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Cosell, cars, guns

This month I'm going kind of easy on the politics, which should make a lot of people happy because I have been informed by quite a few that my column has a tendency to be too political for a high school paper. Anyway, this time I'm just going to try to relay a few personal experiences and other such trivia. . . .

One acquaintance and nemesis informs this writer that were he not insane, he would surely go crazy. . . .

One anti-gun advocate is now saying "People kill, not guns", further, he is going to take care of those who disagree by filling them with lead. . . .

For a long time, it has been my contention that people have the right to bare arms. I always have worn short-sleeves.

It is interesting to watch newsreels of the meetings of those governmental officials concerned with establishing methods of conserving oil. They all pull up in their gas-eating chauffeur-driven block-long Lincolns and Cadillacs. . . .

Word comes from unimpeachable sources in the White House that the President accidentally erased all of his Alice Cooper tapes . . . Howard Cosell running for the United States Senate in 1976? Yes, says one national magazine. Let's hope that if he wins he won't bring Don Meredith and Frank Gifford along with him into the halls of Congress. More than likely though he will be about as successful in his bid for office as was Pat Paulsen. . . .

The aforementioned sportscasters have been quite notorious for their inane expressions like "that may or may not be a first down". However those covering the Dolphins-Buffalo game even outdid that infamous ABC team by two moronic statements. "The penalty is against either Miami or Buffalo", and one that showed the broadcasters' extensive knowledge of grammar, "Mandich just got hisself clear". . . .

And whatever happened to Pat Sullivan, wonder boy of Auburn a few years ago? Some players just don't seem to be able to make the adjustment into the pros. . . .

A lot of people always seem to be moaning and groaning about the fact that they can't find a parking space in the mornings. I only wish I had their problems. . . .

A news release sent to Journalism 4 indicates that Watzamata U. is now offering a new course called cement appreciation 3 and a course on the evolution of the milk carton. . . .

There seems to be more emphasis on sports than there is on academic achievement. That's kind of unusual, especially considering that this is a school and not a football team. The heroes of the football team receive more attention than winners of scholarships and other academic honors. Not that I don't enjoy sports or that I don't support the teams, but it seems that our values are somewhat misplaced. . . .

Desmond Sheridan,
Editor

The Pioneer staff wishes everybody a
HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Cover drawing by Glen Rashak

That was the week that was

by Steve Freilich

One of the highlights of any high school year is Homecoming Week, and North Miami is no different. This year Homecoming Week was a real success.

The first order of business was the annual parade in which the service clubs participate. Each brother and sister club designed and constructed their own float. After several weeks of hard work, the floats were transported to Griffing Park where they were joined by the Pioneer marching band, the Homecoming Court, a few hundred policemen and a few thousand spectators.

Next on the agenda was the pep rally, promoting spirit for the football team. The band entertained the jam packed audience with its version of the senior song, "Stairway to Heaven." Then Homecoming Co-chairmen Tony Sly and Judy Loffredo announced the winning parade floats. Preps and Pioneers received first place honors, with Key and Sub-Debs, and Octagon and Honoria coming in second and third respectively.

The cheerleaders, along with Kazoo Club, kept the crowd cheering until it was time for the band to wind it up with the Alma Mater. The senior Cheerleaders, Captain

Lisa Schottenheimer, Co-captain Judy Loffredo, Wendy Criswell, Debbie Shuster, Caroline Shelton and Martha Collins looked on, happy, yet sad as it was their last high school pep rally.

Last, but certainly not least, was the football game itself. There we were, North Miami and arch-rival North Miami Beach, playing the last game of the season. Not was it just our Homecoming, but it was theirs, too.

Wow! Now you knew there were going to be fireworks in that game. Well, I'll jump over the game and leave that to the sports editor, and get right to the choosing of the Homecoming Queen. The five girls nominated earlier in the week were Judy Matthews, Charlene Alt, Luisa Fernandez, Lisa Schottenheimer and Lisa Dickerson. Each girl and her escort stood elegantly awaiting the announcement of the new Homecoming Queen. Suddenly a voice came over the P.A. and the whole stadium fell silent.

The 1974 Homecoming Queen was Luisa Fernandez. She received a crown from last year's Homecoming Queen Marilyn Miller. Along with that she received roses, and a lot of attention.

