win over Indians

Leading the Indians by a single touchdown at intermission 14-7, Sauk Centre's Mainstreeters scored two second half touchdowns to stop invading Wadena 30-7 in a non-conference clash Friday night.

With 43 seconds remaining in the initial period, Sauk Centre

held a 22-7 lead going into the final quarter. The scoring drive covered 67 yards in five plays.

Kettler tallied his second TD of the game when he scampered nine yards to paydirt in the final quarter. Paul Welle's run for extra points was good

which concluded the game's scoring.

The Mainstreeter's touchdown was achieved in 63 yards on 11 plays.

Sauk Centre executed 59 plays to Wadena's 37. The Mainstreeters had 343 total yards to the Indians' 147 on the

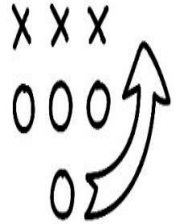
night. Sauk Centre outrushed Wadena 281 yards to 62.

Wadena gained 85 yards through the air as Kent Visser completed six of 11 passes.

Sauk Centre finished with 15 first downs to Wadena's nine.

The Indians travel to Breckenridge Friday for a 7:30 p.m. non-conference clash with the Cowboys.

	carries	yds.
Mike Kettler	9	106
Paul Welle	19	93
Brad Welle	13	99



scored as Mike Kettler raced 46 yards on a counter play to paydirt. Then tailback Paul Welle ran for the extra points and the Mainstreeters led Wadena 8-0.

Sauk Centre tallied again at 6:00 of the second quarter when Paul Welle raced in from the 10 capping a 75-yard in 10 plays. The pass for extra points failed and host Sauk Centre led 14-0.

Wadena scored its lone touchdown of the contest at 1:41 of the second quarter when Bucky Foster ran in from the four yard line. Wayne Nelson's kick for extra point was true and the Indians trailed 14-7 at the half.

Centre's fullback Brad Welle ran 32 yards for a third period touchdown at 9:33. The extra points run by Paul Welle was good and the Mainstreeters



Cowboys hand Wadena 32-7 defeat Friday

Breckenridge's undefeated cowboys crossed their homefield goal line five times to overwhelm the visiting Wadena Indians 32-7 Friday night.

The Cowboys ran and passed for 322 total yards while holding Wadena to 173.

Breckenridge opened its scoring attack by taking advantage of a fumbled punt on Wadena's 32-yard line. Runningback Bill Keen picked up seven of his 137 yards on a dive play to score the first touchdown.

The extra-point conversion was good and with 4:05 remaining in the first quarter the Cowboys were on top 7-0.

Wadena showed encouraging signs combining rushing and passing on the next series.

The Indians moved the ball to the Cowboys 14-yard line before being stopped on fourth

down, seconds before the first quarter end.

The Cowboys scored twice in the second quarter on 85 and 81 yard drives, each in nine plays.

Junior quarterback Mark Ekren connected with Dean Cappus for a 30-yard pass play for the second touchdown. The kick was good and the score was 14-0.

The third TD came with 1:51 remaining in the half when Ekren again hit Cappus with a 10-yard strike for the touchdown.

The extra-point conversion failed and the half ended with Breckenridge ahead 20-0.

Breckenridge wasted no time extending its lead in the second half. Runningbacks Bill Keen and Scott Anderson covered most of the yardage when the Cowboys went 63 yards in nine plays.

Keen notched his second

touchdown of the game from 16-yards out. Pat Foster broke up the middle to block the extra point and the score stood at 26-0.

Breckenridge completed its scoring with 25 seconds remaining in the third quarter. Anderson took the ball in from 16 yards out pushing the Cowboys score to 32-0. Pat Foster again blocked the extra-point conversion.

Wadena scored its lone touchdown of the game with 4:59 remaining. The Indians went 53-yards in seven plays to score.

Quarterback Kent Visser scrambled into the end zone from 20 yards out to put Wadena on the board.

Wayne Nelson added the extrapoint kick and the game ended 32-7.

Despite the 32-7 score,



Morris Tigers rally to hand Indians fourth loss

An unsuccessful preseason, in terms of the win-loss column, ended Friday night for the Wadena Indians, as the visiting Morris Tigers beat Wadena 29-14.

Wadena ended its non-conference battles with an 0-4 record.

The Indians should be well prepared for the Mid-State Conference, however, after playing teams who now have a combined win-loss record of 13-3.

Steady progress has been made in most positions and knowledgeable observers feel the Indians are looking much stronger, despite losses to excellent football teams.

Mid-State conference teams will now start with equal records of 0-0 to determine the conference championship. The champion, regardless of its 9-gama record, will advance to the state playoffs, according to Minnesota State high school league rules.

The Morris Tigers wasted little time Friday night here getting on the scoreboard.

Junior quarterback Steve Schroeder passed to Matt Johnson for the initial touchdown at 9:15 of the first quarter.

The extra point attempt failed and the score was 6-0.

The rest of the quarter was a scoreless, evenly played battle.

Wadena recovered a Morris fumble in Tiger territory but was unable to capitalize on this scoring opportunity.

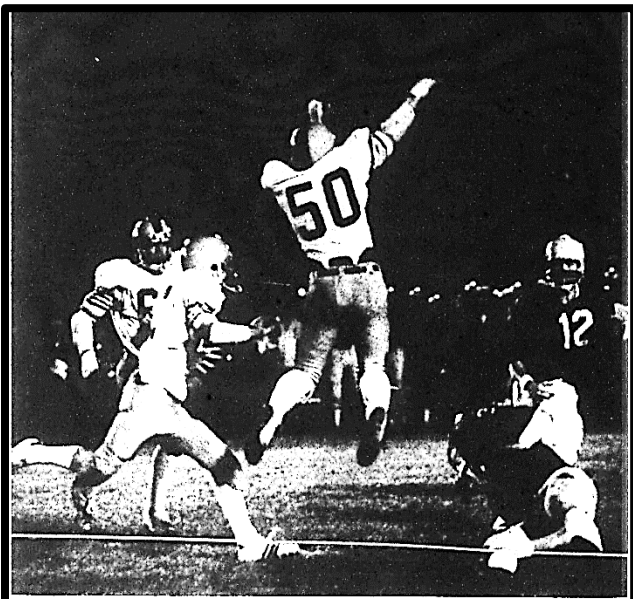
With fourth down and goal at the one-yard line, a quarterback sneak fell no more than two inches short of the goalline.

Early in the second quarter, however, Wadena was able to capitalize on a Tiger mistake. Senior Wayne Nelson recovered a Morris fumble near midfield and Wadena moved in for the score. Halfback Bucky Foster went over from the two-yard line and as Wayne Nelson added the extra point, the Indians moved ahead 7-6.

Wadena showed improvement and will be a contending team in the balanced Mid-State conference.

Wadena plays the Morris Tigers here Friday, a 7:30 contest. The Aitkin Gobblers will travel to Wadena for the annual Homecoming game (Sept. 28) and Wadena's first Mid-State battle.

Breckenridge Wadena			
Rushing	46 plays	39 plays	
	221 yards	94 yards	
Passing		6-9	6-16
101 yards	74 yards		
Total	322 yards	173 yards	
Drive Proficiency	9-14	7-15	



DEFENDS AGAINST PASS. Morris senior guard Mike Folkens (50) went high to deflect a Wadena throw. Wadena quarterback Kent Visher (12) is pictured here just after he attempted the pass. Photo by Mary Roberts

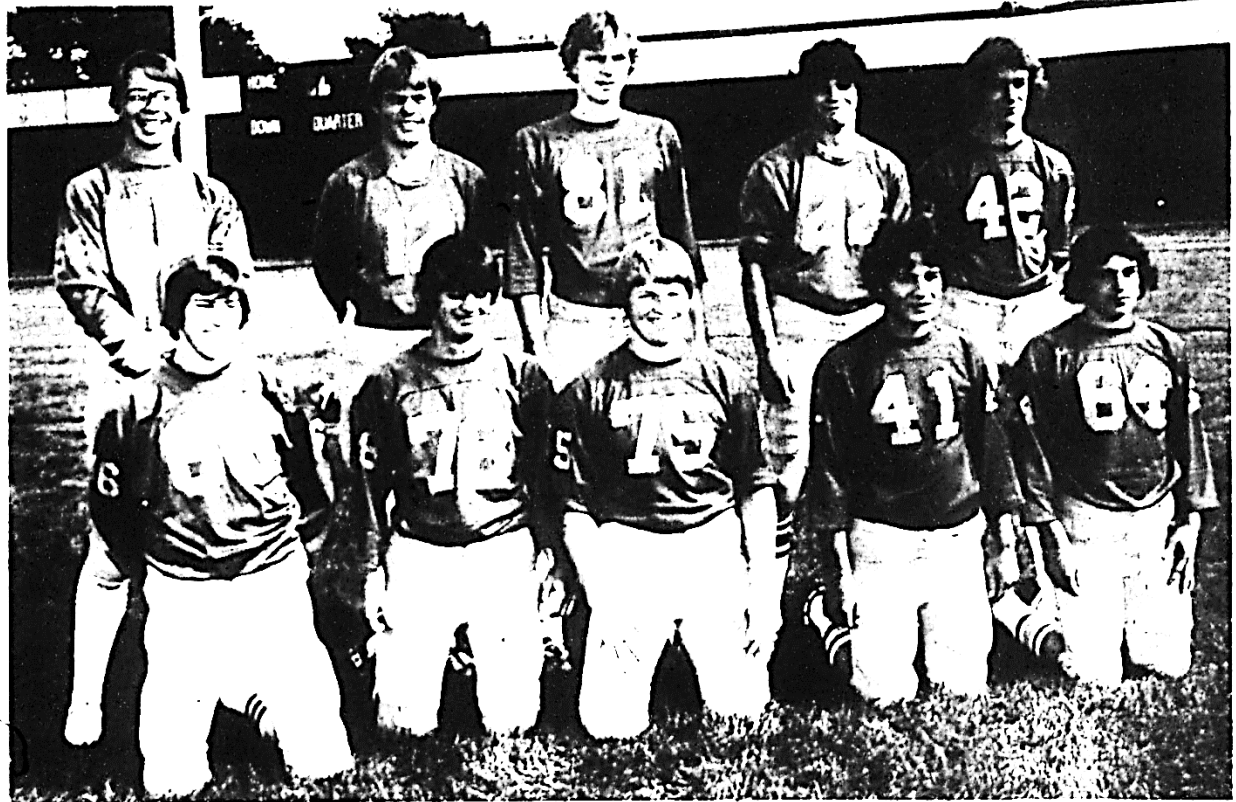


We're achin' to cream Aitkin

One of these five young ladies will be crowned Wadena's Homecoming queen during coronation ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the junior high gymnasium. The coronation is only one of several events connected with the week which will be highlighted by the football game against Aitkin at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Other Friday events include the annual parade which begins at 2:40 p.m. Candidates are Diane Olson, Traci Macklem, Debbie Grabrian, Mary Jo Schmlth and Tammy Uselman.



The five candidates and their escorts posed before Thursday night's crowd, including Traci Macklem and Donald Cooney, Mary Jo Schmith and Trent Mitchell, Debbie Grabrian and Jeff Walther, Diane Olson and Paul McManigle and Tammy Uselman and Kevin Lynk.



READY FOR AITKIN. Ten of Wadena Coach John Conzemius' senior football lettermen are pictured here on the local gridiron and are ready, as the entire team is, for the 1979 homecoming game with Aitkin Friday night. While the Indians are 0-4 on the season, they will be seeking an opening Mid-State conference victory over the

Gobblers who are sporting a 3-1 record. Friday's game time is 7:30 p.m. Standing (l-r): Terry Manselle, Kent Visher, Brad Willis, Pat Foster, Wayne Nelson; kneeling (l-r): Dale Gelser, Roger Gelser, Terry Nelson, Brad Kern and Jim Rude.

LETTERMEN



sports

Aitkin Gobblers halt homecoming Indians

Wadena played one of its best games of the season Friday, but lost to an impressive Aitkin team, 19-7.

The game was relatively well-played by the Indians, while Aitkin was able to overcome its mistakes in the penalty area, pushing their record to 4-1.

Coach Lee Alto's eleven controlled much of the game with a dogged ball control offense.

The Gobblers took the opening Kickoff and traveled 87 yards in 11 plays to score the initial touchdown.

Aitkin kicked the extra point and jumped ahead of the homecoming Indians 7-0 at 7:06 of the first quarter.

Wadena was not intimidated, however. Aided by a roughing penalty on a 60-yard punt by Wayne Nelson, the Indians also scored on its first series.

Quarterback Kent Visser

connected with end Brad Willis and flanker Bob Pudas threw a key block enabling Willis to scamper into the endzone on a 38-yard pass play.

Nelson added the extra point, and at 3:14, the score was knotted at 7-7.

After stopping Aitkin on its next series, and a good punt return by Bucky Foster, Wadena started its second series 22-yards from a touch-down.

The Gobblers were able to hold, the Indians were forced to punt, and the momentum turned back to Aitkin in a key point of the game.

At this point, Aitkin put together another time-consuming drive, taking 17 plays to cover 80 yards.

Fullback Allan Lottman crossed the goal line at 4:07 to push Aitkin ahead 13-7. The kick for point, initially good, was called back on a 15-yard

holding penalty. The Gobblers then tried for two but were stopped short.

A slippery field caused an Aitkin recovery of an errant pitch on Wadena's next series. The Gobblers took the ball on the 20 yard line, but a tough and improving Wadena defense stopped Aitkin and the half ended 13-7.

The only touchdown of the second half was scored by Aitkin on its first series in the third quarter.

