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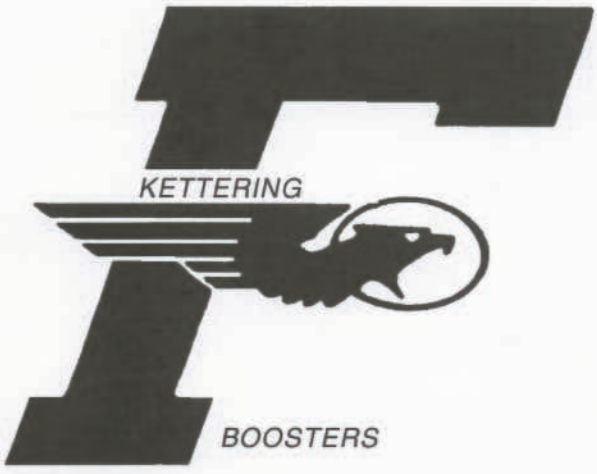
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Dedication

To all the men who coached Fairmont High School football and their families

To all the Fairmont football players and their families

To my wife Pam, my daughter Melissa and my son Nick

TO FUTURE FAIRMONT PLAYERS:

Read this book closely and carefully. Tradition like this is difficult to build, hard to establish, but a treasure proud to have. Should you decide to play football for Fairmont, this proud tradition will be yours.

Even though you will wear the Navy and Silver and be called a Firebird, this is your tradition.

You should do all you can to preserve it, protect it, and improve it.

Don't ever be afraid of the hard work needed to accomplish worthwhile goals. "Nothing that is worthwhile comes easy." Every coach and player in this book will tell you the price they paid is worth it. Work hard in the classroom and on the practice field. Make the right decisions every time, so you and your friends will be the players mentioned when this book is rewritten 25 years from now.

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Foreword

I'm delighted to have been asked to do the foreword for "The Kettering Fairmont Tradition" - a history of Fairmont football that Dick Hoppe and Don Fortener have put together.

Chet Roush and I arrived on the Dayton scene at virtually the same time at the end of World War II along with hundreds of other military veterans. Neither of us would have dared think back in 1946 that we would spend our lives here, but we have and are fortunate to have found our niche - his in education and mine in journalism. He started as football coach at Randolph Township high school, now part of the Northmont system and in 1948 moved up to take over at Fairmont. It was easy for me to become familiar with Fairmont football in Roush's four year tenure because he was the only coach in the Dayton area who could compete on even terms against the Chaminade powerhouses of the legendary Fuzzy Faust. In 1951 the undefeated Dragons edged the Eagles 7-6 in what was a then Welcome Stadium record crowd of 14,000.

But Fairmont football had its tradition both before and after Roush's four years. The parade of Fairmont coaches sounds like a Who's Who in Miami Valley coaching tradition. The seeds of that tradition were planted in the 1920's by Chester "Pop" Warner, who came to the school in 1924 while still a young man. The nickname was the same one given the legendary Glenn (Pop) Warner, one of the towering early giants of college football who among other achievements, coached the great Jim Thorpe. By 1929, Warner put Fairmont's first undefeated team on the field and won the first league championship. A long line of success followed. A number of Fairmont coaches went on to success at the collegiate level and it's all covered in the book.

The 20-year era in which there were two Fairmont high schools called East and West is fully covered.

This is a "must" for anyone with Dragon, Falcon, or Firebird blood in their veins.

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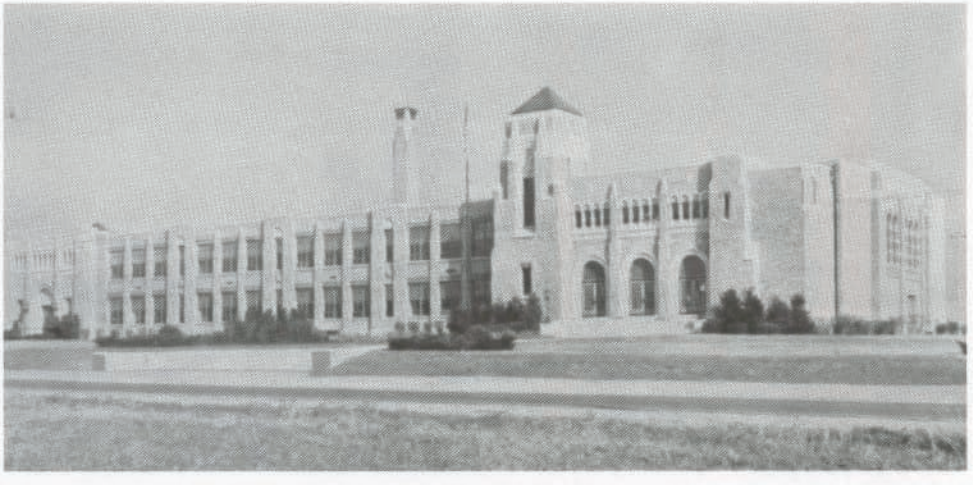
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Fairmont High School - 1906



Fairmont High School - 1922



Fairmont High School - 1929 to 1957

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1. The Schools

Fairmont High School

Fairmont High School began in **1890**, in the area of Kettering known as Beavertown. The first classes were held approximately one-half mile east of the Wagner Wood lumber yard on Dorothy Lane in what was called the District #9 building. A two-year high school course was offered at this location until 1902.

In **1902** Fairmont High School was moved to the G.A.R. Hall in this same area and was expanded to four years. Classes were taught here until 1906.

In **1906** the high school and grade school were moved to a "new" building in what was called the "old Fairmont district" on Dorothy Lane, just west of Far Hills. The Kettering Police Department operated out of this same building just prior to its demolition in the late 60's.

In **1922**, Fairmont High School moved again to a larger building just to the west of the previous building. This high school building later became Dorothy Lane Elementary. It was in this building that Fairmont High School athletic tradition began.

At about this time the school colors and a mascot were selected. The colors of purple and white were selected partially due to "Pop" Warner's admiration of the purple and white worn by Northwestern University. The "Dragon" mascot was also originated by "Pop" Warner with the help of the athletic council. Fairmont High School remained at this building until 1929.

In **1929**, a new and larger Fairmont High School was built on Far Hills Avenue (Route 48) at a cost of $300,000. The building, designed to hold 800 students, was considered at the time to be a "folly in the country" since the area was primarily rural. However, rapid, sometimes explosive, population growth continued, and building's capacity was reached and exceeded in the mid-50's.

In **1957**, a new campus-style high school, the first such school in the Midwest, opened several blocks north on Shroyer Road. Designed by the New York firm of Engelhart/Leggett, the campus housed students in three academic units with three additional buildings: administration/auditorium, physical education, and library/cafeteria. A vocational/industrial education unit was added in 1969.

This campus retained the name of Fairmont, and the building on Far Hills was renamed Dwight L. Barnes Junior High, later Dwight L. Barnes Community and Continuing Education Building, in honor of the superintendent who served from 1926 to 1959.

