

Red Peppers



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How many guards?

Al Couppee, quarterback of Iowa's 1939 Iron Men, regaled the Linn County I Club last Friday with tales about that famous team, including this one on Iowa's 4-0 win over Purdue:

"Big Mike Enich, probably one of the two greatest tackles ever to play for Iowa, blocked two Purdue punts for safeties. After the game a newsman asked Jim Harris, our line coach, what happened. 'Mike blocked the second one just to make it decisive,' Harris replied.

"We played only 14 men in the Purdue game, and not many more than that in several others. Nowadays if you tell someone you used 14 men, he'll ask, 'And how many did you use at left guard?'"

Couppee said he and Buzz Dean and Matt Miletich, two other Iron Men, were popeyed Friday morning when they attended the Johnson County I Club breakfast at the Highlander and saw 750 people, many of whom began lining up at 5:30 a.m.

Dr. Charles Henry, Big Ten assistant commissioner who obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. from Iowa, said Hawkeye football enthusiasm was been responsible for a Big Ten rule. There are so many radio stations following the Hawks that now the limit is 7 originating stations for visitors.

Dr. Henry said sports fans often ask themselves questions, like "why are we here?"

"That reminds me of when I was growing up in Little Rock, Ark.," he said. "The ballpark was located right next to the insane asylum, and we could hear the inmates constantly asking each other, 'Why are we here? Why are we here?' Finally one man answered the question. 'We are here,' he said, 'because we are not all there.'"

Pass the hash

• You remember the name originally picked for the Los Angeles Rams' cheerleaders, don't you? Sure, it was a dandy: the Embraceable Ewes. But cooler heads prevailed (darn it), and the young women were simply called "the Rams' cheerleaders."

Well, Chicago has its Honey Bears to lead cheers for the pro football team, and now guess what name was selected for the Chicago Bulls' basketball cheerleaders: Luavabulls.

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• Speaking of nicknames, Stanford reacted to pressure and dropped its traditional name of Indians, taking an "interim" name of Cardinals. The university keeps holding votes in the student body to select a more permanent name so a mascot can be selected. Two that drew heavy support several years ago were Robber Barons and Thunder Chickens.

The latest election produced 1,239 votes for Trees, 1,229 for Gryphons (mythical beasts) and only 644 for Cardinals.

If Stanford would go the Joyce Kilmer route and select Trees as its nickname, can't you imagine the embarrassment if Stanford played Georgia or Drake?

Their nickname is Bulldogs.

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• Award for Speaking Up goes to Rick Dempsey, Baltimore Orioles catcher. Upon greeting President Carter, Dempsey said:

"Sir, next year why not come out to see us before the seventh game of the World Series?"

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• You can't blame Chicago sportswriters for feeling left out, as their athletic teams never seem to catch the brass ring.

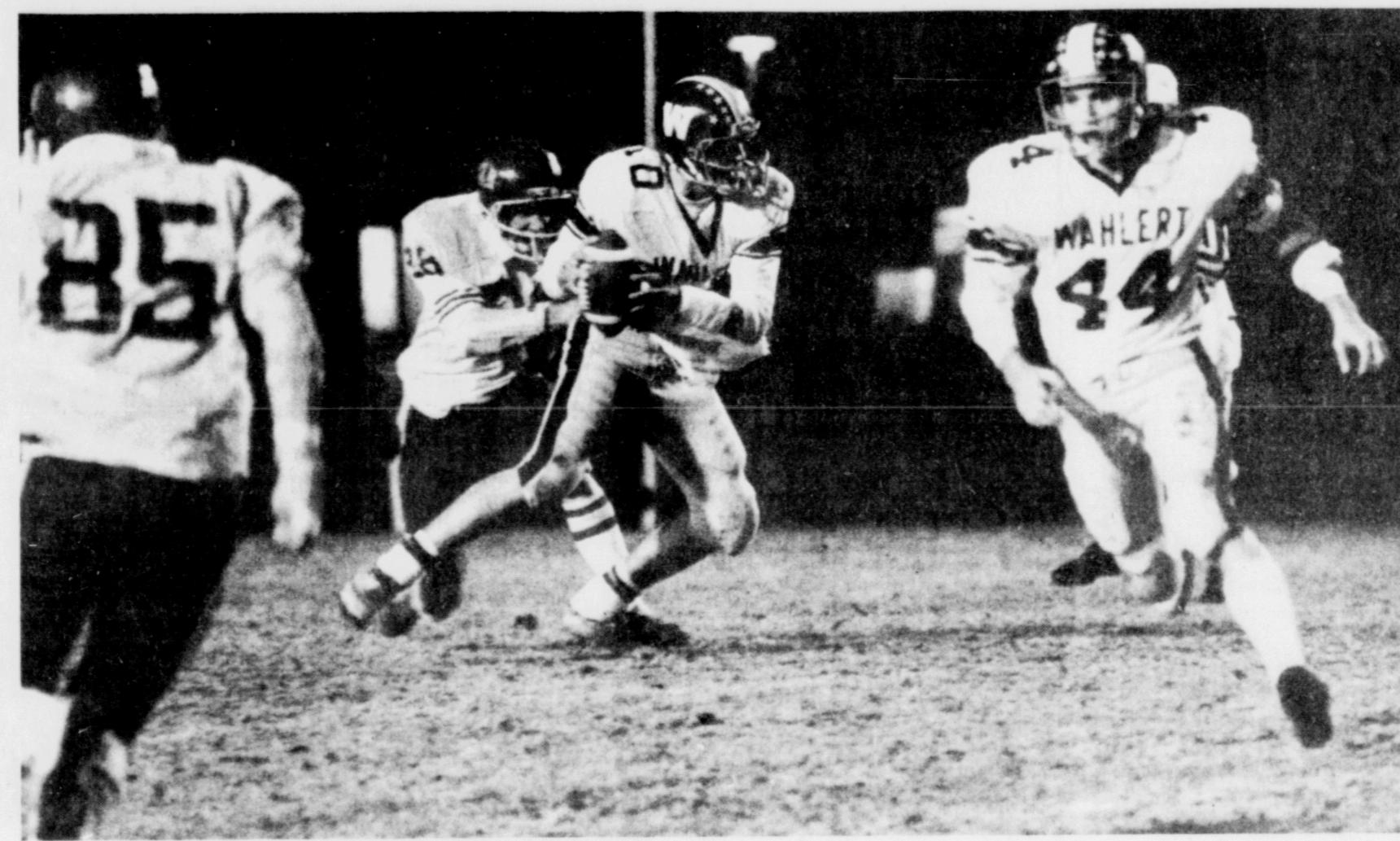
For instance, the Tribune's Dick Dozer sadly observed that the winning managers in the last two World Series — Bob Lemon of the Yanks and Chuck Tanner of the Pirates — were dismissed by the White Sox.