The Gobblers intercepted a Wadena pass, and scored 61 yards and 15 plays later. Lottman scored on a crucial 4th down at the one yard line to finalize the scoring. The extra point failed.

Neither team was able to mount a scoring attack after that point.

According to headcoach John Conzemius, Wadena's defense has improved greatly, while the offense still holds potential for much improvement.

Bucky Foster, Terry Nelson, Brad Willis and Greg Carlson led the defensive attack, each accounting for 10 or more tackles.

	Aitkin	Wadena
Firstdowns	17	4
Pass completions	1/5	2/5
Pass yardage	3	36
Rush yardage	285	60
Total	288	96

First fall Wadena quarterback club meeting tonight

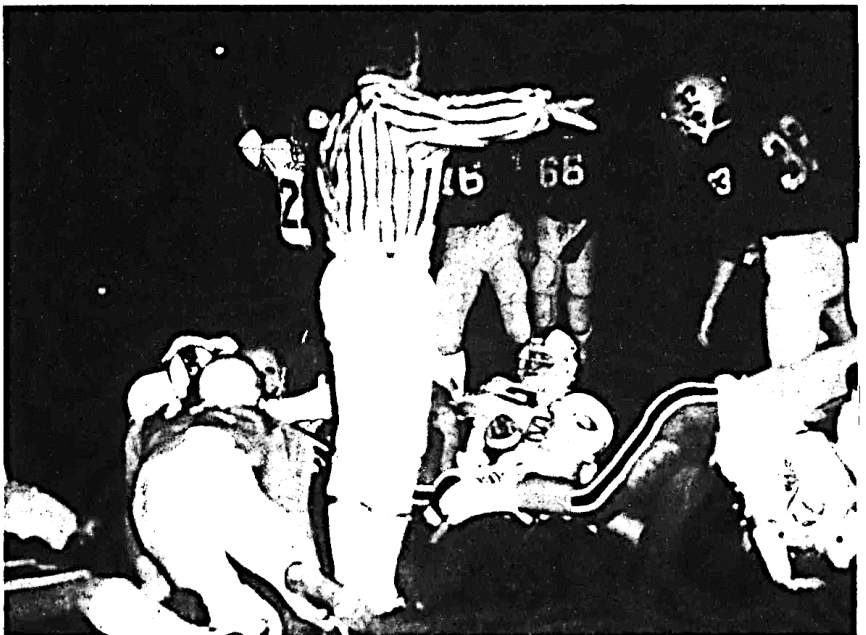
The election of officers and reports from four Wadena coaches of fall sports will highlight the first meeting of the Wadena quarterback club today (Wednesday) at 5:30 p.m. at the Uptown cafe.

A Dutch treat dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

The program and business session is expected to start at 6 p.m.

Discussion during the business meeting will center on club meeting dates, special event planning and membership drive.

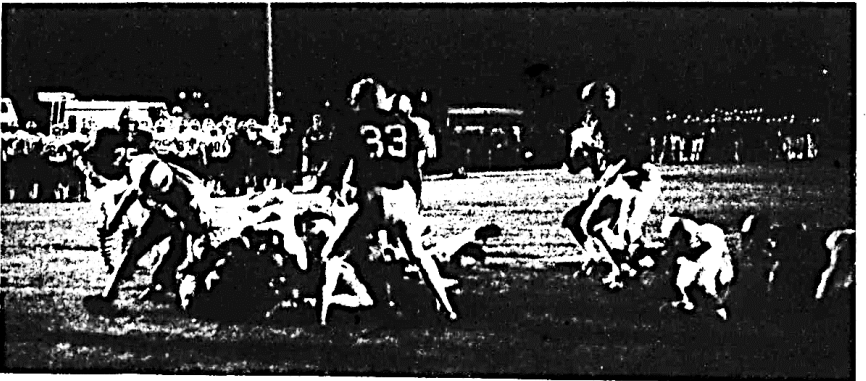
Club meetings are open to all persons interested in the promotion and advancement of school athletic activities.



AITKIN SCORES. An official signaled a touchdown as Allan Lottman (holding onto ball) crossed the goal line scoring Aitkin's second TD at 4:07 of the second quarter against Wadena Friday night. The Gobblers went 80 yards in 17 plays to score the go-ahead touchdown. The Gobblers triumphed 19-7 over the homecoming Indians. The Indians are at Park Rapids Friday night in Mid-State football play.



CARRIES FOR WADENA. Senior halfback Pat Foster (24) is shown here as he carried for the Indians against Aitkin in Friday's homecoming battle with the Gobblers.



STOP GOBBLEERS. A host of Wadena gridders including Wayne Nelson (33) and Terry Nelson (75) aided in stopping the Gobblers' progress in the third quarter of Friday's homecoming game.



sports

Schmidt, Park Rapids deal Indians 42-6 loss in Mid-State.

Park Rapids senior runningback Dave Schmidt covered 243 yards in just three quarters putting victory well out of reach for the invading young Wadena Indians. Friday night on the Panthers' field.

While setting the school record for single game rushing, Schmidt and his teammates celebrated their homecoming by accounting for 428 total yards, all on the ground.

Junior Panther quarterback McCarty did not attempt a pass.

The young Indian defense could do little to counter the Panthers' backfield quickness.

Wadena was also playing without several starters.

Park Rapids scored twice in the first and second quarters jumping out to a 26-0 halftime lead.

Schmidt accounted for all

four PR touchdowns on 3, 4, 7 and 4-yard plunges.

Wadena's starting offense was unable to get on the scoreboard in the first half.

Junior Paul Freer started his second game as Wadena quarterback flanked by junior runningbacks Pat Boline and Greg Carlson.

Bob Pudas, a junior flanker, rounded out the backfield.

The Indians attempted to open up a strong passing game but several key passes were

dropped by Wadena receivers.

The Panthers scored a touchdown in the third and fourth quarters while Wadena added one in the final stanza.

Wadena's scoring drive covered 81 yards in 13 plays with Pat Boline carrying the final yardage.

Linebacker Greg Carlson again led the defensive charge.

Despite the 42-6 score, Coach John Conzemius was happy with the "hustle" and teamwork of his gridders.

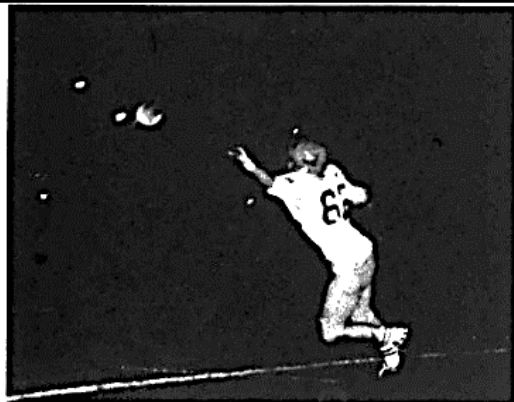
Wadena travels to rival Staples for the Cardinals' homecoming battle Friday (Sept. 12) at 7:30 p.m. in Mid-State conference action. Staples and Wadena are both winless in six games.

Stats	PR	Wadena
Running plays	60	29
Rushing Ydgs.	428	86
Passing	0	420
Pass Ydgs.	0	82
Total Ydgs.	428	168



Four-way race looms in PRO

Margotum passed to Jeff



GOES AGAINST THE CARDS. Wadena Indian Jim Johnson (65) is shown here in action against the Staples Cardinals in Friday night during the third quarter. Wadena took the lead 8-0 in the third



CARRIES FOR WADENA. Wadena quarterback Paul Freer (10) is shown here in action Friday night against the homecoming Staples Cardinals. In on the play during the first half of the contest is Wadena's Mark Steve (62) and Cardinals Chris Mayhew (33) and Steve Johnson (84). The Cardinals topped Wadena 12-6 in overtime for a homecoming victory.

Homecoming Cardinals deal Wadena 12-6 overtime loss

The Staples Cardinals scored from the one-yard line on their fourth play in overtime, to defeat the Wadena Indians, in a battle of the best rivals of this area Friday night.

Staples broke the 6-4 regulation time deadlock after the Indians failed on their overtime drive to win 12-6.

The first half ended in a

scoreless deadlock.

Penalties, lost fumbles and blocked punts thwarted Wadena's scoring threat throughout the game. The Indian gridirers were penalized for 60 yards in key drives, lost three fumbles, and allowed two punts to be blocked.

The absence of former co-captain Wayne Nelsen has placed the punting duties on

Junior Bob Pudas.

After a strong defensive half, Wadena scored its only touchdown in the third quarter.

Junior quarterback Paul Freer led an 81-yard series in 14 plays to cross the goalline.

Staples charged back after the score, and covered 79 yards in 17 plays. The Cardinals scored with 6:37 remaining in the game. The attempt to run for two extra points fell far short, thus forcing the overtime.

In the overtime, Wadena was stopped by a Cardinal interception on its third play. After an exchange of penalties, Staples covered the 16 yards in the allotted four plays to score the tiebreaker. Wadena's record now falls to 9-7, while Staples carries a 1-6 mark.

STATS	
Wadena	Staples
First downs	10 8
Pass completion	3 10 59
Pass yardage	49 67
Rush yardage	49 67
Total Off.	172 184

Four-way tie for lead in Mid-State loop

Crosby-Ironton's Rangers and the Detroit Lakes Lakers posted victories Friday night to throw the Mid-State Conference football standings into a four-way tie for first with two weeks of the schedule remaining.

The Rangers stunned Park Rapids 14-12, Detroit Lakes blanked Aitkin 26-0 and Staples shaded Wadena 12-6 in overtime in last Friday's action.

Games this week will be played Wednesday (Oct. 17) because of the annual Minnesota Education association convention and the tie for first will be broken because two of those locked in first (Aitkin and Crosby-Ironton) will play at C-I.

Highlights of last Friday's action follow:

Crosby-Ironton scored on a 58-yard pass play from Scott Stanfield to Mark Kovall with 2:44 to play as it edged Park Rapids. Jay Pike scored to give Park Rapids a 6-0 lead in the opening quarter, but the Ranger tied it on a Stanfield-to-Kovall pass and then got a two-point conversion on a run by Todd Sorensen that proved to be a crucial play. Jeff Quinn's 11-yard run climaxed a Park Rapids touchdown drive in the fourth period before the

Rangers rallied.

Detroit Lake scored the first time it had the ball, again on the final play of the first half and added two more touchdowns in the fourth period as it snapped Aitkin's Mid-State win string. Scott Santwire ran for two Laker touchdowns, passed to Neil Sonnenberg for another and Rick Melbye got the fourth DLHS score on a run.

Staples nipped Wadena 12-6 on a one-yard touchdown run in overtime by sophomore Chris Mayhew. Wadena drove for a TD in the third period with Paul Freer scoring, but Mayhew got the equalizing score with three minutes left in regulation time.

Dave Schmitz of Park Rapids leads the individual scoring race with 36 points while the Lakers' Scott Santwire is second with 32. The leading scores:

	td	pat	tp
Dave Schmitz, PR	6	0	36
Scott Santwire, DL	5	2	32
Al Lottmann, A	3	0	18

School	W.	L.
Aitkin	2	1
Crosby-Ironton	2	1
Detroit Lakes	2	1
Park Rapids	2	1
Staples	1	2

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Results Oct. 12:
 Detroit Lakes 26, Aitkin
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 Staples 12, Wadena 6 (overtime)

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He served as head golf coach from 1956 until 1977 and captured Northern Intercollegiate Conference (NIC) championships in 1961, 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1977. Smith also served three years (1966-67, 1971-73) as MSU athletic director and chairman of the health, physical education and recreation department.

Wadena to battle

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 13, Mr. and Mrs. ... miscellaneous auction, local Ballroom. Sale starts at 12:30 lectibles, household, s miscellaneous items.

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GET IN THE GAME!

Indians second-half rally falls short as C-I wins

The Wadena Indians displayed their best, consistent play of the 1979 season only to see it fall short of the Crosby-Ironton Rangers 32-21 here last Thursday night.

Twelve Wadena seniors ended their high school football careers.

To be commended for their doggedness and determination, despite an unsuccessful season are: Kent Visher, Pat Foster, Dennis Lien, Dennis Reger, Mark Stave, Dale Geiser, John Ament, Terry Nelson, Terry Manselle, Roger Reiser, Brad

Willis and Dean Ellingson.

Wadena's total offense equated 262 yards, 57 better than the Rangers.

Crosby-Ironton capitalized on several Wadena turnovers, which provided the winning margin.

C-I opened the scoring in the first quarter after intercepting a pass that quarterback Kent Visher was attempting to complete. Twenty-seven yards later Sorenson scored the touchdown and also ran for an extra two for a 8-0 score at 4:08.

Later in the second quarter, the Rangers intercepted another Visher-thrown pass. Quarterback Steinfield hit Covall in the endzone to cap the 17-yard drive.

The two combined for two points conversion and the halftime score was set at 16-0.

Crosby scored its third touchdown before Wadena could gain second-half momentum.

Early in the third quarter, C-I recovered an Indian fumble and carried it 45 yards. For another touchdown.

Sorenson added two points and it appeared the Rangers would dominate the rest of the contest.

The Indians proved otherwise, however. With a diversified pass and running attack, Wadena covered 64 yards in 11 plays to score its initial touchdown.

Pat Foster carried for the final three yards and Tom Gaslin added the extra point, changing the score to 24-7, with 3:35 remaining in the third quarter.

Wadena put together another drive early in the fourth quarter. The Indians went 14 yards in six plays, again Pat Foster covering the last yardage. Tom Gaslin adding the kick. At 10:20 the score was 24-14.