In **1963** this school building ceased to be called Fairmont High School.

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Fairmont West and Fairmont East High Schools

During the 50's and 60's, growth in Kettering continued to the point where the existing high school facilities were no longer sufficient, and it became necessary to split Fairmont into two schools.

Fairmont High School campus became **Fairmont West High School**. Since community desire to retain the name and reputation of the original Fairmont was strong, the colors and mascot of Fairmont High School became those of the new Fairmont West High School.

Fairmont West High School was in existence for twenty years beginning in 1963 - 64 and ending 1982 - 83. Throughout the remainder of this book, any coach, team or player from Fairmont West High School will be identified simply by "**West.**"

In **1963**, a second campus-style high school was erected at the eastern edge of Kettering. The new campus on Glengarry Drive was named **Fairmont East High School**. The 1963 - 64 school year was "East's" first year. The school colors of Columbia Blue and Scarlet were selected by a committee of students. This committee also selected the "Falcon" to be the new school's mascot.

Like Fairmont West, Fairmont East High School was in existence for twenty years, beginning in 1963 and ending with the 1982-83 school year. Throughout the remainder of this book, any coach, team or player from Fairmont East High School will be identified simply by "**East.**"

Kettering Fairmont High School

As the City of Kettering matured, there was little room for growth since the school district was bounded on all sides. An enrollment decline began in the seventies and continued until 1990. Thus, the two high schools, East and West, consolidated in **1983,** to form **Kettering Fairmont High School**. The newly-combined high school was housed in the former Fairmont West campus.

The new school colors became Navy Blue, Silver and White. These colors were chosen through a vote by the students. The new school mascot became the "Firebird." The Firebird was chosen as a combination of the West Dragon and the East Falcon. Initially, only sophomores, juniors and seniors attended Kettering Fairmont High School. In 1995, freshmen began attending as well.

The former Fairmont East campus became the Kettering Junior High, and is known today as Kettering Middle School.

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Fairmont Dragons in action at the Dorothy Lane Field.

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2. The Fields

Dorothy Lane Field

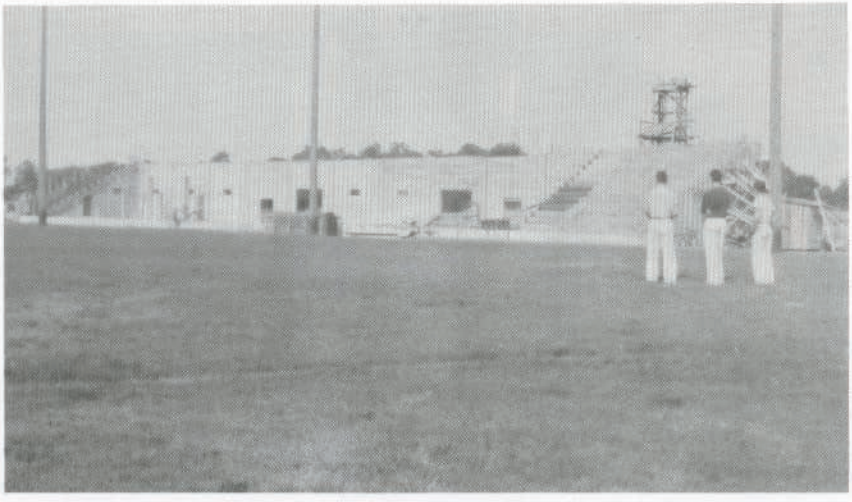
The first playing field for Fairmont High School's home football games was a rocky field that was only 120 yards long with fences at both ends. It was located on Dorothy Lane just south and west of the St. Albert the Great grade school, approximately where that school's gym now stands.

With no field lighting, football games had to be played on Friday afternoons. Fairmont games were played here from 1922 to around 1933. Seating was limited as seen in the 1927 team picture. In those days the crowd usually stood and watched the game and moved with the ball, up and down the sidelines. It was here where the Fairmont football tradition had its beginning.

Once the high school moved to its new building on Far Hills in 1929, it was a just a matter of time until the location of football games also moved.



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Fairmont Stadium under construction - 1934



Foreman Field - Home Team Side - 1996



Foreman Field - Visitors Side - 1996

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Foreman Field

The **second** playing field is located where the Firebirds now play their home games. The stadium was constructed in 1933 - 34 with funds from the Great Depression program known as the Public Works Administration (PWA). The field was proclaimed to be "one of the best in Ohio."

The facility included a 2,000 seat concrete stadium on the east side with an eight-lane cinder running track. In its time, it was the finest facility in the Dayton area.

In 1934, stadium lights were installed, and Fairmont played its first night football game. This was done mainly so the boys' fathers could see their sons play, since most worked during the afternoon games. In those days, the visitors sat on the west side of the field. Temporary stands were installed each year for the visitors and were taken down at the end of each season. This was necessary because in those days this was also the location of the baseball field.

Our research discovered two different game programs that each marked field dedications. The first DEDICATION game program was dated September 28, 1934 for a game with Miamisburg. The second program indicates that the field was officially dedicated again on October 1, 1937 before a game with Butler Township.

A new permanent section was added to the west side of the field in 1970 as a result of a gift from the Foreman family. The Kettering Board of Education, in appreciation of the gift, formally named the area containing the Fairmont Stadium, **Foreman Field.** Upon completion of this new section, the home team crowd moved from the old section on the east side of the field to the new section on the west side. A new lighting system was also installed at this time.

The largest crowd to ever attend a Fairmont football game was in 1951. Eight thousand (8,000) fans crowded into the stadium to see Fairmont and Troy, both undefeated, play for the M.V.L. championship in the last game of the season. Fairmont won 19 - 0.

The largest crowd at Foreman Field for a non-Fairmont game is believed to be the Carroll - Alter game of '71. Postponed from Friday due to rain, seven thousand fans came out on a Monday night to see these two undefeated teams play to a 23 - 23 tie.

The latest addition to Foreman Field was the 25 second clocks installed behind both end zones. These clocks give both teams the advantage of knowing exactly how much time there is to get the next play off. It is believed that Massillon High School Stadium, home of the Ohio High School State Football Finals, is the only other high school field in Ohio with these clocks.

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Head Coaches	Seasons	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pct.
Dwight L. Barnes	1922				
William M. Ramsey	1923	4	2		.667
Chester "Pop" Warner	1924 - 1941	85	58	18	.588
Hadley Watts	1942 - 1947	34	20	3	.623
Chester A. Roush	1948 - 1951	26	6	4	.778
Jack Fouts	1952 - 1957	38	13	3	.731
Dave Puddington	1958	9	0		1.000
Pete Ankney	1959 - 1960	17	2		.895
Jim Hoover	1961 - 1962	15	2	3	.825
Bob Landis (East)	1963 - 1965	7	21	1	.259
Bob Hildreth (West)	1963 - 1967	30	18	2	.620
Duane Fender (East)	1966 - 1968	7	22	1	.250
Dick Hoppe (West)	1968 - 1977	66	31	3	.675
Doug Schmidt (East)	1969 - 1974	32	26	2	.517
Rusty Clifford (East)	1975 - 1982	46	30	4	.600
Lowell Vorpe (West)	1978 - 1982	21	27	2	.440
Doug Schmidt	1983 - 1988	39	21		.650
Eric Herman	1989 - 1990	4	16		.200
Rick Robertson	1991 - Present	34	16		.680
		514	331	46	.603

Pct. = Total Wins / Total Games (Ties = half win, half loss)

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3. The Coaches

The leader of all athletic teams is the coach. The coach determines what to practice, what strategies to use, and most importantly to the players, who gets to play.