Who could ask for more — we won the game, 20-13!

Faculty wins Lame Turkey Bowl, 36-30

by Ross Greene

To dispel any profound rumors you may have heard, yes, the North Miami faculty football team **DID** eat turkey for Thanksgiving. In all fairness, though, it must be established that the turkey wasn't as easy to capture this year as it has been in the past.

In more precise terms, the Pioneer faculty just barely squeezed through to a 36-30 victory over the surprisingly tough North Miami City Officials, in the 1973 Lame Turkey Bowl Festival, held November 21. As a matter of fact, the faculty wasn't at all sure of winning until the final gun went off.

WHEN THE GAME BEGAN, it didn't appear as though the teachers would have any trouble winning. Long passing strikes from quarterback Jack Del Bello to receiver Larry Lancaster gave the faculty an early cushion.

The lead lasted until mid-way through the fourth quarter, when the vastly improved City Officials came battling back to wage a 30-30 tie. Then fullback Sal Bello took a handoff and rolled 25 yards for a touchdown, and a 36-30 lead, which held up until the end of the game.

A couple of events could have led to the

faculty's difficulty in winning the game. One was the absence of Head Coach Jim Rogers, who, apparently, was still basking in the success of the **REAL** football team's victory over North Miami Beach in the final game of the season.

ANOTHER WAS THE PRESENCE of Harvey Gulkis. If anyone thought Gulkis was a lousy football player before the game, these convictions were confirmed in many cases throughout the contest. Although not especially proficient at playing football, coaches do call Gulkis the most "well-rounded" player on the team. (Not that Coach Bello is all muscle, either.)

Other participants for the faculty were Jeff "The Bearded Wonder" Schleifer, "Henry" Jordan Sessler, and David Hudak.

LET'S NOT FORGET the Pioneer Marching Band, which proved, rather convincingly, that it can be as bad as any band in Miami when it wants to be. In the words of one band member, "After all those months of doing everything perfectly, it was great doing everything wrong for a change."

All in all, it was a great night for all those involved, and showed that, maybe someday, the City Officials **WILL** beat the faculty. Like, maybe 20 years from now.

Calendar

December 19

Senior Class Coffee House

December 20

Wrestling vs. Northwestern

Soccer vs. Northwestern

December 21-22

Basketball Tournament

December 21

School's Out at 2:05 p.m.

December 27-28

Basketball Tournament

January 1, 1974

Key Club XMAS Tree Collection

January 2

Back to School

January 3

Soccer vs. Edison

January 4

Wrestling vs. Curley

Basketball vs. N.M.B.

January 5

Basketball vs. Central

January 8

Basketball vs. Edison

Soccer vs. Curley

Golf vs. N.M.B.

January 9

Wrestling vs. Miami Lakes

January 10

Soccer vs. Carol City

Golf vs. Norland

January 11

Wrestling vs. N.M.B.

Basketball vs. Jackson

January 15

Basketball vs. Central

Wrestling vs. Miami Springs

Golf vs. Edison

January 17

Wrestling vs. Hialeah

January 18

Swimming vs. Miami Springs

Basketball vs. Springs

January 20

Wrestling vs. Carol City

January 22

Wrestling vs. Edison

Soccer vs. Southwest

January 23

Golf vs. Miami Beach

January 24

Basketball vs. Hialeah

Soccer vs. Miami Lakes

January 25

Swimming vs. Miami Beach

Wrestling vs. Norland

Basketball vs. Lakes

January 28

French Club exhibition

January 29

Basketball vs. Carol City

January 31

Soccer vs. Miami Springs

February 1

Basketball vs. Northwestern

Swimming vs. Miami High

Golf vs. Central

North Miami has last Homecoming laugh, 20-13

by Andy Cotzin

As in previous years, members of our football team, cheerleaders, and student council attend neighboring school pep rallies. In return they send a delegation representing their school to us. Such an exchange took place November 16 with North Miami Beach.

The purpose for these exchanges is to show sportsmanship and good will between the two schools.

At our own pep rally when their representatives spoke, there was a minimal amount of heckling. This was quickly silenced with the help of our cheerleaders

and Student Council President Anthony Olesky.