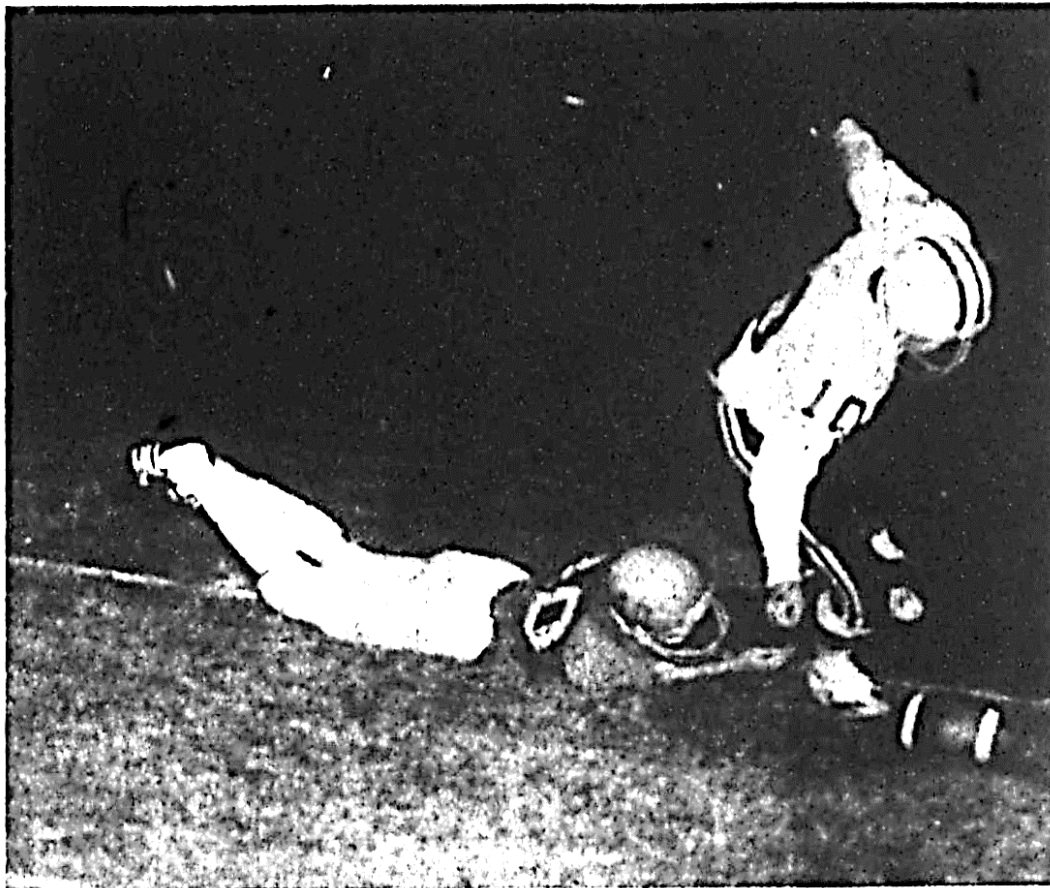
Crosby-Ironton came back to add the decisive touchdown later in the quarter. The Rangers went 66 yards in 12 plays, with quarterback Steinfield carrying for the final yardage. The two-point conversion was again added by a pass to Covall and the margin was then 32-14.

Wadena finalized the scoring late in the fourth quarter.

Senior quarterback Visher hit his favorite target senior Brad Willis, who had outmaneuvered the defense for a 51-yard touchdown play. Gaslin was again responsible for the extra point.

The final score was then set at 32-21.

The finish left Wadena winless in any games, while giving C-I a share of the Mid State conference title.



LOOSE FOOTBALL. Both Robert Pudas (40) and C-I's quarterback Scott Stanfield (10) went for the loose football in last

Thursday's Mid-State conference game at Wadena.

STATS:

	WHS	C-I
First downs	12	12
by: Rush	10	7
Pass	2	3
Rush ydgs.	117	154
Pass completions	11	22
Pass ydgs.	166	52
Total ydgs.	263	206
Drive proficiency	9	14
	11	16

Mid-state conference team named

Carlson, Nelson, Willis named to all-conference honors

Willis, Nelson, Fosters lead 1979 Wadena football scoring

In 1979 Wadena high school varsity football statistics released recently by head Coach John Conzemius, Pat Foster, Brad Willis and Bucky Foster led the Indians' scoring with 12 points each while Wayne Nelson had 11 points.

Kent Visser tallied six points as did Pat Boline, Paul Freer and Robert Pudas.

Tom Gaslin had three extra point kicks for three points on the season.

Visser carried 57 times for 170 yards to lead Wadena in individual rushing. Bucky Foster rushed 48 times for 148 yards while Brad Kern carried 33 times for 145 yards.

Greg Carlson in 43 attempts carried for 132 yards and Paul Freer carried 38 times for 117 yards. Pat Foster had 94 yards in 32 tries while Pat Boline carried 41 yards in 16 tries.

The Indians in total offense went 1,375 yards in 414 tries for a 3.3 yard per carry average. Their opposition had 2558 yards in total offense on 525 carries.

Wadena had 78 first downs to their nine opponents' 123.

Wayne Nelson punted 18 times for 690 yards and a 38.3 yard average while Pudas punted 14 times for 374 yards and 26.7 yard average. Pudas also returned 11 punts for 56 yards and Bucky Foster three for 31 yards.

Pudas also registered seven fumble recoveries as did Wayne Nelson. Greg Carlson had six fumble recoveries.

Carlson led the Indians in tackles with 104 solos and 45 assists. Terry Nelson had total of 66, Ken Visser 55, Pat Foster 52, Brad Willis 46, Dale Geiser 44, John Judkins 42, Pat Boline 38, Paul Freer 33, Bucky Foster 31, Robert Pudas 28, Wayne Nelson 26, Scott Wallace 23, Mark Neitzke 23, Roger Geiser, 21, Laddie Bruce 14, Brad Kern 12, Jim Johnson 10, Tim Mitchell 10, Tim

Pavek: Dan Erkenbrack, Terry Manselle 8 each; Tom Gaslin 7, Steve Stromberg 6, Mark Stave 5, Jim Rude 4, John Miles and John Ament two each; Dennis Lien, Tim Walther, Dave Weninger, Brad Kaun, Dean Ellingson, Dennis Reger and Steve Schloeder, one apiece.

Coach Conzemius also reported the 1979 varsity letter winners as: John Ament, Dean Ellingson, Pat Foster, Dale Geiser, Roger Geiser, Dennis Lien, Terry Manselle, Terry Nelson, Dennis Reger, Mark Stave, Kent Visser and Brad Willis (seniors); Dave Baker, Pat Boline, Greg Carlson, Paul Freer, Tom Gaslin, Jim Johnson, John Judkins, Brad Kaun, John Miles, Tim Mitchell, Tim Pavek, Terry Peipkorn, Bob Pudas, Steve

Schloeder, Steve Stromberg, Scott Wallace, Kyle Gylsen, (juniors) and sophomores Dan Erkenbrack, Mark Neitzke and Tim Walther.

Named Mid-State all-conference were Terry Nelson, Brad Willis and Greg Carlson.

Minor letter winners were: Craig Boehne, Jeff Carlson, Rob Calhoun, Wes Crooker, Duane Dunblazier, Brian Fort, Bryan Goranowski, Paul Hagen, Rick Harrison, Jay Hutson, Lee Macklem, David Nelson, Dave Palloch, Russell Pudas, Mike Priebe, Darren Ruschy, Bruce Veden, Mike Weis and Dave Weniger, all sophomores.

Wadena will travel to Perham Aug. 29, 1980 for its first game of the season and host Park Rapids Oct. 3 in the homecoming.

Wadena high school senior end Brad Willis and tackle Terry Nelson and junior halfback Greg Carlson were named to Mid-State all-conference honors by league coaches following a meeting last Wednesday night, according to varsity coach John Conzemius.

Kent Visser, varsity quarterback, Mark Stave, a guard and halfback Pat Foster earned honorable mention

Junior Greg Carlson

Others named to the all conference listing include Park Rapids' Dave Schmitz, Dave May, Paul Klettenberg, Dan McCarty and Brian Trygstad; Detroit Lakes' Scott Santwire, Dave Norby, Rich Melbye, Neil Sonnenberg and Jeff Folkert; Crosby-Ironton's Tom Alma, Scott Stanfield, Steve Whitney, Tom Hendrickson and Dave

Tagtmeier, Aitkin's Al Lottmann, George Bender and Pete Welshons, and Staples' Paul Mayhew, Jim Crawford and Greg Davis.

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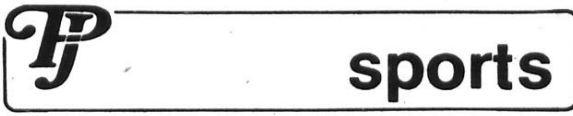


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Lake's Bob Wheeler, Steve Dorff and Tom Olson; Crosby-Ironton's Tom Schneider and Mark Kovall; Aitkin's Gordy Blakesley, Kevin Lamke and Dave Sarff; Staples' Jon Miller, Paul Mergens and Craig Nitschke and Wadena's Kent Visser, Pat Foster and Mark Stave.



Visser attempted 76 passes, completed 31 for 417 yards plus three TDs while Paul Freer completed 21 of 53 passes for 234 yards and one touchdown.

Brad Willis grabbed 19 passes for 320 yards and two TDs while teammate Bob Pudas caught 13 for 140 yards and one TD. Tim Pavek caught six for 68 yards and Dean Ellingson the same number for 65 yards.

Wayne Nelson snared three passes for 29 yards and a touchdown while Pat Foster in two catches had 18 yards, Greg Carlson 16 yards in two grabs and Tim Walther eight yards on one catch.

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He served as head golf coach from 1956 until 1977 and captured Northern Intercollegiate Conference (NIC) championships in 1961, 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1977. Smith also served three years (1956-57, 1971-73) as MSU athletic director and chairman of the health, physical education and recreation department.

**Wadena to battle
Mexico riders**



1980 Season

WHS Record 0-9-0
Mid-State 0-5-0



Row 1: Vern Heltemes, Paul Hagen, Michael Calhoun, David Pladson, Mike Wheeler, Steve Lehr, Steve Tucker, Gary Pundt, Dean Breuer, Scott Erickson, Mark Neitzke, Dave Nelson. Row 2: David Weniger, Robert Calhoun, Bob Pudas, Jim Schaeffbauer, Todd Tougas, Steve Nelsen, Bob McIntire, Todd Humphrey, Gary Foley, Brian Fort, Ric Harrison, Tom Aagard, Dan Erckenbrack, Glen McLeod. Row 3: Ass't. Coach; Jim Sundstrom, Ass't. Coach; Roger Day, Scott Carman, Jeff

Carlson, Bruce Veden, Tim Walther, Tim Pavek, Brad Kaun, Steve Stromberg, Bryan Goraczowski, Robert Woods, Duane Dunblazier, Pat Heuer, Tom Gaslin, Head Coach; John Conzemius. Row 4: Scott Wallace, Terry Piepkorn, Pat Boline, Dave Baker, Jim Johnson, John Judkins, John Miles, Steve Schloeder, Todd Boline, David Palloch, Russel Pudas, Mike Weis, Lee Macklem, Ass't. Coach; Dennis Barry.



"They're going down."



"Should I take the backfield or the whole front line, Coach?"



"Look what's for dinner, guys. Cream of Offense."

Seniors



Row 1: Dave Baker, Steve Schloeder, Pat Boline, Scott Wallace, Bob Pudas, Terry Piepkorn. Row 2: Brad Kaun, Tim Pavek, John Judkins, Steve Stromberg, Tom Gaslin, Jim Johnson, John Miles.



Perham edges Indians 20-12 on final period touchdown

A fourth period, 54-yard drive that consumed about eight minutes on the clock clinched a 20-12 victory for Perham over Wadena's Indians Friday night on the Perham field.

Wadena hosts Sauk Centre in the season home opener at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Sauk Centre scored its first victory since 1973 over Albany Friday night. The Mainstreeters won 12-7 although Albany had a 50-39 advantage in plays from scrimmage.

kicked the extra point to make it 7-0.

The Yellowjackets scored on another bomb early in the second quarter when Steve Braun rifled a pass to Dan Schmitz on a play that covered 64 yards. Schmitz again kicked the point to make it 14-0.

Wadena rallied for two scores in the third quarter that closed the gap to 14-12. The first tally came on a 67-yard run by Bob Pudas. The extra point kick was blocked. In the

closing seconds of the period, Wadena scored again on a 25-yard pass from Paul Hagen to Tim Walther. An run for a two-point conversion that would have tied the score failed.

Perham's clinching touchdown came with 1:06 remaining in the game. The Yellowjackets had control, led the ball for about eight minutes before the score. The 54-yard drive covered 14 plays.

Pudas' scoring dash made

him Wadena's leading rusher for the game with a net of 62 yards in two carries. Pat Boline was the Indian workhorse with 56 yards in 16 carries. John Miles added 32 yards in 13 rushes.

Perham had a slight edge in the statistics with 203 total yards to 174 for the Indians. The winners had the ball for 51 plays to 43 for Wadena.

Wadena:	0	0	12	0-12
Perham:	7	7	0	6-20
First downs	6	8		
Yards rushing	136	135		
Yards passing	38	68		
Total yards	174	203		
Punts	6-196	3-127		
Fumbles	1	3		
Fumbles lost	0	3		
Penalties	4-40	4-27		



Perham's clinching touchdown drive Friday night was aided by a 15-yard penalty against Wadena. Trygve Thurmond plunged the final yard to give the Yellowjackets a 20-12 lead. Thurmond was the leading rusher of the evening for the winners with 56 yards in 11 carries.