Coaches are leaders who take little credit when the team wins and all blame when the team loses. Coaches are carried off fields after victories; after defeats their front yards have "For Sale" signs. Their wisdom is seldom noticed, their mistakes are witnessed by thousands. They are trusted to mold boys into men and they seldom fail.

Through the years our football coaches have always given their very best. For seventy-five years Fairmont football tradition has had many great football teams because they have been led by eighteen excellent and successful head coaches. For example:

Two head coaches have school buildings named after them
Six coaches have lead Fairmont to undefeated seasons
Ten coaches have lead Fairmont to league titles

Granted, a few schools and a few coaches can match these achievements, but most cannot. These are impressive facts compiled by impressive individuals.

This section also contains traditional diagrams of favorite football plays from several coaches. These diagrams are hard to describe. They can be very simple or extremely complicated. They have long names and short names. They are called in the huddle and they are called at the line. They win games and lose them. They can be offensive or defensive. To some readers and players we hope these look familiar. If not familiar, we hope they will be of interest. To the rest, they probably won't make any sense at all.



1996 COACHES REUNION - BACK ROW: Dick Hoppe, Doug Schmidt, Rusty Clifford, Lowell Vorpe, Rick Robertson **FRONT ROW**:Chet Roush, Pete Ankney, Jim Hoover, Bob Landis

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Dwight L. Barnes

The first Fairmont football coach was Dwight L. Barnes who came to Fairmont as a teacher in 1919. Mr. Barnes is seen on the left as he appeared when he played football with the 322nd field artillery at Camp Sherman, Ohio in 1917.

On beautiful fall afternoons he would gather groups of boys together for intramural football games. In 1922 Mr. Barnes took his Dragons to Oakwood, West Carrollton, and to Moraine School for pick-up games. By the fall of 1922 football was a prominent part of Fairmont school activities.

Football was not highly organized in those days. The officiating, rules of eligibility, and regulation equipment were a far cry from what we see on our current Friday night schedules. It was not uncommon to pick up a few "extras" along the route to the game to help the team play an opponent. It was also not unheard of to have the coach play in the game, although Mr. Barnes said he remained on the sidelines.

Mr. Barnes recalled a pick-up game at West Carrollton in which the Pirates furnished their own official. With the Dragons ahead after three hours of play, the Fairmont boys got mad at the official and threatened to go home. After a lengthy discussion, they agreed to start all over again and resume playing.

Another incident Mr. Barnes recalled occurred when the Dragons were playing Oakwood. Oakwood had furnished their own official. During the game, he cited the Dragons for "defensive backfield in motion." Another time he made them kick over on a kick-off because the ball was kicked through the end zone.

Mr. Barnes progressed into the administration of the Van Buren Township schools and was superintendent. He was superintendent when the Kettering City School District came into being.

The Dwight L. Barnes Community and Continuing Education Building is named in his honor.

On beautiful fall afternoons he would gather groups of boys together for intramural football games.

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William M. Ramsey

1923 Won 4 Lost 2

Bill Ramsey coached the first organized football team from Fairmont with a publicized schedule. But his most important contribution to Fairmont was his 19 years spent as an assistant football coach. His twenty years of service exceed all coaches. He no doubt played an important part in laying the foundation of the Fairmont tradition. Bill retired as a Miami University professor after 44 years of teaching.

In 1982, some sixty years after his start at Fairmont, Mr. Ramsey filled out a questionnaire concerning his years at Fairmont. He wrote that the things he remembered in particular as a Dragon coach were, "all the fine people from Southern Hills, Pasadena, Belmont, Mad River, Fairmont, Beavertown, the large families of athletes - Creagers, Bolanders and working with C.P. Warner - one of the greatest coaches of Dayton and the Miami Valley."

In addition, he wrote of the "Things I Remember"

- Playing at Oakwood field 80 yards long, kicking off over the goal line. The referee brought the ball back and made us kick again
- Crossing the goal line (at Oakwood) with the ball only to have the referee put the ball on the 20 and make us gain another 20 yards
- Dropping the game ball from an aeroplane to start a game on the Dorothy Lane Field
- Playing Franklin in a pouring rain and punting the ball on first down each time we got it, finally recovering a loose ball in the end zone for the winning points
- Scoring a touchdown against Lebanon on an end-around each time we played them
- Harold Boda firing the gun to end the half at Lebanon without removing it from his pocket
- Wearing the soft leather helmets
- Dedicating the Far Hills Ave. Stadium
- Practicing in Melke's cow pasture
- Getting our first dressing room and shower room at Dorothy Lane
- Clem Nollman running down the field on a kick-off, stopping to pick up a dime and bringing it to the coach to hold
- Pinky No-name missing every scrimmage but never missing a day when pictures were taken
- Burt Moore 120 lb. qb running behind Kothman a 185 lb fullback
- Playing and beating Oakwood in 0 degree temperature

And above all, the many young men who began to mature at Fairmont

(I remember) Harold Boda firing the gun to end the half at Lebanon without removing it from his pocket

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Chester "Pop" Warner

1924 - 1941 Won 85 Lost 58 Tied 18
Dayton Suburban League Champs 1929
Dayton Suburban League Champs 1930
Miami Valley League Champs 1939

Coach Warner graduated from Enon High School in 1917 and from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1922. After leaving Ohio Wesleyan he accepted a position at Cedarville College. He not only coached the college team but also coached the Cedarville H.S. team.

The following summer Pop took a six-weeks' coaching course conducted at Urbana, Illinois, by Robert Zuppke and "Gloomy Gil" Dobie. Through this connection he found a position as assistant at Marinette, Wisconsin, which won the state championship that year.

The following year (1924) Pop came to Fairmont with a desire to be closer to home. He coached the football, basketball and track teams his first years at Fairmont, compiling winning seasons most of the time in each sport.

There were many problems when Pop came to Fairmont. The team practiced and played on a rocky field that was only 120 yards long with a fence at both ends. This field was located about where the St. Albert's grade school gym is today. All the point after kicks and punts that went in the end zones had to be retrieved from a neighbor's garden. Coach Warner was threatened with several lawsuits but these never materialized. Another problem was getting enough equipment for the whole team. When they first started wearing helmets, Pop's team was forced to wear used aviator helmets from McCook Field. The pads were very thin and cleats were made of built-up leather.