But at the North Miami Beach pep rally when Football Captain Frank Paver was asked to speak, he was jeered and heckled. Everytime Paver tried to speak, NMB's senior class president, Stuart Pollock, would wave his hands, signaling for more boos. After several unsuccessful attempts to speak, Paver and the rest of the North Miami football team walked out in disgust.

The Charger crowd then began a new cheer, "Go Away North Miami, Go Away." Our cheerleaders and student council followed the example of the football team

and walked out in the middle of the pep rally.

Was NMB's behavior a sign of sportsmanship and good will?

The North Miami Beach student body showed itself as being immature and rude. Even Charger Coach Fred Bertani was unhappy over the incident. He was quoted in the North Dade Journal as saying, "I not only thought our students were rude but I was just generally upset at their behavior. It was very poor."

After everything was said and done, only one thing really mattered, North Miami 20, North Miami Beach 13.

You name it, we've got it for sale

by Jan Rosenthal

The clubs extended holiday greetings early this year by offering a variety of items for sale.

Sorrotta and Honor Garde are selling stationery, while Anchor is offering Christmas lollipops.

F.T.A. is selling flowers, Honoria has candy canes and Civinettes have their annual fruit cake sale.

All nine chapters of F.B.L.A are having a candy sale. Y.A.K. is selling all sorts of hand-made items. C.B.E. members are selling octopus dolls, and C.D.E. has linen calendar towels that glow in the dark.

And finally, we have Tri-Hi-Y members with their annual Santa-grams.

You can do your Christmas shopping right in our school house (store)!

by Linda Milboer

The beginning of the never ending starts when the recess has ended and school is back in session.

The atmosphere of school today is filled with sales trivia. Students are constantly being convinced to buy something or other every week. The student is faced with something new everyday. Whether it be a pillow, calendar, bumper sticker, or just a pin you always receive the same routine. "It's only a dollar," or "Show some spirit," are just two of the usual phrases used by the insistent seller.

I, a sophomore, got socked into buying more stuff than I wanted and found it a habit to bring an extra couple dollars to school in case something was for sale. I am a person who likes to buy stuff that will help represent our school, but the school

organizations today are probably making more money than the outside world! I realize that I am not obligated to buy anything and really would like to put my money to something more useful, but as long as those salespeople keep approaching me with all their items, I'll probably stay broke!

So here I sit, staring at all the things my money has gone into. My Key Club calendar on the wall, the Tri-Hi-Y pillow on my bed, the decal on my window, the cheering pom-poms on my dresser — just a few of the things I see when I get home from school everyday.

It's bad enough having school five days a week, but when I get home to relax I am confronted with green and gray! Couldn't they have gotten school colors to match my room?

Editorial . . .

First eyebrow transplant?

by Philip Knocke

Good Grief! Here I am, at quarter to eleven, banging furiously away at this ancient typewriter (no doubt some relic of now defunct Babylon), one night before deadline, and am expected to hand in some witty, timely piece on the condition of this planet by tomorrow.

Sadly, those constants of editorialists, the Watergate mire, the energy crisis, the merits of impeaching the President, all have become so hopelessly complicated that I doubt the ability of God to unravel them. Some dynamic personalities have emerged, however, from all the brouhaha over Watergate and energy, and are especially worthy of note. (Sam Ervin listed in Who's Who as the recipient of the first eyebrow transplant is thoughtfully omitted here.)

One sparkling person is Miss Rose Mary Woods, the President's secretary. Her first statement filled one with the certain conviction that here indeed was a person

willing to stand up to these darn fool investigators. That initial rebuttal, which went something like, "One would have to be the most monumental cement-head this side of Sirius to have erased those tapes," simply overflowed with fierce honesty and righteous wrath.

One can quite rightly say that Miss Woods put her foot down. As a matter of fact, she showed considerable talent in that department.

Another meteoric star set against the darker firmament of Washington is George Shultz, the Secretary of the Treasury. It gets one right here the way that man has faith in the American Economy in its capacity to solve everything from poverty to faster-than-light space travel.

He should know. It is rumored that he wrote the classic entitled, "The Remarkable Stability of the Stock Market in this year 1929." What better credentials can one ascribe to?