The game's scoring opened on the final play of the first quarter when Perham's Roger Winkels intercepted a Wadena pass and returned it 63 yards for a touchdown. Dan Schmitz

Results Last Week:

- Sauk Centre 28, Wadena 7
- Perham 16, Staples 14
- P. Rapids 26, Frazee 14
- Brainerd 27, C-1 7
- T.R. Falls 32, D. Lakes 21
- Aitkin 40, Remer 14
- Osakis 14, N.Y. Mills 6
- Browerville 34, Pequot L. 0
- Verndale 28, P. River 6
- P. Prairie 30, Grey Eagle 6
- Deer Creek 26, Ashby 6
- Menahga 9, L. Prairie 7
- B-H 24, Eagle Bend 0
- Breckenridge 22, Barnesville 16

Sauk Centre hands Indians second loss 28-7 Friday

Held to only 64 yards total offense, Wadena's Indians suffered their second defeat of the young season Friday night, falling to Sauk Centre's 28-7 on the local field.

The Indians play Breckenridge's Cowboys at 7:30 p.m. Friday on the local field. Breck downed Barnesville 22-16 last week and is 2-0 on the season.

Sauk Centre built a 21-0 lead in the first half and completely controlled the game. The Mainstreeters had 259 yards offensively and outdowned the Indians 15-3. The winners ran 57 plays to 37 for Wadena.

The winners scored with just five minutes gone in the game. Fullback Don Kleinschmidt plunged one yard to cap a 47-yard drive that took nine plays.

He also kicked the extra point.

An 11-play drive midway in the second quarter made it 14-0. Mike Kettler scored on a four-yard run and Kleinschmidt again kicked the conversion. Four minutes later the Mainstreeters were on the scoreboard again. Brad Welle tallied on a four-yard run and Kleinschmidt converted to make it 21-0.

The second half scoring opened with just 1:50 left to play in the third quarter. Dave Odegard ran four yards to climax a 10-play, 48-yard drive for Sauk Centre. Kleinschmidt's kick made it 28-0.

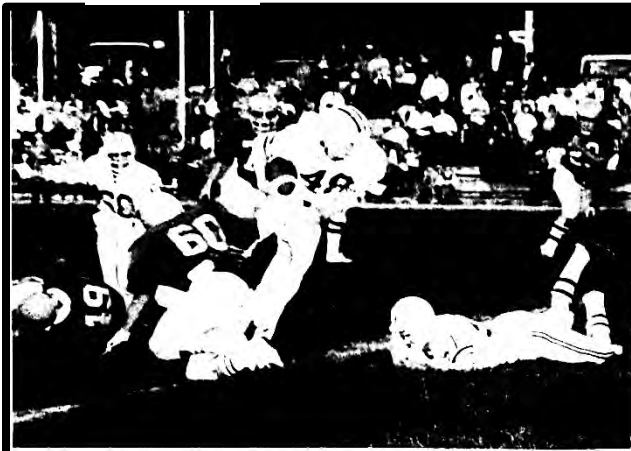
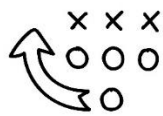
Wadena's lone tally came with 8:46 remaining in the game. It followed a fumble recovery at the Sauk Centre 23-yard line. Three plays later

Paul Hagen ran a quarterback sneak for 20 yards and the touchdown. Tom Gaslin kicked the extra point to make it 28-7.

Kettler was the winners' leading rusher with 60 yards in eight carries. Welle added 48 yards in the same number of rushes. Bob Pudas was Wadena's best with 28 yards in nine carries.

Wadena:	0	0	0	7-7
Sauk Centre:	7	14	7	0-28

	W	SC
First downs	3	15
Yards rushing	352	217
Yards passing	12	48
Total yards	64	259
Total plays	37	57
Passes	1-6	3-7
Intercepted by	0	0
Punts-yards	3-102	2-48
Fumbles lost	2	2
Yards penalized	6-37	12-94



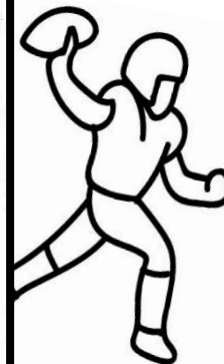
WELLE GAINS EIGHT. Sauk Centre's Brad Welle (48) gained eight yards early in the first period Friday night as he escaped the grasp of Wadena's Mark Neitzke (80). Welle scored one of the four Main-

streeters touchdowns later in the game. Wadena's offense failed to get off for most of the game. The Indians netted only 52 yards on the ground in 31 rushes.



SAUK CENTRE SCORES. Wadena defender Byron Goraczowski (78) stood Sauk Centre fullback Don Kleinschmidt straight up Friday night but not before the Mainstreeters had crossed the goal line to give the visitors a 21-0 halftime lead at the local field. Wadena suffered its second loss of the season, 28-7, in the Friday tilt. The In-

dians have now gone 11 consecutive games without a win. The lone Wadena tally Friday came on a 20-yard quarterback sneak by Paul Hagen. Tom Gaslin kicked the extra point. Kleinschmidt tallied twice for the Mainstreeters and also kicked the four extra points.





FUMBLE HALTS COWBOYS. Wadena's Pat Bollne (48) tackled Breckenridge Quarterback Bob Meyer (2) hard enough to cause a fumble in Friday night's football game at Wadena. Meyer is seated on the Wadena goal line as he watches the ball being recovered by

Wadena's Dan Erckenbrack (75). This was one of the few bright spots in the game for Wadena, which dropped an 18-0 decision to the unbeaten Cowboys. The local squad travels to Aitkin for its Mid-State conference opener Friday night.

Breck Cowboys hand Wadena third straight defeat 18-0

Breckenridge's Cowboys, paced by Mark Ekren's running and passing, handed Wadena's Indians their third straight defeat Friday night on the local field. The score was 18-0, but does not reveal the Cowboys' complete domination of the contest.

Wadena completes its pre-conference season this week with a 7:30 p.m. game at Albany. The Indians are also on the road for their Mid-State conference opener at Aitkin Sept. 26. The next home game will be against Park Rapids in the annual homecoming tilt Oct. 3-11.

Friday night's game against Breck was played in a light but steady drizzle. A Thursday

rain had soaked the field thoroughly, making footing treacherous.

The slippery conditions didn't appear to hamper Ekren's passing. The Cowboys completed 19 of 17 passes for 184 yards and two touchdowns. Breck had a 17-6 edge in first downs and amassed 342 yards on offense to only 51 for the Indians. Wadena had only eight net yards rushing on 31 carries. The Cowboy offense was so potent they had to punt only once in the game. A fumble on the Wadena one-yard line prevented a Breck touchdown in the game's first period.

The opening Cowboy tally came with 8:51 remaining in the first half. The drive

covered 51 yards in six plays with an Ekren to Dean Kappas pass covering the last 30 yards. A pass for a two-point conversion was tipped away by a Wadena defender.

Early in the second half, Breck went 50 yards in seven plays to make it 12-0. Ekren passed 21 yards to Tim Reiff for the tally and a run for the

two-point conversion failed. With just 14 seconds left in the third quarter, Breck scored again. Ekren ran over from three yards out to cap a seven-play march that covered 30 yards. The extra point kick failed when the snap from center was fumbled.

Wadena:	0	0	0	0-0
Breckenridge:	0	6	12	0-18

First downs	1	5
Yards rushing	8	156
Yards passing	43	184

Total yards	51	342
Passes	38	10-17
Total plays	39	59
Punt yards	8-275	1-27
Fumbles lost	0-1	3-4
Yards penalized	6-53	6-40



INDIAN PASS FAILS. Wadena's Bob Pudas (27) tried to outleap two Breckenridge defenders for this pass in the first half of Friday night's 18-0 Indian loss to the Cowboys. Pudas and Cowboy Joe Barth (41) collided heavily but officials

ruled both were going for the ball and called no interference penalty. The game was played in a light but steady drizzle that made ball handling treacherous.

Mid-State standings (Non-league games)

School	w	l
Aitkin	3	1
Park Rapids	2	2
Staples	2	2
Crosby-Ironton	0	4
Detroit Lakes	0	4
Wadena	0	4

Sept 19 Results:
 Aitkin 27, Melrose 8
 Rocori 6, C-I 0
 E.G.Forks 20, D. Lakes 7
 Bemidji 20, P. Rapids 2
 T.R.Falls 29, Sta. 7
 Albany 32, Wadena 0

GET IN THE GAME!

Let's GO!

Host Albany scores 33-0 win over Wadena Friday

Albany scored a 33-0 non-conference grid victory over invading Wadena Friday night handing the Indians their four straight loss of the season.

Coach John Conzemius's Indians will tackle Aitkin on the Gobbler field Friday night in the opening of Mid-State

tries. Jim Birr carried 15 times for 102 yards and Greg Zenzen 15 times for 72 yards to lead Albany's rushing attack.

In pass receiving, Wadena's Tim Walther and Robert Pudas caught passes for 16 yards each and Tim Pavek grabbed one

pass for seven yards.				
Wadena	0	0	0	0-0
Albany	7	19	0	7-33
No. 1st downs		Wad	Alb.	
By Rush		6	19	
By Passing		3	16	
By Penalty		2	2	
		1	1	

No. of Rushes	29	62
Yards gained	59	35
Yards lost	-20	-2
Net	39	349
No. Passes	12	6
Completed	3	3
Yards	39	45
TD	0	1
Had Intercepted	3	1
Yrd. returned	64	0
Tot. Plays	41	68
Tot. yds.	78	394
Penalties	5	8
Yards	28	90
Fumbles	3	1
Lost	2	1

conference football action. The Indians will host Park Rapids next Friday in Wadena's 1980 homecoming grid game.

Albany's Greg Zenzen scored his team's first nine-touchdown at 6:41 in the first period and capped a 66-yard, nine-play touchdown drive in the second quarter, plunging in from the three. Zenzen's teammate Jim Bach passed to Jim Oehrlein for 20 yards and third Albany's touchdown in the second period and scored on a 12-yard run in the final period.

Jim Birr scored Albany's fourth touchdown with one minute remaining in the first half on an eight-yard scamper.

Albany gained 394 total yardage, 349 yards on the ground and 45 through the air to Wadena's 78 yards (39 rushing and the same number passing.)

Pat Boline was Wadena's chief ground gainer with 17 yards in nine carries. Paul Hagen gained 15 yards in 5

Gobblers top Wadena 21-0 in Mid-State grid opener

Host Aitkin opened its Mid-State football slate Friday night with a 21-0 blanking of the Wadena Indians.

Gobbler quarterback Tim DeSutter passed for two touchdowns and reserve quarterback John Buisman threw for another to spark Aitkin's offense.

The Indians will host the Park Rapids Panthers at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Wadena's 1980 homecoming grid game at the athletic field.

In other Mid-State conference competition Friday, Crosby-Ironton shutout Staples 20-0 while Detroit Lakes got by Park Rapids 19-18.

The Gobblers scored on Buisman's second quarter pass to Alden Skar for 37 yards and the touchdown at 8:23. Curt

Hodge kicked the PAT and Aitkin led at the half 7-0.

Jerry Dagen snared a seven-yard pass from quarterback DeSutter in the third period and Hoge kicked the point after for a 14-0 lead. The Gobblers went 68 yards in 13 plays for their second TD.

DeSutter's two-yard toss to Skar was good for the third Aitkin touchdown in the final quarter. Hoge's kick again was good for the PAT and the Gobblers triumphed 21-0.

Aitkin had eight first downs to Wadena's four. The Indians rushed for a total of 39 yards while the Gobblers had 139 yards in 42 tries.

Wadena was two of 11 in passing for 58 yards while Aitkin completed six of seven passes for 73 total yards.

Wadena had a total of 97

yards on the night while Aitkin amassed 212 yards.

Aitkin had 50 yards in penalties to Wadena's 20. Aitkin's Scott Ackerman gained 465 yards in 17 tries for 2.7 yard average while Wadena's Bob Pudas rushed nine times for 21 yards and Bruce Veden gained 15 yards in 10 tries.

In pass receiving Wadena's Dave Palloch grabbed one for 14 yards and Tim Walther one for 44 yards.

On defense for Wadena, junior Mark Neitzke had nine solo tackles while senior Scott Wallace and junior Jeff Carlson had eight apiece. Senior John Judkins had seven solo tackles and Dan Erckenbrack four.



Tina Lorentz reigns as 1980 homecoming queen





HOMECOMING PASS. Wadena's Indians amassed 232 total yards in its homecoming game Friday night against Park Rapids. The Indians went to the air as

shown in this photo. The Panthers survived the Indians winning 28-14.

Park Rapids survives homecoming Wadena 28-14



Coach John Conzemius' Indians displaying courage and the best offensive thrust of the grid season came within an eyelash of topping Park Rapids

in Wadena's 1980 homecoming game Friday night. The Panthers eventually prevailed 28-14.

The Indians led the Panthers

6-0 after a well-played first half Friday on a 57-yard touchdown bomb thrown by junior quarterback Paul Hagen to end Tim Walther. Tom Gaslin's

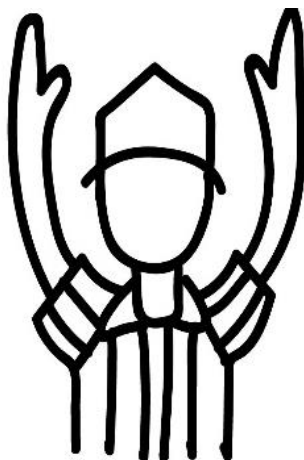
kick for extra point was wide.