Coach Warner originated the nickname of "Dragons" with the help of the athletic council. Pop was also partially responsible for the colors of purple and white. He had always admired the colors of Northwestern University.

Pop's Fairmont teams used the single wing and short punt offenses. Pop believed in a "position" offensive theory and frequently used the quick offense to surprise his opponents and to gain better field position.

The Dragons under Coach Warner were one of the first high school teams in the area to use a combination of 5, 6, 7, and 8 man lines to confuse their offensive opponent. He was responsible for many of the institutions that we find in our athletic program at Fairmont today.

A great deal of the Fairmont tradition of excellence on the gridiron was built on a firm foundation by Coach Warner.

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Hadley Watts

1942 - 1947 Won 34 Lost 20 Tied 3

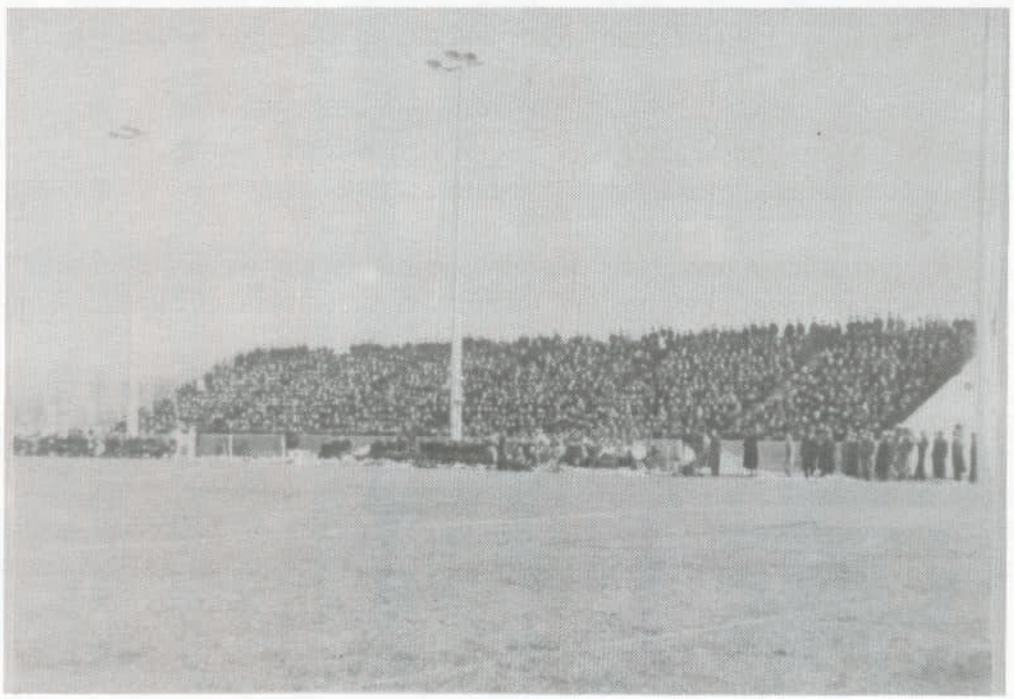
Hadley Watts, now deceased, was a product of Greenwich High School, Greenwich Ohio in 1930. After high school, he attended Ohio Northern University where he starred as an All-Ohio tackle on the football team.

Upon graduation in 1934 he took the position of football coach at Van Lue High School in Van Lue, Ohio.

Three years later Mr. Watts moved to Jackson, Ohio, where he was head football coach at Jackson high school. His football teams at Jackson won three league championships in the five years he was at the school.

In 1942 Mr. Watts came to Fairmont and coached with the Dragons football team for six years.

In 1948 he left coaching to become principal in the Centerville schools and supervised the building of most of the present schools in the Centerville school system.



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Chester A. Roush

1948 - 1951 Won 26 Lost 6 Tied 4
Miami Valley League Champions 1949
Miami Valley League Champions 1951

Chet Roush graduated from Winchester H.S. (Adams County). He got his bachelor's degree from Alfred Holbrook College in Manchester Ohio were he played football, basketball and baseball. He received his Master's Degree from the University of Wisconsin and performed graduate work at Colorado State, Miami and Dayton. Prior to coming to Fairmont, he coached at Salt Creek and Randolph Township (Northmont).

Chester A. Roush, who was superintendent of Kettering Schools for 17 years, has a treasure of memories from his years as head coach at Fairmont. The Dragons experienced a spurt of growth in football during this period, going from local recognition to state recognition. The following are excerpts from Coach Roush's remembrances.

"When I came to Fairmont High School in 1948 as head football coach, it was like coming into a new world as far as coaching opportunities were concerned. I had been coaching in a small school and I saw great opportunities at Fairmont High School. The school had not won a championship for ten years so it became our goal to win a Miami Valley League championship as soon as possible. Fairmont High School had fine young coachable boys so it was an easy task to put them together into winning combination. I found the players most interested to learn and willing to make sacrifices to be winners. I found the parents and community ready and willing to support a team which showed pride and determination to win."

Mr. Roush achieved his goal of a Miami Valley League championship with the 1949 and 1951 squads, the latter which he considers to be his most outstanding team.

"We used a very simple offense which was basically single wing and we instituted some T-formation which most of the other teams were using. Our offense was built around effective blocking and not on finesse.

"Our main forte was a strong defense and we probably spent as much or more time on defense than on any other phase of the game. Most of the boys played both on offense and on defense, but we did have an occasional defensive specialist. We relied somewhat on defensive strategy and initiated the practice of taking our offensive ends, who often also played baseball and basketball, and using them as defensive halfbacks. This always gave us very adept men on defense against a passing game.

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"We still used the leather headgear; face masks had not yet been made legal. Only in cases when boys had received injuries did we use face masks. Low-cut football shoes were just coming into being, and only one or two of our players were permitted to wear the low-cuts.

"Charles Finley, captain of the 1949 championship team, is the player I would elect as having made the greatest contribution to Fairmont football. Charles was a regular center in 1948, but in the second game of the 1949 season, he received a shoulder injury and was unable to play the rest of the year. He did remain with the team at every practice, captained the team from the sidelines, and met with the officials as the team captain before the game. He was tendered several scholarships and would have been a great college player had his life not been cut short by a fall inside a cave in West Virginia in the summer of 1950. As a result of his contributions to the team and to the school, his classmates established the Charles Roger Finley Memorial trophy which is still the greatest honor that can be achieved by a Fairmont athlete. An additional honor was accorded Charles when the Athletic Board of Control retired number 25, his number, forever.

"Another tragedy hit the team in 1948 when David DeHaven, a young sophomore prospect, was stricken with leukemia. Near the end of the season it became obvious that David would not return to school, that his playing days were over, and, in fact, that his life was in jeopardy. Pete Ankney, captain of the 1948 team, requested that his own varsity letter be awarded a week early in order that he could present it as a gift to David DeHaven. Pete visited David in the hospital and presented him with the letter. David was never able to leave the hospital and died shortly thereafter, but the spirit with which Pete Ankney gave so unselfishly one of the prized possessions was symbolic of the spirit which I found and attempted to nurture during my four years as head coach at Fairmont High School.