Olympic game:

Wastepaper basketball could instill school spirit

by Doug Curnick

Many people have been saying that the student body here at North Miami does not have enough spirit, that they leave the football and other games alone without a glancing thought.

I agree. I always thought that we should have some activity that the whole school could relate with and be united for.

I was discussing this grave issue with one of the more spirited individuals in the school (I will call him Herman, basically because he wanted to remain anonymous) during our daily meetings over the lunch table.

Immediately we decided that a sport would be the best chance to bring people together, but it should not be any of the old traditionals like football or basketball; they had their chance, and they failed. Besides, we wanted a more universal sport, something which everybody understands. There are still a lot of women and some men who do not know the difference between a goal post and a linebacker.

IT MUST BE something that everybody could try out for, taking no matter what sex or color. And it must have mass appeal, something in which everybody would want to participate.

We sat there, pondering what kind of super sport would fit all of these requirements. After a few minutes, I sat up and jokingly said, "How about wastepaper basketball?"

He looked up from his mashed potatoes, shone a face that appeared like a person who found the Great Treasure of the Incas, and said, "Hey, why not?"

I started to laugh to myself, until I noted the serious look on his face. He had taken

in my snide remark, given it true consideration, and found it sound, in his strange sense. I felt sorry that he lost his mind so young in life, but he saw the pity in my face and gave me the reason for his madness:

"**I DOUBT** there ever was a person who passed the portals of this school that didn't have the urge to toss a wad of paper into a bucket from a good distance away, especially you!" (He recognized my true talent.)

Performing the ancient art that we are talking about has been one of my passions. I think I hold a sort of record in this field. Sometime last year, out of sheer boredom, in Room 25, using perfect timing, coordination and force, I tossed a paper wad over two hanging fluorescent lights into a bucket, a distance of around 20 or 30 feet. I do not know of anyone who ever surpassed that record, or ever wanted to.

STRANGELY ENOUGH, as Herman explained the reasons for his decision, paper basketball has all the virtues that we asked for in a sport. It is easily understandable. It has, as stated before, mass appeal, and possible hoards of participants. It is convenient. Two or more wastebaskets can be found in every room, and if the usual supply of scrap paper stashed in every notebook is missing, a good supply of equipment can be found in the aforementioned receptacle. No more expensive equipment!

It may sound overly weird, but I was caught up in the same fever as Herman was.

We continued to make plans for the



formation of teams and squad. First, we could start off with a few inter-club games to get the populace interested. There could be boy-girl teams, seniors against juniors, sophomore against teachers. Then the best of the players would form a school team and challenge other schools to matches.

WE COULD visualize the throngs of people, the cheerleaders, the bands, the screams, the yelling, the massing hoards cheering every step of the way.

The school will be united once again. Spirit will run high, everything will be happy and fun. School will be tolerable, and peace will once again reign supreme.

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Hot Ash

by Phil Cohen

After reading all the press hype about how great ex-Beatle Ringo Starr's new L.P. would be, I had understandably become anxious to hear it. The release of the album was delayed for four months (mostly because the cover art wasn't ready), but it has now been released, and I can say that it was most definitely worth every month of the wait.

By now I'm sure that you've heard Ringo's hit single "Photograph" on the radio, so there's no need to tell you how great it is.

The other three former Beatles have contributed one song each, in addition to serving as back-up musicians. John Lennon's "I'm the Greatest" opens the L.P. The lyrics are probably a joke, but if they're not, they were inspired by an acute case of egomania. Randy Newman's "Hold On" rocks pretty hard for a Randy Newman

song. George Harrison's "Sunshine Life For Me" is the only weak track on the album; it's an unsuccessful attempt at country music. "You're Sixteen" is an authentic recreation of Fifties rock.

Side two opens with two Ringo originals, "Oh, My, My" and "Step Lightly" (a tribute to the music of the 1920's). Next is "Six O'Clock", a beautiful ballad written by Paul and Linda McCartney. Paul plays piano and synthesizer on the song.

Ringo's "Devil Woman" is a hard rocker, complete with wierd lyrics and the scorching guitar of Steve Cropper. The album closes with "You and Me (Babe)", Ringo's farewell song. At the end of the song is a spoken part, where Ringo thanks all the musicians and says goodbye to the audience.

