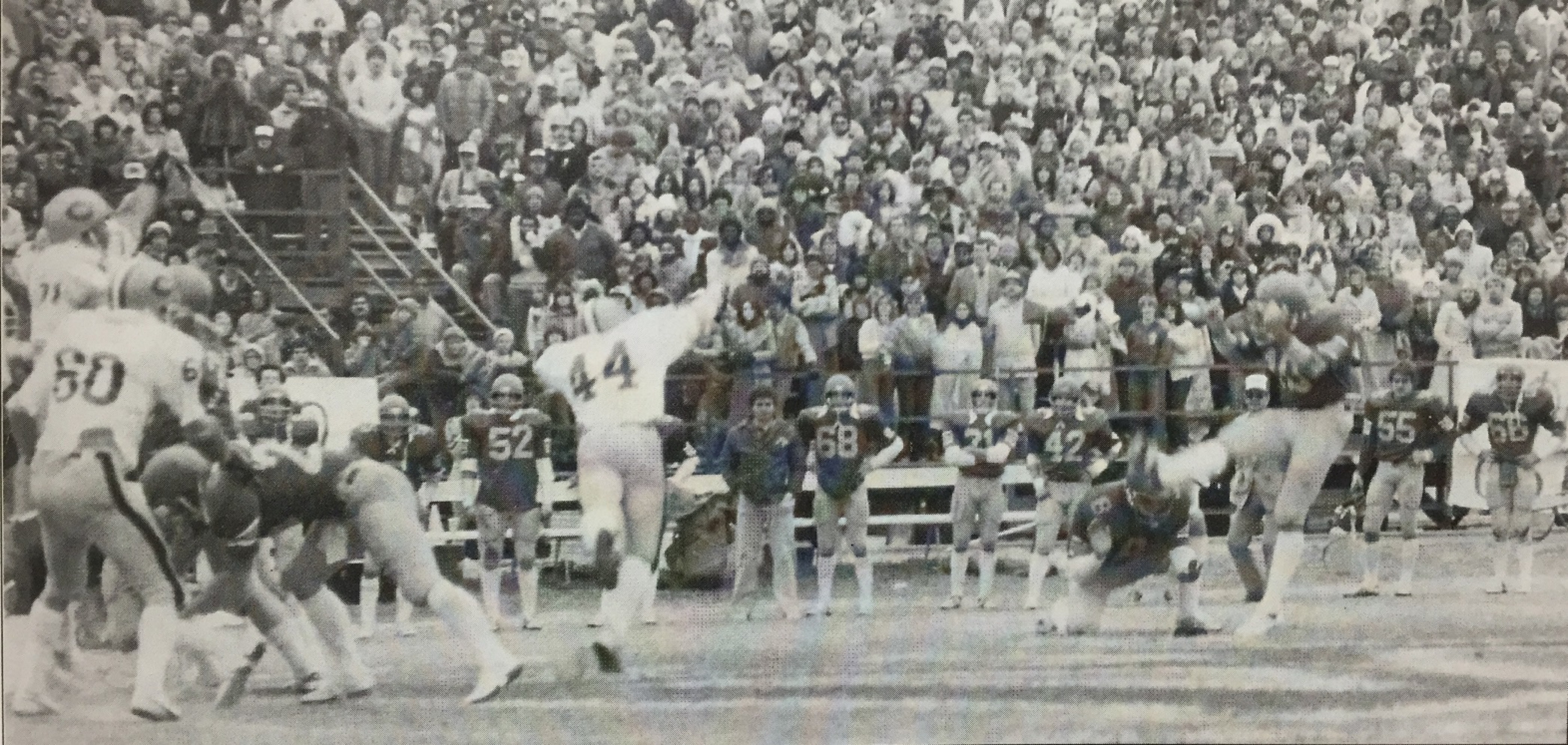




A group of approximately 18 men are standing on a grassy field, holding a large red banner with white text and stars. The banner reads "NAIA NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS DIVISION II-1981". The men are dressed in casual attire, including polo shirts, t-shirts, and shorts. Some are wearing red caps. In the background, there is a large, light-colored building with a tiled roof, likely a school or sports facility. The sky is overcast.

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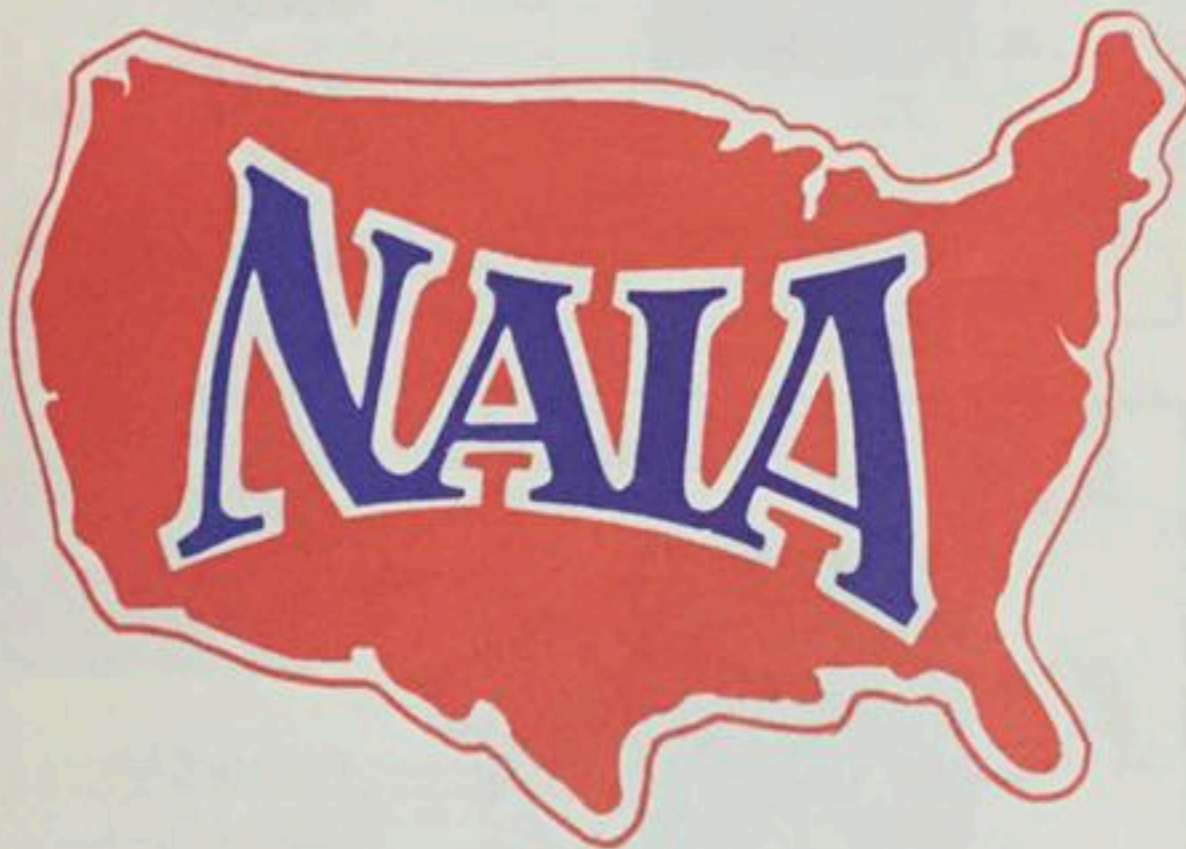
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# Meet the Austin College Kangaroos



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Dukes



Schiflett



Norman



Vice



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Branum



Shillings



Kikeman



Draughn



Pruitt



Robbins



Shuttlesworth



Clark



Fowler



Talejaki



Garrison



Tarver



Garcia



Parnell



Sims



Bowen



West



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Hargis



Roden



Kirby



McCord



Oliver



Baker



Hickman



Larson



Holt



Faris



Wallace



S. Oliphint



Simmons



Varner



Rigg



Letlow



Woodruff



C. Oliphint

# ALL-AMERICAN LINE-UP

## Two Deep Lineups

### AUSTIN COLLEGE

OFFENSE			
CLAY OLIPHINT	TE	88	
SCOTT KRIKORIAN	T	14	
DAVID ADAMS	G	70	
GREG LARSON	G	74	
DON PARNELL	C	65	
ED SHUTTLESWORTH	C	53	
GREG CASON	G	57	
MACKEY CLARK	T	54	
BILL DRAUGHN	T	50	
ROSSI FELIX	WR	63	
GREG LARSON	QB	74	
DAVID RIGG	QB	78	
RUSS RODEN	QB	26	
KEVIN TARVER	QB	23	
LARRY SHILLINGS	QB	12	
JIM VICE	QB	8	
DAVID SIMMONS	FB	44	
STU OLIPHINT	FB	43	
VAN HARGIS	TB	25	
RICKEY TURNER	FL	3	
RORY DUKES	FL	4	
FINLAY WOODRUFF	FL	82	
GENE BRANUM	P/K	10	

DEFENSE			
REX BAKER	T	71	
CASEY LETLOW	NG	79	
ED HOLT	NG	75	
GARY BOB PRUITT	T	51	
LARRY HICKMAN	T	72	
JODY WEST	T	69	
MARK RICHARDS	LB	89	
FOREST WYLIE	LB	55	
DYKE McMAHEN	LB	58	
RANDY SIMS	LB	66	
JEFF ROBBINS	LB	52	
STEVE WALLACE	LB	42	
DAVID BOWEN	LB	68	
MARK RICHARDS	LB	89	
KENNY KIRBY	CB	28	
DARRELL BELCHER	CB	9	
LES GARCIA	CB	24	
JEFF McCORD	CB	29	
JIMMY CURRY	SS	2	
DAVID NORMAN	SS	7	
JASON SCHIFFLETT	FS	5	
KENNY KIRBY	FS	28	

### CONCORDIA COLLEGE

OFFENSE			
MITCH HOFSTEDT	TE	86	
CRAIG SIMMONS	TE	80	
MARK TOMMERDAHL	LT	70	
KRIS LAHREN	LT	75	
GARY GILBERT	LG	69	
MARK WANNER	LG	62	
GREG BROLSMA	C	53	
MARK ANDERSON	C	51	
BRUCE RIMMEREID	RG	63	
LEE CRUM	RG	76	
BOB VANGERUD	RT	78	
KRIS LAHREN	RT	75	
JOE GOTTA	SE	89	
TOM SHEPLEY	SE	82	
RON RASMUS	QB	12	
CRAIG SAMUELSON	QB	17	
MARK DAVIES	SB	34	
RANDY JORGENSEN	SB	20	
REID CHRISTOPHERSON	HB	9	
BOB MICHAELSON	HB	26	
JIM KLUG	FB	36	
NELSON ROTTO	FB	35	

DEFENSE			
DAVE ROSENGREN	E	43	
ROGER LINDAHL	E	60	
DAVE ROEN	T	85	
DAVE ROSENGREN	T	43	
DWIGHT HINTERMEISTER	N	73	
JOHN TEELING	N	67	
DOUG McMILLAN	T	71	
EARL MERGENS	T	61	
DAVE SCHWARTZ	E	66	
BRIAN KIRKHORN	E	54	
JOHN BURNS	LB	56	
ROGER LINDAHL	LB	60	
KEVIN ARNDT	LB	40	
BRAD PETERSON	LB	52	
DAVE BORCHARD	C	47	
JOHN SOLHEIM	C	42	
MARK REDEMSKE	C	41	
JOHN SOLHEIM	C	42	
RICH LORENZ	SS	44	
BRAD RASMUS	SS	19	
DAN OLSON	FS	22	
SCOTT SHELDON	FS	29	

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# Austin College--NAIA Division II national football champions!

## AC ties Concordia 24-24; shares national title

The sound was deafening in the cold, gray afternoon. Seven thousand eyes looked southward as the ball was kicked; three thousand voices gasped and 500 rejoiced as the ball seemed certain to descend inches short of its objective. But in the midst of all the electricity of the moment, God seemed to take matters into His own hands and nudge the ball farther--inches farther--so that it bounced on the cross bar of the goal post and over--amid true Hopper Hysteria.

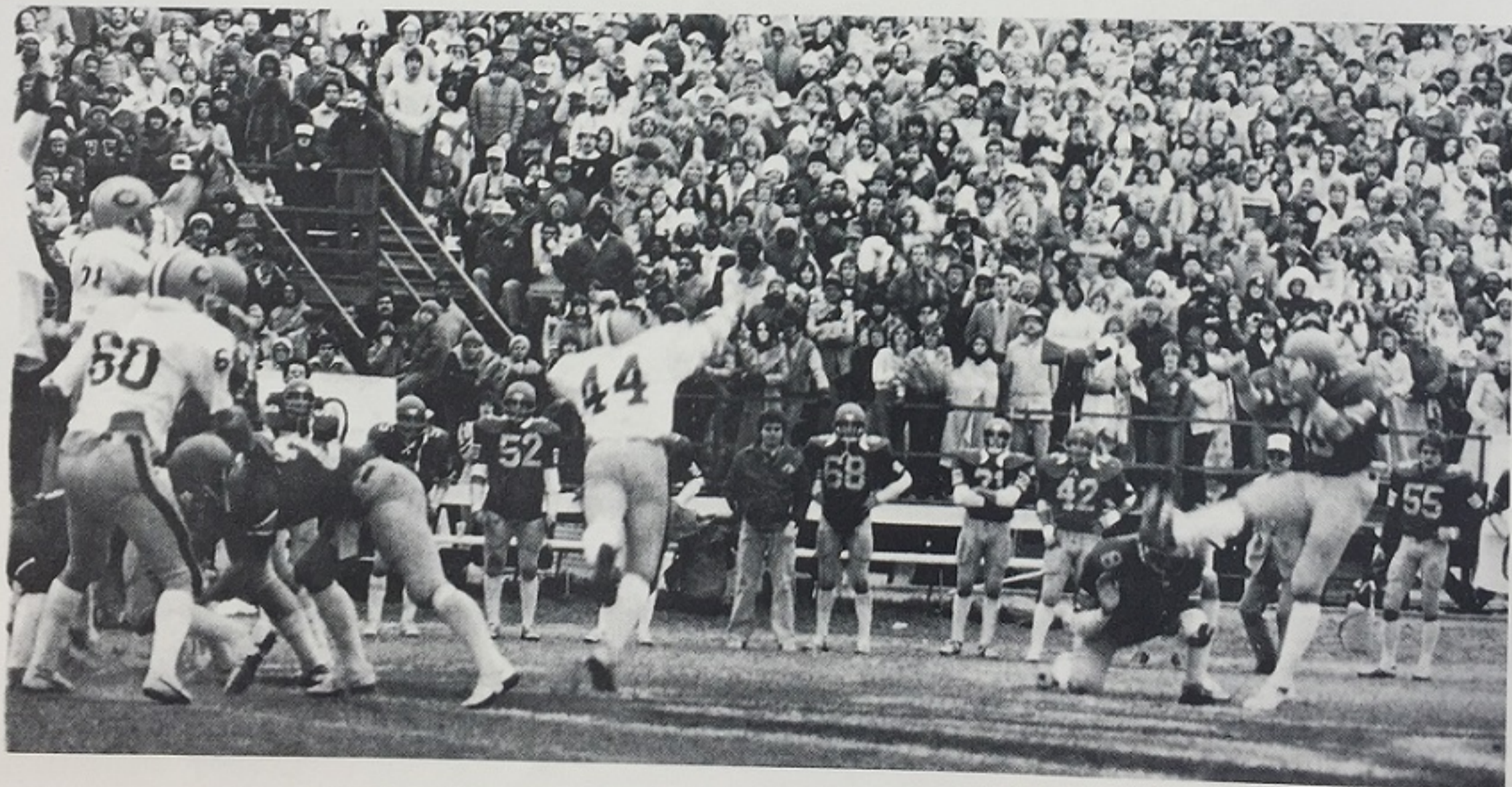
The field goal try off Gene Branum's toe was true from 57 yards away with 1:12 left on the clock and finalized AC's rally from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit to a 24-24 tie with the Concordia College Cobbers and a share of the NAIA Division II national football championship.

That's how it will go into the records, but anyone in attendance at Calder Stadium for that Dec. 12 match-up will tell you that Branum's clutch field goal was as improbable as the way Coach Larry Kramer's team overcame tough odds all year long to claim a national title.

It was as if God reached down in a single brief slice of eternity to nudge that ball through the goal posts and underscore the beauty of a miracle season for the Kangaroos who mixed hard work, determination and a never-say-die attitude with skill and speed and helmet-rattling blocking and tackling to climb from a third-place pre-season forecast in the TIAA to a national championship.

A national championship in football. Somehow, the words seem strange rolling off the tongue. Somehow, the images will not fade of Branum and Jimmy Vice jumping for joy after that official's arms shot upright in a glorious reaffirmation that, indeed, the ball did bounce the right way on that field goal try.

Somehow, the joint celebration of the two teams and their coaches at the middle of the field and seeing the eyes of Larry Shillings and Jimmy Curry and others glisten with emotion put an indelible climax to a football season that will be talked about for years.



*For those with a sense of history, this is the sight from the sidelines as Gene Branum's 57-yard field goal came descending to its appointed destination*

*on the crossbar before bouncing through and lifting the Kangaroos to a share of the national title.*



It was a proud and historic moment as Kangaroo football players held the banner proclaiming them as 1981 national champions in NAIA Division II. Seniors kneeling in the front row with the championship trophy include, from

left to right, Gene Branum, Rory Dukes, Larry Hickman, Jimmy Curry, Larry Shillings, David Simmons and Stu Oliphint. Rickey Turner, Mark Sartain and Chris Luper, also seniors, are not pictured.

The 24-24 tie between Austin College and Concordia marked the first time in the 12-year history of the NAIA Division II national playoffs that there had ever been a draw in the championship game. NAIA rules stipulate procedures for breaking ties in quarterfinal and semifinal action but there's no overtime in championship game action.

It was somehow appropriate that the scrappy Kangaroos and the Scandinavian behemoths from Moorhead, Minn., shared the national championship. Dr. Paul J. Dovre, Concordia president, had said at the championship banquet Friday night prior to the game that "no team would deserve to lose that game." Indeed, there were no losers, only winners.

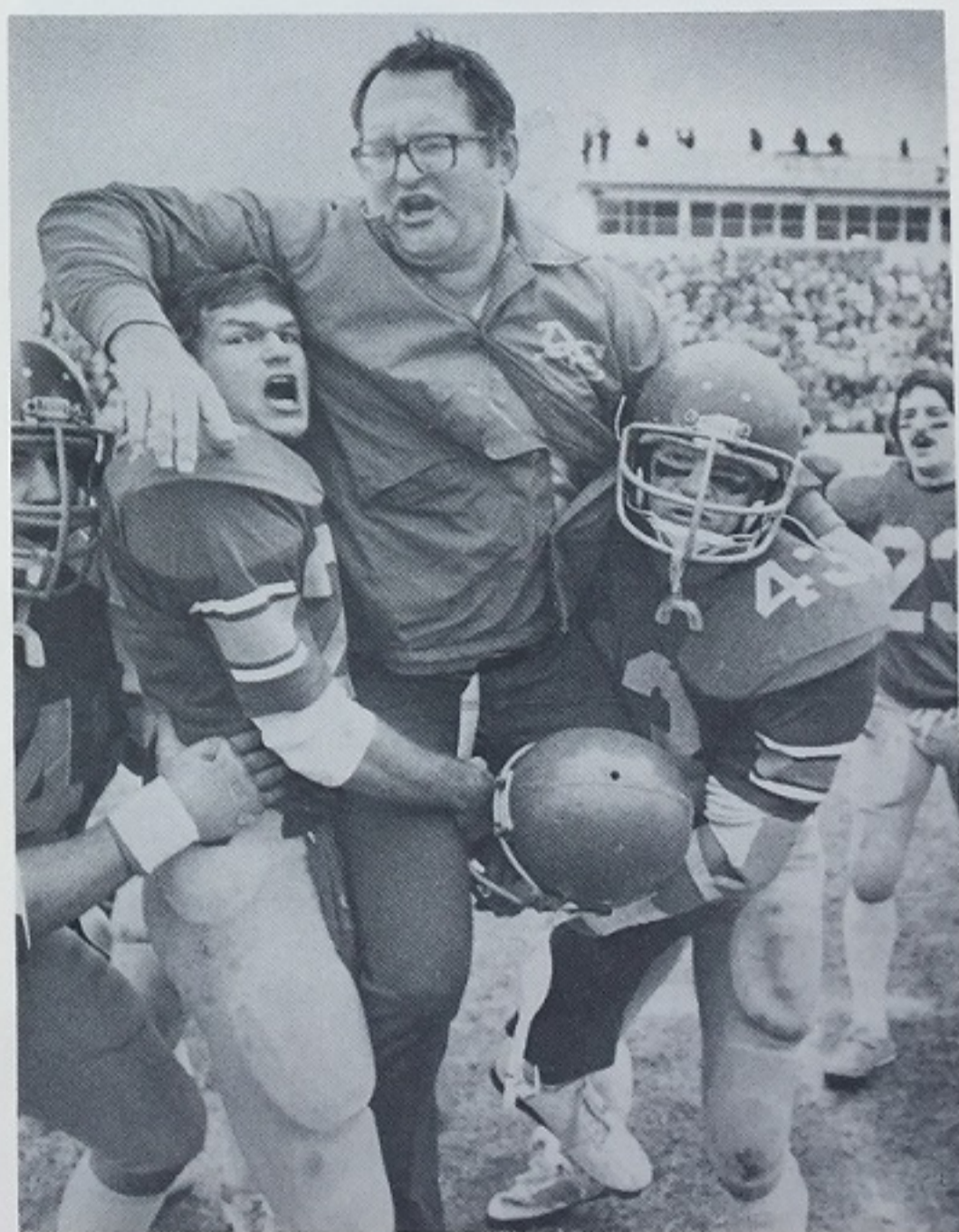
Austin College becomes the first Texas team to win an NAIA Division II championship since Texas Lutheran College of Seguin turned the trick in 1975.

Branum's record-breaking kick toppled the previous NAIA championship field goal mark of 39 yards by Reed Myer of Redlands, Calif., in 1976. "I said a little prayer," Branum said. "Whatever His will is, is."

Branum, named outstanding offensive player of the game, had a healthy average of 40.3 yards on three punts for the afternoon.

He responded in a crucial situation late in the first half when AC was stymied on its own 13-yard line. Branum's punt in the face of a formidable Cobber rush traveled 41 yards and stayed in the air 6.6 seconds--almost long enough to run to the concession stand and back without missing a thing.

Lest anyone think the game's outcome was due only to the talented toe of Branum, a partial honor roll of big-play contributing 'Roos should be mentioned.



Russ Roden, a junior from Mesquite at left, and Stu Oliphint, a senior from Dallas at right, give Coach Larry Kramer a hug and attempt to hoist him to their shoulders as the final seconds ticked off the clock of the AC-Concordia national championship game.

Van Hargis, a freshman from Commerce, scored the game's first touchdown on a 14-yard run and finished the game with 68 yards on 11 carries. Hargis' statistics were second only to Jim Klug, Concordia's version of the irresistible force, who gained 94 yards on 30 carries. AC's Greg Garrison got 28 yards and David Simmons added 22 yards.

Larry Shillings, the senior from Bryan who was named to Kodak's All-American team this season, completed 17 of 25 passes for 202 yards. Time and time again Shillings came up with the clutch play when it was needed.

On the receiving end of Shillings' passes was Rory Dukes, the smallish senior receiver from Kilgore with the great hands and the big heart. Dukes caught six passes for 104 yards, including one for a touchdown that ricocheted off a defensive back's hands and Dukes' helmet and shoulder pads before being hauled down in the end zone.

Clay Oliphint, the fine junior receiver from Dallas, was double teamed all day but still managed to catch four passes for 49 yards. One of Oliphint's catches was a touchdown reception good for only six yards, but he showed the concentration of a Rubik's cube freak in catching that one under the outstretched arms of a Concordia defensive back.

Hargis, Russ Roden and Kevin Tarver also made clutch receptions.

AC's offensive line of David Adams, Don Parnell, Greg Cason, Bill Draughn, Greg Larson and others kept the heat off Shillings most of the afternoon and consistently opened holes against a much larger Concordia defensive line.

The Kangaroo defense, led by Larry Hickman, Ed Holt, Rex Baker, Mark Richards, Dyke McMahan, Jeff Robbins, David Bowen, Kenny Kirby, Curry, Les Garcia, and Jason Schiflett, showed time and time again that there is no way to put a tape measure on desire and how hard a player can hit.

Austin College outgained the Cobbers 333 to 316 in total yards and racked up 21 first downs to Concordia's 15.

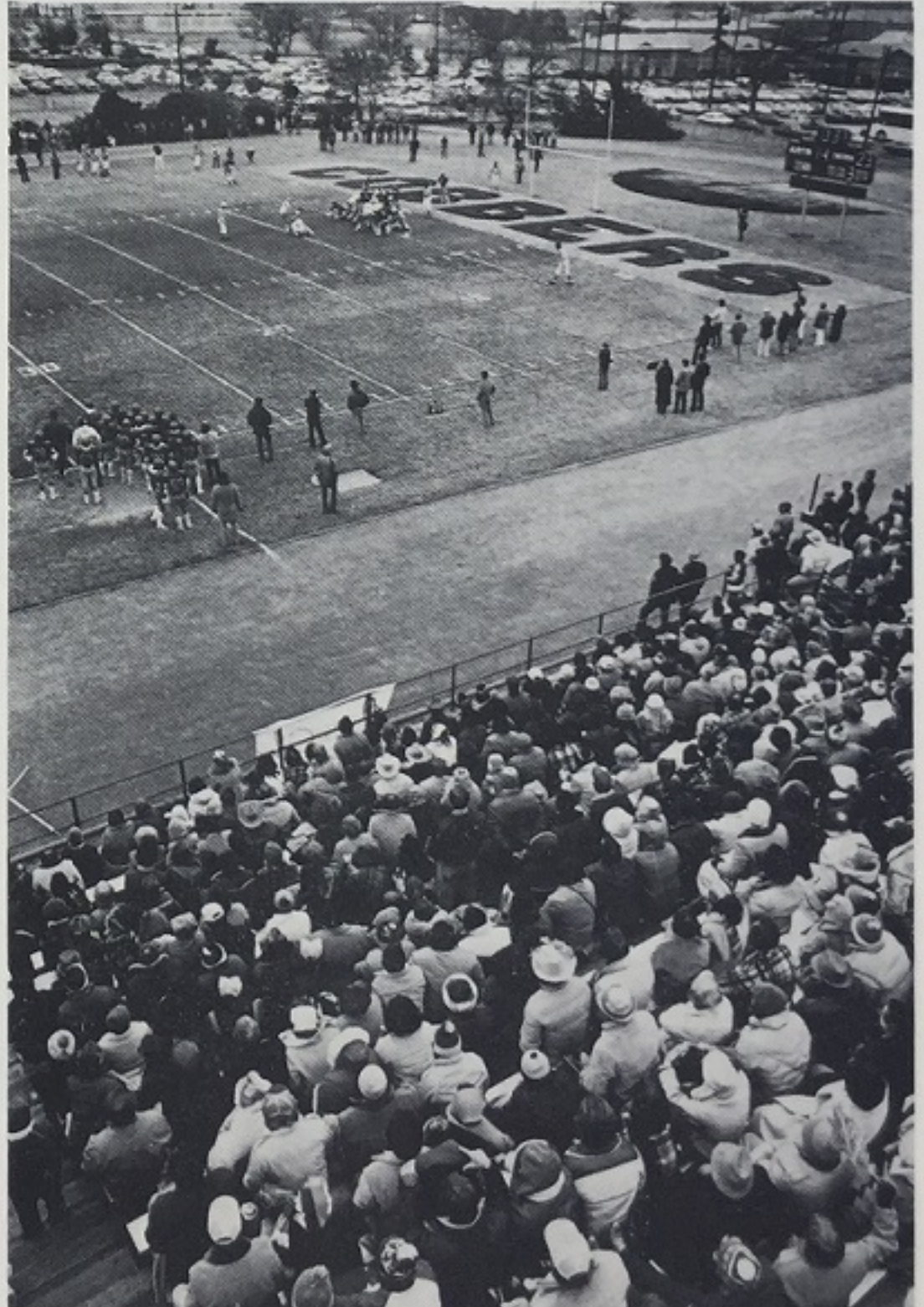
After a 16-play, 86-yard drive by Concordia used up eight and a half minutes and resulted in a touchdown extending the Cobbers' lead to 24-14, the 'Roos hopes for a national championship looked somewhat bleak. But AC fans have long since learned that you don't say it's over until the last second ticks off the clock. With a record of 11-1-1, this year's AC team proved that over and over again.

"I was confident," Shillings said. "We've always got the feeling we can come back."

Austin College scored on both of its fourth-quarter possessions. The Kangaroos' drive leading to Oliphint's 13th touchdown reception of the season took 17 plays to march 87 yards. Shillings hit Dukes with three crucial passes and went seven for 10 during that fourth-quarter comeback.



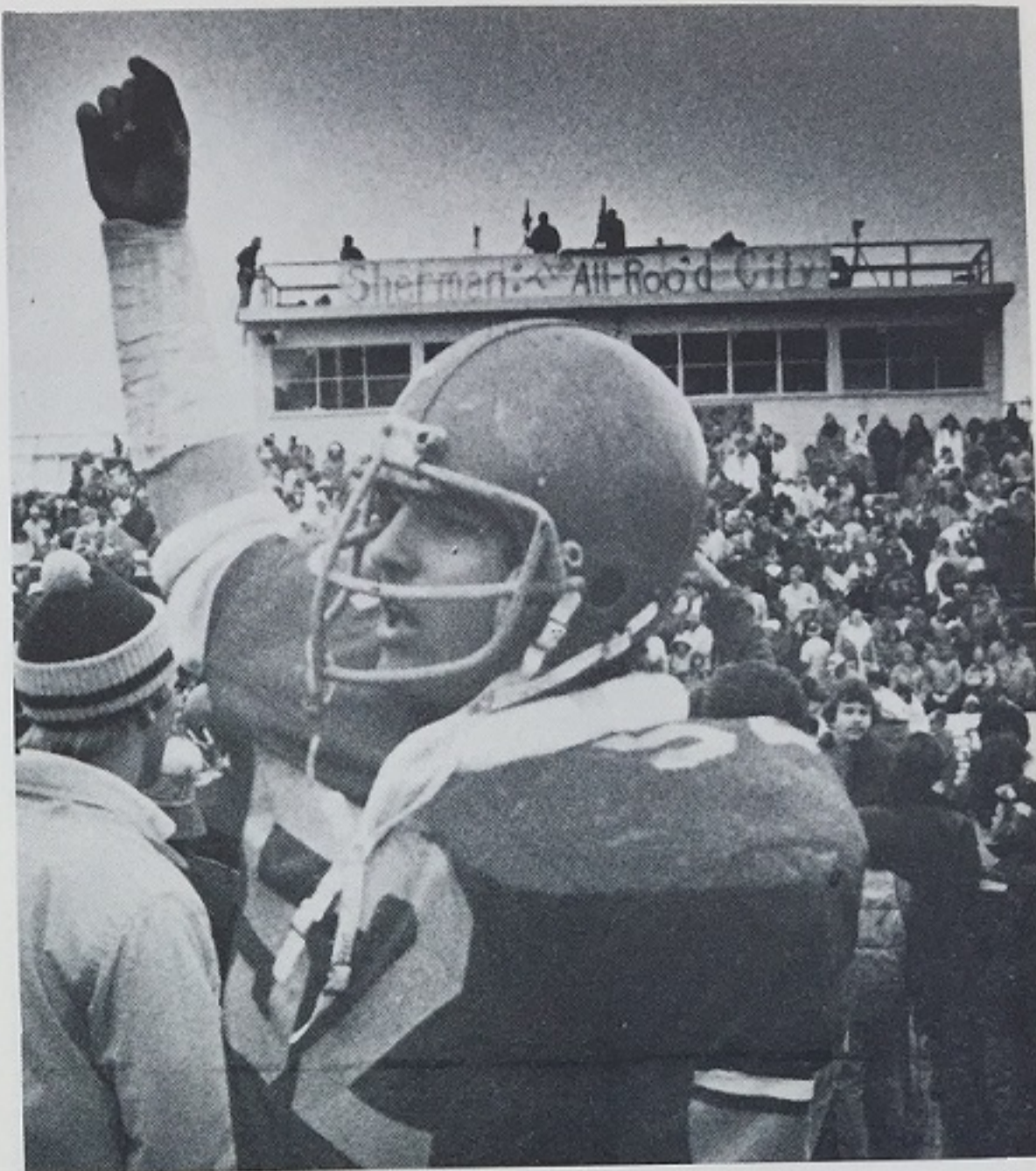
Larry Shillings scrambles for yardage as Concordia's Rick Lorenz moves in on the AC quarterback.