Park Rapids went 64 yards in 11 plays to score its initial touchdown at 7:41 of the third quarter. Jay Pike carried for three yards and the touchdown. The Panthers faked a kick but quarterback Pat McCarty passed to Hugh Jindra for the two-point conversion and Park Rapids had a 7-6 lead.

Wadena senior John Miles took the ensuing kickoff at the



Part 3



setbacks.

Park Rapids registered 19 first downs to Wadena's 10. The Panthers had 230 yards rushing to the Indians' 73. Wadena had an edge in passing connecting on 11 of 20 passes for 159 yards to the Panthers' seven of 11 for 65 yards.

Park Rapids finished with 325 total yards to Wadena's 232.

Wadena will be seeking its first Mid-State conference win of the season Friday night as they host Staples at 7:30 who turned back Aitkin last Friday, 17-0. Crosby-Ironton leads the conference as it topped Detroit Lakes 27-0.

Wadena five-yard line and raced 95 yards for the Indians' second TD at 7:24. Quarterback Hagen passed to senior Tim Pavek for the two-point conversion and Wadena enjoyed a 14-8 third quarter lead.

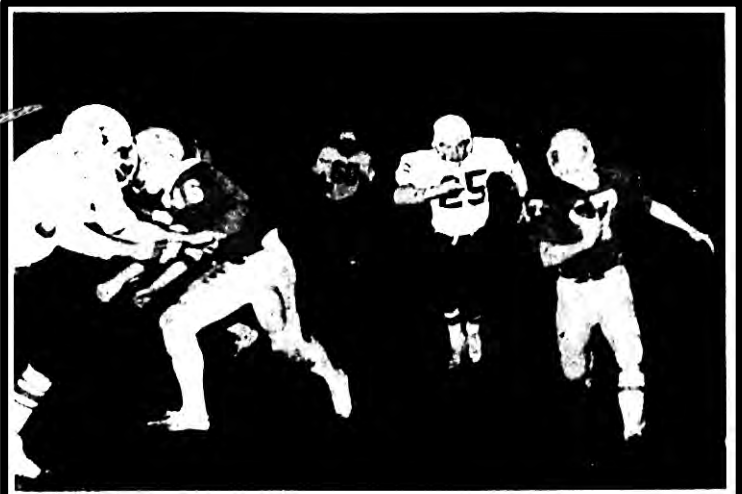
Wadena fumbled in the final minute of the third period with the Panthers recovering on the Wadena 17-yard line. On the first play from center, McCarty completed a pass to Jeff Quinn for the go-ahead touchdown. Pike's kick for the PAT was good and Park Rapids regained the lead at 15-14 going into the fourth quarter.

The Panthers went 47 yards in nine plays to score their touchdown at 6:32. Mark Hatrick carried for six yards for the TD but Pike's kick for PAT was wide as the Panthers held a more comfortable 21-14 lead over the homecoming Indians.

Wadena still was in striking distance of the Panthers late in the final period but Pike's interception of a Wadena pass at the 50-yard line erased Wadena's chances.

The Panthers iced it going 33 yards in seven plays Pike tallied from the three at 2:25 to play. His kick for PAT was good and Park Rapids triumphed 28-14.

Coach Conzemius had high praise for his charges in defeat as the Indians gained twice as much yardage as in earlier



QUARTERBACK KEEPER. Paul Hagen tires to make it around the end as Pat Boline (46) throws a block. Wadena's running game was shut down and Staples went on to win, 6-0. In pursuit of Hagen is Joe Finn, (25) and Phil Corbett, (30).

Staples nips Wadena, 6-0

Although Staples' running game went where and when it wanted to, Wadena's defense held tight when it had to. The outcome of the game was decided in the first quarter on a three-yard run by Staples runningback Greg Anglin. That was all Staples needed as they went on to win 6-0.

Staples ran up 312 yards on the ground, led by Anglin's 124 yards in 24 carries. Quarterback Randy Card ran for 95 yards and halfback Steve

Peterson piled up 80 yards in 12 carries.

The Indians, whose running game was almost non-existent, countered with passing which kept them in the game. Wadena received 103 yards through the air on six of 16

passes. Bob Pudas pulled in three passes for 79 yards and Tim Pavak caught two more for 17 yards.

The Cards, led by 212-pound fullback Greg Anglin, worked the ground game as Staples ran 57 plays on the ground. Wadena

could only muster 27 carries for 46 yards. This made a big difference in the game as they ground their way towards Wadena's end zone. But even though the Indians gave way in mid-field, they dug in deep inside the 20 and forced fumbles or penalties to stop Staples.

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The big play in the game was when Wadena kicked off to start the second half. The ball got behind the Cardinal deep backs, and a Wadena player apparently fell on the ball giving Wadena excellent field position. This was not to be, as Wadena fumbled and Staples recovered.

Wadena travels to Detroit Lakes tonight (Wednesday) for a 7:30 p.m. game.

Lakers slip by Wadena, 22-21

Detroit Lakes took advantage of two fumbles and turned both of them into touchdowns as the Lakers slipped past Wadena, 22-21 in Wednesday night action.

Pre-game indications were that the two clubs would rely largely on their passing game, that did not develop as five of the six touchdowns came on the ground.

Wadena started the fireworks early in the first quarter of play. Following a 13-yard punt return by Russel Pudas, Wadena got on the board quickly when tailback John Miles ran 69 yards on Wadena's second offensive play of the night. The extra point was good, and Wadena led 7-0 with 9:20 to play in the first quarter.

Wadena then made their first of two costly fumbles on their own 32-yard line. Four plays later, Laker Greg Johnson went over from three yards out with 2:12 left to play in the opening period. The kick was good and the game was knotted at 7-7.

Laker Tri-captain John Foltz recovered another Wadena fumble on the Indians' 10-yard line, and Jim Piche scored three plays later. The Lakers

kicked the extra point and led 14-7 with 5:05 left in the half.

A disputed roughing-the-kicker penalty found Wadena retaining the football and getting a first down on the Laker 40-yard line. With only 1:11 left on the clock, John Miles scored his second touchdown of the night. Wadena then went ahead 15-14 on a two-point conversion run by Robert Pudas. The big play of the march was a 27-yard pass from Paul Hagen to end Tim Walther which put the ball on the Detroit Lakes 13.

Detroit Lakes came storming back with Dan Douglas connecting with Todd Jorgenson for four straight pass completions. The touchdown came on the fourth pass, as Jorgenson faked a down and out pattern and outran a pair of Indian defenders for the catch and score. Douglas then tossed a pass to Jeff Folkert for two points and the ultimate winning score. The Lakers scored with :27 seconds left in the half and led at halftime 22-15.

Wadena got back on track in the fourth quarter with linebacker Jeff Carlson's second interception of the night. Carlson returned the ball to the Indians' 39-yard line to

set up the final score of the night. Thirteen plays later, Miles scored his third touchdown on a two-yard run. Down by one point, Wadena opted to pass for the two points and the win. But on the conversion play, the Lakers' Jorgenson batted down a Hagen pass and thus sealed Wadena's fate. The touchdown came with 3:20 left in the game and Detroit Lakes leading 22-21.

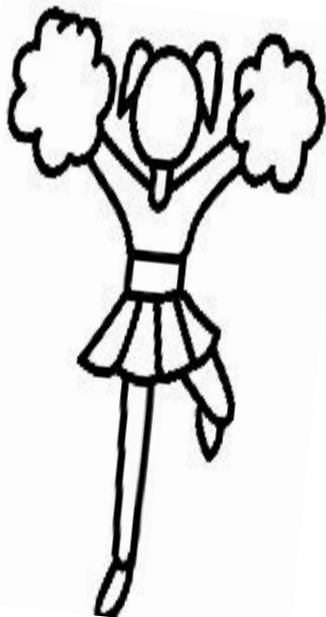
Wadena's try for an on-side kick failed, and the Lakers used up the remaining time on the clock.

Not only was the score close, but so were yards gained by the two teams. Wadena out-gained the Lakers on the ground, 210-yards to 144 for the Lakers, but Detroit Lakes took the advantage in the passing game with 111-yards in the air to 68 for Wadena.

Wadena's John Miles led all runners with 134-yards in 17 tries for a nifty 7.9 yard average and three touchdowns.

The Lakers countered with Todd Jorgenson pulling in four passes for 65 yards and one touchdown.

Wadena plays at Crosby-Ironton for their final game of the 1980 season.





DOWN BUT NOT OUT. Laker Halfback Greg Johnson, who scored one touchdown in his team's 22-21 football victory over Wadena Wednesday night, is shown here being brought down by a Wadena defender. Coming in to finish

off Johnson are Wadena's Jeff Carlson (49), Jim Johnson (65) and John Judkins (77). Laker Pete Sharpe (51) can only watch. (Photo courtesy of Detroit Lakes Tribune.)



1980 summary of Wadena football

The Wadena Indians ended their 1980 football season with a 0-9 season record. Although the record shows no wins for the Indians, there were some outstanding performances by the players.

John Miles led the team in scoring with five of the teams ten touchdowns. Miles also led the team in kick-off returns with an excellent average of 39.2 yards. Miles was second in total rushing with 231 yards in 62 attempts.

Bob Pudas led the team in rushing with a fine 5.4 average per carry. Pudas also grabbed ten passes this year for 156 yards and led the Indians in punt returns with a ten yard average.

Pat Boline led the team in rushing attempts with 74 carries for 202 total yards.

Quarterback Paul Hagen completed 34 percent of his passes for 487 yards and two touchdowns. Hagen hit Tim Pavek with eleven passes for 119 yards and Tim Walther with ten passes for an average of 28 yards per catch.

Mark Neitzke and Jeff Carlson led the team defensively with 15 and 13.4 tackles and assists per game.

For the season, Wadena was outscored by their opponents 202 points to 68.

Scott Wallace was named Mid-State all-conference, while Tim Walther, Mark Neitzke, Bob Pudas, Jeff Carlson and John Miles were honorable mention.

The Indians will face Perham, the Heart O' Lakes tri-champions, in the 1981 grid opener, Sept. 14, in Wadena.

Park Rapids Panthers cop Mid-State conference crown

Mid-State Football Standings:

	W	L
Park Rapids	4	1
Aitkin	3	2
Crosby-Ironton	3	2
Staples	3	2
Detroit Lakes	2	3
Wadena	0	5



Rallying Rangers nip stubborn Indians 26-14

The Wadena Indians played one of their strongest games of the 1980 season before bowing to Crosby-Ironton 26-14 Friday night on the Rangers' field. The Indians finished with a 0-9 mark.

Coach John Conzemius' charges forced the Rangers to rally from a 7-6 halftime deficit to win the Mid-State clash.

C-I closed out the Mid-State season in a three-way tie with Aitkin and Staples for second place with 3-2 marks.

While Crosby-Ironton led in first downs 20 to 10, the Rangers were tied with the stubborn Indians 14-all going into the final quarter.

Two fourth quarter pass interceptions by Todd Tagtmeier set up the games final two TDs.

The Rangers led in the second period on a 54-yard

scamper by Jeff Hawks but the kick for extra point failed at 9:16.

The Indians went ahead at 3:12 of the same period gaining 75 yards in 12 plays capped by John Miles' two-yard plunge. Tom Gaslin's PAT kick was good and Wadena led C-I at the half 7-6.

Late in the third period the Rangers went 79 yards in 15 plays to score. Arne Smith capped the drive with a one-yard touchdown plunge. He also ran for the extra points and C-I led 14-7.

Wadena rallied to tie the score when Bob Pudas scampered 15 yards for a touchdown at 1:20 of the third period. Gaslin's PAT kick was true and the score was tied 14-

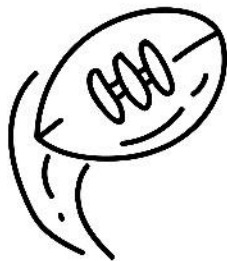
14. The Indians' drive covered 82 yards in five plays.

Smith scored C-Is go-ahead touchdown at 6:12 of the final period but the run for extra points failed. Jeff Backnel dashed six yards at 2:18 to cap the Rangers' victory drive. The run for extra points failed.

Wadena finished with a 154 yards rushing while the Rangers earned 342 yards rushing on the night. C-I had 354 total yardage to Wadena's 205.

Leading Wadena rusher was Pudas who had 84 yards in 7 carries while Miles had 39 yards in nine tries and Pat Boline 25 yards in nine carries. Pat Heuer was credited with two pass interceptions.

Wallace Mid-State football all-conference selection



The all-conference team:

Park Rapids—Jay Pike, sr., fullback; Gordy Gabriel, sr., guard; Terry Burlingame, sr., guard; Dave May, sr., tackle; Mark Hetrick, sr., halfback; Jeff Quinn, jr., halfback.

Aitkin—Tim DeSutter, sr., quarterback; Pete Welshons, sr., guard; Alden Skar, sr., end; Joe Bender, sr., tackle.

C-I—Arne Smith, sr., halfback; Tom Hendrickson, sr., guard; Dale Rosier, jr., quarterback; Andy Carlson, sr., end.

Staples—Greg Anglin, sr., fullback; Mike Mergens, sr., center; Jon Cameron, sr., tackle; Eric Tiegen, sr., linebacker.

Detroit Lakes—Jeff Folkert, sr., slotback; Mark Arndt, sr., guard.

Wadena—Scott Wallace, sr., guard.





