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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 continues here, in the 1960'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

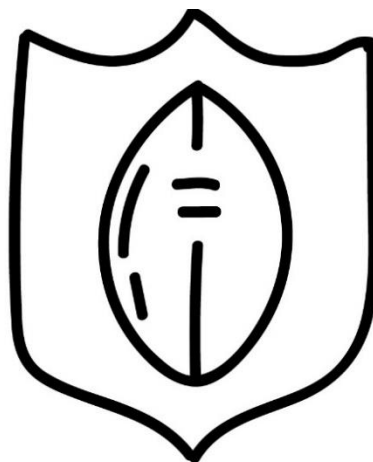






## The Beginning

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 1960's. In addition to this "Scrapbook" there are three separate "WHS Football Scrapbooks." One for the 1950's and one for the 1970'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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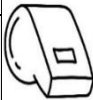


# 1960-1969



## WHS

### Season Records

Fall of:	Won	Lost	Tied	Coach	Mid-State Conference Record All-Conference Honors
1960	1	8	0	<b>C O N F E R E N C E M E M B E R S</b>	<b>Mid-State 0-4-0</b> Russ Lynk
1961	8	0	1		<b>Mid-State 4-0-0 (Champions)</b> D. Zosel, M. Sather, M. Merickel W. Herzog, J, Jovonavich, B. Heather J. Geiser
1962	5	2	2		<b>Mid-State 3-1-0 (Champs - t)</b> R. Stofer, M. Sather, W. Herzog, T. Lynk
1963	4	4	1		<b>Mid-State 1-2-1</b> Unknown
1964	8	1	0		<b>Mid-State 3-1-0</b> B. Grangruth, D. Stoneman, K. Young, T. Clark, M. Uselman
1965	5	4	0		<b>Mid-State 2-3-0</b> D. Campbell, J. Fiskum, J. Hotz, C. Lind
1966	3	6	0		<b>Mid-State 2-3-0</b> M. Langer, F. Plautz
1967	7	2	0		<b>Mid-State 3-2-0</b> M. Langer, F. Plautz, D. Oja, K. Browne
1968	7	2	0		<b>Mid-State 4-1-0</b> K. Browne, G. Willis, C. Folkstad, G. Hall
1969	8	2	0		<b>Mid-State 4-1-0 (Champs - t)</b> P. Schmidt, D. Heins, B. Young, M. Butler, S. Pettit, P. Driggers
	56	31	4	<b>1960-69 Winning Pct – 64%</b>	

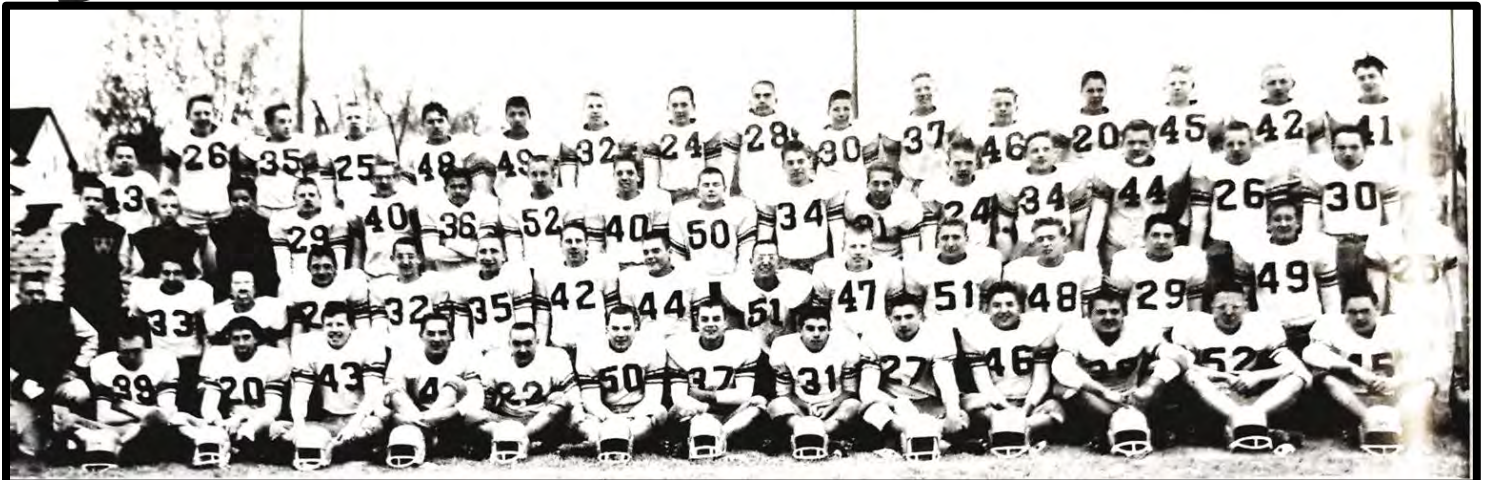
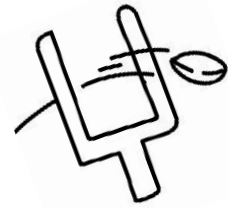






# 1960 Season

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Mid-State 0-4-0

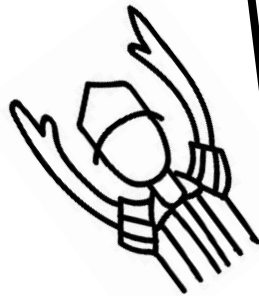


ROW ONE: C. Lartz, D. Zosel, J. Gerlach, W. Taggart, R. Miller, M. Gibson, R. Lynk, S. Parker, M. Sather, N. Hanson, D. Anderson, L. Gedde, R. Ferris. ROW TWO: B. Hulting, D. Jarvela, R. Stofer, D. Bernauer, T. Fahey, J. Zosel, W. Heather, S. Sundby, S. Askew, S. Anderson, C. Beckman, M. Merickel, J. Dale, D. Johnson, ROW THREE: Managers, J. Ebner, S. Villwock, G. Johnson; L. Overmoen, N. Gregerson, D. Nyhus, R. Tofte, T. Lynk, J. Sartell, D. Bried, D. Baron, R. Johnson, J. Klein, W. Herzog, G. Indieke, ROW FOUR: L. Word, J. Radermacher, R. Sundahl, D. Klanke, G. Thomas, J. Zeta, T. Ferris, B. Uselman, J. Waltz, L. Geiser, D. Tubandt, J. Koch, H. Crocker, S. Taggart, C. Weeks.

## Coaches



W. Larson, J. Conzemius; D. Hamerlinck, H. Hettwer.



Sept. 5 — Long Prairie, Here  
 Sept. 9 — Pelican Rapids, Here  
 Sept. 16 — Perham, There  
 Sept. 23 — Staples, There  
 Sept. 30 — Alexandria, Here  
 Oct. 7 — C-I, Here  
 Oct. 14 — Detroit Lakes, There  
 Oct. 19 — Aitkin, Here  
 Oct. 28 — Park Rapids, There

**Indians Come From 13-0  
Deficit To Spank Perham**

**WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR!**





LETTERMEN



STEVE

—TRI—



RUSS

CAPTAINS



HOOT



ZOS



ANDY



BILL



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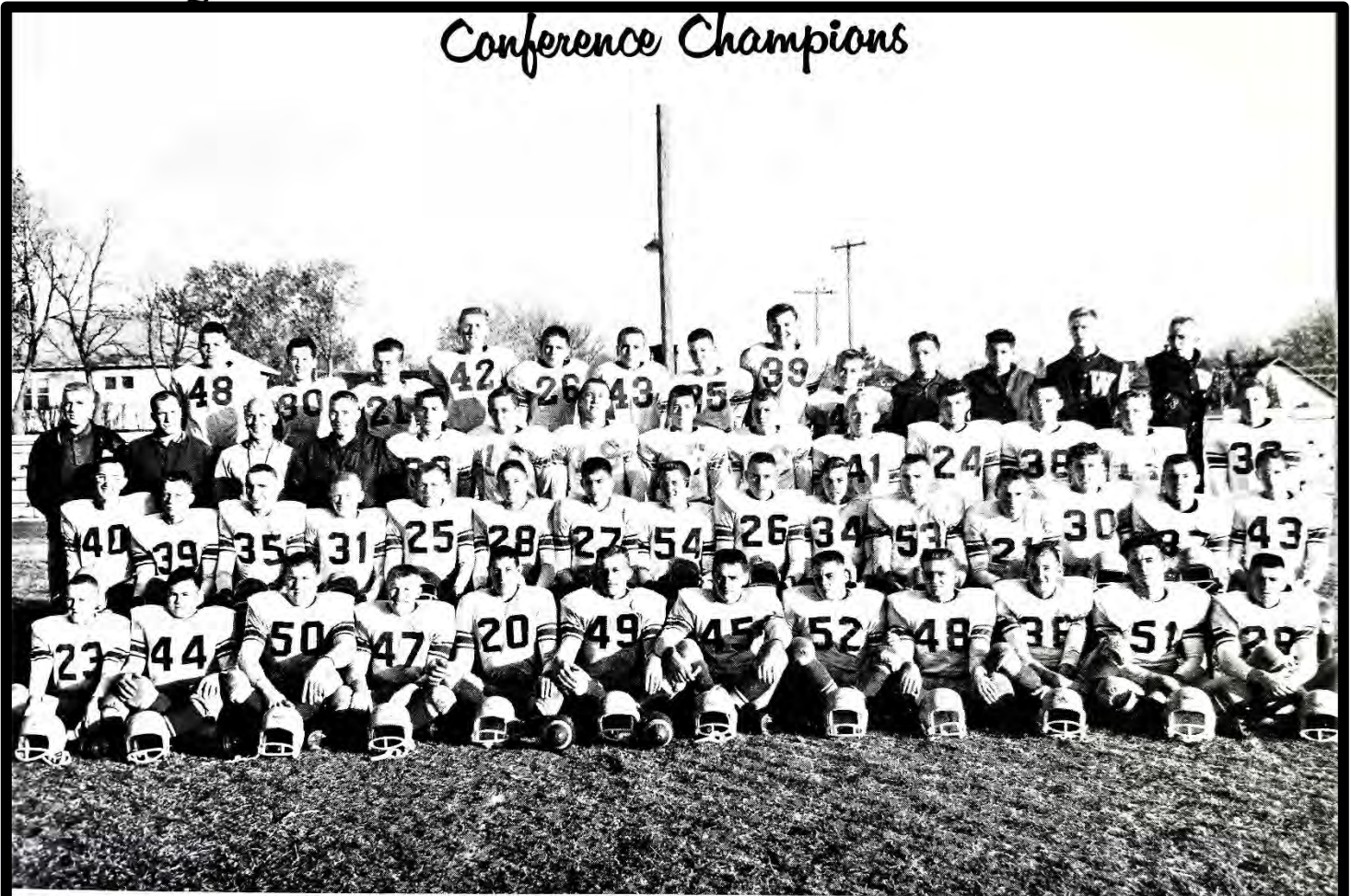


# 1961 Season

WHS Record 8-0-1  
Mid-State 4-0-0



## Conference Champions



ROW 1: D. Jarvela, C. Sartell, T. Deline, S. Askew, D. Zosel, J. Geiser, R. Ferris, W. Heather, C. Beckman, J. Dale, J. Jovonovich, M. Mericke  
ROW 2: S. Sundby, W. Herzog, T. Fahey, H. Crocker, R. Sundahl, R. Johnson, M. Sather, G. Kersien, R. Tofte, T. Lynk, J. Jovonovich, R. Stofer  
ROW 3: Coaches Willis, Hettwer, Larson, Conzemius, G. Newstrom, T. Ferris, D. Stonemen, J. Walz, J. Zeta, S. Taggart, G. Thomas, B. Uselmen, D. Tubandt, L. Geiser. ROW 4: J. Ugland, D. Erckenbrack, K. Young, W. Deline, T. Clark, J. Silver, P. Ristvedt, D. Larson, Trainers--G. Heltemes, D. Thomas, L. Overmoen, S. Villwock.

After a disappointing 1-8 record last year the 1961 WHS team was determined to do better. I wonder if anyone was anticipating what was about to transpire?

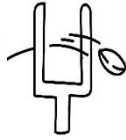


Workouts have been regular the past weeks for the Wadena High School football team. Here Coach John Conzemius puts some of the fellows through their paces as they get in condition for the first game of the season, this to be held Monday evening at Long Prairie.

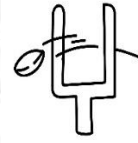




Bob Sundahl



**Let's Go!**



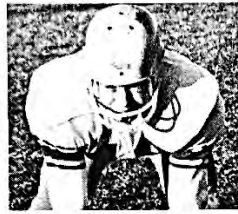
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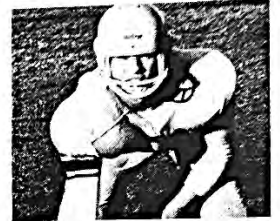
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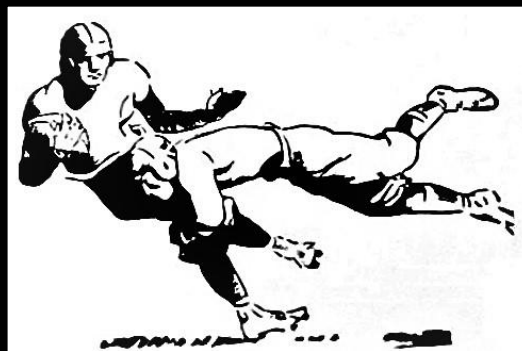
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Charles Sartell



**Battle of Football Indians  
Won by Wadena, 19-0**



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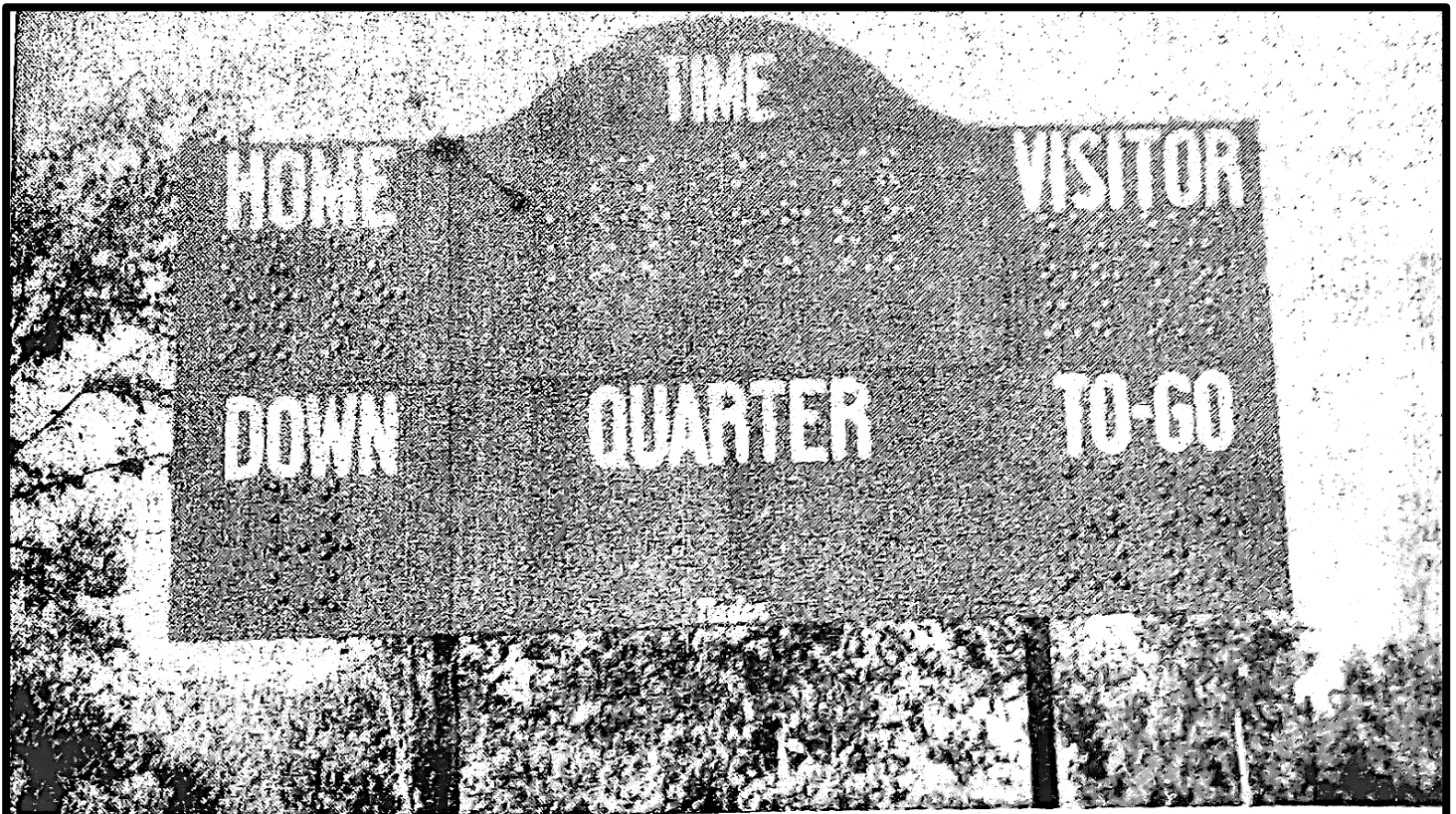
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**Indians Trip Pelican Rapids  
To Keep Goal Line Clean**

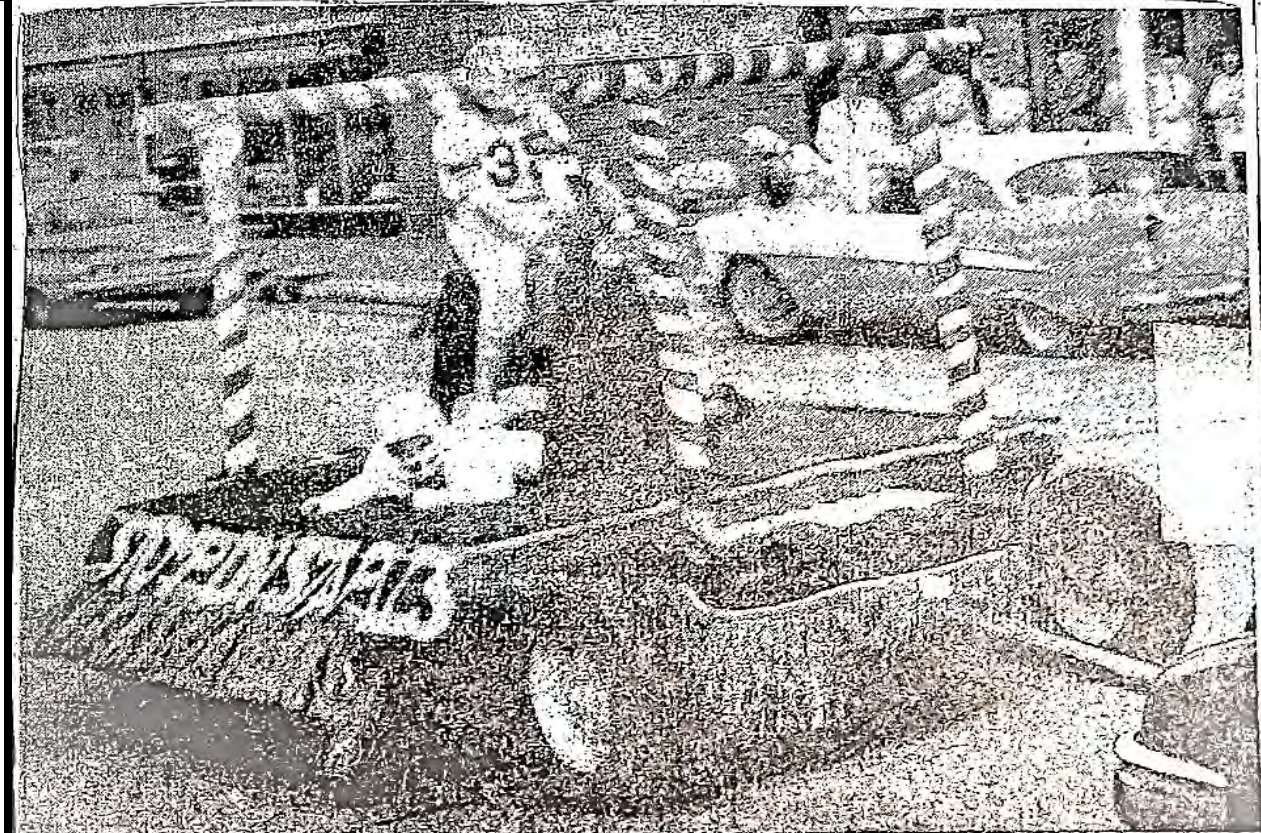


**"Stomp On Staples"  
Homecoming Theme**





Football fans in Wadena have had their enjoyment of the games at home this season increased measurably because of this new scoreboard. Erected thru cooperation of the Wadena "W" club and the school board, the sign gives several items of pertinent interest as the game progresses. It is located in the north end zone at the field and can easily be seen by most fans at the games.



Another way of expressing the "Stomp On Staples" theme was shown in this float which made its way along Jefferson Friday afternoon during the Homecoming parade.



# Indians Sting Yellowjackets 6-0



## Keep Goal Line Uncrossed; Will Meet Staples Here

It was largely a battle of two good defensive football teams on the Wadena gridiron Friday night as the Wadena Indians had as their "guests" the Perham Yellowjackets. For over three quarters of the game the two teams battled without either being able to cross the goal line. Then about midway in the final quarter the Indians managed to put across a TD which proved to be the only scoring of the game. It ended 6-0.

Throughout much of the game the action was in the area of the center of the field. The Indians had a margin in first downs, but when they penetrated to within the 20-yard line the Yellowjackets seemed to gather extra defensive strength and thwarted any scoring tries.

At one point in the first quarter the Yellowjackets worked the ball down to the Wadena 13-yard line and gave a scare to the Indians and their fans. However, the Wadena boys were up to the defensive needs and stopped the penetration at that point and took over on downs. In this quarter Dave Zosel sent two nice passes into the arms of receivers for good gains. One of the passes was to Mike Merickel and the other to Tom Fahey.

Not long after the second quarter had opened the Perham team had worked the ball to the mid-field stripe but there, with a fourth down and five to go situation they punted. The kick went down to the five-yard line where Dave Zosel took it. With the help of good blocking by others of the Indians, he scampered back to the 35 for a good return. From that point the Indians put on perhaps their best march of the evening with a good variety of plays, including passes and runs, they went to the Perham five yard line. Here it was first down. In succeeding plays the Indians advanced as far as the two, but then were shoved back

to the five and there lost the ball on downs.

It was only a couple of plays later that the half ended with both goal lines still uncrossed.

As the second half opened Perham received the kickoff. They put on the beginning of what threatened to be a good march until Tom Fahey broke through and stopped the passer for a healthy loss on one play and the visitors were forced to kick. At the end of the third quarter the scoreboard still had two big zeros posted for the score.

Perham opened the fourth quarter in possession and doing fairly well near the center of the field until Geiser intercepted a pass try of the Yellowjackets on their 37. At this point the Indians got second wind and went to work.

They advanced the ball to the five and had first down there. The first play brought it to the two but then Perham shoved them back to the five. A short pass over into the corner from Zosel to Sather brought the payoff touchdown for six points. The try for extra point failed when the kick went wide of the posts.

Perham then, after getting the kickoff, went to the air in an attempt to even the score and go ahead. One pass of nearly 50 yards was almost complete and shortly after another one was taken by two players, one from each team. It squirted out of their hands and into the hands of one of the Indians who thus gained possession. They marched up to about their 35 and then Perham held to force a kick. On the first try into the air by the Yellowjackets, Merickel intercepted and the Indians were able to run out the clock on straight up the middle plays.

The Perham team was big and had some dandy ball players in action and they proved the toughest team for the Indians thus far this season.

The Indians in the meantime were playing good football and have yet to have an opposing team score on them.

Next game on the Indians sche-





# Indians Stomped on Staples for 13-0 Win

## Homecoming Win Came In Second Half Of Game

It was pretty much like one of the Indians said several days before the game, "When they come here Staples is always tough." And that was the case Friday evening as the Staples Cardinals invaded the Indians football field. The Cardinals were tough. But in the end the Indians came out of the fray with a nifty 13 - 0 win.

The interesting part of the contest, however, is the fact the Wadena goal line was uncrossed in that game, and that makes it four in a row in which the opponents haven't been able to score against the Indians. In fact the closest any one team has come to the Indians goal line was the 13-yard line and that was by Perham a week earlier.

The game Friday night was a typical Staples - Wadena affair with some good hard football on the part of all the players in action. Play was spirited all the way through with the Cardinals striving up to the last play of the game to at least put a blemish on that Indian goal line.

There were some breaks, and it must be said most of these were in favor of the Indians Friday. On the opening kickoff the first one came. Wadena kicked to Staples. The kick was low and short and hit a Staples lineman who couldn't hang on to the ball and in the scramble it was recovered by Wadena on the Staples 44. From that point a variety of plays mostly through the line carried the ball to the 15, but there Staples held and the Indians relinquished possession.



On the first play from scrimmage by the Cardinals Botthoff scampered for about 15 yards to put some awe into the minds of the Indians and their followers. After that progress was slower and the Cards had to kick with Zosel taking the ball on his own 25 but being stopped there.

The Indians started a march which carried them to midfield, but a penalty of 15 yards hurt and they kicked with Staples taking the ball on the 30. Matonich showed a burst of power and speed and went for about 16 yards to the 46. A succession of other plays carried the ball to the Indians 32, but then a 15 yard penalty set the Cards back to near the midfield strip and here the quarter ended with no score.

In the early minutes of the second quarter the Cards kicked and the Indians had a try at moving the ball with some success but not enough and they kicked to the 30 where the Cards again took over and moved the ball up past the midfield stripe, but then were held and they kicked with Jarvela taking the ball on the 28 and moving back to the 35. There wasn't too much success in this series of downs and the ball went back to the Cardinals and after a series of downs without much success they kicked and the Indians had possession as the half ended still scoreless.

About midway in the third quarter Wadena scored. This came after the Indians had taken the kickoff and moved the ball steadily from their own 27 to the Staples 37. From that point Bob Sundahl found the opening in the Staples line and scampered thru for the longest run of the evening to pay dirt. Some dandy blocking helped clear the path for Bob. The try for point was a little wide and there was a 6 - 0 lead.

Staples took the kickoff and started to move, but then on one play the ball carrier was trapped for a long loss and the Cards kicked. This however was block-

ed as Bob Ferris got possession for the Indians on the 25.

This was an important break for the Indians and they were right there to capitalize on it. The touchdown play was a quarterback sneak by Zosel from the six inch mark. This time the try for point was good and the Indians led 13 - 0.

In the fourth quarter Staples was playing good ball and started to move well at one point only to have two 15-yard penalties in one series of downs set them back. The Cards kept at it though as the play progressed. They advanced deep into Indian territory a couple of times, and once a definite threat was blocked as Merickel intercepted a pass on the 25.

For the Indians there was good play by the entire team, linemen and back alike and Coach John Conzemius put the boys in and out of the game steadily and had many good working combinations. The Staples backfield has some fast men, and with more experience these promise to be tough in upcoming games and another year.

It was a game with thrills and one in which the opposing teams can consider they did a good job of playing top notch high school football.

Tomorrow, Friday, night the Indians go to Breckenridge. It's going to be Homecoming at Breck and those boys will be inspired. The Indians, too, will be determined to keep that dandy 4 wins, no loss, season record intact.

# Wadena Whips Breckenridge for 5th in Row

Nels. Pa.



# Sixth Straight Win By Indians Comes Over C-I

It was the sixth straight victory for the Wadena Indians football team as they outlasted the Crosby - Ironton Rangers at the C - I field Friday evening. Final score was 12 - 7 in a good game of football which saw both clubs displaying good power and good defensive ability.

The seven points by Crosby - Ironton were the first scores made this season against the Indians. They came in the third quarter as Jack Fering of the Rangers started on what was expected to be a play for just enough to get a first down again. Fering started from his own 38, went straight through the middle of the line and neatly avoided being stopped by a couple of linemen, then slipped away from any backfield hinderances and scampered for the TD, going away from pursuers. The point conversion was good. Fearing is a big boy — most of the Rangers were — and his speed along with his size gave him the needed punch for the run.

The Indians kicked off to start action. The Rangers weren't able to make too much yardage and they soon kicked back to the Indians. A few ground plays gave the Indians a first down near midfield, but then the going was tougher and the ball went back to the home team back on their own 10-yard line. After a series of efforts the Rangers used the punt again and the Indians got it on the C - I 35, but a fumble was recovered by the Rangers to give them a break. Action continued about on this pattern until the quarter ended with no score. It kept up at that rate for a short time in the second quarter when the Indians got the ball on their own 40 as Bob Sundahl took a punt there and ran it back to the Rangers 39. From that point the Indians ground out enough yardage for a first down on the 28. Then Sundahl again took the ball and with a couple of effective blocks being thrown by his teammates, and some shifty running, he was able to scamper the entire 28 yards into pay dirt. The kick was wide and it was 6 - 0.

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Not long after this, the Rangers had to punt again as they couldn't make the yardage necessary for the first down. This series of action for Wadena started on their own 28. From there they marched to midfield and then an interesting play took place. Sather was carrying the ball and making yardage, but as he was about to be downed, flipped a neat pass to Merickel who went on for several more yards to set up the next TD.

This play took the ball to the Rangers 43. From there with Zosel, Sather and Sundahl all having a chance at carrying, and all the linemen doing some good work, the second touchdown came shortly after and it was 12 to 0 as the point attempt failed.

C - I was making good, steady gains and were getting close to payoff territory in the second quarter, but the Indians held deep and got possession of the ball late in the period to lead 12, to 0 at halftime.

As second half play opened the Indians received the kick and made a march toward centerfield with some progress. However they had to surrender the ball after a penalty had hurt some and a pass play had failed. As they took the ball the Rangers were in their own territory and after a couple of plays had failed to make much yardage they had a third down and four situ-



tion on their 38. It was on the next play that Fearing, the husky fullback, wen through the middle of the line and on to the end zone 62 yards away for the touchdown which put an end to the Indians uncrossed goal line of five and a half games this season. The point conversion was good on a plunge over the line and it was 12 - 7.

Some fans had wondered if the Indians might be "shook" when an opponent scored on them, but not the boys in action Friday night. They kept right on at a good pace. After receiving the kickoff they advanced the ball well and were getting a good march going when on an apparent pass play Zosel was trapped back of the line for a substantial loss. A couple of plays later the Indians had to kick. On the first play from scrimmage after getting the ball the Rangers sprung loose a boy for a good 28 yard gain to the 40, but here the Indians held and they took a kick.

From then on to the end of the game the play moved back and forth. As one team neared their opponents goal line they met stiffer opposition. Late in the game the Rangers moved deep into Indian territory but the Wadena boys were bent on victory and stiffened the line to take over possession of the ball with only a minute or so left. Then it was just a matter of running out the clock. The Indians used line plays for only small yardage, making sure they weren't going to fumble and soon they had the win.

What looked like an almost additional scoring chance for the Indians came in the last quarter. The Indians were around the Rangers 20 and on fourth down with 10 to go, tried a pass. One of the Rangers, evidently not realizing the situation, intercepted this on his two-yard line and was downed there. Had he merely deflected the ball and prevented it from being caught by the Indians receiver, his team would have taken over on the 20. Maybe he figured possession is nine points of the law.



# Indians, Lakers Tie 25-25 In Football Thriller Last Wed.

A football game which had more thrills and excitement for the spectators than any played here for many years was fought out on the Wadena gridiron Wednesday evening of last week. When it was all over the Detroit Lakes high school team and the Wadena team were locked in a tie at 25 - 25.

This one had been predicted as being "the game" of the year, and it certainly lived up to expectations. Both teams played hard, aggressive football from start to finish. The breaks weren't many, but it might be said the Indians may have had a slight advantage in this department.

Also interesting in the game was the fact that it marked the first time this season the Indians had trailed in any game. Their ability to come back from as much as a two-touchdown deficit and go into a lead showed the qualities of a good team.

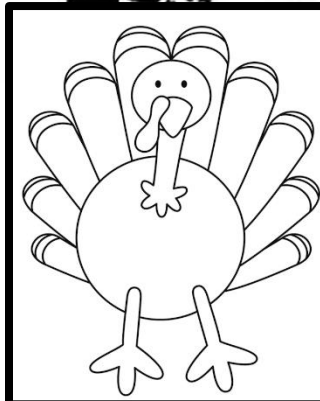
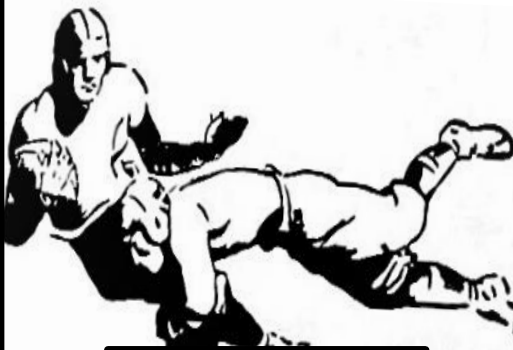
Also interesting in the game was the fact that within one span of less than five minutes of play on the clock, there were three touchdowns scored, one by the visiting Lakers and two by the Indians. The eight touchdowns scored in the game were the most in any game here for some time. They provided the fans with an abundance of excitement.

The Indians took the opening kickoff on their own 35, but after three tries had gained only a couple of yards and punted, with the ball being downed on the DL 35 with the Lakers in possession. The big boys from the west went right to work and with some good ground gains being mixed in with two completed passes had a touchdown and the conversion within a few minutes to take the lead at 7 - 0. Rogstad and Taves figured prominently in the ground game with Harris on the throwing end of the passing attack.

The rest of the first quarter found Wadena having a try at moving the ball with some success, but having to surrender it by the punt route, and then the Lakers having about the same luck and returning the punt. As the quarter ended Wadena had the ball on about the Lakers 40. Detroit Lakes had the lead on the scoreboard, 7 - 0.

Indians fans got their first thrill as far as a sustained march in the early minutes of the second quarter. The boys marched down to the one-half yard line, but were denied the TD as the Laker line held and took over on downs. Boys carrying the ball on this march were Sather, Zosel and Jarvela. The line play was good to provide some good openings for the ball carriers.

Starting from their own 19-inch line, the Lakers put on a sustain-



## Zosel Scores on 21, 23, & 33 Yd Runs

### Indians Win Number Seven; Eat Up Gobblers, 26 To 13

Wadena—Zosel 21 run (Smith run).

Aitkin—Lyons 13 run (run failed).

Wadena—Merickel 1 run (run failed).

Aitkin—Lyons 33 run (Pearson run).

Wadena—Zosel 23 run (Merickel run).

Aitkin—Lyons 7 run (run failed).