In what was surely the largest crowd to ever crowd through the gates of Louis Calder Stadium, 3,540 people bought tickets for the classic confrontation. Here, Concordia is adding the extra point after a 16-play, 86-yard drive that ate up a large chunk of the third quarter and put the Cobbers out in front 24-14.



Mark Richards, (89) an outside linebacker from Sherman, digs in to try to stop Concordia's big fullback Jim Klug (36). Klug set an NAIA single game record for number of carries with 30 but was held to 94 yards by a tough 'Roo defense.



Jeff Robbins' upraised arm after the game in the midst of the celebrating crowd on the floor of Calder Stadium tells the story of the Kangaroos' remarkable championship season far more eloquently than words could.

The game between Concordia and Austin College was a classic in many respects, and the media in attendance dutifully recorded it for posterity. While there were 3,540 in attendance at the game, there were another 50 writers, photographers and cameramen from the wire services, Dallas newspapers and Dallas/Fort Worth television stations as well as Texas Sports magazine and North Texas media.

Those same media personnel had stressed in feature stories prior to the game that Austin College was a high-quality liberal arts college where faculty, students and administrators put athletics in proper perspective within a rigorous academic environment. The championship game, after all, came on the heels of finals week.

While it is safe to surmise that not every player on the roster gave his undivided attention every waking moment to the rigors of studying for finals, it is also prudent to assume that the coaching staff and the players of this 1981 championship football team understood the beauty of the intellectual and physical challenges before them.

One only had to wander into the whirlpool bath area to see Rory Dukes studying furiously in solitude for an upcoming final or catch a glimpse of one of the student trainers hunched over a training table studying class notes to realize Coach Kramer and his staff and these players are sincere in their commitment to the philosophies and principles for which Austin College stands.

It has been a beautiful, rewarding season in many ways. But perhaps the true worth of this memorable football season won't be fully realized until the lives of the young men on this team have spanned another 10 or 20 or 30

years. They have learned some things this season that they will never forget. They have learned to strive and to endure, to face adversity and to overcome it with God's grace.

In short, they have learned well the lesson imprinted on a sign hanging on the dressing room wall--"A person's greatest moment of happiness is to be tested to the fullest--and not fail."

--J.D. Fuller

#### Austin 24, Concordia 24

Concordia	0	17	7	0	-24
Austin College	7	7	0	10	-24
AC - Van Hargis 14 run (Gene Branum kick)					
C - Doug Bergland 29 FG					
C - Joe Gotta 34 pass from Craig Samuelson (Doug Bergland kick)					
AC - Rory Dukes 31 pass from Larry Shillings (Branum kick)					
C - Jim Klug 1 run (Bergland kick)					
C - Mark Davies 2 run (Bergland kick)					
AC - Clay Oliphint 6 pass from Larry Shillings (Branum kick)					
AC - Gene Branum 57 FG					

Statistics	Concordia	Austin
First downs	15	2
Rushes yards	51-188	35-13
Passing yards	128	20
Passes	8-16-0	17-26-1
Punts	4-34.8	3-40
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties	2-20	7-6

#### Individual Statistics

RUSHING—Austin: Hargis 11-68, Garrison 7-28, Simmons 4-22, Shillings 13-13; Concordia: Klug 30-94, Samuelson 4-45, Christopherson 13-41, Davies 2-7, Jorgenson 2-1  
 PASSING—Austin: Shillings, 17-25-202-2, Garrison 0-1-0-0; Concordia: Samuelson 8-16-128  
 RECEIVING—Austin: Dukes 6-104, Oliphint 4-49, Simmons 2-9, Hargis 3-23, Tarver 1-1, Roden 1-6; Concordia: Davies 3-43, Klug 3-32, Gotta 1-34, Shepley 1-19

# The 1981 season--game by game

Picked no better than third in the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the Austin College football team surprised the experts by going 9-1 in the TIAA and sharing the championship with pre-season favorite Sul Ross.

## AC 31, Lubbock Christian 6

The Kangaroos unleashed their potent offense on the Chaparrals and led 24-0 at halftime. Quarterback Larry Shillings of Bryan passed for three touchdowns and ran 24 yards for a fourth.

Wide receiver Clay Oliphint of Dallas caught two touchdown passes and tailback Van Hargis, a freshman from Commerce, caught the third.

## Sul Ross 17, AC 7

Five turnovers plagued the Kangaroos in Alpine as they led the Lobos everywhere but on the scoreboard. Kilgore senior Rory Dukes caught an 18-yard pass to set up a one-yard touchdown plunge by Hargis for AC's only score.

## AC 50, Tarleton 7

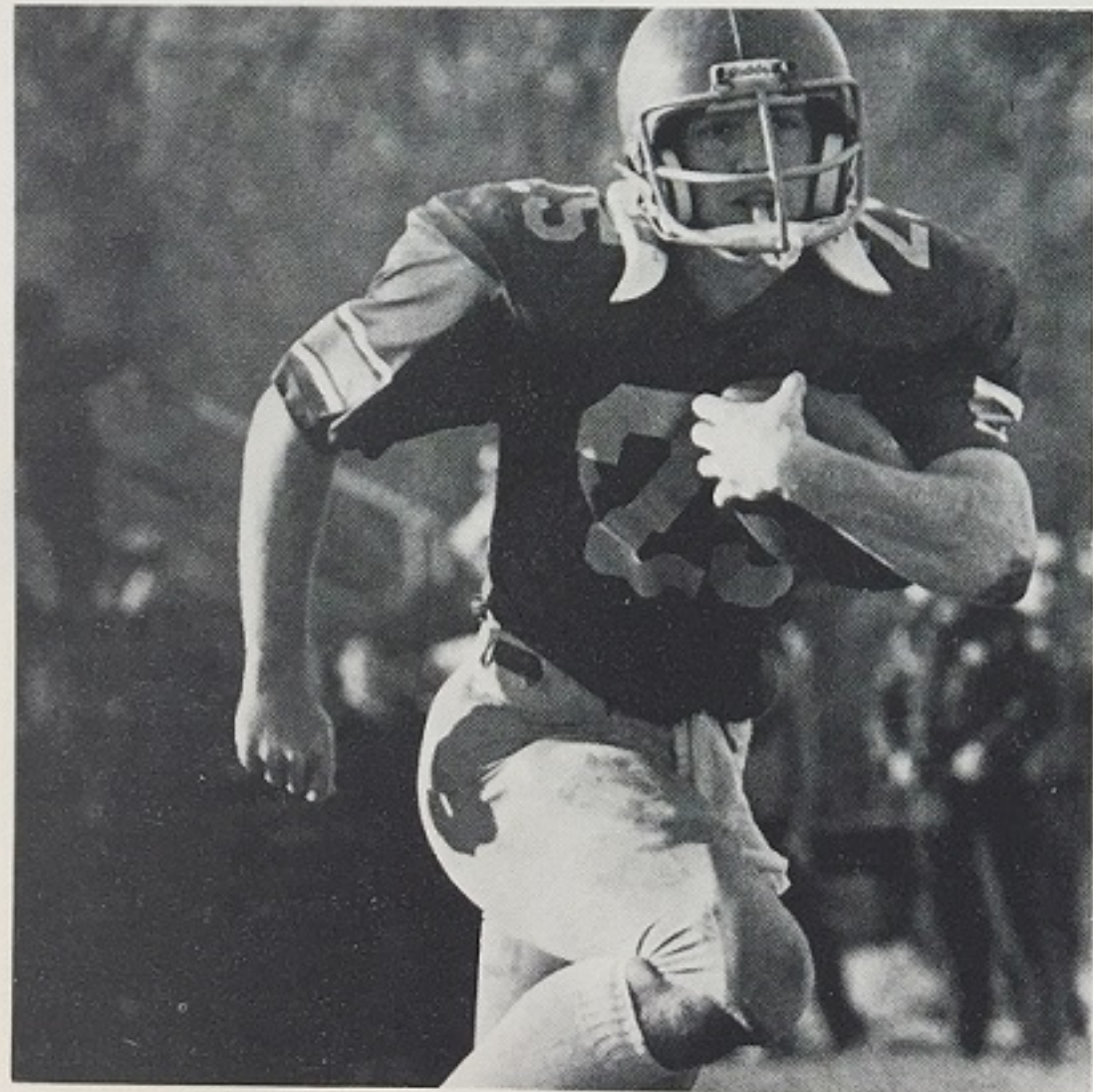
Hargis rambled for 101 yards on the ground and Shillings threw for 190. The Kangaroos found still another weapon in junior transfer Les Garcia, who picked up 159 yards on nine punt returns, including an 82-yard touchdown run.

Oliphint caught a pair of touchdown passes and Tom Bean senior David Simmons ran for two more in the rout of the previously unbeaten Texans.

## AC 24, Trinity 13

Three second-quarter touchdowns erased a 13-0 deficit for the Kangaroos and punter Gene Branum kept the Tigers at bay with kicks averaging 45 yards.

Senior safety Chris Luper of Denison earned defensive



A nice surprise for the 'Roos this season was the running of Commerce freshman Van Hargis, shown here in action against William Jewell in the semifinal game. AC's leading rusher, he was also a threat as a receiver, scoring a 31-yard touchdown against the Cardinals.

player of the week honors in the TIAA with one interception, three blocked passes and nine tackles.

## AC 30, McMurry 7

Resting the passing game, the Kangaroos rolled for 247 yards rushing against the Indians. Dallas sophomore Greg Garrison led AC with 74 yards and Simmons was close behind with 71.

The unheralded 'Roo defense spotted McMurry one touchdown in the first half, but shut down the defending TIAA co-champions in the second half.

## AC 17, LCC 7

Austin College started the second half of TIAA play with a rather sloppy win over Lubbock Christian in Lubbock.

Garland sophomore David Bowen blocked a field goal attempt and the Kangaroos retaliated with an 86-yard touchdown drive, capped by Garrison's one-yard run, for a 7-0 lead.

Mount Pleasant senior Rickey Turner, playing his first game after an injury, also scored on a 52-yard pass.

## AC 17, Sul Ross 14

In traditional homecoming fashion, the Kangaroos rallied in the final minutes to beat the Lobos and tie for the TIAA lead.

Faced with a fourth down at the Sul Ross 22, Shillings connected with Oliphint for the deciding touchdown and the Louis Calder Stadium crowd went wild.

The 'Roos jumped to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter on a one-yard plunge by Shillings and Branum's 37-yard field goal, but Sul Ross scored touchdowns in the second and third quarters to take a 14-10 lead.



Not afraid to keep the ball when necessary, quarterback Larry Shillings turns up field for yardage against William Jewell.

### AC 42, Trinity 20

Shillings passed for 374 yards and Dukes caught three touchdown passes as the Kangaroos beat the outmanned Tigers.

Junior cornerback Kenny Kirby of Gainesville returned a pass interception 80 yards for a touchdown. Oliphint caught one TD aerial and Turner rushed for still another.

Shillings' performance earned player of the week honors from the TIAA.

### AC 26, McMurry 13

The Kangaroos earned a share of the TIAA crown and a ticket to the playoffs as the offense clicked in its usual fashion.

The defense got some well-deserved recognition as Gainesville senior Larry Hickman, a 205-pound tackle, was named defensive player of the week by the TIAA. Hickman made 14 tackles and two quarterback sacks and recovered a fumble.

### AC 27, Panhandle State (Okla.) 16

Luper's three pass interceptions, two in the AC end zone, stopped Aggie scoring threats and helped preserve the Kangaroo's first win in NAIA post-season play.

Shillings completed touchdown passes of 21 and 55 yards to Dukes and an 18-yarder to Oliphint for a 21-0 first half lead.

Branum added a 19-yard field goal in the third quarter to give the Kangaroos a 24-0 lead before a stunned crowd in Goodwell, Okla. The score was set up by a blocked punt by Plano sophomore Don Tafelski, which was recovered by nose guard Ed Holt of Rosenberg.

The Aggie offense got on track in the final quarter with two touchdowns and a pair of two-point conversions. Panhandle tried an onside kick after the second touchdown, but Clay Oliphint recovered for Austin College.

A penalty helped move the 'Roos into position for Branum's 53-yard, NAIA playoff record, field goal which crushed the Aggies' comeback hopes.

Shillings was named offensive player of the game and Luper got the defensive honors, but the two-time All-American was injured while trying for a fourth interception and missed the remaining playoff games.

Luper was named to the All-District 8 NAIA team for the fourth year in a row shortly after the Panhandle game. Other Kangaroos on the All-TIAA squad were Shillings, Branum, Dukes and Hickman.

Coach Larry Kramer shared coach of the year honors with Sul Ross coach Joe George.

### AC 33, William Jewell (Mo.) 28

Back in Sherman two weeks later, Oliphint caught eight passes for 125 yards and one touchdown as the Kangaroos marched to their second playoff win.

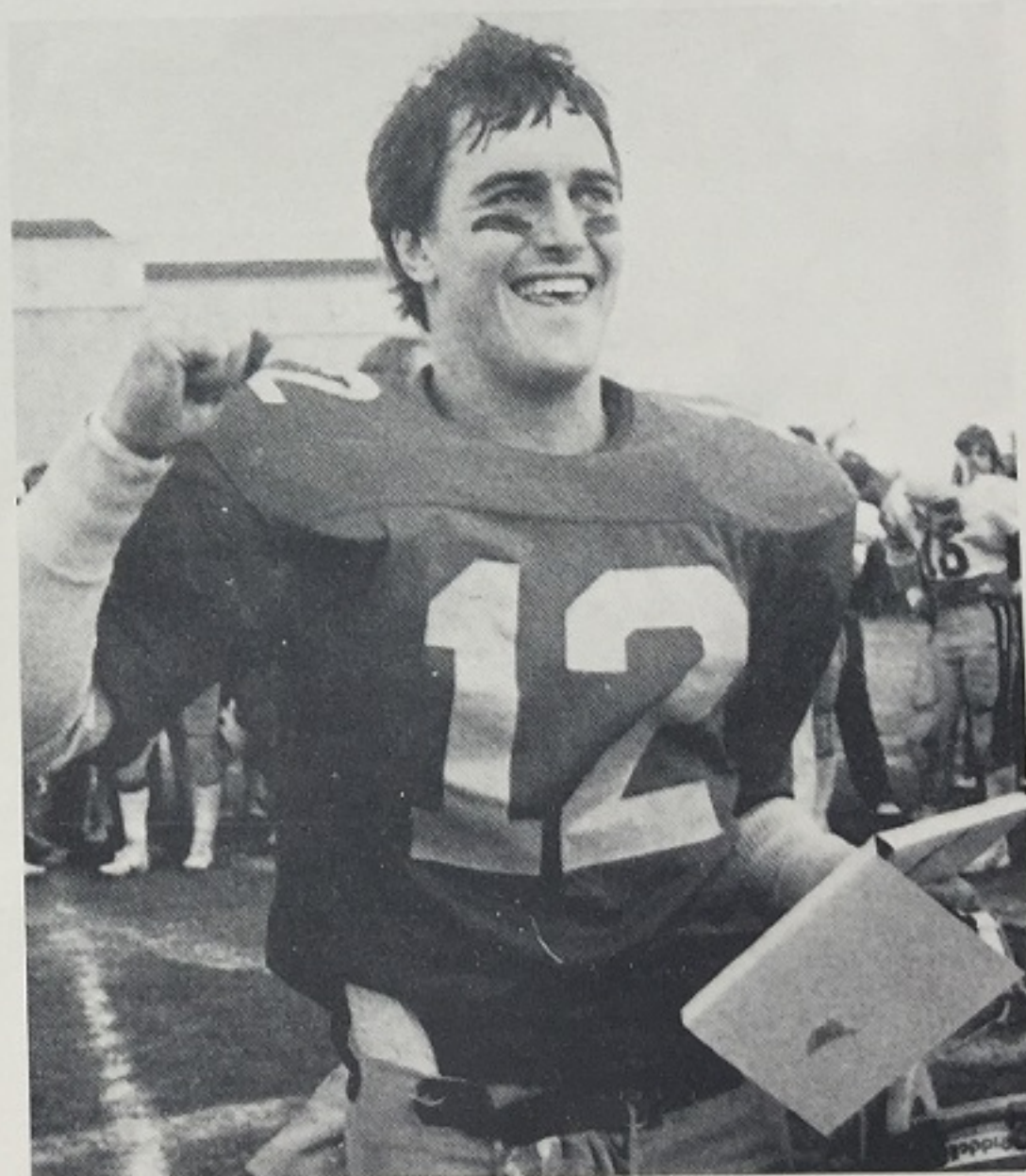
Shillings, now named to the Kodak All-American team, completed 15 passes for 234 yards. Trailing 7-0 after the initial kickoff was fumbled, the senior quarterback threw scoring passes to Hargis and Oliphint to put AC in front 13-7.

The first touchdown was set up when Wichita Falls freshman Finlay Woodruff recovered a fumbled punt at the Cardinal 32. The second followed a blocked punt by Houston freshman Jason Schiflett.

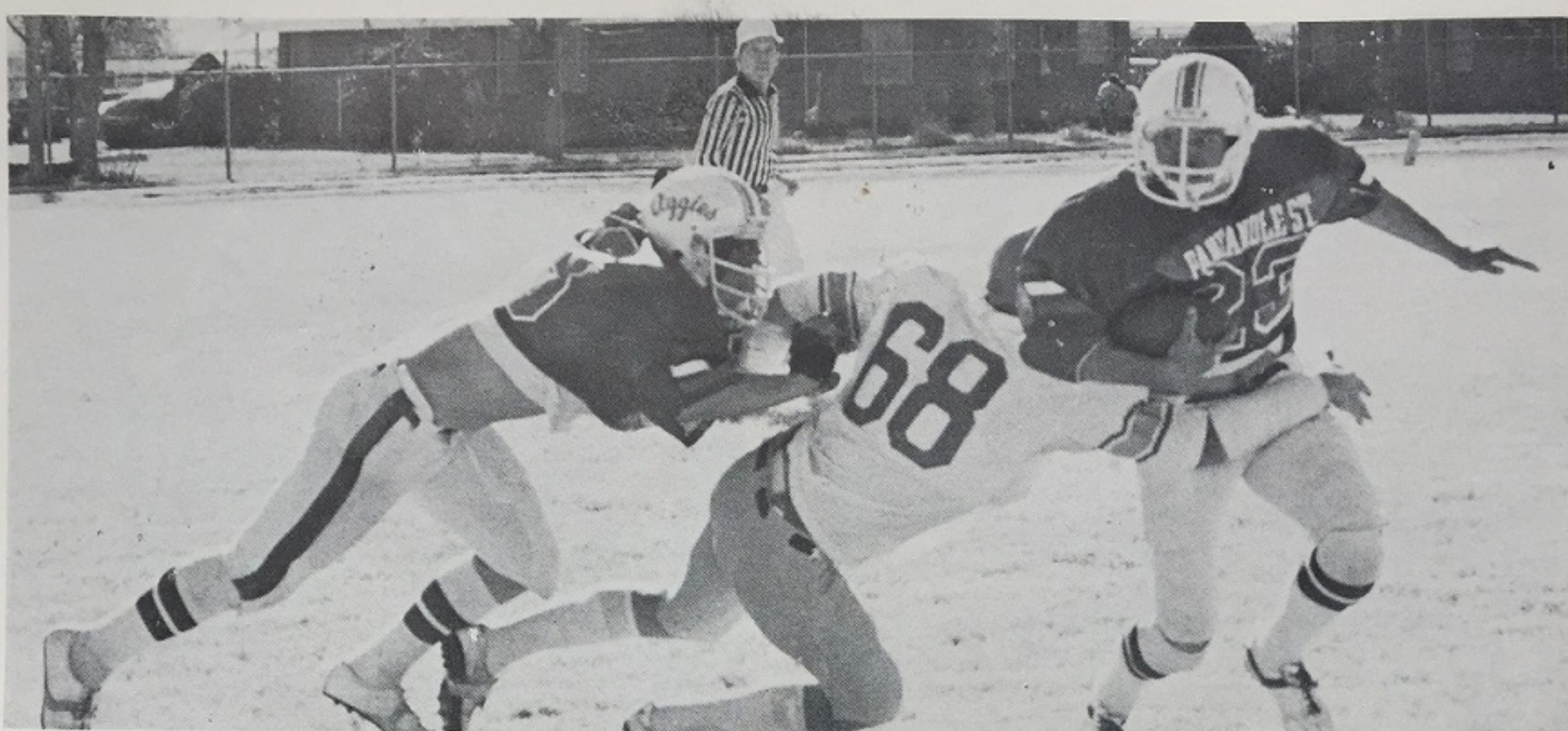
William Jewell scored in the second quarter to go back ahead 14-13 but Branum kicked a 22-yard field goal before the half and the 'Roos never trailed again.



Bundled against the December cold, the Austin College faithful stuck with the team. Even when the Kangaroos were down by 10 points in the final quarter of the championship, the fans gave the players standing ovations when they came off the field.



Senior quarterback Larry Shillings of Bryan grins with delight after receiving the most valuable offensive player award in the semifinal game against William Jewell.



Garland sophomore David Bowen (68) grabs an Aggie ballcarrier after getting past a would-be blocker during the Kangaroos' quarterfinal victory over

Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla.

Shillings passed 13 yards to Simmons for a third quarter TD and ran one yard for another in the final quarter, but the Cardinals answered both with touchdowns.

With William Jewell moving again, Mark Richards of Sherman recovered a fumble at the Cardinal 47. The AC offense moved close enough for a 22-yard field goal which ended the scoring.

Shillings and Garcia, who had ten tackles, were named the game's outstanding players.

--John Sniffen

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We appreciate the sustained interest and support of **ACknowledge** and Austin College by alumni, and this special report is just one way that we can share our pride in the achievements of Austin College with you.

We hope you enjoy reading this special publication as much as we have enjoyed preparing it for you. It has been a labor of love.

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Junior wide receiver Clay Oliphint (88) tries to elude a Panhandle State defender during the NAIA quarterfinal game. The Dallas junior scored one touchdown in the 27-16 win.

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## Chapter 19

# National Champs 1981

*The national championship on the line, Vice knelt on one knee to take Clark's snap, looked up at Branum, and said, "Just like practice, Gene."*

Fourth down and 11. 1:22 fourth quarter. National championship game, December 12, 1981. Concordia College ahead 24-21. Ball at the Concordia 40. Sideline huddle, kicker Gene Branum, and head coach Larry Kramer. Branum wanted to try the 57-yard field goal. Kramer thought about going for the first down.

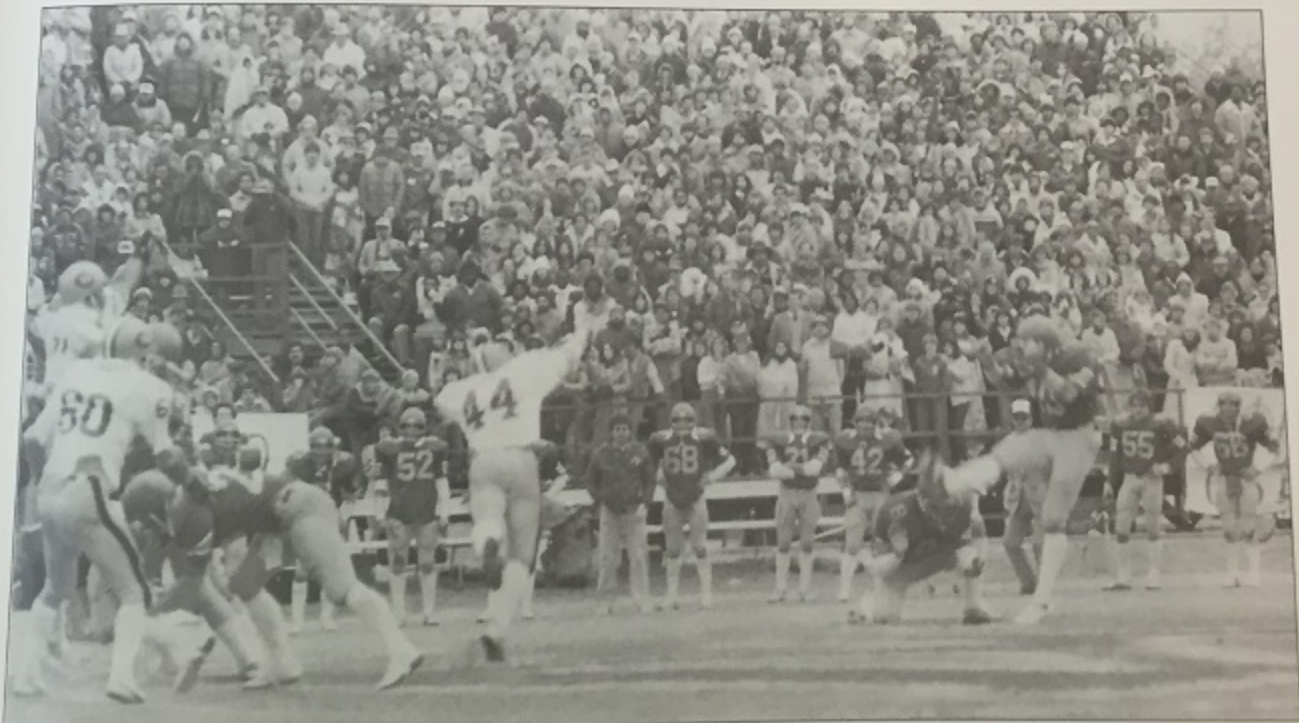
Branum won.

Tough call. Two freshmen, Mackey Clark and Jim Vice, were the snapper

and holder. The trio had done it over and over again in practice. Vice would say to Branum, "Two seconds left, Gene. What are you going to do?", and Branum would make 10 in a row from beyond 50 yards after the rest of the team had gone to the dressing room.

The national championship on the line, Vice knelt on one knee to take Clark's snap, looked up at Branum, and said, "Just like practice, Gene."

The ball left the Concordia 47,



*With the entire Louis Calder crowd on its feet, Gene Branum kicks a 57-yard field goal with 1:12 left in the game to give the Kangaroos a 24-24 tie with Concordia (MN) and a share of the 1981 NAIA Division II championship. The holder is Jim Vice.*



Rory Dukes, who caught six passes for 104 yards and scored a touchdown in the 1981 national championship game, hauls one in against Concordia. (Austin College photo)

caught a ride above Louis Calder Stadium on December's cold, damp Texas north wind, and zoomed into the gloomy sky to the apex of its flight. Then on descent it was as if the projectionist had switched to slow motion, almost freeze frame... too short... too short... too short...

Leather on metal... football on crossbar... ricochet through south... three points... 24-24 tie!

National championship!

Larry Kramer, who wanted to leave after 1977 with his 13-29-5 record in five seasons at AC because "I can't take losing," had his finest coaching hour.

It was not an easy road to the title. Picked pre-season to finish third in the TIAA, the Kangaroos were co-champions with Sul Ross, and the NAIA picked AC to advance to the playoffs. While Austin College was beating Panhandle State in the first round, Concordia was whipping Dickinson. The semifinal games ended with the Kangaroos on top of William Jewell and Concordia besting Westminster, Pa.

Concordia was the "Cobbers". The nickname came almost 100 years ago when Concordia students worked in the corn fields near the campus, and people walking by called them the "Cobbers from Concordia."

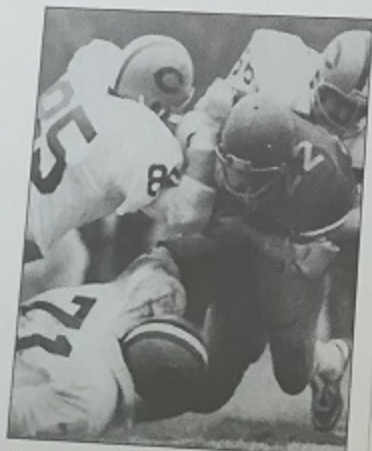
Austin College jumped to a 7-0 lead

by driving 54 yards after the opening kickoff. Van Hargis ripped it in from the 14, and Branum kicked the point. The seven point advantage stood until the second quarter when Concordia's Doug Bergland hit a 29-yard field goal, and Craig Samuel passed to Joe Gotta from the 34 for six. Bergland's kick made it 10-7 Concordia.

Rory Dukes, 5-8 and 155, put the Kangaroos back in front with a juggling end zone catch of Larry Shillings' 31-yard throw. Branum's kick was good for the 14-10 advantage. Of his TD catch, Dukes said, "Larry checked off, and I ran a play like a flag. I hit the seam, and one of their guys tipped it to me."

But Jim Klug, 6-3 and 215, smashed home late in the second followed by Bergland's second PAT kick, and Concordia was in front 17-14 at the half. A consistent, swarming, gang-tackling defense held the Cobbers to just seven points in the second half, but those seven, coming from Mark Davis' two-yard plunge and another Bergland kick, put Concordia on top 24-10. Some thought the 16-play, 86-yard scoring drive late in the third had put the game away for Concordia.

The Kangaroos had the ball twice in the fourth quarter and scored on both possessions. First time, it took 17 plays to move 87 yards. It was second and goal at



Tailback Greg Garrison (22) finds himself surrounded by three Concordia defenders in the 1981 national championship game. (Austin College photo)



Wide receiver Clay Olyphint looks for extra yardage in the 1981 NAIA Division II championship game against Concordia (MN) at Louis Calder Stadium. Trailing is Rory Dukes (4). On the sideline are Darrell Belcher (9), Kenny Kirby (28), Coach Vance Morris, Ed Holt (75), and Jim Vice (8). (Austin College Photo)

the one, and a motion penalty moved the ball back to the six. Clay Oliphint, who had been double teamed all afternoon, caught Shillings' toss in the corner of the end zone. Branum narrowed the gap to 24-21. 8:48 remained.

Oliphint described the touchdown. "It was a takeoff pattern. We had that penalty, and it helped us. It gave us more room to work with. I don't know what happened. It went right through his hands (the defender), and, all of a sudden, it was there."

After the kickoff, the Cobbers' offense sputtered and punted to the AC 19. 5:43 left. AC picked up three first downs, the third on a Shillings' seven-yard sprint around left end to the Cobbers' 39. First and 10 with 2:40 left, Shillings was sacked for the fourth time of the day. A swing pass to David Simmons regained the 40, and AC used its final timeout with 1:22 showing. Shillings' pass to Oliphint across the middle was incomplete. Fourth down. In comes Branum. He made it 24-24.

The 57-yarder made it three weeks in a row that he had broken the NAIA playoff game distance record. He had hit from 53 against Panhandle State and 55 in the William Jewell game.

In 1995, 14 years later, Kramer recalled his conversation with Branum that day. "It was fourth and eleven, and I wasn't sure what I wanted to do," said Kramer. "I kind of wanted to go for the first down. But here was Branum standing on the hash mark, national championship on the line, and begging me to try the longest field goal in NAIA playoff history. With that kind of courage, how could I turn him down? I waved at him and said 'Go ahead.'"

"I'm just glad he talked me into it quickly before we got a delay of game call that would have put him out of range," said Kramer.

After the field goal, Branum boomed the kickoff out of the end zone. Concordia gained only five yards on its last possession and did not come out of the huddle on fourth down from the Cobber 25.

Austin College had its first taste of a national championship!

For his late game heroics, Branum was chosen the game's outstanding offensive player. Shillings had gone 17 of 25 for 202 yards, two interceptions, and two touchdowns. Dukes, who caught

six for 104 yards, added 78 yards on punts and kickoff returns while Oliphint had four for 49. Hargis was the leading AC rusher with 68 yards.

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Post season honors piled up. Kramer and Sul Ross' Joe George were named coaches of the year in NAIA District 8. All district performers were Chris Luper, who made it for the fourth time; Shillings and Branum for the second time; Dukes, Oliphint, and defensive tackle Larry Hickman.

In the TIAA, Kramer and George again shared honors. Shillings was offensive player of the year and all-conference quarterback along with Sul Ross' Larry Hill. Luper was defensive player of the year, and Hickman was outstanding lineman. Other first-teamers were Branum, Oliphint, Hickman, and Jeff Robbins. On the second team were defensive lineman Rex Baker, linebacker David Bowen, defensive back Kenny Kirby, offensive guard Don Parnell, defensive tackle David Adams, wide receiver Rory Dukes, and running back David Simmons.

The Kodak All-American team quarterback was Larry Shillings, with 199.5 yards total offense per game, and 149 completions in 284 attempts for 1,981 yards and 17 touchdowns. He said, "I owe it to my receivers, guys like Rory Dukes, Clay Oliphint, Russ Roden, and Kevin Tarver." His three-year career stats were 438 of 855 for 5,852 yards and 56 touchdowns.

NAIA All-Americans were Luper, his third time on the team, and Branum. Shillings was second team, and Hickman, Dukes, and Oliphint were honorable mention. Branum also was a member of the prestigious NAIA Academic All American team.

Kramer was runnerup to Concordia's Jim Christopherson for NAIA coach of the year.