1981 Season

WHS Record 5-4-0
Mid-State 3-2-0



COACH'S LAST YEAR (31ST)



Row 1: Kelly Taggart, Joe Endres, David White, Paul Hagen, Frank Jensen, David Pladson, Mike Wheeler, Scott Erickson, Gary Pundt, Greg Krier, Lee Macklem, David Nelson. Row 2: David Speckeen, Wayne Bakken, Steve Lehr, Bob Keppers, Mike Carkhuff, Robert Calhoun, Robert McIntire, Mark Neitzke, Dan Erkenbrack, Ric Harrison, David Weniger, Dave Johnson, Trainer: Kris Calhoun. Row 3: Coach: Roger Day, Trainers: Matt Weis,

Mike Weis, Coach: Jim Sundstrom, Jeff Carlson, Jay Hutson, Mike Priebe, Steve Soroko, Mike Schwartzwald, Jon Iversen, Todd Humphrey, Bryan Gorackowski, Todd Tougas, Russel Pudas, Kip Carman, Steve Nelsen, Coaches: Scott Vetteson, John Conzemius, Dennis Berry. Row 4: Dave Palloch, Bruce Veden, Todd Boline, Scott Cordes, Brian Paulson, Brian Nelson, John Paulson, Tim Walther, Scott Carman, Brian Fort, Pat Heuer.

Mid-State Conference (Final Standings)

	W	L
Detroit Lakes	4	1
Park Rapids	3	2
Staples	3	2
Wadena	3	2
Crosby-Ironton	2	3
Aitkin	0	5

Coach finished with a winning season, tied for 2nd in the conference. The next sports historian can pick up with this 1981 team to document the transition from 31 years of stability and success to a new sheriff in town.



MID-STATE ALL CONFERENCE. Four Wadena high school football players were named to the 24-member Mid-State all conference team. Shown here with varsity grid coach John Conzemius are all-conference seniors (l-r): Mark Neitzke, Tim Walter,

Jeff Carlson and Dan Erckenbrack. Paul Hagen, Wadena quarterback, was named honorable mention. Coach Conzemius has resigned his position as coach after serving 31 years.

Conzemius resigns as Wadena grid coach after 31 years

John Conzemius, head football coach at Wadena high school for 31 years, has resigned from the position following Wadena's successful (5-4) grid season. He will, however, continue his roles as athletic director, assistant to the senior high principal and supervisor of driver education.

During his 31-year reign as head football coach, Conzemius compiled an impressive of 145 wins-118 losses and nine ties. He directed the Wadena football teams to Mid-State Conference titles in 1961, 1962 and 1969. His best season as a coach came in 1961 when he guided the Indians to an 8-0-1 record.

A 1945 graduate of Breckenridge high school, Conzemius enrolled at Moorhead State College, where he participated in football, baseball and track for four years each. He also played basketball for two years as a Moorhead State Dragon.

Upon receiving B.S. degrees in Health, Physical Education and Social Studies, he returned to Breckenridge high school to pursue his career as teacher and coach. After one year of duty at Breckenridge (1950-51), he was hired on at Wadena, where he began his long career as teacher and coach.

"As far as memories go, there are a lot of them," he commented, "but one thing that still sticks in my mind is my first game as coach in Wadena. We lost to Aitkin 12-0."

In 31 years, Conzemius has seen a lot of changes in the game of football. "The equipment went from all-leather to fiberglass gear and plastic-type helmets," he recalled. "The shoe changed from cleats to the molded bottom, or soccer-style shoe. Hand and other protective pads now protect both the offensive and defensive player, where pads used to protect only the player delivering the hit. The kids are more knowledgeable about the rules nowadays," he continued. "There's more teams (junior high, etc.) and more games on television for the kids to watch and learn from. We also make use of films of our games to replay to the team now."

Other than being football coach, Conzemius coached senior high track until 1970 and also was assistant basketball coach for many years. He's been the athletic director at

Wadena since 1958. In 1970 he was named the District Coach of the Year and was also named Regional Coach of the Year.

Other honors achieved by Conzemius included officiating in five successive state basketball tournaments from 1956-60. He began officiating during his first year of college (1945-46) and finally ended his officiating career at the end of the 1968-69 season.

Conzemius' family includes his wife, Donna, and three children. Cathy (Peterson) teaches health and coaches volleyball and gymnastics at Park Rapids. Tom, ironically, is also a teacher at Park Rapids. He coaches ninth-grade basketball and is an

assistant football coach. Tom is a Phy. Ed. instructor. Mark is presently a senior at North Dakota State university.

"With my resignation, I'll be able to devote more time with other fall activities. Right now, I haven't had time to think about not being a coach. But maybe by next summer I'll be getting ready to start another football season."

Many athletes have played for Conzemius during his 31 years, and many have gone on to play college football. But the player that stands out would be former Wadena gridder John Campbell. "John was an offensive and defensive end for the University of Minnesota and was with the Gophers when they went to the Rose Bowl. He

also played professional ball for Pittsburg and Minnesota," Conzemius recalled.

Over a 31-year span as football coach, Conzemius has seen a lot of coaches come and go, but he listed off some area coaches that were friends, but rivals when it came to Friday night action. Some of those that he mentioned include: John Davies, Crosby-Ironton; Ted Meinhover, Perham; Delmore Moberg, Detroit Lakes; and Andy MacCarty, Park Rapids.

A coach, as well as a friend, to the hundreds of young men he guided through the field of competition, his 31 years of dedication and thoughtfulness to Wadena high school athletes won't soon be forgotten.

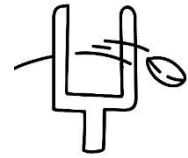


NOW JUST A SPECTATOR. After 31 years of being Wadena high school's head football coach, John Conzemius decided to resign from the position. He

will continue on at the high school as athletic director, assistant to the senior high principal and supervisor of driver education.



College Football



& Items of Interest
1970-80

1970's WHS alumni on college teams.



STARS WITH BISON. Reg Hooten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hooten, and a 192-pound defensive end with the North Dakota State University Bison junior varsity football team, was instrumental in the team's 19-10 win over Minnesota-Morris in the season opener. Hooten was in on several tackles. It was the JV's eighth straight win over three seasons. The Bison battled Concordia college Monday. Hooten was a four-year football letterman for the Wadena Indians and competed in the Shrine All-Star grid game Aug. 6.

Schmit Member of St. John U Football Team

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn. -- Paul Schmit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schmit and a 1970 graduate of Wadena High School, is a member of the football team at St. John's University, here.

St. John's, coached by John Gagliardi, tied for second place in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) last season with a 5-2 record. The team had a 6-3 overall record. Gagliardi, in 22 years of coaching, has compiled a 133-48-5 record to rank fourth in winning

Wadena Prep Star Honored at Banquet

Athletes who participated on football or cross country teams at Golden Valley Lutheran College will be honored at the annual fall Athletic Banquet, Wednesday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Among the athletes being honored at the banquet November 17 will be Scott Knutson of Wadena, member of the 1971 football team.

Schloeder plays offensive guard for NDSSS

Tom Schloeder, 1978, Wadena is a member of the 1978 North Dakota State School of Science Wildcat football team coached by Al Grage. Tom is a first-year student in distributive education at NDSSS.



Tom is playing offensive guard for the wildcats in the seven-member North Dakota College Athletic conference. Other conference members are Jamestown College, Dickinson State, Minot State, Valley City State, Mayville State and Bismarck JC.



Jake Beckel

Beckel royalty at NDSU homecoming

Kevin Tabery On MSC Wrestling Team

Contributes to specialty teams

Wadena native Bob Brummer is a contributing member on the specialty teams for the Moorhead State university (MSU) football Dragons this fall.

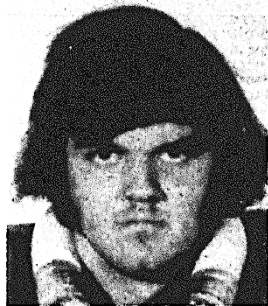
A junior at MSU, the 6-1, 208 pound Brummer transferred to Moorhead State last spring from Anoka-Ramsey Com-

munity college. He has seen limited duty at defensive end as well, and is expected to be a strong starting candidate next year, according to defensive coordinator Dave Olson.

"Bob is playing behind Craig Lippert right now, and Lippert is having a great senior season," Olson explained. "Craig's play has made it difficult for Bob to break in, but he has done a fine job on our specialty teams."

"Bob has the quickness, agility and size," continued Olson. "If he stays involved and enthusiastic in the off-season, he has a good chance to start next year as a senior."

Moorhead State, 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the Northern Intercollegiate Conference (NIC), completes seasonal play with a home game with U Duluth (Nov. 6).



Tom Young on St. John's 'U' football team

Thomas Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young and a 1973 graduate of Wadena senior high school is a member of St. John's University's football team this fall.

The Johnnies, defending Minnesota Intercollegiate co-champions, must fill some critical positions this fall to continue its pace of winning three of every four games the last 22 years under coach John Gagliardi. Nine starters are back, however, from last year's team that finished 7-2 with a national rank of 19 among small schools.

Willis On Cobber Football Team

Greg Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Willis, 503 1st St. S.W., Wadena, is a member of the 1973 varsity football team at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

Willis, a 6'2"-230 lb. offensive tackle, is a senior at Concordia majoring in physical education and minoring in biology.

The Cobbers, members of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC), presently have 2 wins and 3 losses for this season, which includes 1 win and 2 losses in the conference. Cobber victories include a win over cross-town rival Moorhead State College and a homecoming win over Gustavus Adolphus of St. Peter.

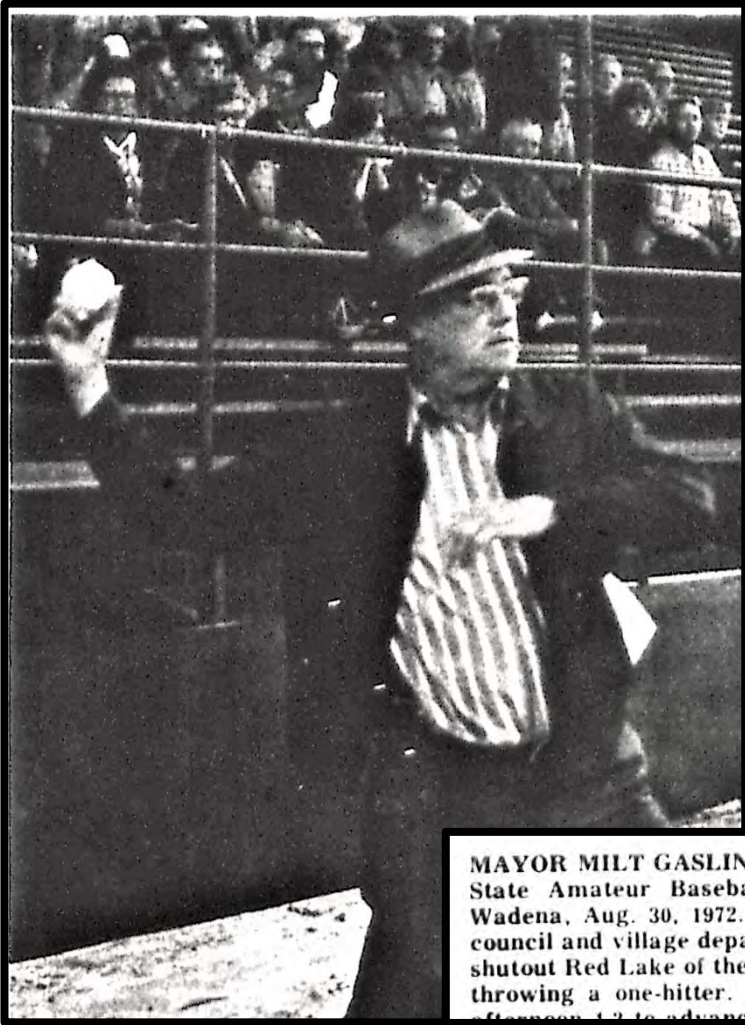


Tom Conzemius

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Larson of 1004 Jefferson Street, Larson is majoring in Criminal Justice and History at Moorhead State College.

John Conzemius's son Tom is also a member of the Dragon varsity squad. A sophomore at MSC, Conzemius has been switched from tight end to offensive guard, and Fortier feels Tom can make a strong contribution in the future.

ANDERSON BOYS-bike to a family reunion at Milaca, Saturday. Mark and Greg Anderson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson of Wadena, set out Aug. 19, and biked 107 miles to attend a family reunion at Milaca. The duo made the trip in 14 hours. Quite a fete (feet)! (Photo contributed)



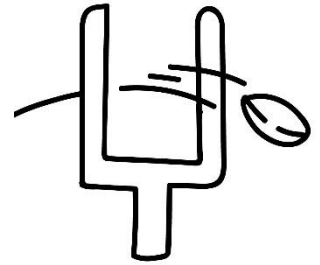
MAYOR MILT GASLIN-throws out the very first ball of the 1972 State Amateur Baseball tournaments at County Stadium in Wadena, Aug. 30, 1972. On hand were members of the village council and village department heads. In the opener, Deer Creek shutout Red Lake of the Paul Bunyan league 10-0 with Al Stigman throwing a one-hitter. The Cardinals stopped Hibbing Sunday 4-2 to advance. (P. J. Sports Photo)





College Football

& Items of Interest
1960-69



Friday Night Under the Lights and You're the Quarterback

By Dave Zosel
Class of '62

This story has been edited for length.

My football career started early with neighborhood games in Grandma Zosel's yard. I learned from some of the older neighbor boys and was a non-factor in the game but just happy that they let me play. My older brothers, along with the Fossen boys and a few others would gather for the game. The neighborhood super star, whom we youngsters idolized, was Gene Goedel, a standout receiver for the Wadena Indians. I had hopes of someday playing for the Indians too.