Wadena—Zosel 33 run (run failed).

ed march which took them down to within the Indians five yard line. At this point the Wadena line held for a couple of downs and then when a Laker back fumbled the ball John Geiser was in there for the recovery. Time was running out and Wadena killed the clock as they had possession and it was still 7 - 0. In the DL drive some good running plays were executed with Brecken and Taves hauling the pigskin for good yardage as the Laker line opened good holes. A few passes by quarterback Harris were mixed in, and these were executed for yardage too.

As the teams lined up for the kickoff on the opening of the second half an exciting period of football action was about to unfold. The Indians kicked and the Lakers took the ball on their own 12. One back started upfield for good yardage, along about the 30-yard stripe, as it appeared he was about to be stopped he lateralled to another back and this fellow was a fast boy. He headed for the goal line and went the distance, the total play being for 88 yards. The Indians were in pursuit for the run, but none were fast enough to overtake the fleeing Laker and the pigskin. Such an opening threw a fear into the Indian fans, but the boys playing football under the Wadena banner weren't upset.

## WHS vs DL (cont.)

Taking the kickoff on his 22, Sather hiked right along and made it to the 48 before he was stopped. A couple of pass plays were incomplete, but on a third try one of the officials got in the road of the Wadena intended receiver. The ball was put in play on the DL 37. With a first down at this point the Indians moved swiftly and in six plays had the ball in the end zone for the TD. Sather and Zosel registered good gains in this surge, and the pay-off play was a pass, Zosel to Jarvela. The conversion effort failed and it was 13 - 6.

Getting the kick on their own 25, the Lakers didn't have as much success in this series of downs, so punted.

Here Dennis Jarvela got the ball on his 10 and went all the way to the DL 48 before he was downed. The Indians had been fired up by their TD of a minute or so earlier and donned extra war paint. On the first play from scrimmage they sprung Mike Sather loose for a 48-yard scamper to the end zone and a touchdown. The try for point was good and the score was tied at 13 each.

There was fire in the eye and desire in the heart of the Indians at this point as they kicked to the Lakers. Taking the ball deep, the Lakers backs tried a handoff on the return. This resulted in a fumble and lineman Bill Heather of the Indians was there. Grabbing the football in the air, he kept right on going into the end zone and another touchdown, this being the one which put the Indians into the lead for the first time. The try for the extra point was missed. At this point, the Lakers might have had reason to let down, but they had what it took too and after getting the ball on the kick on about their 25, they put together a series of

plays which soon found them in the Wadena end zone and tying the ball game again. This series had Taves and Rogstad working on the ground for nice gains, and the Harris to Larson passing combination making added yardages and first downs to move the ball upfield.

Shortly after this the most exciting quarter of football on the local field for a long time was ended.

Opening the last quarter, the Indians kicked on fourth down, the ball being taken by the visiting II on the 16 where it had gone out of bounds.

Taking to the air right away, the Lakers had a pass intercepted as Sather was in the right spot to grab the pigskin and after fumbling it slightly, he downed it on the DL 20. On the next play he moved it just short of a first down, and then Zosel made it first down on the five.

It was Sather to the one and then on a quarterback sneak Zosel was in the end zone. The try for point missed but the Indians had a six point lead. This was with just over eight minutes left.

From this point the Lakers got the kick, but moved for only short yardage, going to the Indians 35 before they had to surrender possession. This time the Indians had little success and punted to their own 20. In a scramble Wayne Herzog recovered the ball for Wadena but a flag on the play nullified this. On the second kick DL got the ball on their 28. Again the visitors were able to rise to the occasion. The good arm of Harris, plus the catching ability of Larson on pass plays, and with some good running plays they marched the 72 yards which were necessary for the tie score. The TD came with only 20 seconds left to play and the point try failed. It was a running play.

## WHS vs DL (cont.)

As they kicked, the Lakers played it safe and sent an extremely short kick which they downed. They did manage to run one play before the clock signalled the end of a real thriller.

Names of the backfield men have crept into this story several times, and they all played good ball. Also due for a lot of credit are the linemen on both clubs. In looking over our notes we find Wayne Herzog being credited with several good efforts at breaking up plays. Others who were also in their good efforts included Sundby, Fahey, Kresien, Jovonavich, Deline, and others.

Bob Sundahl, who had figured in earlier games, saw action only for about two plays because of a leg injury. He couldn't play to his usual form and it was doubtful if he would see action in the Aitkin game last night.

Some unofficial statistics show that the Indians had 10 first downs to 19 for the Lakers and the passing combination of DL was successful in 12 of 20 efforts. The Indians made three good passes out of six efforts. Penalties were fairly even, but DL was set back a few more yards than Wadena.

It will be a game talked about a long time and in which every boy who saw action can be proud



**Wadena 41  
Park Rapids 14**

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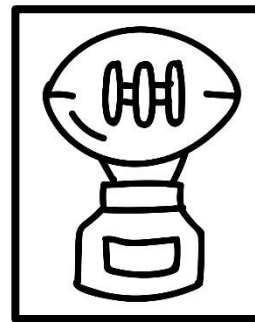
## Indians Roll For Eighth Win Of Season In Finale

**WHS Record 8-0-1**

**Mid-State 4-0-0**

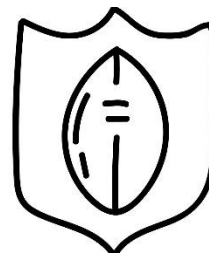


## Conference Champions



## WHS Football Team Gets 5th Place Ranking

**State of MN - Ranked #5!**





## Seven From Wadena Team Named To Mid-State Squad

Comprise Nearly Half Of Roster Of 1961 Mythical Team

At the annual meeting of the Mid State Conference schools held late last week, the Wadena Indians were recognized as the conference football champions for the 1961 season. In conference action the Indians had a perfect record of four wins and no losses.

Members of the Mid State loop are Park Rapids, Staples, Aitkin, Crosby-Ironton and Wadena.

A highlight of the meeting was selection of the all-conference team. For this mythical squad, 15 men are chosen, and of these the Wadena Indians had several more than any of the other schools. Seven Wadenaites were selected for places on this squad.

Wadenaites named to the club are Wayne Herzog, Joe Jovonovich, Bill Heather and John Geiser in the line, and Dave Zosel, Mike Sather and Mike Merickel in the backfield.

Others on the team are Geo. Von Buren of Staples, Noel James of Aitkin, Bob Zontelli of C-I, Jeff Berry of Aitkin, John Matonish of Staples, Joe Fowler of Park Rapids, Jack Fearing of C-I and Fred Biercks of Park Rapids.

In other action at the meeting the season basketball schedules were given approval. For Wadena this calls for the first game on Nov. 24.

The conference wrestling meet is to be held at C-I with the date being February 3. The conference track meet will be held here in Wadena on May 14.

Wadena was represented at the meeting by John Conzemius, Harold Willis, Bill Larson, Hank Hettwer, Chuck Luna and Chuck Vischer.

### WHS All-Conference Selections

#### Backs

Dave Zosel  
Mike Sather  
Mike Merickel

#### Linemen

Wayne Herzog  
Joe Jovonovich  
Bill Heather  
John Geiser

### End Season 8-0-1



OPPONENTS VIEW OF GRID LEADERS  
Indians Follow Chief Zosel

## Statistics Verify Power Of Indians During Season

It was a great season! That is for the Wadena high school football team. Most folks knew that as they recalled the fact the team had finished the season with eight wins and only one tie and no defeats. In addition, five of those wins came as they shutout the opposition.

The fact it was a great season is born out further as the statistics on various phases of the game are compiled for the season. The figures which have been compiled are for various phases of the game in which they can be kept. It should be remembered that there are some phases in which such statistics can't be kept, and the boys who perform these (defensive maneuvers for example) are just as vital to the game.

In releasing the figures for the season Coach John Conzemius pointed out that every effort is made to keep them accurate as possible but that there is always the chance for error and thus it could be that the number may be slightly off in one case or another.

"Major" letter winners in football this year at the school were: Dennis Jarvela, Charles Beckman, Mike Merickel, Steve Askew, Bill Heather, Dave Zosel, Joe Jovonovich, John Geiser, Bob Sundahl, Mike Sather, Randy Stofer, Tom Fahey, Wayne Herzog, Tom DeLine, Bob Ferris, Steve Sundby, Gary Kresien, and Charles Sartell and Joel Dale.

zog, 6; Donald Breid, 6; Harley Crocker, 6; Mike Merickel, 24.

#### Individual Rushing:—

Bob Sundahl—357 yds., 72 carries.  
Mike Sather—577 yds., 116 carries.  
Dave Zosel—281 yds., 83 carries.  
Mike Merickel—54 yds., 10 carries.  
Dennis Jarvela—142 yds., 29 carries.  
Randy Stofer—38 yds., 14 carries.

#### Pass Receiving:—

	Comp.	Yds.
Dennis Jarvela	1	8
Mike Merickel	12	172
Mike Sather	5	102
Bob Sundahl	3	49
Tom Fahey	1	15
Wayne Herzog	3	52
Dave Zosel	4	64

#### Pass Interceptions:—

Randy Stofer, 2; John Geiser, 2; Bob Sundahl, 2; Mike Merickel, 2; Dave Zosel, 4; Wayne Herzog, 1; Donald Breid, 1.

#### Passes Intercepted:—

Dave Zosel, 2; Randy Stofer, 2; Charles Weeks, 1.

Wadena did not have any punts blocked. We blocked four.

Mike Sather, two; Mike Merickel, one and Wayne Herzog, one.

#### Fumble Recovery:—

Wayne Herzog, 1; Tom Fahey, 1; Steve Askew, 2; Bill Heather, 2; Mike Merickel, 2; Mike Sather, 1.

#### Kickoffs:—

	No.	Ave.
John Geiser	25	41 yds.
Joe Jovonovich	1	15 yds.
Steve Sundby	5	38 yds.
Jon Ugland	1	30 yds.

#### Kickoff Returns:—

	No.	Dist.
Bob Sundahl	2	17 yds.
Dennis Jarvela	3	21 yds.
Mike Sather	10	174 yds.
Bob Tofte	1	10 yds.

#### Punting:—

	No.	Ave.
Mike Sather	26	30 yds.
Bob Tofte	1	15 yds.

#### Punt Returns:—

	No.	Dist.
Dave Zosel	3	42 yds.
Bob Sundahl	7	48 yds.
Dennis Jarvela	3	31 yds.

Some of the statistics for the season include:

Individual Scoring:—  
Mike Sather, 32; Dave Zosel, 42; Dennis Jarvela, 18; Bob Sundahl, 24; Randy Stofer, 6; John Geiser, 11; Bill Heather, 7; Wayne Herzog, 1.

### Wadena "B" Team Was Unbeaten In Season Play

The season record for the team reads:

Wadena, 27 — Park Rapids, 7.  
Wadena, 19 — Bertha-Hewitt, 0.

Wadena, 13 — Staples, 6.  
Wadena, 20 — Perham, 6.  
Wadena, 13 — Park Rapids, 12.  
Wadena, 6 — Staples, 0.  
Wadena, 28 — Perham, 7.

Members of the squad are:  
Sophomores:—Don Breid, Tom Ferris, Larry Geiser, Norman Orgeron, John Jovonovich, John Kleine, David Kleinke, Steve Taggart, Bob Tofte, Gary Thomas, Don Tubandt, Ben Uselman, Jim Walz and John Zeta.

Freshmen who participate:—Richard Aho, Tom Clark, Bill DeLine, David Erkenbrack, Don Larson, Peter Lindberg, Greg Marquarte, Gary Newstrom, Phil Richter, Ray Ristvedt, John Silver, David Steiner, Don Stoneman, Jon Ugland and Ken Young.

Hank Hettwer and Harold Willis have been the coaches for the team this season.



# Desire Resulted in Wadena's Surprise

When Wadena high school's football team set out to surprise coach John Conzemius with an undefeated season they accomplished their purpose.

Wadena had won just three football games in two years

## PREP SPORTS

by

TED PETERSON

and Conzemius says he was expecting no more than possibly an average record at best.

So "surprise" is the word as far as Conzemius is concerned for the school's first undefeated football record since 1944 and a Mid-State conference title.

"We've had better teams in the past," says Conzemius, "but never one that put out with a greater team effort. We had a lot of enthusiasm and desire from the very beginning and they snowballed right along."

Wadena has neither size nor break-away speed but an over-all compensating quickness, says Conzemius, who also is a well-known basketball official.

A BIG FACTOR in Wadena's success through nine games was that Conzemius didn't lose a boy through illness or injury.

Utilizing the winged-T formation, Wadena also had a balanced offensive that found 11 boys figuring in the scoring. The leader in scoring was Dave Sozel, a 155-pound quarterback.

Mike Sather, 165, was starting left half with Bob Sundahl, and Mike Merickel, a pair of 140-pounders, at right half and fullback. Also playing considerably in the backfield were Dennis Jarvela, 130, and Randall Stofer, 160.

THE ENDS were Wayne Herzog, 140; Steve Sundby, 172, and Tom Fahey, 155. Tackles, none of whom weigh more than 175, were Joe Jovonovich, Tom Dline, Bob Ferris and Jerry Kresien with Bill Heather, 170; Steve Askew, 150, and Charles Beckman, 140, the guards. John Geiser, 165, played center.

Among other players taking part were Joe Dale, Richard Smithlin, Terry Lynk, Harley Crocker, Bob Johnson, Charles Weeks and Charles Sartell.

Aiding Conzemius in the coaching department were Bill Larson, Hank Hettwer and Harold Willis. Wadena's B team also posted an undefeated schedule in seven games.

Only mar on the Wadena schedule was a 25-25 deadlock with Detroit Lakes. Otherwise Wadena defeated Long Prairie, Pelican Rapids, Perham, Staples, Breckenridge, Crosby-Ironton, Aitkin and Park Rapids.



WHS Undefeated Football Teams

The Sports Editors Speak . . .

As everyone with any interest in sports knows, Wadena is on its way to a most impressive season. The best since 1944, in fact, when the Indians of that day had a 8-0 won-lost record. If the Indians had gone unscored upon for the entire season, it would have been a new record at Wadena High. The only year that the blue and gold have been unscored upon was in 1910, when a 6-0 record was compiled. However, only six games were played and the 1961 schedule has nine games on it. This would tend to indicate a new record since it covers more games, if it ever comes about. At any rate the team and coaches are having an outstanding year. Only six times in history has a Wadena team had a perfect record; in 1910, 1924, 1925, 1932, 1943, & 1944. A near spotless slate was completed in 1936 also when one tie, five wins and no losses were taken. To quote a few more statistics, the Indians have won 161 games, lost 130 and tied 18 in the last fifty years. This is a very favorable showing and with

this year's record added to it it will be even more impressive.

Many things are being done differently this year. You may have noticed that the team sits on the opposite side of the field, and warms up on the opposite side of the stadium than they used to. Also the venerable line coach, Mr. Larson is absent from the sideline as he is scouting the next week's opponent each night. Practices are carried out in a little different way and it seems to keep the spirit high throughout the week. The record so far is testimony to the fact that this system is working and we hope it continues for a long, long time.

The remarkable thing about this squad is their conduct. There has been no bragging of the past games or no cockiness over the brilliant play which has been shown by the team. They keep their heads high, but they don't step on anybody's fingers. This is a credit to the team and the school as the school is on display when the squad travels to out of town games.



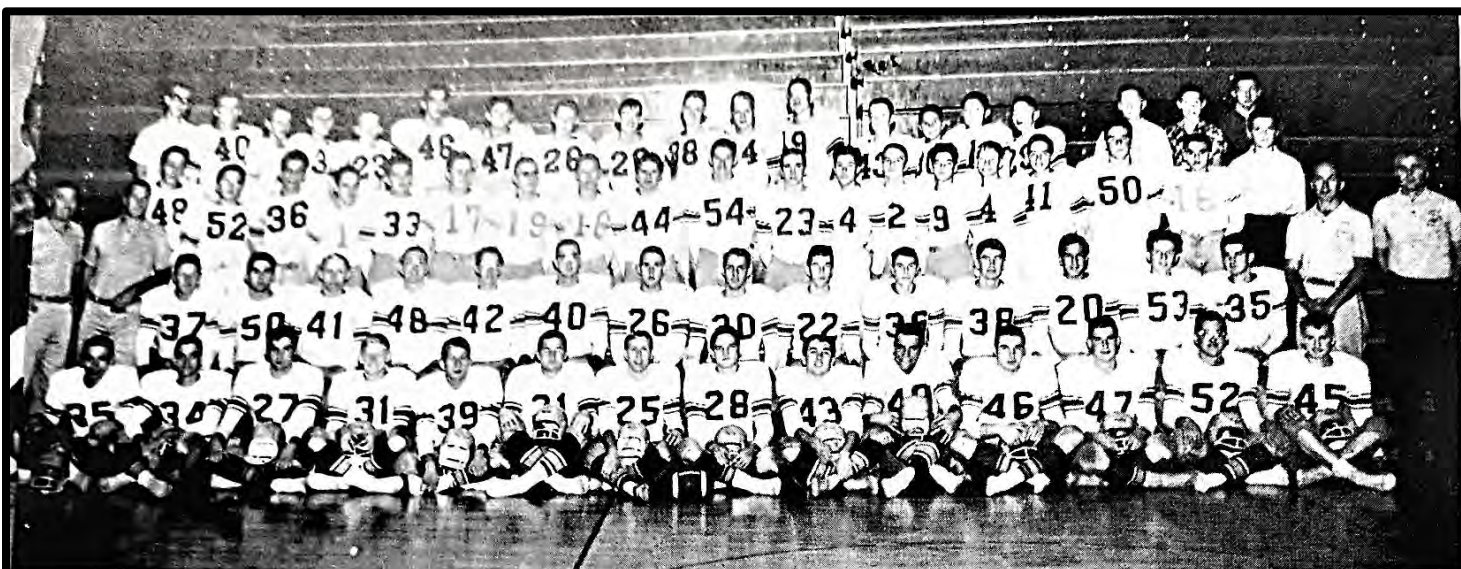
The End!





# 1962 Season

WHS Record 5-2-2  
Mid-State 3-1-0



ROW 1: T. Fahey, T. Lynk, M. Sather, H. Crocker, W. Herzog, R. Stofer, R. Sundahl, R. Johnson, G. Imdieke, J. Klein, J. Jovonich, M. Uselman, G. Marquardt, R. Ristuedt, ROW 2: L. Geiser, B. Uselman, S. Taggart, D. Stone man, N. Gregerson, S. Sunby, R. Tofte, D. Bried, J. Walz, J. Zeta, D. Rhodes, B. Grangruth, L. Rentz, J. Rohr, Coaches: W. Larson, H. Willis. ROW 3: Coaches: J. Conzemius, H. Hettwer, S. Nelson, C. Marquardt, T. Schwartz, S. Young, K. Young, J. Murray, R. Young, S. Ollie, T. Clark, D. Nicholson, J. Silver, D. Erckenbrack, P. Dugan, B. Uselman, D. Crocker, L. Schiller, T. Schiller, D. Larson, ROW 4: J. Uselman, J. Fiskum, B. Merickel, P. Kilian, D. Campbell, S. Puente, L. Golightly, D. Krause, M. Mead, D. Schwartz, C. Lynd, T. Gerszewski, D. Gibson, B. Stofer, M. Tigges, L. Schmitz, Trainers: R. Loween, M. Judkins, P. Harrison, G. Heltemes.

## 1962

### Conference Champions

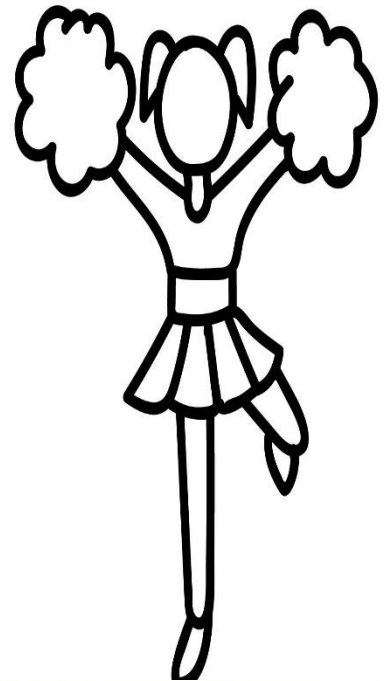
No other confirmation of a conference championship was discovered. WHS finished with a 3-1 conference record, good for a tie with Park Rapids. The Panthers beat Wadena 32-6 in the final game of the season. Thus, the assumption of Co-Champs.



		Schedule			
Long Prairie	0	31	Wadena		
Pelican Rapids	0	12	Wadena		
Perham	6	0	Wadena		
Staples	6	20	Wadena		
Breckenridge	6	6	Wadena		
Crosby-Ironton	6	20	Wadena		
Detroit Lakes	13	13	Wadena		
Aitkin	0	12	Wadena		
Park Rapids	32	6	Wadena		



TRI-CAPTAINS



**All Conference  
Football Team**

**ENDS**—Wayne Herzog, Wadena, 12; Bruce Pierson, Aitkin, 12; Jack Truesdell, Staples, 11.

**TACKLES**—Bob Fellman, Staples, 12; Rick Boyer, Park Rapids, 12; Jerry Brasselle, Aitkin 11.

**GUARDS**—Ron Peters, Park Rapids, 12; Tom Opalinski, Crosby-Ironton, 12. Terry Lynk, Wadena, 12.

**CENTERS**—Ted Nienow, Aitkin, 12; Rick Cochran, Park Rapids, 12.

**BACKS**—Roger Holmer, Park Rapids, 12; John Mantanich, Staples, 12; Jon Blessing, Staples, 12; Randy Stofer, Wadena, 12; Dick Droper, Aitkin, 12; Mike Sather, Wadena, 12; Fred Dievcks, Park Rapids, 12; Ted Anderson, Crosby Ironton, 12.

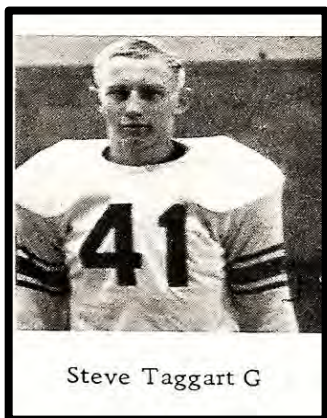


ALL CONFERENCE PLAYERS  
Terry Lynk, Wayne Hersog, Mike Sather, Randy Stofer

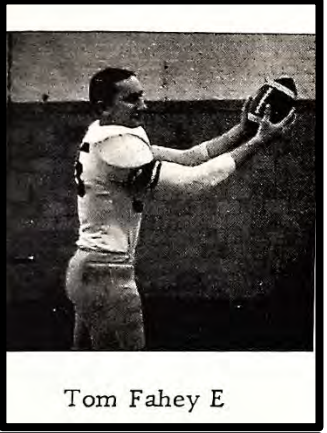
**All-Conference**

**Backs** - R. Stofer and M. Sather  
**End** - W. Herzog **Guard** - T. Lynk





Steve Taggart G



Tom Fahey E



Harley Crocker HB



Mike Sather HB



Bob Sundahl HB



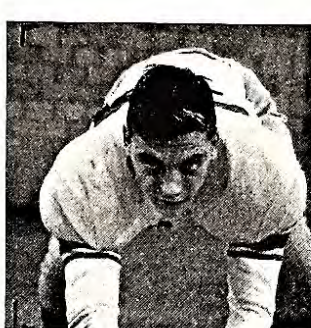
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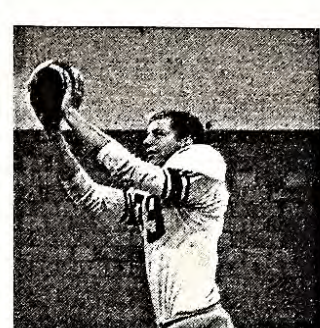
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Randy Stofer QB



Terry Lynk LB

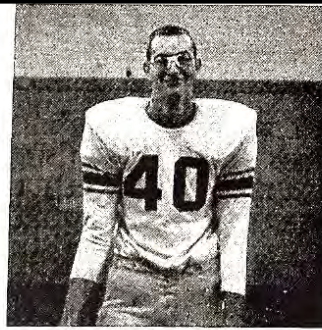


Wayne Herzog E

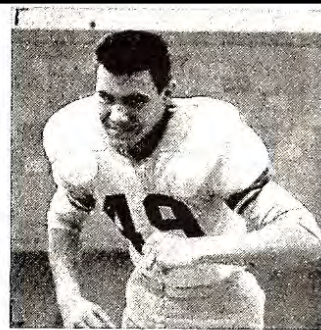




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John Klein T



Ben Uselman T



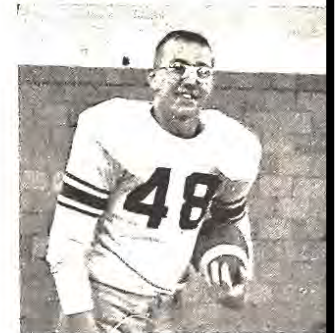
Larry Geiser G



Don Breid HB



Bob Tofte FB



Don Stoneman FB

### Major Letter-Winners At W.H.S.

Name	Grade	No.
Wayne Herzog, Capt.	12	2
Mike Sather, Capt.	12	3
Randy Stofer, Capt.	12	3
Tom Fahey	12	2
Gary Imdieke	12	1
Terry Lynk	12	1
Bob Sundahl	12	3
Harley Crocker	12	1
Bob Johnson	12	1
Steve Sundby	11	2
John Klein	11	1
Ben Uselman	11	1
Larry Geiser	11	1
Steve Taggart	11	1
John Jovonovich	11	1
Bob Tofte	11	1
Don Breid	11	1
Don Stoneman	10	1

### Minor Letter-Winners At W.H.S.

Name	Grade
Norman Gregorson	11
Douglas Rhodes	11
Jack Zeta	11
James Walz	11
Roy Ristvedt	10
Steve Ollie	10
Greg Marquardt	10
Mark Uselman	10
Bruce Uselman	10
David Steiner	10
Tom Clark	10
Brent Gangruth	10
John Silver	10
Ken Young	10
Patrick Dugan	10
Joe Murray	10
Dan Larson	10
Steve Young	11
Bob Young	11
Dave Erckenbrack	10
LeRoy Rentz	10
Dan Nicholson	10



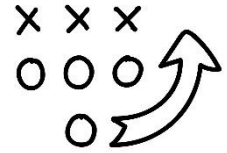
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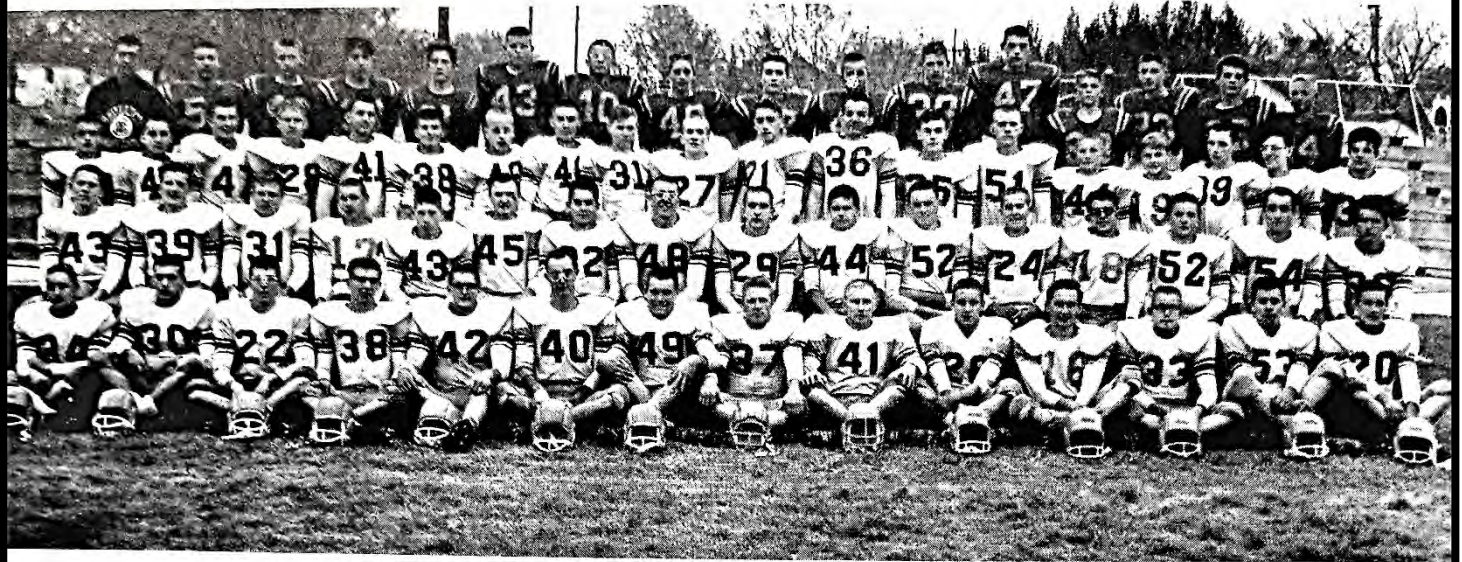


# 1963 Season

WHS Record 4-4-1  
Mid-State 1-2-1



## Football-Varsity



ROW 1: Steve Young, Don Breid, Jim Walz, Doug Rhodes, Norm Gregerson, Steve Sundby, John Klein, Larry Geiser, Steve Taggart, Bob Tofte, Tom Ferris, Bob Young, Tom Gerszewski, Brent Grangruth. ROW 2: Pete Lindberg, Leroy Rentz, Joe Murray, Steve Ollie, Paul Sanford, Ray Ristvedt, Ken Young, Don Stoneman, John Silver, Tom Clark, Tony Schiller, Jon Weiland, Steve Esken, Charles Marquardt, Steve Nelson, Jerry Fiskum. ROW 3: Danny Larson, Allan Imdieke, Brent Grangruth, Duane Crocker, John Rohr, Larry Golightly, Craig Lind, Ron Kern, Darrel Schwartz, Dave Campbell, Larry Schiller, Tom Schwartz, Pat Kilian, Bob Halvorson, Brad Stofer, Rollie Peterson, Dave Krause, Marshall Mead, Bruce Uselman. ROW 4: Manager Pat Harrison, Gerald Horn, Ron Leasman, Brad Thomas, Jim Hell, Charles Folkestad, Steve Tigges, Bill Goepford, John Myott, Pat Richter, Richard Pudas, Mike Plautz, Dick Asmus, Tom Dovenmuehle, Dwight Carter, Don Messer.



**Coaches**  
 Mr. Congenius  
 Mr. Usher  
 Mr. Schrader  
 Mr. Larson



### Schedule

Long Prairie . . . . . 0	21 . . . Wadena
Pelican Rapids . . . . . 0	14 . . . Wadena
Perham . . . . . 0	15 . . . Wadena
Staples . . . . . 26	6 . . . Wadena
Breckenridge . . . . . 7	0 . . . Wadena
Crosby-Ironton . . . . . 25	13 . . . Wadena
Detroit Lakes . . . . . 21	9 . . . Wadena
Aitkin . . . . . 13	13 . . . Wadena
Park Rapids . . . . . 13	33 . . . Wadena



# Lettermen



Larry Geiser E



Steve Taggart G



John Jovonovich C



Norm Gregerson E



Don Stoneman FB



Bob Tofte HB



Jim Walz QB



Don Breid HB



Mark Uselman G



Brent Grangruth QB



John Silver HB



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Tom Clark C



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Steve Sundby E  
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# Gridiron Snaps



The shoes are tight . . .



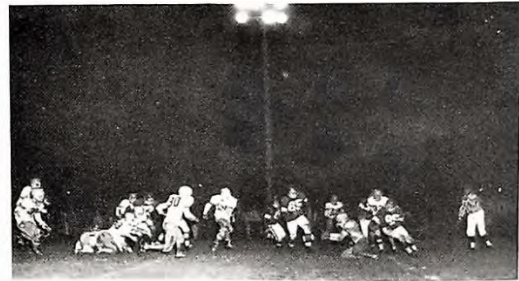
the muscles are loose . . .



and the game is on!



After a pep talk . . .



the fumbles are recovered . . .



touchdowns are scored . . .



and WHS comes home victorious!





# Sports



## Pelican Rapids Threatens As Wadena Indians Blank Visitors

By Pete Hepokoski

Don Breid Scores 2 Touchdowns As ...

### Indians Start Season With Shutout Over Long Prairie

Don Breid scored the first two touchdowns for Wadena. With 1:01 remaining in the first quarter, Breid scored from three yards out and then ran for the extra point. Breid's 43-yard run in the second quarter and Larry Geiser's kick for the extra point ran the score to 14-0.

A third quarter touchdown by fullback Don Stoneman from four yards out came with 1:00 left in the quarter. Stoneman ran for the extra point to complete the scoring.

Breid carried 12 times for 93 yards and Bob Tofte carried 18 times for 73 yards. Breid also had a 70-yard punt return that was called back because of a penalty. Others for Wadena in double figures were Stoneman, who gained 51 yards in 9 carries, and Brent Grangruth, who carried once for 27 yards.

Halfback John Peterson ran 15 yards in 6 carries for Long Prairie.

Long Prairie	0 0 0 0—0
Wadena	7 7 7 0—21
Wadena — Breid 3 run (Breid run).	
Wadena — Breid 43 run (Geiser kick).	
Wadena — Stoneman 4 run (Stoneman run).	

### Wadena Halts 3rd Straight Opponent With 15-0 Win

Perham	0 0 0 0—0
Wadena	0 6 7 2—13
Wadena — Breid 1 run (kick failed).	
Wadena — Tofte 25 run (Geiser kick).	
Wadena — Safety, Bauck stepped back out of end zone.	

B. Tofte Leads Ground Attack



# 3-0

In the third quarter, Steve Sundby blocked a punt by Keith Engebretson, and Norm Gregorson recovered it and ran it 22 yards for the second Indian touchdown. A kick by Larry Geiser was good for the extra point.

Engebretson, Pelican Rapids halfback, gained 100 yards in 17 carries, while fullback Bruce Pederson picked up 39 in just five carries.

For Wadena, Breid ran 70 yards in 12 attempts, Don Stoneman carried 10 times for 38 yards, and Bob Tofte gained 27 yards with seven carries.

It was the third straight year the Indians shut out Pelican Rapids, beating them 26-0 in 1961 and 12-0 last year. Wadena has now shut out their opponents ten times in their last twenty games, since the start of the 1961 season.

Wadena	0 7 7 0—14
Pelican Rapids	0 0 0 0—0
Wadena—Breid 11 run (Stoneman run).	
Wadena—Gregorson 22 blocked punt return (Geiser kick).	

### Breckenridge Scores In Last Quarter To Break Scoreless Tie And Defeat Wadena 7-0

First Home Loss In 3 Seasons ...

### Staples Dumps Indians For First Defeat Of The Year

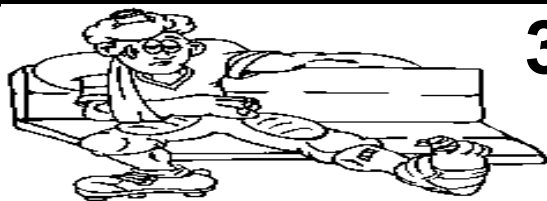
Season Record Now Even At 3-3 ...