And Bob Verdi, also of the Tribune, found solace in this quote from Bill Madlock, who hit .375 in the Series: "Just think. If I had kept my mouth shut and been a good boy, I could still be with the Cubs. Hah!"

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• A coach doesn't see many funny angles when his team has met as much adversity — injuries and defeats — as Donnie Duncan has at Iowa State. But the other day we asked Donnie how his team was.

"Well, we haven't had many minor injuries," Duncan replied.



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Dubuque Wahlert quarterback Dan Garnett (10) escapes from Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Steve Chevalier and turns the play into a 17-yard gain during the second quarter of Thursday

night's game. Tom Reding (44) leads the downfield blocking, drawing a bead on Jeff Lane (85). Wahlert claimed a 14-0 victory, handing the Cougars their fifth straight loss.

Cougars drop 5th straight

By Mark Dukes
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Dubuque Wahlert ended its Kingston Stadium jinx Thursday night, leaving Cedar Rapids Kennedy feeling like the confused kid who just can't seem to find his lost dog.

The Golden Eagles, behind Dan Garnett's expert passing and execution of the option, extended their winning streak to three with a 14-0 triumph over Kennedy.

It was Wahlert's first victory at Kingston since 1974 and only the second win over a Cedar Rapids team the last five seasons. Wahlert's only other conquest of a Cedar Rapids school during that span was in 1977 against Regis.

"Our motivation was to break the Kingston losing streak," Wahlert coach Dick Weitz said. "We had been gaining momentum the last two weeks and stressed the importance of reaching the .500 mark."

While squaring their record at 4-4, the Golden Eagles dropped Kennedy's record to 2-6. It was the final

Mississippi Valley Conference game of the season for both teams, as Wahlert finished 3-4, Kennedy 2-5.

"I really don't think there has been a lack of effort on our part," Kennedy coach Greg Reid said. "I think every player out there is giving 110 percent. We've broken down every film this season and came up with the same conclusion."

"We're playing a lot of youngsters. On our last possession, there were only three seniors on the field — Bob Schultz, Lee Eilers and Mark Tone. We'll just lay our ears back this week in practice and try to salvage that last game (Thursday against Cedar Falls at Kingston)."

Still the Cougars have dropped five straight games, a cold spell in which they have scored just three touchdowns.

Reed used two quarterbacks and eight running backs in an attempt to find a combination that would produce more offense. The Cougars came up dry again, totaling just 60 rushing yards and 59 passing.

Meanwhile, Garnett accounted for 147 of Wahlert's 190 total yards, figuring in both touchdowns. He was 11 of 22 through the air for 138 yards and added nine more rushing. He ran 18 times but was sacked for 47 yards in losses, the most instrumental Cougars in that charge being Al Dyal, Tom Baker, Greg House, Mike Langguth, John Danker, Mike Supple and Steve Chevalier.

"At this point in the season, we didn't change much either on offense or defense," Weitz said. "But Garnett had a good game, although he's been doing that all year. He's the best pure passer that I've seen this year."

Garnett was especially effective on third-down plays, running or passing for first downs five times in such situations.

The 6-2, 180-pounder twice converted on third down during Wahlert's first touchdown drive, a 62-yarder in 13 plays that resulted in Garnett's one-yard sneak on fourth down. He kept the march alive by scrambling 17 yards on a third-and-10 and passing 14 yards to Dale Leibfried on third-and-eight.

The touchdown and Mike Johnson's kick gave the Golden Eagles a 10-0 lead with 7:51 remaining in the half.

Wahlert kept possession of the ball the first five minutes of the second half, using 13 plays before Johnson's 38-yard field goal fell short.

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