This album will dispel forever the public's opinion that Ringo isn't as talented as the other Beatles. Right on, Ringo!

by Glenn Rubin

About five years ago three guys got together with their instruments, two guitars and a set of drums, and decided to form a band. Their names were Jimmy Ruccolo, Rick Pullen, and John Hurlbut. They were all fifth graders, and they were out to conquer the music world at Oak Grove Elementary School. That was five years ago.

Today, after two break ups and a personnel change, Hot Ash is back together and going strong. From a group of 11-year-olds playing things like "Wipeout", to a group of high school sophomores playing everything from Chuck Berry to Led Zeppelin, Hot Ash has come a long way.

The only member who has been in since the beginning is Jim Ruccolo. John Hurlbut had to drop out because of personal reasons. The other members of Hot Ash are Gary Warren, Mike Thomas and Dave Glickman. Although John dropped out he's still willing to lend his services in a pinch.

Hot Ash is a group devoted to no one type of music. Each one of their performances is filled with rock, country, and blues type music. None of their music has been released to the public, although some of the music they play is written by members of the group, and is the type of music which is hot today. They have performed at the two coffee houses and at various Youth for Progress concerts, at their schools and at many other places.

Hot Ash is a band that is really going places. Given more exposure and a little time, they could become one of the better rock groups in the country.

How to live away from home and afford it.

You had lunch with a few friends on a quiet quay jutting out from Fisherman's Wharf. Then, in the cool afternoon sun, an ancient

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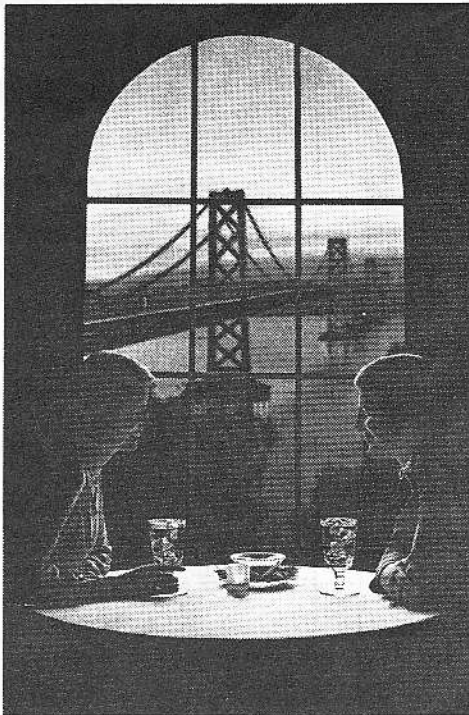
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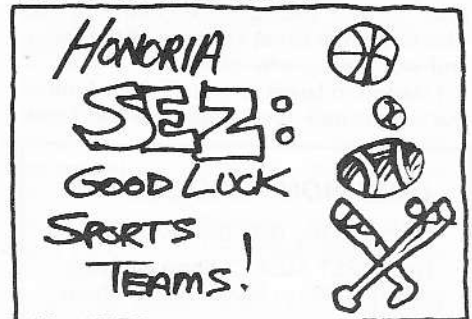
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Pioneers joust Chargers, 20-13

by Shane Rasche

The North Miami Pioneers, for the first time this year, got to play the spoilers when they ran over play-off hopeful North Miami Beach, 20-13.

The Pioneers jumped out to an early lead when Butch Ducanson recovered a Charger fumble on their first set of downs. NM took the ball 41 yards on 10 plays for the score. Charlie Johnson ran over from the one. John Turri kicked the extra point, to give the Pioneers a quick 7-0 lead.

NM's next score came shortly after. Darrell Keatley hit John Nichols with a

scoring pass and Nichols out ran a NMB defender into the end zone, which built their lead to 13-0. The Chargers narrowed the margin to 13-7 when they completed a pass from the four for a touchdown.

On the next set of downs, Charlie Johnson came up with what might have been NM's most exciting play of the year. He hit the middle and was seemingly stopped many times, but he remained on his feet and went all the way for the TD. Turri added another extra point and put North Miami out in front 20-6. The Chargers

scored again in the fourth quarter, but it was too little and too late.