### Indians Drop Third Straight As C-I Scores 25-13 Win

Wadena's leaders were Don Stoneman with 71 yards on seven attempts, and Bob Tofte, with nine carries for 43 yards.

Wadena	6 0 0 7—13
Crosby Ironton	7 8 6 6—25
Wadena — Stoneman 37 run (kick failed).	
Crosby — Christenson 44 run (Christenson kick).	
Crosby — Halverson 35 pass from Tomljanovich (kick failed).	
Crosby — Halverson 20 pass from Tomljanovich (kick failed).	
Crosby — Jenkins 68 interception return (kick failed).	
Wadena — Stoneman 10 run (Tofte pass from Grangruth).	

# 3-3





# Detroit Lakes Hands Indians Their Fourth Straight Defeat With A 21-9 Win Wednesday

## Indians Come Back Good, As They Tie Aitkin 13-13

Wadena	0	0	0	13-13
Aitkin	8	0	7	0-13
Aitkin — Thompson, 15 run (kick failed).				
Aitkin — Shields, 10 blocked punt return (Hobblins run).				
Wadena — Stoneman, 1 run (run failed).				
Wadena — Grangruth, 1 run (Braid run).				

## Indians "Mar P.R." 33 To 13 In Friday Night's Homecoming Victory

Thirteen Seniors Play In Their Last High School Football Game

Stoneman led all rushers with 101 yards in 15 carries, while Jim Carey and Torgerson got 72 and 62 yards for the Panthers.

The seniors on the Indian's team who saw their final football action were: quarterback Jim Walz, halfbacks Don Braid, Jim Tofte, and Bob Young, guards Larry Geiser, Steve Taggart, Doug Rhodes, and Steve Young, tackles John Klein and Ben Uselman, center John Jovonovich, and end Steve Sundby. One other senior, end Norm Gregerson, has been out the last four games with injuries.

Park Rapids	0	8	0	7-13
Wadena	6	7	14	6-33
Wadena — Stoneman, 73 punt return (run failed).				
Park Rapids — Schmitz, recovered fumble in end zone. (kick failed).				
Wadena — Grangruth, 6 run (Tofte kick).				
Wadena — Tofte, 3 run (Geiser kick).				
Wadena — Walz, 3 run (Geiser kick).				
Wadena — Braid, 5 run (kick failed).				
Park Rapids — Torgerson, 9 run (Thompson kick).				

## 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



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# 1963 Final Football Statistics Wadena Ahead In Offensive



## Indians Falter In Passing Game

Wadena outscored their opponents 124 to 105 points, and led in almost every offensive department with the exception of passing, according to the final 1963 Wadena Football statistics.

One of the leading all around men on this year's squad was Don Stoneman, who led in rushing, pass receiving, punting, punt returns and was second in total points scored.

Following closely behind Stoneman was Don Breid, who captured first place honors in kick-off returns, interceptions and total points scored. Don was second high in yards gained rushing and punt returns.

## Don Stoneman & Don Breid Lead In Seven Individual Categories

**LEADING RUSHER**  
Don Stoneman, 104 carries for 560 yards or 5.38 yards per carry.

Don Breid, 88 carries for 450 yards or 5.11 yards per carry.

Bob Tofte, 106 carries for 465 yards or 4.39 yards per carry.

Both Stoneman and Breid tied for this year's longest run at 43 yards.

**PASSING**  
Brent Grangruth attempted 50 passes, completed 18 for 36 percent. He had five interceptions and passed for 214 total yards.

**PASS RECEIVING**  
Don Stoneman caught 8 for 85 yards.

Bob Tofte caught 4 for 60 yards.  
Steve Sundby caught 3 for 44 yards.

**PUNTING**  
Don Stoneman punted 33 times for 983 yards and a 29.7 average.

**PUNT RETURNS**  
Don Stoneman returned 16 times for 208 yards and a 12.9 average. One return was for 73 yards and a touchdown.

Don Breid returned twice for 27 yards, while Bob Tofte also returned twice for 13 yards.

**KICKING**  
Norm Gregerson kicked 12 times for 513 yards for a 42.8 average. His longest kick was for 51 yards.

Larry Geiser had the best record, kicking seven times for 316 yards and a 45.2 average.

**KICK-OFF RETURNS**  
Don Breid returned 13 times for 176 yards and a 13.5 average.  
Bob Tofte showed the best mark with three returns for 70 yards and a 23.3 average.

**INTERCEPTIONS**  
Don Breid picked off two passes, but failed to gain any yardage.  
Jim Walz intercepted once for the longest return at 15 yards.

Don Breid	33 points
Don Stoneman	32 points
Bob Tofte	26 points
Brent Grangruth	12 points
Norm Gregerson	6 points
Jim Walz	6 points
Larry Geiser	5 points



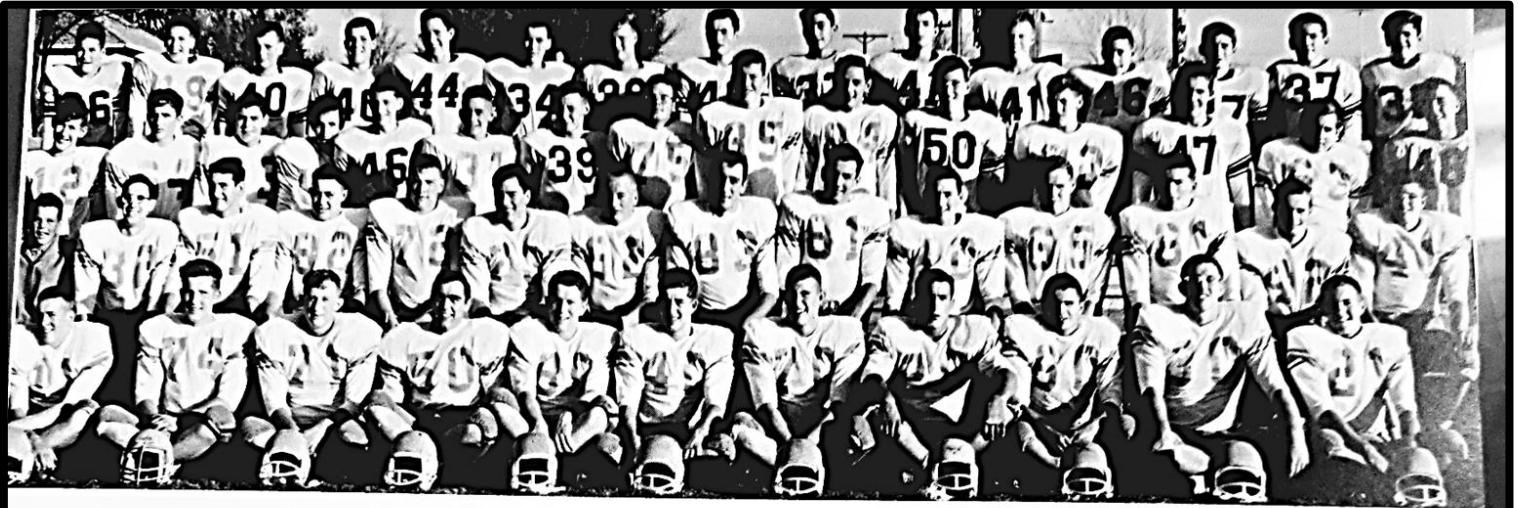
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# 1964 Season

WHS Record 8-1-0

Mid-State 3-1-0



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## Varsity Football Team

ROW ONE: Dave Campbell, Leroy Rentz, DeWayne Pierce, Steve Kingsley, Pete Lindberg, Ken Young, Mark Uselman, Brent Grangruth, Tom Clark, Don Stoneman, Jon Weiland. ROW TWO: Tom Conzemius, Marshall Mead, John Rohr, Ron Kern, Bob Halvorson, Tom Gerszewski, Craig Lind, Steve Nelson, Tom Schwartz, Larry Schiller, Darrel Schwartz, Jerry Fiskum, Bill Merickel, Larry Golightly. ROW THREE: Gary Rohr, Glen Aagard, George Plautz, Pat Richter, Tom Dovenmuehle, Bill Goepferd, Ron Leasman, Steve Tigges, Chuck Folkestad, Mike Plautz, Francis Plautz, Richard Pudas, Mike Langer, Bob Denny, Jim Stoneman. ROW FOUR: Darrel Oja, Paul Sundahl, Duane Kupfer, David Endres, Dan Rohr, Dick Klunenberg, Bruce Werring, John Myott, Steve Heltemes, Bill Bradford, Byron Ellingson, Roger Battreall, Steve Erckenbrack, Rick Fiskum, Dick Asmus.

## Schedule

Long Prairie	0 . . . 6	Wadena
Pelican Rapids	0 . . . 13	Wadena
Perham	7 . . . 18	Wadena
Staples	13 . . . 6	Wadena
Breckenridge	6 . . . 13	Wadena
Crosby-Ironton	13 . . . 26	Wadena
Detroit Lakes	7 . . . 32	Wadena
Aitkin	6 . . . 21	Wadena
Park Rapids	13 . . . 20	Wadena



## Coaches

Mr. Conzemius  
Mr. Visher  
Mr. Schrader  
Mr. Larson



Don Stoneman



Leroy Rentz



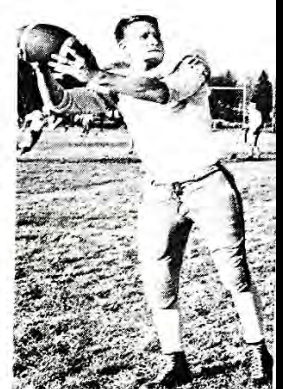
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DeWayne Pierce



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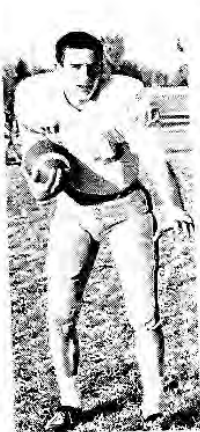
Pete Lindberg

## Major Letter Winners





Tom Clark



Brent Grangruth



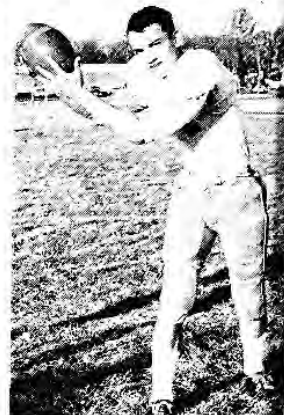
Steve Nelson



Larry Schiller



Danny Larson



Tom Schwartz



Tom Gerszewski



Pat Harrison



Craig Lind



Darrel Schwartz



Steve Kingsley



Dave Campbell



Bob Halvorson



Jerry Fiskum



Jon Weiland



John Rohr



Joe Murray

Shutout String Continues . . .

# Indians Open Season — With 6-0 Victory

## Long Prairie Is Handcuffed For 4th Straight Year

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 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.

## Mike Sather On NDSU Squad





# Pelican Rapids Blanked Friday By Wadena, 13-0

## Second Straight Shutout, Fourth One Over P.R.

**By Pete Hepokoski**  
 The Pelican Rapids Vikings fell to defeat to Wadena last Friday night in a non-conference game at Wadena. The final score was 13-0, the fourth consecutive year that Wadena has shut them out. It was also the thirteenth time in the last 29 games that Wadena has held the opposition scoreless.  
 The Indians opened the scoring in the second period as Don Stoneman ran 18 yards for a touchdown. Stoneman also ran the necessary yardage for the extra point, and the score stood 7-0.  
 Quarterback Larry Schiller passed nine yards to Tom Schwartz for a third-quarter touchdown. The try for the extra point, with Brent Grangruth carrying, failed.

# Wadena Makes It Three Straight With 18 To 7 Win Over Perham

**By Pete Hepokoski**  
 The Wadena Indians boosted their season record to 3-0 with an 18-7 win in an exciting game at Perham Friday night. The Perham Yellow Jackets saw their record evened at 1-1.  
 The Indians dominated the game both on offense and defense, but five fumbles in the misty rain put their lead in jeopardy several times. Although Perham ran more plays (43 to 38), Wadena outgained them 232-72 on total offensive yardage.  
 Leading the Wadena rushing attack were Brent Grangruth (121 yards in 9 carries) and Don Stoneman (67 yards in 11 carries). Jim Moore was Perham's top ground gainer, carrying 6 times for 45 yards.  
 The Yellow Jackets jumped off to an early 7-0 lead. Greg Drummond ran one yard for a touchdown, and Jed Knuttila's run for the extra point was successful.

Grangruth ran seven yards for a score later in the first period, but the conversion attempt failed. Perham led after one quarter 7-6.  
 Larry Schiller put Wadena in the lead with a one yard plunge in the second period, and added a two-yarder in the third period. These were Schiller's second and third touchdowns of the season.  
 On Friday night this week the Indians will journey to Staples for their first conference action of the year. Last week the Staples Cardinals scored a 40-6 victory over Little Falls in Mid-State Conference play.

Wadena	6	6	6	0-18
Perham	7	0	0	0-7

Perham — Drummond, 1 run (Knuttila run).  
 Wadena — Grangruth, 7 run (run failed).  
 Wadena — Schiller, 1 run (kick failed).  
 Wadena — Schiller, 2 run (run failed).

# Indians Bow To First Loss On Freak Play

## Staples Scores 13 To 6 Victory

**By Pete Hepokoski**  
 The Wadena Indians football team dropped their first game of the season last Friday night as the Staples Cardinals whipped them 13-6 in the Staples homecoming game.  
 A pair of touchdowns in the fourth quarter settled the game for the Cardinals. Trailing 6-0, Tom Edwards, the Staples quarterback, scored from one yard out to tie the score. Edward's kick for the extra point was blocked.  
 Minutes later, Wadena fumbled when the snap from center bounced free. Staples' Howard Pavlachy grabbed the ball in the air near mid-field and ran the ball back for a 12-6 lead. An extra point kicked by Edwards made the score 13-6.





# Indians Brighten Homecoming With 13-6 "Upset" Victory Over Breck

## Stoneman Leads Total Yardage, Grangruth Sets Final Touchdown

By Pete Hepokoski

The 1964 Wadena Homecoming was a big success, and was topped off with a successful football game Friday night at Wadena. Encountering a very strong Breckenridge eleven, the Indians emerged victorious with a 13-6 upset.

Leading the team was Don Stoneman, who gained 150 yards on the ground. During Wadena's first touchdown drive of 79 yards, Stoneman picked up 75 yards. Brent Grangruth's running in the fourth quarter was the clinching blow for Wadena. Also performing well was quarterback Dave Campbell, starting his first game of the season.

Wadena gained a 7-0 lead early in the second period. With 34 seconds elapsed, Larry Schiller ran one yard for a touchdown, climaxing a 79-yard drive that began in the first quarter. John Rohr kicked the extra point to finish the first half scoring.

The teams battled evenly in the third quarter, but late in the period Breckenridge sustained a drive downfield. On the second play of the fourth quarter, Paul Anderson threw an 18-yard pass to Mike Conzemius for a touchdown. Mike is the younger brother of Wadena coach, John Conzemius.

The important kick after the touchdown was blocked by Wadena guard Tom Clark. The score stood 7-6 in favor of Wadena.

The Indiana wrapped up the scoring with only 1:31 left in the game when Grangruth ran seven yards for a score. This time Rohr's kick was wide to the right.

For the season thus far, Wadena has compiled a 4-1 record. They try to improve on that Friday night, as Crosby-Ironton comes to town for a 7:30 p. m. game.

Breckenridge	0 0 0 6—6
Wadena	0 7 0 6—13
W—Schiller, 1 run (Rohr kick).	

B — Conzemius, 18 pass from Anderson (kick failed).

W — Grangruth, 7 run (kick failed).



Crosby-Ironton	0	cv
C-I	0 0 0 13—13	
Wadena	0 13 13 0—26	
W—Stoneman, 5 run (kick blocked).		
W—Grangruth, 20 pass from Campbell (Rohr kick).		
W—Grangruth, 17 run (Rohr kick).		
W—Stoneman, 29 run (kick wide to right).		
C-I—Nelson, 12 run (Nelson run).		
C-I—Wilding, 25 run (run)		

**INDIAN INFO:** Stoneman has gained 577 yards on the ground in 6 games, compared to 560 in 9 games last year when he played fullback . . . Larry Schiller, who quarterbacked the Indians in the first four games, saw a lot of action as a starting end against C-1 . . . Stoneman has scored 25 points this year, Grangruth and Schiller 24 each . . . Tom Gerszewski blocked Breckenridge's extra point kick,

# Wadena Boosts Record To 5-1 As They Score 26-13 Victory Over C-I

## Team Gains 336 Yards Over-all

By Pete Hepokoski

The running of halfbacks Don Stoneman and Brent Grangruth and the passing of quarterback Dave Campbell paced the Wadena Indians to a 26-13 victory over the Crosby-Ironton Rangers Friday evening at Wadena. The win evened Wadena's Mid-State Conference record to 1-1 and boosted their overall record to 5-1.

Stoneman and Grangruth each scored a pair of touchdowns and gained 82 and 133 yards, respectively. Campbell, a junior playing his second game at quarterback, completed five of nine passes for 98 yards. The play of the offensive front line was outstanding, with key blocks setting up the touchdowns and opening numerous gaps for the ball carriers.

After a scoreless first period, Wadena scored with 10:55 left in the half on Stoneman's 5-yard run. Nine minutes later Grangruth scored on a 20-yard pass play from Campbell.

In the last three minutes of the third quarter, Wadena scored twice more. A 17-yard run by Grangruth and a 29-yard run by Stoneman accounted for these tallies.

John Rohr kicked the extra points after two of the four touchdowns, so after three quarters the Indians led 26-0. One of Rohr's kicks was blocked, and the fourth was wide to the right.



# Indians Score Year's Highest Point Total At D. L. Expense

## Wadena Romps Past Lakers 32-7 As They Build A 6-1 Record

By Pete Hepokoski

The Wadena Indians continued their domination over non-conference foes by whipping the Detroit Lakes Lakers 32-7 Friday night at Detroit Lakes. The Indians boast a 5-0 record outside the conference, with only two conference games left on the schedule. Overall, Wadena ranks 6-1.

Friday's game was another well-played encounter as the Indians avenged a 21-9 loss to D. L. last season. The 32 points scored by Wadena represented their highest total of 1964.

Wadena led at halftime 12-0 as Dave Campbell had a hand in both touchdowns. He sneaked two yards for the first tally in the first quarter and passed nine

yards to Kenny Young for a second-period score.

It was a first half dominated by Wadena, as they out-rushed the Lakers 186 yards to minus nine yards. The Lakers gained their only first down on the last play of the half, while Wadena picked up 12.

The third quarter was scoreless, but the Indians broke the game open in the final period. Don Stoneman ran three yards for a touchdown, and Young scored his second TD of the game on a 42-yard interception return. Then, with the second-string unit in the game, Larry Schiller threw a 28-yard scoring pass to Jon Weiland. John Rohr kicked two extra points in the quarter.

The Lakers' only 7 points al-



so came in the high-scoring fourth quarter. These came on Craig Lilja's 60-yard gallop and Ken Wallgren's kick for the PAT.

Top runners for the game were again Stoneman and Brent Grangruth of Wadena. Stony carried 13 times for 124 yards, while Brent picked up 92 yards on 14 carries.

Wadena closed out their home season last night (Wednesday) against Aitkin, and they'll play their final road game at Park Rapids on Friday night next week.

**INDIAN INFO:** Wadena has outscored the opposition 114-46 in seven games this season. They hold an 82-7 edge in the first three quarters . . . Stoneman has 701 yards rushing and Grangruth 590. They should gain close to a mile if they continue their present rushing averages . . . The Indians are already assured of an improvement over last year's 4-4-1 record. Their 6-1 record this season is a credit to a team that lost 9 of its 11 starters from the 1963 squad.

Wadena 6 6 0 20-32  
Detroit Lakes 0 0 0 7-7

Wad. — Campbell, 2 run (kick failed).

Wad. — Young, 9 pass from Campbell (kick failed).

Wad. — Stoneman, 3 run (Rohr kick).

Wad. — Young, 42 interception return (kick failed).

Wad. — Weiland, 28 pass from Schiller (Rohr kick).

D. L. — Lilja, 60 run (Wallgren kick).



## Wadena Makes It 4 Straight Wins

See WHS vs Aitkin next page.



# Indians Top Aitkin 21-6 To Set Stage For Final Contest

By Pete Hapokoski

Wadena won its fourth straight game in the seventh in eight encounters last Wednesday night as the squad topped the Aitkin Gobblers 21-6 in a Mid-State conference game at Wadena.

The victory set the stage for the final week of play in the tight conference race. Wadena's Indians play at Park Rapids, while Staples plays at Crosby-Ironton. Park Rapids and C-I rank 3-1 in the conference, with the Indians at 2-1. For Wadena to take the crown, they must topple the Panthers while Staples defeats Crosby.

The Indians opened the game by recovering their onside kick and moving to near the 10-yard line. Stopped on downs, they soon forced Aitkin to punt from their end zone. This time the Indians scored, as Don Stoneman's 4-yard run climaxed the drive John Rohr added the extra point on a kick.

The Gobblers retaliated with a second quarter TD by quar-

The third quarter was scoreless, but a Dave Campbell-to-Steve Nelson pass covering 15 yards was good for a fourth period score. Once again Rohr booted the extra point, giving him a 3-for-3 evening.

Leading the Wadena rushing attack were halfbacks Stoneman and Brent Grangruth. The pair of seniors gained 118 and 107 yards in 19 and 18 carries. Young, another senior, gained 30 yards in seven carries.

Park Rapids and the Indians, with identical 7-1 records overall, meet Friday night at 7:30 at Park Rapids in the closing game of the season. It shapes up as an important game for two excellent teams, so attend if possible.

Aitkin	0	6	0	0-6
Wadena	7	7	0	7-21

Wad.—Stoneman, 4 run (Rohr kick).

Ait.—Ekham, 1 run (pass failed).

Wad.—Schwartz, 14 blocked punt return (Rohr kick).

Wad.—Nelson, 15 pass from Campbell (Rohr kick).



## Don Stoneman Picked To The All-State Team

Some 22 high school grid stars from all parts of Minnesota — including Don Stoneman of Wadena High School — were honored as members of the WCCO Radio All-State Football Team of the Week picked Thursday night, Oct. 22.

The team was announced on "Prep Parade," the weekly high school sports series conducted by WCCO Radio Sports Director Paul Giel and Sid Hartman under the sponsorship of Fairway/

### Park Rapids Knocked From Top Spot As Wadena Wins 20-13

## Wadena Heads List With Five Players On Mid-State Squad

Five Wadena High School football players were named last week to the Mid-State Conference football team. WHS topped all other schools in the conference, with the largest number of boys selected. It was a forthcoming tribute to a team that finished first over all dur-

ing the past season, and lead practically every opponent in the offensive departments.

Chosen for their line play were Tom Clark and Mark Uselman. For the backfield it was Brent Gangruth, Don Stoneman and Ken Young.



# Indians End Season At 8-1, 2nd In Conference

By Pete Hepokoski

A successful finish to a successful football season still left the Wadena Indians short of the Mid-State Conference championship Friday night. The Indians defeated Park Rapids 20-13 at Park Rapids to drop the Panthers from the top spot, but Crosby-Irwin won the crown with a victory over Staples. C-F's record is 4-1, and Wadena's is 3-1. Overall, Wadena has the best record (8-1) of any team in the conference. They finished the season with a five-game winning streak.

The Indians dominated the half, but Park Rapids took control in the second half. They cut a 20-0 deficit to 20-6 on Jim Carey's 14-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. Greg Torgerson ran 35 yards in the fourth quarter for a score, and Carey's run for the PAT made it 20-13.

A fumble by Wadena gave the Panthers a potential scoring threat later in the 4th period, but the Panthers fumbled the ball back to the Indians on the next play. From then on, the Indians kept to the ground and ran out the clock.

Brent Grangruth was the offensive star for the Indians of the first half. He scored three touchdowns in the second period, while John Rohr kicked two extra points for the best of the scoring. Grangruth's first TD came midway through the period on a 18-yard run. He scored the second, two minutes later on a punt return covering 78 yards. His third came on a brilliant diving catch of Dave Campbell's 26-yard pass with just seconds left in the half.

Grangruth gained 82 yards rushing to lead the team in that category. Don Stoneman and Campbell added 59 and 55 yards, respectively. Torgerson of Park Rapids, however, rushed 151 yards to be the biggest ground-gainer of the game.

Wadena saw their season come to an end with this game. They compiled an 8-1 record under the coaching of head coach John Conzenius and assistants Bill Larson, Chuck Visser, and Ron Schrader. This was the best record the team has compiled since the 8-0-1 mark of 1951. Congratulations to the entire group of players and coaches.

Seniors who played their final game for WHS were: halfbacks Don Stoneman and Brent Grangruth; fullback Ken Young; center Steve Kingsley; guard Tom Clark; guard and captain Mark Uselman; tackle DeWayne Pierce and LeRoy Rencz; and end Pete Linberg. Two others (fullback Don Larson and Joe Murray) concluded their seasons with injuries which prevented them from playing.

Wadena 0 20 0 0—20  
Park Rapids 0 0 6 7—13

Wad.—Grangruth, 10 TD (pass failed).

Wad.—Grangruth, 78 punt return (Rohr kick).

Wad.—Grangruth, 25 pass from Campbell (Rohr kick).

P. R.—Carey, 14 run (air failed).

P. R.—Torgerson, 35 TD (Carey run).

	Wad	P.R.
First downs	15	11
Net yards rushing	209	232
Passes attempted	8	5
Passes completed	2	1

## Wadena Leads Opponents In Offensive Categories

Brent Grangruth, Don Stoneman Top Individual Team Statistics

By Pete Hepokoski

Wadena, led by its senior halfbacks Brent Grangruth and Don Stoneman, bested their opponents in nearly every offensive category, according to the final 1964 Wadena football statistics.

Grangruth topped the team in pass catching, punt returns, kickoff returns, and scoring; he finished second in rushing. Stoneman was the top rusher and did most of the punting, and he

finished second in pass catching, kickoff returns, and scoring.

The Indians netted 136 first downs to 76 for the opposition. They out-rushed their opponents 2073 yards to 1296 yards, while holding 334-225 edge in passing yardage.

On the minus side of the statistics, Wadena fumbled eight more times than the opposition, and lost the ball 10 more times.

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## 1964 SEASON STATISTICS

Final individual statistics are as follows:

### RUSHING

Don Stoneman, 132 carries for 878 yards or 6.7 yards per carry.

Brent Grangruth, 128 carries for 779 yards or 6.1 yards per carry.

Dave Campbell, 30 carries for 143 yards or 4.8 yards per carry.

Ken Young, 32 carries for 121 yards or 3.8 yards per carry.

Larry Schiller, 41 carries for 106 yards or 2.6 yards per carry.

Stoneman had the longest run of the season at 47 yards, while Grangruth had one at 44 yards.

### PASSING

Dave Campbell attempted 43 and completed 18 for 242 yards. He passed for four TD's and had one interception.

Larry Schiller attempted 16 passes and completed 6 for 100 yards. He passed for two TD's and had one interception.

### PASS RECEIVING

Brent Grangruth caught 9 for 134 yards.

Don Stoneman caught 5 for 100 yards.

Steve Nelson caught 4 for 72 yards.

Ken Young caught 3, Jon Weiland 2, and Tom Schwartz 1.

### PUNTING

Don Stoneman punted eight times for 261 yards and a 32.6 average.

Dave Campbell punted twice for a 39.5 average.

Brent Grangruth punted three times for a 29.0 average.

### KICKING

Steve Nelson kicked 23 times for 913 yards for a 39.7 average. His longest kick was for 52 yards.

John Rohr kicked nine times

for 336 yards and a 37.4 average.

### PUNT RETURNS

Brent Grangruth returned 6 punts for 115 yards and one TD, an average of 19.2 yards per return.

### KICKOFF RETURNS

Brent Grangruth returned 6 kickoffs for 103 yards and a 17.2 average.

Don Stoneman returned 8 kickoffs for 102 yards and a 12.8 average.

### INTERCEPTIONS

Ken Young picked off a pass and returned it for 42 yards and a touchdown.

Tom Clark, Mark Uselman, Don Stoneman, and Larry Schiller also intercepted one pass each.

### TEAM STATISTICS

Category	WAD.	OPP.
First Downs	136	76
Passes Attempted	64	73
Passes Completed	24	24
Pass Percentage	37.5	32.9
Yards Gained	334	225
T. D. Passes	5	1
Passes Intercepted	3	5
Yards Rushing	2,164	1,417
Yards Lost	91	121
Net Yardage	2,073	1,296
Avg. Per Rush	5.3	4.9
Punts	14	26
Yards	427	869
Average	30.5	33.4
Kickoffs	33	19
Yards	1,277	686
Average	38.7	36.1
Punts Returned	14	6
Yards	149	28
Average	10.6	4.7
Kickoffs Returned	17	32
Yards	205	514
Average	12.1	16.1
Fumbles	27	19
Fumbles Lost	20	10
Penalties Accepted	33	33
Yards Penalized	27	269
Touchdowns	24	10
Extra Points	11	5

Total Points 155 65

### SCORING

Brent Grangruth	42 points
Don Stoneman	37 points
Larry Schiller	24 points
Ken Young	12 points
Tom Schwartz	12 points
John Rohr	10 points
Jon Weiland	6 points
Dave Campbell	6 points
Steve Nelson	6 points

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Wadena	19-26-31-39-155
Opposition	7-0-6-46-65



Brent Grangruth

# GET IN THE GAME!



# Footballs Major, Minor Letter Winners Named

The list of major and minor letter winners for the 1964 football season were released this past week by coach John Conzemius. Following are the names of those boys who will receive their award.

## Major Letter Winners

### SENIORS

Mark Uselman—elected capt.  
Tom Clark—elected honorary capt.  
Don Stoneman—elected honorary capt.  
Steve Kingsley  
Kenny Young—elected honorary capt.  
DeWayne Pierce  
Pete Lindbergh  
LeRoy Rentz  
Brent Grangruth—elected honorary capt.  
Daniel Larson  
Joe Murray

### JUNIORS

Dave Campbell  
Bob Halverson  
Tom Schwartz  
Larry Schiller  
Jerry Fiskum  
Steve Nelson

Craig Lind  
Tom Gerszewski  
Darrell Schwartz  
Jon Weiland  
John Rohr  
Minor Letter Winners

### JUNIORS

George Plautz, Marshall Mead  
Larry Golightly, Ronald Kern,  
Bill Merickel.

### SOPHOMORES

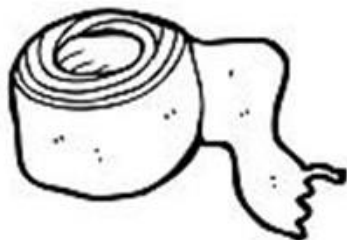
Ronald Leaseman, Richard Pudas, John Myott, Dick Ossasmus, Gary Rohr, Bill Goepferd, Charles Folkestad, Mike Tigges, Tom Dovenmuhle, Bob Denny.

### FRESHMAN

James Stoneman, Francis Plautz, Paul Richter, Steve Plautz, Rich Fiskum, Mike Langer.

In special categories, Pete Hepokoski received a major letter for being the team statistician for the past three years, while Pat Harrison won a major letter for being the trainer.

Let's Go!







# 1965 Season

WHS Record 5-4-0  
Mid-State 2-3-0



ROW 1, John Rohr, Don Dykhoff, Dave Campbell, Bob Halverson, Larry Schiller, Steve Nelson, Jerry Fiskum, Craig Lind, Darrel Schwartz, Tony Schiller; ROW 2: Daryl Oja, Bill Merickel, Marshall Mead, Steve Tigges, Gary Rohr, Rich Pudas, Bill Goepferd, Jon Weiland, Larry Golightly, John Hotz; ROW 3: Paul Sundahl, Rick Fiskum, Steve Dovenmuehle, Franics Plautz, Chuck Folkestad, Mike Langer, Jim Stoneman, John Myott, Ron Leasman; ROW 4: Dan Rohr, Leroy Hoffman, Byron Ellingson, Dick Klunenberg, Paul Peterson, Roger Covell, Duane Kupfer, Gary Boylan, Dave Endres; ROW 5: Mike Hopp-trainer, Jim Martin, Steve Uselman, Darcy Brauch, Pat Jarnot-trainer. NOT PICTURED: Dick Merickel, Duane Crocker.

## 1965 Football Results

Long Prairie 19	..... Wadena	25
Pelican Rapids 0	.....Wadena	7
Perham 14	.....Wadena	27
Staples 19	.....Wadena	0
Aitkin 12	..... Wadena	33
Crosby Ironton 32	.....Wadena	14
Detroit Lakes 20	..... Wadena	13
Little Falls 6	.....Wadena	13
Park Rapids 28	.....Wadena	0



**Coaches:** Mr. Aus, Mr. Larson, Mr. Conzemius, Mr. Schraeder, Mr. Vishner.



**Captains Nelson & Fiskum**



# Football Practice To Start On Aug. 23rd

## Six Starters Back For '65 Team

**First Game Offensive Team Named By Coach Conzemius**



### Tenth Grade

Mike Halbmaier, Dave Enders, Dan Rohr, Francis Plautz, Bob Jovonovich, Mike Langer, Bruce Werring, Rich Fiskum, Paul Sundahl, Dan Judkins, Paul Peterson, Steve Dovanmuehle, Bryon Ellingson, James Stoneman, Daryl Oja.

### Eleventh Grade

Pat Richter, Steve Tigges, Ron Leeseaman, Chuck Folkestad, Richard Pudas, Gary Rohr, Bill Goepferd, Richard Merickel, John Myott.

### Twelfth Grade

Jon Weiland, Steve Nelson, Craig Lind, Bob Halvorson, Larry Golightly, Marshall Mead, Dave Campbell, John Hotz, Bill Merickel, Jerry Fiskum, Darrell Schwartz, Tony Schiller, Tom Schwartz, Larry Schiller, Duane Crocker, Allen Imdieke, John Rohr.

"Some of the kids that have been switched from one position to another have made real good progress," he said. "We will be bigger in the line, but lighter in the backfield over-all this year." Conzemius named these boys to the offensive team for the opening contest, with chances they will play defense. They include:

- Ends — Steve Nelson, Francis Plautz and George Plautz.
  - Tackles — Tony Schiller, Craig Lind and Bob Halvorson.
  - Guards — Tom Schwartz, Darrell Schwartz and Steve Tigges.
  - Center — Larry Schiller and Chuck Folkestad.
  - Quarterback — Dave Campbell and Daryl Oja.
  - Fullback — Jerry Fiskum and Bill Merickel.
  - Halfback — Jon Weiland, Jim Stoneman, Richard Pudas, Gary Rohr and Larry Golightly.
- Two boys who may see action on defense only are Duane Crocker and Dave Endres.

## Indians Down 19-0 Come Back to Win

## First Game Play Typical States Coach Conzemius

Winning that first football game of the season is always important, not only for the way the conference standings read, but for the spirit and moral of the team. Wadena gained just such a "mental" victory as they defeated Long Prairie Monday night 25-19 in the season opener.