Luper, the three-time All American, who missed the semi-final game and the championship game with injuries, signed with the Chicago Blitz of the United States Football League.

## 1981

Preseason polls in this national championship year placed the Kangaroos at 13th in NAIA Division II

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Jeff Robbins (52) and Forrest Wylie (55) clamp down a Cobber in the 1981 national championship game with Concordia. (Austin College photo)

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and third, behind McMurry and Sul Ross, in the TIAA. Quarterback Larry Shillings and receiver Rory Dukes, both fifth-year seniors, had decided to return, and Larry Kramer's staff was set with Sig Lawson, Jim Norman, Slats McCord, and Vance Morris.

Before a scrimmage against Southeastern (OK) in Durant, David Norman and Randy Sims went to the end zone where just the two of them prayed. Before the season was over, other players joined them, and the sessions grew to a couple more players in a corner of the locker room. Then the group grew until they occupied the equipment room, then the shower room, and by the end of the season, the entire team was involved.

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The young offensive line was the big question, but that was settled in the first game, 31-6 over Lubbock Christian, as they held off the Chapparel defense for 426 yards total offense. Shillings was protected to the tune of three touchdown passes.

Shillings' scrambles and his passes to Dukes directed the Kangaroos to the eight with third and goal, and Clay Olphint caught Shillings' pass in the corner of the end zone with nine minutes left first quarter. Three minutes

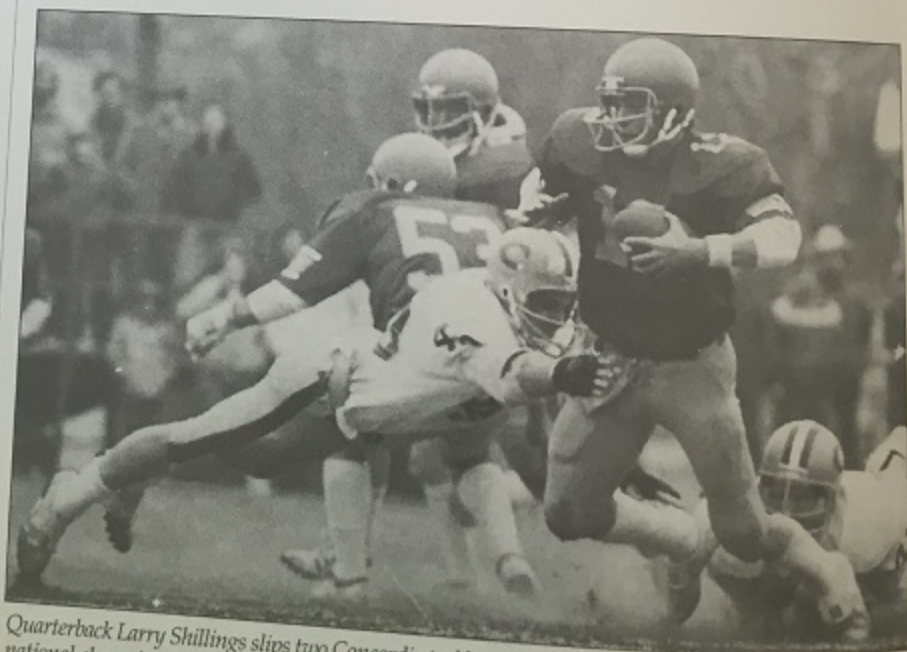
later, it was the same combination for six from 23 yards out.

The third touchdown was tougher. Eddie Shuttlesworth recovered Shillings' fumble at the 37. Next play brought a five-yard penalty. A screen pass to Greg Garrison netted 29 yards to the Chaps' 38. It took eight more plays before Van Hargis took a short pass 12 yards to the end zone. Darrell Belcher's interception at the AC 15 opened the last scoring drive of the half. It was Dukes for 32 with a pair of catches, David Simmons 11 on a screen pass, Freddie Wilburn 18 up the middle, and Gene Branum kicked a 33-yard field goal. Halftime 24-0.

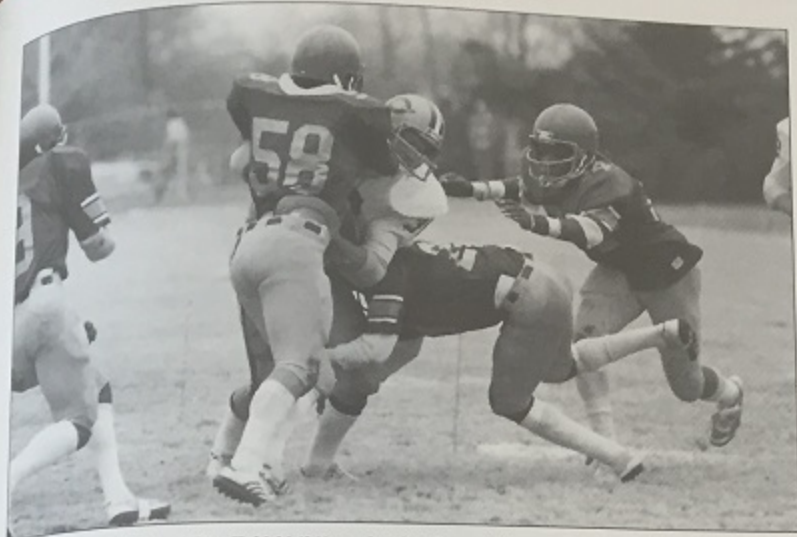
The Chaps' offense never threatened and did not get a first down until the second half. Kramer called his team off after the lead went to 31-0 in the third. In a 73-yard drive, Shillings worked with Garrison, Kevin Tarver, and Russ Roden to the LCC 23 and a third and one. The Chaps brought all eleven up in the short yardage situation, and, after Shillings faked a handoff, he broke the line of scrimmage and waltzed the remaining 23 yards.

The Chaps' Mike Ritchie ran an interception back 99 yards for their only score, and Sims blocked the PAT attempt. Belcher and Forrest Wylie, who had two sacks, led the stingy AC defense.

In Alpine, AC had the only loss of the year, and Sul Ross won 17-7 as the



Quarterback Larry Shillings slips two Concordia tacklers with Ed Shuttlesworth (53) blocking in the 1981 national championship game. (Austin College photo)



Dyle McMahon (58) and Don Tafelski (21) sandwich a Concordia runner in the 1981 national championship game. Coming to assist are Darrell Belcher (9) and Les Garcia (24). (Austin College photo)

Kangaroos suffered through three pass interceptions and a lost fumble. The Lobos were ahead 10-0 in the second when Shillings' pass was picked off in the end zone after AC had worked to the Sul Ross two. One Lobo touchdown came on a recovery of a fumble in the AC end zone after a bobbled attempt of a punt catch. The scoring drive was almost exclusively Shillings' passes to Oliphint for 20, Hargis for 17, and Dukes for 18 to the one. Hargis scored, and Branum kicked.

Sul Ross was in the TIAA driver's seat 2-0 with wins over McMurry and Austin College, supposedly the other two toughest teams in the conference. Now AC was 1-1, and McMurry was 0-2, victim of an upset Tarleton victory in their second game.

Tarleton's upset sweetness lasted exactly one week. The Kangaroos beat the Texans 50-7. Return specialist Les Garcia kept Tarleton on its heels with nine runs for 159 yards including an 82 yard sprint for six points in the second.

Jimmy Curry's fourth fumble recovery in two games set up the first AC touchdown. Shillings, on play action, hit Oliphint in the end zone from 16 out, and the avalanche was on. Branum had field goals of 37 and 29 yards, and David Simmons squirmed in from the two for six followed by Garcia's 82-yard heroics. Oliphint stole a Shillings pass from a defender and raced 27 yards untouched for a TD. Branum added a 39-yard field

goal, and Simmons tacked on a one-yard scoring run. Jim Vice threw to Marty Secord from the 34 for the last of the AC points.

Offensive leaders were Shillings (19 of 38 for 190 and two TD's), Hargis with 101 rushing, and Oliphint 8 for 77 receiving. Kramer said the team "played well after good practices, but I hope they don't get fatheaded."

It was 90 degrees in San Antonio, and nobody was hotter than Larry Kramer after his Kangaroos were down 13-0 early in the second. But his charges scored three times in eight minutes and escaped his halftime wrath with a 21-13 lead on the way to a 24-13 win.

The Tigers had punched their way to two touchdowns on a pair of one-yard runs. At 10:23 in the second quarter, Trinity was up 13-0 when Simmons smacked in from the one for the first AC TD. Dukes scored on a seven-yard slot-back reverse at 6:47, and when Oliphint caught Shillings 10-yarder in the end zone, the clock showed 1:44. AC had the lead for good. Chris Luper's interception ended a Tiger threat in the fourth, and Branum added three points from 27 out. Luper was picked TIAA defensive player of the week.

McMurry's three-man defensive front, designed to stop the torrid AC passing game, caved in to the Kangaroos' draws and traps to the tune of 247 yards and a 30-7 Austin College victory. Simmons had two touchdowns

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and 71 yards against the defense set for an aerial attack that never really came.

Branum's 43-yarder opened the scoring, and Garrison popped in from the one. Simmons bounced off tacklers for 10 yards and six points in the second and followed with a 10-yard scoring run in the third. Shillings hit Oliphint for 24 yards and six points.

Dudley Woodward, McMurry's league-leading rusher coming into the game, had but 38 yards in six attempts as the defense played shutdown. Belcher, Jeff Robbins, and Kenny Kirby had interceptions. Kramer was quick to applaud Dan Kern and David Rigg, who shuttled in and out in relief of starting offensive tackle David Adams, injured in a Thursday workout.

Lubbock Christian, last in the TIAA, scared the Kangaroos before AC pulled one out 17-7. The Kangaroos suffered four interceptions, and it wasn't until Luper recovered a fumble late in the second at the AC 12 that his team could get started. At the end of the 88-yard drive, Garrison hopped in from the one. Branum added a 23-yard field goal, and Shillings connected with Ricky Turner, playing for the first time of the season because of a knee injury, for 52 yards and a touchdown.

It was 1:08 in the fourth at Homecoming before the Kangaroos

pulled out the second Sul Ross game by a 17-14 margin. The Lobos came in unbeaten and had handed AC its only setback in their first meeting. Linebacker David Bowen pounced on a Sul Ross fumble at the Lobo eleven, and successive dive plays by Garrison and Turner put the ball at the one from where Shillings sneaked in. The Kangaroos were up 10-0 first quarter. Branum had kicked a 37-yard field goal earlier, and it looked like a runaway.

But Sul Ross scored 14 unanswered points in the second and third. It stayed that way until the fourth. Four AC threats ended in two interceptions, a fourth down incompleteness, and a fumble. On fourth and six at the Lobo 22 with less than a minute and a half left, Shillings found Oliphint at the 10, and the receiver dove between two defenders to the end zone. AC and Sul Ross shared the TIAA top spot at 6-1.

Luper set a TIAA record with three interceptions, and AC whipped Tarleton 30-21 in Stephenville. His first pick was lateralled to Kenny Kirby who raced to the Texan 10, and Russ Roden followed next play with a catch from Shillings for six. Garcia's fumble recovery at the Tarleton 10 preceded Branum's 20-yarder for three points. Again, the defense paved the way as Don Tafelski got a fumble recovery in the second, and



Posing in front of the 1981 NAIA Division II championship banner are Gene Branum (10), Rory Dukes (4), Larry Hickman (72), Jimmy Curry (2), Larry Shillings (12), David Simmons (44), and Stu Oliphint (43). Behind the banner left to right are David Norman, Jeff Robbins, Bill Draughn, Eddie Shuttlesworth, Steve Wallace (partially hidden behind Shuttlesworth), Mackey Clark, David Bowen, Kevin Tarver, Randy Sims, Forrest Wylie, Coach Larry Kramer, trainer Tim Kay, and trainer David Reynolds. (Austin College photo)

Shillings hit Roden again from 32 for a TD. It was 17-3 at the half.

Simmons capped a 62-yard drive with his three-yard scoring run in the third, and Oliphint closed out the scoring with a catch of a Shillings pass from the 17 in the fourth. Shillings was sacked six times for a minus 46 yards, and the Kangaroos netted only 36 yards rushing on 47 tries. For his record-setting performance and ten solo tackles, Luper was TIAA defensive player of the week. Dyke McMahan had 10 tackles, including seven solos.

Trinity broke to a 6-0 lead, but couldn't answer AC's 21 second quarter points, and the Kangaroos won a 42-20 battle. Dukes caught five passes, three for touchdowns, and accounted for 153 of the 529 yards total offense. Shillings hit Oliphint from the 32 for the first score and Dukes from the 18 for the second. Turner blasted in from the two for six, and Shillings and Dukes did it again, this time from 30. Kenny Kirby returned an interception 80 yards for a TD but drew a flag and the wrath of Larry Kramer for waving the ball at trailing pursuers. But the six points stayed on the board. For a finale, Dukes grabbed another TD strike from Shillings from 41 out.

Defensive linemen Larry Hickman, Rex Baker, and Ed Holt applied enough pressure to get three sacks and force three interceptions. Shillings was 20 of 29 for 374 yards, and Hargis picked up 80 steps in 10 carries. Oliphint caught seven passes for 128 yards.

The Kangaroos beat McMurry 26-13 on Saturday and looked for an NAIA playoff bid on Sunday. AC was TIAA co-champion with Sul Ross but was ranked number six in the nation while the Lobos were unranked, and the bid came through. The NAIA set an afternoon game in Goodwell, Oklahoma, against Panhandle State.

Again, AC was a touchdown behind McMurry before the Kangaroos could reach the end zone. Shillings scored on a one-yard run, Branum booted a field goal from 37 out, Oliphint latched on to a Shillings pass for 25 yards and six points, Turner ran one in from the one, and Branum added a 25-yard field goal.

Shillings set two TIAA records, most completions and passing yards (149 and 1,981) in a season, and tied another, his

own mark of 17 touchdown passes, which he set in 1980. Oliphint, with three catches, won the TIAA receiving crown with 51. Hickman was TIAA defensive player of the week with 11 solo tackles, three assists, a fumble recovery, and two sacks. Robbins, who had an interception, and Luper had 11 tackles each. Mark Richardson, in his first start, also picked up 11 tackles, two for losses.

Goodwell, Oklahoma, was the site of the Kangaroos' second ever attempt in a playoff game, and the 1979 team, which played the first, never got past the first round in a loss to Bethany, Kansas. In fact, no TIAA team had ever won a playoff game.

But this one was never in doubt. It was 24-0 before Panhandle State could catch its breath, and AC won the game 27-16 and won the right to host William Jewell of Liberty, Missouri, in the semi-final game.

Dukes began the scoring in Oklahoma with a pass from Shillings after Hargis' tough running had brought the Kangaroos to the 21. It was Dukes again two possessions later running under a 55-yard Shillings bomb for a TD. Two flags for unsportsmanlike conduct put the Aggies in scoring position before Luper intercepted in the end zone. AC drove 80 yards for six by Oliphint, who went airborne over the pylon with a catch of Shillings' 18-yard toss.

Don Tafelski blocked a punt, and Holt recovered at the four. Branum kicked a 19-yard field goal. It was 24-16 after the Aggies scored two quick ones, but after Oliphint recovered an onside kick following the second TD, Branum set an NAIA playoff record with a 53-yard field goal.

Luper won and lost. He was voted defensive player of the game for his three interceptions, two in the end zone. But he was lost for the season when he injured his ribs and a kidney in an end zone collision with teammate Les Garcia. The strength of the Aggie offense was its running game, but the AC defense allowed only 39 yards. Hargis, in a career performance, had 128 yards on 20 runs. Thirteen years later, Kramer still claimed that the win over Panhandle State "was big, all things considered, maybe as big as the championship game."

Second round, William Jewell. The pre-game dressing room was quiet.

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NO.	PLAYER	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
2	Jimmy Curry	SS	5'8"	179	Sr.	Arlington (Bowie)
3	Rickey Turner	TB	5'10"	190	Sr.	Mt. Pleasant
4	Rory Dukes	FL	5'9"	155	Sr.	Kilgore
5	Jason Schiflett	FS	5'11"	171	Fr.	Houston (Northbrook)
7	David Norman	SS	5'9"	175	Jr.	Big Sandy
8	Jim Vice	QB	6'2"	180	So.	Frisco
9	Darrell Belcher	CB	5'10"	156	Jr.	Dallas (St. Marks)
10	Gene Branum	P-PK	6'0"	200	Sr.	Tyler (Lee)
12	Larry Shillings	QB	5'11"	178	Sr.	Bryan
14	Scott Krikorian	WR	6'1"	170	Fr.	Richardson (Richardson)
20	Bobby Fowler	RB-KR	5'10"	155	Fr.	Newark
21	Don Tafelski	OLB	5'9"	175	So.	Plano
22	Greg Garrison	TB	5'9"	174	So.	Dallas (Hillcrest)
23	Kevin Tarver	WR	5'8"	145	Jr.	Cleburne
24	Les Garcia	DB-KR	5'9"	170	Jr.	Thompson
25	Van Hargis	TB	6'0"	185	Fr.	Commerce
26	Russ Roden	WR	5'10"	160	Jr.	Mesquite (North)
28	Kenny Kirby	CB	5'11"	167	Jr.	Gainesville
29	Jeff McCord	DB	5'10"	165	Fr.	Gainesville
34	Carl Oliver	FB	5'9"	185	Fr.	Gilmer (New Diana)
40	Fouad Faris	CB	5'9"	165	So.	Pasadena
42	Steve Wallace	ILB	5'10"	210	Jr.	Howe
43	Stu Oliphint	FB	5'8"	195	Sr.	Dallas (St. Marks)
44	David Simmons	FB	5'9"	190	Sr.	Tom Bean
47	Jeff Varner	WR-LB	6'2"	205	Fr.	Ennis
50	Bill Draughn	T	6'0"	198	So.	Commerce
51	Gary Bob Pruitt	ILB	6'1"	210	So.	Hawkins
52	Jeff Robbins	ILB	5'11"	205	Jr.	Bonham
53	Ed Shuttlesworth	C-G	5'10"	207	Jr.	Arp
54	Mackey Clark	C	6'0"	190	Fr.	Arlington (Bowie)
55	Forrest Wylie	OLB	6'1"	200	Fr.	Houston (Lamar)
57	Greg Cason	C	5'11"	210	So.	Duncanville
58	Dyke McMahan	ILB	6'1"	200	Fr.	Electra
62	Bill Magers	ILB	5'9"	185	Fr.	Sherman
63	Rossi Felix	OLB	6'2"	205	Fr.	Dallas (Hillcrest)
65	Don Parnell	G	6'1"	225	Jr.	Ft. Worth (W. Hills)
66	Randy Sims	ILB	6'0"	210	Jr.	Bryan
68	David Bowen	OLB	6'1"	195	So.	Garland (N. Garland)
69	Jody West	DT	6'1"	230	Jr.	Whitesboro
70	David Adams	T	6'2"	236	Jr.	Mesquite (North)
71	Rex Baker	DT	6'2"	213	So.	Richardson (Pearce)
72	Larry Hickman	DT	6'1"	205	Sr.	Gainesville
73	Greg Larson	T	6'1"	210	Fr.	Arlington (Bowie)
75	Ed Holt	NG	6'2"	213	So.	Rosenberg
76	Dan Kern	T	6'1"	245	So.	White Oak
78	David Rigg	T	6'2"	180	Fr.	Arlington (Bowie)
79	Casey Letlow	DT	6'0"	220	Fr.	Houston (Northbrook)
82	Finlay Woodruff	WR	6'1"	200	Fr.	Wichita Falls
88	Clay Oliphint	TE	6'0"	170	Jr.	Dallas (St. Marks)
89	Mark Richards	OLB	6'2"	190	So.	Sherman

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Some of the players were still in awe of the fact that they had won the first playoff game ever registered by an Austin College team. Coach Kramer came pacing among the players looking each one in the eye.

"You guys are not ready to play," he said. "You're going to go out and get your tails beat. WHY DON'T YOU GET EXCITED?" He started waving his arms, and the team started pounding each other, helmets were flying, and every player was screaming.

Kramer's response? "Shut up! Talk's cheap!"

Austin College picked up its second playoff win 33-28 against William Jewell and won the host spot for the national championship tussle with Concordia, Minnesota. Coach Kramer called the win over the Cardinals "the kids' finest hour."

It was a familiar story with the 1981 team... the opponents scored first. The Kangaroos fumbled away the opening kickoff, and the Cardinals scored in five plays. But by the end of the first quarter, AC was ahead 13-7. A screen pass, Shillings to Hargis, went for 31 yards and six points. Findlay Woodruff gave AC the ball with a fumble recovery. Jason Schiflett, a freshman starting for the injured Luper, blocked a punt, and AC needed just two plays to score from the 17, Shillings to Oliphint. Branum had a rare PAT miss, but the score was 13-7 AC.

William Jewell made it 14-13 in the

second quarter, and Branum's 22-yard field goal put the Kangaroos back in front 16-14 at the half.

Dukes ran the second half kickoff back 45 yards to the William Jewell 49, and 10 plays later, David Simmons, with a screen pass from Shillings, ran it home from 13 out. Branum made it 23-14. Said Simmons, "It worked with Hargis, and it worked with me. I got great blocks from Greg Larson and Russ Roden downfield, and all I had to do was run."

But the Cardinals weren't through and made it 23-21 by the end of the third. Oliphint's leap and grab to the one set up Shillings sneak to put AC up 30-21, and William Jewell responded quickly with seven points to close in at 30-28. Branum's late 22-yard field goal made it a 33-28 final.

Shillings and Garcia were offensive and defensive players of the game. Shillings went 15 of 26 for 234 and two touchdowns. Hargis led rushers with 698 yards, and Oliphint caught eight for 125. Fellow receiver Rory Dukes called Oliphint "the best there is in the country."

Next week, Concordia College and a championship game.

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#### Austin 24, Concordia 24

Concordia	0	17	7	0	-24
Austin College	7	7	0	10	-24
AC — Van Hargis	14	run	(Gene Branum kick)		
C — Doug Bergland	29	FG			
C — Joe Gotta	34	pass from Craig Samuelson (Doug Bergland kick)			
AC — Rory Dukes	31	pass from Larry Shillings (Gene Branum)			
C — Jim Klug	1	run (Doug Bergland kick)			
C — Mark Davies	2	run (Doug Bergland kick)			
AC — Clay Oliphint	6	pass from Larry Shillings (Branum kick)			
AC — Gene Branum	57	FG			

Stats	Concordia	Austin
First downs	15	21
Rushes-yards	51-188	35-131
Passing yards	128	202
Passes	8-16-0	17-26-2
Punts	4-34.8	3-40.3
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties	2-20	7-90

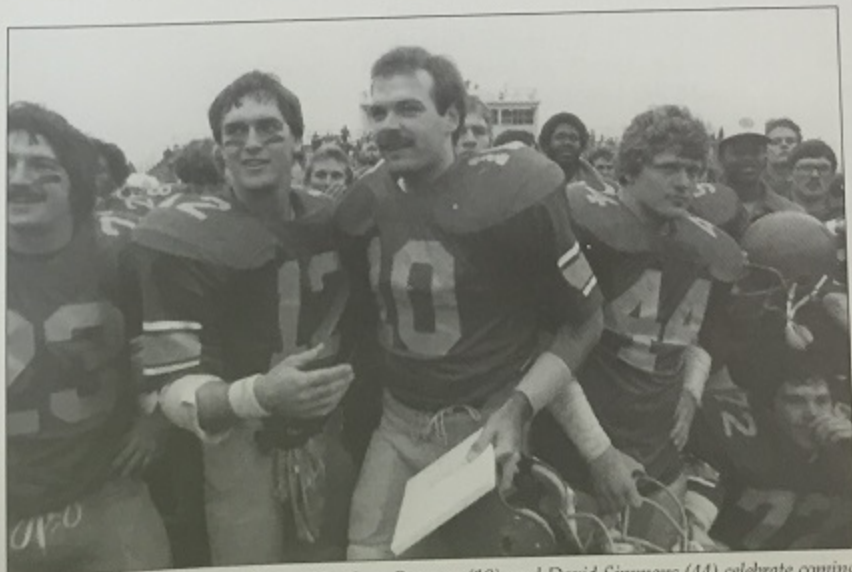
#### Individual Stats

**RUSHING** — Austin, Hargis 11-68, Garrison 7-28, Simmons 4-22, Shillings 13-13; Concordia, Klug 30-94, Samuelson 4-45, Christopherson 13-41, Davies 2-7, Jorgenson 2-1

**PASSING** — Austin, Shillings, 17-25-202-2, Garrison 0-1-0-0; Concordia, Samuelson 8-16-128-0

**RECEIVING** — Austin, Dukes 6-104, Oliphint 4-69, Simmons 2-9, Hargis 3-23, Tarver 1-11, Roden 1-6; Concordia, Davies 1-43, Klug 3-32, Gotta 1-34, Shepley 1-19

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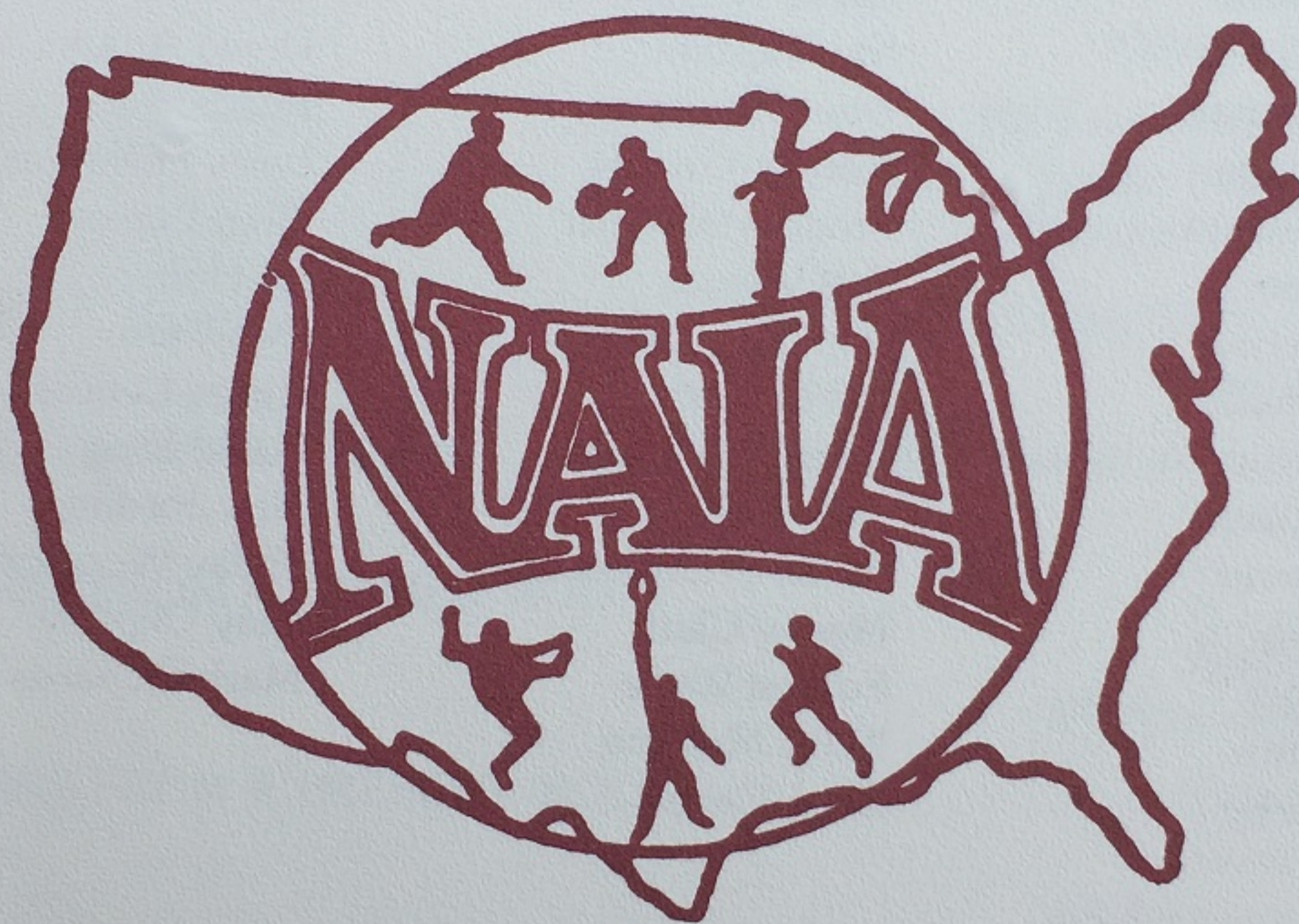


Kevin Tarver (23), Larry Shillings (12), Gene Branum (10), and David Simmons (44) celebrate coming from behind in 1981 for a share of the NIAA Division II national championship.

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ENTERTAINMENT.....	"4th & Long" Quartet
PROCLAMATION.....	Honorable Jack Kennedy Mayor of Sherman
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REMARKS FROM A FORMER 'ROO.....	Bo Miller Austin College All-American — 1960
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WHEREAS, the 1981 Austin College Kangaroos experienced their best season since beginning football competition in 1896, and

WHEREAS, Austin College's recognition as Co-Champions of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Division II, climaxed the successful football season, and

WHEREAS, the success of Austin College's 1981 football team has brought recognition to Austin College and the City of Sherman, and

WHEREAS, players who helped Austin College experience its best season ever were David Adams, Bart Aldridge, Rex Baker, Darrell Belcher, Bo Berry, Tracy Blankenship, David Bowen, Sam Boatman, Gene Branum, Ricky Calhoun, Greg Cason, Macky Clark, Jim Curry, Bill Draughn, Rory Dukes, Fouad Faris, Larry Fedora, Rossi Felix, Bobby Fowler, Les Garcia, Greg Garrison, Ronnie Groves, Van Hargis, Derric Henderson, John Henderson, Larry Hickman, Ed Holt, Max Jordan, Jeff Julian, Dan Kern, Kenny Kirby, Scott Krikorian, Greg Larson, Casey Letlow, Chris Luper, Bill Magers, Ken McClellan, Jeff McCord, Dyke McMahan, Terry Mebane, David Norman, Clay Oliphint, Stu Oliphint, Carl Oliver, Don Parnell, Todd Proctor, Gary Bob Pruitt, Mark Richards, David Rigg, Jeff Robbins, Russ Roden, Jeff Rutledge, Mark Sartain, Jason Schiflett, Marty Secord, Larry Shillings, Pat Shovlin, Eddie Shuttlesworth, David Simmons, Randy Sims, Don Tafelski, Kevin Tarver, Rickey Turner, Jeff Varner, Jim Vice, Steve Wallace, Joe West, Freddie Wilburn, Finlay Woodruff, Forrest Wylie, and

WHEREAS, valuable leadership to this fine team was provided by Athletic Director Bob Mason, Head Coach Larry Kramer, and Assistant Coaches Ralph McCord, Sig Lawson, Jim Norman and Vance Morris, and

WHEREAS, others contributing to the successful season included Graduate Assistants Paul Gardner and Don Woods; Student Assistant Bill Leonard; Head Trainer Tim Kay; Trainers Brad Bassett and David Reynolds, and Managers Robert Johnson, Tim McGee, and Gene Strawn.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jack G. Kennedy, Mayor of the City of Sherman, Texas, by the authority vested in me, do hereby commend the

1981 AUSTIN COLLEGE KANGAROOS

And call upon all Sherman citizens to join in honoring the football team that has brought recognition to Austin College and the City of Sherman.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sherman to be affixed this the 15th day of February, 1982.

