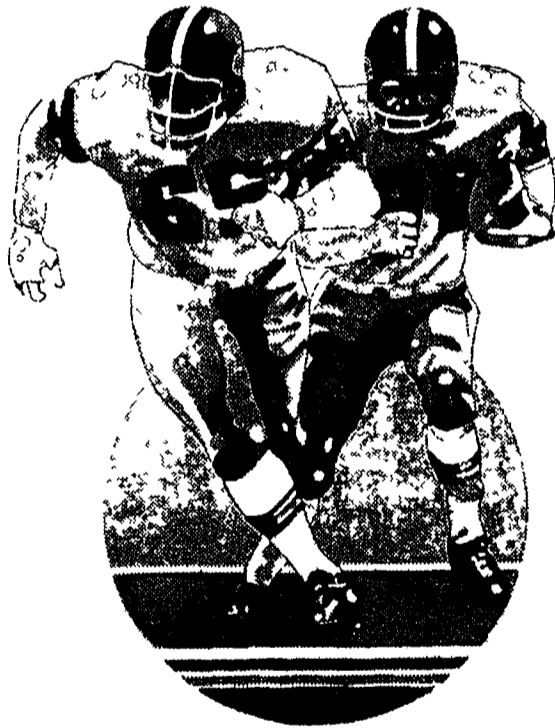


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Bucks will be bigger but slower

By Dave Brown



Coach Mike Young will be pacing the sidelines for his seventh season this year

The word "experienced" won't be used to describe this season's Buchanan Bucks football team, but Coach Mike Young is confident about the strengths of some areas in his lineup.

Young said the Bucks' 1982 roster will include fewer returning lettermen than any in the seven years he has coached the team. Only about 10 experienced players are returning, but the coach thinks they can all make a valuable contribution to the team.

Most of Buchanan's experience can be found in the offensive unit, according to Young.

"The interior line and receiver positions should be the area where we are the strongest," he said. Five of seven starters on last year's interior line will be returning to their positions. They all have "good size and adequate strength," Young said, but admitted they lack a lot of speed.

In the backfield, Young has two juniors to choose from in the quarterback position. Tim Quick and Matt Remmo have both been working out at the helm. The coach isn't sure yet, however, who will get the starting call.

Young said no one with experience is returning in the running back positions. Clarence Bibbs will start in the fullback position. The tailback will be Scott Hesser, although Young hopes to see improvement in other players so they can fill the tailback position at least part of the time, leaving Hesser for the secondary.

On the team's defense, Young said an observer would have to look hard to find experience and strengths.

"We're going to replace just about an entire starting defense," he said.

The Bucks lost three interior defensive linemen to graduation, two of whom received all-conference honors last year. In replacing them, Young said his defensive coaching philosophy of speed over size may be compromised.

"We're going to have to go with bigger, slower kids," he said. "We have to go with what we've got."

The coach does see a bright spot on the defense in the end positions. "Our defensive ends

look solid to me," he said.

Only one linebacker with experience returns to the defense, and the only returning member of the secondary is Hesser, who was out for the second half of last season with an injury.

Young said one important aspect of the game that is often overlooked is kicking. He said Buchanan's punting and field goal units are "very, very strong."

Young is assisted on the sideline by Bob Foster and Tom Wilcox. Foster is in charge of the offensive and defensive lines, and Wilcox is assigned the offensive receivers and the defensive ends and linebackers.

Young said that determination of starters for each position before each game and of substitutes during games is left to the assistant coach in charge of that position.

Junior varsity coaches Frank Mucha and Tom Seager and freshman coaches Steve Bender and Don Rennhack also assist Young by scouting upcoming opponents. Those four, along with two other people from the community, make up the coach's three scouting teams. Each week, two of the teams will be scouting other games, while

the third will sit in the pressbox at Buchanan's game, communicating with Young about the Bucks' opponent, whom those two have already scouted.