But the win was not all a bed of roses as certain mistakes were made, but these are viewed by head coach John Conzemius as normal for a first game.

"A lot of mistakes were made Monday night," Conzemius said, "but this is typical for the opening game. One encouraging sign was the fact that we held our poise. Being down by 19 points at the end of the first period and then coming back to win is a real credit to our kids."

"Some of the mistakes we made were mental, but more of the misques were due to the poor playing conditions. We fumbled only once, which isn't bad considering the slippery ball," he stated.

Monday's game was not played under ideal conditions by any means, as an all day drizzle had completely soaked the playing field, allowing for puddles of water on the sidelines, making the ball hard to handle and thoroughly drenching every football player.

coach Conzemius felt that Long Prairie showed a fine quarterback and good receivers, playing an all around good game.

"I think our mental attitude was down some before the game due to a number of things including the fact that L. P. hadn't scored on us in four years," he said. "But, the boys rallied and won, and that's what counts."

"Over all it was a good team performance for a first game," he stated. "The boys realize they have a lot of work to do to make the squad better."

"I feel that we will go into the Pelican Rapids game with a different mental attitude. If we don't, we're in for a long evening," Conzemius concluded.

"A break down into A and B squads will come after the Long Prairie game," Conzemius said, "with the B squad practicing as a separate unit."

Conzemius also made mention of John Hotz, a new student at WHS who he feels shows promise and will make a contribution to this years squad.

"Hotz will not be eligible to participate until school starts being he's a transfer student," he said. "His first game will not be until Sept. 17 against Perham."



# Indians Score 5th Straight Shutout Over Pelican Rapids

## Fourth Quarter Drive Pays Off

By Mike Hopp

A fourth quarter touchdown by the Wadena Indians gave them a 7-0 victory over the Pelican Rapids Vikings in a non-conference game held at Pelican Rapids last Friday evening. It is the fifth consecutive year that Wadena has shut them out.

The winning drive began late in the fourth quarter when the Indians moved the ball to the Pelican Rapids 43 yard line. Quarterback Dave Campbell then completed a pass to Jerry Fiskum for a total gain of 31 yards on the play. Then another aerial from Dave Campbell was completed by Francis Plautz, a sophomore end, for the final 12 yards and a touchdown. It came with just two minutes and seven seconds left in the ball game. A pass from Dave Campbell to Jerry Fiskum gave the necessary yardage for the extra point, making the score 7-0 in favor of the Indians.

Pelican Rapids, who threatened to score several times in last year's game, also came very close this year. The Vikings formed a magnificent rally around two splendid passes by the sophomore quarterback, Peter Larson. They were completed by Steve Zimmerman and Jim Nessa for a gain of 31 and 28 yards respectively. Their drive fell short deep in Wadena territory, as the Indians rugged defense reclaimed the pigskin on the fourth down.

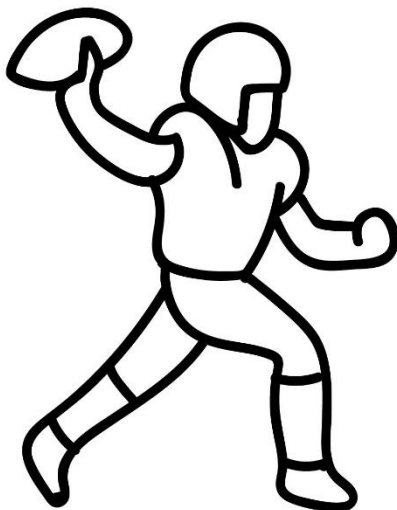
Indian Info:

Wadena will try to improve on its 2-0 record this coming Friday night when they battle the Perham Yellow Jackets at Wadena. The first conference action for the Indians this year is September 24 at Staples. Homecoming is October 1st with Altkin coming to do battle with the Indians. The Homecoming slogan this season is "Beat the Tom-Toms."

Wadena	0	0	0	7-7
Pelican Rapids	0	0	0	0-0



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## Indians Rally To Dump Perham



The Wadena Indians boosted their season record to 3-0 with a 27-13 victory over the Perham Yellow Jackets in an exciting game held at Wadena last Friday night, Sept. 17.

Perham began the scoring with a one yard rush by Quarterback Don Burgau for a touchdown with only 52 seconds

left in the first half, making the score 6-0 in favor of the Yellow Jackets. Jerry Fiskum ran two yards for a score in the earlier part of the third period. A pass from Dave Campbell to Steve Nelson gave the necessary yardage for the extra point, making the score 7-6.

Later in the third period, Jed Knuttila ran 35 yards around the Indians for another touchdown against Wadena. Jim Moore then ran the extra point. Knuttila's kick was accepted by Wadena's Dave Campbell, who made a magnificent 87 yard return for a touchdown. It came just 13 seconds after the

previous score by Perham. The pass was incomplete for the extra point, making the score 13 all at the end of the third period.

When the Indians regained possession of the ball, they began a sustained rush from the beginning of the fourth quarter, which continued five minutes and 86 seconds. The drive was terminated by Fullback Jerry Fiskum's four yard plunge for the score. Fiskum then carried the ball for the point after touchdown.

Later in the period, Wadena began its second drive, which again carried the ball to the goal line. This was climaxed when Senior Fullback, John Hotz, drove the final two years for the T.D., with eight seconds left in the game. The extra point attempt was successful. This made the final score 27-13 in favor of the Indians.

Statistically, Wadena dominated the rushing game, gaining 220 yards in 48 plays against 153 yards gained by Perham in 38 plays.

Leading the Wadena rushing attack were Jerry Fiskum (76 yards in 16 carries) and John Hotz (58 yards in 14 carries) with Jim Stoneman a close third (51 yards in nine carries). Jed Knuttila was Perham's top ground gainer, carrying 16 times for 108 yards.

Indian Info: On Friday night

## "Boys Realized What They Had To Do For The Win"

The Wadena Indians football team used the second half to advantage last Friday night to defeat their opponents from Perham, and chalk up their third straight victory in as many games.

It was a come from behind win for the team, as they trailed 6 to 0 at the end of the first half. Reasons for the second half surge have been attributed to better blocking and tackling.

"We played a good second half," head coach John Conzemius said. "Our blocking and tackling were a lot better. The boys realized what they had to do if they wanted to win after the first half ended.

"Offensively we played better than the first two games. We played a better pass defense

### 1965 WHS Football Schedule

#### "A" SQUAD — Game Time 7:30 P.M.

Date	Team	Place
September 24	Staples	Away
October 1	Aitkin	Home
October 8	Crosby-Ironton	Away
October 13	Detroit Lakes	Home
October 20	Little Falls	Away
October 29	Park Rapids	Home

#### "B" SQUAD — Game Time 7:00 P.M.

Date	Team	Place
September 27	Staples	Away
October 4	Perham	Home
October 11	Park Rapids	Away
October 18	Staples	Home
October 25	Perham	Away



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# Indians Win Streak Stopped As Staples Scores Victory

## First Loss For Wadena Team

By Mike Hopp

The Wadena Indians football team dropped their first game of the season last Friday evening as the Staples Cardinals whipped them 19-0 in the Staples Homecoming game.

Because of an illness to Dave Campbell, a shift in the lineup placed Larry Schiller at quarterback.

A first quarter pass from Donnell Seipkes, the Cardinal quarterback, to Curt Baier, resulted in a 31 yard touchdown. Phil Rengel then ran the distance for the point-after-touchdown which put the Indians down 7-0 at the end of the first quarter.

During the second period, Staples was caught repeatedly with the ball behind the line of scrimmage, which resulted in 31 yards lost, making the total yardage -8 for the first half.

With 8:51 seconds left in the fourth period, Donnell Seipkes ran six yards for a touchdown.

An attempted pass from Wadena quarterback Larry Schiller to Jim Stoneman, was intercepted by Cardinal end Jerry Hoelmburg, who then returned the pigskin 30 yards for a score with 5:16 seconds left in the game. A run for the extra point was short.

Wadena's record was thus changed to 3-1 as they prepare to meet Aitkin at 7:30 Friday night. It is the Wadena Homecoming and their slogan is "Beat the Tom-Toms". Come out and support the team.

**Indian Info:** Staples has cut short a Wadena winning streak for three consecutive seasons with scores of 26-6, 13-6, and 19-0 in this season's game. Fumbles and interceptions have done much of the harm in all of the games played against the

Cardinals					
Wadena	0	0	0	0	— 0
Staples	7	0	0	12	— 19

	Wad.	Stap.
First Downs	4	9
Yds. rushing (net)	83	62
Passes attempted	13	9
Passes Completed	4	6
Yds. Pasing	57	105
Passes had Intehrcp.	4	0
Punts	2	4
Ave. Distance	29	33½
Kickoffs	1	4
Ave. Distance	49	46
Fumbles	3	1
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Penalties	4	8
Yds. Penalized	30	80

**Scoring:—**

Staples—31 yd. pass from Seipkes to Baier, Rengel ran extra point.  
 Staples—6 yd. run.  
 Staples—Pass interception & 30 yd. return by Hoelmburg.

# Homecoming Victory Puts Record At 4-1 Indians Top Aitkin 33 to 12

By Mike Hopp

The 1965 Wadena Homecoming festivities held last Friday were climaxed with an ideal evening in several ways. The clear skies were a welcome change from the drab, overcast days which have been numerous in the past few weeks. Later in the evening the Indians topped the Aitkin Gobblers with an overwhelming victory of 33-12 in the second Mid-State Conference action for Wadena.

With 3:15 left in the first quarter, Dave Campbell ran 8 yards for a touchdown to complete a 48 yard drive by the Indians. John Rohr kicked the extra point to put the Indians ahead 7-0.

John Hotz led off the second quarter scoring by dashing 18 yards for a T.D. The kick for the extra point was blocked. With 2:01 left in the second period, Dave Campbell scored his second touchdown of the game with a 44 yard punt return. The point-after-touchdown was kicked by John Rohr. The third and final touchdown of the first half was scored on a 29 yard pass from Dave Campbell to Francis Plautz. The play took place with only six seconds left on the official clock in the half. Rohr again kicked the extra point making the score 27-0.

The third quarter brought about Aitkin's first touchdown. It came by means of a short pass of three yards from quarterback Mike Conner to Dick Beyreuther. The kick for the extra point failed.

To open the fourth period scoring, Dave Campbell threw a 15 yard pass to John Hotz for Hotz' second touchdown of the game. The PAT attempt failed. Wadena Coach John Conzemius played reserves much of the fourth period, and the Gobblers took advantage of this to score their second touchdown on Rich Greener's 11 yard run. Their point-after-touchdown attempt also failed, making the final score 33-12.

**INDIAN INFO:** Jerry Fiskum has gained 252 yards in 45 carries on the ground. Dave Campbell has a punt return for 73 yards and one for 44 yards. He has also returned a kickoff for 87 yards. All of these were for touchdowns. Campbell has scored 30 points and John Hotz has scored 18. The Indians travel to Crosby-Ironton this Friday for conference action against the Rangers.

Aitkin	0	0	6	6	— 12
Wadena	7	20	0	6	— 33

- W. Campbell, 8 yd. run (Rohr kick).
- W., Hotz, 18 yd. run.
- W., Cambell, 44 yd. punt return (Rohr kick).
- W., Plautz, 29 yd. pass (Rohr kick).
- A. Beyreuther, 3 yd. pass.
- W., Hotz, 15 yd. pass.
- A., Greener, 11 yd. run.

# Crosby-Ironton Dominates Game, Dump Indians 32-14

## Wadena's 2nd Loss In 6 Games

By Mike Hopp

The Wadena Indians were the invaders for Crosby-Ironton's 1965 homecoming game, but the Rangers were up for the game and came out with a 32-14 victory last Friday evening. This loss brings Wadena's record to 4 wins and 2 losses.





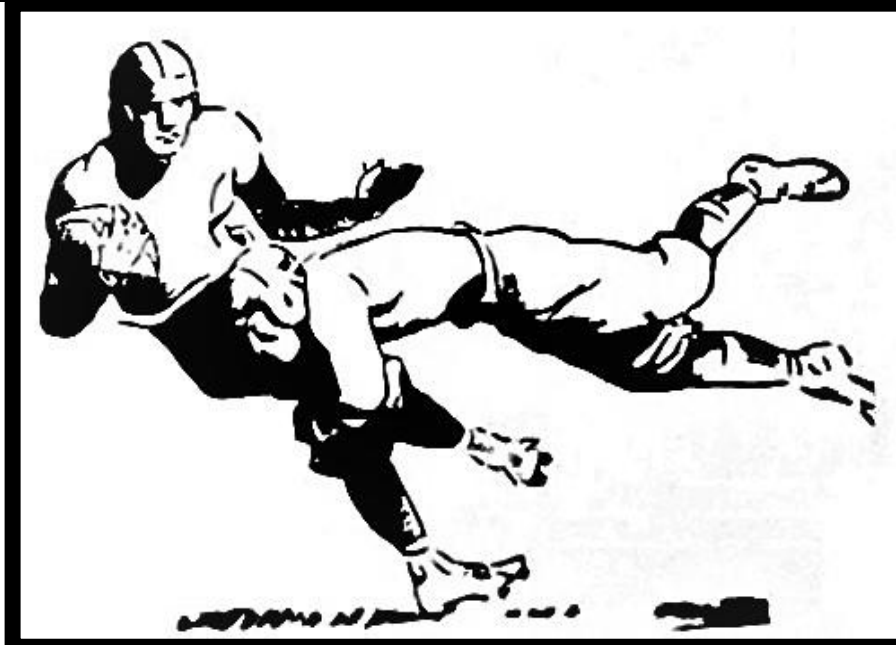
# Detroit Lakes Downs Indians 20-13

## 3rd Quarter TD Is Difference

By Mike Hopp

The Detroit Lakes Lakers handed the Wadena Indians their third loss by taking a 20-

13 decision at Wadena on Wednesday, October 13. The Indian's overall record stands at 4-3, while their Mid-State Conference record reads 1-2.



Top ground gainers for Wadena were Jerry Fiskum (64 yards in 14 carries) and John Hotz (60 yards in 13 carries). Leading the Laker's rushing attack was Howard Anderson, gaining 237 yards in 16 carries.

Both teams were held scoreless until the second period after a power failure had delayed the start of the game. Rich Perrine, on a pass from Bob Lueben, scored for the Lakers from 65 yards out to open the scoring. The extra point was scored by Bob Lueben. The Lakers tallied once more as Howard Anderson ran 45 yards for a T.D. With 3:22 left in the second quarter, Dave Campbell passed 15 yards to Jerry Fiskum for Wadena's first score. One more point was added when John Rohr kicked the extra point, but the Indians were still down 13-7 at the half-time intermission.

The third period scoring began as Howard Anderson again pounded out 60 yards for a D.L. touchdown. Bob Lueben again scored the extra point. Jerry Fiskum scored his second touchdown of the evening as he plunged four yards to bring the final score to 20-13.

Wadena	0	7	6	0-13
D. L.	0	13	7	0-20

D. L. — Perrine 65 yard pass (Lueben run).

D. L. — Anderson 45 yard run.

W. — Fiskum 15 yard pass (Rohr kick).

D. L. — Anderson 60 yard run (Lueben run).

W. — Fiskum 4 yard run.



# Indians Ground Little Falls Flyers, 13 to 6

## John Hotz Gains 104 Total Yards

By Mike Hopp

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, the Wadena Indians football team traveled to Little Falls for their first encounter with the Flyers in several years. The Indians came out with a 13-6 upset to bring their overall record to 5-3 and even their Mid-State Conference record at 2-2. The Flyers were formerly tied for the conference lead with 2-1.

After a scoreless first half, Wadena took the lead as John Hotz broke loose and pounded out 38 yards for the score with 7:48 left on the clock. Six minutes and forty seconds later Hotz again scored as he carried the pigskin 18 yards for his sixth touchdown of the season. One more point was added when John Rohr booted the extra point to make the 3rd period score 13-0.

The Flyers' only score came with 9:58 remaining in the game when Mike Brady plunged one yard and placed the final score at 13-6. Little Falls actually crossed the goal line earlier in the second period for an apparent score, but a penalty nullified the run and the Flyers eventually lost the ball on downs.

The Indians monopolized the rushing game, gaining 229 yards to the Flyers' 18 yards. The Indians also gained 14 first downs as compared with the Flyers' 8.

Of Wadena's rushing yardage, John Hotz led, gaining 104 yards. He was followed by Jerry Fiskum and Jon Welland, gaining 37 and 36 yards respectively. Virgil Meyer led the Flyers' ground gainers by gaining 28 yards. Chuck Folkestad did the kicking-off for Wadena, replacing Steve Nelson, who was unable to play because of an injury.

The Wadena Indians closed out their road season at Little Falls and will play their final game as Park Rapids comes to do battle on October 29.

**INDIAN INFO:** Jerry Fiskum has gained 386 yards in 79 carries on the ground. John Hotz has gained 325 yards in 72 carries and leads Wadena's scoring with 36 points. Dave Campbell has completed 23 passes out of 63 attempts for 466 yards.

W—John Hotz 30 yard run.  
W—John Hotz 18 yard run (Rohr kick).

L.F.—Mike Brady 1 yard run.  
Wadena 0 0 13 0—13  
Little Falls 0 0 0 6—6

	Wad.	L.F.
First Downs	14	8
Yards rushing (net)	229	18
Passes Attempted	10	13
Passes Completed	3	8
Yards Passing	77	129
Passes had by		

# Panthers Best Indians In Season's Finale, 28 To 0

## Overall Record Stands At 5-4

By Mike Hopp

The Wadena Indians concluded their 1965 football season last Friday evening with a 28-0 loss to the Park Rapids Panthers. The loss brought the Indian's overall record to 5-4, and placed their Mid-State Conference record at 2-3.

To lead off their scoring monopoly the Panthers marched 79 yards on a sustained rush which was terminated when Jim Carey ran 26 yards for the score. Chuck Pike plunged five yards for the next touchdown for the Panthers. The second period brought another touchdown by Pike. This time a four yard run. Park Rapids' final tally came from a 44 yard scoring pass from quarterback Joe Harveta to Barry Blanchard. Chuck Pike kicked the extra points after each TD.

Dave Campbell led the Wadena rushing category by gaining 36 yards. He also completed five passes out of 15 attempts for 73 yards gained. Jim Carey and Barry Blanchard rushed 103 and 101 yards respectively to become the Panthers' chief ground gainers.

The sixteen seniors who concluded their WHS football season were Quarterback Dave Campbell; fullbacks Duane Crocker, Larry Golightly, John Hotz and Jon Welland; fullbacks Jerry Fiskum and Bill Merickel; ends Larry Schiller, Steve Nelson and Don Dykhoff; guards Marshall Mead and Darrell Schwartz; tackles Craig Lind, Tony Schiller, Bob Halvorson and John Rohr.

Wadena	0	0	0	0	—0
Park Rapids	14	7	7	0	—28
P. R. — Carey	26	yd.	run		
					(Pike kick).
P. R. — Pike	5	yd.	run		(Pike kick).
P. R. — Pike	4	yd.	run		(Pike kick).
P. R. — Blanchard	31	yd.			

# Four WHS Boys Are All-Conference

Four Mid-State Conference football teams placed four men each on the 1965 All-Conference ballot. Wadena was one of these squads who have four individuals listed.

Named were:  
Craig Lind, tackle — 165 lbs., 6'0".  
Jerry Fiskum, guard — 170 lbs., 6'0".  
Dave Campbell, quarterback — 150 lbs., 6'0".

John Hotz, halfback — 140 lbs., 5'8".  
Jerry was the leading rusher on this year's WHS squad, with a total of 391 yards in 82 carries, for a 4.8 yards per carry average. John was second in this category with 340 yards on 79 carries for a 4.3 average. Jerry was also the leading pass receiver, picking off 17 aerials for 359 yards.  
Dave was the team's number one quarterback all season, with 639 yards passing, including five touchdowns. He also helped in the punting department with 12 kicks good for 360 yards. On opponents punts, Dave returned 10 for 222 yards and 2 TD's. He also led the team in pass interceptions with two.  
Lind held down the tackle position for Wadena, and completed a fine year, as he helped the team to a winning season at 5-4. Co-champions Crosby-Ironton and Park Rapids also placed four men on the All-Conference team. Staples was the other to record four names.

**All-Conf**  
Hotz (rb)  
Lind (ol)  
Fiskum (dl)  
Campbell (qb)



# 45 WHS Boys Will Receive Football Letters

Forty-five Wadena High School boys have been named by football coach John Conzenius to receive either a minor or major letter for participation in the above sport for 1965. Those named are as follows:

**MINOR LETTER**  
10th Grade — Dan Rohr, Daryl Oja, Gary Boylan, Paul Sundahl, Paul Peterson, Steve Uselman, Rick Fiskum, Duane Kuppfer, Richard Klunenberg, Bill Bradford, Roger Covell, Byron Ellingson, Leroy Hoffman, Dave Brauck, Bob Jovaneych, Dave Endres, Bruce Werrang, Steve Dovenmaulle.  
11th Grade — Gary Rohr, Bill Goepferd, John Myott, Richard Merickel, Ronald Leeseaman.

**MAJOR LETTER**  
12th Grade — Dave Campbell (2), Duane Crocker, Larry Golightly, John Hotz, John Welland (2), Jerry Fiskum (2), captain, Bill Merickel, Larry Schiller, Marshall Mead, Darrell Schwartz (2), Craig Lind (2), Tony Rohr (2), Steve Nelson (2), John Rohr (2), Steve Dykhoff, co-captain, Donald Dykhoff.  
11th Grade — Chuck Folkestad, Steve Tigges, Richard Paulus.  
10th Grade — Mike Langer, Jim Stoneman, Francis Plautz. (2 designates second year winners.)



# Statistics Measure '65 Football Team

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING

Jerry Fliskum, 82 carries for 391 yards, 4.8 yards per carry.

John Hotz, 70 carries for 340 yards, 4.3 yards per carry.

Larry Golightly, 10 carries for 43 yards, 4.3 yards per carry.

Jim Stoneman, 44 carries for 184 yards, 4.2 yards per carry.

Jon Welland, 61 carries for 248 yards, 4.1 yards per carry.

Dave Campbell, 53 carries for 98 yards, 1.9 yards per carry.

Hotz had the longest run of the season with 36 yards, while Welland had one for 23 yards.

## PASSING

Dave Campbell attempted 78 and completed 28 for 839 yards. He passed for 5 TD's and had 8 passes intercepted. His longest was 41 yards.

Larry Schiller attempted 13 and completed 4 for 57 yards. He had four passes intercepted.

## PASS RECEIVING

Jerry Fliskum caught 17 for 358 yards.

Steve Nelson caught 5 for 134 yards.

Jim Stoneman caught 3 for 68 yards.

Francis Plautz caught 3 for 67 yards.

John Hotz caught 3, Larry Schiller caught 1, and Jon Welland caught 1.

## PUNTING

Steve Nelson punted 14 times for 489 yards and a 34.9 average.

Dave Campbell punted 12 times for 399 yards and a 33.2 average.

## PUNT RETURNS

Dave Campbell returned 10 for 222 yards and 2 TD's, an average of 22.2 yards per return. His longest was 73 yards.

## KICKOFFS

Steve Nelson kicked 21 times for 970 yards and a 46.2 average. His longest kick was for 58 yards.

Chuck Folkestad kicked 7 times for 282 yards and a 40.3 average.

## KICKOFF RETURNS

Dave Campbell returned 5 kickoffs for 198 yards and a 39.6 average, his longest being 87 yards for a TD.

John Welland returned 3 for 61 yards and a 20.3 average.

John Hotz returned 5 for 89 yards and a 17.8 average.

## INTERCEPTIONS

Dave Campbell picked off 2 passes and returned them a total of 38 yards.

Dewey Crocker and Jim Stoneman each intercepted one pass.

## TEAM STATISTICS

	Wad.	Opp.
First Downs	95	103
Passes Attempted	64	80
Passes Completed	32	45
Yards Gained	696	872
TD Passes	5	7
Passes had Intercept.	12	4
Rushing Plays	334	353
Yards rushing (not)	1304	1750
Punts	40	23
Yardage	932	813
Average	23.3	35.3
Kickoffs	28	32
Yardage	1252	1268
Average	44.7	40.3
Punts Returned	14	18
Yardage	238	221
Average	16.9	12.3
Kickoffs Returned	29	25
Yardage	507	295
Average	17.4	11.8
Fumbles	20	25
Fumbles Lost	10	13
Penalties	21	41
Yards Penalized	225	389
Touchdowns	20	21
Extra Points	12	11
Total Points	132	149

## SCORING

John Hotz—36.

Jerry Fliskum—33.

Dave Campbell—30.

Jim Stoneman—12.

Francis Plautz—12.

John Rohr—7.

Steve Nelson—2.

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot.
Waders	13	34	45	40	132
Opposition	47	39	45	24	149

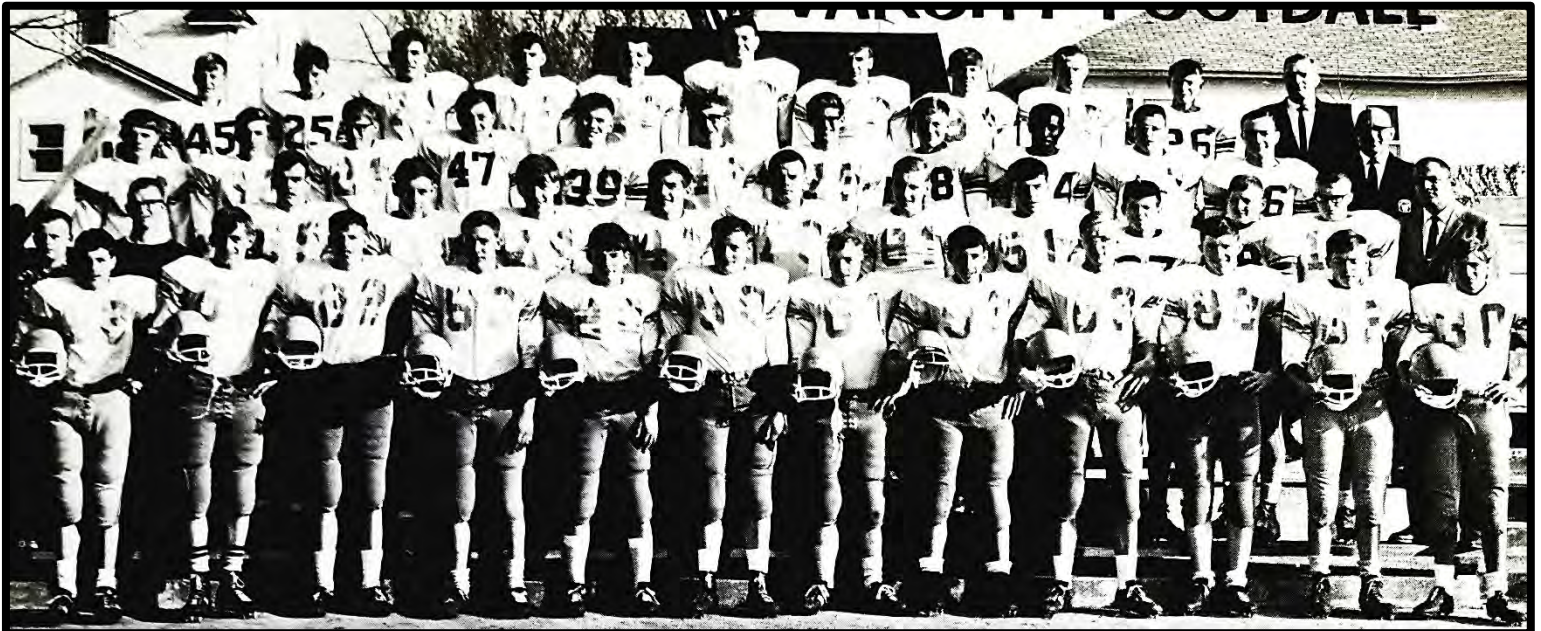




# 1966 Season

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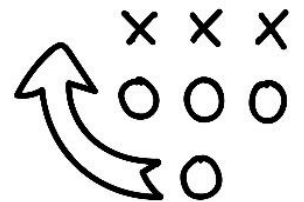
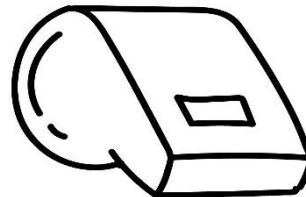
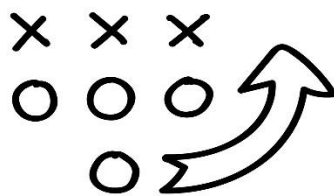
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# Let's Go!



SPORTS SECTION

# Five Returning Lettermen Will Aid Wadena Grid Hopes

Wadena H.S. seniors and returning lettermen Steve Tigges, Charles Folkestad and Richard Pudas, plus juniors Mike Langer, and Francis Plautz, will help bolster John Conzemius' grid team's hopes for the 1966 season.



FALL FOOTBALL BEGINS — Wadena Indians' summer is at an end as WHS grid coaches Wm. Larson, John Conzemius, and Charles Visher talk over strategy for Monday night's non conference battle with Long Prairie. Lending an ear to what plans must be carried out are WHS grid-ders (l to r) Mike Langer, Steve Tigges, Bill Goepferd, Chuck Folkestad, Richard Pudas, Gary Rohr and Francis Plautz. Game time at Long Prairie will be 8 o.m., Labor Day.

# Indians Massacre Long Prairie In Grid Opener Monday, 25-13

By Mike Hopp  
The Wadena Indians football team was the invader for the traditional season opener between Wadena and Long Prairie and came out smelling of victory.

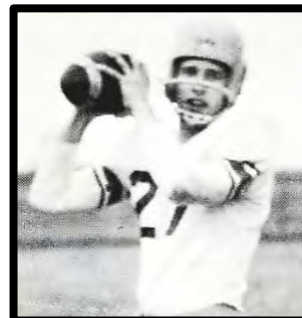
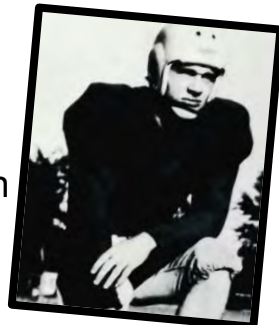
The young Wadena team knocked off the Long Prairie Indians, 25-13 in a surprising upset. This makes the sixth year running Wadena has been triumphant over Long Prairie. Previous contests have been won by a 19-0, 31-0, 21-0, 6-10, and 25-19 margin.

The Indians opened the scoring early in the contest with a spectacular 72 yard punt return by Kip Browne, sophomore quarterback, to the opponent's goal line. Daryl Oja dashed the necessary yardage for the extra point. The Indians continue to amaze the viewing and listening audience as Daryl Oja broke from the lines and scurried 48 yards for another TD to bring the first period score to 13-0.

An interesting sideline note: Long Prairie coaches Don Campbell and Bill Gaslin were former Wadena high school gradu-



Long Prairie HS head coach a 1953 WHS graduate  
Don Campbell



LPHS asst coach a 1959 WHS grad  
Bill Gaslin



Early in the second quarter Francis Plautz barreled 27 yards for another six points for the Wadena team. The Wadena gridgers managed to stave off a sustained rush when Paul Sundahl snagged a pass intended for a Long Prairie touchdown. The score at the halftime stood at 19-0 in favor of Wadena.

Long Prairie soon invoked their revenge by completing a Kurt Seive to Randy Hedin pass for 9 yards and their first score of the game. Randy Hedin quickly added to this by running the extra point. Francis Plautz then terminated a drive on Wadena's part by driving another four yards to bring the Indian's total to 25 points.

Long Prairie retaliated in the fourth period when Kurt Seive completed an aerial to Terry Crider for 11 yards and the final TD of the game.

Statistically, Wadena dominated the rushing game, gaining 158 yards in 28 carries against 139 yards gained by Long Prairie in 37.

Leading the Wadena rushing attack were Francis Plautz and Daryl Oja, gaining 58 and 54 yards respectively. Randy Hedin was L.P.'s top ground gainer with 105 yards.



(by Mike Hopp)

The Wadena Indians football squad dropped their first game of the 1966 season when they suffered a 19-14 defeat at the hands of the improved Pelican Rapids Vikings. This was the first time in five years that the Vikings have scored against Wadena. The game, held Friday under the lights at Wadena was a typical rough and tumble game with members of each team sustaining injuries. Rich

Pudas, starting Indian quarterback, suffered a fractured arm early in the game. Halfback Gary Rohr suffered a wrenched knee and was out for the remainder of the contest. Avery Seifert of Pelican Rapids sustained a case of severe heat exhaustion.

Each team was held scoreless in the first quarter as Pelican Rapids sent sustained drives at the Wadena goal line, being

stopped at the eight and five yard line. Again in the second quarter the Vikings sent a rush, only to be stopped at the 14-yard line. With 7:54 left in the first half, W. Anderson of P.R. returned a blocked punt 10 yards for the first score of the game. Avery Seifert ran the necessary yardage for the point-after-T.D. The Indians then set up a sustained drive of their own, bringing the ball to the Viking's one

yard line where Rick Fiskler ran the remaining yard for the T.D. with 46 seconds left in the half.

The third period was another scoreless quarter but with 7:44 in the fourth period Viking quarterback Peter Larson climaxed a rush with a one yard run for a score. Then again, with 40 seconds left in the game G. Lage rushed two yards to give Pelican Rapids a 19-7 lead. The Indians, however, rallied in the few remaining seconds and sent

Daryl Oja to the Vikings goal line in a 33 yard pass play with only two seconds left on the official clock. Francis Plautz scored the extra point on another pass play to bring the final score to 19-14.

Wadena's record was thus changed to 1-1 as they prepared to meet the Perham Yellowjackets on the Perham gridiron Friday night. Last season the Indians defeated the Yellowjackets 27-13 in an exciting contest. Perham fell to Henning Friday night 22-7.

Pelican Rapids	0	7	0	12	19
Wadena	0	7	0	7	14

	Wad.	P.R.
First Downs	7	9
Yds. Rushing (net)	79	100
Passes Attempted	16	11
Passes Completed	4	3
Yds. Passing	79	68
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	8	5
Av. Distance	21	38
Kickoffs	3	4
Av. Distance	29	31
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Penalties	3	7
Yds. Penalized	12	20

**GET IN THE GAME!**





# Yellowjackets' Jar Wadena



The Wadena Indians met the Perham Yellow Jackets under the Perham lights Friday evening and suffered their second defeat of the 1966 season.

The 27-20 victory was the first for the Yellow Jackets.

Wadena continued on its campaign of injuries with Dave Andres suffering a broken ankle and several other players sustaining numerous lesser injur-

ies. Perham led off the scoring with a one yard run by Bucky Burgau in the first period. The Indians soon retaliated in the second quarter as Kip Browne pounded out 17 yards for a TD. A Browne-to-Willis pass accounted for the extra point to give Wadena their only lead at 7-6. Perham, however, soon sent Jick Knuttila across the Wadena

goal line from 7 yards out and Buck Burgau passed to Tom Grimmle for the extra point.