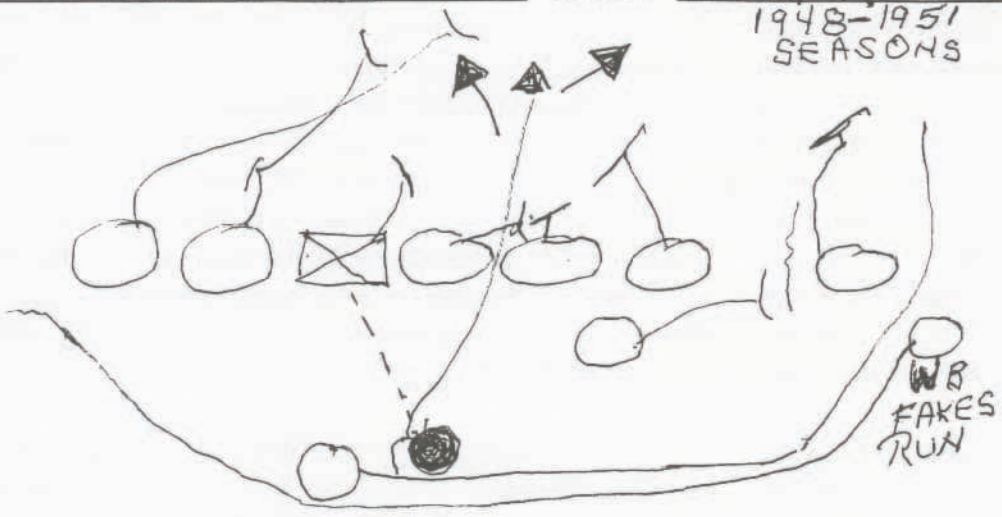
Chet served as the superintendent of Kettering Schools until 1975. He then taught at the University of Dayton and Miami University for four years. In 1980 he was elected to the Ohio State Board of Education. He was on the board for twelve years and from 1991 to 1992 held the office of President. He then resumed teaching part-time at the University of Dayton until he retired in 1996.

Chet and his wife Dottie live in Kettering and can usually be found attending Fairmont sporting events. They have been married since 1943, and have three grown children, all of whom serve in education.

I found the parents and community ready and willing to support a team which showed pride and determination to win. - Chet Roush

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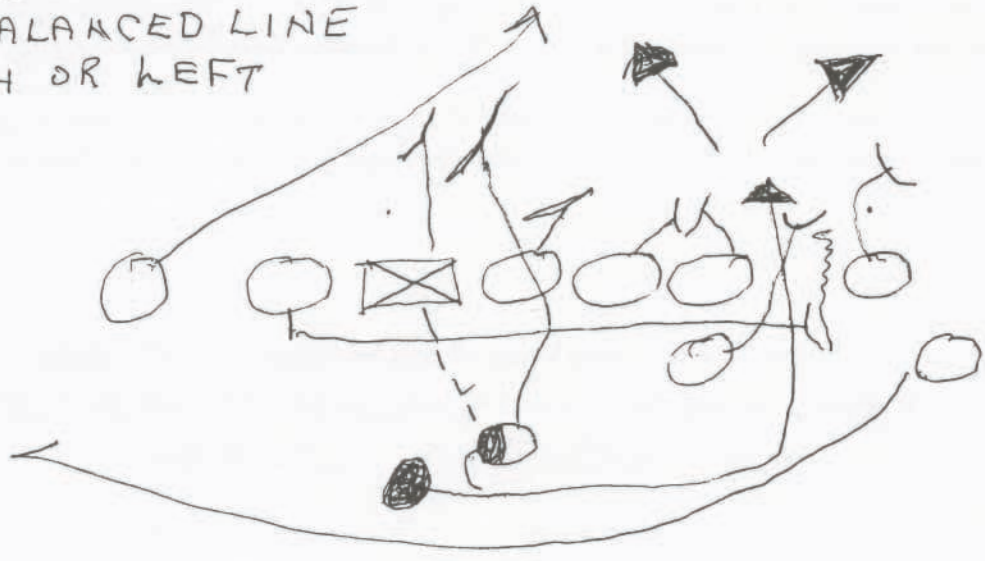
Play Name: SPIN SERIES #33 **Coach:** CHET ROUSH
1948-1951 SEASONS



Description: FULL BACK SPIN, FAKE TO H.B. & PLUNGE TO HOLE OVER R.T. & R.G.
SINGLE WING FORMATION
UNBALANCED RIGHT OR LEFT. HB & WB CARRY OUT FAKES

Play Name: SPIN SERIES # 34 **Coach:** CHET ROUSH
1948-51

SINGLE WING
UNBALANCED LINE
RIGH OR LEFT



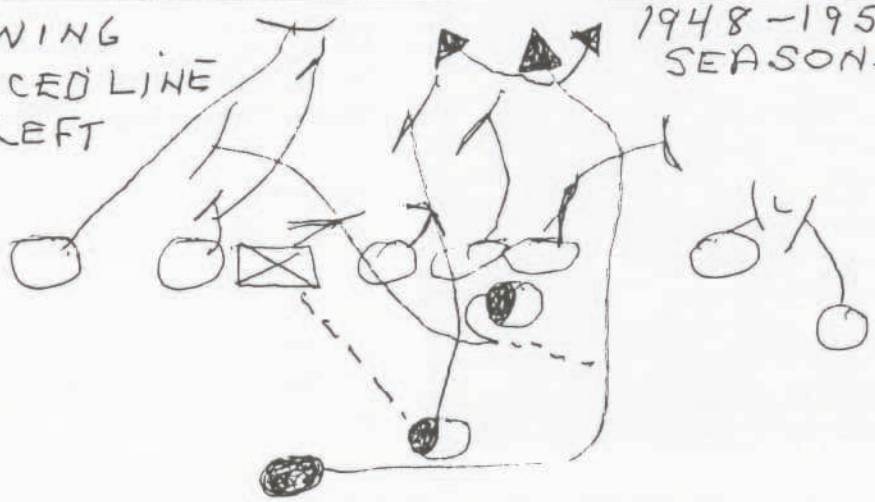
Description: FULL BACK HALF SPIN. GIVES TO HB. HB CARRIES OFF TACKLE. FB PLUNGES OVER R.G. & BECOMES BLOCKER.
WB IN MOTION & TAKE FAKE FROM HB & CARRIE OUT FAKE.
LG PULLS & TRAPS DEFENSIVE TACKLE.