The Bucks will compete in both the Red and Blue divisions of the revamped Lakeland Conference. The teams in the Red Division are the same as those with whom the Bucks competed last year in the now defunct Blossomland Conference. Dowagiac finished first in that conference last year, and Young expects the Chieftains to do it again.

Young said they have a large number of returning lettermen with a high combination of size and speed. He expects Lakeshore to be Dowagiac's toughest competitor in the Red Division.

In the Blue Division, made up of teams from the old Lakeland Conference, Young sees Cassopolis as the team to beat. Cass did well in the conference last year with a squad made up primarily of juniors. That large number of returning lettermen is the cause for Young's respect for that team.

Last year Buchanan finished its season with a 3-6 record, 3-2 in the Lakeland Conference and 0-3 among Blossomland teams.

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Nov. 5	Berrien Springs	H

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16	River Valley	H	7:00
23	Coloma	T	7:00
30	Cassopolis	H	7:00
Oct. 7	Edwardsburg	H	6:00
14	Lakeshore	T	7:00
21	Brandywine	H	6:00
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Nov. 4	Berrien Springs	T	7:00

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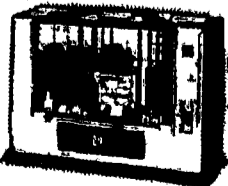
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Buchanan offensive and defensive line coach Bob Foster discusses a play with a team member last season

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Conferences merge

The continuing saga of high school athletic conference affiliation changes continues this year with the merger of the Blossomland and Lakeland conferences

The new Lakeland Conference is divided into the Red and Blue divisions, which will be made up of the old Blossomland and Lakeland teams, respectively Buchanan, which competed in both the Blossomland and Lakeland conferences the past two years, will this year compete in both divisions Next year, however, the Bucks will move solely into the Red Division

The story began in 1980 when four Class C schools left the Blossomland Conference to form the Lakeland Conference The schools, Edwardsburg, Cassopolis, Brandywine and River Valley, felt they couldn't compete with the three Class B teams in many conference sports Berrien Springs, also a Class C team and then a member of the Red Arrow Conference, joined the new conference. Buchanan, not wanting to abandon its Class C counterparts, also joined the new conference But school officials also wanted to maintain competition with the Class B teams, Lakeshore, Coloma and Dowagiac, so the Bucks stayed in the Blossomland Conference, too.

Although being members of two conferences certainly isn't usual, Buchanan High School Athletic Director William McBeth said the school received no objection from the state high school athletic association

Although the nine teams are now united under one conference heading, the structure of competition, for the first year at least, will be almost exactly as it was with the two separate conferences Although there will be inter-divisional competition, the outcomes won't affect conference standings

There are, however, several significant differences between the two-division and two-conference systems Since some conference schools are dropping or have dropped certain sports programs to save money, the divisional system will be dropped in any sport in which seven or fewer conference teams compete. The

Bucks will play in two divisions

competing schools would all vie for one conference crown That is happening this fall in golf.

Also, Class C teams in the Blue Division can request, one year in advance, to compete in the Red Division in any particular sport McBeth said that would allow schools that excel in certain sports to compete with the bigger schools in those sports Berrien Springs, for example, which has an excellent girls' basketball and volleyball program, may want to compete in the Red Division in those sports

Next year, when Buchanan moves out of the Blue Division, a problem may arise if more than one team from that division requests a transfer into the Red Division in any particular sport. Such a request by two teams would leave only three teams in the lower division McBeth said he doesn't know how the conference would handle such a

situation

The athletic director thinks potential problems like that, as well as the dropping of certain sports by some conference schools, may lead to a merger of the two divisions in the future Should that happen, except for the addition of Berrien Springs, the conference make-up would be identical to the old Blossomland Conference prior to 1980.