Later in the quarter Buck Burgau handed off to Bob Seiling, who in turn, completed a 33 yard pass back to Burgau for another score. Bob Draack ran the point-after-touchdown to make the half-time score 20-7 in favor of the Yellow Jackets.

Daryl Oja brought Wadena's

## Staples Stops Indians 18-12 In A Thriller

The Staples Cardinals handed the Wadena Indians football team their third loss of the 1966 season by taking an 18-12 conference decision Friday night under the lights at Wadena. The win was Staples' third and placed Wadena's record at 1W-3L. Staples started the game off

with a 66 yard sustained drive toward the Indian goal line. While on the Wadena 7 yard line, the Cardinals suffered two five yard penalties to push them back to the 17 yard line. Randy Braith then climaxed the Cardinal rush with the plunge for the score with 10:16 left in the first

quarter. Wadena was able to hold off the Cardinals during the second period when Randy Braith fumbled on the Wadena 19 yard line and Larry Lang recovered for the Indians.

Randy Braith picked up his second T.D. on a 37 yard sprint with 10:53 in the third period. The Indians retaliated by sending Kip Browne on a two yard run for Wadena's first score with the clock reading 5:24 in the third period.

With 10:16 left in the fourth quarter, Randy Braith ran one yard for his third touchdown of the contest. Kip Browne completed an 11 yard pass to Chuck Folkestad with 5:29 left in the game to account for Wadena's final score. The Indians staged a magnificent rally with just seconds left on the clock with completed passes to Francis Plautz and Daryl Oja of 29 and 30 yards respectively to leave the ball on the Cardinal five yard line at the final gun.

Busiest ball carrier for the winners was Randy Braith who netted 172 yards in 20 carries. Oja and Plautz were Wadena's top ground gainers, picking up 36 and 24 yards respectively.

total to 14 by plunging through Perham's lines to the Yellow Jacket goal line and by carrying the pigskin the necessary yardage for the P.A.T. Jick Knuttila, younger brother of Jed Knuttila, drove the ball 10 yards for Perham's final tally. Kip Browne scored his second touchdown in the fourth quarter with a one yard run to make the final score 27-20.

Perham dominated the rushing game, gaining 242 yards in 43 carries to Wadena's 38 yards in 28 carries. The Indians, however, completed 8 of 18 passes attempted for 160 yards as compared with Perham's 57 yards in 3 of 5 passes completed.

Wadena	0	7	7	6	— 20
Perham	6	14	7	0	— 27

- SCORING —**
- P. — Burgau, 1 yd. run
  - W. — Browne, 17 yd. run (Willis PAT pass)
  - P. — Knuttila, 7 yd. run (Grimmle PAT pass)
  - P. — Burgau, 33 yd. pass (Draack run)
  - W. — Oja, 17 yd. run (Oja run)
  - P. — Knuttila, 10 yd. run (Burgau run)
  - W. — Browne, 1 yd. run

**INDIAN INFO:** Kip Browne leads the Indian scoring for four games with 25 points. Daryl Oja has 20, Francis Plautz has 13. Rick Fiskum and Chuck Folkestad each have six and Greg Willis has one point.

Wadena	0	0	6	6-12
Staples	6	0	6	6-18

**Scoring:**

- S—Braith; 17 yd. run
- S—Braith, 37 yd. run
- W—Browne, 2 yd. run
- S—Braith, 1 yd. run
- W—Folkestad, 11 yd. pass

Wad. - Staples	14	12
First Downs	67	209
Yds. rushing (net)	22	10
Passes attempted	8	3
Passes completed	4	53
Yards passing	132	1
Passes had intercepted	0	2
Punts	25	4
Ave. Distance	4	29
Kickoffs	27	4
Ave. Distance	2	34
Fumbles	2	1
Fumbles lost	0	1
Penalties	3	12
Yds. penalized	25	110





# Indians Stun Gobblers; To Face C-1 In Homecoming

(by Mike Hopp) The Wadena Indians routed the Aitkin Gobblers, 25-14 in the Aitkin Homecoming game held last Friday night. It was the first time in three years that the Indians' record at 2-3.

After Wadena lost the ball on downs on the Aitkin 29 yard line, the Gobblers put on a sustained drive and moved the pigskin to the Wadena six yard line. With a first down, they threw several incomplete passes and were pushed back to the 10 yard line where Wadena took over the ball and sustained their own drive 90 yards to the Aitkin goal line, thus moving into the early minutes of the second quarter.

Denny Trotter then ran 35 yards for Aitkin's first score and moved the tally to 7 by running the extra point also. When Wadena fumbled the Gobblers' kickoff, Aitkin recovered and staged a 39 yard touchdown run which was nullified by a penalty. Later in the period, however, quarterback Mike Borgman forged eight yards for a TD. Warren Lofgren made the point good and brought the half-time score to 14-6 in favor of Aitkin.

In the third quarter Kip Browne dashed 16 yards for a Wadena TD and sent Darryl Oja on a 31 yard pass play for a touchdown to put Wadena out in front.

Francis Plautz caught another aerial from Browne and traveled 45 yards to Aitkin's goal line in the fourth period. Chuck Folkestad booted the point-after-touchdown.

Francis Plautz led the Wadena rushing attack with 64 yards in 14 carries. Kip Browne gained 53 yards in nine carries, and Daryl Oja carried 50 yards in 15.

Top ground gainers for Aitkin were Denny Trotter with 75 yards in seven carries and Craig Ackeley with 74 yards in 14 carries.

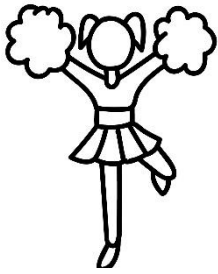
Wadena	0	6	12	7-25
Aitkin	0	14	0	0-14

### Scoring:

- W—Plautz, 3 yd. run
- A—Trotter, 35 yd. run, PAT.
- A—Borgman, 8 yd. run, Lofgren PAT.
- W—Browne, 16 yd. run.
- W—Oja, 31 yd. pass
- W—Plautz, 45 yd. pass, Folkestad PAT.

	Wad.	Aitkin
First Downs	13	11
Yds. rushing (net)	167	232
Passes attempted	12	3
Passes completed	7	0
Yds. passing	131	0
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	1	3
Average distance	38	25
Kirkoffs	5	3
Average distance	40	31
Fumbles	3	3
Fumbles lost	2	2
Penalties	3	3
Yards Penalized	35	35





# C-I Halts

## 39-12 In

(By Mike Hopp)

The Crosby-Ironton Rangers were the invaders for the 1966 Wadena Indians Homecoming game played last Friday evening. They were up for the game after being defeated at their homecoming a week earlier and defeated the Indians 39-12

# Wadena Indians

## Homecoming Bid

to bring Wadena's seasonal record to two wins and four losses.

On the Rangers' first offensive play Pat Smith grabbed the pigskin and sprinted 62 yards for a touchdown. Don Nelson ran the extra point and C-I was ahead to stay. Later in the initial quarter Pat Smith was in with a 5 yard score on a 59 yard sustained rush by the Rangers.

With 8:28 remaining in the first half David Steinke plunged two yards for a tally. Pat Smith ran the P.A.T. The Rangers negotiated another T.D. on Tom Milberry's 11 yard run to place the half time score at 26-0.

Again, early in the third quarter, Pat Smith scampered 65 yards for another six points. The Indians then moved a sustained drive 83 yards, taking most of the third period, to the C-I goal line. A Browne-to-Oja pass accounted for the final seven yards.

In the fourth period Wadena recovered a Ranger fumble and soon sent Francis Plautz on a 20 yard dash for the score. C-I fullback, Pat Smith brought his final tally in on a four yard run. David Steinke added a point with the P.A.T.

The Rangers totaled up 430 yards in their rushing game with Don Nelson gaining 173 and Pat Smith gaining 170 yards.

Kip Browne added 64 yards

and Francis Plautz followed closely with 63 to build Wadena's rushing game to 172 yards.

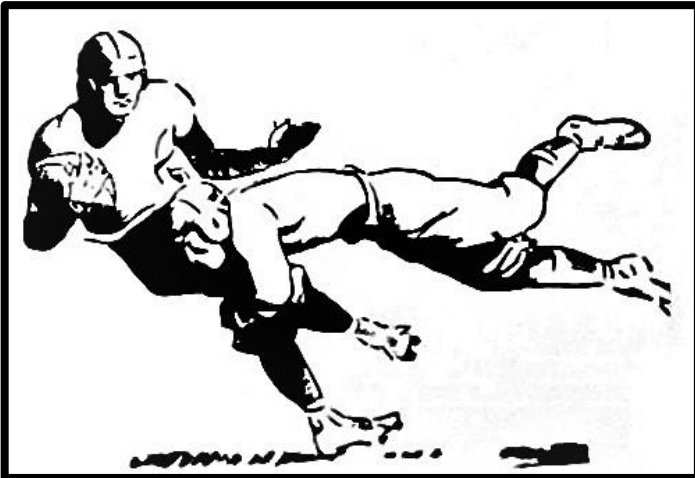
**INDIAN INFO:** After six games, Plautz has netted 250 yards rushing in 57 carries and Oja has 228 in 58 carries — Browne has completed 41 per cent (37-92) of his passes for 572 yards — Oja leads the scoring with 32 points; Browne and Plautz each have 31 points — Wadena has been outrushed 1410-681 yards.

Wadena	0	0	6	6-12
C-I	13	13	6	7-39

### Scoring—

- C-I Smith, 62 yd. run (Nelson run)
- C-I, Smith, 5 yd. run
- C-I, Steinke, 2 yd. run (Smith run)
- C-I, Milberry, 11 yd. run
- C-I, Smith, 65 yd. run
- W, Oja, 7 yd. pass
- W, Plautz, 20 yd. pass
- C-I, Smith, 4 yd. run (Steinke run)

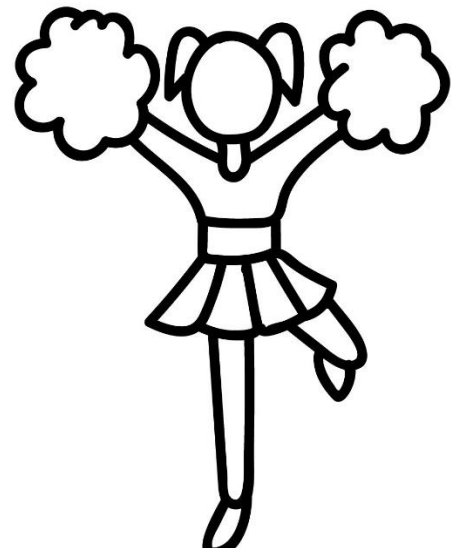
	Wad.	C-I
First Downs	16	16
Yds. rushing (net)	172	430
Passes attempted	23	7
Passes completed	9	3
Yards passing	70	38
Passes had intercepted	2	2
Punts	4	2
Ave. distance	34	31
Kickoffs	3	7
Ave. distance	37	39
Fumbles	4	1
Fumbles lost	2	1
Penalties	4	5
Yds. penalized	20	55



Wadena H.S. 1966 Homecoming Queen

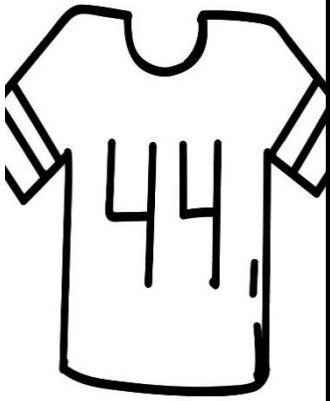


MISS DONOVAN—Smiling through tears was Wadena High School's 1966 Homecoming Queen Miss Mary Donovan crowned by senior Chuck Folkestad, driver of the Queen's car. She was presented a beautiful bouquet of American Beauty roses, the regal sceptre and a WHS football. She was completely surrounded by student well-wishers following the coronation ceremonies in Memorial auditorium Friday afternoon.





# Flyers' Aerials Bomb Indians In 26-24 Victory



(By Mike Hopp)  
The Wadena Indians closed out their 1966 home season with a narrow 26-24 defeat at the hands of the Little Falls Flyers in an exciting Mid-State Conference contest held under the lights at Wadena Wednesday, October 19.

The game had a slow start with neither team putting any score on the board in the first quarter. But a 23 yard pass play from Flyer Halfback Dale Zwingleberg to Bon Flahave with six minutes, 40 seconds used in the second period began to liven things up. Bob Flahave

pushed the tally to seven with the extra point. With 28 seconds left in the half the Indians broke their scoring barrier with a 15 yard aerial from Kip Browne to Francis Plautz after gaining the ball just three plays and 25 seconds earlier to bring the score at half-time intermission to 7-6.

Wadena forged ahead in the

# Lakers' First Quarter TD Sparks 20-7 Homecoming Win Over Indians Friday

By Mike Hopp  
The Detroit Lakes Lakers handed the Wadena Indians their fifth loss in seven starts by taking a 20-7 decision Friday evening in the Lakers

Homecoming game. The Indians' Mid-State Conference record stands at 1-2. Detroit Lakes grabbed the ball and the lead quite early

in the game as John Peterson went 11 yards for a TD in the first period. On their first rushing play of the second quarter, the Lakers sent Mike Gunderson on a 16 yard sprint

third period on Kip Browne's 15 yard sprint for a T.D. with 2:34 left on the clock. Fifty seconds later, on the Indian's next offensive play, Daryl Oja went 30 yards for another tally. Just as time ran out in the third quarter, Flyer Halfback Jerry Frank snagged a pass from Quarterback David Wogen and traveled 59 yards to place the score at 18-13 in favor of the Indians.

The score was tied when Jerry Frank caught another pass for 14 yards, but the addition of one point by Eric Betlock put the Flyers out in front. Wadena regained the lead on a four yard plunge by Kip Browne but was unable to retain it as Jerry Frank caught his third touchdown pass. This one was for 34 yards and the final lead of 26-24.

Heading the Indian's ground based offensive was Daryl Oja with 110 yards in 14 carries. Francis Plautz came up with 70 yards in 13 carries. Leading the victorious Flyers were Mike Brady with 49 yards in 8 carries and Eric Betlock with 26 in 9 carries.

The Indians will close out their 1966 season tomorrow (Friday) against the Park Rapids Panthers at Park Rapids.

Wadena	0	6	12	6—24
L. F.	0	7	6	13—26

Scoring:

L. F.—Flahave, 23 yd. pass, (Flahave)

Wad.—Plautz, 15 yd. pass.

Wad.—Browne, 15 yd. run.

Wad.—Oja, 30 yd. run.

L.F.—Frank, 59 yd. pass.

L.F.—Frank, 14 yd. pass (Betlock)

Wad.—Browne—4 yd. run

L.F.—Frank, 34 yd. pass.

int to the Indian goal line for another score after he had paced the team with a 58 yard run that had fell short of the goal line. A pass from Nick Mott to Mike Gunderson accounted for the extra point to bring the score to 13-0.

The Indians' only tally in the game came on a 61 yard pass play from Kip Browne to Greg Willis in the third period. The point - after-touchdown was good on another aerial from Browne to Willis.

The critical play of the game came with a pass from Kip Browne on the D. L. 28 yard line that was intercepted by Laker end, Jeff Ohman who barreled 86 yards for a touchdown. Mike Gunderson ran the P.A.T. to put the Indians down 20-7.



Busiest ball carrier for the victors was Mike Gunderson who netted 109 yards in 24 carries. Daryl Oja and Francis Plautz were Wadena's top ground gainers, picking up 33 and 28 yards respectively.

Wadena played their final home game last night (Wednesday) with the Little Falls Flyers and will close out their road season at Park Raids on Friday, October 2.

Wadena	0	0	7	0—7
D. L.	6	7	0	7—20

Scoring:

D. L.—Peterson, 11 yd. run.

D. L.—Gunderson, 16 yd. run. (Gunderson pass).

W.—Willis, 61 yd. pass (Willis pass).

D. L.—Ohman, 86 yd. interception (Gunderson run).



# Indians Shoot Rapids 19-12 Fri. In Grid Season Finale

(By Mike Hopp)

The Wadena Indians football team closed out its 1966 football campaign with a 19-12 triumph over the Park Rapids Panthers in a Mid-State Conference contest held at Park Rapids Friday night. The victory gives Wadena a 3-6 overall record and plac-

es their conference showing at two wins and three losses.

Wadena grabbed the lead when Chuck Folkestad recovered Panther Quarterback Joe Harvala's fumble on the Park Rapids five yard line. On the second play of the series Francis Plautz went in for the 3 yard tally with 7:21

to go in the first period. P. R. evened the score six minutes, 54 seconds later as Jeff Green moved the ball eight yards for a Panther score.

Gary Winter plunged four yards in the third quarter to give Park Rapids a short-lived lead. Later in that period Kip Browne sent an aerial that con-

ected with Greg Willis who converted it into a 52 yard Indian scoring play.

Wadena moved the pigskin 70 yards downfield, climaxed by Kip Browne's one yard plunge on the 17th play in the series in the fourth period. Chuck Folkestad brought the score to 19-12 as he booted the extra point.

Francis Plautz was top man in the rushing category for the victors with 60 yards. Following closely was Rick Fiskum with 56 and Kip Browne with 51 yards.

Busiest ball carrier for Park Rapids was Jeff Green who totaled 66 yards. Mike Robertson came up with 62 yards.

Wadena	6	0	6	7-19
Park Rapids	6	0	6	0-12

Scoring:

W—Plautz, 3 yd. run.  
P.R.—Green, 8 yd. run  
P.R.—Winter, 4 yd. run.  
W.—Willis, 52 yd. pass.  
W.—Browne, 1 yd. run.  
(Folkestad kick)





# WHS Gridders Langer, Plautz Named To All-Conference Team

Mid-State conference grid champion C-1 placed six grid-ers on the All-Conference team with Staples placing six, Little Falls three, Park Rapids four Aitkin three, and Wadena two. Selections were made by coaches of the conference.

A Wadena lineman and a back were named to the All-Conference team, according to head coach John Conzemius. They are Francis Plautz, a junior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Plautz; and Mike Langer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Langer. Both grid-ers are juniors on the WHS squad.

Plautz was a back weighing 175 pounds and standing 6' even. Langer, a lineman, weighs 200 pounds and is six foot.

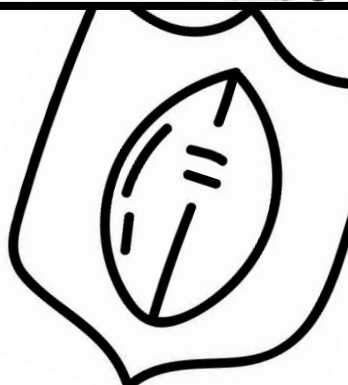
All-conference from C-1 were: Greg Johnson, Ted Middleton, Tom Middleton, Donald Nelson, Pat Smith and David Steinke, all seniors; from Staples were Chuck Goeden, Jerry Hoemburg, Rick Rengel, Randy Donnel Seipkes, Neuschwander and Braith are juniors; Park Rapids, Tom Brown, Jerry Cullen, Gene Stigman, Joe Harvala, all seniors; Little Falls, Jerry Frank, Erick Betlock, and Dave Wogen; Frank is a junior the other two seniors; Aitkin, Dick Beyreuther, Keith Isaacson and Denny Trotter. Trotter is a junior, Beyreuther and Isaacson seniors.



Mike Langer



Francis Plautz



# WHS Football Final Facts For '66 Season

(By Mike Hopp)

The Wadena Indians football team was bested in many offensive categories but still came out with quite a successful season. The final 1966 football statistics are as follows:

## Individual Statistics

### Rushing

Francis Plautz, 98 carries for 408 yards, 4.2 yards per carry.

Daryl Oja, 92 carries for 377 yards, 4.1 yards per carry.

Rick Fiskum, 32 carries for 85 yards, 2.7 yards per carry.

Kip Browne, 110 carries for 153 yards, 1.4 yards per carry.

Oja had the longest run of the season with 48 yards, while Plautz had one of 27 yards.

### Passing

Kip Browne attempted 134 and completed 49 for 822 yards. He passed for 8 T.D.'s and had 6 passes intercepted. His longest was 61 yards.

### Pass Receiving

Francis Plautz caught 21 for 294 yards.

Greg Willis caught 9 for 225 yards.

Daryl Oja caught 6 for 175 yards.

Chuck Folkestad caught 6 for 65 yards.

Rick Fiskum caught 7 for 63 yards.

### Punting

Chuck Folkestad punted 39 times for 1201 yards and a 30.8 average. His longest was 60 yards.

### Punt Returns

Kip Browne returned 16 for 265 yards and one T.D. An average of 16.6 yards per return. His longest was 72 yards.

### Kickoffs

Chuck Folkestad kicked 36 times for 1324 yards and a 36.8 average. His longest was 60 yards.

### Kickoff Returns

Francis Plautz returned 3 for 64 yards and a 21.3 average.

Kip Browne returned 12 for 186 yards and a 15.5 average.

Daryl Oja returned 11 for 165 yards and a 15.0 average.

### Interceptions

Paul Sundahl picked off 3 passes. Kip Browne, Mike Langer, Rich Pudas, Francis Plautz and Daryl Oja each intercepted one.

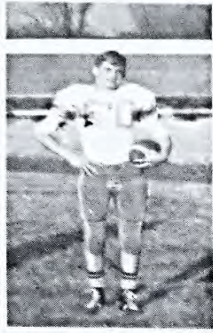


# MAJOR LETTER WINNERS

## CAPTAIN



Steve Tigges



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Mike Langer



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Roger Covell



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Dick Young



Paul Sundahl



Steve Uselman



Francia Plautz



Casualties: Dave Endres, Rich Pudas, Gary Rohr



Dan Rohr



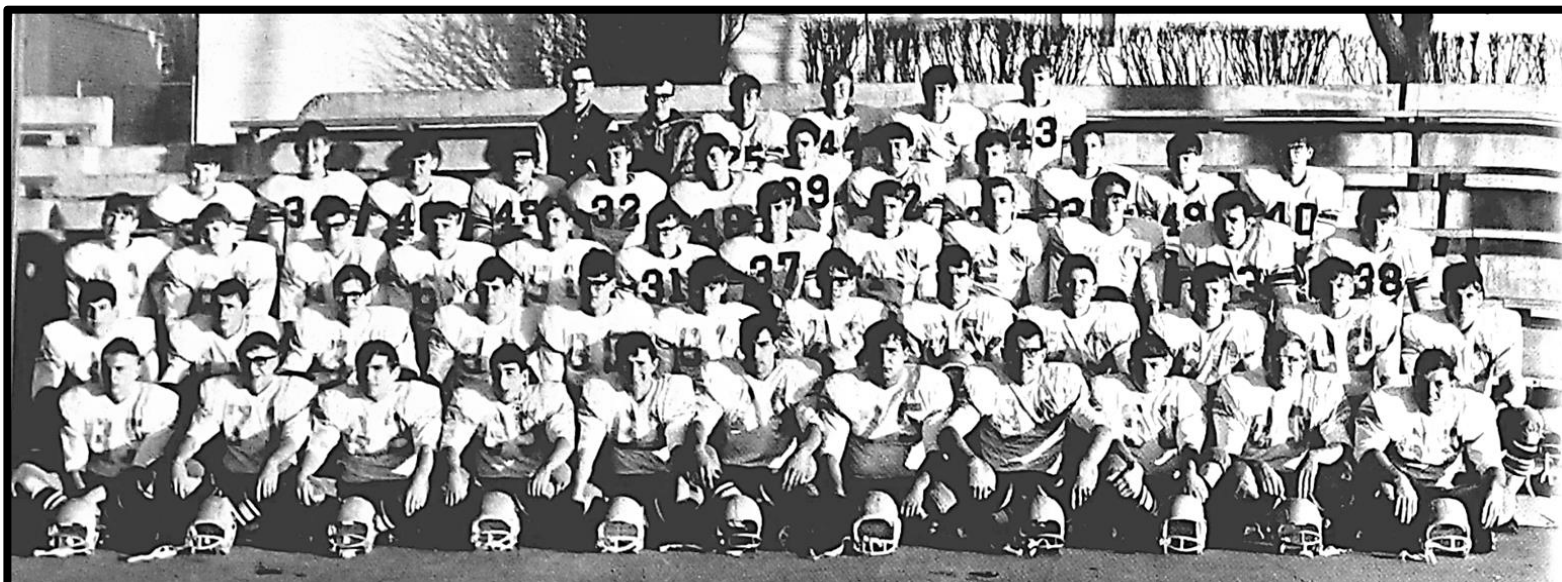
Curt Folkestad



# 1967 Season

WHS Record 7-2-0

Mid-State 3-2-0



LEFT TO RIGHT, FRONT ROW: G. Willis, C. Folkestad, R. Fiskum, P. Peterson, D. Rohr, S. Uselman, M. Langer, F. Plautz, D. Kupfer, G. Boylan, D. Endres. ROW 2: J. Olson, K. Browne, K. Anderson, K. Kvamme, G. Hall, P. Lind, C. Roberts, D. Simmons, D. Mosman, J. Geiser, P. Sundahl, D. Oja. ROW 3: M. Rogers, G. Roes, P. Schmit, J. Szczech, B. Young, C. Mead, T. Hall, M. Butler, S. Lynk, P. Driggers, W. Rubel, S. Knutson. ROW 4: D. Wruck, J. Wynn, J. Arnoldy, P. Hepokoski, K. Komula, R. Beyer, D. Simmons, R. Zosel, G. Sorenson, M. Baron, M. Boehne. ROW 5: P. Jarnot, M. Mueller, J. Wallgren, H. Johnson, R. Kern, M. Aldrich.



LEFT TO RIGHT: MR. SCHRADER, MR. VISHER,  
MR. LARSON, MR. CONZEMIUS.

Long Prairie 7 . . . . .	Wadena 27
Pelican Rapids 7 . . . . .	Wadena 25
Perham 0 . . . . .	Wadena 20
Staples 19 . . . . .	Wadena 12
Aitkin 13 . . . . .	Wadena 40
Crosby-Ironton 20 . . . . .	Wadena 40
Detroit Lakes 20 . . . . .	Wadena 33
Little Falls 26 . . . . .	Wadena 0
Park Rapids 0 . . . . .	Wadena 12



# Wadena Pioneer Journal

## Wadena Indians Scalp LP Tribe 27-7 Friday In Season Opener

A great Indian battle took place at Wadena on Labor Day. The Indians of Wadena, under chief John Conzemius and his graves Bill Larson and Chuck Visser, were victorious over the Long Prairie Tribe led by Don Campbell 27-7. Wadena won last year's battle 35-13.

Long Prairie drew first blood in the football game early in the first quarter. Wadena, after receiving the opening kick-off, could not move the ball and was forced into a punting situation with a fourth and six on their own 35 yard line. When the snap from center was low and the punter, Francis Plautz, had to fall on the ball, Long Prairie got the pigskin on the Wadena 17 yard line. Long Prairie with just two rushing plays the second in which Randy Hedin right half-back carried for a 12 yard touchdown play, plus the extra point gave L.P. a 7-0 first quarter lead.

On its second opportunity of the night, Wadena did not score but managed to rush for its first first down. Then, the third time they received the ball, the Indians took only one play to score as Daryl Oja, left half, scored the first six points of the season on a 9-yard run. Again on the fourth time, Wadena exploded on one play as the smooth faking of quarter-back Kip Browne and the sudden burst of speed by fullback Jerry Fiskum for 60 yards and a 12-7 Indian lead.

Oja then tallied the extra point as Wadena managed a 13-7 first quarter lead.

In the second quarter Wadena Indians capped a 59-yard scoring drive in 8 plays as Kip Browne threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Daryl Oja. Kip ran for the extra point as Wadena led at halftime 20-7.

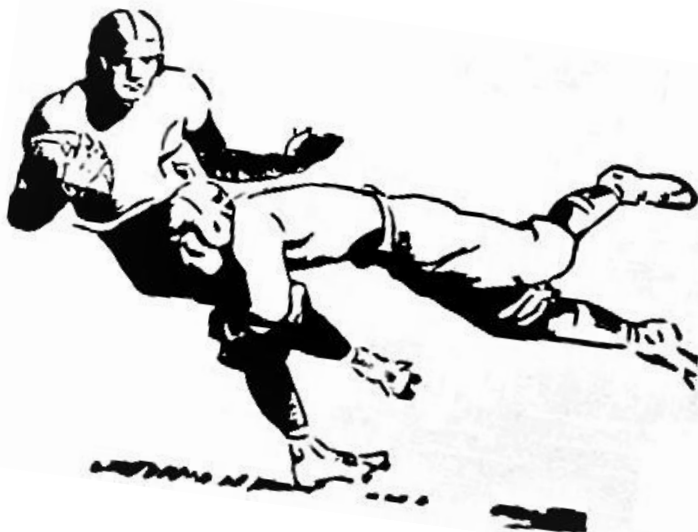
Following the intermission, the third time the Indians got their hands on the ball they

ran eight plays for 36 yards, which ended with a 7-yard run as Oja scored his third TD. Wadena completed a pass (Browne) to Oja for a 27-7 lead after three quarters against Long Prairie.

From this point on Coach Conzemius went more and more to the bench as many players saw action and did well. Sophomore Paul Schmit showed a fine arm as he completed 5 of 12 passes for 83 yards. Also the defensive spark plug was big Mike Langer who played in the first half and spent most of this time in the Long Prairie backfield.

The final statistics also gave the Indians the edge as they had 17 first downs to Long Prairie's 8. Wadena had 10 by rushing, 6 by passing, and 1 by penalty. Wadena rushed for 176 yards and passed for 129 yards for a total offense of 305 yards. L.P. had 68 yards rushing, and 56 passing for 124 yards.

Wadena's Indians travel to Pelican Rapids Friday (tomorrow) night, Sept. 8, for their second non conference game. Last year Pelican Rapids edged Wadena 19-14 in a grid contest completed on the local gridiron. With the Indians healthy, Pelican Rapids will have to be rapid





# WHS Indians Shoot Rapids 25-7; Meet Perham Friday

Wadena's Indians exhibited a strong defense Friday night in stopping the Pelican Rapids team for a total of 2 yards in the first half and a 12-0 score. Wadena drubbed the Rapids 25-7.

The Indians defense was skimpy in that first half as it held Pelican to a minus five yards on the ground and seven yards pas-

sive. The final statistics had Wadena rolling up 222 rushing yards and 66 passing for a total offense of 228 yards in winning its second game of the 1967 season. Pelican Rapids managed 69 yards rushing and 98 passing for a total of 167 yards offensively.

The WHS Indians had 24 first

downs to the opposition's 8. Wadena had 20 by rushing and four more by passing, while the Rapids had four passing and four rushing.

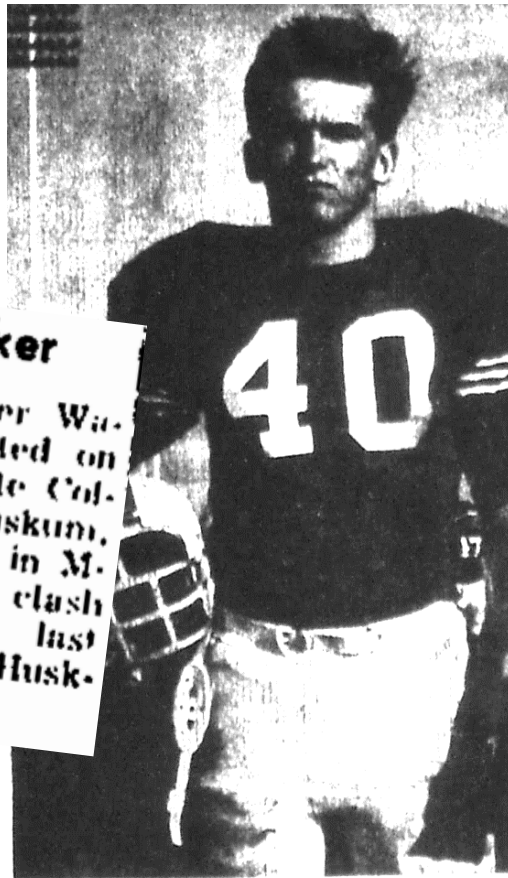
Daryl Oja scored his fourth TD of the season on a three yard scamper as the first quarter ended. This climaxed a 63 yard drive in 12 plays by the Indian team.

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## 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.



MOORHEAD DRAGONS — Jerry Fiskum

*Fiskum Gains Starting Berth With MSC Team*



The extra point try failed and Wadena had a 6-0 first quarter advantage. With just 44 seconds remaining in the half against Pelican Rapids, Paul Schmit, WHS sophomore quarterback, uncorked a 26-yard touchdown pass to end Francis Plautz and Wadena was ahead 12-0 at the midway point.

In the third period both the Indians and Pelican did not score. WHS junior quarterback Kip Browne sneaked over from the 1 at the opening of the final quarter to give Wadena an 18-0 lead. Pelican Rapids got into the fray as Pete Larson, quarterback, threw an 11-yard TD pass to end Rick Toso who made a sensational sliding catch in the end zone with 8:01 minutes remaining. The extra point try was good and the score registered 18-7.

The Indians capped the scoring for the evening with 4:49 minutes left when Kip Browne on a tremendous run around his left end for 31 yards went in for the TD. Paul Schmit with Jeff Johnson hold kicked for the extra point. Wadena 25, Pelican Rapids 7.





# WHS Indians Blank Perham's Yellowjackets 20-0 Friday

## Meet Staples Friday In Mid-State Test

Wadena blanketed a heavier more powerful looking Perham Yellowjacket team Friday night to extend its current win string to three on the grid season by winning 20-0. The game was much closer than the final tally showed on the Indians' scoreboard, however.

The Indians, while leading 8-0 in the first half, were not ahead in the vital statistics column in this non-conference battle. Perham at halftime had rushed for 53 yards, passed for 47 more and had put together five first downs. As one enthused Wadena fan said, "Perham ran all over the gridiron but Wadena did the scoring."

Wadena rushed for 30 yards, passed for 34 and had only 2 first downs to its credit. Perham had shown ball control as they had possession of the ball for 32 plays in comparison to Wadena's 19.

The Indians, however, scored first as a junior quarterback Kip Browne with 8:16 left in the first quarter returned a punt for 68 yards and electrifying TD. The extra point try failed. With 4:53 minutes remaining in the first quarter, Wadena had pushed the 'Jackets back to their own three yard line. When Perham tried an end run, Greg Willis, WHS defensive right end, with good pursuit, caused the Yellowjackets to run out of bounds behind the goal line. Greg, by his outstanding effort, picked up two points for a Wadena safety and the Indians led 8-0 at the half.

Wadena then played ball control as it mugged 27 plays to Perham's 18. With 5:38 remaining in the third period Kip Browne unleashed a tremendous pass downfield and hit Francis Plautz, who then out ran defensive back Jick Knutson, one of the fastest athletes in this area, for a 52-yard TD.

In the final quarter, a Wadena punt of only 17 yards hit an unsuspecting Yellowjacket on the helmet and Wadena's Jim Stoneman pounced on it. This followed with a touchdown drive that was capped by Daryl Oja going six yards for a 20-0 lead. From this point on, Coach John Conzemius' reserves saw a lot of action.