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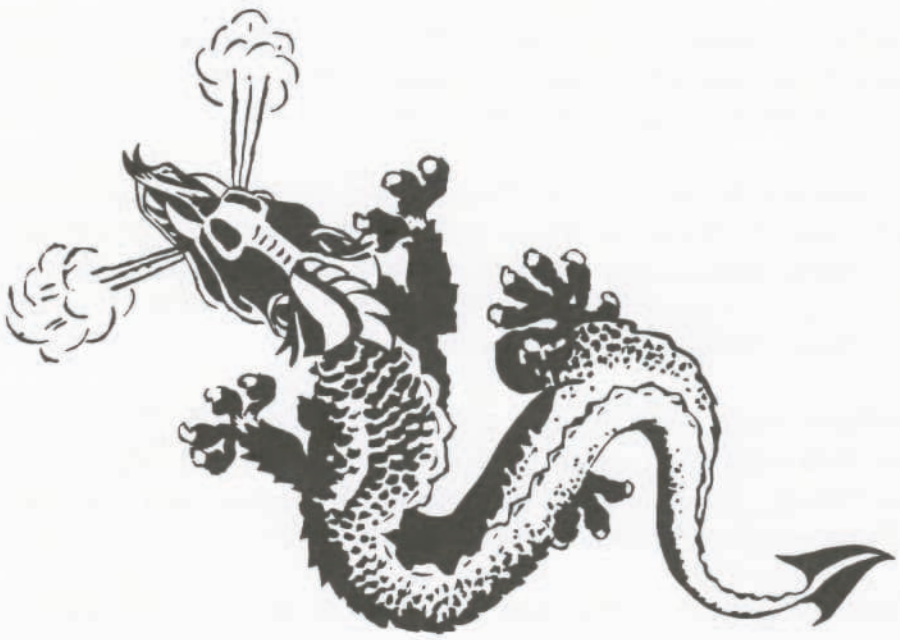
Play Name: BUCK-LATERAL SERIES **Coach:** CHET ROUSH

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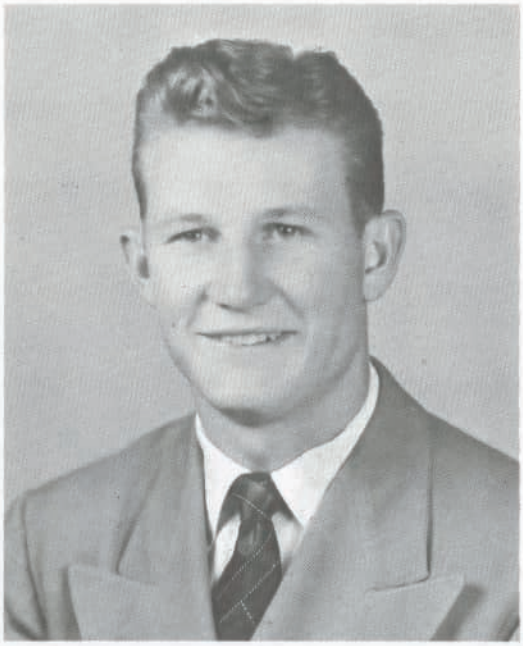
SINGLE WING
UNBALANCED LINE
RIGHT OR LEFT



Description: BALL SNAP TO FB. FB PLUNGES TO LINE. QB HALF SPINS & GETS BALL FROM FB. QB PITCHES TO HB. WHO CUTS OVER TACKLE WHERE DOUBLE TEAM BLOCK OCCURS. AFTER PITCHOUT QB BECOMES BLOCKER.



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Jack Fouts

1952 - 1957 Won 38 Lost 13 Tied 3
Miami Valley League Champions 1952
Miami Valley League Champions 1953

Jack Fouts is a product of Manchester High School in Akron, Ohio, where he was captain of the football team.

During a stretch in the Navy he attended Mulligan College in Illinois for one year. After his release from the Navy, he attended Ohio Wesleyan where he finished his college education and continued his football career.

Upon graduation in 1948 he came to Fairmont as assistant coach under Chet Roush for four years. He was Fairmont's head coach from 1952 through 1957.

Coach Fouts recalls, "During my ten years at Fairmont, we grew from a four-year high school of 600 to a three-year high school of 1800. There was a constant challenge during this era to play better teams and to improve in every way. This made football exciting and fun, and that is the way I think of my players and teams I coached. They enjoyed being together and enjoyed playing football. It was fun because we were working hard to improve and to be a better team. This produced a community interest and a great desire among team members."

The Boosters were quite active during Coach Fouts's years at Fairmont. They gave the team running ropes and made a Big Bertha sled for summer workouts. Booster Dave Hall donated the school's first "Dragon Wagon," a new purple and white station wagon.

Coach Fouts relates one humorous story that illustrates the loyalty Dragon football players feel for their alma mater. One of his football players, who shall be known only as Bill, joined the Navy upon graduation and was assigned to a naval base in California. When Bill was asked where his home was he replied that he was from Fairmont High School. When asked, " Where is Fairmont High School?" Bill responded, "Ain't you never heard of Fairmont?"

When Jack left Fairmont, he went on a tour of coaching that has still not ended. His first stop was at **Bowling Green University** as an assistant under Doyt Perry. From Bowling Green, he took a post as assistant under "Bump" Elliott at the **University of Michigan** where he became an outstanding recruiter. While he was there, Michigan went to the Rose Bowl in 1965 as the Big Ten Champions.

Coach Fouts left Michigan to become head football coach at **Ohio Wesleyan University**. He led Ohio Wesleyan to the Ohio Conference Championships in 1967. In 1968 he was nominated by the American Football Coaches for Coach of the Year honors. In 1971 Ohio Wesleyan again won the Ohio Conference and the first Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl for the Division III College Football Championship. He was Head Coach at Ohio Wesleyan University for twenty years.

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In July of 1984 he moved on to **Cornell University** where he became the Offensive Line Coach under Head Coach Maxie Baughan. He held that position for five years, then became the Head Coach in 1989 for one year. He retired from U.S. football in 1990.

From February 1994 to July 1994 he returned to football at the professional level as the Head Coach of the **Graz Austria Giants** of the Europe Professional League. He led his team to a second place finish in the Austrian Bowl. As an update Jack writes, "At present I'm giving thought to coaching one more year in Europe."

"Starting at Fairmont with the great teams, and more important the wonderful people and friends we worked with and coached, made me a coach for life. I have to tell you this because it is very different today."

Sidelights I'm Proud of:

I hired two coaches for my staff, Pete Ankney and Dave Puddington, who both eventually became Head Coaches at Fairmont and at the college level.

I also coached Pete on the 1948 team at Fairmont.

Lowell Vorpe played for me at Ohio Wesleyan and coached at Fairmont.