McBeth does not deny he would welcome a return to the old way He said Buchanan's only reason for joining the Lakeland Conference in 1980 was to maintain a rivalry with the Class C teams He explained that Buchanan coaches have a tradition of scheduling tough teams during the regular season to give the Bucks an advantage during state tournaments

"Buchanan's main concern is keeping a high level of competition," he said



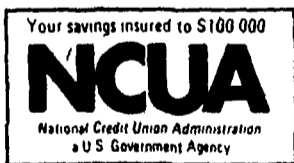
Quarterback candidate Tim Quick goes back for a pass during a junior varsity game last year

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Women netters will 'rebuild'

By James Marsh

This year will be a rebuilding year for the Buchanan girl's basketball team. With five girls returning on the varsity squad and only two of those starters last year, the Bucks have their work cut out for them.

But Coach Francis Brown is confident that he can improve on last year's 4-14 record. Last year's starters include Cheeta Payne and Arleah Watts with returnees Kathryn Surch and Sheila Mottl rounding out the experience-lacking Bucks. Although all five positions are open Brown sees no problem with filling the first three and the other two are open to "those who will work the hardest to earn them."

"We've had some good practice," Brown noted, "and our defense is pretty good. Right now we're working hard to get our offense down."

"As a team we're small in size and height but by developing our speed we're going to try and offset that drawback," Brown added. "We're going to run the ball and compete the best we can."

The junior varsity team will be made up of seven or eight freshmen and two sophomores who "aren't as talented as last year's team, but must be

willing to work hard and improve."

Brown, who is coaching the varsity team for the first time this year, sees a problem with his teams' inexperience but believes hard work and dedication can overcome any experience difficulties.

Both teams go into the season with three weeks of intensive practice and will participate in both the red and blue divisions of the Lakeland Conference.

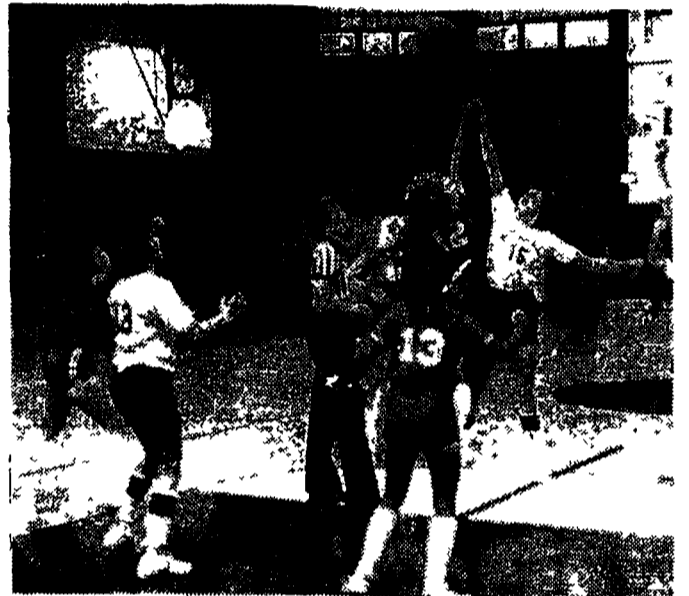


The Buchanan Girls Basketball Team returning lettermen are, from left to right, Becky Shafer, Cheeta Payne, Arleah Watts, Kathryn Surch and Sheila Mottl.

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Golf coach is confident

The golf team at Buchanan will have some rebuilding to do this year. With a total of nine players participating, half of those being freshmen and only two returning lettermen, the Bucks will have their work cut out for them. But Coach Clarence Wold is very confident.

"I think we will have a better team than last year," Wold confessed. "Scott Rose and Britt Hinkle, our two returning lettermen, should pull us through those rough spots and I expect to finish the season toward the middle of our conference."