Mike Langer and Curt Folkestad were outstanding on defense as they were tied for the lead in individual tackles. The entire WHS Indian team played an improved defensive game the second half against Perham Friday night.



# Staples Thwarts WHS Indians In 19-12 Mid-State Battle

Wadena's gallant Indians in a hard fought and keenly contested conference battle, at Staples Friday night were defeated by the Cardinals 19-12.

It was the first conference encounter for both clubs. Wadena, although slightly ahead of Staples in game statistics was a shade behind in the very important statistic called the final score.

From the very beginning there was evidence that this was going to consist of a lot of hard knocks and a closely fought battle. The Cardinals took the opening kickoff and in the first series of plays marched 68 yards for the initial TD. The touchdown came with 5:02 left in the first quarter as quarterback Les Johnson passed to back Randy Braith for 14 yards. The invading Indians also "showed their stuff" as they capped a 62-yard drive with a 34 yard run by Daryl Oja.

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## Staples 19 Wadena 12

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The extra point try failed and with 1:36 to play in the first quarter the score was knotted 6-all.

Staples jumped to a 13-6 half-time lead as a 50 yard drive ended as Randy Braith scored his second touchdown. The extra point was converted and at intermission the Cardinals had a seven point advantage.

In the third quarter, following an 11-yard drive Kip Browne plunged in for a three-yard gain and a TD. The extra point was not good and the score was Staples 13, Wadena 12 at the three period mark.

The fatal fourth was a series of misfortunes for the local team. Staples, however, did not move the ball as well as it did in the first part of the game. Wadena was able to pick up yardage, but lost the pigskin on too many mistakes.

The Cards scored early in the final quarter after Wadena had fumbled a punt. They missed the extra point try and Wadena had a chance for a tie as the score read, Staples 19 and Wadena 12.

Staples, after the ensuing TD, got a break as its kickoff was a low line drive type which hit a Wadenn griddler in the leg and bounced back to a Staples man. When the Indians finally gained possession of the ball they did move it well. Dame Fortune raised her hand on a possible touchdown run by Kip Browne with less than 2 minutes to play. Wadena was called for illegal procedure by the officials. They were on the Staples' 17 when time ran out.

Perhaps the turning point of the season and progress in the Mid-State conference comes Friday night as the Indians host the Aitkin Gobblers in the traditional homecoming game at 7:30 p.m. The team desires your support as they will attempt to fulfill the homecoming slogan, "Clobber the Gobblers."



# Indians Shock Aitkin Gobblers In 1967 Homecoming Win, 40-13

Wadena Indians made their 1967 homecoming slogan a true statement as the gridders "clobbered" Aitkin's Gobblers 40-13 Friday night.

This victory now places Wadena's season record at 4W-1L and its Mid-State conference mark at 1W-1L.

The Indians rolled up 274

yards on the ground and 12 yards through the air; this dis- counts 123 yards picked up by quarterback Kip Browne on punt returns. Aitkin was held to just 96 yards on the ground but the Gobblers amassed 130 yards via the airways with a 61-yard pass play as time was running out in the final quarter. Wadena had

17 first downs to Aitkin's 7.

The Homecoming game looked like anything but a runaway for Wadena at the onset as the Gobblers on the game's first play ran 35 yards off tackle. The Indians then got over the initial shock and held but could manage only one first down. Sophomore Wally Rubel then punted the

Indians out of the hole with a 41 yard boot.

The Indians held and Aitkin then punted for only 15 yards. After a series of seven plays, Wadena scored on a 48 yard march. Francis Plautz, returning to the backfield, carried five of those seven plays for runs of



**Wadena 40 Aitkin 13**  
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The extra point try failed and Wadena led 6-0. Following the ensuing kick off, Aitkin struck like lightning covering 55 yards in just two plays. The second was a 53 yard touchdown pass from Gobbler quarterback, Mike Borgman, to right halfback Doug Siemers. The Gobblers also missed the extra point try and with 1:46 to go in the first quarter tied the Indians, 6-6.

Aitkin was held by strong Indian defense to 19 yards rushing and 16 yards passing in the second period. Wadena moved the ball only once but Daryl Oja scored from the four yard line. Paul Schmit kicked the extra point and the halftime score was Wadena 13, Aitkin 6.

After homecoming ceremonies at halftime, the Indians settled down and played football. The first homecoming explosion for Wadena came from Oja on a 38 yard TD run which capped a 65 yard Indian drive. Schmit's kick was true and the score with 9:40 minutes left in the third quarter was 20-6, Wadena. Later in that period when Aitkin was forced to punt, Kip Browne exploded with an electrifying 80 yard touchdown return. Along with Kip's fine running on this play there were three or four key blocks thrown. This TD ended the third quarter scoring with Wadena ahead 26-6.



Wadena coaches substituted freely in the finale but Kip Browne managed to sneak in for another TD with a spectacular 34 yard punt return for his third TD via the punt return route this season. Wadena's punter Wally Rubel, one of the faster men on the squad later carried for the Indian's final TD. Paul Schmit kicked his fourth point after and the Indians led 40-6.

Aitkin scored its final TD with only three seconds left in the fourth quarter on a 61 yard pass play.

Gridlers who were the leaders in the number of tackles were Mike Langer, Steve Useiman, Rick Fiskum, and Curtis Folkestad.

The Indians have their work cut out for them at C-I Friday night since this is the Rangers' Homecoming game.

# Indians' Ink Blots C-I '67 Homecoming, Win 40-20

The large symbolic letters "C" and "I" constructed of some type of combustible material were set ablaze to signify the Rangers Homecoming Friday night at approximately 7:30 p.m. The symbol burned brightly for a few minutes and then slowly died out leaving only a smoking remains. So it was the fate of the highly regarded Ranger football team. Their fate seemed bright enough at the beginning of the game but as the third quarter ended with a 40-14 lead for the Wadena Indians, victory for C-I slowly ebbed and hope went a smoldering. The Indians played their finest football of the season to date as they rolled up 440 yards on

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**Wadena 40 C-I 20**  
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The Indians played their finest football of the season to date as they rolled up 440 yards on the ground and 20 through the air. Crosby Ironton also had its moments as they moved the ball 307 yards on the ground but failed to complete a pass on six attempts. For the Wadena fans, who ventured to C-I land and the C-I fans witnessed one of the best displays of "breakaway running" in a long while by Wadena gridders.

Wadena drew first blood as 6:34 remained in the first quarter Francis Plautz raced 74 yards for a TD. Paul Schmit then kicked the first of his four points after TD and the Indians had a 7-0 lead.

At the beginning of the second quarter C-I got into the act as halfback Todd Anderson, one in a long line of outstanding Anderson athletes of Crosby, raced 62 yards for a TD. The extra point try was good and a tie 7-7.

The Indians then moved back in front with 6:33 to go before halftime as Daryl Oja scored a touchdown on a four yard run. With time running out Daryl again raced 24 yards as Crosby was fooled along with many others, as Kip Browne faked the first man through the middle and Daryl ran wide. Wadena led at the half 21-7.

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The Indians seemed to be in even better form the third quarter as Plautz scored twice on runs of one and six yards for TD's. Greg Polich, fullback, rekindled the fire for C-I fans as he ran 54 yards for a 33-14 score. Kip Browne quickly extinguished the fire as he returned a punt 75 yards for a TD, his fourth punt return touchdown of the season, and a 40-13 lead.

Wadena Coaches Conzemius and Larson substituted freely in the final period as everyone got into the fray. Reserve back, Steve Lynk, came forth with a fine performance as he carried the ball 9 times for 67 yards. The game still contained excitement as halfback Greg Panno of Crosby raced 75 yards for the final tally as the Indians emerged victoriously 40-20.

Wadena's B team hosts the Park Rapids B team tonight (Thursday) at the athletic field. The public is invited to attend.

Seeing action against C-I were Browne, Kern, Schmit, Oja, Lynk, Sundahl, Stoneman, Anderson, Olson, Butler, Rogers, Fiskum, Kupfer, Young, Simmons, Geiser, Rohr, Endres, Szczech, Roes, Peterson, Driggers, Folkestad, Mosman, Uselman, Langer, Hall, Lind, Kvamme, Boylan Plautz, and Willis.



**Mid-State Standings**

	W	L
Little Falls	3	0
Wadena	2	1
Crosby-Ironton	2	1
Staples	1	2
Park Rapids	1	2
Aitkin	0	3





# Wadena Sinks D. L. Laker 33-20 In Non-Conference

On Friday the Thirteenth the Detroit Lakes Lakers were linked by the Wadena Indians with a sparkling pass play of seven yards from Paul Schmit to Francis Plautz.

The Lakers were not dead however and with the first play of the game they scored a TD and the scoreboard read Wadena 33, Detroit Lakes 0.

With a near flawless defense in the first half that yielded the Lakers only 7 yards total offense of Francis Plautz who rolled up 217 yards in 24 carries. Plautz played perhaps the finest game of his career blocked a punt and snagged two terrific touchdowns in the first quarter. Wadena Indians obtained the ball on the Detroit Lakes' 24 yard line later from the Vikings' Paul Schmit's kick was good and the score with 8:12 to go in the first quarter was Wadena 7, Lakers 0.

With only seconds to go in the first half Detroit Lakes failed on a fourth down gamble deep in its own territory and Wadena got the ball on the 24 yard line. With only four seconds remaining Paul Schmit, WHS quarterback, threw a pass into the end zone and Francis Plautz with two Lakers all over him, made a spectacular catch for a 13-0 halftime score. In the second half Wadena received a kickoff deep in their own territory and returned it to plays later 18 yard line. Six covered 82 yards for their third TD. Francis Plautz in this drive had runs of 9, 10, and 51 yards. Halfback Daryl Oja capped the drive with a 4-yard run and with 10:07 remaining in the third period Wadena led 19-0.

From this point on Detroit Lakes displayed a few fireworks of its own. In just two plays of 56 yards, a sprint by Brekken, the Lakers entered the scoring column. Steve Olson, Laker kickoff man and the strongest kickoff leg displayed all season, booted the ball out of the end zone. The Indians took over on the 20 and 11 plays later scored on another





# LF Flyers Sink Wadena In Mid-State Battle, 26-0; PR Here In Season Finale

A large, strong and exceptionally fast Little Falls Flyer team clinched at least a tie for the Mid-State conference championship Wednesday night, Oct. 18, at LF by defeating the Wadena Indians 26-0.

Wadena, hampered by the loss of junior quarterback Kip Browne and senior halfback Dar-

rel Oja, also added to its misfortunes by committing too many offensive mistakes. The Indians received penalties when they did the most damage, fumbled six times losing the ball on five occasions and had two passes intercepted, one for a 78 yard touchdown.

The Indians seemed to be

marching on their first drive but two offside penalties brought back the long gains. This misfortune caused the Wadena team a loss of confidence and renewed the determination of the victorious Flyers.

Wadena held Little Falls in check quite well in the first two series of plays but the Flyers

## Conf. Standings

### MID STATE

	W	L	T	PCT.
Little Falls	4	0	0	1.000
Crosby-Ironton	2	1	1	.625
Wadena	2	2	0	.500
Park Rapids	2	2	0	.500
Staples	1	3	0	.250
Aitkin	0	3	1	.125

had three boys in the backfield who could explode for gains at any time. Mike Brady, one of the three, dashed for 40 yards with just 33 seconds left in the first quarter. Brady also scored the PAT and Wadena trailed 7-0.

Jerry Frank, the second speedster in the Flyer backfield, with 8:46 remaining in the half capped a 44-yard drive with a 17 yard TD run. Later in the quarter the remaining speedster, Jim Carlson, scored on a one yard plunge and the halftime score was Little Falls 19, Wadena 0.

Wadena's defense in the second half was gallant as it held the fast Flyers to only 45 yards on the ground and five yards through the air. The offense also moved the ball but because of fumbles and pass interceptions could not score.

Twice the Indians had drives sputter short inside the Little Falls five yard line. Francis Plautz and Steve Lynk carried the ball well for the Indians. Plautz, "the horse," carried 17 times for 54 yards. Lynk, one of the Indians' most improved players, legged the football nine times for 42 yards.

Jim Carlson intercepted a flat pass and raved 78 yards to paydirt. As the horn sounded the Flyers had won shutting out Wadena 26-0.





# Wadena Stops Panthers In Season's Grid Finale

WHS grid coaches John Conzemius and Bill Larson Indians blanked the hard hitting Park Rapids Panthers Friday night 12-0 in the season's finale and assured themselves of second place in the Mid-State and 7W-21 record on that season.

The Indians and the Panthers collided in a hard "knock 'em and sock 'em" game in which Wadena punted six times and Park Rapids five. Comments from the large crowd attending were "They hit harder than Little Falls Flyers." The WHS gridgers watched the Gophers Saturday rally to defeat Michi-

gan 20-15, at Memorial stadium. The statistics of Friday's finale were even. Wadena had the ball for 54 plays to the Panthers' 53. The Indians also edged the Panthers 12-11 in first downs, but Park Rapids had the edge in total offense 232 yards to 182.

Wadena held the upper hand, however, on the ground 171 yards to 97, but the Panthers completed 6 of 17 passes for 135 yards to the Indians 1 out of 4 for only 11 yards.

The "horse", as stated by the C-1 coach, Francis Plautz carried the pigskin 18 times for 106 yards. Plautz's running was

more effective than at Little Falls as Park Rapids had to protect for the fast outside threat of quarterback Kip Browne, and halfback Daryl Oja. Browne brought back one of Wadena's potent weapons, the punt return, with 5:43 left in the third quarter for the first TD as he first fumbled the punt and then raced 55 yards for the score.

It was 0-0 at halftime.

At the beginning of the final quarter the Indians climaxed a 63-yard drive in 11 plays with Francis Plautz scoring the TD on a one yard plunge for the final tally of 12-0.

Defensive play by both teams was outstanding. Indian lineman Mike Langer racked up Panthers all night (10 unassisted tackles). Seniors contributing greatly to Friday night's win were team captain Rick Fiskum; Steve Uselman, Daryl Oja, Francis Plautz, Dan Rohr, Dave Endres, Duane Kupfer, Paul Peterson, Paul Sundahl and Gary Boylan.

These gridgers will be missed by the coaches and the team next year.

## 1967 Grid Results

Wadena	27	L. Prairie	7
	25	Pelican R.	7
	20	Perham	0
	12	Staples	10
	40	Aitkin	13
	40	C-1	20
	33	Detroit Lakes	20
	0	Little F.	28
	12	Park Rds.	0

## Mid-State Final

	W	L	T
Little Falls	5	0	0
Wadena	3	2	0
C-1	2	2	1
P. Rapids	2	3	0
Aitkin	1	2	1
Staples	1	4	0



# Mid-State 1967 All Conference

Twenty-four football players were selected to the 1967 All Conference Mid-State Grid Team.

They were: Little Falls: Curt Bailey, end; James Gwost, tackle; John Raymond, center; John Austin, back; Mike Brady, back; Jerry Frank, back; Wadena: Francis Plautz, end; Mike Langer, tackle; Kip Browne, quarterback; Daryl Oja, back; Aitkin: Al Haugen, guard, Gene Flowers, guard; Dave Jones, back; Doug Siemers, back; Staples: Mike Heier, end; Jay Gilbertson, tackle; Jerry Ken, center; Park Rapids: Steve Gilbertson, tackle; Jerry Kern, center, guard; Larry Hoverstein, guard; Harold Grover, back; Jerry Benham, back; Crosby-Ironton: Greg Punno, back; Todd Anderson, back.

## Local Gridder On WCCO Radio's Team of the Week

Mike Langer won a spot on the Electric Cooperatives of the WCCO Radio All-State Football Team of the week. Announcement of the Wadena High School player's selection was made Wednesday night on "Prep Parade," the station's weekly program featuring sports and band activity in Minnesota high schools.

"Prep Parade is conducted by Paul Gieh and sportcaster Sid Hartman, and is sponsored by

the Electric Cooperatives of Minnesota. Normally heard every Thursday at 8:00-8:30 p.m., the program was scheduled for Wednesday this week because of North Stars hockey broadcast Thursday night on WCCO Radio. Handsome parchment certificates will be awarded by WCCO on a Football Team of the Year, Coach of the Year, and WCCO Radio Sports Director Band of the Year will be honored at a special "Prep Parade" banquet.

## WCCO Prep Player . . .



OF WEEK — Mike Langer, a senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Langer, is being congratulated by Paul Richter, Todd-Wadena electric cooperative manager, for his outstanding performance against Park Rapids in the season's final game. Wadena won 12-0. WCCO and Minnesota electric cooperatives sponsor the Prep Player of the Week program. Langer plays the tackle position for the Indians, weighs 232 pounds and is 6'1". He was the second Wadena gridder to be named to WCCO's Prep Parade this year.

# FOOTBALL



# Conzemius Releases '67 Football Facts

John Conzemius, Wadena head grid coach released 1967 final statistics on the football season.

### Scoring

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot.
Wadena	53	40	70	46	209
Opposition	25	26	21	39	111

### Individual Scoring

	TD	PAT	S	Tot.
Kip Browne	8	1		49
Daryl Oja	11	2		68
Rick Fiskum	2	0		12
Jim Stoneman	0	0		0
Francis Plautz	9	0		54
Paul Schmit	0	12		12
Steve Lynk	1	0		6
Greg Willis	0	0	1	2
Wally Rubel	1	0	0	6

### Tackles

	Unas- sisted	Assisted
Dan Rohr	14	7
Dave Endres	30	14
Greg Hall	4	1
Steve Lynk	3	0
Jerry Szczech	1	0
Paul Peterson	1	0
Don Simmons	7	7
Gary Boylan	0	2
Charles Roberts	1	0
Bill Young	2	0
Paul Sundahl	10	3
Mike Langer	60	11
Francis Plautz	38	10
Richard Fiskum	41	10
Steve Uselman	37	9
Mike Butler	0	1
Greg Willis	24	13
James Stoneman	29	4
Curt Folkestad	39	11
Paul Driggers	9	3
Kip Browne	4	1
Paul Schmit	5	4
Daryl Oja	5	0
Jim Olson	11	4

### Rushing

	No.	Yds.	Ave	Longest Run From Scrim- mage
K. Browne	70	293	4.2	40
D. Oja	104	534	5.1	38
R. Fiskum	33	170	5.2	60
J. Stoneman	46	177	3.8	10
F. Plautz	89	593	6.3	74
P. Schmit	18	-10	-.5	5
J. Olson	5	9	1.8	3
K. Anderson	4	17	4.3	10
W. Rubel	14	17	1.2	11
S. Lynk	30	164	5.5	28
M. Butler	2	3	1.5	2

### Pass Receiving

	No.	Yds	TD	Best
D. Oja	9	135	0	36
R. Fiskum	3	37	0	26
J. Stoneman	1	26	0	26
F. Plautz	5	121	4	52
G. Boylan	2	16	0	10
P. Lind	1	20	0	20
G. Willis	7	112	0	34
S. Lynk	1	31	0	31

## Four Wadena H.S. Gridders . . .

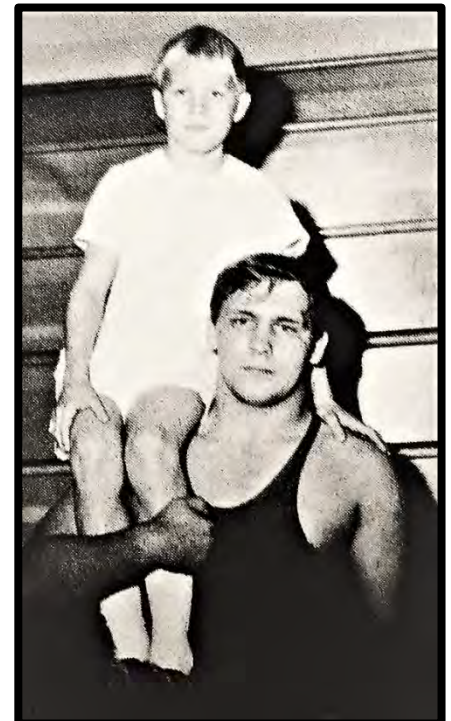


NAMED TO ALL-CONFERENCE — Three Wadena high school seniors and one junior were named Mid-State All Conference players by conference coaches. Daryl Oja, 145 lb. back; Kip Browne, a junior and 150 lb. quarterback; Mike Langer, 232 lb. tackle and Francis Plautz, 187 lb. end were Wadena's representatives in the select group. Mid-State champion Little Falls placed six; Park Rapids, five; C-1 two; Aitkin, four; and Staples, three.

## Wrestlers:

Mike Langer ('68)

Keith Hagen ('73)





Francis Plautz

# WHS Football Player Named to 'Prep Parade' WCCO Team of the Week

Backfieldman Francis Plautz, a Wadena Indian gridder, was honored as a member of WCCO Radio's Football Team of the Week.

"Prep Parade," sponsored by the Electric Cooperatives of Minnesota, also saluted Don Nylund of St. Cloud Tech as Coach of the Week, and the St. Anthony Village High School Band, directed by Roger Bjorklund, as Band of the Week.

The honorary squad was made up of players of all parts of Minnesota. They were picked for their outstanding performance by a statewide board of sports editors and by WCCO

Radio Director Paul Giel and Sid Hartman who conduct the program.

Members of the Team of the Week and Coach Nylund will receive handsome certificates suitable for framing from WCCO Radio and the Electric Cooperatives of Minnesota. The St. Anthony band will receive a trophy.

The "Prep Parade" series has given recognition to more than 5,500 athletes, coaches and bands since its inception in 1956. At the end of the present season, a Team of the Year and a Coach of the Year will be feted at a banquet.

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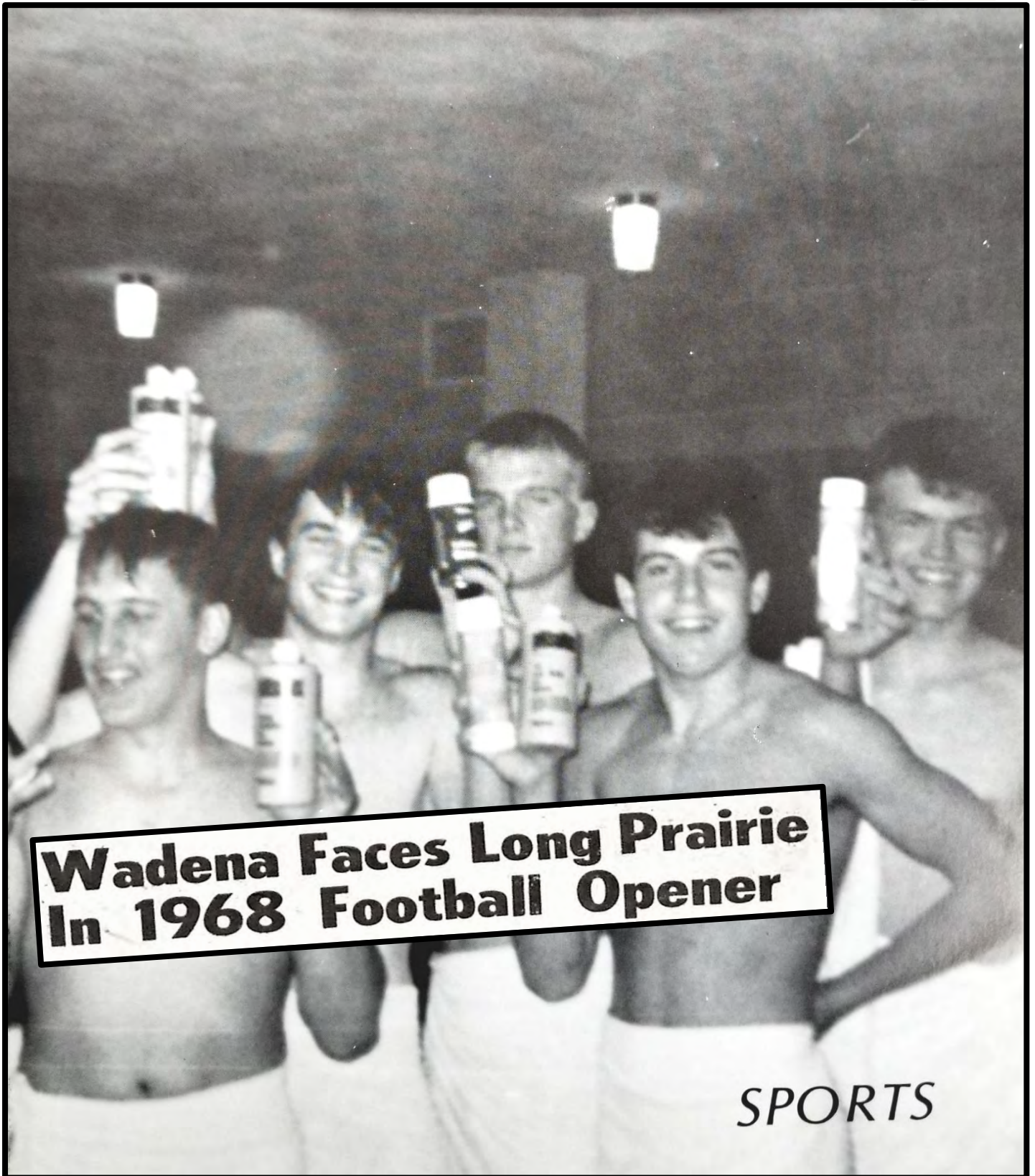






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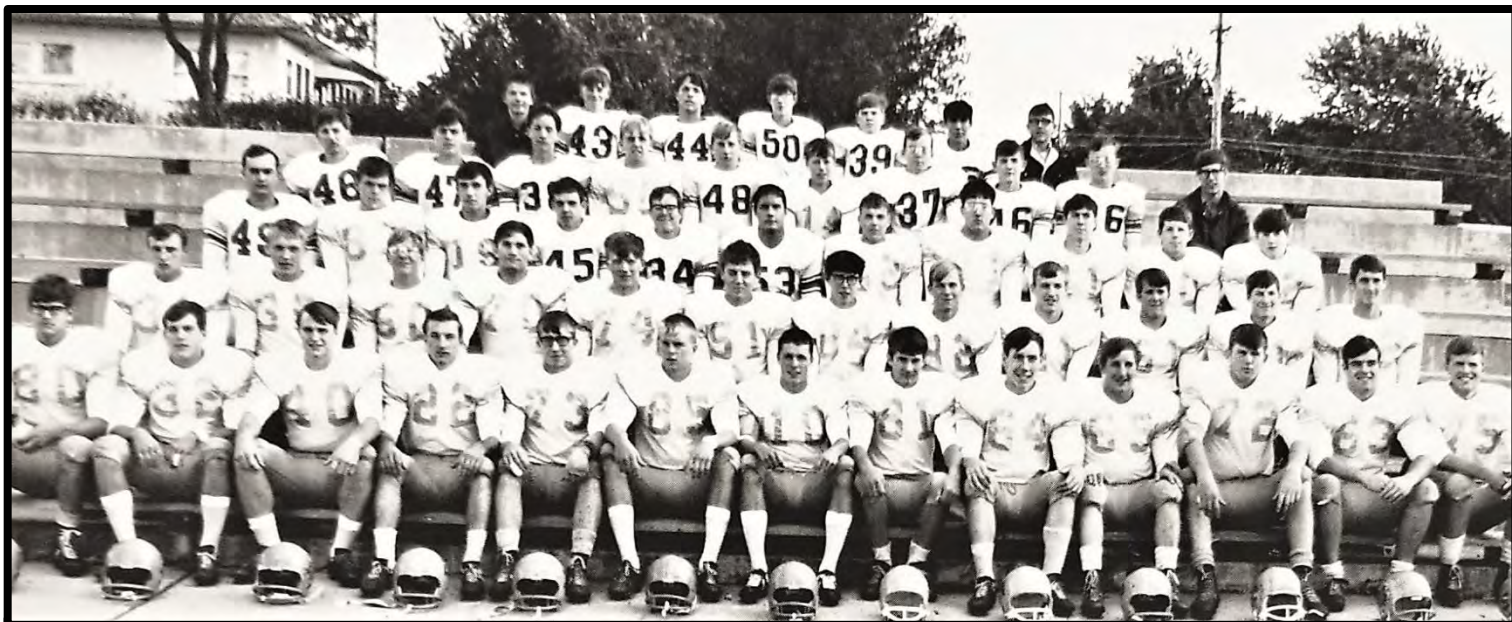
WHS Record 7-2-0  
Mid-State 4-1-0



**Wadena Faces Long Prairie  
In 1968 Football Opener**

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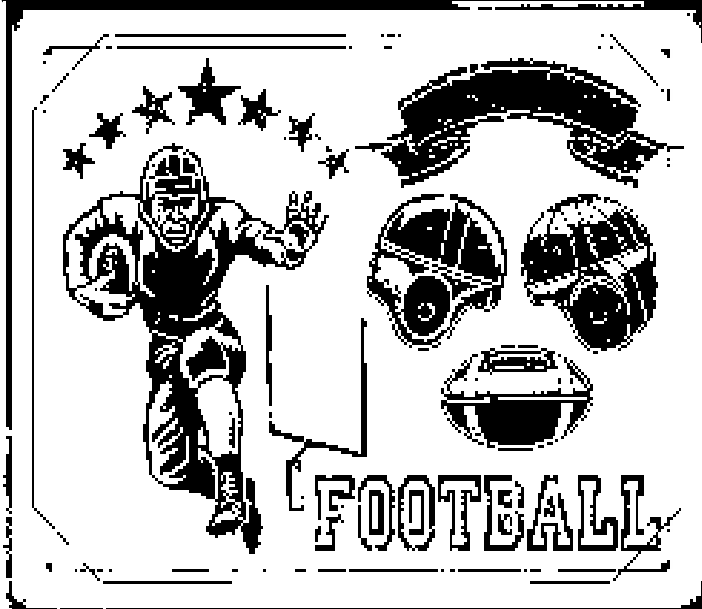




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### Schedule

Long Prairie	6	. . . . .	Wadena	27
Pelican Rapids	7	. . . . .	Wadena	34
Perham	18	. . . . .	Wadena	26
Staples	6	. . . . .	Wadena	38
Aitkin	6	. . . . .	Wadena	32
Crosby-Ironton	27	. . . . .	Wadena	7
Detroit Lakes	18	. . . . .	Wadena	12
Little Falls	0	. . . . .	Wadena	37
Park Rapids	20	. . . . .	Wadena	39



Mr. Schrader, Mr. Visher, Mr. Larson, Mr. Conzemius





Yes, I did that."

# Wadena Shocks Long Prairie 27 - 6 Monday In Opener

## Simmons Scores On 95 Yd. TD Gallop

The Wadena Indians did it again winning their opener against the Long Prairie tribe, this time by the tune of 27-6 in a grid battle under the lights. Wadena stopped Long Prairie season in both schools' opener

27-7. However, from the onset it looked more like a L.P. victory as Long Prairie took Mike Peters' opening kickoff and marched down the field in 12 plays and 59 yards for what looked like a TD. But on the fatal 13th play, lightning struck in the form of Wadena's Don Simmons who picked off a poorly thrown Long Prairie forward pass and raced 95 yards, with the aid of some excellent blocks thrown by his teammates.

# Indians Scamper By Pelican Rapids, 34-7

## Browne Scores 3 Indian TD's

For the second time in a period of just 5 days, the Wadena Indian football team rose to the occasion and earned their second victory of the young season Friday evening defeating Pelican Rapids Vikings 34-7.

The game for the first quarter was much closer than the final score indicated as the first 12 minutes ended in a 0-0 tie. Then, in the second quarter the Indians exploded like an atomic blast. The first explosion was a 72-yard pass play from quarterback Paul Schmit to end Greg Willis. The bomb was from ten to fifteen yards and then the hustling Willis scampered the remaining distance.

The mushroom clouds had hardly time to settle before Kip Browne took a Pelican punt on his own 31 and raced 69 yards for the score. With this second explosion over the Indians then proceeded to prove they could score with a series of plays as they moved 67 yards in five plays for a TD. Fullback Mike Butler had an electrifying 50 yard burst through the line which was later capped by Jim Olson's one yard plunge for the TD.



to score Wadena's initial touchdown. Paul Schmit missed the point after and the scoreboard read Wadena 6, L.P. 0.

In the second quarter the local Tribe of Indians marched 53 yards in 12 plays and then again on the fatal 13th play Paul Schmit hit on his first passing attempt of the evening. Schmit heaved a touchdown aerial to halfback Steve Lynk. Paul Schmit converted and at halftime Wadena had a 13-0 lead.

Long Prairie, coached by WHS graduate Don Campbell, did not play possum, as late in the third quarter Mitch Groethe, L.P. back, brought hometown fans to their feet as he raced 81 yards for his team's only TD for the night. After the conversion was missed, sports fans realized this was anyone's game as Wadena had a not too comfortable 13-6 lead.

Appearing on the scene was one of Wadena's potent weapons of the past two seasons as Kip Browne, a fleet-footed runner, raced 47 yards with 8:04 left in the game, on an excellent punt return. Then five minutes later he (Browne) with tremendous speed scampered 70 yards from scrimmage but

Kip Browne also scored on a 8-yard plunge and Paul Schmit converted 3 out of 4 extra points as the scoreboard read 27 to 0 at half.

In the second half many of the Wadena substitutes gained valuable game experience as the Wadena coaching staff substituted freely. The local fans also witnessed another exciting play as quarterback Paul Schmit, hit the speedy, Kip Browne, with a 63 yard TD pass.

In the final quarter Pelican ground out a 67 yard march in 9 plays for a score as their quarterback Rolie plunged 4 yards for a TD. Rolie also scored the final extra point as the game ended 34-7.

The Indians amassed a total of 316 yards, 187 passing and 159 134 rushing and 19 passing. Wadena had 10 first downs to Pelican's 11.

The Indians attempted 9 passes and completed 4, Pelican attempted 11 passes and completed only 1. This was a team effort in the Indian backfield as Kip Browne and Mike Butler gained 55 yards on the ground followed closely by Steve Lynk's 30. At

Wadena carried the ball 13 times for a total of 156 yards, but not to be outdone was Mitch Groethe of Long Prairie who also lugged the pigskin for 115 yards in 13 carries.

Wadena rolled up 10 first downs to Long Prairie's 6. Wadena rushed to 166 yards to its opponent's 156, but L.P. completed 6 passes for 71 yards while the local Indians completed one of six for six yards. Sophomore Mike Peters did the kicking off for the Wadena team while senior Greg Willis averaged 77 yards on six punts.

Wadena will host Pelican Rapids Vikings Friday night at 7:30, according to grid coaches John Conzemius, Bill Larson and Chuck Berber. In the Indians' non-conference battle with Pelican last season, Wadena was the victor,

and Coach John Conzemius today 1968 Wadena Indian season tickets will be sold night at the ticket booths. Persons desiring tickets may obtain them at



Don Simmons

I-N-T and  
95-Yard  
TD Return!



# WHS Indians Hack Perham Team 26-18

Perham's Yellowjackets, badlusting the week before by Henning, recovered and highly keyed buzzed around the Wadena Indians' football field Friday night for the first 15 minutes in what appeared to be their second win of the young football season.