NM had a great night statistically. They gained 345 total yards of which 234 were on the ground. Johnson picked up 126 yards on 24 carries to lead the backs. Keatley had five completions in nine attempts for 111 yards and one touchdown. The NM defense also had a good night as they recovered four fumbles, one each by Ducanson, Ronnie Walker, Jim Shannon, and Joel Williams. Kevin Thur also added an interception.

Sport Shorts

GOLF

This year's golf team, consisting of nine players, will be trying for its second straight divisional title. There are 24 matches scheduled for this season, the first of these matches will be held January 8, against North Miami Beach. Only three of last years players will be returning for this years competition. These players are Bob Goodman, Rick Rosen, and David Cosper.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Here is a recap of the girls' volleyball season. In pre-season the girls' team won all their games by defeating North Miami Beach, Hialeah-Miami Lakes and Norland twice. The captain for the A-team was Chris Donechie and the B-team captain was Patty Rushing. North Miami was the host school for the Zone Two Sports Day. Schools participating in the Sports Day were Miami Springs, South Miami and Miami Beach. Our B-team came in first in the zone while our A-team finished third by beating Miami Beach.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The girls' basketball team began practice on December 1 and they will play six pre-season games. The regular season will run from February 22-28. North Miami will play four schools in the Northern District for the right to play the Southern championship.

SOCCER

In this new era of athletic achievements, soccer is finally getting the recognition it deserves. Three years ago a group of sophomores were among the first at North Miami to start a soccer team. Those same players are now starting seniors on the varsity team.

Coach Bello at that time was chosen as coach for this fast-rising sport. The first two years were outstanding seasons for this new team as they fought for recognition with the big schools — Edison, Coral Park, Central, and Miami Springs.

This years team, led by seven senior lettermen: Anthony Nitty, Frank Paver, Tom Shepard, Bobby McCullar, Carlos Ramirez, John Montague, and Louis Peleja, hope to take NM all the way to the state championship.

WRESTLING

The Pioneer wrestling team has been hard at work since October 29 preparing for the 1973-74 season. Head Coach Paul Fjell says that the team is pretty well set with the 23 wrestlers who have come out for the team. Many schools in Dade County can't field a Junior Varsity as well as a Varsity wrestling team. Fortunately, North Miami is able to have both these teams. The wrestling season began December 5 against Southwest.

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MIAMI HERALD ALL-CITY QUARTERBACK Darrell Keatley in action for the Pioneers.

SPORTS

By Shane Rasche

Last issue I wrote on how great a year Darrell Keatley was having as quarterback of the Pioneers. Apparently, I wasn't the only one to notice. Darrell was chosen as Dade County's All City Quarterback by the Miami Herald. He ended the season with 90 completions in 181 attempts for 1,249 yards. Those credentials were good enough to make him the Number 1 passer in the county. He threw for 14 touchdowns, also tops in the county.

Also receiving credit from the Herald for their play were Grant Downing, who made the second team, Kevin Thur, Greg Sahlsten, and Charlie Johnson, all of whom won Honorable Mention.

The Basketball team got off to a great start this season, as they were the only school not to lose in the Jamboree. The Pioneers played the first quarter and beat the Northwestern Bulls 14-13. Then in the final quarter, Edison's Mike Strachen hit a jump shot on the final play and gave the Red Raiders a 17-17 tie with NM.

THE FEARLESS PROGNOSITCATOR predicts a 13-9 season.

During the last couple of weeks I have received a lot of hot air on how prejudiced I am against the so-called little sports at NM. The sport I am about to write about is the most unknown sport our school has. The Band Football team, the what??? The Band Football team is comprised of the NM Marching Band and the Loading Crew. The team is led by Eddie "Call me Joe Willie" Scott at quarterback and Jim "Stick-em" Siwek at middle linebacker and the Defensive Captain.

At press time the team had a 1-0 record. They mercifully dismantled the North Miami Beach Band 48-18.

Outstanding on offense were Eddie Scott, who rushed for 212 yards, Jimmy "Walk over em" Holdsworth and Al "Bronco" Cimino.

Outstanding on defense were Jim Siwek, who had one interception and made many tackles, Marty "Front four" Kaplan, who had five quarterback sacks and Mike "Ball Hawk" Cimino, who had an interception.

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