Last year, the Bucks finished last place in the Blossomland and second in the Lakeland

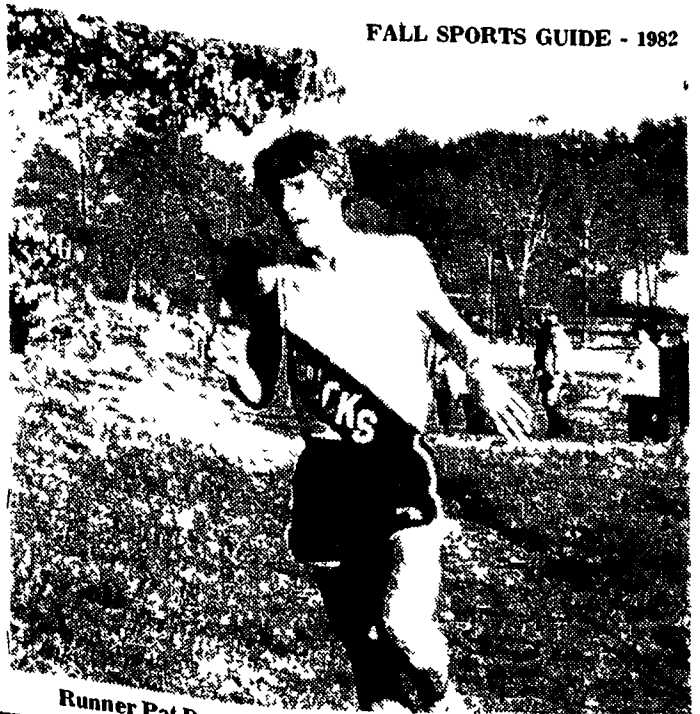
Conference. This year they are competing with members of both the Red and Blue Divisions of the Lakeland Conference, combined to form a single division, since not all

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Cross country runners 'endure'

Tough practices strengthen team

By James Marsh

Cross country is off to another great start at Buchanan—With six returning lettermen and a devoted team, the future looks bright for the Bucks

The girls team is made up of three runners, all of them lettermen, and the boys' team has eight members, also with four returning lettermen. Those returning are Alice Gunn, Debbie Shelles and Laurie Sumerix for the girls and Pat Dougherty, Jay Eichelberger, Wade Cole and Mark Sumerix for the boys. Dougherty holds the all time school record of 17.34 for the three-mile course.

Zel Stockwell who replaces Mike Rouse as coach, is no newcomer to the running world. Stockwell, an avid jogger, stresses endurance and stamina for his runners.

"We work on a 'tear-repair' type schedule," Stockwell explained. "We train hard for



Debbie Shelles finishes a race last season.

two days with sprints, distance and an average of five miles a day, and then we have the third day off."

"To be successful in cross country," Stockwell continued, "you've got to train for endurance and to run hard." He said cross country is a very difficult and demanding sport but Buchanan has an extremely dedicated and hard working team that he's proud of.



Members of the 1982 Buchanan Cross County Team are, from left to right, Wade Cole, Olaph Dischow, Carl Woodrich, Coach Zel Stockwell, Ryan Cooper, Pat Dougherty, Jay Eichelberger, Mark Sumerix, Alice Gunn, Diana Denbow and Debbie Shelles.

Coach Stockwell looks toward Mark Sumerix and Wade Cole as hopefuls for the season but still lacks a fifth man to pull the boys' team through. Stockwell is also concerned about recruiting new members, as there are two seniors on the girls' team and four on the boys'.

The Bucks have been practicing, since Aug 13 and with their first meet on Sept 11, they should be in great shape. This year, along with their invitational meets, they will be participating in both the red and blue divisions of the Lakeland Conference.