*Jack G. Kennedy*  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

*Jack Spears*  
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City Clerk



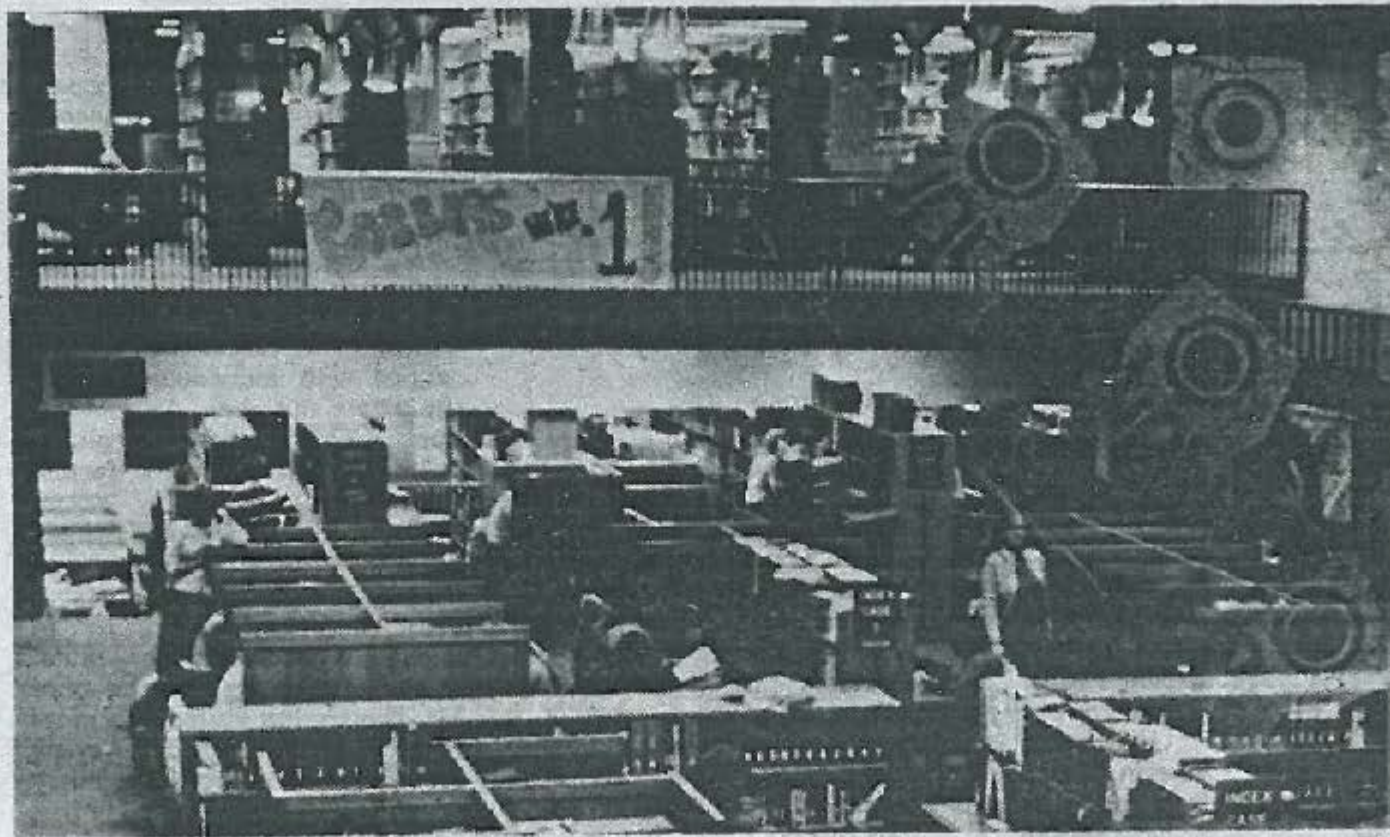
# Playoff bound Cobbers claim MIAC crown

The second season is now over for the Cobber football squad and the third season is about to commence. It all started back in September with non-conference games against Wisconsin Eau Claire and Moorhead State. Then came the conference season that was highlighted by back-to-back wins over St. Thomas and St. John's and culminated by last week's 17-3 win over Gustavus. That win not only clinched their fourth straight MIAC title but also entitled the Cobs to their first post season play since they won the national title in 1978. The "third season," so to speak.

The Cobbers, who last week were ranked fourth in NAIA Division II, will host Dickinson State tomorrow. The opening round game will get underway at 1:00.

Last weekend at Gustavus the big story was five Gustie turnovers, two which led to Cobber scores.

After kicker Jim O'Neill booted a 27 yard field goal in the first quarter to lift Gustavus into the lead it was time for Dave Bor-



Signs of Cobber spirit appear all over. Tickets for tomorrow's 1 p.m. playoff against Dickinson State can be purchased at Campus information (\$3) or at the gate (\$5).

chard to make another one of his big plays. Borchard recovered two fumbles and it was his first recovery that led to the initial Cobber score. Jim Klug rushed in from five yards out for the touchdown—his ninth of the year.

The Gusties, led by senior quarterback Neal Hagberg, flexed their offensive muscles late in the second quarter. But the omnipresent Dan Olson ended that drive with his eighth interception of the year.

Taking over on their own 20 yard line with only 55 seconds left in the half, the Cobbers wanted to extend the lead. So senior quarterback Craig Samuelson went to work. Mitch Hofstedt caught the first pass, good for 11 yards. Joe Gotta made a nice 14 yard reception before Samuelson connected with Mark Davies for 21 more yards. After those three fine throws it was time for Doug Bergland to get into the act with four seconds remaining. The 46 yard field goal conversion was the

# Concordia, Dickinson selected to NAIA Division II playoffs

By AL GONSOROWSKI  
Staff Writer

Undefeated champions in the North Dakota College Athletic Conference and Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference were selected Sunday to fill the eight-team field in the NAIA Division II football playoffs.

Dickinson State of the NDCAC was informed by National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics officials in Kansas City, Mo., that it will play the Concordia Cobbers Saturday at Jake Christiansen Stadium at 1 p.m. in the first round.

Concordia finished as the third-rated team in Division II with a won-lost-tied record of 9-0-1. Dickinson went through the regular season with a perfect 9-0 record and was rated eighth in the final poll.

In other first-round games Saturday, top-rated Pacific Lutheran (9-0) of Forest Grove, Ore., will play second-rated William Jewell (10-0) at Liberty, Mo.

No. 7 Anderson, Ind., College (8-1) travels to New Wilmington, Pa., to play fourth-rated Westminster College (9-0). And No. 6 Auslin College (9-1) of Sherman, Texas, will play No. 5 Panhandle State (8-0) at Woodward, Okla.

Semifinal games will be played Dec. 5 and the championship Dec. 12. Times and sites will be determined by the NAIA.

Concordia and Dickinson, along with Anderson and Austin, are at-large representatives in the 12th year of NAIA football playoffs.

Teams selected for participation in the playoffs are determined by weekly ratings of members of the NAIA Football Coaches Association. Within Division II and Division III of the NAIA are four geographic areas and one team from each area — providing there is a team rated in the top 12 of the final poll —

is automatically selected for the playoffs.

The next four highest-ranked teams, regardless of geographic area, and not already selected, complete the eight-team field.

Pacific Lutheran was the top-rated team from Area 1 while Panhandle was first in Area 2, William Jewell in Area 3 and Westminster in Area 4.

Concordia is located in Area 3.

Dickinson, located 300 miles west of Moorhead, was the final team invited to participate in post-season action. The Blue Hawks received 191 points in the final poll to shade No. 9 Sul Ross State of Alpine, Texas. Sul Ross, with a 9-1 record, received 185 points.

"Yes, we barely got in," said Dickinson coach Hank Biesiot. "Five points isn't much. We dropped two notches in the poll from a week ago."

The Blue Hawks won nine games this fall but NAIA pollsters only recognize seven games. Victories by Dickinson over two-year schools Bismarck Junior College and Wahpeton State do not count.

"Our goal was to do the best job possible in the NDCAC and take whatever came after that," Biesiot said. "We're glad to have the opportunity to participate in the playoffs."

Dickinson finished 6-0 in the conference for the school's first-ever outright NDCAC title. Biesiot, who has a six-year career record of 36-17-1, said the Blue Hawks have shared about five or six conference football titles.

Dickinson has never been in the playoffs before this year. Concordia has played in three others. The Cobbers of Coach Jim Christopherson tied Sam Houston State of Texas 7-7 in the one-division NAIA championship in 1964.

In 1969, Concordia lost 32-7 to Texas A&I of King-

sville in the Division I final and the Cobbers blanked Findlay, Ohio, 7-0 in 1978 for the Division II crown.

The NAIA played its first football championship in 1956. Divisions I and II came about in 1970 and four teams in each were invited to the playoffs. The format expanded to eight teams in each beginning in 1978.

Concordia petitioned to drop from Division I to Division II in 1970 because, according to Christopherson, of school enrollment (currently listed at 2,850), no spring practices and the availability of only need scholarships.

"Right now we're basking in enjoyment of winning the MIAC and going through an unbeaten season," said Christopherson. "It is a tribute to our players to keep from getting upset along the way."

Concordia knocked off eight league opponents to give Christopherson his seventh MIAC championship in 13 years of coaching and fourth outright title.

Conference crowns have come in 1969, 1970, 1974 and each of the last four seasons. Outright titles have been in 1969, 1970, 1980 and 1981. Unbeaten seasons have been in 1969 and 1981.

Concordia and Moorhead State, rated No. 1 in NAIA Division I, played to a 3-3 tie the second game of this season for the only blemish on each's record.

Christopherson has a career record of 94-31-2.

"We've found in the past that the best way to approach a playoff game is to treat it like a regular MIAC game," the Cobber coach said. "We don't know a thing about Dickinson State outside the fact that it didn't lose a game."

"Any team that goes undefeated deserves a great deal of respect."

Christopherson said that Concordia and Dickinson exchanged three game films each. The Cobbers

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picked Dickinson's games with Jamestown College, Minot State and Rocky Mountain College of Billings, Mont. Biesiot requested Concordia films of games with Augsburg, St. Thomas and Hamline.

Concordia athletic director Armin Pipho and Dean Van Order, director of marketing for the NAIA, will coordinate all preparations leading to Saturday's game. Van Order was expecting to arrive in Fargo today.

Dickinson will travel to Moorhead Friday and work out at Jake Christiansen Stadium that afternoon. A banquet for both teams and all tournament officials is scheduled Friday night at 6:30 at Concordia's Grant Center.

## NAIA DIVISION II (Final poll)

1. Pacific Lutheran (14)	9-0-0	316
2. William Jewell, Mo.	10-0-0	295
3. Concordia, Minn. (2)	9-0-1	284
4. Westminster, Pa.	9-0-1	281
5. Panhandle State, Okla.	8-0-0	252
6. Austin, Texas	9-1-0	226
7. Anderson, Ind.	8-1-0	204
8. Dickinson State, N.D.	7-0-0	181
9. Sul Ross State, Texas	9-1-0	185
10. Findlay, Ohio	8-1-0	175
11. Concordia, Neb.	9-1-0	174
12. Cal Lutheran	8-2-0	170
13. Bethany, Kan.	9-1-0	163
14. Linfield, Oregon	7-2-0	163
15. St. John's, Minn.	7-2-0	83
16. Jamestown, N.D.	6-1-0	79
17. Missouri Valley	8-2-0	77
18. Baker, Kan.	8-2-0	68
19. Peru St., Neb.	7-2-0	35
20. St. Thomas, Minn.	7-2-0	28





Cobber running Reid Christopherson cuts past a Gustie defender after taking a pitch from quarterback Craig Samuelson. The Cobbers won 17-3 in St. Peter. (Julie Stenson photo)

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longest ever for "Bergie" at Concordia and also gave the Cobbers momentum.

Another impressive drive was performed in the third quarter. The 63 yard, 10 play excursion was culminated by a scrambling three yard run by Samuelson. The big play was a 25 yard pass to Gotta.

The game statistics were very even. In total yards and first downs the Gusties came out on top. Two hundred forty-eight to 238 and 19 to 15. However, the important figures were the five turnovers to three and the Cobber's great punting advantage. Once again Jon Pratt proved to be a valuable weapon as his four punts averaged 46 yards.

Klug rushed for 84 yards on 23

carries to put him over 1,000 yards for the season. He is also nearing the 2500 yard mark for his career. Reid Christopherson found the going a little rougher this week but still managed to pick up 36 yards on 12 attempts. Sammy hit on 8 of 13 for 92 yards while Gotta caught 5 for 55 yards.

For the first time since 1969 the Cobbers finished the regular season undefeated. Included in the 9-0-1 record are wins over nationally ranked Eau Claire which hasn't lost since that opening game, St. Thomas, St. John's and a tie with the number one rated Division I team, Moorhead State.

An undefeated season thus far, against quality competition, is a tribute to everyone involved with Cobber football. Several injuries have had to be overcome but everyone has filled in well. Not many senior classes have seen con-

ference football champions at their school in all of their four years. Concordia's class of 1982 has.

In Saturday's playoff

# Dickinson defense to test Cobblers

By DENNIS DOEDEN  
Staff Writer

This is final exams week at Dickinson (N.D.) State College.

But the biggest test of all will come Saturday afternoon when the Blue Hawks' overpowering defense meets the explosive offense of Concordia in a post-season football playoff game at Jake Christiansen Stadium.

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II first-round battle, set for 1 p.m., will match unbeaten conference champions.

Dickinson is 9-0 won-lost overall and holds the North Dakota College Athletic Conference title. Concordia is 9-0-1 after winning the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Concordia was ranked third and Dickinson eighth in the final Division II poll.

In other first-round games Sat-

urday, Pacific Lutheran visits William Jewell in Liberty, Mo.; Anderson (Ind.) College is at Westminster in New Wilmington, Pa., and Austin College of Texas travels to Panhandle State in Goodwell, Okla.

Dickinson finished its unbeaten regular season on Oct. 31 with a 49-7 win over Rocky Mountain College. The Blue Hawks took a week off before resuming drills in anticipation of a playoff berth.

The Hawks are healthy with the exception of an offensive tackle position, where Kurt Lesser has been lost for the season. The 268-pound NAIA wrestling champion has undergone knee surgery. His replacement will be 210-pound freshman Todd Matthews of Garison, N.D.

"This is a typically strong Concordia football team," said Dickinson coach Hank Biesiot. "They



Biesiot



Becker

have excellent balance on offense and defense. Their overall balance stands out."

Dickinson's defense, which produced five shutouts in nine regular-season games, will face a Concordia offense that can move the ball on the ground and through the air. The Blue Hawks limited

opponents to 299 total yards per game and an average of 4.2 points per game.

Concordia averaged 332 yards in total offense and 24 points per game.

"It will be a big test for our defense, there's no doubt about it," said Biesiot, who has a 36-17-1 record in six seasons at Dickinson. "We have to defend the entire football field. Everybody knows about (Cobber fullback) Jim Klug, but they have other people who can hurt you. They are capable of making big passing plays and their other running backs are excellent outside runners."

Dickinson's offense is led by junior quarterback Greg Becker, who passed for five touchdowns. His leading receiver is junior Curt Kretchman, who caught 17 passes for 276 yards and a pair of touchdowns. The Hawks' top running

backs are Tim Christian, Jim Ladbury and John Stenmoen. Christian returned late in the season from an injury and helped the Blue Hawks defeat Jamestown College 24-0.

Biesiot isn't certain his team's two-week layoff will be beneficial. Concordia ended its regular season last Saturday.

"We're very happy with the bid," said Biesiot. "But with final tests this week and the quarter break coming up, it makes a difference in trying to prepare."

Biesiot also downplays the competition between the NDCAC and MIAC in Saturday's game.

"We're going to go into it just like another ball game," he said. "We want to make a fine showing. We're not concerned about making the rest of our conference look good. We're concerned about saving our lives against Concordia."

# Cobber coach proud of his own defense

By DENNIS DOEDEN  
Staff Writer

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Everyone had been raving about Dickinson State's defense, but Jim Christopherson knew all along his Concordia Cobbers could play defense with the best.

It was that Concordia defense that came through Saturday afternoon to help the Cobbers defeat the Blue Hawks 13-9 in a college football playoff game at Jake Christiansen Stadium. About 2,500 fans watched the game in 25-degree weather.

"Dickinson's defense really lived up to its billing," said Christopherson, whose club moved to 10-0-1 won-lost-tied and earned a berth in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II semifinals.

Dickinson came into the game with impressive defensive statistics. The Blue Hawks had allowed an average of 120 total yards and 42 points per game.

"It was an all-around good defensive effort by both teams," Christopherson added. "We had a couple of timely interceptions and we had a good pass rush. We couldn't get their quarterback (Greg Becker) down, but we put a lot of pressure on him."

Becker completed just 3 of 18 passes and had two picked off. But Concordia also threw two interceptions and gave up three fumbles in what Christopherson termed an above-average turnover effort.

"Those turnovers hurt us," he said. "That's more than we're used to. In fact, we had thrown only two interceptions all year before today."

Those turnovers also put more

State. The Dragons are ranked first in NAIA Division I.

"Any time you hold an undefeated team to no touchdowns you know your defense is doing a good job," said Christopherson. Dickinson entered the game at 9:00 after winning the North Dakota Collegiate Athletic Conference crown.

Christopherson said his team is thrilled with a two-week break before its next game. The Cobber will visit Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., on Dec. 5.

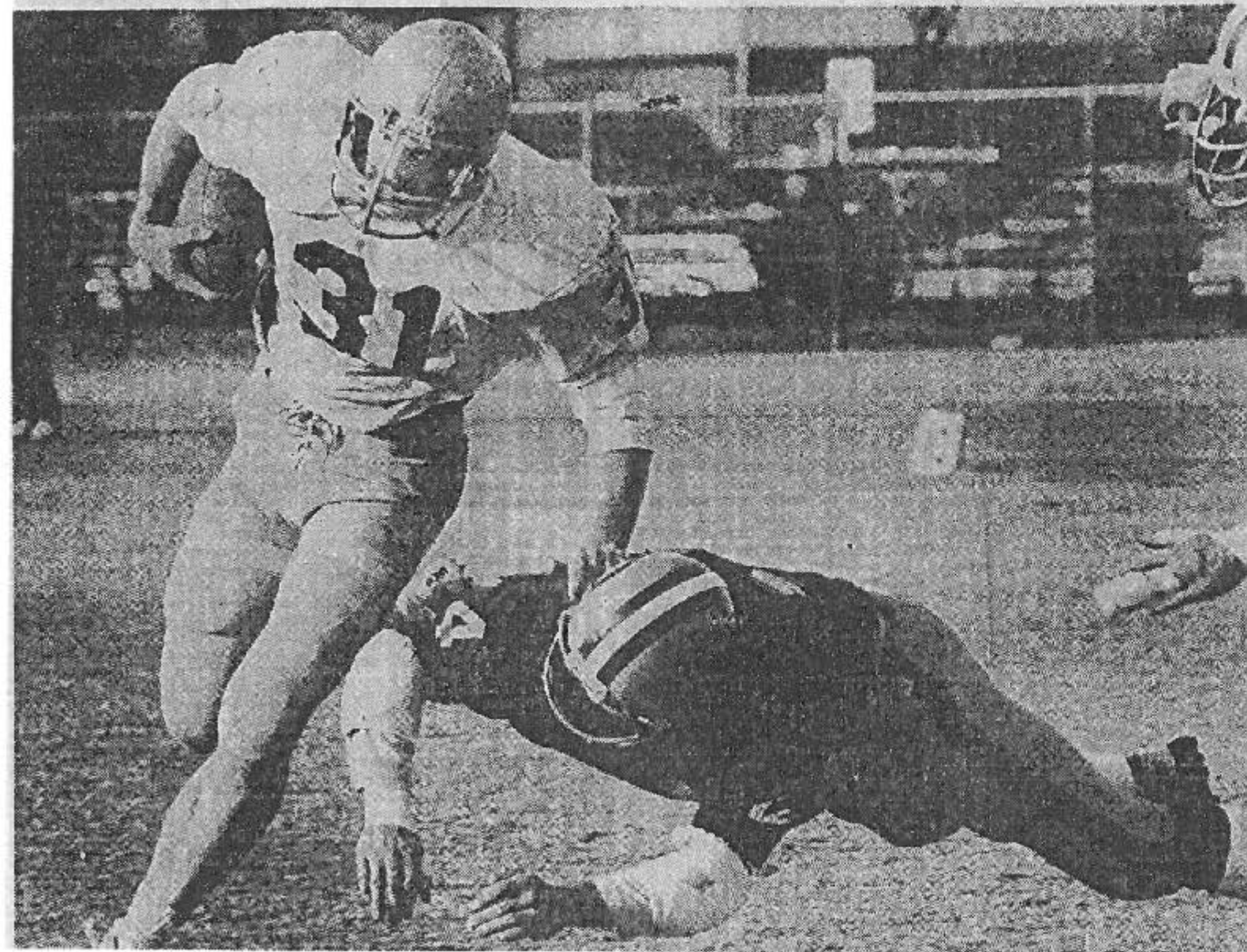
"We've been playing ever week since Sept. 27 without a break," he said. "This will give us time to relax a little and maybe get some of our players healthy again."

The coach is especially concerned about fullback Jim Klug, who was used sparingly after scoring the game's only touchdown Saturday. Klug sprained his ankle in last week's game at Gustavus Adolphus and reinjured it in practice. But he still plowed for team-high 57 yards against the Blue Hawks before going to the sidelines for good in the second half.

Concordia last appeared in the playoffs in 1978 when it won the national championship.

Dickinson coach Hank Biesi didn't want to make excuses for his team's performance, but he admitted a three-week layoff might have had something to do with the Blue Hawks' mental mistakes in the first half.

Dickinson was called for nine penalties for 75 yards before he



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a 25-yard scamper by Reid Christopherson put the ball on the 12. Klug went inside on the last two plays, scoring from the 3, and Berglund added the extra point.

A fumble by Christopherson late in the first quarter gave the Blue Hawks possession at the Cobber 30, but Sturlaugson was short on a 45-yard field goal attempt.

Concordia's Kevin Arndt broke up a pass and teammate John Burns intercepted it to set up a field goal just before halftime. One play following the interception, quarterback Craig Samuelson hit wide receiver Joe Gotta with a 36-yard pass to the Dickinson 3. Backup fullback Nelson Rotto, who replaced the injured Klug in the backfield, went in for an apparent touchdown on fourth-and-goal, but the Cobbers were called for illegal procedure and had to settle for Berglund's 22-yard field goal and a 10-3 lead.

Dickinson was whistled for nine penalties in the first half as the officials stopped off 75 yards against the Blue Hawks.

Dickinson, making its first post-season appearance, began its rally late in the third quarter after forcing the Cobbers to punt for the fifth time in nine possessions.

The Hawks got into field goal position when Olson was called for pass interference against Curt Kretzman at the Cobber 19. After Becker missed on a third-and-six pass, Kelly McNary came on to kick a 32-yard field goal and make it 10-3. McNary is used on short-yardage field goal and extra-point kicks.

With momentum clearly on its side, Dickinson forced another Concordia error as Dean Land blocked Pratt's punt and the Hawks took over on the Cobber 19.

The hard running of Tim Christian and Steve Hall brought the ball to the 1 but an illegal formation penalty took it back to the 6. Becker passed to Tom Hus at the goal line on third-and-goal but the receiver was ruled out of bounds and McNary came on to kick a 24-yard field goal. That made it 10-9 with 13:04 left in the game.

Dickinson was handed another scoring opportunity five plays later when Samuelson and Christopherson failed to connect on a pitchout and the Hawks' Tony Moore recovered at the Cobber 37.

Concordia got out of trouble, however, when tackle Doug McMillan sacked Becker on second-and-four. After an incomplete pass, Sturlaugson shanked a punt for 13 yards to the 25.

The Cobbers added some insurance points by driving to the Dickinson 16. Samuelson and Mark Davies teamed up for pass plays of 12 and 28 yards to keep the drive going. Berglund hit again on a 31-yard field goal for a 13-9 advantage with 4:30 remaining.

The Hawks moved to midfield on the next series before stalling. Christian was stopped for no gain on first down and Dwight Hintermeister and Dave Roer batted down back-to-back passes by Becker.

On perhaps the game's most exciting play, Becker scrambled for nearly 15 seconds before unloading a pass that was picked off by Concordia's Arndt to seal the victory.

The Cobbers, who claimed their fourth straight Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title, were led 10-13 by Gotta

caught five passes for 77 yards and was named offensive player of the game. Defensive honors went to Olson, who made eight tackles and bottled up Dickinson's option game.

Hintermeister added nine tackles and broke up a pass and McMillan had eight stops.

Dickinson, which had never given up more than nine points this season, was led by linebackers Stuart Davis and Moore and defensive linemen Todd Wandler and Jerry Davis. Moore had 16 tackles, a quarterback sack and a fumble recovery. Jerry Davis added 11 tackles and Stuart Davis and Wandler had 10 each.

Dickinson State	3	0	3	3-9
Concordia	7	0	0	3-13
Five — FG Sturlaugson 46				
Con — Klug 3 run (Berglund kick)				
Con — FG Berglund 22				
Dix — FG McNary 32				
Dix — FG McNary 24				
Con — FG Berglund 31				

## STATISTICS

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First downs	7	11
Rushes-yards	45-113	48-74
Yards passing	27	130
Total yards	140	204
Passes	3-10-2	10-20-2
Yards-average	3-10	6-33
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-3
Penalties-yards	10-40	3-01

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING—Dickinson, Christian 19-68, Becker 12-26, Ledbury 9-19, Concordia, Klug 21-37, Christopherson 12-35, Rotto 4-12.

RECEIVING—Dickinson, Kretzman 3-24, Concordia, Gotta 5-77, Davies 2-10, Hufstolt 1-12.

PASSING—Dickinson, Becker 3-10-2, 27 yards, Concordia, Samuelson 10-20-2, 136.

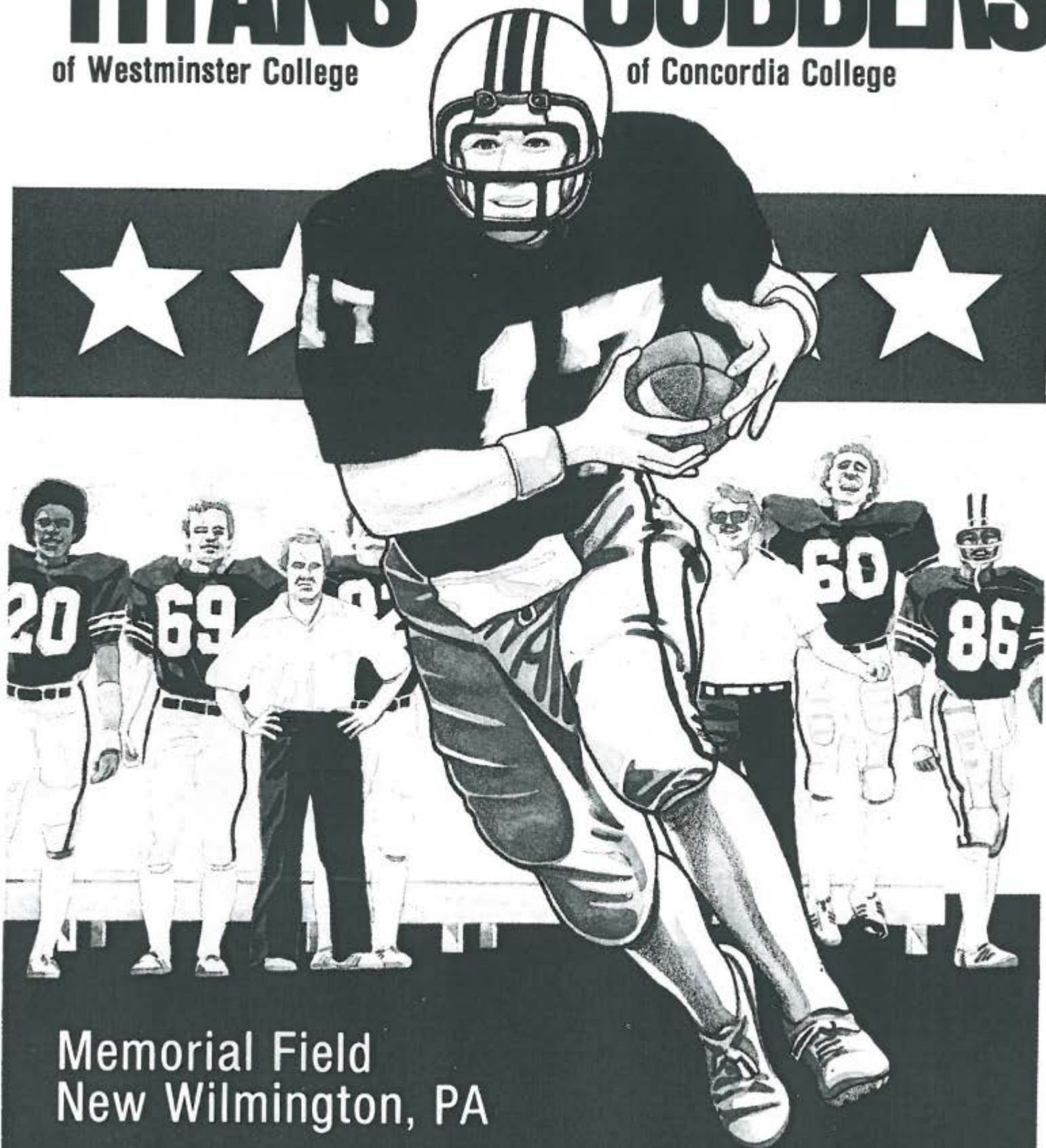
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## 1980

- Pacific Lutheran WA ..... 11-1-0
- Wilmington OH ..... 9-2-0
- Linfield OR ..... 10-1-0
- William Jewell MO ..... 11-1-1
- Hanover IN ..... 8-2-0
- Valley City ND ..... 8-1-0
- Baker KS ..... 9-1-1
- McMurry TX ..... 9-2-0
- Anderson IN ..... 8-1-0
- Peru State NE ..... 9-1-0

## 1979

- Findlay OH ..... 10-1-1
- Pacific Lutheran WA ..... 9-2-0
- Northwestern IA ..... 10-2-0
- Bethany KS ..... 11-1-0
- Austin TX ..... 9-2-0
- Midland Lutheran NB ..... 7-2-1
- California Lutheran ..... 7-2-1
- Jamestown ND ..... 7-1-0
- William Jewel MO ..... 9-2-0
- Hanover IN ..... 7-2-0

## 1978

- Concordia MN ..... 11-1
- Findlay OH ..... 11-1
- Linfield OR ..... 9-1
- Tarleton State TX ..... 8-1-1
- Missouri Valley ..... 9-2
- Carroll MT ..... 8-1
- Northwestern IA ..... 9-2
- Bethany KS ..... 10-1
- California Lutheran ..... 7-2
- Valley City State ND ..... 6-0-1
- Elmhurst IL ..... 8-1
- Jamestown ND ..... 6-1
- Hastings NB ..... 8-1
- Westminster PA ..... 8-2-1

## 1977

- Westminster PA ..... 11-0
- California Lutheran ..... 9-2
- Linfield OR ..... 8-1
- Concord WV ..... 9-2-1
- Valley City St. ND ..... 7-0
- Dakota State SD ..... 10-0
- Missouri Valley ..... 8-2
- Bethany KS ..... 9-1
- W.Va. Wesleyan ..... 7-3
- Chadron State NE ..... 8-2

## 1976

- Westminster PA ..... 10-1
- U. of Redlands ..... 10-2
- Texas Lutheran ..... 10-1
- California Lutheran ..... 9-1
- Valley City State ND ..... 8-2
- Missouri Valley ..... 8-1-1
- Grand Valley State MI ..... 7-2
- Friends U. KS ..... 8-1
- Dakota State SD ..... 8-2
- Dakota Wesleyan SD ..... 8-2

## 1975

- Texas Lutheran ..... 11-1
- California Lutheran ..... 10-1
- William Penn IA ..... 10-1
- Hanover IN ..... 9-1
- Midland Lutheran NE ..... 9-2
- Milton WI ..... 9-0
- Westminster PA ..... 8-1-1
- Bowie State MD ..... 8-1
- Buena Vista IA ..... 8-2
- Pacific Lutheran U. WA ..... 7-2

## 1974

- Texas Lutheran ..... 11-0
- Missouri Valley ..... 10-1-1
- Linfield OR ..... 9-1
- Hanover IN ..... 8-1
- California Lutheran ..... 9-1
- Midland Lutheran NE ..... 11-0
- Pacific Lutheran U. WA ..... 8-1
- William Penn IA ..... 9-1-1
- Illinois Wesleyan U ..... 8-1
- Northwestern IA ..... 8-2
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## 1973

- Northwestern Iowa ..... 12-0
- Glenville State WV ..... 10-2
- William Jewell MO ..... 11-1
- Carthage WI ..... 8-2
- Missouri Valley ..... 9-1
- Westminster PA ..... 7-1
- Fisk TN ..... 9-0
- Carroll MT ..... 6-0
- Buena Vista IA ..... 8-1
- U. of Redlands CA ..... 8-1

## 1972

- Missouri Southern ..... 12-0
- Northwestern IA ..... 10-1
- Doane NE ..... 10-1
- Franklin IN ..... 8-2
- William Penn IA ..... 10-1
- Carthage WI ..... 8-1
- Westminster PA ..... 7-1
- Pacific U. OR ..... 8-1
- Alma MI ..... 8-1
- Fort Valley State GA ..... 8-2

## 1971

- California Lutheran ..... 8-0-2
- Westminster PA ..... 9-1
- Carthage WI ..... 9-1
- Montana Tech ..... 9-2
- Edinboro State PA ..... 9-1
- Kansas Wesleyan ..... 8-1
- Missouri Valley ..... 7-2
- Minot State ND ..... 7-0
- Anderson IN ..... 7-2
- Alma MI ..... 7-2