By the time **5th and 6th grade** rolled around I had teamed up with my friends, my brother John, and whoever else might show up for Saturday games at the varsity field. On Friday nights the varsity would play, and we seldom missed a game.

Reg Mead's **7th and 8th grade** team gave us our first crack at organized football. We had two games on the schedule and won them both. In the second game, time was running out when I scooped up a fumble and ran for a last second touchdown to win the game. Now I was sure that someday I would be a Wadena Indian.

During my **freshman year**, coach Don Hamerlinck chose me to quarterback the B team. John Geiser, my good friend from Bluffton, was my center. We learned a lot that year playing with sophomores and juniors. We won a few games and lost more than a few.

When early practice started our sophomore year, I started the season on the B team and dressed for the varsity games. By the third contest of the season, coach Conzemius surprised me by announcing that I was to become the starting quarterback. My stomach dropped to the floor as I contemplated the schedule ahead of us.

Coaches Conzemius and Larson did their best to prepare us. Our next game was to be against the powerful Alexandria team. It would be a real "David and Goliath moment."

Though we played tough to the season's end we came out of it with just one more win after an opening victory at Long Prairie, to end with a 2-6 record.

They say suffering is a great teacher. We had a lot of young players on that team and most of the time we came away licking our wounds. But we were building for the future. As a junior I was playing both ways, and also punting and returning punts.

Senior Year (fall of 1961)

Our senior year came around with great anticipation. We had experience across the line and we were talented in the backfield. Our coaches were tough and demanding, thinking this could just be our big year. John Conzemius was our head coach. He was competitive and had a strong desire to win. The line coach was Bill Larson, a tough ex-marine. Also, John Campbell (WHS '56), star Rose Bowl champion, Gopher, and eventual NFL All-Pro, worked out with us and helped coach the two weeks before school started.

Our fourth game was homecoming. We would meet the Staples Cardinals, who were coming off another great season. By 6:00 we had ankles taped, pads adjusted, and headed in stocking feet to the gym for the pregame plan and the inspirational speech that someone would be invited to deliver. Tonight, it was Reg Mead's dad. He was a retired Methodist pastor from Duluth. He stood up in front of us, trench coat and classic Ivy cap in place. With his surly growl he proceeded to convince us that there was no other option tonight but to win. He reminded us that we were playing for each other, for our coaches, for the pride of our school, and for our own self-respect. The only way to be successful was to operate as a single cog, perfect teamwork, with everyone doing their part. He prayed that the Lord would help us play hard, play fair and be good sports. On that note, with a loud cheer, we headed for the bus.

Homecoming was indeed special. The whole town was excited about our team, and by game time, the stands were packed. After warm-ups, we gathered at the sideline for our final instructions. Staples lined-up for the kickoff and I stood back on the 20-yard line and awaited the kick. I glanced at the stands, checked out where my parents always sat, looked over the field, and glanced up into the lights. This was it – what I had always hoped for. Friday night, under the lights and I'm the quarterback. I was truly a Wadena Indian. The sound of the whistle caught my attention. I focused my eyes on the little torpedo tumbling toward me through the misty night air. At that point, training, instinct, and adrenaline take over and you cease to think. You merely react. Homecoming game in the fall of 1961 was underway.

We beat Staples 13-0. Through the first 5 games we were not only unbeaten, but we were un-scored upon. We were starting to get the attention of the sports media around the state. In our final 4 games we did allow a few points, but our only disappointment was a 25-25 tie against Detroit Lakes.

When our season was over, we were 8-0-1, Mid-State Conference Champions, and ranked 5th in the final state poll. As it turned out, our team was coach Conzemius' only undefeated squad in his illustrious 31-year coaching career in Wadena.

What a season it was!

WHS Collegiate Players

There are many WHS alumni that continued playing football after high school. The ones I have identified and included in these "Wadena Football Scrapbooks" are by no means a complete list. I apologize to the ones I have overlooked.

I would like to begin with the "Grand Daddy" of them all. A WHS class of '56 graduate. As I have heard from a reliable source, John Campbell was maybe an above average high school football player. Tall and thin. He joined the Navy after high school and a few years later he was still tall but not so thin. I include Mr. Campbell in the 1960-69 "Scrapbook" due to his military "detour" of duty before entering the world of college football in the early 1960's. Rather than me telling you what happens after he enrolled at the University of Minnesota, you can read the articles below for yourself.



Here John Campbell, son of Dr. and Mrs. Dean, Campbell of Wadena, is shown in action on a University of Minnesota football practice field. John, a sophomore at the University, is currently holding down the third string right end position in twice-a-day practices. John was an outstanding athlete on the Wadena High School teams a few years ago. He now weighs in at 195 pounds and stands 6 feet three inches.

In 3rd Week Gopher Practice

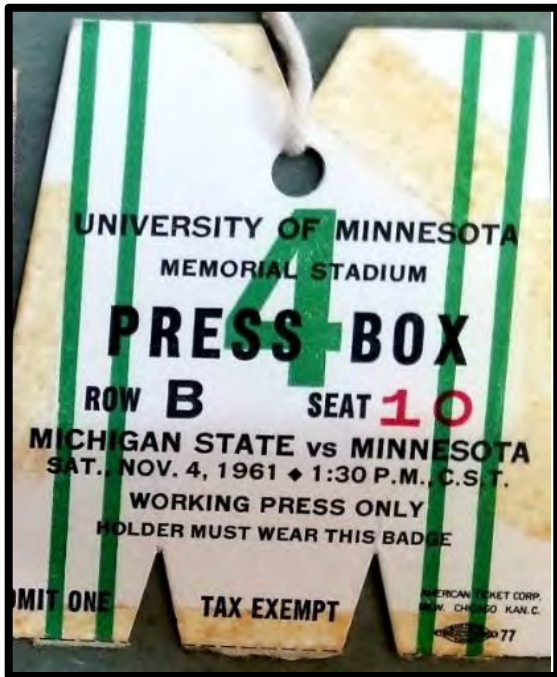


John Campbell, Wadena's contribution to the Minnesota Gophers, was pulled from practice this week after being struck with a virus infection.

It was hoped by coach Murray Warmath that the big end would not be out too long. He has been the mainstay of the Minnesota line this year and has been recognized by most of the football authorities as a good prospect this year.

His showing in practice drills the past three weeks has put him in the front running position that he is expected to maintain throughout the season.

Last year Campbell played in most of the Gopher games and this year he is the only end that the Minnesota defense has to draw on for experience. He is expected to make up the deficit that the Gopher coach finds in his team this year.



Press Box seats as coach watches Campbell and the Gophers down the Spartans 13-0.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JOHN CRO
COACH JOHN CONZEMIUS OF WADENA (LEFT) WITH PROTEGE
Pair were re-united after Gophers beat Michigan State 13-0



Bell



Hook



Campbell

Bell Coaches' All-America; Hook, Campbell on Big Ten

Honors continued to pour in for the Gophers, should-be football champions today with three members of the famed Minnesota line—Bob Bell, Julie Hook and John Campbell—being named to both all-Big Ten honor teams selected separately by the Associated Press and United Press International.

Bell gained further acclaim by becoming the only repeater on the All-American team selected by the 500-member American Football Coaches Association.

The great Gopher tackle, hub of the still raging discussion on the roughing-the-passer penalty at Wisconsin, was the only unanimous choice on the UPI's All-Big Ten team and shared that distinction with Wisconsin end Pat Richter on the AP all-conference outfit.

Campbell was named a first-team end

by both wire services and Hook, the tremendous linebacker, was honored at guard on both selections.

No other school placed as many as three on the first team. Richter and quarterback Ron VanderKelen gave Big Ten champion Wisconsin two berths on both the AP and UPI teams.

Center Bill Armstrong and halfback Paul Warfield gave Ohio State two representatives on the UPI all-stars and Michigan State gained two AP spots with fullback George Saines and center Dave Behrman.

The Gophers did well below the first All-Star level, too.

Carl Eller, Minnesota's junior tackle, was honored with a second-team all-conference berth by both services. Bill Munsey was placed at halfback on the third teams by AP and UPI while Duane Blaska was named to the AP's third-team backfield in gaining UPI honorable mention.

Fullback Jerry Jones was a third-team choice by UPI and gained AP honorable mention. Center Paul Benson and halfback Jim Cairng also earned UPI honorable mention.

Meanwhile, Coach Murray Warmath himself praised the Gophers again and again—at the Tribune Quarterback Club luncheon and last night at the 46th annual Minneapolis Athletic Club football stag.

Today the Gophers were to elect their captain whose identity as successor to Dick Enga will be announced at Wednesday's 11:30 convocation in Coffman Union.

On the Coaches' All-American, the only other Big Ten players outside of Bell to be picked on the first team were Michigan State's Saines and Wisconsin's tremendous Richter.

Complete All-Big Ten and All-American teams on Page 13B.

THE MINNEAPOLIS STAR



Campbell Rated Viking Regular

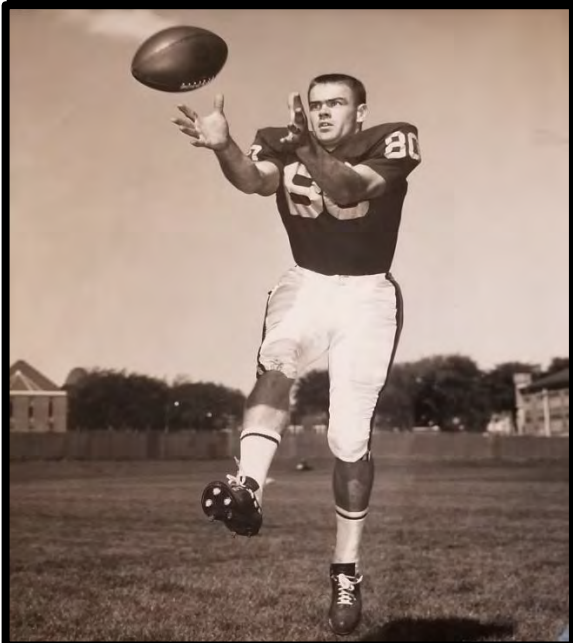
Minnesota's Viking football squad broke camp at Bemidji last Thursday, coming through Wadena on their way to their permanent camp in the cities.

John Campbell with teammates Ray Poage and Paul Flatley stopped off for a visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dean Campbell and a consequent dinner date before catching up with Van Brocklin's proteges.

Local interest in the Vikings this year has been heightened by the fact that John Campbell appears to be a member of the regular squad.

The Vikings administered a sound drubbing to the St. Louis Cardinals at St. Louis, 35 to 0 Friday night and John saw service in that epochal defeat, the Minneapolis Star reporting that: "Tom Wilson wrapped it up in the fourth quarter on a one-yard drive after John Campbell had taken a pass interception back 20 yards."

The Vikings have won four of the five pre-season games and Campbell participated in all of them.



Sidelights on Sports Spotlights John Campbell

By Al Abrams
Sports Editor

Pittsburgh Post Gazette

A Steeler Talks It Up

When he was at the University of Minnesota, John Campbell majored in speech. It's no wonder then that the Steelers' linebacker find of the year is constantly talking to his teammates during a game.

"I took up speech," explained the husky Campbell, "because I enjoy public speaking and wanted to take up a career of radio and television work during the off season and after my playing career is over."

What about his talking during the heat of a game?

"I can't really say I'm a cheerleader," John said in a voice that speaks well for his fine training at school. "Yes, I guess I do talk a little more than most. I try to keep myself and everyone around me alert as to the possibility of the play coming up."

"That man is always talking to me," laughed Big John Baker, the Steeler's fierce looking

Campbell joined the Steelers the Wednesday before the exhibition with the 49ers in Providence. "All defenses are basically the same," he said, "but each club does things a little different from the others. I played against the 49ers and it took me a game or two to adjust myself to the way Baker, Willie Daniel, Marv Woodson, Rod Brocklove and the others do things. Now, we know each other pretty well."

John went into the Navy as a hospital corpsman after he graduated from high school at his native Wadena, Minnesota. He entered Minnesota after his hitch as a sailor. The Vikings drafted him No. 11 after a distinguished career with the Gophers under Murray Warmath.

"At first I wanted to be a dentist like my dad," he explained, "but speech appealed to me so I majored in that at Minnesota." He hasn't stopped talking since both as a sports interviewer on WCCO-TV, a CBS outlet in Minneapolis, and on the football field for the Steelers.

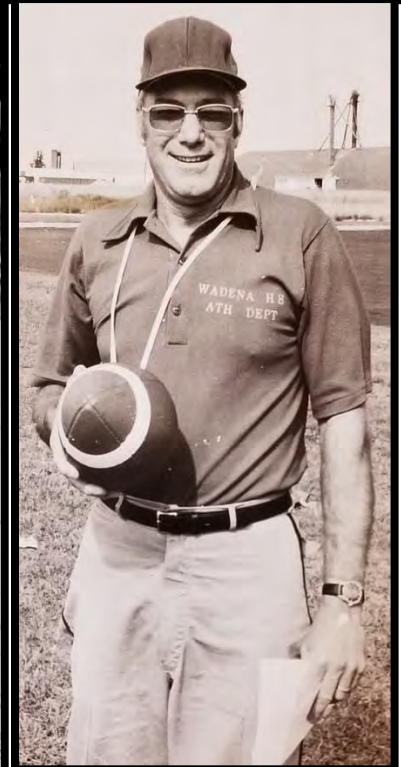
giant, when I mentioned Campbell to him. "He's a fine player, too. We have our own signals and way of talking to John and the other players. I think he has been a big factor in our defensive success."