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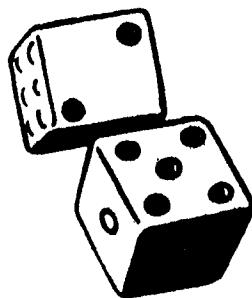
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Gaels are on their way up

By Dave Brown

After an 0-9 football season in 1981, the only way Galien High School can go is up, and Coach Ron Hart thinks he has a team that will do just that

"We feel that we will be better than we were a year ago, both offensively and defensively," Hart said

The Gaels are still a relatively young team, made up primarily of juniors and sophomores. And while the coach is busy concentrating on the upcoming season, he can't help but look ahead to 1983, when his very young team of a year ago will have matured into what he thinks will be a strong conference contender

"Hopefully, this year will be a very good year, but next year should be a very strong year," the coach predicted. But Hart knows that if his team is to obtain such a high level of



Coach Ron Hart

success next year, this year's squad must do well

"The strongest spots are the offensive and defensive lines,"

Hart said but he admitted that new assignments for some players have resulted in some inconsistencies during practices. "A lot of people have been moved around to fit them to our best capabilities," he said. But he feels the problems will be worked out with experience.

The Gaels will be running a veer-T offense, with a good balance of rushing and passing. Hart said quarterback duties will be handled by Dave LeGault, a junior, and Bill Wilson, a senior.

Defensively, the team will line up primarily in a 50 monster, with a five-man line,

two linebackers and four deep. The kicking game will be handled by Todd Canfield and Scott Seymore.

Hart is expecting leadership from wide receiver and linebacker Vince Strefling, monster back Jeff Woodrick and tackles Matt Strefling and Jerrel Warren.

Hart is assisted on the sideline by junior varsity coach Al Westenberg. The 50 players who make up the two squads are a lot for two coaches to handle, and Hart said the assistance by some parents during practices has helped the team.

The Gaels will compete in the Red Arrow Conference, and Hart sees that competition as being anything but easy. He said Lake Michigan Catholic and Eau Claire will have very good teams, and he called Hartford and Watervliet "extremely tough."

"A lot of people see Watervliet as a state power because of what they have coming back," Hart said. "The conference should be solid."

Galien may have to wait a year to be considered a conference power, but Hart thinks the Gaels' day is coming.

GALIEN VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sept			
10	Covert	T	7:30
17	Eau Claire	T	7:30
24	Michigan Lutheran	H	7:30
Oct			
1	Bridgman	H	7:30
8	New Buffalo	T	2:00
15	LMC	H	7:30
22	Hartford	T	7:30
29	Watervliet	H	7:30
Nov			
5	Centreville	H	7:30



Gallen Girls Basketball Team members are, from left to right, (front row) Tina Hollingsworth, Norma Hilario, Julie Doyle, Cory Hoag, (second row) Sheila Parm, Cheryl Tilmann, Kim Taylor, Lisa Lozmack, Maria Tryman and Coach Liz Piersma.