## 1970

- Westminster PA ..... 10-0
- Anderson IN ..... 9-2
- Edinboro PA ..... 9-1
- Tuskegee AL ..... 9-1
- Minot State ND ..... 7-1
- Simon Fraser BS-CAN ..... 8-0
- California Lutheran ..... 8-1-1
- Montana Tech ..... 9-1
- Carthage WI ..... 7-1-1
- Missouri Valley ..... 8-2

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# 1981 WESTMINSTER TITANS FOOTBALL ROSTER

3 Ron BAUER**	K, 5-8, 168, Sr. Pittsburgh (North Hills)	83 Brian KINKY	WR, 5-11, 177, Jr. Warminster (William Tennant)
51 Dan BOES*	ILB, 5-10, 204, So. Beaver	57 Mark LAMONDE*	C, 6, 240, Jr. Pittsburgh (South Hills Catholic)
84 Dave BOUGHTON*	WR, 6, 178, Sr. Bemus Point, N.Y. (Maple Grove)	64 Bill LANGAN*	OG, 6-1, 246, Sr. Munhall (Boyle)
88 Lamont BOYKINS*	WR, 6-2, 189, Jr. Ambridge (Kiski Springs)	20 Lew LIPSITZ	HB, 5-10, 170, So. Pittsburgh (Mt. Lebanon)
13 Tim BROEREN*	DB, 5-10, 180, So. Pittsburgh (Mt. Lebanon)	58 Dave MARTIN	C, 6, 192, Fr. Youngstown, O. (Boardman)
10 Tony BROWN*	DB, 5-9, 165, So. Warren, O. (Western Reserve)	53 Rich MICHAEL	ILB, 6, 199, Fr. Erie (Tech)
50 Jim CICCONE	C, 6-2, 192, Fr. Sharon (Kennedy Christian)	11 J.R. MILLER**	S, 6, 188, Jr. Pittsburgh (Fox Chapel)
22 Ed DALEY	HB, 5-10, 188, So. Delaware, O. (Buckeye Valley)	45 Tom O'NEIL*	ILB, 5-10, 194, So. Lawrenceville, N.J. (Lawrence)
5 Rich DALRYMPLE**	QB, 6, 198, Sr. Pittsburgh (North Hills)	55 Ray PARIS*	ILB-DT, 6-1, 200, So. Erie (McDowell)
24 Gary DeGRUTTOLA*	OLB, 5-11, 181, Jr. Ellwood City (Laurel)	73 Tim PARISH	OT, 6, 231, So. New Castle (Laurel)
28 John DeGRUTTOLA** (TC)	FB, 6, 223, Sr. Ellwood City (Laurel)	81 Rich RECKTENWALD**	TE, 6-2, 212, Sr. Pittsburgh (Brentwood)
74 Frank DiVITO**	OT, 6-2, 246, Sr. Poland, O. (Seminary)	61 Jerome SCHMITT**	OG, 6-2, 247, Sr. Pittsburgh (Keystone Oaks)
77 Mike DUNLAP	DT, 6, 214, Jr. Knox (Keystone)	79 Mike SILIANOFF** (TC)	OT, 6-1, 255, Sr. Monroeville (Gateway)
7 Rich EDDER	QB-P, 6, 162, So. Conway (Freedom)	37 Frank SOARES	FB, 6, 208, Fr. Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade)
78 Dean FAIR*	OLB, 6-1, 203, So. East Brady	12 Dan STORER*	WR, 6-2, 188, Sr. Newton Falls, O.
33 Steve FERRINGER**	HB, 5-11, 181, Sr. Pittsburgh (North Allegheny)	59 Matt SWOGGER*	DE, 6, 190, Sr. Altoona
85 Glenn FRANTZ**	DE, 6-1, 190, Sr. Oil City	56 Andy TOMMELLEO	DT-ILB, 5-11, 209, Sr. New Castle
46 Mark GIALONARDO	OLB, 6-1, 193, Jr. Pittsburgh (Shady Side Academy)	76 Tom WICZEN*	DT, 6, 235, Jr. Newton Falls, O. (Labrae)
87 Doug GOOCH	TE, 6-2, 187, Fr. Hughesville	86 Dale YOGAN**	TE, 6-2, 219, Sr. Clairton (Thomas Jefferson)
14 Bob GOODRICK	QB, 5-11, 174, So. Sharpsville	15 Tom ZAHNISER	DB, 6-1, 180, Fr. Cherry Hill, N.J.
65 Jeff GRAY** (TC)	DE, 6-1, 200, Sr. Beaver Falls (Blackhawk)	71 Craig ZIEGLER	DT, 6-4, 231, So. Erie (Tech)
49 Kirk HALDEMAN*	OLB, 5-9, 169, Sr. Pittsburgh (Churchill)	60 Joe ZUNIC	OG, 6, 210, Fr. Pittsburgh (Fox Chapel)
47 Scott HIGGINS*	DB, 6, 173, So. Oakmont (Riverview)	29 Harry ZURASKY	DE, 6, 192, So. New Castle (Neshannock)
75 Jack HOLLAND	OT, 6-5, 240, So. Erie (McDowell)	Dan CORNER***	Mgr, Sr. Meadville
36 Tim KAISER	HB, 6, 187, Fr. Oakmont (Riverview)		

\*Indicates letters won TC—Tri-captains

## Titan National Championship Teams

### 1977 Results

28	Millersville	7
30	at Juniata	0
21	Indiana U. of Pa.	6
17	at Waynesburg	15
28	at Grove City	0
38	Frostburg	0
45	Bethany	7
30	at Geneva	0
20	Allegheny	6
14	Concord	13
17	at California Lutheran	9

### 1976 Results

20	at Susquehanna	7
7	Juniata	14
6	at Indiana U. of Pa.	2
33	Waynesburg	7
27	Grove City	0
55	at Frostburg	7
10	at Bethany	3
28	Geneva	6
10	at Allegheny	7
31	at Texas Lutheran	0
20	at U. of Redlands	13

### 1970 Results

26	at Marietta	6
38	Susquehanna	0
28	at Lycoming	0
51	Waynesburg	0
40	at Heidelberg	20
20	John Carroll	6
27	at Carnegie-Mellon U.	7
13	Geneva	0
20	Edinboro	7
21	Anderson (Ind.)	16



# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

## TITANS

3	Bauer, Ron**	K
5	Dalrymple, Rich**	QB
7	Edder, Rich	QB-P
10	Brown, Tony*	DB
11	Miller, J.R.**	S
12	Storer, Dan*	WR
13	Broeren, Tim*	DB
14	Goodrick, Bob	QB
15	Zahniser, Tom	DB
20	Lipsitz, Lew	HB
22	Daley, Ed	HB
24	DeGruttola, Gary*	OLB
28	DeGruttola, John**(TC)	FB
29	Zurasky, Harry	DE
33	Ferringer, Steve**	HB
36	Kaiser, Tim	HB
37	Soares, Frank	FB
45	O'Neil, Tom*	ILB
46	Giallonardo, Mark	OLB
47	Higgins, Scott*	DB
49	Haldeman, Kirk*	OLB
50	Cicccone, Jim	C
51	Boes, Dan*	ILB
53	Michael, Rich	ILB
55	Paris, Ray*	ILB-DT
56	Tommelleo, Andy	DT-ILB
57	Lamonde, Mark*	C
58	Martin, Dave	C
59	Swogger, Matt*	DE
60	Zunic, Joe	OG
61	Schmitt, Jerome**	OG
64	Langan, Bill*	OG
65	Gray, Jeff**(TC)	DE
71	Ziegler, Craig	DT
73	Parish, Tim	OT
74	DiVito, Frank**	OT
75	Holland, Jack	OT
76	Wiczen, Tom*	DT
77	Dunlap, Mike	DT
78	Fair, Dean*	OLB
79	Silianoff, Mike**(TC)	OT
81	Recktenwald, Rich**	TE
83	Kinky, Brian	WR
84	Boughton, Dave*	WR
85	Frantz, Glenn**	DE
86	Yogan, Dale**	TE
87	Gooch, Doug	TE
88	Boykins, Lamont*	WR
	Corner, Dan***	MGR.

\*Indicates letters won  
TC—Tri-captains

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BACK JUDGE — Henry Armstead  
CLOCK OPERATOR — Larry Glass



## WESTMINSTER TITANS

### Offense

86	DALE YOGAN	TE
74	FRANK DIVITO	LT
61	JEROME SCHMITT	LG
57	MARK LAMONDE	C
64	BILL LANGAN	RG
79	MIKE SILIANOFF	RT
12	DAN STORER	WR
5	RICH DALRYMPLE	QB
33	STEVE FERRINGER	HB
28	JOHN DeGRUTTOLA	FB
84	DAVE BOUGHTON	WR

### Defense

65	JEFF GRAY	DE
76	TOM WICZEN	DT
56	ANDY TOMMELLEO	DT
85	GLENN FRANTZ	DE
24	GARY DeGRUTTOLA	OLB
51	DAN BOES	ILB
45	TOM O'NEIL or	ILB
55	RAY PARIS	
46	MARK GIALNONARDO or	OLB
78	DEAN FAIR	
10	TONY BROWN	CB
47	SCOTT HIGGINS	CB
11	J.R. MILLER	S

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## 1981 TITAN RECORD

9/19	Indiana U. Of Pa.	H 10 - 7
9/26	Clarion State	A 14 - 0
10/3	Grove City	A 48 - 0
10/10	Waynesburg	A 14 - 0
10/17	Baldwin-Wallace	H 17 - 10
10/24	Canisius	H 34 - 15
10/31	Geneva	H 35 - 14
11/7	SUNY at Buffalo	A 14 - 0
11/14	Thiel	A 30 - 21
11/21	Anderson (Ind.)	H 21 - 6
	(Won 10, Lost 0)	237 - 73



# CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL

## CONCORDIA COBBERS

### Defense

43	DAVE ROSENGREN	DE
85	DAVE ROEN	DT
73	DWIGHT HINTERMEISTER	NG
71	DOUG McMILLAN	DT
66	DAVE SCHWARTZ	DE
56	JOHN BURNS	LB
40	KEVIN ARNDT	LB
47	DAVE BORCHARD	CB
41	MARK REDEMSKE	CB
44	RICH LORENZ	SS
22	DAN OLSON	FS

### Offense

86	MITCH HOFSTEDT	TE
70	MARK TOMMERDAHL	LT
69	GARY GILBERT	LG
53	GREG BROLSMA	C
63	BRUCE RIMMEREID	RG
78	BOB VANGERUD	RT
89	JOE GOTTA	SE
12	RON RASMUS	QB
34	MARK DAVIES	SB
9	REID CHRISTOPHERSON	HB
36	JIM KLUG	FB



## COBBERS

7	Samuelson, Craig	QB
8	Fuller, Neil	QB
9	Christopherson, Reid	RB
12	Rasmus, Ron	QB
19	Rasmus, Brad	DB
20	Jorgenson, Randy	RB
22	Olson, Dan	SS
23	Pratt, Jon	K
26	Michaelson, Bob	RB
27	Kuball, Kent	DB
29	Sheldon, Scott	FS
34	Davies, Mark	RB
35	Rotto, Nelson	FB
36	Klug, Jim	FB
40	Arndt, Kevin	LB
41	Redemske, Mark	FS
42	Solheim, John	CB
43	Rosengren, Dave	DE
44	Lorenz, Rich	CB
45	Samuelson, Paul	CB
47	Borchard, Dave	CB
51	Anderson, Mark	C
52	Peterson, Brad	LB
53	Brolsma, Greg	C
54	Kirkhorn, Brian	DE
56	Burns, John	LB
60	Lindahl, Roger	LB
61	Mergens, Earl	DT
62	Wanner, Mark	OG
63	Rimmereid, Bruce	OG
66	Schwartz, Dave	DE
67	Teeling, John	MG
68	Gadberry, Jon	OG
69	Gilbert, Gary	OG
70	Tommerdahl, Mark	OT
71	McMillan, Doug	DT
73	Hintermeister, Dwight	MG
74	Winter, Bruce	DT
75	Lahren, Kris	OT
76	Crum, Lee	OG
78	Vangerud, Bob	OT
79	Mergens, Mike	OT
80	Simmons, Craig	TE
82	Shepley, Tom	WR
83	Berglund, Doug	K
85	Roen, Dave	DT
86	Hofstedt, Mitch	TE
88	Anderson, Dave	WR
89	Gotta, Joe	WR

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## 1981 COBBER RECORD

9/5	Wisc.-Eau Clair	A	23 - 7
9/12	Moorhead State	H	3 - 3
9/26	Hamline U.	H	24 - 6
10/3	Macalester	H	47 - 0
10/10	Bethel	A	30 - 17
10/17	St. Thomas	H	17 - 3
10/24	St. John's	A	17 - 7
10/31	Augsburg	H	20 - 14
11/7	St. Olaf	A	42 - 13
11/14	Gustavus Adolphus	H	17 - 3
11/21	Dickinson State	H	13 - 9
(Won 10, Lost 0, Tied 1)			253 - 82

REFEREE — Ted Humphrey  
 UMPIRE — Dave Hicks  
 HEAD LINESMAN — Sam DiBlasi

# 1981 Concordia College Varsity Football Roster

Number	Name	Year	Position	Height	Weight	Hometown (School)
7	SAMUELSON, CRAIG	Sr.	QB	6'2"	185	Pelican Rapids, MN
8	FULLER, NEIL	So.	QB	6'3"	185	Roseburg, OR
9	CHRISTOPHERSON, REID	Fr.	RB	6'1"	185	Moorhead, MN
12	RASMUS, RON	Jr.	QB	6'1"	185	Forest Grove, OR
19	RASMUS, BRAD	Jr.	DB	6'1"	190	Crookston, MN
20	JORGENSEN, RANDY	Sr.	RB	5'11"	180	Pelican Rapids, MN
22	OLSON, DAN	Sr.	SS	5'11"	175	Buffalo, MN
23	PRATT, JON	So.	K	6'5"	195	Mayville, ND
26	MICHAELSON, BOB	So.	RB	5'10"	185	Lake Park, MN
27	KUBALL, KENT	Fr.	DB	5'8"	160	Mapleton, MN
29	SHELDON, SCOTT	So.	FS	5'11"	175	Fargo, ND (North)
34	DAVIES, MARK	Jr.	RB	5'10"	183	Crosby-Ironton, MN
35	ROTT, NELSON	So.	FB	6'1"	205	Bemidji, MN
36	*KLUG, JIM	Sr.	FB	6'3"	215	Litchfield, MN
40	ARNDT, KEVIN	Jr.	LB	6'2"	205	Willmar, MN
41	REDEMSKE, MARK	Sr.	FS	6'1"	180	Staples, MN
42	SOLHEIM, JOHN	Jr.	CB	6'1"	175	Barnum, MN
43	*ROSENGREN, DAVE	Sr.	DE	6'3"	220	St. Louis Park, MN
44	LORENZ, RICH	Sr.	CB	5'11"	185	Alexandria, MN
45	SAMUELSON, PAUL	So.	CB	5'10"	165	Minot, ND
47	BORCHARD, DAVE	Jr.	CB	5'10"	187	Redfield, SD
51	ANDERSON, MARK	So.	C	6'2"	206	Fargo, ND (North)
52	PETERSON, BRAD	Jr.	LB	6'0"	207	Brainerd, MN
53	BROLSMA, GREG	Sr.	C	6'0"	220	Dunnell, MN (Sherburn)
54	KIRKHORN, BRIAN	Sr.	DE	6'2"	190	Great Falls, MT (Russell)
56	BURNS, JOHN	Sr.	LB	6'1"	200	Wadena, MN
60	LINDAHL, ROGER	So.	LB	6'2"	210	Belgrade, MN
61	MERGENS, EARL	Jr.	DT	6'2"	215	Staples, MN
62	WANNER, MARK	Sr.	OG	6'1"	220	Willmar, MN
63	RIMMEREID, BRUCE	Sr.	OG	6'0"	220	Brainerd, MN
66	SCHWARTZ, DAVE	Sr.	DE	6'1"	206	Billings, MT (Central)
67	TEELING, JOHN	Jr.	MG	6'1"	200	Billings, MT (West)
68	GADBERRY, JON	So.	OG	5'11"	180	Moorhead, MN
69	GILBERT, GARY	Jr.	OG	6'0"	212	Hermantown, MN
70	TOMMERDAHL, MARK	Jr.	OT	6'3"	230	Fergus Falls, MN
71	McMILLAN, DOUG	Jr.	DT	6'2"	225	Absarokee, MT
73	*HINTERMEISTER, DWIGHT	Sr.	MG	6'1"	225	Rochester, MN (Mayo)
74	WINTER, BRUCE	Fr.	DT	6'3"	205	Fargo, ND (South)
75	LAHREN, KRIS	So.	OT	6'2"	225	Fargo, ND (North)
76	CRUM, LEE	Fr.	OG	6'2"	220	Grand Forks (Hettinger)
78	VANGERUD, BOB	Sr.	OT	6'2"	225	Roseville, MN
79	MERGENS, MIKE	Fr.	OT	6'5"	221	Staples, MN
80	SIMMONS, CRAIG	So.	TE	6'3"	205	Fertile, MN
82	SHEPLEY, TOM	So.	WR	6'1"	190	Redwood Falls, MN
83	BERGLUND, DOUG	Sr.	K	6'3"	185	Carrington, ND
85	ROEN, DAVE	Jr.	DE	6'3"	215	Lake Park, MN
86	HOFSTEDT, MITCH	Jr.	TE	6'2"	215	St. Louis Park, MN
88	ANDERSON, DAVE	Jr.	WR	6'2"	182	Rugby, ND
89	GOTTA, JOE	Jr.	WR	6'2"	178	Moorhead, MN

\* Captains

## NAIA Tie Breaker Plan for Playoff Football Games

If at the end of the fourth quarter, the teams have identical scores, the tie will be resolved in the following manner:

1. The NAIA Game Committeeman will designate the end of the field on which the overtime period(s) will be played.
2. The Game Committeeman, the Game Officials, and the respective team captains shall assemble at the 50-yard line following a three-minute intermission at the conclusion of the fourth quarter. The referee shall conduct a coin toss and the visiting team captain shall be given the privilege of calling the coin while it is in the air. The winner of the toss shall be given his choice of ball possession or defense for the first overtime period.
3. Each team shall put the ball in play from its opponent's 20-yard line, first down and 10 yards to go.
4. Teams shall alternate possessions until the tie is broken following an equal number of possessions.

## Official NCAA Football Rules Apply Except:

1. Each team is allowed one (1) timeout for each overtime period. Any unused regulation game timeouts may be taken during any overtime period.
2. The same end of the field will be used for both possessions in order to ensure equal game conditions for both teams.
3. Each overtime period will include one possession by each team.
4. The loser of the coin toss for the first overtime period shall have the option of ball possession or defense to begin the second overtime period. Should there be additional overtime periods, the choice will be alternated between the teams.
5. There will be a one-minute intermission between each overtime period.

The team scoring the greater number of points in the overtime period(s) shall be declared the winner. The final score shall be determined by totaling all points scored by each team during the regulation and overtime period(s).

# Concordia's quarterback problem really isn't a problem

By AL GONSOROWSKI  
Staff Writer

Jim Christopherson has a problem, but it's the kind of problem every football coach should be so lucky to have.

Concordia has two excellent quarterbacks and it's Christopherson's job to select one to start against Westminster in Saturday's noon start (Fargo time) of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II playoff game at New Wilmington, Pa.

Choosing between senior Craig Samuelson and junior Ron Rasmus is not an easy decision. Both are proven leaders and have guided the Cobbers to 18 wins, two losses and one tie in two seasons.

The talented duo has directed Concordia to 10 victories and a tie this season.

Injuries to Samuelson and Rasmus over the past two years have enabled Christopherson to get a good, long look and to study possible strengths and weaknesses of both.

However, another problem ar-

ose. If you didn't know that Samuelson wore No. 7 on the back of his playing jersey and Rasmus wore No. 12, it would be almost impossible to tell the two apart.

Time and again, Christopherson has spoken of Samuelson and Rasmus as "look-alikes" when performing on the field.

Samuelson stands 6-foot-2, one inch taller than Rasmus, and both quarterbacks weigh 185 pounds. Both are right-handed with good throwing arms. Samuelson hails from Pelican Rapids, Minn., while Rasmus is from Forest Grove, Ore.

In 1980, Samuelson won the starting position from Rasmus and was the Cobber regular until breaking a leg three games into the season. Concordia was 2-1 won-lost at that point.

Rasmus inherited the starting role and guided the team to wins in six of its last seven games.

After Rasmus and Samuelson played two quarters each this fall in a season-opening victory over Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Christopherson handed the ball to Ras-



Samuelson



Rasmus

mus and called him the No. 1 quarterback.

However, six wins and a tie later, Rasmus pulled a muscle in his shoulder and in stepped Samuelson to guide the Cobbers to their last four wins, including a first-round playoff decision over Dickinson (N.D.) State. Final score was 13-9.

Just this week, Christopherson gave Rasmus a 100 percent clean bill of health and the battle continues.

Rasmus' two-year record at quarterback is 12-1-1 while Samuelson is 6-1.

What do Samuelson and Rasmus think about the dilemma that Christopherson is in, choosing the starting and backup quarterback for a semifinal playoff game?

"Well, it's hard not knowing who'll start," Samuelson said. "It's terrible being on the bench but we both cheer for each other. We both pull together."

"In practice, we know we've got to perform. We accept the fact that only one will play."

Samuelson said there are no hard feelings between him and Rasmus. "We're the best of friends on and off the field," Samuelson said. "When one of us is in the game and comes to the sidelines, we talk to each other and try to figure out what the other team's defense is doing."

"It's a credit to Coach Christopherson to go out and get valuable reserves on a team. Everyone has got to be ready to go all the time."

Rasmus agreed with many points brought up by Samuelson.

"There are no hard feelings between Craig and myself," Rasmus

said. "We battle on the field but not off. Fighting for starting positions make you work that much harder."

Rasmus said the competition between him and Samuelson helps keep the intensity up in the day-to-day practices.

"We have fun in practice," Rasmus said. "It's not a grind-it-out type of thing. We don't worry about the other guy looking over the shoulder. Competition is a healthy thing."

Christopherson said Concordia wouldn't be where it is today without two quality players at a skill position like quarterback.

"Some teams have a quarterback who is here and another who is there," the coach said, raising his arm from his head to his knees. "We're fortunate to have both who are equal."

Christopherson wasn't planning on naming the team's starting quarterback until either today or Friday.

"Heck, I might not make the decision until just before the game," he said.

Concordia's ability to have a

player on the bench ready to fill in for an injured starter is a big reason why the Cobbers have done so well, especially this season.

Concordia has gone through two starting halfbacks this year. Greg Richardson and his backup, Dave Blaske, both went down with knee surgery. Freshman Reid Christopherson, the coach's son, is now a regular.

Right offensive tackle Bob Vangerud, called the team's best offensive lineman by the coach, had surgery on his hand earlier this week and won't play against Westminster. Sophomore Kris Lehren will start in Vangerud's place.

Right offensive guard Bruce Rimmereid missed a game late in the season because of an injury. Freshman Lee Crum ably filled in until Rimmereid recovered and won back his starting job.

"There are only 22 players who can start but I'm sure all 42 on the traveling team believe they can step in any time and do a good job," said Rasmus. "That's the way it has to be."

# Cobber defense to face supreme playoff test

By AL GONSOROWSKI  
Staff Writer

It didn't take Concordia coach Jim Christopherson very long to figure out what makes Westminster go.

After viewing films involving the Titans of New Wilmington, Pa., Christopherson came away impressed with Westminster's ability to move the football.

The Concordia defense will be put to the supreme test Saturday at noon ( Fargo time) in the semifinal round of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II playoffs at New Wilmington.

William Jewell of Liberty, Mo., will play Austin (Texas) College Saturday in Sherman in the other Division II semifinal game. The championship will be Dec. 12, probably at the site of the William Jewell-Austin winner.

"The most glaring thing about Westminster is its offensive line," the Concordia coach said. "Four of the five linemen are seniors

who average 247 pounds. That's huge!"

Added Christopherson, "It's no wonder they are undefeated and able to score points. The line protects the quarterback and moves people out on running plays. The problem (for Concordia) is compounded when you consider that they have a Jim Klug-type runner at fullback."

Christopherson said that Titan fullback John DeGruttola is, like Klug, a solid 100-yard performer. DeGruttola, a 6-foot, 223-pound senior from Ellwood City, Pa., is actually averaging 81.9 yards rushing per game.

Klug (6-3, 215) is a senior from Litchfield, Minn., who has gained 1,058 yards in 11 games.

"I'm sure Westminster's game plan will be to exploit the running game early," Christopherson said. "And they'll stick with it until we stop it."

When Concordia has the football, Christopherson expects the Titans to stack the line of scrimmage.

"It's no secret that we are a fullback-oriented team and if we aren't able to run with the ball we're in real trouble," the coach said. "Another of our big concerns is how effective Klug will be on Saturday. He's still hobbling around."

Klug, recently voted the team's most valuable player, injured an ankle in the final regular-season game with Gustavus Adolphus and the talented Cobber leader reinjured the ankle in a 13-9, first-round playoff win over Dickinson (N.D.) State.

Klug's backup, Nelson Rotto (6-1, 205), is slowed by an injured foot.

On the more pleasant side of Concordia's preparation for Saturday's game is the clean bill of health for quarterback Ron Rasmus. Rasmus has not played in the last four Cobber games because of a pulled shoulder muscle, giving way to Craig Samuelson.

Christopherson is rotating both Rasmus and Samuelson at quarterback this week and won't decide until "later in the week" who

will start against Westminster.

Concordia is 10-0-1 won-lost-tied this season including a 3-3 tie with Moorhead State, the top-rated team in NAIA Division I. Westminster is 10-0.

The Cobbers were rated third in the Division II rankings, one notch ahead of the Titans.

This is Westminster's fifth playoff appearance. Coach Joe Fusco's Titans have won 8 of 9 post-season games including Division II championships in 1970, 1976 and 1977.

Concordia is involved in its fourth playoff. The Cobbers are 6-1-1 with one Division II title in 1978, a 1969 runner-up finish in Division I and a tie for the top spot in the one-divisional NAIA final in 1964.

Two players on the 1978 Concordia team are with the Cobbers today. They include starting defensive end Dave Rosengren, who was a reserve four years ago, and starting middle guard Dwight Hintermeister.

Hintermeister was a regular at offensive tackle in 1978.

Concordia's 42-player travel roster:

Head coach Jim Christopherson and assistants Finn Grimaker (defensive secondary), Sonny Gulsvig (offensive line), Bob Nick (receivers), Al Rice (defensive line) and Jim Fischer (linebackers).

Head trainer Bob Ulrich and assistant Bob Bjornstad.

## OFFENSE

Ends — Joe Gotta, Tom Shepley, Mitch Hofstedt, Craig Simmons.

Linemen — Mark Tommerdahl, Mike Mergens, Gary Gilbert, Mark Wanner, Greg Brotsma, Mark Anderson, Bruce Rimmer, Lee Crum, Kris Lahren, Bob Vangerud (injured).

Backs — Ron Rasmus, Craig Samuelson, Bob Michaelson, Reid Christopherson, Jim Klug, Nelson Rotto, Mark Davies, Randy Jorgenson.

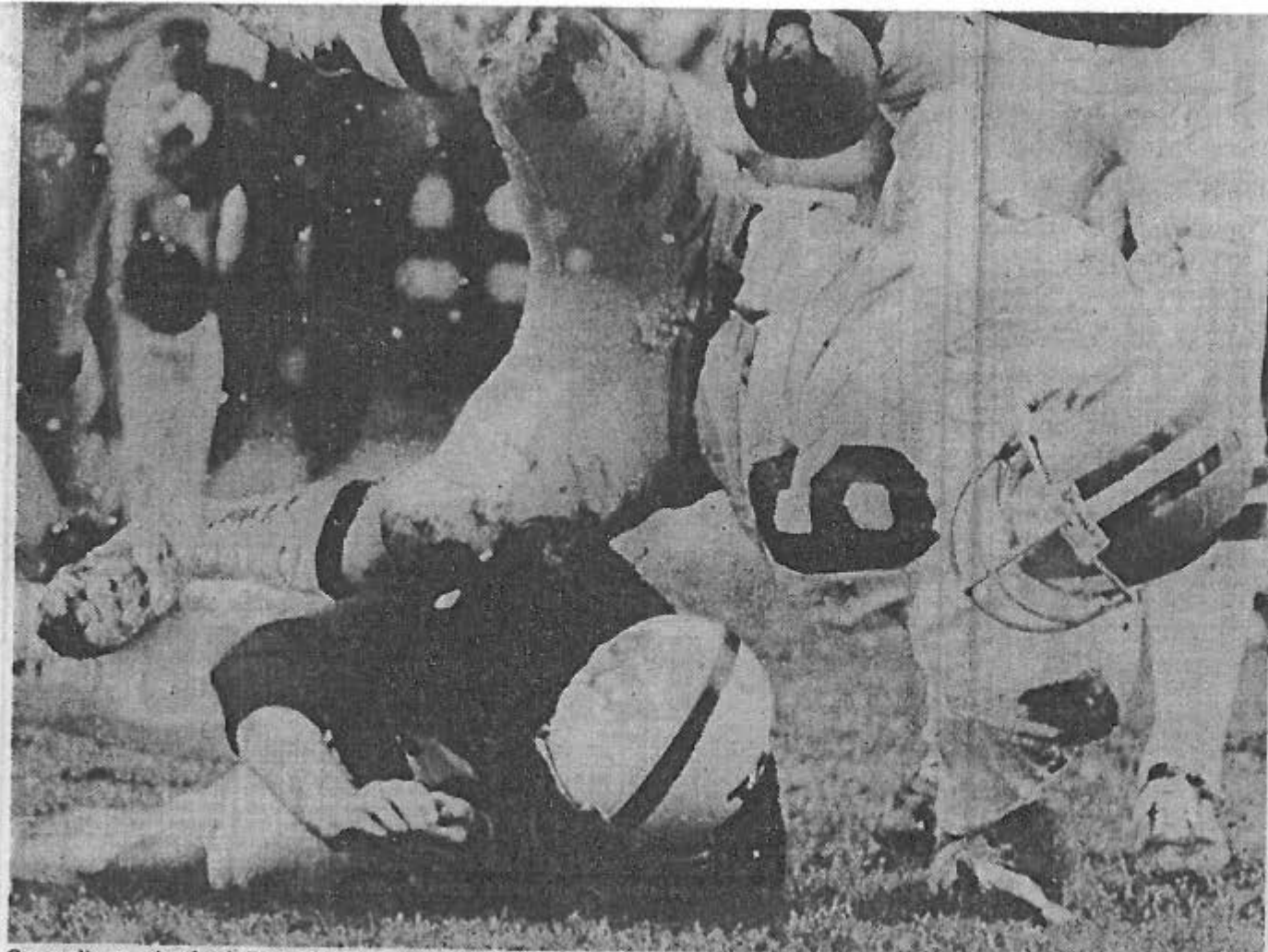
Punter — John Pratt. Kicker — Doug Berglund.

## DEFENSE

Linemen — Dave Schwartz, Dave Rosengren, Brian Kirkhorn, Doug McMillan, Bruce Winter, Dwight Hintermeister, John Teeling, Dave Roen.

Linebackers — John Burns, Roger Lipdahl, Kevin Arndt, Brad Peterson.

Backs — Dave Borchard, John Schleim, Rich Lorenz, Brad Rasmus, Dan Olson, Scott Sheldon, Mark Redemske.



Concordia running back Reid Christopherson (9) is upended by Westminster safety J.R. Miller (11) after a nine-yard gain in the

second quarter of Saturday's NAIA Division II football playoff game. (AP)

## from 10 points down to beat Westminster

By AL GONSOROWSKI  
Staff Writer

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. — Concordia spotted Westminster a 10-0 lead before establishing itself on offense and defense for a 23-17 college football playoff win at Memorial Field Saturday afternoon.

The decision before 2,000 fans sends Coach Jim Christopherson's Cobbers into the championship of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II final Saturday.

Concordia will play Austin College at Sherman, Texas, for the championship Saturday. Austin College defeated William Jewell of Liberty, Mo., 33-28.

Concordia fumbled the opening kickoff and Westminster found itself only 22 yards away from the Cobber end zone. The Titans, however, had to settle for a 27-yard field goal by Ron Bauer.

Then, with six seconds remaining in the first quarter, Westminster quarterback Rich Dalrymple evaded two Concordia defenders and ran around left end for a four-yard touchdown. After Bauer was good on the point after, the Cobbers looked like a different ball club and scored 23 straight points.

The biggest boost for the Cobbers was a second-quarter scoring drive that went 79 yards and used up just over nine minutes. Twice, the Cobbers converted fourth-down plays to keep their drive going.

Reserve halfback Randy Jorgenson ran for six yards on fourth-and-two from the 12 and fullback Jim Klug, voted the game's most valuable offensive player with 79 yards on 29 rushes including two short touchdown runs, burst over from the 1 on fourth down.