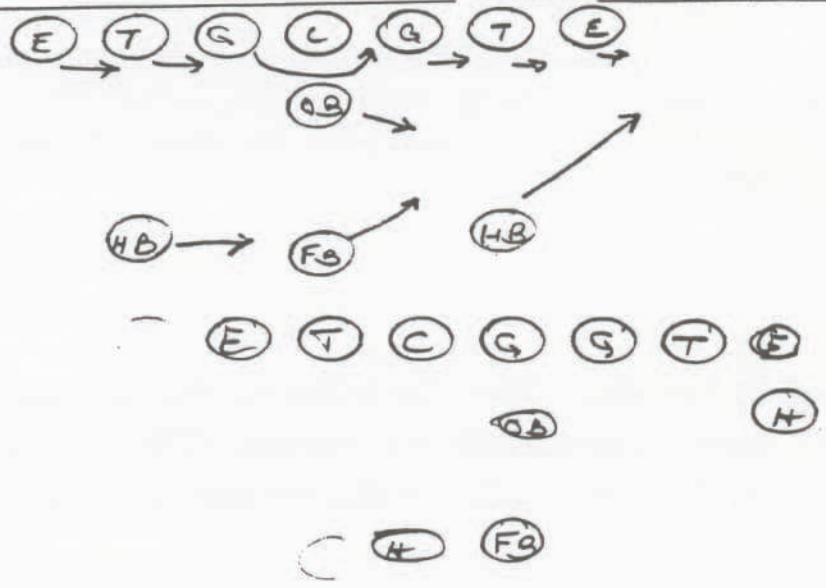
I recruited Dave Fisher from Fairmont to Michigan in 1963. Dave played in the Rose Bowl in 1965 and still lives in Ann Arbor.

"Fairmont, a Tradition to Cheer About!" - Jack Fouts

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Our shift from T Formation to
• Single Wing - (Illegal today)

Play Name: _____ **Coach:** Fouts

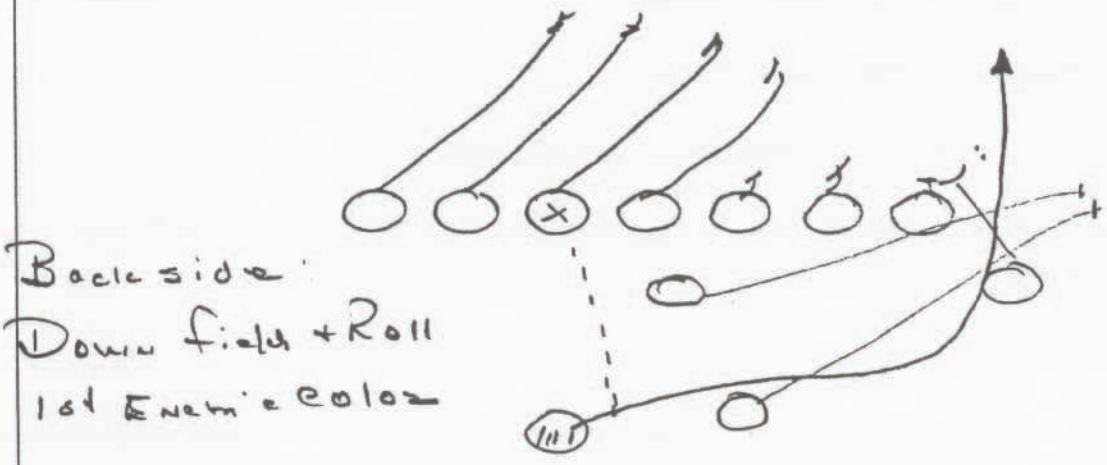


Description:

On shift line + Backs moved and we

Play Name: _____ **Coach:** Fouts

centered the ball directly to the HB



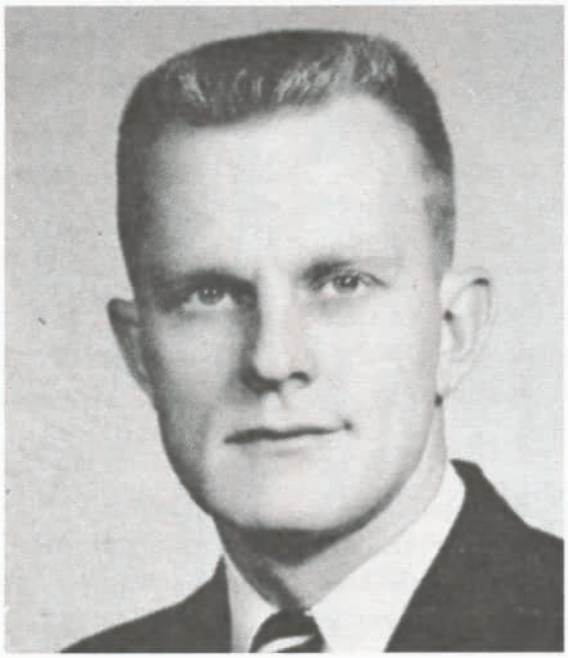
Backside
Down field + Roll
1st Enemie color

Description: We also passed the from this sweep.

Best Play from this was Sweep at 8 - The defense has to move and we have a string of fast Halfbac

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Dave Puddington



1958 Won 9 Lost 0
Miami Valley League Champions 1958

Dave Puddington attended Canton Lehman High School. Upon graduation, he continued his studies and football career at Ohio Wesleyan University where he captained the football team. He graduated in 1950.

After four years in the Navy as a pilot in the Korean conflict, he came to Fairmont in 1955 and was an assistant for three years before becoming head coach in 1958. His 1958 Dragons went 9 - 0 and were ranked in the top 10 of Ohio high schools by the Associated Press. In recognition of this achievement, Dave was selected as Coach for the Southern All-Stars in the Annual North - South State All-Star game held in Canton, Ohio. This gave Coach Puddington great satisfaction, having attended high school in Canton.

Coach Puddington has fond memories of his "perfect" season at Fairmont.

> "Fairmont had an outstanding football program with good tradition and leadership, interested community and school family, plus dedicated players. After having had the opportunity to view high school programs throughout the country, I realize that Fairmont most favorably compares with those in other areas of the land. The players' sacrifice, dedication, enthusiasm, hustle, and performance above and beyond their basic abilities never ceased to amaze me--qualities I have not found with abundance at other coaching stops. I always felt that the number we had interested and out for football was a counter-balance to the cross-section of ethnic groups found in our competition's communities. The number we had out for football was one of the largest turnouts in the southwestern part of the state. That and the dedication of outstanding associate coaches on the staff were ingredients of success."

Coach Puddington added to the list of growing Dragon traditions by naming a Dragon-of-the-Week during football season, and by starting a 110% club for those boys who consistently went beyond what was expected of them. He also emphasized the importance of furthering their education. Of the 21 seniors from the 1958 team, many went on to play college football with scholarships.

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Dave Rayburn, who worked with Coach Pud in an advisory capacity, was a source of inspiration to the team and to the coaches. He had been an assistant football coach until 1956 when diabetes caused him gradually to lose his vision. By 1958 he suffered a 95% loss of vision. Coach Puddington recalls one game during this season where Mr. Rayburn was working on the third head phone in the press box on a direct line to the coaches on the field. Although he could not see what was happening, he had developed such an acute sense and feel for the pulse of the game that he instinctively knew which offensive play should be attempted. He called the play down to the coaches, and it resulted in a crucial yard gain which led to the touchdown that ultimately was the winning margin.