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21	Eau Claire	T
28	Michigan Lutheran	H
Oct		
5	Bridgman	H
7	New Buffalo	T
12	LMC	H
14	Hartford	H
19	Watervliet	T
21	Eau Claire	H
26	River Valley	T
28	Bridgman	T
Nov.		
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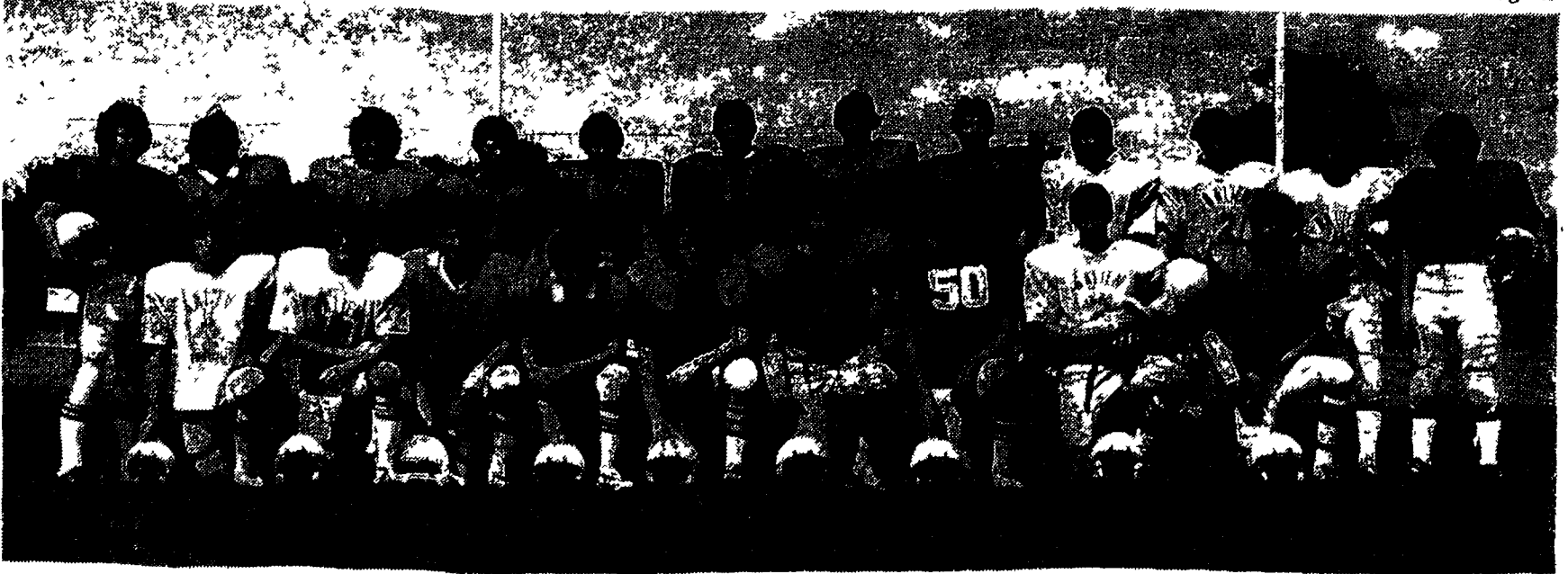
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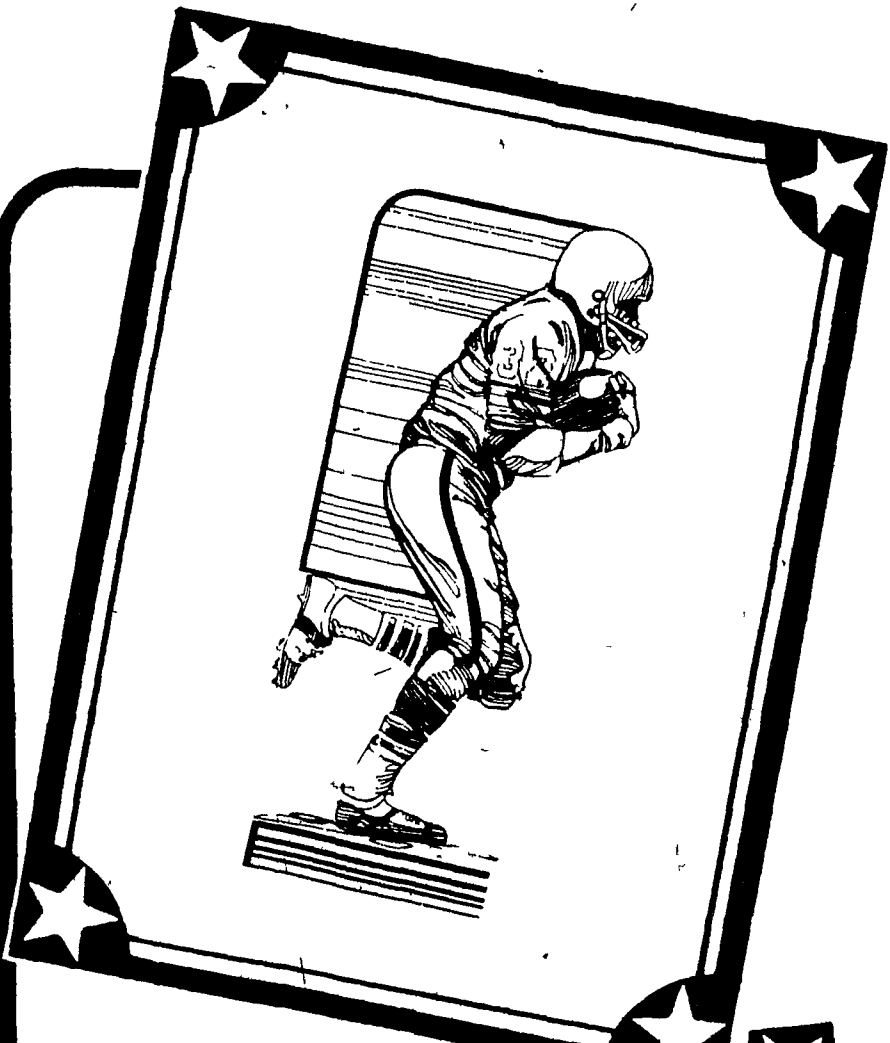