The 'Jackets swarmed to an early 12-0 lead and it took the Indians' Tribe about one and one half quarters to get over the tenacious sting and fight back for a deserved and hard fought 26-18 victory. It was coaches Conzemius, Larson and Visher's club's third straight win of the season.

The Indians out totalled in yardage 227 to 160 yards, out passed 85 to 4, out first downed 17-16, had to rely on their explosive punts and kickoff returns.

Although Perham did control the ball 58 plays to 29, the Wadena gridders did have the edge on the ground 156 yards to 142. The Indians also exhibited a strong kicking game as punter Greg Willis bombed the pigskin four times for 146 yards without a return and Charlie Roberts put his toe to the wall four times on kickoffs for an average of 41 yards.

At the onset, the first two attempts the Indians made advancing the pigskin turned out to be complete failures as they did not muster an attack and ended up in just six plays without a first down and a total net yardage of 10. On the other side of the gridiron the Yellowjackets, on their first two attempts, moved the ball in 32 plays 172 yards.

Perham was led by its fine quarterback Mike Burzette and had a well balanced backfield of Jick Knutilla, Mark Tobkin and Vince Moore. Their first series consisted of 16 plays for 73 yards and a TD. On the touchdown Burzette threw a 6-yard bomb to end Duane Perszyk as Perszyk grabbed on his six passes of the evening for a 6-0 Perham lead at the quarter.

Toward the end of the first quarter Greg Willis put his foot to the ball and boomed it 50 yards to the Perham one. With all this yardage in front of them the Yellowjackets became busy bees and in the next 16 plays reeled off 99 yards for another tally. The busy workload was topped by Jack Knutilla's one yard plunge for the score and a 12-0 lead.

At this point the outlook was bleak for the local tribe. On the following Perham kickoff which was either missed or a purposely on side kick to prevent a run-back, the Wadena team gained control on its own 47. On just one play the speedy, scampering senior halfback Kip Browne raced 53 yards to score. Paul Schmit then converted his eighth out of 10 attempts this season and the score was Perham 12, Wadena 7.

The Indians kicked off and the Yellowjackets fumbled the pigskin and when all unpiled, at the bottom was Wadena's diminutive but tough Jimmy Olson.

Wadena in 9 plays moved 27 yards as Paul Schmit on a quarterback sneak went over from the two yard line. Paul then added the extra point and the halftime score, much to the relief of the local fans lead Wadena 14 Perham 12.

Toward the end of the third quarter, Wadena finally contained Perham and forced the 'Jackets to attempt their first punt of the game. The evasive Kip Browne pursued by a swarm of Yellowjackets raced 65 yards as the rest of the Tribe set up some fine blocks.

In the fourth quarter the Indians and Perham exchanged TD's. Fullback Mike Butler, following a fine interception and return of a Jacket pass by Jimmy Olson, demonstrated good speed as he broke into the clear and raced 40 yards to paydirt. Not to be outdone, the Perham fullback Vince Moore plunged one yard for the final TD as the Indians prevailed 26-18.





# WHS Indians Spank 'Cards 38-6 In Mid-State Action

## ★ Wadena Gains 343 Yards Rushing!

Wadena in its conference opener against the Staples Cardinal accomplished many firsts Friday night in statistics that had been out of reach before this season.

The Indians defeated Staples 38-6 and this was the first game in which Wadena had ball control as the pigskin was in Wadena hands for 71 plays to 41 for the 'Cards. Wadena outrushed its opponent by a fantastic 343 yards to 31, out first downed the Staples team 22 to 4 and thereby stopped the five game winning streak of the Cardinals which dates back to 1963.

This was an all out effort by WHS coaches Conzemius, Larson and Vishe's team as seven different players scored for the Indians and Wadena's defense rushed Staples as the Cards were held to 10 yards rushing and 32 passing in the first three quarters.

Outstanding play in the interior line was led by big Paul Driggers and team captain Curt Folkestad.

Floree Greg Hall at end and Mike Butler and Bill Young at linebackers had many moments in the Cardinal backfield. Defensive back Pat Lind also had one of his finest games. Probably the most forgot about football players, the offensive linemen had much to do about the 343 yards on the ground as Don Simmons, Charles Rob-

erts, Scott Knutson, Tim Hall, Curt Folkestad, Doug Mosman, Greg Hall and Greg Willis opened holes for the backs.

Wadena, for the first time this season, held the ball for more than 9 plays at one time, as on its first drive marched 70 yards

in 10 plays when Jim Olson scored from 3 yards out. Paul Schmit for the first time this season had his extra point try blocked. Having sustained a long march, the Indians decided they could do this again and marched 59 yards in 10 plays to score.

Paul Schmit scored this TD on a 2 yard plunge and then he kicked the extra point for a 10-0 lead. Just before the half on another Indian drive, Schmit was hit on a



very hard clean tackle and about 30 seconds later collapsed. He was examined by a physician and he watched the second half from the sidelines.

After leading 13-0 at halftime, but losing their first string quarterback, the local fans began to wonder about the outcome of the contest. Substitute Randy Kern came in and looked, under fire, like he had been performing all season. The Indians demonstrated that they could grind yardage out and also showed they had not lost their explosive powers as with just two plays capped by Kip Browne's 53 yard scamper racked up the third TD.

The next TD was scored by the always as Randy Kern hit end Greg Willis with a 10 yard pass and a 25-0 lead Scott Pettit, who earned 60 yards from scrimmage then scored for the six yard line. Kip Browne ran up a total of 134 yards for the evening.

With the first string backfield on the bench, Bobby Zosel gave the first stringers reason to be concerned about their positions as he grabbed a Staples steal and returned the ball beautifully. Zosel was not finished, but carried the pigskin seven times for 22 yards and on a yard plunge went for the tally. Quarterback Randy Kern then scored the extra point and the seventh man had moved into the scoring column.

In the final moments, the Cardinals connected on a 63 yard pass play from quarterback Les Johnson to end Loren Ahles as the game ended 38-6.

The Indians face one of its toughest Mid-State conference foes Friday night when they journey to Aitkin to fight the Gobblers at 7:30 p.m. Wadena defeated the Gobblers here in the 1967 Homecoming game 40-13.



## 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 Al Grage 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.





# Indians Victimize Aitkin

## Gobblers 32-6 In Mid-State



### Browne Scampers For 3 Touchdowns

Wadena's longest football trip of the season Friday night (some 80 miles to the northeast) proved to be mighty successful as they downed the hard hitting Aitkin Gobblers 32-6 in the Indians' second Mid-State victory and fifth of the season.

The Indians' fleet-footed Kip Browne had one of his finest nights as a football player as he lugged

the pigskin for more than a fifth of a mile. Browne gained 333 yards 201 by rushing, 103 by punt returns and the remainder on one kick off return.

Wadena in the first half ran into a fired up Gobble squad as Aitkin kicked off and held the Indians. Greg Willis punted to the 38 of the Gobblers and Aitkin took over. It appeared that neither team would be able to move the ball and then Aitkin punted.

The Indians set up a strong row of blockers and Kip turned the corner and raced 78 yards for the initial TD. The extra point try was blocked and score was 6-0

Wadena at the conclusion of the first period.

In the second quarter on Wadena's first play from scrimmage Browne sped 75 yards for the second touchdown. John Arnoldy booted the ball through the uprights and the score at halftime, to Wadena fans' relief, was 13-0 with the Indians in the lead.

Aitkin fought back determinedly at the onset of the third quarter. Then it happened for the third time that night. From his own eleven Kip scampored 89 yards in a touchdown that deflated the Gobblers. Arnoldy bombed the extra point through the uprights and

gave Wadena a 20-0 third quarter lead.

In the final canto, Wadena tallied twice as Scott Pettit, another exciting runner scored on a twisting 8-yard gallop. Randy Kern later hit Greg Willis on a 16 yard pass play to end the Indians' scoring for the night. Halfback Bobby Zosel and Mike Johnson also moved the ball with regularity for the Indians in that quarter.

Aitkin scored its only touchdown in the fourth as its fine halfback Rick Carlson ran nine yards for the score.

The Indians Mike Butler, Greg Hall, Paul Driggers, Curt Folkstad, Pat Lind, Bill Young, Doug Mosman, Scott Knutson, Tim Hall, John Arnoldy, Scott Pettit, Steve Lynk, Jim Olson, Randy Kern, and others gave it everything for a well deserved win.

## It's C-I Rangers' Fate In WHS Homecoming Friday



1968 WHS HOMECOMING— candidates. Pictured above with that winning smile are Wadena high school Homecoming Queen candidates Connie Komula, Barbara Baker, Linda Brune, Sheila Richter and Sally Zosel. The Queen Coronation program will be held Friday afternoon in the junior-high gym at 2 p.m. One of the five will wear the '68 Queen's crown.





# Wadena (5-0) Seeks Mid-State Football Crown

By TED PETERSON  
Minneapolis Tribune Staff Writer

Wadena High School, off to one of its best starts in years with five straight triumphs, moves into the toughest part of its schedule looking for an undefeated season and the Mid-State Conference football title.

Veteran coach John Conzemius, who has been at Wadena since 1951, said possibilities are good with a team that could compare with some of the best in the school's history, including title winners in 1961 and 1962.

Wadena remained tied for the league lead with a 32-6 defeat of Aitkin last week and gets a major test when it is host to Crosby-Ironton, also unbeaten in league play, Friday night. Crosby - Ironton defeated Brainerd 26-19 in a non-

loop clash last week.

While not a big team, Wadena is quick, Conzemius said, and alert, able to take advantage of opponents with pass interceptions and fumble recoveries.

"We're going to have to wait and see if this is one of our better teams," Conzemius said in pointing to good balance in the Mid-State league and games coming up with Little Falls and Park Rapids as well as a non-league affair with Detroit Lakes. "Staying healthy is important."

A sparkling performer for Wadena has been Kip Browne, a 150-pound halfback who has scored 11 touchdowns in the first five games, five on punt returns. Furthermore, 10

of those touchdowns have been on runs of 47 to 89 yards.

Against Aitkin, Browne's touchdowns were on 74, 78 and 89-yard runs as he maintained a rushing average of more than seven yards a try.

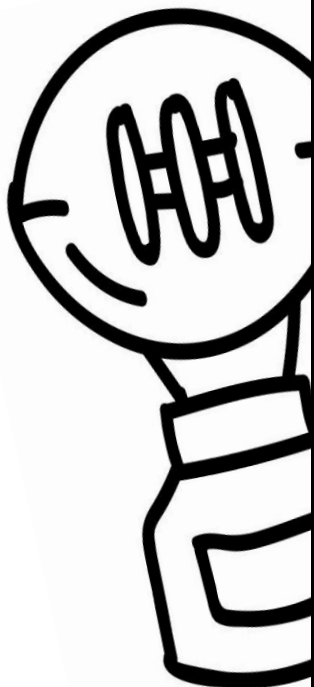
Mike Butler, a 180-pound junior, plays fullback with Steve Lynk or Scott Pettit, both 150, at the other halfback. Paul Schmidt, 165, and Randy Kern, 160, alternate at quarterback.

While Kern's passing average is just 40 per cent he hasn't had one attempt intercepted.

Greg Willis, 175 and a top pass receiver, and Greg Hall, 170, are the ends. Curt Folkestad, 165, and Scott Knutson, 185, or Douglas Mosman, 165, are tackles; Don Simmons, and Charles Roberts, both 170, the guards and Tim Hall, 155, center.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Wadena	2	0	1.000
Little Falls	2	0	1.000
Crosby-Ironton	1	0	1.000
Park Rapids	0	1	.000
Aitkin	0	2	.000
Staples	0	2	.000

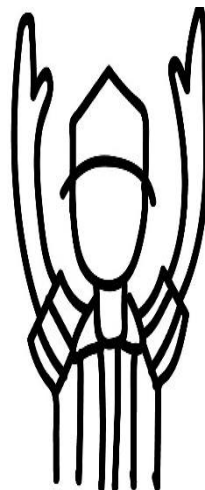
	Longbow League			
	W	L	TP	OP
Pillager	4	0	142	11
Rimmer	3	1	219	74
Hill City	3	1	119	66
Deer Creek	3	1	116	107
Backus	2	2	98	73
Laporte	1	3	53	141
Pequot Lakes	3	4	33	134
Navis	0	4	7	228



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LINEMEN PACE WADENA'S UNBEATEN FOOTBALL TEAM

Curt Folkestad, front; Greg Hall, Charles Roberts, Don Simons and Greg Willis lead charge



# C-I Rangers' Rally Stun Homecoming Indians 27-7



## ★ ★ Wadena Faces D-L Friday Night

Crosby-Ironton Rangers still smarting from the Wadena Indian setback handed them in their 57 Homecoming game 40-20, arrived here Friday night in full force, five buses and a multitude of cars, and brutally returned the favor to the tune of 27-7.

The Rangers dominated the game in the final three quarters

as they ran up a total of 20 first downs to the Indians' six. The C-I team compiled up a total of 375 yards on offense to the Wadena 136 and controlled the ball 61 plays to the Indians' 43.

In the first quarter it appeared as if Wadena was to control the game when quarterback Randy Korn connected on a 58-yard aerial to senior end Greg Willis on the second play from center for a TD. Scott Pettit kicked the extra point and Wadena moved in front 7-0. The Indians after the kick off held the Rangers and then proceeded to

march down the field in what looked much like a second quick touchdown. But at the C-I 10-yard line, the Rangers awoke like a sleeping giant and stopped the Indians cold.

From then on the Rangers dominated the game as they proceeded to lug the pigskin 78 yards, in nine plays for the equalizer and a 7-7 score.

Duane Anderson kicked off for C-I and after a short drive the Indian's drive failed. The Rangers then gained possession and with power rolled down the field.

A desperate pass at the half went astray and the score remained knotted 7-7 at halftime.

In the third quarter C-I's defensive backer John Rindo intercepted a Wadena pass and raced through many tacklers before being downed on the Indian 25 yard line.

In one play halfback Jeff Klun burst through the Wadena line on a 25 yard touchdown run, and accumulated 155 yards on the ground for the evening.

For the second time in the second half, the Indians could not move the ball effectively as the Rangers took over. Homecoming fans' hopes were kindled anew a few seconds later as Scott Knutson intercepted a C-I pass and scampered to the Ranger 30 yard line.

The Rangers' Grant then arose to thwart an Indian attempt to score. C-I took the ball on the 22 yard line and marched 78 yards in five plays with halfback Don Anderson tops the drive with a 27 yard TD run. C-I's fine quarterback Mike Zauhar ran the extra point and the third quarter ended 20-7 for the Rangers.

Wadena did not move the ball in the fourth quarter as the Indians did not have a first down for the entire second half.

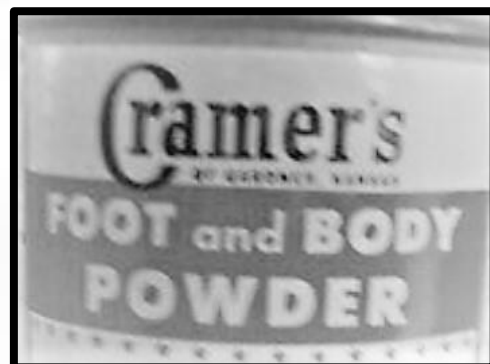
C-I scored again in the finale as it drove 82 yards in 9 plays with quarterback Zauhar plunging two yards for the score.

The final score of C-I 27 and Wadena 7 moved the Indians into third place in the conference with a 2W-1L record. C-I is undefeated with 2-0 and Little Flyers last season's conference champs, are also undefeated.

## MID-STATE CONFERENCE

	W	L	TP	OP
Crosby-Ironton	3	0	73	13
Little Falls	3	0	66	27
Wadena	2	1	79	39
Park Rapids	1	2	79	39
Aitkin	0	3	20	76
Staples	0	3	19	89

# GET IN THE GAME!





# Homecoming Lakers Sink WHS Indians Fri., 18-12

★ ★  
Lakers Win  
Final Minute

It took the Wadena Indians about one-half of a football game to recover from their setback the week before. The Indians did not play



well the first half at Detroit Lakes as they fumbled on five occasions and turned over the pigskin on three of these bobbles.

This resulted in a halftime score of Lakers 12, Indians 0. The Indians then in the second half played some fine football as they knotted the score at 12 to 12 and appeared as if they were to pull the game out of the fire if it had not been for the fine individual effort of halfback Dave Nelson as he displayed one of the finest performances on the gridiron this season.

Nelson carried the ball 3 times in the first half and two of those resulted in TD's, one a 4 yard run after a 64 yard 8 play drive and the other a 39 yard ramble from scrimmage after an Indian fumble. The fabulous halfback led in many phases of the game as he carried the ball 13 times for 93 yards, caught the only two passes D.L. completed; the first a stomach sliding one handed 30 yard grab and the other a game winning 23 yard aerial with 22 seconds remaining.



He punted the ball 5 times and although having one blocked he still averaged 32 yards. His punt of 52 yards toward the end of the fourth quarter did much to win the game as it put the Indians so far in the hole at their own 5 yard line. Nelson scored all D.L.'s points, intercepted two Wadena airdrels and put n quite a performance for the D.L. Homecoming crowd.

But the Indians had their fine moments of football also as they returned to the field after half an inspired football team. Led by the rushing efforts of senior back Jimmy Olson, junior back Mike Butler, and reliable Kip Browne, the Indians knotted the game in the fourth quarter 12 to 12.

After a blocked punt by Greg Hall the Indians marched 16 yards in 4 plays topped off by Jimmy Olson's touchdown plunge.

Kip Browne then returned a Nelson punt some 70 yards behind a fine wall of blockers for the tying score. The Indians after both extra points had gone astray gambled on their own 40 with just over 1 minute to play 4th down and three.

The gamble, which was undoubtedly necessary for Wadena to win, failed and one minute later Nelson grabbed the touchdown aerial for D.L. and they had won their fourth game in 7 starts.

The Indians are now 5 and 2 with a 2 and 1 Mid-State record and Friday evening flying into Wadena will be Little Falls 3 and 0 in conference and this promises to be one big battle.

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## MID-STATE CONFERENCE

	W	L	TP	OP
Crosby-Ironton	4	0	107	27
Wadena	3	1	114	39
Little Falls	3	1	66	64
Park Rapids	1	3	29	57
Staples	1	3	37	89
Albion	0	4	34	111

## WHS Indians Pulverize Flyers 37-0 In Rain Soaked Victory

The weather was very suitable for hunting ducks and geese but the Wadena Indians brought down their limit of Flyers on Friday evening in a rainstorm to the thunder of 37 to 0.

The 1968 Indian football team displayed their finest all around team effort as six different Indians scored TD's and the defensive team held the Flyers to approximately zero yardage.

Wadena exploded early through the rain soaked field, as it covered 60 soggy yards in just 4 plays. Scott Pettit returned the Flyers' opening kickoff 20 yards to the Wadena 40 yard line. After a few plays Scott got his hands on the wet pigskin for a second time and splashed some 5 yards to an early 6 to 0 lead. Mike Peters kicked off for the Indians and after one first down and a short drive the Flyer football team stalled. This was Little Falls' only march of the evening until late in the fourth quarter as from this point on the Indian defense shone brightly in the misty evening.

In the second quarter the Indians put together a 69-yard drive in 12 plays with the man that engineered the trip, quarterback of the evening, Kip Browne plunging across the goal line from the one. Kip had a good night at the quarterback position as he connected on four of 6 airdrels and at the close of the second quarter with the Indians backed up against their own goal line Kip sat on the ball three times in succession to kill the clock and preserve a 12 to 0 lead.

The Flyers after watching the Indians dry off at halftime in a Wadena school bus must have thought that the John Conzemius crew brought the bus on the field in the third quarter as the Indians drove over the Flyers by 19 points and built a 31 to 0 third quarter lead.



## LF vs WHS (cont)

built a 31 to 0 third quarter lead.

The Indians started things with a 75 yard in 7 plays drive which was actually over 90 yards as they were forced toward their goal line in the first few plays.

With approximately third and 20, Scott Pettit (170 yards in 5 carries) rambled some 77 yards which was later capped by Jim Olson's 3 yard T.D. run. Jim also added the extra point and thereby became high point man of the evening with 7.

Wadena then tried the airlines, as Kip connected on his first three passes, one a 12 yard bomb to senior end Greg Willis. This was Greg's 5th touchdown pass of the season.

The Wadena linemen and line backers had an unforgettable evening as Greg Hall, Greg Willis, Curt Folkestad, Bill Young, Tim Hall, Mike Butler, Paul Driggers, Scott Knutson, Don Simmons, Charlie Roberts, Mosman boys, and others overpowered the Flyers.

Then their finest hour approached as the big man, Paul Driggers, who had spent so much time in the Flyer backfield he looked like the Little Falls pilot, stole the pigskin and after bouncing the ball in the air for a few dribbles, Paul is more familiar with dribbling a ball, he probably set an Olympic record for the 43 yard dash as he scored a well deserved touchdown.

But the Indians were not finished as they maneuvered a 46 yard drive in 7 plays which was polished off by Wadena's fine senior back Steve Lynk as he raced 4 yards for a touchdown.

When the final horn had sounded the result was the Indians 37, Flyers 0. This moves Wadena into a tie for second place in the conference with Little Falls lost 1. The C I Rangers are on top with a 4 and 0 record and they travel to Little Falls Wednesday evening while the Wadena Indians play their final football game of the '68 season.

## Indians Cool P-R Panthers In Season Finale, 39-20

### Wadena Places 2nd in Mid-State

The WHS Indians gridders proved to themselves and their fans Wednesday (Oct. 23) at Park Rapids they could be an all-weather team defeating the Panthers 39-20 in a cool-snow flurried evening.

One week prior to the season's finale, the Indians smothered Little Falls Flyers in a rainstorm.

Wadena led in all statistics; first downs 17 to 7, passing 8 for 13 and 165 yards to the Panthers' 3 for 14 and 40 yards, overall total yardage 376

to 164.

The first TD of the night when senior quarterback Kip Browne connected on a 54-yard aerial to senior end Greg Willis. Scott Pettit kicked the extra point and the Indians grabbed the 7-0 early lead. The 'Rapids later in the quarter marched 39 yards in five plays with quarterback Paul Gamm scoring. Place kicker Rick Hinckley knotted the score at 7-7 when his PAT was good.

Still later in the initial period, Wadena stomped 63 yards in 12 plays with senior back Jimmy Olson capping the drive on a three yard hard charging run and one touchdown. The Indians held a 13-7 1st quarter advantage.

Park Rapids tallied the only TD in the second quarter and knotted the score 13-13. The Panthers' quarterback Paul Gamm scored on a two yard scamper following a 37-yard drive. Wadena threatened at the close of the first half as Kip Browne hit Scott Pettit on a 25 yard pass and Scott fell over the end zone flag. This as the last play of the half and a tough decision to make, as Pettit was ruled out of bounds inches from paydirt and the scoreboard registered 13-13.

# Let's Go!

## Grid Coaches Give Season Statistics



## Season Stats (cont)

Wadena's final record was 7 wins and two losses. They were second in the Mid-State conference with a 4W-1L record. Wadena scored 44 points in the first, 68 in the second, 63 in the third and 77 points in the final quarters in comparison to its opposition's 19-25-19-45 points.

The Indians amassed 252 total points to their opponents' 108. Wadena blanked last year's conference champions, 37-0, Little Falls and allowed foes Long Prairie, Staples and Aitkin but one touchdown. The Indians were limited to one touchdown in one only game, that was Homecoming against C-I Rangers (27-7).

Individual scoring among the Indians saw co-captain Kip Browne leading with 91 (figures include TD's and PAT), Greg Willis 36, Jim Olson 31, Paul Schmit 22, Scott Pettit 21, Steve Lynk 12, Mike Butler 12, Don Simmons, Greg Hall, Bob Zosol, and Paul Driggers 6 points each, John Arnoldy 2 and Randy Kern 1.

Browne also led in individual rushing with 710 yards total in 115 carries or 6.2 yard average. His longest run was 89 yards. Junior Scott Pettit carried the pigskin 55 times for 401 yards and a 7.3 yard average. His longest run was 77 yards.

Mike Butler averaged 6.4 yards per carry as he carried 48 times for 305 yards. Jim Olson carried 72 times for 226 yards and an average of 3.1. His longest run was 12 yards.

Steve Lynk carried 12 times for 56 yards and a 4.7 average. His longest gallop was 29 yards. Bob Zosol averaged 2.8 yards per carry on 17 carries for 48 yards.

Don Simmons, Pat Lind and Kip Browne led in pass interceptions with 2 each. Greg Willis punted 27 times for 869 yards and an average of 32.2 yards. His longest was a 50-yarder.

## PR vs WHS (cont)

The spooks and the goblins may have their hour today, but the Wadena Indians had their witchcraft performed Wednesday evening as they scored an unlucky (for the Panthers) 13 points in the first, third and fourth quarters.

For three years senior back Kip Browne has proved he is one of the outstanding punt return artists in the state. To prove it, Park came out in the second half for "tricks and treats". Kip demonstrated his favorite prank sprinting 53 yards on a punt return to paydirt.

It was only fitting that in his final game for WHS he should tote the pigskin once more behind fine blocking for a well deserved TD. He also scored the extra point and later in the quarter he capped a 76-yard march on 11 plays by diving over from the one.

The extra point was missed and the end of the third quarter the Indian team had a 26-13 lead.

In the final quarter the Indians moved 56 yards in six plays as junior back Mike Butler, who amassed 95 yards for the evening on the ground and 21 through the air scored a well deserved TD from the one yard line.

Another WHS senior Greg Hall scored a TD as he grabbed two successive passes on beautiful catches. Later the Panthers scored and ended up with a 39-20 win and second place in the Mid-State Conference (4W-1L) behind champion C-I.

Seniors playing in their final football game and will be missed in 1989 were co-captains Kip Browne and Curt Folkestad, Greg Willis, Greg Hall, Steve Lynk, Jim Olson, Don Simmons, Charles Roberts, Dennis and Douglas Mosman and Pat Lind.

## More Stats

Browne in punt returns had 24 for 514 yards, a 21.4 yard average; his longest was a 78-yard dash. He scored 7 TD's on punt returns this season.

Mike Peters on kick offs had 26 for 1004 yards. His average was 38.6 yards and his longest was 58 yards. Charlie Roberts kicked 18 times for 685 yards and a 38.1 average, this longest 57 yards.

John Arnoldy averaged 33.0 yards on two kickoffs and Rick Plautz 35 yards on one kickoff.

The Indians gained 2021 yards rushing in 382 plays in comparison with their opponents' 1418 yards in 364 plays. Wadena completed 27 of 69 passes for 39.1% while the opposition completed 30 of 95 for 31.6%.

Wadena outfirst downed their foes 110 to 83. The longest pass was thrown by Paul Schmit this season that of 72 ards. Randy Kern tossed the pigskin that covered 58 yards and Kip Browne heaved one for 54. Browne con-



## The Last Stats

nected on 60%, Kern 36% and Schmit 25% of their passes. Greg Willis was tops in the pass receiving department with 287 yards and 12 passes.

Wadena and its opponents furnished the same number of times, 15. The Indians lost the ball 9 times, their foes 10 times.

On defense Bill Young earned 57 tackles and 10 assists, Paul Driggers 55 tackles and 17 assists, Curt Folkestad 42 tackles, and 9 assists. Mike Butler 38 with 19 assists, Don Simmons 38 tackles and 7 assists, Greg Hall 35 tackles and 8 assists, Greg Willis 31 tackles and 16 assists, Scott Knutson with 32 tackles and 8 assists to name some of the cridders.



Folkestad



Browne

# 4 Wadena Gridders On 1968 Mid-State Conference Team

## ★ ★ Detroit Lakes Enters Mid-State Conference

Twenty five football players were named to the 1968 Mid-State Conference all star team Thursday night at the league's fall meeting held in Aldrich, Minn.  
Four Wadena high school grid-

ders were among the select group, namely, senior ends Greg Willis and Greg Hall, and Indians co-captains Curt Folkestad, a tackle, and quarterback Kip Browne.

Mid-State Champion Crosby-Ironton placed seven Rangers on the All-Conference team including junior back Don Anderson. C-I Rangers named included ends Frank Zima and John Rindo, guards Keith Mogle and John Millsop, center Marlin Robinson, and back Mike Zauhar.

Staples Cardinals and Little Falls Flyers named four to all-conference honors while Aitkin and Park Rapids had three each.

Head Wadena grid coach and athletic director John Konzanius reported today that Detroit Lakes Lakers have been officially admitted to the Mid-State conference in football, thus increasing that to a 7-team league in 1969.



Curt Folkestad

Co-Captain



Willis



Hall



Kip Browne

Co-Captain



Greg Willis



Greg Hall



Don Simmons



Bill Young



Mike Butler



Jim Olson



Steve Lynk



Scott Pettit



Charlie Roberts



Doug Mosman



Paul Driggers



Scott Knutson



Pat Lind



Randy Kern



Tim Hall



Craig Tabery



Dennis Mosman



Don Heins



Paul Schmidt



Mike Peters

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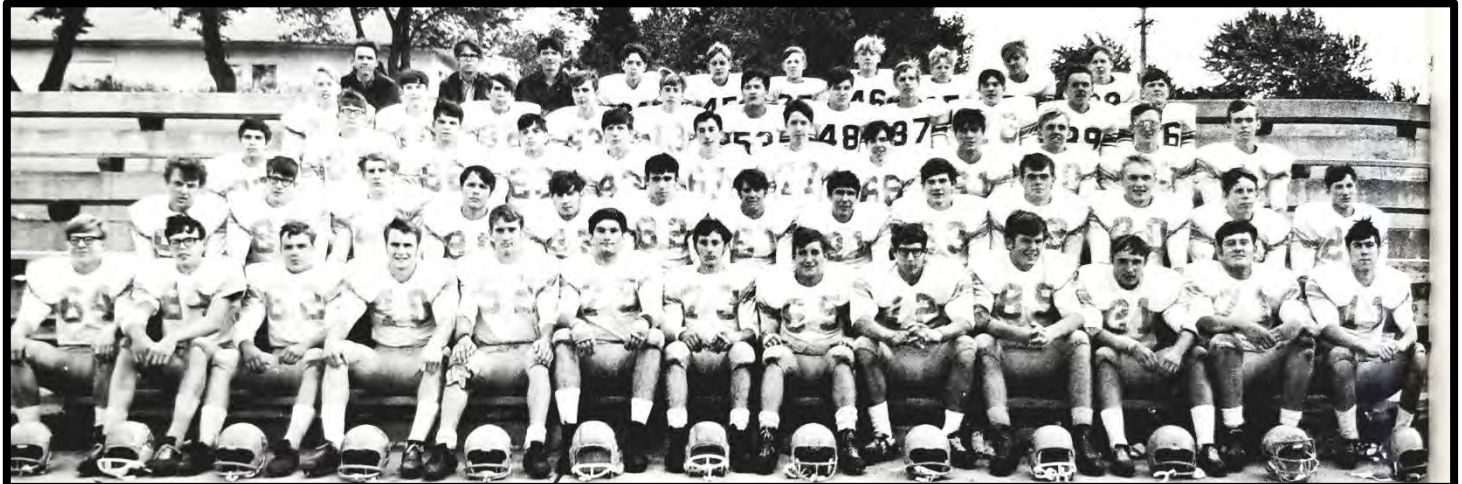
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# 1969 Season

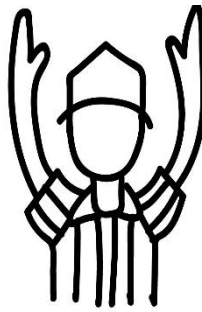
WHS Record 8-2-0  
 Mid-State 4-1-0  
 Playoffs 0-1



ROW 1: H. Johnson, M. Boehne, M. Mueller, M. Butler, T. Hall. P. Driggers, R. Bayer, B. Young, P. Schmit, S. Knutson, S. Pettit, P. Hepokoski, R. Kern. ROW 2: J. Arnoldy, D. Dovenmuehle, D. Lindberg, M. Peters, M. Barron, S. Nelson, S. Johnson, M. Johnson, S. Young, R. Larson, M. Vierkant, R. Zosel, D. Hein. ROW 3: D. Larson, S. Skalisky, T. Conzemius, K. Lynk, K. Berg, K. Kraemer, D. Bruininga, D. Fix, C. Wussow, D. Schloeder, D. Jennings, B. Bjerke. ROW 4: K. Lind, K. Sweere, D. Schmit, D. Wynn, J. Koranda, S. Smith, R. Hoogestraat, D. Zeta, P. Uselman, D. Schiller, T. Tigges. ROW 5: D. Schiller, B. Deadrick, D. Reger, D. Carpenter, R. Lorenz, T. Geiser, C. Wells, R. Schulstad, G. Messer, J. Campbell.

## 1969-70 Season

Wadena	22	Long Prairie	0
Wadena	28	Pelican Rapids	14
Wadena	39	Perham	8
Wadena	28	Little Falls	8
Wadena	35	Aitkin	6
Wadena	32	C-I	14
Wadena	41	Detroit Lakes	12
Wadena	39	Staples	0
Wadena	8	Park Rapids	16
Wadena	0	Albany	28



COACHES — Ron Schrader, Bill Larson, John Conzemius and Chuck Visser.



Football cheerleaders: Jackie Schmith, Barb Browne, Mary Jane Beckel, Missy Merickel, Becky Browne, Cathy Conzemius.



# WHS Indians Rally, Stop Pelican 28-14

## ★ Wadena Indians Host Perham 'Jackets Tonight

One half hour before game-time Friday evening at Pelican Rapids, the rain came down with great force.

The dampened field seemed to dampen the Wadena Indians' hopes as the first quarter and one half the team sputtered offensively as if they had wet sparkplugs. The defensive shown brightly in the grey evening as they held the Vikings to less than 50 yards on the ground the first half.

Then it happened similar to two flashes of lightning the Wadena Indians scored twice within the last 54 seconds of the first half. The first drive was capped

by Scott Pettit's 5 yard T.D. run. The extra point try failed and with 54 seconds to go, the score was 6 to 6. The Vikings then marched to one first down near midfield and with approximately 30 seconds to play, they proceeded to put the ball into the air to try and break the 6 to 6 deadlock.

Mike Butler, at midfield, grabbed the pigskin and raced 21 yards into Viking territory. With just 10 seconds remaining Paul Schmit threw an incomplete pass and then with only 3 seconds remaining Paul threw another bomb up in the air about 15 yards and straight over center.

On the 10 yard line Don Heins became the unstoppable force as he leaped into the air, snared the pigskin and as time was al-

ready out he raced the last 11 yards for the 6 points. Scott Pettit then gathered in 2 points as the Indians held a 14 to 6 unbelievable half time lead.