Vern Torgeson, the Steeler's defensive coach, was high in his praise of Campbell who filled a big void when Myron Pottios and Bill Saul were injured. "We are very pleased with him. We liked him from the start. He has blitzing speed, a good tackler and does what is expected of him. Besides, he's always talking to Baker and the other players to keep them fired up."

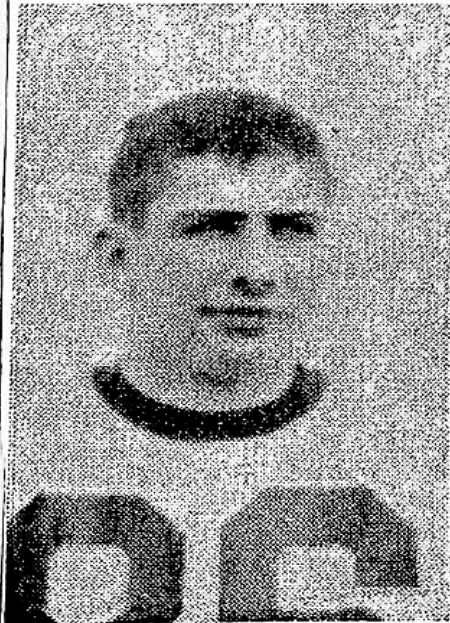
Parker Made This Deal

The oft heard charge that Buddy Parker didn't make any good trades while he was headmaster at Rooney U. doesn't hold in Campbell's case. One of Parker's last moves here was to acquire John from the Baltimore Colts for Buzz Nutter, a center. The Colts got him from the Minnesota Vikings.

"I like it very much in Pittsburgh," Campbell said, "the main reason being that I am playing regularly. I was the fourth linebacker with both the Vikings and Colts."



Mike Sather On NDSU Squad

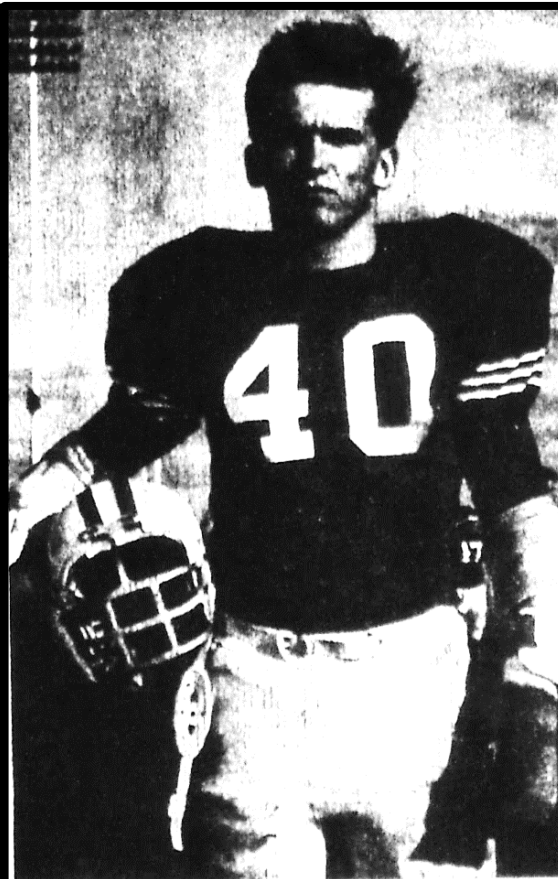


Mike Sather

Mike Sather, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sather, 304 8th St. S.W., Wadena, is a member of the 1964 North Dakota State University football team.

The 6-0, 193 pound tackle is a 1963 graduate of Wadena high school was a starter on last fall's undefeated Baby Bison freshmen unit. While a prep, he earned 10 letters in athletic competition participating in football, wrestling and track. He captained his high school football team. At NDSU he will anchor down the interior line positions where depth is badly needed.

Mike is majoring in pharmacy, a five-year program.



MOORHEAD DRAGONS — Jerry Fiskum

Fiskum Gains Starting Berth With MSC Team

200-lb. Linebacker

Jerry Fiskum, former Wadena prep star, is listed on the 1967 Moorhead State College football roster. Fiskum, gained a starting berth in M-State's Homecoming clash with St. Cloud State last weekend, won by the Huskies 28-20.

WHS Gridders On 1968 NDSS Football Team



North Dakota's third largest college, the North Dakota State School of Science at Wahpeton, announces its 1968 football roster. Coach AlGrage released the names of 48 men who are on the 1968 edition of the "Wildcats."

The football, basketball, wrestling in the (NDCAC) North Dakota College Athletic Conference. There are six other college teams in this conference.

Francis Plautz is a member of the 1968 Wildcats and his position on the team is fullback.

Plautz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Plautz of Wadena; and is a graduate of Wadena Senior High School.

Mike Langer is also a member of the 1968 Wildcats. His position on the team is tackle.

Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Langer of Wadena; and is a 1968 Wadena high school graduate.



Local High School Prep Star Performs For MSC

MOORHEAD, Minn.--For Steve Nelson, former Wadena high school prep star, patience will be its own reward.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Nelson of 721 Jefferson, Steve has spent the 1968 football season playing behind Moorhead State College tall and talented Bricker sen, a senior end who has set countless Dragon pass receiving records during his career at Moorhead.

The future, however, belongs to the young, and Nelson is expected to make valuable contributions to the football program at M-State before his career is over. In addition to his backup duties at offensive end, Nelson is also the number two Dragon punter and may see some duty in that department in the near future.

Dragon head coach Dwaine Hoberg is confident that Nelson will see a great deal of action before his career at MSC is over.

"We feel Steve has a great deal of talent and desire, although it is extremely difficult to dislodge a veteran such as Bricker (Johnsen)."

Nelson's high school coach, John Conzemius, is a former Dragon back who still holds the all-time Moorhead State record for a punt return. John sprinted 82 yards to score against Winona State in 1949. He also bolted 82 yards from scrimmage to score, the fourth longest touchdown run from scrimmage in the Dragon annals.

Moorhead State's surprise bid for the Northern Intercollegiate Conference championship receives a strong test this Saturday, Oct. 5, when the Dragons meet St. Cloud in the Granite City in a 2:00 conference clash.

Meow

She doesn't object to men who kiss and tell. In fact, at her age she needs all the publicity she can get.



Other alum who played for WHS in the 1960's and college football afterwards.

-Don Stoneman – Class of '65 – University of North Dakota

-Greg Willis – Class of '69 – Concordia College – 1969-73 OL

The Class of '70 alums played their last WHS football in the fall of 1969.

-Paul Driggers – Class of '70 – Moorhead State College

-Mike Lindberg – Class of '70 – Mankato State College

-Bob Larson – Class of '70 – Moorhead State College
1971-74 LB All-Conference 2nd Team

-Paul Schmidt – Class of '70 – St John's University 1970-74 QB 2-year starter

Bits and Pieces of the 1960's

Wadena Babe Ruth Teams . . .



Pictured below are the Babe Ruth Baseball teams of Edingers and Stuntebecks. Seated from left to right in top photo is Mark Hamre, Terry Pulju, Greg DuBois, Jim Fiskum, Sid Sletten, Jim Gallagher, John Hammerlinck, Jeff Wensman, and Dan Sartell. Edingers won runner-up spot in the competition.



Playing for the winning Stuntebeck team in the Babe Ruth League were Mark Komula, John Wensman, Mike Wynn, Phil Nehl, Tom Hockert, Dave Utermark, Mark Beckel, Keith Hagen and George Wynn.

PEE WEE BASEBALL

Final League Standings:

	W	L
Stern and Field	14	6
Stuntebeck's	13	7
Northwest Bldg. Center	12	8
Merickel's	11	9
Edinger's	11	9
KWAD	10	10
Our Own Hardware	7	13
Coast-to-Coast	6	14

Members of the League winning Stern and Field team:

Cliff Herzog, Mike Butler, Mark Vierkant, Tom Young, Jim Myott, Phil Uaelman, Tony Tigges, Joe Schwartz, Darrel Dovenmuehle, Doug Ohman, Dan Sartell, Steve Koranda.

The Northwest Building Center emerged the winners in the Pee Wee Baseball League play-offs by defeating KWAD in the finals by the score of 13-3.

Play-off scores:

Stern and Field 10, Coast to Coast 0.

Stuntebeck's 2, Our Own Hdwe. 3.

Northwest Building Center 8, Merickel's 7.

KWAD 4, Edingers 3.

KWAD 10, Stern and Field 9.

N.W.B.C. 6, Our Own Hdwe. 4.

N.W.B.C. 13, KWAD 3.

Members of the winning Northwest Building Center team:

John Arnoldy, Jim Koranda, Don Schmidt, Jim Weiland, Phil Nehl, Roger Dubois, Jim Krause, George Ross, Brad Swanson, Tim Shea, Bill Sample, Robert Neitzka, Robert Schulstad.

Members of the second place

KWAD team:

Dave Stombaugh, Mike Johnson, Jeff Parker, Kevin Lind, Wayne Heltemes, Kevin Piepkorn, Allan Moench, Jeff Dovenmuehle, Ray Beyer, Tom Burdeski, Scott Denbrook, Jim Curry, Gary Pulju.

A reminder to all Midget and Pee Wee baseball players: Please return your uniforms and shirts to Lee Overmoen as soon as possible, so they can be stored away until next summer. Thank you fellows for your cooperation in this matter.

16 Boys Win In PP&K Contest

A total of 16 boys, between the ages of 8 and 11, were awarded last Saturday, October 12, for scoring the highest in the Punt, Pass and Kick contest held at the football field. Sponsorship of the competition was through the Ford dealers throughout the country.

Age eight winners were:

1. Thomas Young
2. James Gerlach
3. Daniel Brink
4. Craig Folkestad

Age nine winners were:

1. David Bruininga
2. Scott Komula
3. Kelly Lynk
4. Dennis Wynn

Age 10 winners were:

1. Nels Baden
2. David Stombaugh
3. Bruce Bjerke
4. Timothy Shed

Age 11 winners were:

1. Bradley Grangruth
2. Scott Pettit
3. Paul Schmidt
4. Kelly Komula

Keith Hagen '73
Mike Langer '68





Why Football Scrapbooks?



In 2019 I did some research on three Wadena High School basketball players, from the 1950's, that played for my dad Harold Willis (1955-64). Upon completion of that I decided to work my way back in time as far as the archives would take me. The result was the "Wadena H.S. Basketball Scrapbook 1900-59." After that I knew I had to do the same for what came after 1959. Project #2 culminated in the "Wadena H.S. Basketball Scrapbook 1960-80." Neither have been a commercial success. They were never intended to be money makers. Their purpose is to bring back memories, or to confirm a dad's or a grandpa's claim of greatness in their youth. Or at least be forced to modify said claims. And ultimately, I want our Wadena sports history documented.

I resisted the thought of doing something similar for Wadena High School football. It is such a "long haul" process. Time consuming and monotonous. Besides I was a cross country runner in high school. I loved football but wanted to be in shape for the basketball season. Plus, I was not a very good football player. Then I started to think about my youth and WHS football. In 1966, at the age of 11, I was the "water-boy" for the high school football team. My brother Greg was a sophomore on that team. I loved being around those guys.

Then my memory took me back a little further. Dave Campbell* ('66) played for WHS in the falls of 1963-65. He lived on the corner of Dayton Ave and 4th St. SW, just a stone's throw from the football field. Behind his back yard was a playground and behind that, the Wadena elementary school. One beautiful spring day I was at the playground alone. I do remember very clearly sitting under a big tree in Dave's backyard and talking with him. Dave Campbell, quarterback. He was a star football player, and he was talking with me. He may have been my first sports hero. It was then that I realized many of the guys that would be in this football scrapbook were sports heroes to the youth of their era. In the 21st century it is more likely the youth of the day have sports heroes that make \$100's of millions of dollars. That's not a bad thing, it's just a sign of the times. I like the way it was when I was a kid, you could sit down and talk to your sports hero.

Jebb Willis
Class of 1974

*Dave Campbell's brother John ('56) was All-Big 10 for the Gophers and an NFL All-Pro for the Steelers. Dave's sister Cathy ('55) is married to Wadena native Joe Krause ('55), contributor to the WHS Basketball Scrapbooks. Don Campbell ('53) played at Bemidji State and later taught and coached football at Long Prairie.



GET IN THE GAME!

Final Thoughts

This all started so innocently. In 2019 I just wanted to dig up some facts about three WHS basketball greats from the 1950's. However, once I had that project completed, I could not stop. Below are the "**Scrapbooks**" that have been assembled to date:

-Wadena High School **Basketball Scrapbook 1900-1959**

-Wadena High School **Basketball Scrapbook 1960-1980**

-Wadena High School **Football Scrapbook 1900-1949**

-Wadena High School **Football Scrapbook 1950-1959**

-Wadena High School **Football Scrapbook 1960-1969**

-Wadena High School **Football Scrapbook 1970-1980**

My tentative plan is to continue researching, documenting, and assembling the following, in the order in which they are listed:

-Wadena High School **Track & Field**

-Wadena High School **Wrestling**

-Wadena High School **Baseball**

-Wadena High School **Cross Country**

In the early 1900's high school sports were limited to football, basketball, and track & field. Therefore, track & field will be my next big project as it will also cover 1900-80. The other sports listed above will go through 1980, with their starting date yet TBD.

None of this is possible without the resources at the **Wadena County Historical Society**. I encourage those of you interested in the "**WHS Scrapbook Collection**" to buy (aka donate) one or more of your favorites. 100% of your donation goes directly to the **WCHS**.

Thank you,

Jebb Willis '74
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