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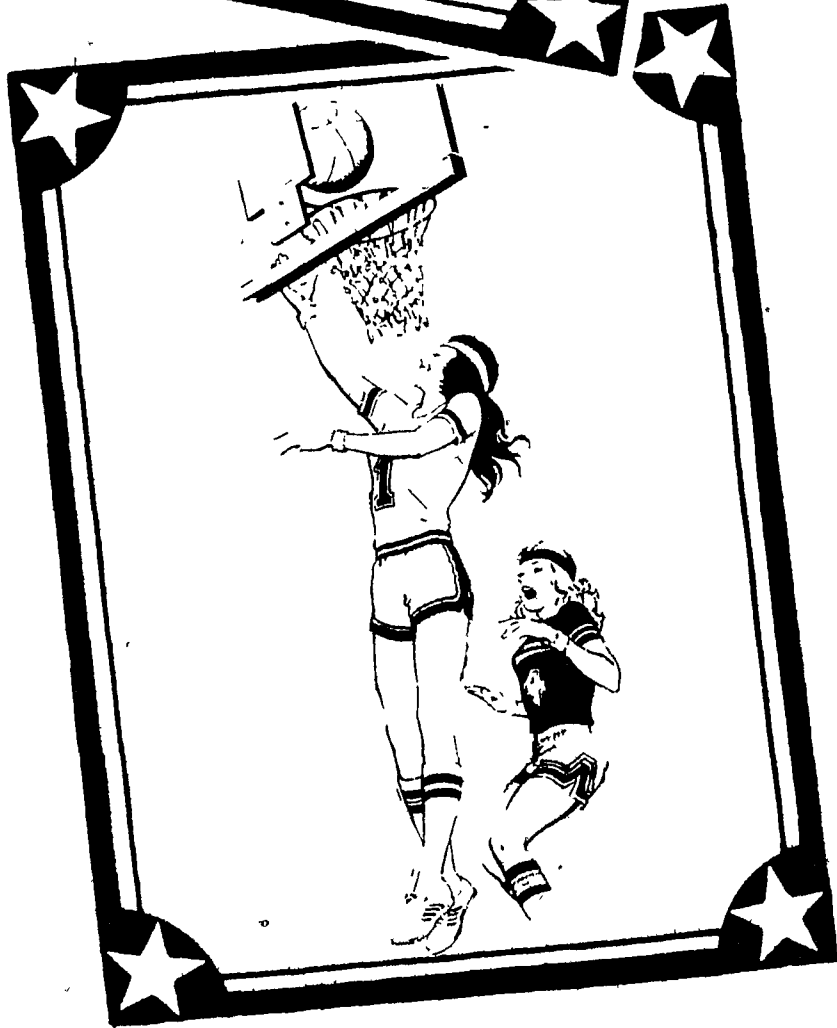
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