The Indians remained in control of the game throughout the second half. The defense had a fine team effort as they held the Vikings to just about zero yardage with the exception being a 75 yard scamper by quarterback Tom Rollie. A shining star on defensive on this cloud evening was Scott Knutson as he charged through the Viking line and blocked two punts. Showing a fine pair of hands as a offensive end was Mike Boehne as he snared 4 passes for 50 yards and a T.D. Scott Pettit also scored in the second half and ran very hard as he picked up 110 yards. Quarterback Paul Schmit also had two long runs as the Indians came out in front 28 to 14. This coming Friday evening, the Indians will try to capture their third victory as an always fireup Perham Yellowjacket team will swarm into the Indian camp. John Conzemius, the team, and the rest of the coaching staff, will appreciate your support.

# WHS Indians Face Long Prairie In '69 Grid Opener

## Wadena Gridders Ambush Indians Of Long Prairie 22-0

Monday evening, 7:30 a band of Indians from "The little round hill" encountered another tribe from the prairie country and the "little round hill" Indians took

the prairie Indians into camp by a 22 to 0 score.

The Wadena Indians were lead by Chief Paul Schmit as his arrows hit 6 of 11 on the mark

### LP vs WHS Stats

Wadena led Long Prairie in all forms in the statistics. Wadena 14 first down to Long Prairie's 3 and 180 yards to only 47.

The accuracy of Paul Schmit's arm recorded 6 to 11 and 68 yards and one touchdown pass to Long Prairies 2 for 14 and only 11 yards. Paul Schmit's 49 yard average on kickoffs also kept Long Prairie in the hole for most of the evening.

one going all the way for a score.

The first quarter was a stand off as neither team could penetrate the opposing line. Then with one minute to go in the first half, Scott Pettit ran 14 yards for the first tally. Don Heins then ran for the two point conversion. Scott Pettit was the leading ground gainer for the evening as he racked up 95 yards in 22 carries. The halftime score saw Wadena in front 8 to 0.

In the third quarter Paul Schmit hit Don Heins with an 18 yard T.D. areak. Who Pettit scored Heins converted the extra 2 points so now that Don scored Pettit reciprocated and ran for the conversion. The Indians led at this point 16 to 0.

The fourth quarter saw another offensive star emerge as Mike Butler lugged the ball 7 times for 42 yards and a T.D. The final books closed on a 22 to 0 well deserved opening victory.

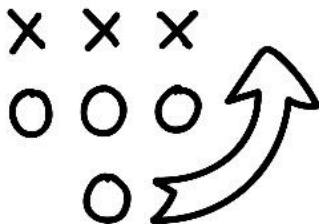


# Pioneer

SOTA 56482, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1968

## Weekend Grid Scoreboard

Wadena 39 Perham 8  
Menahga 6-Verndale 0  
Brainerd 0 Willmar 0  
Little Falls 64 Aitkin 16  
C-1 20 Park Rapids 6  
Henning 32 N.Y. Mills 0  
Nevis 52 Deer Creek 0  
Parkers Prairie 46 Bertha-H 0  
Alexandria 34 Glenwood 0  
Detroit Lakes 16 Staples 0  
Browerville 52 Eagle Bend 0  
Pequot Lakes 32 Backus 14





# WHS Indians 'Bomb' Wadena Indians Jar L.F. Flyers 28-8 Perham' Jackets 39-8 For 4th Straight Win

Two fine football teams met on the Little Falls Flyer football field Friday at 8 p.m. and emerging from the hard fought contest with a 38-8 victory were the Wadena Indians.

Both clubs with many excellent players promised an exciting evening and the team which could hold their mistakes down would seem to be the apparent victor.

This is exactly what the Wadena Indians accomplished as in the first half, they did not fumble, were not penalized and did not have a pass intercepted.

On the other hand, Little Falls had 6 penalties, 4 fumbles and a pass intercepted in the first half and consequently the Indians moved to a 13-0 halftime lead. Hard hitting by Bill Young, Paul Driggers, Mark Vierkant and others was the main cause of the Flyers miscues.

The Indians scored in the first quarter on a 55 yard drive in 8 plays with Mike Butler running over everyone from 6 yards out. In the second period Don Heins capped a 56 yard drive in 8 plays with a sneaky fast 14 yard counter play. Paul Schmit kicked the extra point.

In the third stanza Little Falls got on the scoreboard as their excellent quarterback Greg Bigalke engineered a 66 yard drive in 15 plays with some fancy running, passing and scrambling. For the Flyers, Gary Trophagen scored on a one yard plunge and Larry Novakoske ran for 2 more points.

A few minutes later at the start of the fourth period, the Flyers gained good field position as they recovered a fumble and with the score only 13 to 8 things began to dull a little for the Indians.

But the Indians rose to the occasion held and took over and with 6 plays marched 70 yards with quarterback Paul Schmit racing the last 10.

Don Heins added the 2 points after touchdown and the Wadena fans' pulse slowed down a bit. Late in the fourth quarter the Indians punted to the Flyers and Little Falls committed its 6th fumble on the six yard line. In three plays the Indians added an insurance TD with Paul Schmit plunging 2 yards and then Schmitty kicked the extra point as the Indians chocked up their first Mid-State conference and 4th victory in a row.

Wadena 6-7-0-15  
L. Falls 0-0-8-0

## Weekend Grid Scores Told

Wadena 35 Aitkin 6  
Detroit L. 28 L. Falls 26  
Brainerd 16 C-I 8  
Park R. 34 Staples 6  
Hibbing 32 Fergus 14  
Parkers 38 Sebeka 0  
Pillager 40 Deer C. 0

Long P. 20 Holdingford 14  
Menahga 19 N.Y. Mills 14  
Perham 14 Barnesville 8  
Eagle B. 22 Browerville 14  
Battle L. 30 Bertha-H. 0  
Henning 26 Verndale 0

GET IN THE GAME!

Six different players scored points in Wadena's victory over Perham Friday evening and when the final horn sounded, the Perham Yellowjackets' hive was crushed 39 to 8.

Scott Pettit got the first two touchdowns on a 1 yard plunge and a 24 yard scamper these events occurring in the first quarter. Hard driving Mike Butler capped a long drive in the 2nd quarter with a two yard plunge. In the same period quarterback Paul Schmit hit, the always dangerous before halftime, Don Heins with a 37 touchdown toss.

In the third period, Paul connected with the fine Wadena end Mike Boehne on a 13 yard scoring aerial. Not to be out done, Randy Kern came in and quarterbacked to another T.D. in the last period. Randy demonstrated some excellent faking and side stepping as he hit Darrel Dovenmuehle with a 26 yard T.D. aerial, Paul Schmit kicked 3 for 6 of the extra points.

As great as the team effort was on offense so was the team effort on defense as the Indian team led by Scott Knutson, Paul Driggers, Bill Young and others held Perham to less than 50 yards in the first 3 periods.

Wadena: 13-14-6-6  
Perham: 0-0-0-8





# WHS Indians Enjoy 'Turkey', Topple AHS Gobblers 35-6, Fri.

## ★ Battle C-I Friday ★

Turkey was served between 7:30 and 9:00 p.m. by Chef John Conzemius and the Wadena Indians Friday night.

The sauce used for the occasion was of the Heins '57 Variety. Although Wadena has only one Don Heins suited for high school football games, to the Aitkin Gobblers Friday night, it must have seemed as though 57 number 23's were in existence.

Don was all over the field as he scored 3 touchdowns, the first via the airways and two more along the ground route.

Mr. Heins carried the ball only 7 times from scrimmage but managed to gain 130 yards.

When the final horn sounded, the Wadena Indians had won their fifth game and 2nd in the conference by the score of 35 to 6.

Things were not too rosy for the Indians through the first 22 minutes of play. Aitkin led by Pat Holder capped a drive with a 6 yard run and when the first quarter ended, the Gobblers led 6 to 0. The Aitkin defense stifled the Wadena attack until approximately 2 minutes remained. At this point, Indian quarterback Paul Schmit did some fine faking and hit Don Heins with a 39 yard touchdown aerial. Paul then sent the pigskin through the uprights for a 7 to 0 halftime margin.

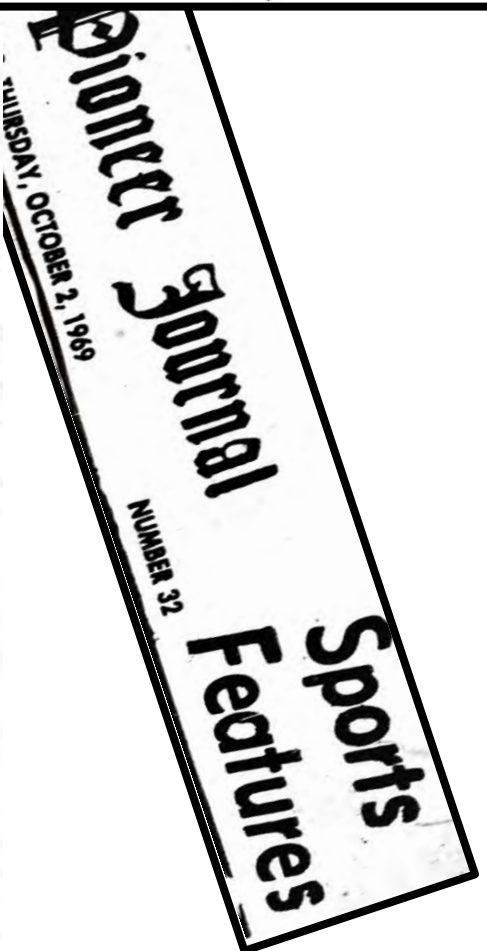
The Indians charged out onto the field in the second half led by the "fired up" Bill Young and held the Gobblers to just 2 yards on the ground. Bobby Zosel scored Wadena's second touchdown on a 6 yard run and a few minutes later Don Heins burst through the Aitkin line on a 41 yard jaunt for a T.D. Paul Schmit kicked his 3rd straight extra point and the Indians held a 21 to 6 3rd quarter advantage.

Don was not finished for the evening as early in the fourth quarter he carried the ball just twice, one a 10 yard and the 2nd, a sparkling exhibition of body balance and control that resulted in a 40 yard well deserved touchdown.

From this point on the substitute backs entered the game and caused the first stringers to feel uneasy about their positions.

Mark Vierkant in 9 carries rambled for 45 yards, a TD and a 2 point conversion. Not to be outdone, Don Schmidt entered the game and lugged the pigskin for 13 yards and on one carry. Schmidt's sidekick David Larson also made two fine runs along with an excellent defensive play.

This Friday evening, the Indians head northeast to Crosby-Ironton for their third conference game. The Rangers have their usual fine tough football team and this promises to be the Indians toughest encounter to date. All the support that can be sent to the range will be needed and appreciated by coaching staff and team.





## WHS Indians at 'Home On Range', Belts C-I 32-14

### ★ ★ Jr. Varsity Meets Park Rapids Tonite

The Wadena Indians found themselves very much at "home on the range" Friday evening, Sept. 3, as they rode to a 32 to 14 victory over the C-I Rangers.

Leading the charge in Wadena's second series of plays was Don Heins as he blasted through on a 51-yard touchdown gallop. The extra point went astray and with

1:29 left in the first period the Indians moved in front 6 to 0.

Wadena was penalized 15 yards on the extra point try and when the ensuing kickoff went out of bound, C-I ended up with fine field position on the Indian 45 yard line. C-I then mounted a 45 yard drive in 10 plays with Jim Hann hitting pay dirt on a 1 yard plunge. On a very close play, Don Anderson carried for the 2 point conversion and with 9:52 to go in the half the horizons darkened for the Indians to 6.

Then with 6:06 to go in the half Paul Schmit hit Scott Pettit with a swing pass and Scott raced through the Rangers for 47 yards and a T.D. The Indians tried for the 2 point conversion and failed and Wadena left the field at half-time with a shakey 12 to 8 lead.

With approximately 9 minutes to go in the third quarter, one of the biggest plays of the evening was performed by one of the biggest men on the field, Paul Driggers. Paul, a giant in the Wadena defense, charged through the line and blocked a Ranger punt

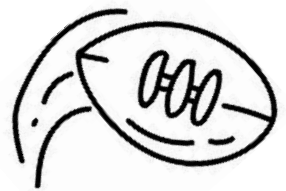
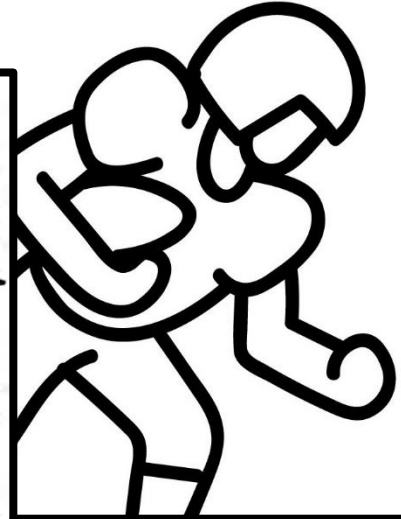
that Tim Hall gobbled up and carried to the 5 yard line. Three plays later, Scott Pettit picked up his second touchdown of the evening and after a 2 point conversion was missed the Indians were slightly more secure with an 18 to 8 lead.

Down by 10 points at the start of the fourth quarter, C-I decided to put the pigskin in the air. The Rangers had just completed 1 for 2 and then it happened! Scott Pettit stepped in front of a Ranger receiver on the Indian 20 yard line and raced 51 yards with a pass interception. This was a very big play as 7 plays later Paul Schmit ran 8 yards for a T.D. Scott Pettit then ran for 2 points and with 10:14 to go the Indian fans rested a bit easier with a 26 to 8 lead.

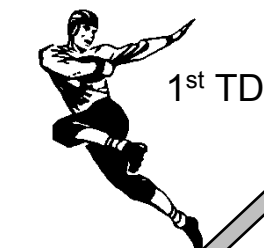
C-I then put a sustained drive of 66 yards in 15 plays to move within 12 points with 3:35 remaining. But a minute later Paul Schmit hit Mike Butler with a 24 yard touchdown aimed to put the game out of reach 32 to 14.

### Mid-State Conference

	W	L	TP	OP
Def. Lakes	4	0	86	46
Wadena	3	0	95	28
Park Rapids	2	2	68	52
Crosby-Ironton	1	2	48	68
Little Falls	1	2	98	72
Aitkin	1	3	50	121
Staples	0	3	6	64



# 'Happiness Is' 41-12 Homecoming Victory Over Detroit Lakes



1st TD



2nd TD



3rd TD



4th TD

## ★ Heins Scores 4 TD's ★

As far as the Detroit Lakes Lakers were concerned Friday evening, the bridge never even existed as the Wadena Indians from the game's beginning kept dumping the Lakers into the lake.

As the coaches met after the game, the D.L. coach, Del Moeberg told Indian coach John Conzemius the very thing the largest crowd of the season had witnessed and that is, that the Wadena footballers had played a perfect game. Without any mistakes, it was definitely a team victory.

The offense played extremely well and the defense rose to new heights as they refused to let the speedy backs from D.L. break loose for any large runs.

The Indians scored first as they capped a 38-yard march in 9 plays with Don Heins scampering over from the 11. Paul Schmit's try for point failed and the Indians led at the end of the first quarter 6 to 0.

Then a familiar sight occurred in the 2nd quarter when the Indian interior line opened a hole large enough that Mr. Visser and Mr. Luna could have walked through side by side and Don Heins blasted 81 yards for a T.D.

This was the longest run from scrimmage this year. Paul Schmit then connected with a pass to Don Heins for a halftime lead of 14 to 0.

At the start of the third quarter, the Indians proved to the crowd that they had not forgotten what had happened in the first half. Their first play from scrimmage Don Heins again through a large hole raced 16 yards for a T.D. Paul then sent the pigskin through the uprights and the score registered 21 to 0.

The Lakers then played ball control for 16 plays and 60 yards as Dave Nelson crashed over from 4 yards out. The try for a two point conversion failed and the Indians lead was cut to 21 to 6.

Sixty yards and 6 plays later Paul Schmit hit Don Heins with a 29 yard T.D. a real. This was Don's fourth T.D. of the evening Paul's kick was good for a 28 to 6 lead with 13 seconds left in the 3rd quarter. D.L. known for their great kick off returns had caused the Indians to lay the football flat on the ground and kick what looks like a knuckleball. On this particular kick, the ball fluttered down into the hands of Bobby Zosel on first bounce and he raced 27 yards for another touchdown. The play only took 5 seconds and astounded everyone because it was actually an illegal advancement of the ball.

Paul's kick was blocked and at the end of the 3rd quarter Wadena led 34 to 6.

In the fourth quarter, Wadena punted to the D.L. 15 where their fine back Dave Nelson gathered the pigskin in and headed up the field. He was hit very hard, the ball popped loose and the Wadena captain Bill Young gathered it in. Bill took off for paydirt and for awhile it looked like the city had started a new busline toward Southbrook. The hardest Bill got hit on the play was in the end zone by his own teammates. Paul's kick was good for



# Wadena Stacks 'Cards', Top Staples 39-0



Heins Scores Against Cards

## ★ P-R Panther Pack Here Friday Night ★

Throughout Minnesota at the present time is the hunting season of the ruffed grouse, the duck and the goose. On Wednesday evening, September 15 a band of Indians from Wadena went hunting at Staples between 7:30 and 9:00 p.m. and bagged their limit of Cardinals.

The Indians put a victory away in their hunting pouch 39-0

This was Wadena's 8th straight victory this season and they are 5 and 0 in the conference. A bit later in the week, Friday to be exact, the second place team Detroit Lakes Lakers finished their conference schedule by taking a limit of Turkey as they crushed the Aitkins Gobblers 40-0. D. L. is 5-1 in conference play this season.

As has happened throughout this '69 season the Wadena team combined an excellent defense and an excellent offensive effort. The first Wadena Indian to

cross the goal line was the work horse of the back field this season Scott Pettit as the Indians 3rd play from scrimmage Scott races 58 yards for a T.D. The extra point was partially deflected and with only 1 minute and 33 seconds gone in the game Wadena led 6 to 0.

Five minutes later the speedy Don Heins gathered in a pass from Paul Schmit and the combined pass and run play netted 71 yards and a 12 to 0 lead. Four minutes later Paul again hit Don for 64 yards and a T.D. This was Paul's 11th touchdown pass of the season and the Indians led 19 to 0 at quarter-break.

The second quarter the Indian defense again turned the ball over to the offense and Don Heins ran 89 yards, the longest gain in one play this year, for his 3rd T.D. The defense held the Cardinals to very little yardage this quarter and the Indians enjoyed a 26 to 0 halftime advantage.

In the 3rd stanza the Indians put together a sustained drive of 10 plays and 38 yards as Scott Pettit with a 2 yard plunge picked up his second T.D. of the evening. Paul hit his 3rd extrapoint in a row for a 33 to 0 lead. Two minutes later Paul connected for his 12th T.D. pass and 3rd this game to his favorite target, Don Heins and the score mounted to 39 to 0. This pass by Paul and his 4 for 4, for the evening 12 T.D.'s gives him 27 for 50 or 54% season record which many pros would be happy to have.

Schmitly has had only 2 interceptions. Don with this touchdown went over the century mark in scoring, 104 point this year. The speedy back gained more yardage (275 yards) in this game than the entire Staples team.

# Panthers Win 16-8 Over Indians; Wadena Shares Title Tie

You cannot score when you do not have the ball and this was Park Rapid's plan against the Indians Friday evening and they carried it out to perfection for a 16 to 8 victory.

The Panthers had ball control the first half as they had the pigskin in their possession 31 times to the Indians 17. Park also moved the ball on the ground with short runs consistently which ate up the clock a distinct advantage.

The Panthers had 55 rushing plays to the Indians 31 of which approximately one half of the 31 came in the 3rd quarter. What is even more amazing, Park

did not fumble the ball once and had very few penalties. When you do not fumble with this type of an offense you have played to perfection as their coach stated after the game.

The Indians did not play a poor game, they amassed just slightly more yardage than the Panthers. Most of their offense came via the airways as Paul Schmit hit on 9 of 16 passes for 224 yards.

The Panthers gained first blood as they capped a 14 play drive with 2:14 to go with the hard running Tom Henry plunging for 3 yards and a TD. Henry then ran for the 2 point conversion.

This was all the scoring until 1:48 to go in the 3rd quarter when Paul Schmit plunged

one yard for a T.D. Paul then hit end Scotty Nelson for a 2 point conversion and as the 3rd quarter ended the score was 8 to 8.

The Panthers were not to be denied as they put another drive together led by a outstanding football player by the name of Paul Gamm. Gamm raced 8 yards with 8:08 to go for a T.D. and then Gamm tossed a 2 point conversion to end Steve Meyer and the Panthers were in front to stay 16 to 8.

The Indians then hit on a 66 yard pass play by Paul Schmit to Don Heins and for the first time this year Don was caught from behind by Paul Gamm.

The Panthers defense tightened and the final two desperate efforts by the Indians failed for their first defeat of the season.



# Congratulations

## To The 1969 WHS Football Team Mid-State Co-Champions



### FINAL H.O.L. CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	W	L
Pelican Rapids .....	6	0
Dilworth .....	5	1
Perham .....	3	3
Frazee .....	3	3
Barnesville .....	2	4
Elbow Lake .....	2	4
Hawley .....	0	6

### Park Region Con. final standings

	W	L
Honning	7	0
Parkers P.	6	1
Battle L.	5	2
Menahga	4	3
Verndale	3	4
New York M	2	5
Bertha	1	6
Sebeka	0	0

### 1969 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	VARSITY TEAM	PLACE	WE	THEY
Sept. 1	Long Prairie	Home	22	0
Sept. 5	Pelican Rapids	Away	28	14
Sept. 12	Perham	Home	39	8
Sept. 19	Little Falls	Away	28	8
Sept. 26	Aitkin	Home	35	6
Oct. 3	Crosby Ironton	Away	32	14
Oct. 10	Detroit Lakes	Home	41	12
Oct. 15	Staples	Away	39	0
Oct. 24	Park Rapids	Home	8	16



## Driggers Named To WCCO Radio All-State Team

Paul Driggers of Wadena High School and a guard was honored for his outstanding football performance by being named to WCCO Radio's All State Football Team of the week Thursday night (November 6). The weekly "Prep Parade" program recognized 27 gridders from Minnesota high schools.

High school sports and band action throughout the state has been covered for 14 years by "Prep Parade"---the only program of its kind in the state.

Hosted by Sports Director Paul Giel and Sid Hartman, the 8:00-8:30 feature is sponsored by the Electric Cooperatives of Minnesota.

Sports editors and broadcasters from all areas of Minnesota make nominations for awards given on the program. Also honored were Daren Derocher of Foley named Coach of the week, and the Rocori High School band from Cold Spring as Band of the Week.

Players chosen to the All-State squad will be given distinctive certificates by a representative of the Electric Cooperatives of Minnesota. This area is served by Todd Wadena Electric Cooperative.

A highlight of the fall season



**MID-STATE ALL-CONFERENCE** — selections from Wadena squad. Shown here (from left) are six Wadena gridders named to the 1969 All-Conference team: Don Heins, Paul Driggers, Bill Young, captain, Mike Butler, Scott Pettit and Paul Schmidt.

will be the November 20 "Prep Parade" at 7:00 p.m. at that time the All-State team, coach, and football band of the year for the 1969 grid season will be announced.

## 6 WHS Indian Gridders Named To Mid-State All-Conference

Six Wadena Indian gridders were named to the Mid-State All Conference 22 member football team, according to head coach John Conzemius. Detroit Lakes' Lakers, Co-Mid-State Champions with Wadena, had four

players on the select group with a total of 22 gridders named. WHS Offensive players named were William Young, 1969 captain a senior weighing 165 pounds; Don Heins, senior, 150 pounds; and Paul Schmit, a senior weighing 170.

Defensive players from Wadena on the All-Conference squad were: Paul Driggers, 200 pound senior; Scott Pettit, 165 pounds, a senior and Mike Butler, a senior weighing 170 pound.

Named from Detroit Lakes were: Seniors Laurel Tottetson, Dave Nelson, Craig Havkedahl and Bruce Paskey.

Crosby-Ironton, Little Falls and Park Rapids placed three on All-Conference. They were: C.I. Duane Anderson, Don Anderson, and Jeff Klun; Little Falls- Jim Wachlarowitz, Gary Trapla and Larry-Novakosko; Park Rapids- Paul Gamm, Phil Istein, Tom Henry; Aitkin, Mike Reem, Pat Holder and one of Staples, Larry Kern.



Don Heins

# Wadena Gridder On WCCO Radio All State Team

WCCO Radio named Don Heins of Wadena High School to the

All State football team of the Week Thursday night (October 30). Twenty-six other high school gridders shared the honor,



# Albany Halts Wadena 28-0 In Play-Off

October 31, the day of witches, spooks, goblins, and they all seem to attack the Indian football team at Albany, Friday evening.

The witching hour is 12 midnight, but for the Wadena team

it became 7:30 p.m.

From the minute the muskrat attacked the Indians at 7:20, everything hence forth came out wrong.

The first quarter appeared as if it were going to be a scoreless

session as with 1:11 to go, Wadena went back in punt formation. At this point a hard charging Huskie guard, Tim Sauerer fell on a blocked punt for a safety and Albany led 2 to 0. This blocked punt, similar to Halloween, happened only once a year.

Wadena then kicked off from the 20 and just as the quarter was ending, quarter back, Jack Hasbrouck on a broken play passed to Mike Stoulet and Stoulet rambled 39 yards for a T.D. The first quarter ended with the Indians on the short end of an 8 to 0 score.

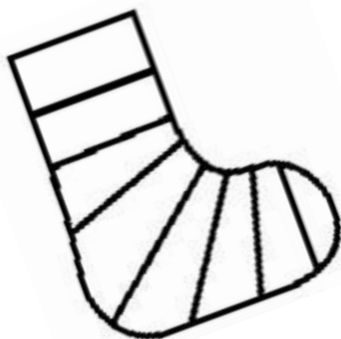
This wet and slippery evening, produced 6 fumbles but to the dismay of the Indians the Huskies recovered 5 and the first three of the game were recovered by a Hasbrouck. If Jack Hasbrouck was hitting on passes Joe was all over the field throwing blocks. The second quarter produced no scoring and the half time score read Albany 8, Wadena 0.

The Indians could not move the ball as they were held to negative total yardage. Wadena picked up only two first downs, one a face guard 15 yard penalty and the other a 15 yard penalty for roughing the kicker.

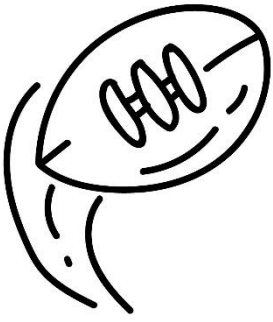
Meanwhile there seemed to be no stopping a fellow by the name of Mike Stoulet. Like a ghose, Stoulet moved about the field on this soggy evening with the Indians making desperate attempts at grabbing him and in their attempts they came up with only air.

Stoulet scored 3 touchdowns, but Albany's last two scores resulted because of the Indians futile attempts to move the ball even though they had 4th down inside their 10 yard line. This is the correct thing to do as you might as well get beat 28-0 as 14-0.

The Indian football team and the John Conzemius coaching staff are to be congratulated on a very fine season. The Mid-State Co-Conference Champs provided many thrills for the local football fans. Although the team is to loose many fine seniors the play of the junior varsity indicates that next year the fans can again watch exciting football.

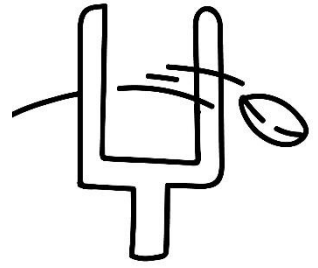






# College Football

& 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 **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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



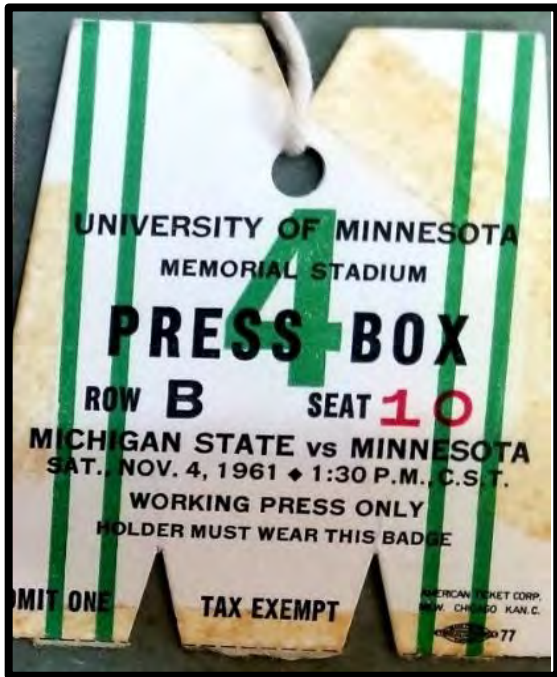
John Campbell, Wadena's contribution to the Minnesota Gophers, was pulled from practice this week after being struck with a virus infection.

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

# Bell Coaches' All-America; Hook, Campbell on Big Ten



Hook

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.



Campbell

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 Cairne 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.*



# Campbell Rated Viking Regular

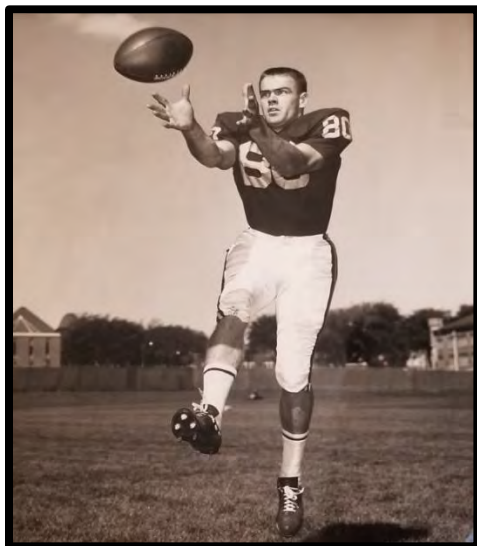
Minnesota's Viking football squad broke camp at Bemidji last Thursday, coming through Wadena on their way to their permanent camp in the cities.

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 Provlence. "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

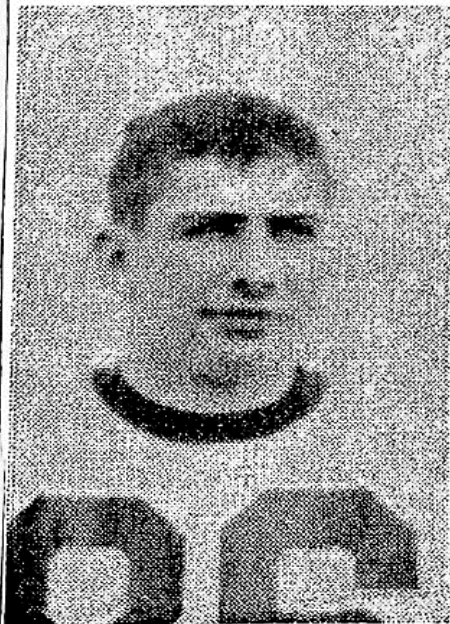
The oft heard charge that Buddy Parker didn't make any good trades while he was headmaster at Rooney U. doesn't hold in Campbell's case. One of Parker's last moves here was to acquire John from the Baltimore Colts for Buzz Nutter, a center. The Colts got him from the Minnesota Vikings.

"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

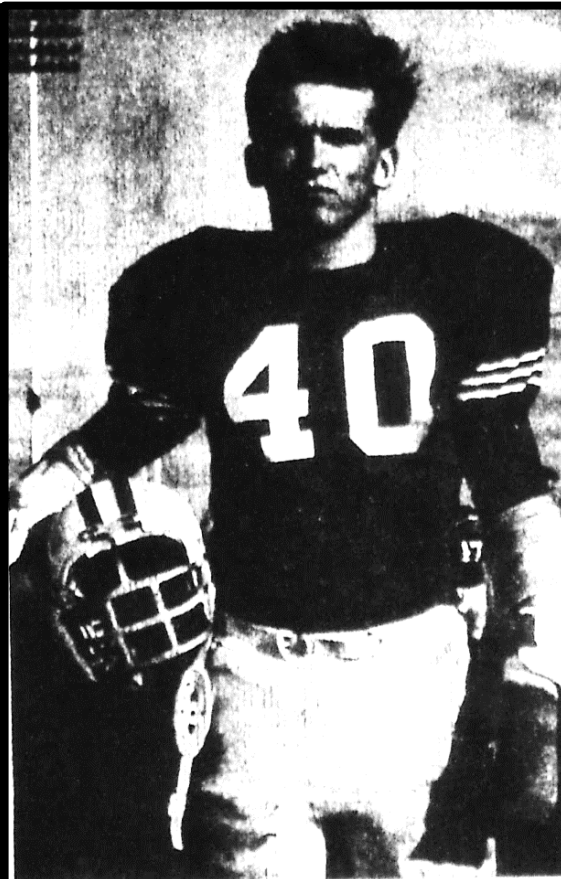


Mike Sather

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."

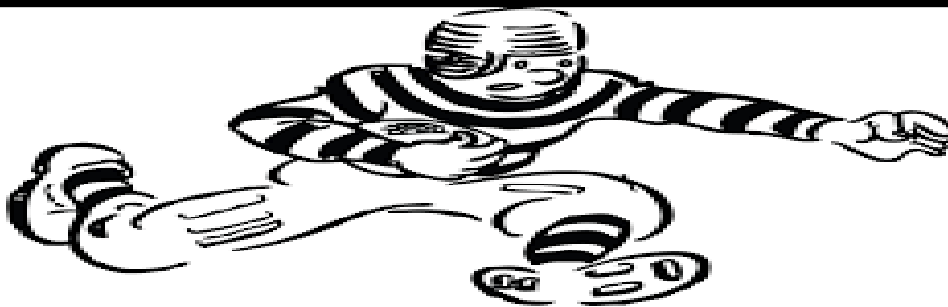
The football, basketball, wrestling in the (NDCAC) North Dakota College Athletic Conference. There are six other college teams in this conference.

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



Sorry to those I missed.

## 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 Hammerlinckleff 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 Vliertant, Tom Young, Jim Myott, Phil Uselman, 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 Arpoldy, Jim Koranda, Don Schmidt, Jim Weiland, Phil Nehl, Roger Dubois, Jim Krause, George Ross, Brad Swenson, 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 Burdaski, Scott Denbrook, Jim Curry, Gary Pulju.

A reminder to all Midget and Pee Wee baseball players: Please return your uniforms and shirts to Les 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







# Why Football Scrapbooks?



In 2017 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Cambell, 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Suddenly I had another reason for projects #3 and #4 (completed 2022:

## Project #3 - "The WHS Football Scrapbook 1900-49"

## Project #4 - "The WHS Football Scrapbooks, by decade, 1950-80"

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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**

My tentative plan is to continue researching, documenting, and assembling the following, in the order in which they are listed:

-Wadena High School **Football 1970-1980**

-Wadena High School **Track & Field**

-Wadena High School **Wrestling**

-Wadena High School **Baseball** (and other spring sports)

-Wadena High School **Cross Country**

In the early 1900's high school sports were limited to football, basketball, and track & field. Therefore, after completion of "**WHS Football 1970-80**," track & field will be my last 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 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,

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