"Normally, we would have gone for a field goal on both of those fourth downs," Christopherson said after the game. "But we were behind by 10 points and I felt our power offense could get us one or two yards."

Christopherson called the long touchdown drive a "moral lift."

A little later in the second quarter, Cobber quarterback Craig Samuelson threw 49 yards to wide receiver Joe Gotta on a big third-down play to set up a game-tying 38-yard field goal by Doug Bergland.

"To go into the half tied was an emotional and mental lift for our kids," Christopherson said. "They knew they could go out there and win. When Westminster scored the first 10 points, well, we were wondering if they weren't a little better than we thought."

The Titans elected to receive the second-half kick and Coach Joe Fusco, now, wishes he would have elected to kick off instead.

"We didn't move the ball on that first possession after the half and Concordia had excellent field position," Fusco said. "Concordia shut down our running game and the poor field position limited what we could do on offense. We lost our momentum after the first quarter and never really got it back."

The Cobbers' go-ahead touchdown came midway in the third quarter on a four-yard run by Klug. Concordia started the drive on the Westminster 36 and the big play before the score was a 30-yard pass play from Samuelson to Mark Davies.

Two more field goals by Bergland.

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# Cobbers gain final in NAIA II

By Dan Irwin  
Special Correspondent

## New Wilmington, Pa.

Concordia College head football Coach Jim Christopherson insists that the running game is the "bread and butter" of his team's offensive attack. That may be true, but after the Cobbers handed Westminster College a 23-17 defeat in a NAIA Division II semifinal playoff game Saturday, one might have to admit that Concordia's passing attack isn't exactly burnt toast.

Indeed, senior fullback Jim Klug and freshman halfback Reid Christopherson had the Titans on their heels for much of the day while rushing for 159 yards between them. Klug, named the game's most valuable offensive player, had 79 yards on 29 carries; Christopherson had 80 on 21. But it was quarterback Craig Samuels who broke Westminster's back by completing 8 of 13 passes for 109 yards including three that went for a combined 91 yards to set up a touchdown and two field goals.

"We have a better passing game than most people think," said Christopherson, whose team spotted Westminster a 10-0 first quarter lead before rallying back with 23 points.

"We thought we could throw a little bit on them. We saw that the teams they had played all year had averaged 159 yards passing against them. That's not a lot, but since they were

only giving up 97 yards rushing we felt we might have to pass."

Still, Christopherson credited his rushing attack with the win. "I think the biggest thing was our ability to get something going on the ground. That helped an awful lot. I hate to talk about my son too much but he really made it go. We knew they would be looking for Klug but Reid picked up some very crucial yards that took some of the pressure off Klug, and when the running game is going good it makes your passing game better."

At the game's outset it appeared that the Cobbers might not get a chance to do either. A fumble on the opening kickoff set up a 27-yard field goal by Westminster's Ron Bauer. Then with just six seconds left in the first quarter Titan's quarterback Rich Dalrymple bootlegged 7 yards into the end zone, capping a 12-play, 59-yard drive and giving Westminster a 10-0 lead.

Suddenly though, the Cobbers running game began to click. Concordia opened the second quarter with the ball on its 21-yard line and proceeded to drive 79 yards in 18 plays. Klug scored on a 1-yard run.

Then, with 15 seconds left in the half, Doug Berglund booted a 38-yard field goal to tie the score.

Westminster, in a deviation from head Coach Joe Fusco's usual strate-

gy to take advantage of the strong wind at Westminster's Memorial Field, opened the second half by electing to receive. That meant, however, heading into the wind. "We felt we could move the football so we decided to receive," Fusco said. "Unfortunately if the wind was strongest at any time of the game it was in the third period."

The resulting pattern went something like this: Concordia would kick Westminster into a hole (the Titans started out on their own 24, 6, 22 and 17 yard lines), force a punt and then take advantage of excellent field position to score themselves.

Concordia scored on two field goals, primarily because of the good field position it gained.

Defensive tackle Mark Ergens turned the Titans away in the final quarter by recovering a John De-Gruttola fumble and safety Dan Olson ended another Westminster threat when he intercepted Dalrymple in the end zone. The Titans finally broke through on a 46-yard touchdown pass from Dalrymple to wide receiver Lamont Boykins with just 1:17 to play, but Cobbers offensive tackle Mark Tommerdahl fell on the ensuing onside kick to ice the game away for Concordia.

"I was very pleased with the way our kids kept their composure after getting down 10-0," said Christopherson. "We battled back and when we wer

in with a tie at half time, we knew we could win. Our defense really came together in the second and third quarters, and our kicking game was also a key factor, but we got a few breaks too and on another day it might have gone the other way."

Concordia will play Austin College of Texas Saturday in Austin.

Concordia-Moorhead	0	10	10	3-23
Westminster (Pa.)	10	0	0	7-17

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## GENE BRANUM

in the day and the two finalists in each age group met at halftime of the Atlanta game. I was the smallest 13-year-old kid there, and I was 5-11 at the time!

nesola in December," Branum said Thursday before heading for practice. "Doug said he did most of his preparation indoors. I didn't have to worry about the weather in Texas."

Berglund said he and Branum

tin's school record with a 55-yard field goal in 1980. He parted the goal posts from 53 yards away in a first-round playoff win over Panhandle State of Goodwell, Okla., two weeks ago to set an NAIA playoff record.

## DOUG BERGLUND

Besides kicking off and booting field goals, Branum handles his team's punting chores. Berglund gives way to John Pratt when it comes to punting.

a lot of footballs."

"Kicking is something I've always done," Branum added. "It was a natural thing for me but I've put in many, many hours of work."

# gives away clue team's weakness

they can dominate the line of scrimmage, we could be in trouble."

By "stuffing" Wacker means a punishing ground game. And if the Bison have a strong suit on offense it is running with the football.

It was old home week here Thursday as the Bison and Southwest Texas checked in to prepare

for Saturday's 12:30 p.m. kickoff. Wacker, who coached at NDSU from 1976-78, greeted old coaching buddies and some Bison seniors who were freshmen in 1978.

Wacker wasn't surprised by watching films of recent North Dakota State games since his successor, Don Morton, has continued the veer offense. But Wacker seemed impressed with the defense.

"I can see that same old Bison pride in the defense," he said. "Mike Daly has done a great job."

The 44-year-old Wacker denied that he is a candidate for the Northern Arizona coaching job. His name was mentioned in one wire service report.

"I'm not going anywhere," he said — although some Texas writers suggest he could do well in the Division I-A Southwest Conference.

Indeed, it appears Wacker has an ideal head football coaching job.

"All our kids are from Texas and we do all our recruiting within 200 miles of San Marcos," he said. "There's great high school football played here. Of course, there's a lot of com-

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Concordia captain Dave Rosengren does some stretching exercises during a team workout Thursday at Sherman, Texas, in preparation for Saturday's NAIA Division II football champion-

ship against Austin College. Some of the Cobber coaching staff looks on. (Forum Photo by Bruce Crummy)



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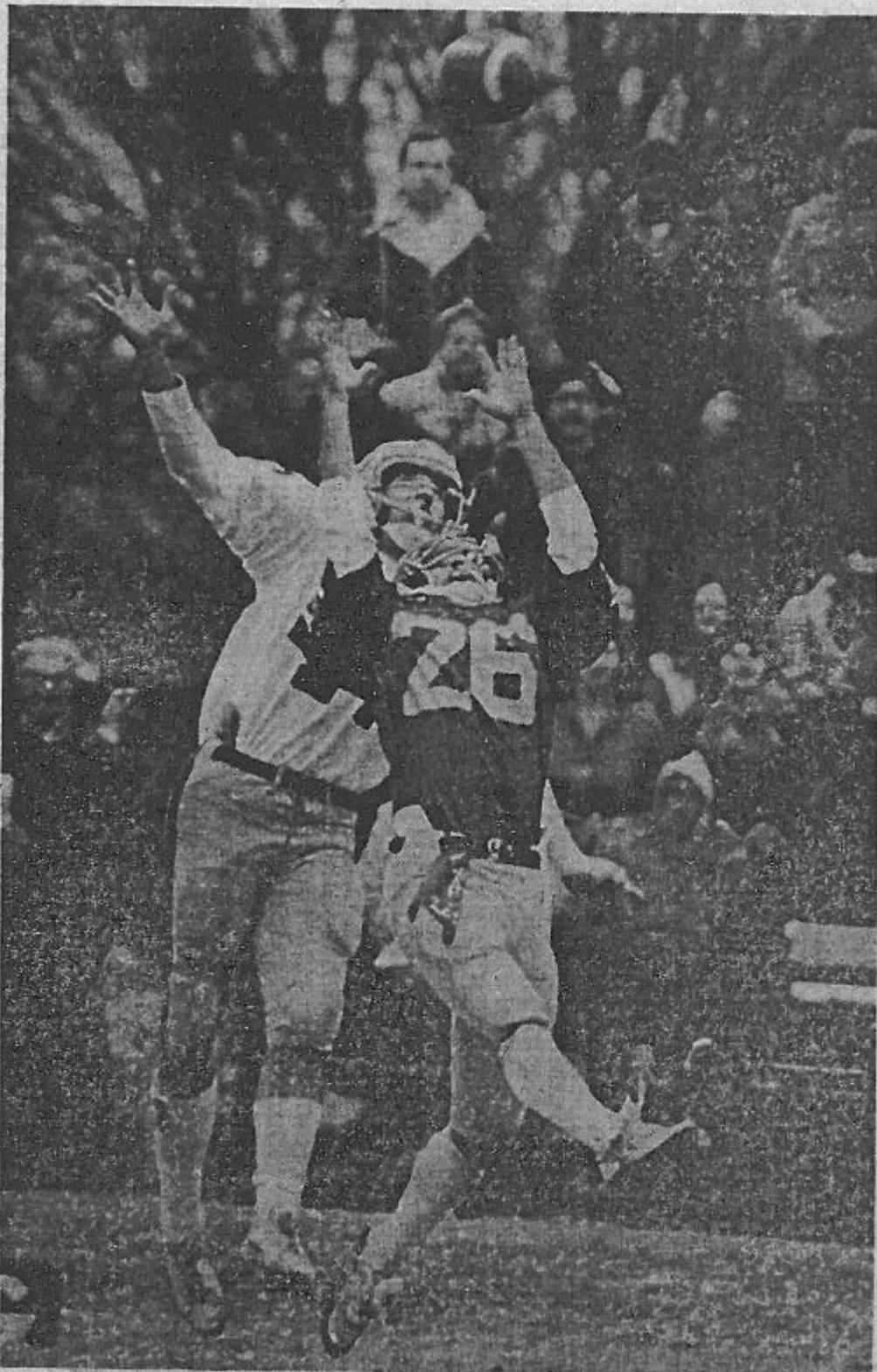


## *Arrival for game*

Ron Rasmus, reserve quarterback for the Concordia College Cobbers, takes his gear to his Sherman, Texas, motel room Thursday after arriving on a flight from Fargo. For stories on Concordia and North Da-

kota State University's preparations for their football championship games Saturday, see Page 18. (Forum Photo by Bruce Crummy)





## Cobbers—

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Four plays before Branum's tying kick, Shillings ran the option for seven yards on a very big fourth-and-four play from the Cobber 46.

Branum was named the game's top offensive player. His 57-yard field goal broke the previous play-off championship kick of 39 yards set by Reed Myer of Redlands, Calif., against Westminster in 1976.

Branum's last-second kick also

Concordia free safety Dave Borchard breaks up this pass at the goal line Saturday intended for Austin College wide receiver Russ Roden (26) at Sherman, Texas, in the NAIA Division II football championship game. (Forum Photo by Bruce Crum)

# Concordia shares NAIA football title

Half a championship is better than none. Ask Concordia-Moorhead and North Dakota State.

A 57-yard field goal by Austin College that bounced over the crossbar forced Concordia to share its NAIA Division II national championship. The game ended 24-24.

Meanwhile, North Dakota State lost 42-13 to Southwest Texas State in the NCAA Division II football championship. The NDSU game, called the Palm Bowl, was played in McAllen, Texas, while Concordia played at Austin College's field in Sherman, Texas.

One minute and 12 seconds were left in the game when Gene Branum lined up to kick for Austin College.

"It was a pretty good way to end it all," said Branum, a senior. "I was ready to kick it — I was confident."

Kangaroo quarterback Larry Shillings, who had cut the margin to three points on a 6-yard touchdown pass to Clay Oliphint, led a 41-yard, 11-play drive to set up Branum's field goal.

Shillings kept the drive alive by scrambling 7 yards to the Cobbers' 39 on a fourth-down-and-4 play with just over two minutes left.

"I still say it's exactly the situation we wanted them in," said Concordia Coach Jim Christopherson, discussing the tying field goal. "The percentages were with us — but it was just a heck of a kick.

"Austin College will consider themselves the national champion, but so will we," he added.

"I don't see anything wrong with it," Kangaroo Coach Larry Kramer said of the tie, which ended his season record at 11-1-1. "They've got a hell of a football team and so do we."

North Dakota State trailed just 14-13 at halftime. But SW Texas quarterback Mike Miller connected with David Vela on a 64-yard pass play and with Vaughn Deary on a 44-yard pass to pull the Bobcats ahead 28-13 in the third quarter.

"We didn't plan to throw long," Miller said. The Rhodes scholar candidate had thrown 16 touchdown passes before Saturday, but long passes weren't a part of the original game plan until the Bobcats found themselves outplayed in the first half.

As Miller threw his second-half bombs, NDSU's rushing offense sputtered to a halt. The Bison, who had averaged 317 yards rushing a game, wound up with only 220 yards against the Bobcats.

Adding to Bison frustrations was the injury of two veteran playmakers. Senior running back Mike Kasowski left the game in the third quarter with a shoulder separation and senior linebacker Todd Lecy was carried off the field with a knee injury.

"Their quarterback was unbelievable," said NDSU Coach Don Morton of Miller. "He put the ball on the money."

Miller finished with 8 of 14 completions for 198 yards and rushed 20 times for 74 more. The Bobcats, who lead Division II in total offense, had 526 yards of it in the game.

Morton also said the 80-degree temperatures got to the Bison. "We tried to play down the fact that the heat was going to be a factor, but it was," the NDSU coach said. "We tired out.

"But no matter where we would have played, Southwest Texas would have won."

# Cobber veteran eyes second grid title

By AL GONSOROWSKI  
Staff Writer

SHERMAN, Texas — If anyone should feel relaxed when Concordia squares off with Austin College Saturday for the national football championship, Dwight Hintermeister's your man.

Hintermeister, who plays middle guard, was also a starter when Concordia defeated Findlay, Ohio, 7-0 in the 1978 final of the National Association of Inter-



Hintermeister

collegiate Athletics Division II playoff at Findlay. No other Cobber, this season, started four years ago.

However, the 6-foot-1, 225-pound senior from Rochester, Minn., doesn't think the experience in 1978 will be much of an advantage when the game begins at 1 p.m.

"I don't think I'm any more relaxed than the rest of the team," Hintermeister said Friday before heading for his final pre-game workout. "I'm nervous but more confident than I was four years ago."

Hintermeister said the entire team feels better playing Austin than it did playing Westminster in a semifinal game at New Wilmington, Pa., last week.

"Playing on the road against someone you don't know is tough," he said, adding that some of the playoff jitters should be gone by now.

Hintermeister, who turned 23 years old in November, is a five-year veteran. He was on the Cobber traveling team in 1977 as a freshman and started at defensive tackle a year later until a playoff injury moved him to middle guard in the final against Findlay.

Hintermeister was red-shirted (held out of action) in 1979 because of a broken wrist and has been the team's regular middle guard in both of the last two seasons.

"I broke my wrist against Moorhead State early in the 1978

season," Hintermeister said. "It was heavily taped so I could still play."

Surgery was performed on the wrist in 1979.

"I want to play my best game ever Saturday," Hintermeister said. "Winning a championship is really something that's hard to explain. It's exciting. Finishing second will be disappointing."

Hintermeister said he's better able to "read" what opponents are doing on offense than he was four years ago.

"I'm not making dumb freshman mistakes anymore," he added. "It gets so you can antici-

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## Skills

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"Kangaroos are Kangarrific" and "One More To Go For The Goos." However, outside the signs, the atmosphere is pretty subdued.

"We've had more than this championship game to prepare for this week," said Austin coach Larry Kramer, who was born in the southeastern Minnesota city of Austin. "This is finals week for us and the kids have had to hit the books pretty hard. But I think we're prepared for Concordia."

Kramer said his team's biggest concern is Concordia's ability to sustain drives. "We're used to having the ball a lot around here," he said. "We're not used to long possessions."

Kramer agreed that, with Larry Shillings at quarterback, the Kangaroos are able to put points on the scoreboard in a hurry. "But, with a passing game, mistakes can come in a hurry, too," he added.

Shillings has passed for 23 touchdowns and 2,423 yards.

"If we ever get ahead Saturday, that Shillings can dissolve that in a hurry," said Christopherson.

Both Christopherson and Kramer agreed that neither team will feel comfortable with a lead today. "There's just too much character on both teams to give up," said Kramer.

## Veteran

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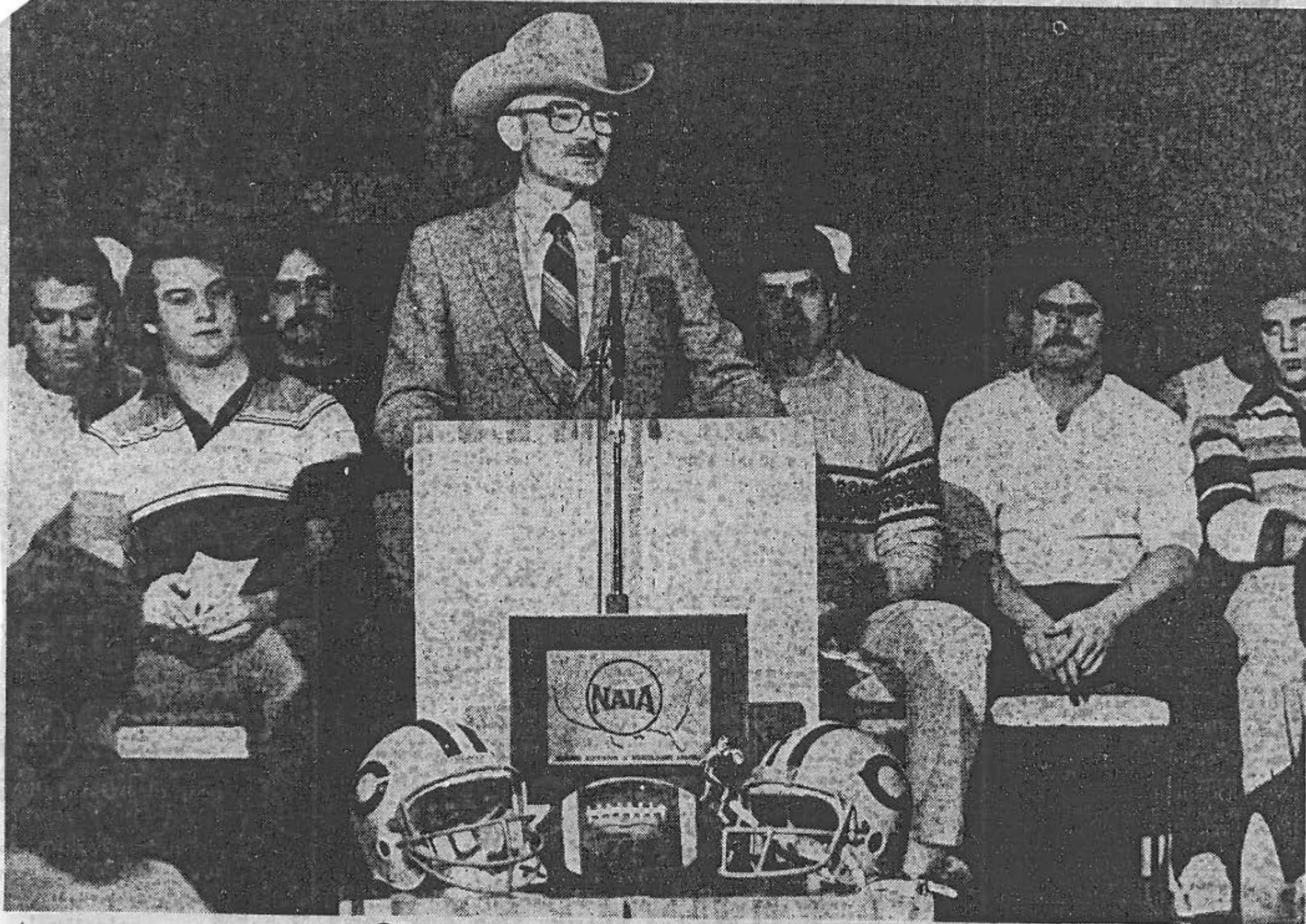
pate a certain play. It's not so much thinking, more just doing it. I seem to get to a play quicker."

Hintermeister wants to record 12 tackles, block a pass and sack Austin quarterback Larry Shillings behind the line of scrimmage Saturday.

Hintermeister equated a quarterback sack to a slam dunk in basketball. "It's great," said the Cobber captain. "Just great."

Hintermeister, selected to both the all-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and all-District 13 teams this fall, starts final exams Wednesday and graduates Friday. He thinks a second national championship would be a nice graduation present.

"We all have finals next week," Hintermeister said. "I've only read about two pages, though. Ever time I open a book I start thinking about the game ... We've gotta win."



## *Championship celebration*

Concordia College president Paul Dovre (wearing cowboy hat) addresses students, faculty, parents and fans who gathered this morning on the Moorhead campus to pay tribute to the Cobbers' 1981 NAIA Division II football championship. Concordia and

Austin, Texas, shared the title after playing to a 24-24 tie in Sherman, Texas, Saturday. Related story Page 12. (Forum photo by Dave Wallis)

# Cobs vie for third national championship

by Mark Streed

And then there were two. After the dust (and mud) had cleared last Saturday only Austin College in Sherman, Texas and our Concordia Cobbers remained in the hunt for the NAIA Division II national championship. Those two talented squads will square off in the Lone Star state tomorrow afternoon--and then there will be one.

For a while last Saturday in New Wilmington, Pa. it appeared that the Cobbers wouldn't be playing anymore this year. After fumbling the opening kickoff, which led to a Westminster field goal, and allowing a touchdown later in the opening quarter, the Cobbers found themselves on the short end of a 10-0 score.

In a post-game interview, coach Jim Christopherson agreed that the long trip may have been one reason for the slow start. He also added, "The team really wants that national title and that could have contributed to some overanxiousness and tenseness."

If the first quarter belonged to the Titans, the second was all Concordia. Buoyed by the robust cheering of a hearty throng of "Cobber backers" the Craig Samuelson-led offense marched 79 yards for a touchdown. The drive used over nine minutes. Key plays included Randy Jorgenson's six yard run on fourth down from the 12 and Jim Klug's fourth down carry from the one for the score. Doug Berglund's extra point was just a mild foreshadowing of his heroics to follow.

While that drive used up much of the second period there was still time for "Sammy" to wind up and test the airwaves. He found

favorite receiver Joe Gotta open and they teamed for a 49 yard gain. Gotta has become a vital "big-play" man for the Cobbers and his spectacular play during the second half of the season has added a dimension to the offense.

The long completion led to Berglund's second appearance. From 38 yards out his kick was good and the score was tied at halftime.

Coming back from the 10 point deficit definitely gave the Cobs momentum going into the final 30 minutes. After receiving the kickoff, the Titans were unable to move and were forced to punt. As the quarter wore on the Cobbers continued to get better field position and a great catch by slotback Mark Davies completed a 30 yard gain down to the Titan six yard line. Scoring from the four was none other than Klug, the game's most valuable offensive player.

From that point on it was Berglund who took the over starring role and ran away with the show. First he wound up and drilled the longest field goal of his career from 47 yards out. Though he had the wind to his back, the ball cleared the goal

posts with room to spare. When a fourth quarter drive fizzled, "Bergie" calmly booted his third field goal in as many attempts. That kick made the score 23-10.

But Westminster struck one more time right when the Cobs seemed to have everything under control. Quarterback Rich Dalrymple hit his favorite receiver, Lamont Boykins, for a 45 yard t.d. with only 1:17 remaining in the game.

An ensuing onside kick attempt was recovered by Mark Tommerdahl, thus squashing any Titan dreams of victory. Both coaches agreed that Berglund's clutch kicking was an integral ingredient in the outcome. Titan coach Fusco felt "the kicking game was

Concordia's strongest area." Christopherson simply called Berglund's kicks "clutch performances."

The defense once again rose to the occasion against a team that was much larger physically. Doug McMillan and Dave Rosengren led the line play and both linebackers, John Burns and Kevin Arndt, played near the top of their games.

Austin College features a wide open, throwing offense that can strike for points anywhere. Scouting reports of Austin's 33-28 win over William Jewell of

Missouri continually stressed their tremendous team speed. They often split three wide receivers and the quarterback is a strong passer. So the game may turn out to be a matchup of Austin's "irresistible force" (offense) versus the Cobbers' "immovable object" (defense).

For those of you unable to make the long trip south, WDAY will broadcast the game at 1:00. The team was slated to depart from Hector Airport at 8:30 a.m. yesterday and will return after the game tomorrow at approximately 10 o'clock.

# Concordia, Austin share NAIA title

## Record field goal lifts Kangaroos to 24-24 tie

By AL GONSOROWSKI  
Staff Writer

SHERMAN, Texas — A playoff record 57-yard field goal by Gene Branum hit the crossbar and bounced over with 72 seconds remaining to cap a furious comeback and give Austin College a 24-24 tie and a share of the national football championship with Concordia Saturday afternoon.

Branum's towering and remarkably accurate kick helped erase a 24-14 fourth-quarter lead by Concordia and allowed 3,540 Kangaroo fans and Coach Larry Kramer to celebrate their first National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II title.

Concordia quarterback Craig Samuelson almost made the fans forget Branum's mighty blow in the closing seconds. Samuelson reached back on second-and-five from his own 25 with 50 seconds to play and hurled a strike to wide receiver Joe Gotta who managed to slip behind a defender and was streaking down the left sidelines.

However, Gotta appeared to be distracted by Austin defensive back Jason Schiflett and dropped the ball near the Kangaroo 30-yard line. Samuelson dropped to his knees after the incomplection, knowing that that was his team's last gasp for a miracle finish.

Concordia coach Jim Christopherson chose to run fullback Jim Klug up the middle on third down and not risk a possible turnover. Austin, not having any timeouts left, and Concordia players watched the final seconds run off the clock.

This is the second time Concordia has tied in a national championship contest. In 1964, the

Cobbers tied Sam Houston (Texas) State 7-7 in the one-divisional NAIA final.

Christopherson's team placed second in the Division I playoff in 1969 and defeated Findlay, Ohio, 7-0 for the Division II title in 1978.

Saturday's game was highlighted by outstanding individual and team play. It was only fitting that, in the final analysis, the 48 points scored be evenly split between two deserving champions.

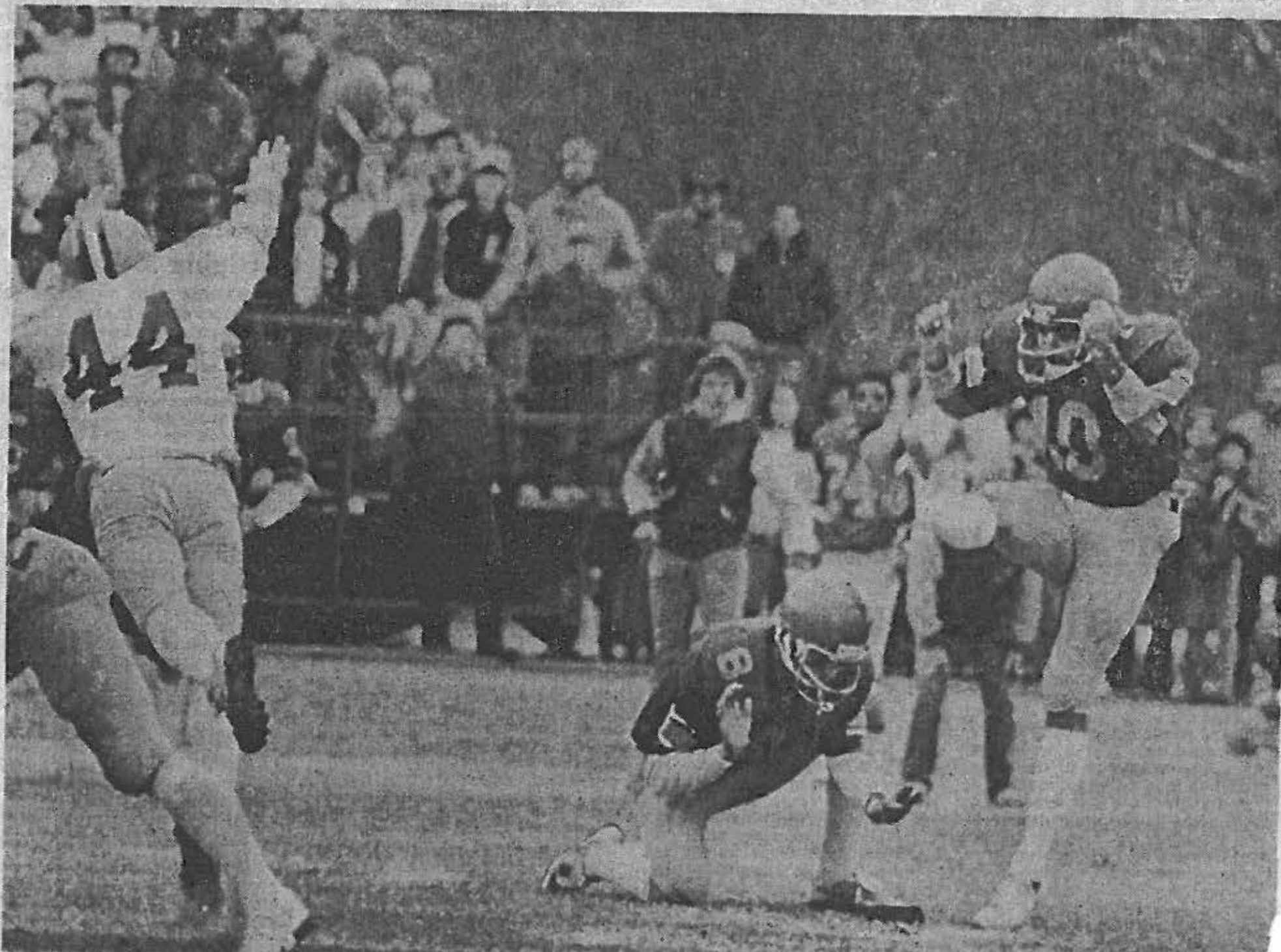
Austin scored the first touchdown in the game but that came as no surprise to Cobber fans who have grown accustomed to watching their favorite team battle from behind. Concordia has had to make up early deficits in five straight games including two previous matches in the playoffs.

The Cobbers trailed Dickinson (N.D.) State 3-0 before winning 13-9 in the first round. Concordia spotted Westminster College of New Wilmington, Pa., 10 points before storming to a 23-17 win.

Austin's explosive offense, led by quarterback Larry Shillings, scored the first time it had the football. The Kangaroos rolled 54 yards in eight plays with tailback Van Hargis taking a pitchout from Shillings and rambling into the end zone from 14 yards out.

Branum, an all-America choice as a junior and good bet to receive a professional football tryout, kicked the first of three point-after tries for a 7-0 lead.

Interceptions by Dave Borchard and Rich Lorenz of the Cobbers set up a 29-yard field goal by Doug Berglund and 34-yard touch-



Austin College placekicker Gene Branum (10) kicks the game-tying field goal against Concordia Saturday in the NAIA Division II football championship at Sherman, Texas. Branum's

field goal was a record 57 yarder out of Jim Vice's (8) hold as the Cobbers' Rich Lorenz tries for the block. (Forum Photo by Bruce Crummy)

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Concordia needed only two plays to score after Lorenz's theft of a midthrown Shillings aerial. Klug burst through the line for a five-yard gain before Samuelson stepped into the pocket, faked once and hit Gotta who used his three-inch height advantage over Shiflett to snare the ball.

Berglund's kick made it 10-7 Concordia but Austin rolled 77 yards in just seven plays to score on a 31-yard toss from Shillings to Rory Dukes.

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Branum was named the game's top offensive player. His 57-yard field goal broke the previous playoff championship kick of 39 yards set by Reed Myer of Redlands, Calif., against Westminster in 1976.



Klug



Hintermeister



Lorenz



Samuelson

broke the overall playoff record of 53 yards that Branum set two weeks ago in a first-round game with Panhandle State of Goodwell, Okla.

Middle guard Dwight Hintermeister of Concordia was voted the game's top defensive player. Hintermeister, the only Cobber to start on this and the 1978 teams, was credited with five assisted and one unassisted tackles in addition to deflecting one pass attempt.

Klug closed out his career with a game-leading 94 yards on 30 carries.

Shillings was superb as he connected on 17 of 25 passes for 202 yards. Dukes caught six passes for 104 yards.

Concordia finishes its season with 11 wins and two ties. Austin won 11 of 12 games before Saturday.

Concordia	0	17	7	0	24
Austin College	7	7	0	10	24
Aus — Hargis 14 run (Branum kick)					
Con — GF Berglund 29					
Con — Gotta 34 pass from Samuelson (Berglund kick)					
Aus — Dukes 31 pass from Shillings (Branum kick)					
Con — Klug 1 run (Berglund kick)					
Aus — Oliphint 6 pass from Shillings (Branum kick)					
Aus — FG Branum 37					

STATISTICS

	Con	Aus
First downs	15	21
Rushes-yards	51-188	35-134
Yards passing	128	202
Total yards	316	334
Passes	8-16-0	17-26-2
Punts-average	4-35	3-40
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	2-20	7-60

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING—Concordia, Klug 30-94, Samuelson 4-45, Christopherson 13-41. Austin, Hargis 11-68, Harrison 7-28, Simmons 4-22, Shillings 13-13.

RECEIVING—Concordia, Davies 3-43, Klug 3-32, Gotta 1-34, Shepley 1-19. Austin, Dukes 6-104, Oliphint 4-49, Hargis 3-34, Simmons 2-9, Tarver 1-11, Roden 1-6.

PASSING—Concordia, Samuelson 8-16-0, 128 yards. Austin, Shillings 17-25-2, 202.

gene H. Hughes, in announcing the appointment at the Big Conference school, praised per as a coach "who has a record of success" both on playing field and in the room. Harper recorded 96 victories against 43 losses and three while at the California school 1980, his team won the NCAA title and took a 23-20 victory Big Sky champion Boise State school which went on to win NCAA I-AA crown that year.

Bismarck extends wrestling streak by edging Mandan

good," said All. At another point, Berbick, who revealed he would like to be an evangelist, said, "The world is my home. I'm a child of the universe." All leaned toward him and said, "Hey, that's heavy stuff." Then he topped Berbick with: "The world is your home. Every country is a room." All said he wants to be an Islamic evangelist, teaching the world. He also said he was going to sever all ties with boxing, but at one point joked that he would become Berbick's manager. "You got the money for the next fight," quipped Berbick. The fight at the 11,000-seat Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre was in jeopardy until about six hours before it started because Berbick had not been guaranteed that he would get all his money.

extended its dual win streak to BISMARCK, N.D. — Bismarck



## *Bittersweet championship*

Concordia Cobbers Dwight Hintermeister, 73, and Dave Rosengren, 43, can't help but show their disappointment Saturday as they accept the team's trophy as co-champions of NAIA Division II football. Concordia players earlier saw their chances for outright ownership of the national

title slip away when Austin College tied the game 24-24 with a last-minute field goal. The game was played in Sherman, Tex. (Forum Photo by Bruce Crummy)

### *Cobbers tie for title*

Concordia's Cobbers earned a share of the NAIA Division II football crown Saturday, battling host Austin College to a 24-24 tie at Sherman.

A playoff-record 57-yard field goal with 72 seconds left by Austin placekicker Gene Branum ended a fourth-quarter rally by the Kangaroos.

North Dakota State, which played in the NCAA Division II Palm Bowl championship game in McAllen, Texas, Saturday, lost to Southwest Texas State 42-13.

See details in sports section, starting on E-1.



# Austin ties Cobbers on field goal

SHERMAN, Texas — Gene Branum's 57-yard field with 1:12 left to play gave host Austin College a 24-24 tie with Concordia of Moorhead Saturday in the NAIA Division II championship football game.

The kick by Branum, who was named the game's outstanding offensive player, hit the crossbar and bounced over. It was the longest field goal in championship game history and was Branum's longest ever.

"It was a pretty good way to end it," Branum said. "I was ready; I was confident."

Concordia (11-0-2) and Austin College (11-1-1) are co-champions because the NAIA does not play overtime in title games. Concordia's other tie came in the second game of the season against crosstown rival Moorhead State.

"I still say it's exactly the situation we wanted them in," Concordia coach Jim Christopherson said, discussing the tying field goal. "The percentages were with us, but it was just a heck of a kick. Austin College will consider itself the national champion, but so will we."

"I don't see anything wrong with a tie," Austin coach Larry Kramer said. "They've got a helluva football team and so do we."

Austin opened the scoring midway in the first quarter on Van Hargis' 14-yard run off an option pitchout from quarterback Larry Shillings. The Cobbers went ahead on Doug Bergland's 29-yard field goal and a 34-yard pass from Craig Samuelson to Joe Gotta.

The Kangaroos took a 14-10 lead when Rory Dukes caught a deflected Shillings pass in the end zone, but the Cobbers took a 17-14 lead into halftime on a one-yard run by Jim Klug, who was the game's leading rusher with 94 yards in a title-game record 30 carries.

It became 24-14 late in the third quarter when Mark Davies capped an 80-yard drive with a two-yard run.

But Austin bounced back in the final period. Clay Oliphint scored on a six-yard pass from Shillings with 8:48 left to make it 24-21, setting the stage for Branum's winning three-pointer, which was kicked from the Concordia 47-yard line.

Cobbers' middle guard Dwight Hintermeister of Rochester Mayo was the defensive MVP.

# Hintermeister <sup>1981</sup> closes career in fine style

Dwight Hintermeister closed out his college football career in memorable style.

For the second time in his career, the Mayo High grad was on a national championship team.

## College notes

His Concordia-Moorhead club was tied 24-24 by Austin College of Sherman, Texas in the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics Division II championship game. The senior nose guard was honored as outstanding defensive player for the game.

Hintermeister had already picked up two individual honors: all-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and all-NAIA District 13. The District 13 area comprises Minnesota, Iowa, the Dakotas and Wisconsin.

Hintermeister was also a regular on the 1978 Concordia team that won the NAIA Division II championship.

## Warm Texas weather seen for games today

The Concordia Cobbers should be playing in perfect football weather today when they seek the NAIA Division II championship.

The North Dakota State Bison, however, might find the climate a little sticky for their NCAA Division II title game today.

The forecast for Sherman, in north Texas, where the Cobbers battle the Austin College Kangaroos, calls for a cool afternoon with mostly cloudy skies and temperatures in the low to mid 60s.

In south Texas, where the Bison play the Southwest Texas State Bobcats in the Palm Bowl in McAllen, a warm, humid afternoon is forecast. The National Weather Service says skies will be partly cloudy and temperatures will be in the low to mid 80s.

NAIA Division II  
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Banquet of Champions



Friday, December 11, 1981  
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Austin College  
Sherman, Texas

# NAIA Division II National Football Championship Banquet of Champions

**Friday, December 11, 1981  
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of Concordia College Dr. Paul J. Dovre

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Comment, introduction of  
Concordia players and staff Jim Christopherson, Coach

Comment, introduction of  
Austin College players and staff Larry Kramer, Coach

(Exchange of mementos between Coaches)

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8	Neil Fuller	QB	6'3"	185	So.	Roseburg, OR
9	Reid Christopherson	RB	6'1"	185	Fr.	Moorhead, MN
12	Ron Rasmus	QB	6'1"	185	Jr.	Forest Grove, OR
19	Brad Rasmus	DB	6'1"	190	Jr.	Crookston, MN
20	Randy Jorgenson	RB	5'11"	180	Sr.	Pelican Rapids, MN
22	Dan Olson	SS	5'11"	175	Sr.	Buffalo, MN
23	Jon Pratt	K	6'5"	195	So.	Mayville, ND
26	Bob Michaelson	RB	5'10"	185	So.	Lake Park, MN
27	Kent Kuball	DB	5'8"	160	Fr.	Mapleton, MN
29	Scott Sheldon	FS	5'11"	175	So.	Fargo, ND (North)
34	Mark Davies	RB	5'10"	183	Jr.	Crosby-Ironton, MN
35	Nelson Rotto	FB	6'1"	205	So.	Bemidji, MN
36	Jim Klug*	FB	6'3"	215	Sr.	Litchfield, MN
40	Kevin Arndt	LB	6'2"	205	Jr.	Willmar, MN
41	Mark Redemske	FS	6'1"	180	Sr.	Staples, MN
42	John Solheim	CB	6'1"	175	Jr.	Barnum, MN
43	Dave Rosengren	DE	6'3"	220	Sr.	St. Louis Park, MN
44	Rich Lorenz	CB	5'11"	185	Sr.	Alexandria, MN
45	Paul Samuelson	CB	5'10"	165	So.	Minot, ND
47	Dave Borchard	CB	5'10"	187	Jr.	Redfield, SD
51	Mark Anderson	C	6'2"	208	So.	Fargo, ND (North)
52	Brad Peterson	LB	6'0"	207	Jr.	Brainerd, MN
53	Greg Brolsma	C	6'0"	220	Sr.	Dunnell, MN (Sherburn)
54	Brian Kirkhorn	DE	6'2"	190	Sr.	Great Falls, MT (Russell)
56	John Burns	LB	6'1"	200	Sr.	Wadena, MN
60	Roger Lindahl	LB	6'2"	210	So.	Belgrade, MN
61	Earl Mergens	DT	6'2"	215	Jr.	Staples, MN
62	Mark Wanner	OG	6'1"	220	Sr.	Willmar, MN
63	Bruce Rimmereid	OG	6'0"	220	Sr.	Brainerd, MN
66	Dave Schwartz	DE	6'1"	206	Sr.	Billings, MT (Central)
67	John Teeling	MG	6'1"	200	Jr.	Billings, MT (West)
68	Jon Gadberry	OG	5'11"	180	So.	Moorhead, MN
69	Gary Gilbert	OG	6'0"	212	Jr.	Hermantown, MN
70	Mark Tommerdahl	OT	6'3"	230	Jr.	Fergus Falls, MN
71	Doug McMillan	DT	6'2"	225	Jr.	Absarokee, MT
73	Dwight Hintermeister*	MG	6'1"	225	Sr.	Rochester, MN (Mayo)
74	Bruce Winter	DT	6'3"	205	Fr.	Fargo, ND (South)
75	Kris Lahren	OT	6'2"	225	So.	Fargo, ND (North)
76	Lee Crum	OG	6'2"	220	Fr.	Grand Forks (Hettinger)
78	Bob Vangerud	OT	6'2"	225	Sr.	Roseville, MN
79	Mike Mergens	OT	6'5"	221	Fr.	Staples, MN
80	Craig Simmons	TE	6'3"	205	So.	Fertile, MN
82	Tom Shepley	WR	6'1"	190	So.	Redwood Falls, MN
83	Doug Berglund	K	6'3"	185	Sr.	Carrington, ND
85	Dave Roen	DE	6'3"	215	Jr.	Lake Park, MN
86	Mitch Hofstedt	TE	6'2"	215	Jr.	St. Louis Park, MN
88	Dave Anderson	WR	6'2"	182	Jr.	Rugby, ND
89	Joe Gotta	WR	6'2"	178	Jr.	Moorhead, MN

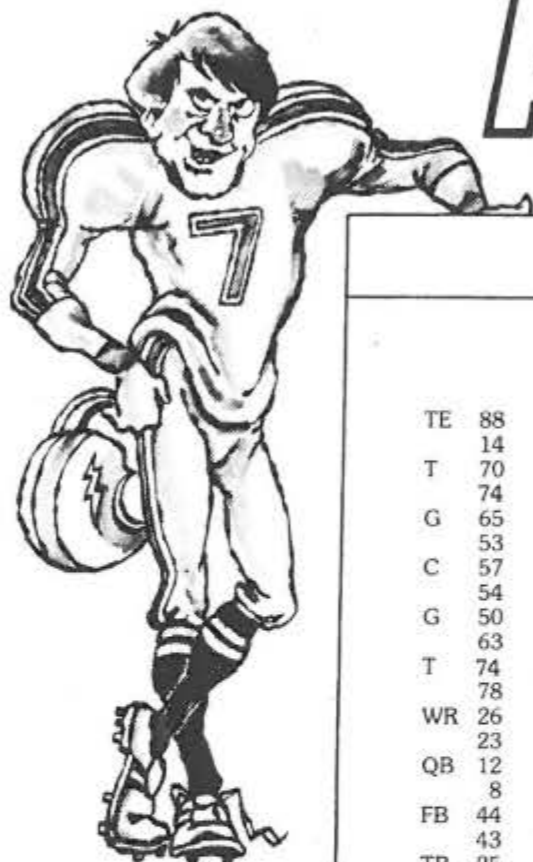
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2	Jimmy Curry	SS	5'8"	179	Sr.	Arlington (Bowie)
3	Rickey Turner	TB	5'10"	190	Sr.	Mt. Pleasant
4	Rory Dukes	FL	5'9"	155	Sr.	Kilgore
5	Jason Schiflett	FS	5'11"	171	Fr.	Houston (Northbrook)
7	David Norman	SS	5'9"	175	Jr.	Big Sandy
8	Jim Vice	QB	6'2"	180	So.	Frisco
9	Darrell Belcher	CB	5'10"	156	Jr.	Dallas (St. Marks)
10	Gene Branum	P-PK	6'0"	200	Sr.	Tyler (Lee)
12	Larry Shillings	QB	5'11"	178	Sr.	Bryan
14	Scott Krikorian	WR	6'1"	170	Fr.	Richardson (Richardson)
20	Bobby Fowler	RB-KR	5'10"	155	Fr.	Newark
21	Don Tafelski	OLB	5'9"	175	So.	Plano
22	Greg Garrison	TB	5'9"	174	So.	Dallas (Hillcrest)
23	Kevin Tarver	WR	5'8"	145	Jr.	Cleburne
24	Les Garcia	DB-KR	5'9"	170	Jr.	Thompson
25	Van Hargis	TB	6'0"	185	Fr.	Commerce
26	Russ Roden	WR	5'10"	160	Jr.	Mesquite (North)
28	Kenny Kirby	CB	5'11"	167	Jr.	Gainesville
29	Jeff McCord	DB	5'10"	165	Fr.	Gainesville
34	Carl Oliver	FB	5'9"	185	Fr.	Gilmer (New Diana)
40	Fouad Faris	CB	5'9"	165	So.	Pasadena
42	Steve Wallace	ILB	5'10"	210	Jr.	Howe
43	Stu Oliphint	FB	5'8"	195	Sr.	Dallas (St. Marks)
44	David Simmons	FB	5'9"	190	Sr.	Tom Bean
47	Jeff Varner	WR-LB	6'2"	205	Fr.	Ennis
50	Bill Draughn	T	6'0"	198	So.	Commerce
51	Gary Bob Pruitt	ILB	6'1"	210	So.	Hawkins
52	Jeff Robbins	ILB	5'11"	205	Jr.	Bonham
53	Ed Shuttlesworth	C-G	5'10"	207	Jr.	Arp
54	Mackey Clark	C	6'0"	190	Fr.	Arlington (Bowie)
55	Forrest Wylie	OLB	6'1"	200	Fr.	Houston (Lamar Cons.)
57	Greg Cason	C	5'11"	210	So.	Duncanville
58	Dyke McMahan	ILB	6'1"	200	Fr.	Electra
62	Bill Magers	ILB	5'9"	185	Fr.	Sherman
63	Rossi Felix	OLB	6'2"	205	Fr.	Dallas (Hillcrest)
65	Don Parnell	G	6'1"	225	Jr.	Ft. Worth (W. Hills)
66	Randy Sims	ILB	6'0"	210	Jr.	Bryan
68	David Bowen	OLB	6'1"	195	So.	Garland (N. Garland)
69	Jody West	DT	6'1"	230	Jr.	Whitesboro
70	David Adams	T	6'2"	236	Jr.	Mesquite (North)
71	Rex Baker	DT	6'2"	213	So.	Richardson (Pearce)
72	Larry Hickman	DT	6'1"	205	Sr.	Gainesville
74	Greg Larson	T	6'1"	210	Fr.	Arlington (Bowie)
75	Ed Holt	NG	6'2"	213	So.	Rosenberg
76	Dan Kern	T	6'1"	245	So.	White Oak
78	David Rigg	T	6'2"	180	Fr.	Arlington (Bowie)
79	Casey Letlow	DT	6'0"	220	Fr.	Houston (Northbrook)
82	Finlay Woodruff	WR	6'1"	200	Fr.	Wichita Falls
88	Clay Oliphint	TE	6'0"	170	Jr.	Dallas (St. Marks)
89	Mark Richards	OLB	6'2"	190	So.	Sherman

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### AUSTIN COLLEGE

OFFENSE		DEFENSE	
TE 88	CLAY OLIPHINT	T 71	REX BAKER
14	SCOTT KRIKORIAN	79	CASEY LETLOW
T 70	DAVID ADAMS	NG 75	ED HOLT
74	GREG LARSON	51	GARY BOB PRUITT
G 65	DON PARNELL	T 72	LARRY HICKMAN
53	ED SHUTTLESWORTH	69	JODY WEST
C 57	GREG CASON	LB 89	MARK RICHARDS
54	MACKEY CLARK	55	FOREST WYLIE
G 50	BILL DRAUGHN	LB 58	DYKE McMAHEN
63	ROSSI FELIX	66	RANDY SIMS
T 74	GREG LARSON	LB 52	JEFF ROBBINS
78	DAVID RIGG	42	STEVE WALLACE
WR 26	RUSS RODEN	LB 68	DAVID BOWEN
23	KEVIN TARVER	89	MARK RICHARDS
QB 12	LARRY SHILLINGS	CB 28	KENNY KIRBY
8	JIM VICE	9	DARRELL BELCHER
FB 44	DAVID SIMMONS	CB 24	LES GARCIA
43	STU OLIPHINT	29	JEFF McCORD
TB 25	VAN HARGIS	SS 2	JIMMY CURRY
3	RICKEY TURNER	7	DAVID NORMAN
FL 4	RORY DUKES	FS 5	JASON SCHIFFLETT
82	FINLAY WOODRUFF	28	KENNY KIRBY
P/K 10	GENE BRANUM		

### CONCORDIA COLLEGE

OFFENSE		DEFENSE	
TE 86	MITCH HOFSTEDT	E 43	DAVE ROSENGREN
80	CRAIG SIMMONS	60	ROGER LINDAHL
LT 70	MARK TOMMERDAHL	T 85	DAVE ROEN
75	KRIS LAHREN	43	DAVE ROSENGREN
LG 69	GARY GILBERT	N 73	DWIGHT HINTERMEISTER
62	MARK WANNER	67	JOHN TEELING
C 53	GREG BROLSMA	T 71	DOUG McMILLAN
51	MARK ANDERSON	61	EARL MERGENS
RG 63	BRUCE RIMMEREID	E 66	DAVE SCHWARTZ
76	LEE CRUM	54	BRIAN KIRKHORN
RT 78	BOB VANGERUD	LB 56	JOHN BURNS
75	KRIS LAHREN	60	ROGER LINDAHL
SE 89	JOE GOTTA	LB 40	KEVIN ARNDT
82	TOM SHEPLEY	52	BRAD PETERSON
QB 12	RON RASMUS	C 47	DAVE BORCHARD
17	CRAIG SAMUELSON	42	JOHN SOLHEIM
SB 34	MARK DAVIES	C 41	MARK REDEMSKE
20	RANDY JORGENSEN	42	JOHN SOLHEIM
HB 9	REID CHRISTOPHERSON	SS 44	RICH LORENZ
26	BOB MICHAELSON	19	BRAD RASMUS
FB 36	JIM KLUG	FS 22	DAN OLSON
35	NELSON ROTTO	29	SCOTT SHELDON



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 Linesman: **Billy Walters**  
 Line Judge: **Mike Wetzel**  
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# Cobbers, Austin reach playoffs with differing styles of play

By AL GONSOROWSKI  
Staff Writer

Run versus pass.  
Big play versus ball control.

That's the script that will decide the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II college football championship when Concordia and Austin College line up Saturday in Sherman, Texas.

Kickoff at Louis Calder Stadium will be at 1 p.m.

"We're going to do what got us here and so is Concordia," Austin coach Larry Kramer said Wednesday. "It's hard to predict what will happen in a game like

this. It could be high scoring. It could be low scoring."

The Austin Kangaroos will be playing in their first title game primarily because of the golden arm of senior quarterback Larry Shillings. The 5-foot-11, 178-pound Shillings has thrown for 2,423 yards and 23 touchdowns in directing Austin, located 60 miles north of Dallas, to a won-lost record of 11-1.

The Kangaroos' only setback was 17-7 to Sul Ross State of Alpine, Texas. Austin defeated Sul Ross 17-14 in a later rematch.

Concordia's strength is in a pair of legs belonging to senior fullback Jim Klug.

Klug, who packs 213 pounds in a 6-3 frame, has accounted for 12 touchdowns and rushed for 1,139 yards.

"We've got to keep the ball away from Klug," Kramer said. "He's an outstanding fullback running behind a very good offensive line. Concordia's defense is impressive, too."

This is Concordia's four playoff appearance. The Cobbers of Coach Jim Christopherson tied Sam Houston State of Texas 7-7 in the one-divisional NAIA final in 1964 and, five years later, Concordia was bounced by Texas A&I of Kingsville 32-7 for the Division I title.

Concordia blanked Findlay, Ohio, 7-0

for the Division II championship in 1978 giving the Cobbers a playoff record of 7-1-1.

Austin is 2-1 in the playoffs. The Kangaroos lost a first-round contest in 1979.

Shillings is the Kangaroo to watch Saturday. Since he cracked the starting lineup as a sophomore, Austin has won 28 of 33 games. Shillings was named the most valuable offensive player in the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Conference last year.

"We feel we have to throw the ball. With a guy like Shillings and quick receivers, we're predicated to the pass," Kramer said. "We're not that big. Con-

cordia is so much bigger than we are; why, we're just a bunch of small Texas kids. The size difference really worries us. Concordia is so much more physical than we're used to."

Kramer said football in Texas is oriented toward the veer offense, relying more on speed than strength. "Sul Ross was fullback-oriented like Concordia but that was about it," the Kangaroo coach said. "They had a 215-pound fullback, too."

Kramer expects a standoff in the kicking game. Austin's Gene Branum ranks

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THE FORUM

FARGO-MOORHEAD  
Thursday, Dec. 10, 1981

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## Dragon wrestlers defeat St. Cloud

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — Moorhead State rolled over St. Cloud State 32-11 Wednesday night in non-conference college wrestling action.

The Dragons, 1-1 won-lost in dual meets, got wins in eight of 10 matches, including the first five weights.

St. Cloud dropped to 1-2.

118 — Randy Fenley, Moorhead, over Bill Faber 10-4.

126 — Al Foltz, Moorhead, over Bob Willson 8-5.

134 — Bill Dickey, Moorhead, pinned Paul Thomas 4-22.

142 — Jon Mead, Moorhead, pinned Chris Follse 2-32.

150 — Steve Schmidt, Moorhead, over Ken Dayton 12-7.

158 — John Barrett, St. Cloud, over Jim Bear by disqualification.

167 — Tom Ellison, Moorhead, over Rod Pietz 6-0.

177 — Jim Hoeve, Moorhead, over Tom Erickson 7-4.

190 — Phil Herbold, St. Cloud, over Ken Villebro 18-6.

Heavyweight — Steve Baumgartner, Moorhead, over Curt Peterson 15-3.

## Fans

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dicating she is trying to learn the secrets of the veer offense.

As for who's going to win Saturday? "We are."

Bruce Koke, a fifth-year senior who has never earned a letter, is the Bison's honorary captain for Saturday's

## Dennis Doeden



## Bismarck's wrestling streak may be in jeopardy this week

Is this the week that Bismarck High School's wrestling dual win streak comes to an end?

The Demons have won their last 115 duals since January 1972. That's 35 short of the unofficial national high school record held by Iroquois, N.Y.

Since Coach Mike Schaff took over as head coach in 1975, his teams have won five North Dakota Class A championships. Schaff believes Bismarck's streak is the fourth longest ever recorded in the nation.

But even Schaff admits that it's possible that one of two visiting teams could knock off the Demons this week. Bismarck hosts Mandan Friday night and Moorhead on Saturday night.

Pretty even

## Never recovered

Mellen says the match hasn't received the same amount of publicity that last year's late-season dual between Bismarck and Mandan received. "I don't think a lot of people even realize we're wrestling them this week," he said. "Last year there was a lot of hype and our kids didn't react very well. We never recovered from the loss. It ruined the rest of our season."

Mellen said he isn't putting any pressure on his wrestlers to go out and end the Demons' streak. "I think the pressure is on Bismarck," he said. "We want to go in relaxed and loose and give them the pressure."

But Schaff is trying to take the pressure off his kids. "It would be nice to break that record of 150 straight," he said. "But if we have to look down the road three or four years, it's best to just take them one match at a time. The kids who are sophomores now

## Austin

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eighth nationally with a punting average of 41.5 yards and Brannum, an all-America selection last year as a junior, is also an outstanding kicker. He is 15 for 21 in field goals and 37 for 41 in extra points.

Doug Berglund and John Pratt are Concordia's answer to Brannum. Berglund has connected on 12 of 16 field goal attempts and added 28 conversions for 64 total points. Pratt has been asked to punt 69 times for a 38.9-yard average.

Brannum has punted only 48 times this season.

It wouldn't surprise Christopherson if Concordia, 11-0-1 this year including a 3-3 tie with Division I Moorhead State, falls behind early in Saturday's game.

## Valley City sinks Dakota Wesleyan

VALLEY CITY, N.D. — Valley City State fought off a rally by Dakota Wesleyan Wednesday night to defeat the Tigers 73-68 in non-conference college men's basketball.

The Vikings held a 38-36 half-time lead, but Dakota Wesleyan battled to a 52-50 lead midway through the second half before Valley City pulled away to win.

Charles Cook led the Vikings with 19 points and Jack Pletchy added 12.

The Vikings hiked their season won-lost record to 3-0 while Dakota Wesleyan dropped to 2-4.

DAKOTA WESLEYAN: Schindler 5-0-0 10, Duffy 5-0-0 10, B. Miller 4-2-2 10, Thornton 3-0-0 6, A. Miller 9-4-4 22, Johnston 1-0-0 2, Tau-

The Cobbers had to come from behind to win five times this fall including both previous playoff games.

"It really doesn't matter who scores first," Christopherson said. "These kids just don't seem to know how to lose. They realize there are 60 minutes in a game."

Concordia was rated third in the final regular-season Division II poll, three notches ahead of Austin. The Kangaroos, beat second-rated William Jewell of Liberty, Mo., 33-28 last weekend. William Jewell upset top-rated Pacific Lutheran of Tacoma, Wash., in the first round.

NOTES: Steve Veal, the NAIA assistant director of communications who is coordinating media coverage of the title game, said Austin is a "surprise" finalist because the Texas conference has not been very successful in previous playoff appearances. Kramer graduated from Austin (Minn.) High School in 1960 and from the University of Nebraska in 1964. The Kangaroo coach has an uncle, Robert R. Wright, living in Moorhead and a cousin, Eric Burros, attending school at Concordia. The 39-year-old Kramer coached University of North Da-

kota football coach Pat Behrns two years at McCook (Neb.) Junior College. Kramer has been at Austin nine years. Freshman Reid Christopherson, son of the Cobber coach, trails Klug in rushing with 394 yards on 61 carries. Quarterback Craig Samuelson has completed 50 of 86 Concordia passes for 652 yards. Joe Gotta has 30 catches for 489 to lead the Cobbers. Defensive back Dan Olson has a leading nine interceptions. Greg Richardson, Dave Blaske and Bob Vangerud, all injured this season for Concordia, will also make the trip to Texas.

## PAST DIVISION II CHAMPIONS

1970 — Westminster of New Wilmington Pa., 21, Anderson, Ind., 16.  
1971 — California Lutheran of Thousand Oaks, Calif., 20, Westminster 14.  
1972 — Missouri Southern of Joplin 21, Northwestern Iowa of Orange City 14.  
1973 — Northwestern 10, Glenville State of Huntington, W. Va., 3.  
1974 — Texas Lutheran of Sequin 42, Missouri Valley of Marshall 0.  
1975 — Texas Lutheran 34, California Lutheran 8.  
1976 — Westminster 20, Redlands, Calif., 13.  
1977 — Westminster 17, California Lutheran 9.  
1978 — Concordia of Moorhead, Minn., 7, Findlay, Ohio, 0.  
1979 — Findlay 51, Northwestern 6.  
1980 — Pacific Lutheran of Tacoma, Wash., 38, Wilmington, Ohio, 10.

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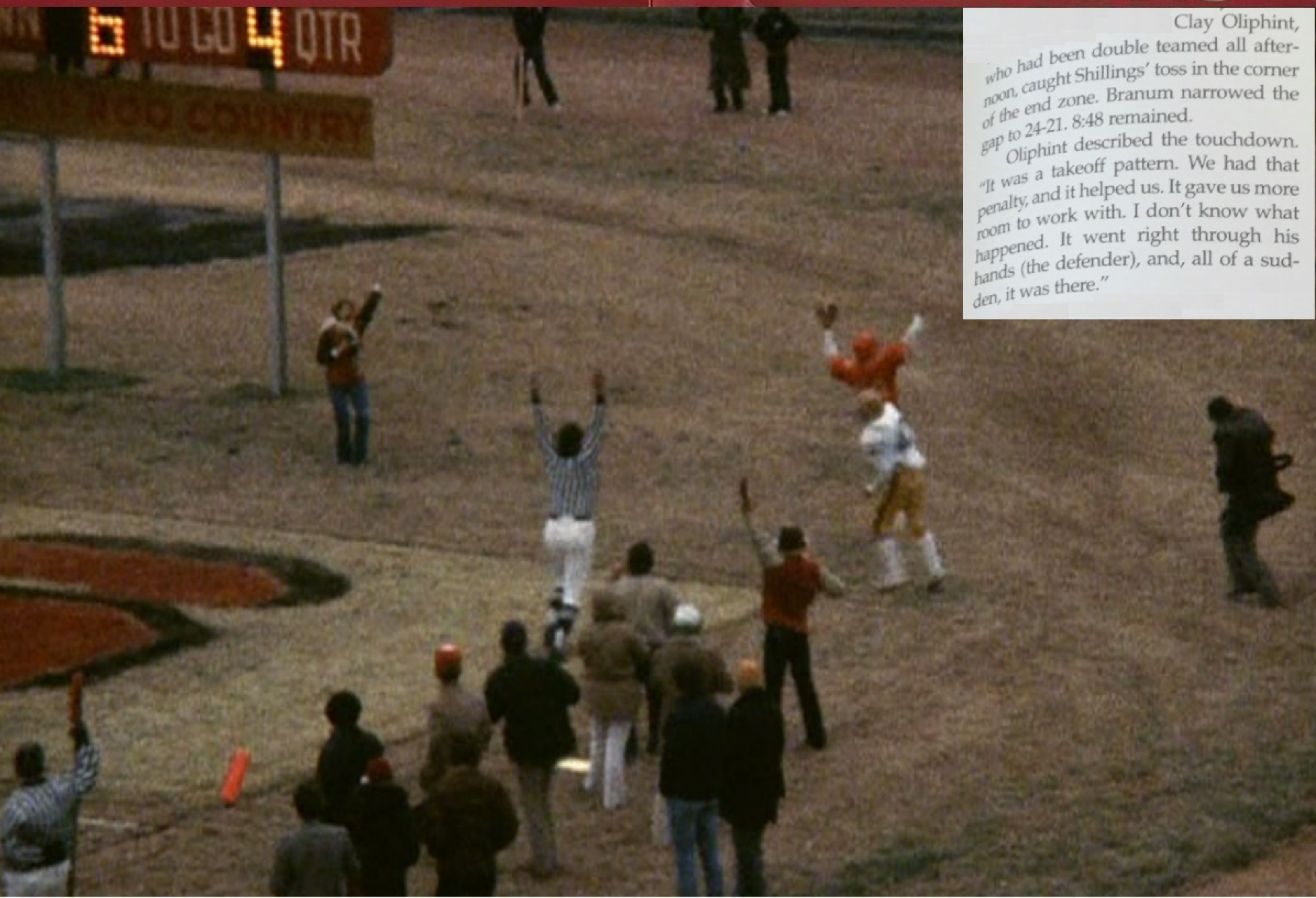
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Clay Oliphint, who had been double teamed all afternoon, caught Shillings' toss in the corner of the end zone. Branum narrowed the gap to 24-21. 8:48 remained.

Oliphint described the touchdown. "It was a takeoff pattern. We had that penalty, and it helped us. It gave us more room to work with. I don't know what happened. It went right through his hands (the defender), and, all of a sudden, it was there."

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and voice  
Before a scrimmage against Southeastern (OK) in Durant, David Norman and Randy Sims went to the end zone where just the two of them prayed. Before the season was over, other players joined them, and the sessions grew to a couple more players in a corner of the locker room. Then the group grew until they occupied the equipment room, then the shower room, and by the end of the season, the entire team was involved.

"Not just the Lord's Prayer kind of a thing," said Sims, "but real from the heart kind of prayers that moved a lot of guys who were, well, rough around the edges."

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by MARK SPENCER

Gene Branum stood in the middle of the football field and took a deep breath. All eyes were focused on him. Everyone saw his shoulders lift, then drop. His were focused on the tee where Jim Vice would place the ball for the field goal attempt.

Branum waited for the snap. Then Vice's hand's went up to receive the spiral from center. Still it wasn't time to step to the ball. He waited for Vice to catch the ball, then quickly put it down.

Then Vice had the ball and Branum made the step forward. All ears could hear the solid thump of shoe leather against pigskin, but it still seemed too much distance for a ball to carry.

The ball rose slowly from the tee. It seemed too slowly to many. The air was cold as Minnesota, but damp, and it seemed unlikely that the ball could carry even in ideal climate.

The ball climbed against the gray sky, then climbed some more. All afternoon, the fans had shaken their heads in disbelief while the punts had climbed to incredible heights. But this was a field goal attempt, and it was going to need distance more than height.

At its apogee, you could see that the ball had backspin. Did all field goal attempts spin backwards? You'd never noticed before...

And then the ball started down and it was obvious it had too far to go. It seemed it had been a mistake to try. It seemed the national championship opportunity was descending even more rapidly...

The ball somehow holds height as flies toward the goal post. The eye darts from one to the other. It looks like it will be short, it looks like it just might carry...

The kick has lost its force and the angle of descent increases. It is falling right at the cross-bar, and no one will be surprised to see it float just underneath at the last instant.

Then the ball came down and, still spinning backwards, struck the cross-bar and bolted across. If that contact made a noise, the crowd couldn't hear it for its own.

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### Branum's kicks could decide outcome

by JEFF FINCHER

There's nothing that would please Gene Branum more than being called on this Saturday to settle the NAIA semifinals clash with a winning field goal, says the senior Austin College kicker.

Two weeks ago, Branum booted a record-breaking 53-yard field goal with 4:31 remaining against Panhandle to seal the 'Roos' 27-16 victory in the school's first NAIA playoff win. The pressure didn't seem to bother him.

"I always look forward to it (pressure games). I enjoy pressure," said the 21-year-old from Tyler. "I felt more confident kicking last week than I ever had. It felt real natural."

He cites the Panhandle victory as the most satisfying moment in his career simply because the playoff win was a first for Austin College.

"I thought Panhandle would be a lot tougher than they were," he said. "Their mental attitude hurt them, but I don't think William Jewell will be overconfident. Talent-wise, we're very similar

son and this year has kicked 11 of 17 field goals in addition to his 41.5 yard punting average.

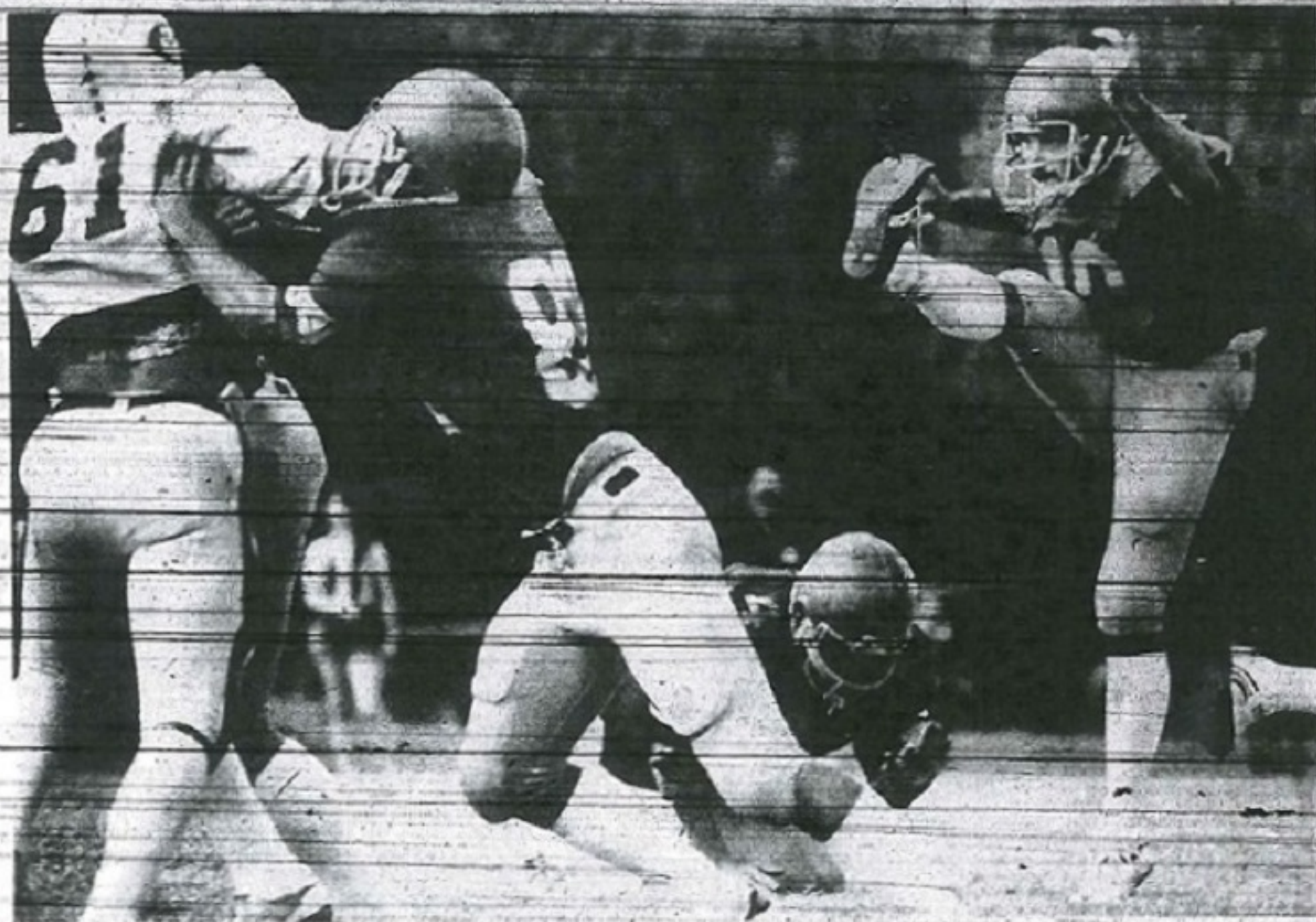
Despite an impressive high school and junior college career, Branum was only interested in four universities in Texas — Baylor, Rice, Texas A&M and Austin College — because of their superior pre-med programs.

"At that time it was more a question of bad timing for me. Everybody in the Southwest Conference was keeping their kicker that year and Wilson Renfro (AC's punter) was graduating."

Intent on eventually gaining admittance to medical school, Branum had always managed to juggle both academics and football.

"The studies had priority over football," said Austin College's student body president. "I had been warned not to try to do both in college because it might mess the grades up but it didn't happen that way."

Branum has already



Gene Branum puts foot into it



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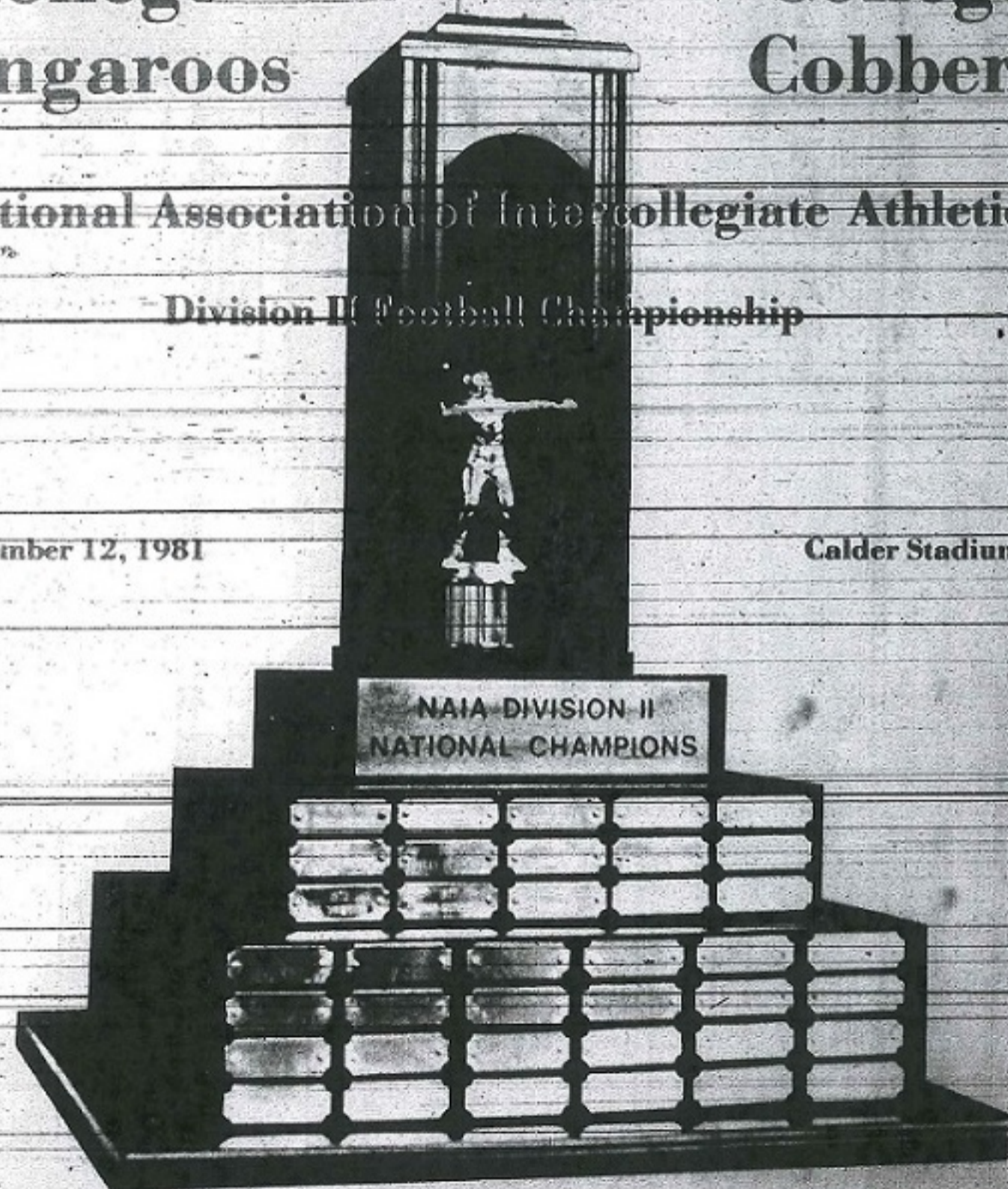
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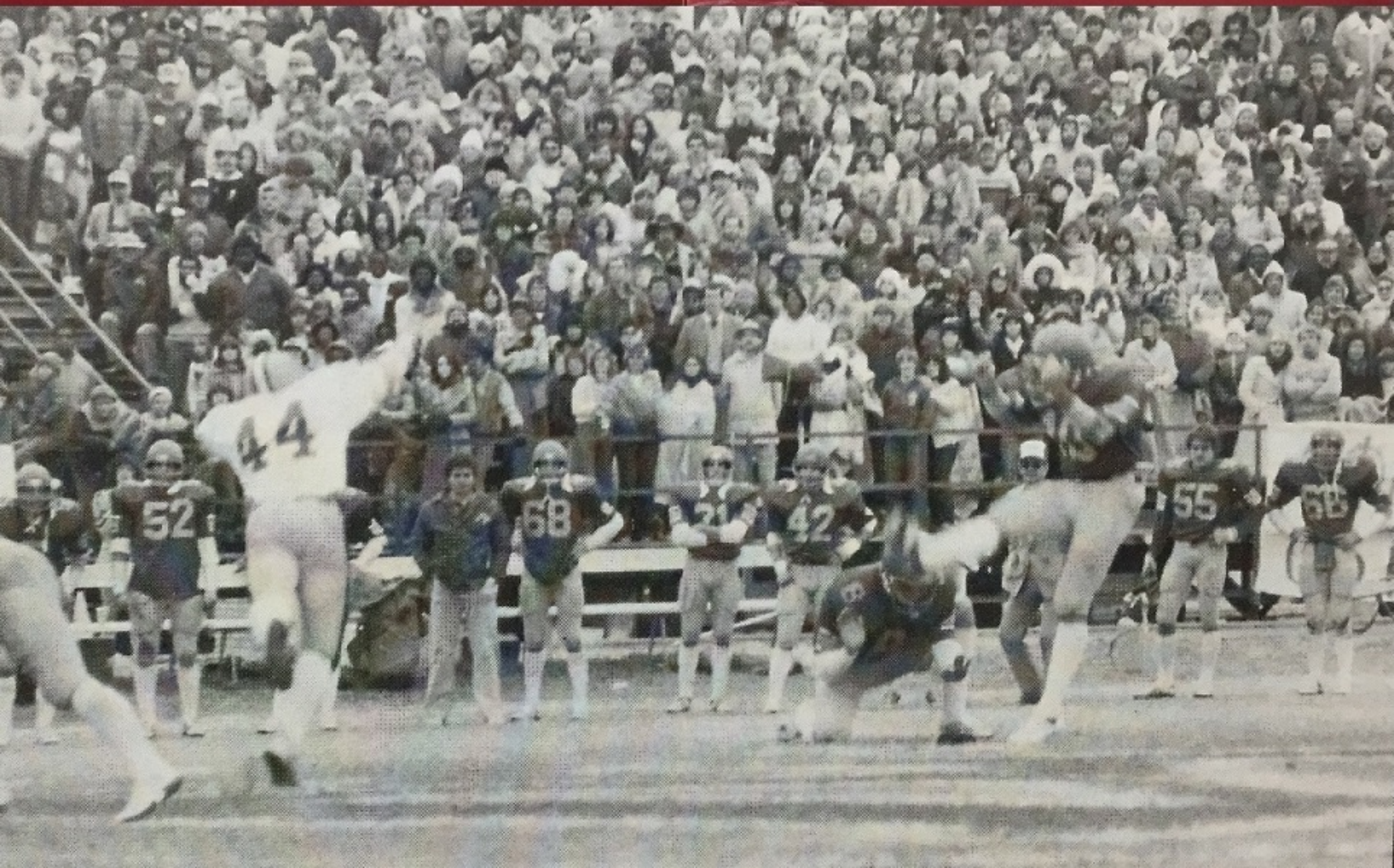


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*"I kind of wanted to go for the first down. But here was Branum standing on the hash mark, national championship on the line, and begging me to try the longest field goal in NAIA playoff history."*



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... 11:22 fourth quar-  
National championship game,  
December 12, 1981. Concordia College  
ahead 24-21. Ball at the Concordia 40.  
Sideline huddle, kicker Gene Branum,  
and head coach Larry Kramer. Branum  
wanted to try the 57-yard field goal.  
Kramer thought about going for the first  
down.

Branum won.

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After the Kangaroos had swarmed into their dressing room at game's end, McMurry coach Spud Aldridge asked Kramer if he could speak to the winning team. In an unusual scene, Aldridge addressed the kneeling Austin College players, telling them he hoped they would go on to win the NAIA championship.

"Three teams from this conference have gone to the first round of the playoffs, only to stumble," Aldridge said. "We did last year, Tarleton did one year and you all fell two years ago. But now you know what it's like, and it'll be much easier."

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*Thirteen years later, Kramer still claimed that the win over Panhandle State "was big, all things considered, maybe as big as the championship game."*

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Perhaps the Austin College Kangaroos should wear a darker shade of crimson-colored football jerseys because Coach Larry Kramer's crew has been picked as having no better than a dark-horse chance to win the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association football crown in 1981.

Although the offensive line is a question mark, and a number of players from the 1979 championship team and the 1980 runner-up team have graduated, it would be a grave strategic error to take the Kangaroos too lightly this year.

Don't count the Kangaroos out from reclaiming their TIAA championship. "We'll have a scrappy bunch who will give it all they've got, and we're looking forward to a good year," Coach Kramer said.



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The Dallas Morning News

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### Shillings an All-America

By Mike Jones  
Staff Writer of The News

When Larry Shillings contemplated his collegiate future, football wasn't a part of it, even though he'd quarterbacked his Bryan High School team to a 7-3 record in one of the tougher AAAAA districts in the state.

In part because of his size — Shillings now is only 5 feet 11, 178 pounds — the football offers came from Texas junior colleges and a few small 4-year institutions. But Larry had his mind on playing baseball anyway and as a good-fielding shortstop took a scholarship offer from nearby Blinn JC.

It wasn't what he wanted, so he transferred to Texas A&M for a semester, then began to reconsider his decision to discontinue his football career. He remembered the interest Austin College coach Larry Kramer had shown in him and he'd liked the atmosphere around the Sherman campus. Though athletes frequently receive help in the form of grants-in-aid, there are no athletic scholarships per se offered at schools like Austin College, who compete athletically in the NAIA's Division II.

"You can play football and still have time to do other things," is the way Shillings puts it.

"We'd tried to recruit Larry out of high school," Kramer confirmed. "But I'll tell you, I'm glad we had him the three years we have."

Shillings, who this season has set Austin College records for total offense (an average of 199.5 per game), passing completions (149 of 284), passing yardage (1,981) and tied the touchdown passing mark of 17, Tuesday was named the Kodak College Division II All-America quarterback by the American Football Coaches Association. Saturday in Sherman, Shillings and his Kangaroo teammates host 11-0 William Jewell in the semifinal round of the Division II playoffs.

No other TIAA team has ever won a playoff game. Two weekends ago, Austin College whipped unbeaten Panhandle (Okla.) State, 27-16, as Shillings threw for 208 yards and three touchdowns.

"It's all been pretty exciting," Shillings said. "I suppose this game Saturday (1 p.m.) is probably the biggest game any of us have ever been involved in — to be able to go on and have a

chance at winning the national championship. Being named All-American is a good way to end a season, but winning the national championship would be even better."

As long as Shillings is back there flinging, Kramer's got to figure his 10-1 'Roos have a chance.

"The No. 1 thing about Larry Shillings is his competitiveness," said Kramer, whose teams have gone 18-3 the past two seasons.

"He's durable, tough, throws the ball well, understands defense, hard work and knows the implications of what you have to do to win," Kramer summed up. "But No. 1 is his competitiveness."

"I think all of us this year have felt like we had something to prove. I really think everyone's expectations of us were actually higher last year and though we were 8-2, I think we felt like we could have accomplished more. We've been more relaxed this year."

Shillings said another key to the success of the AC passing attack is the fact that he has worked with receivers Clay Oliphant, Russ Rhoden, Kevin Dukes and Roy Tarver for at least two years each.

"We've all put a lot of work into it," Shillings said. "That includes summer and before and after workouts. We have a lot of confidence in each other. We think we can attack anybody with our passing game."

The Kangaroos will have a chore against undefeated William Jewell, which advanced to the semis with a 19-14 victory over top-ranked Pacific Lutheran.

"A very tough offensive test," Kramer predicted. "One of the keys to any defense is its interior. In the middle — the two defensive tackles, an All-America middle linebacker and back to the safety — Jewell is very strong."

Shillings called it an aggressive defense. "They'll play off the ball sometimes, but they read and flow to the ball really well."

Kramer said the Kangaroos' defense must be ready. "They also have a really versatile offense," Kramer said. "This just might be one of those games, though we've played well defensively, where we might have to outscore 'em."

Kramer's betting a Shillings that just might be possible.



Austin College quarterback Larry Shillings hopes for another playoff victory Saturday against William Jewell.

### Clemson now No. 1

From Wire Reports

The Clemson Tigers are on the hot seat. They have one chance to stay there. It's make it or break it for coach Danny Ford's team.

As expected, Clemson Tuesday became the seventh team this season — the old record was five — to take over the No. 1 position in the Associated Press and United Press International col-

■ Complete polls on Page 8B.

lege football polls. Michigan, Notre Dame, Southern California, Texas, Penn State and Pitt all failed to hold it.

Clemson, 11-0, which has not played since a 29-13 victory over South Carolina Nov. 21, is the only undefeated club among the NCAA's 137 Division I-A teams.

Georgia, the defending national champion, moved up to second and Alabama third in both polls. SMU, the Southwest Conference champion, is ranked fifth by AP. The Mustangs are not ranked by UPI because they are on NCAA probation.

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**Kangaroos jump into share of TIAA lead**

*Oliphant snares winning TD in last-second AC comeback*

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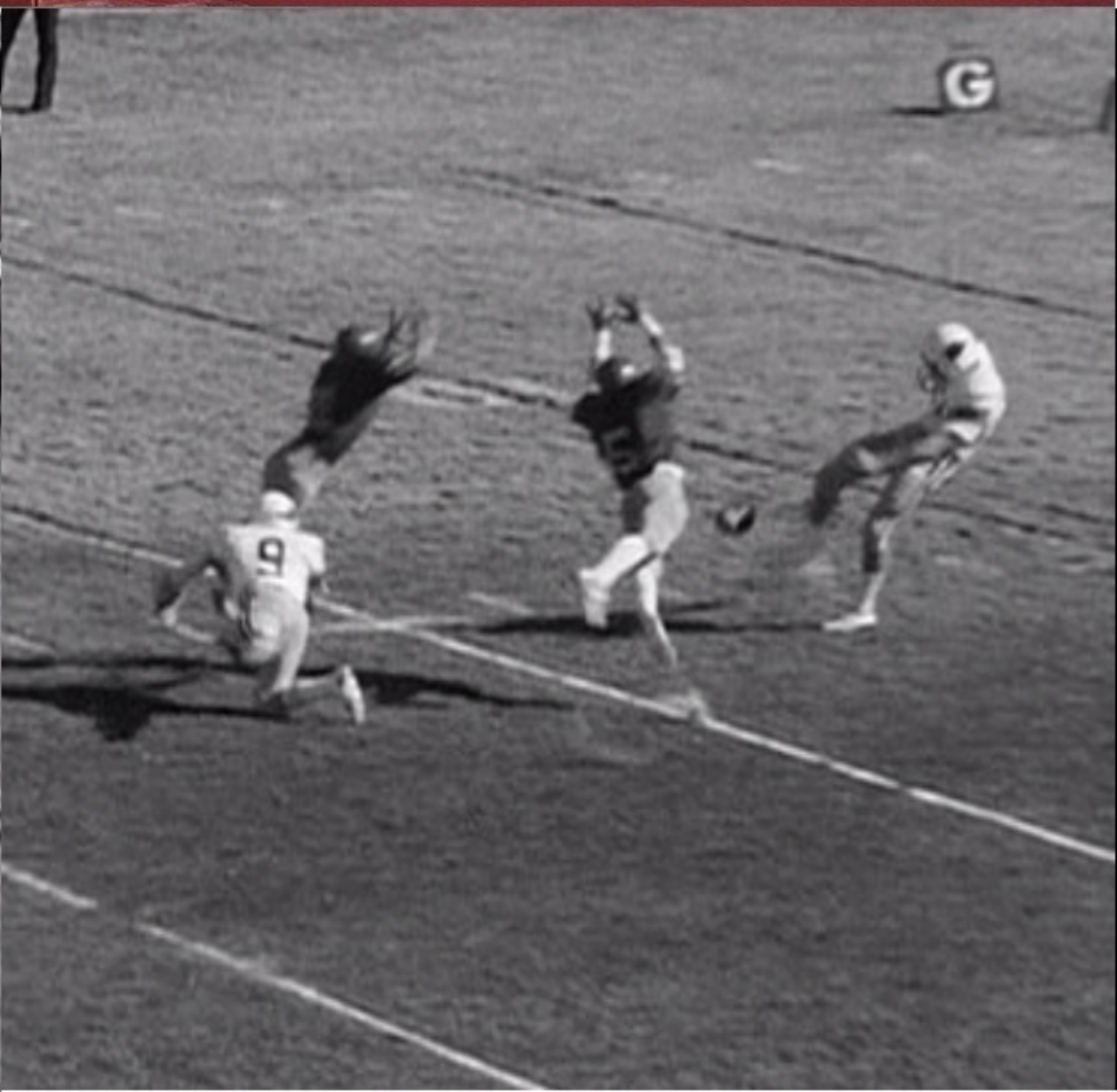


### *Magers charges*

Sherman freshman Bill Magers (62) has his eyes set on a Trinity running back in the Saturday in an NAIA semifinal playoff game. Roos' 42-20 victory November 7th at Calder Stadium. AC hosts William Jewell at 1 p.m. (Staff photo)

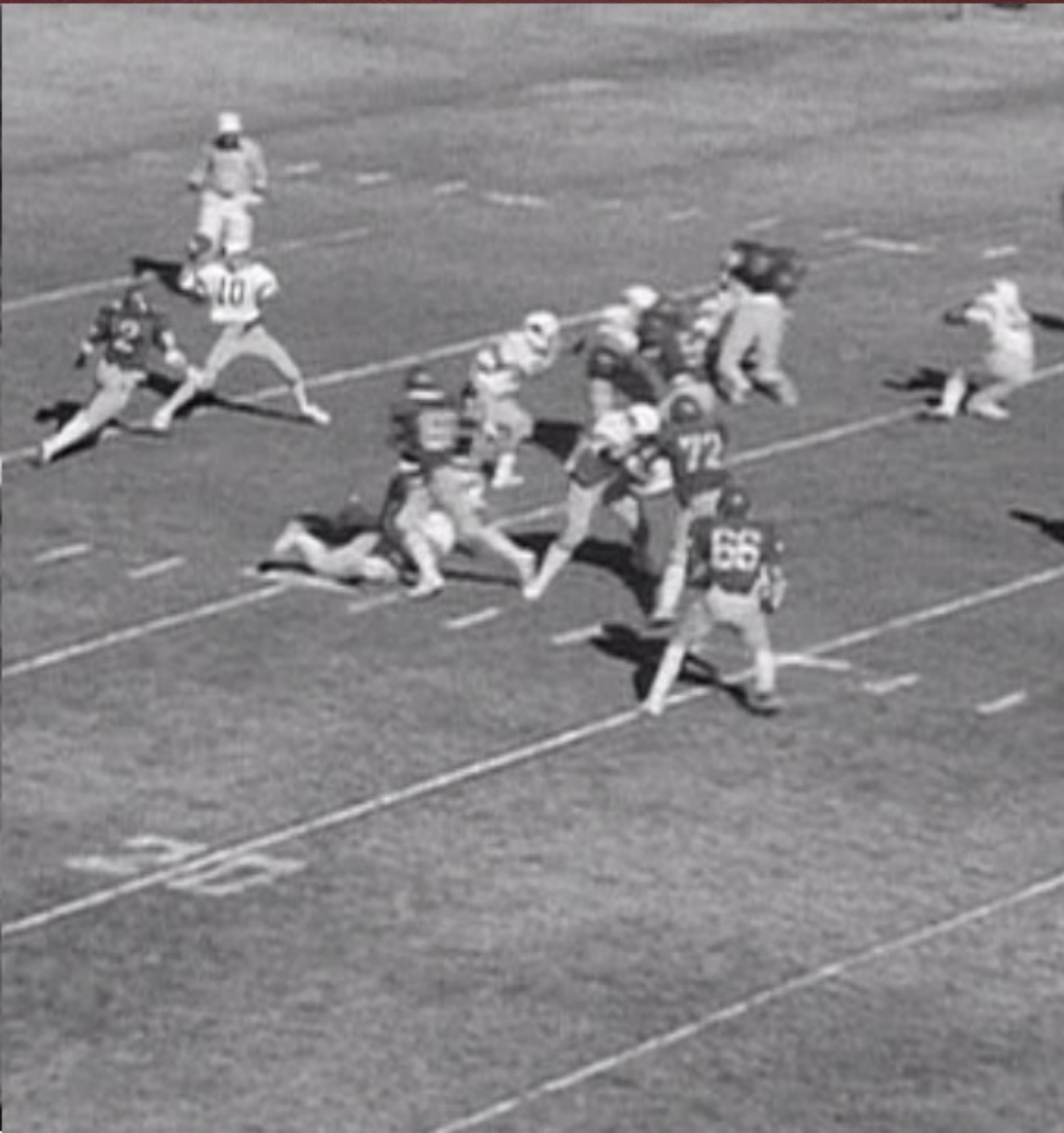
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Austin College picked up its second playoff win 33-28 against William Jewell and won the host spot for the national championship tussle with Concordia, Minnesota. Coach Kramer called the win over the Cardinals "the kids' finest hour."



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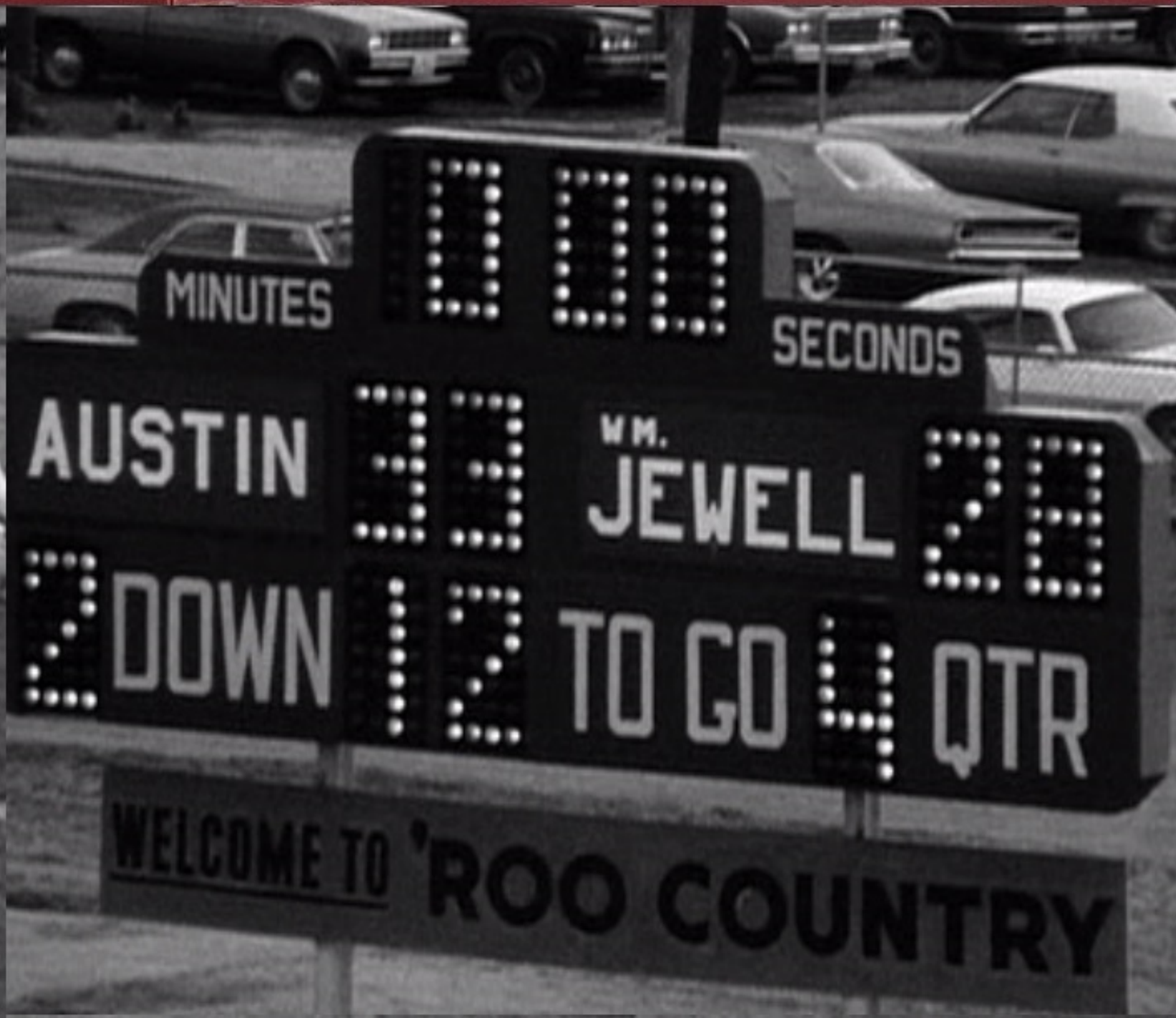
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The sound was deafening in the cold, gray afternoon. Seven thousand eyes looked southward as the ball was kicked; three thousand voices gasped and 500 rejoiced as the ball seemed certain to descend inches short of its objec-

tive. But in the midst of all the electricity of the moment, God seemed to take matters into His own hands and nudge the ball farther--inches farther--so that it bounced on the cross bar of the goal post and over--amid true Hopper Hysteria.