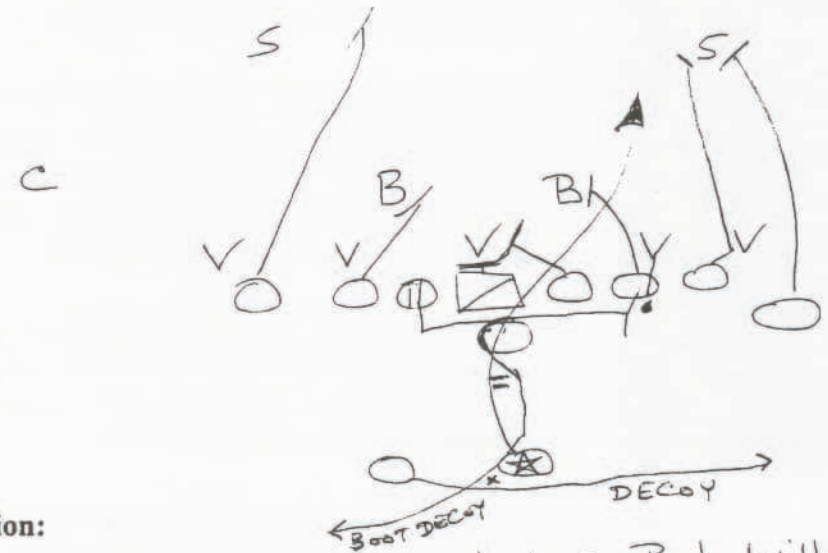
The following year Puddington left Kettering to become assistant football coach at **Kent State University**. In 1962, he left Kent State for the head football job at **Washington University** in St. Louis where he had great success. In five years he racked up a very impressive 37 - 12 - 1 record. With that kind of success, he moved back to **Kent State,** this time as head football coach. He led Kent State for the 1968, 1969 and 1970 seasons. He was the head coach at the time of the tragic shootings when four students were killed on campus by the National Guard. Dave left coaching mainly due to the events of that fateful day.

He entered higher education after coaching and served in Washington, D.C., Ohio University, West Virginia Wesleyan College, SUNY Morrisville, the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges and Edison College in Trenton, New Jersey. He returned to his high school coaching roots with two years of head football coaching at Hamilton High School in New York and one year at Lake Braddock High School in Fairfax County, Virginia during emergency periods in their programs.

"Fairmont had an outstanding football program with good tradition and leadership, interested community and school family, plus dedicated players." - Coach Pud

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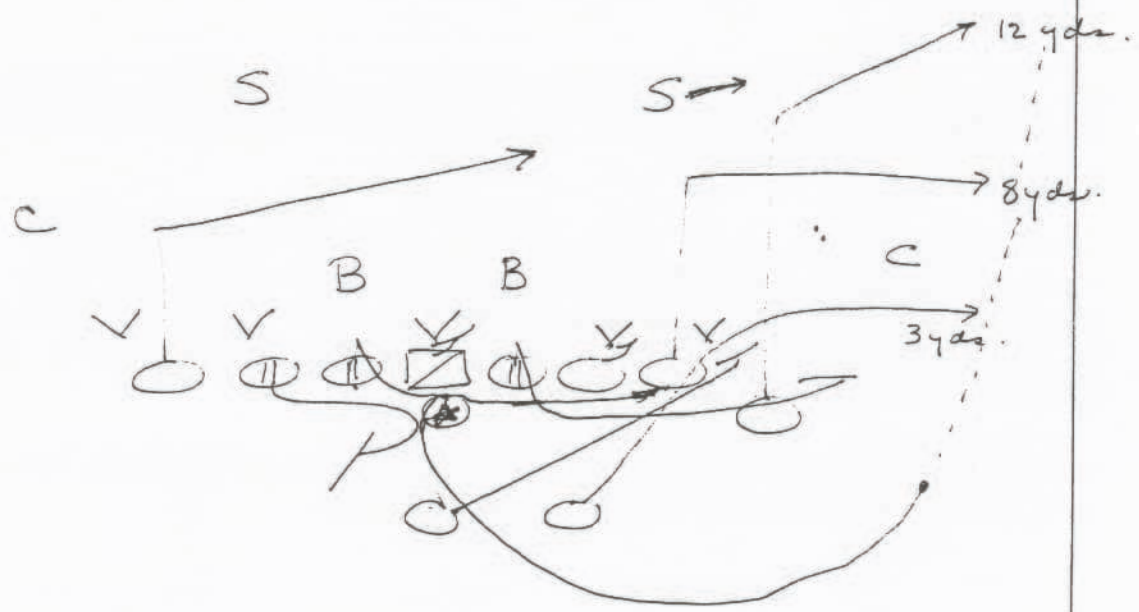
Play Name: BUCK TRAP **Coach:** PUDDINGTON



Description:

This is the play that helped Bob Williams, '59, an All-State selection as a running back (FB). He later starred at MIAMI (OH.) UNIVERSITY. become

Play Name: FLOOD PASS **Coach:** PUDDINGTON



Description:

ROLL-OUT ACTION WITH THREAT OF RUN OR PASS BY QB FROM A STRONG FORMATION - HAVE 4 OPTIONS TO PASS TO.

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William "Pete" Ankney

1959 - 1960 Won 17 Lost 2
Miami Valley League Champions 1959

William "Pete" Ankney transferred to Fairmont as a senior from Roosevelt High School and played under Chet Roush. While in college, he was on the football squads at Miami University and the University of Dayton where he graduated.

After college Coach Ankney was assistant football coach at Xenia Central High School for two years, then football assistant at Fairmont two years before becoming Dragon head coach in 1959.

After two seasons as head coach, he left to take the head coach position at Canton McKinley High School. Pete coached at Canton for one year then took the head football job at the University of Dayton where he remained for three years.

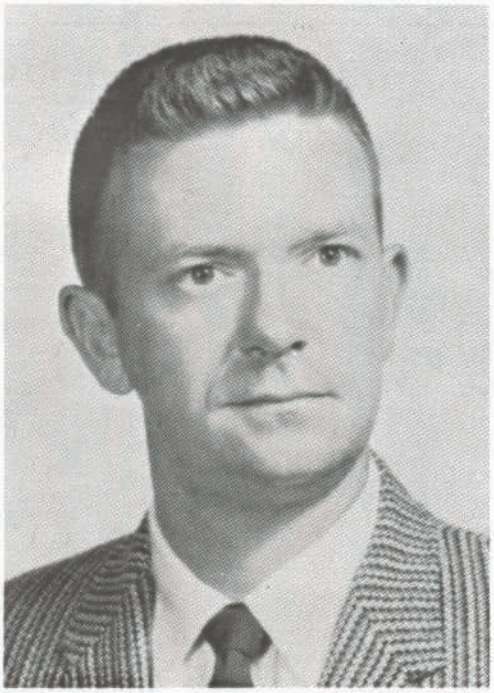
While at Fairmont, Coach Ankney and Coach Hoover co-authored a book on football, Winning Through Organization. The book discussed the organization of the Fairmont football program from such angles as morale, practice organization, film evaluation, scouting, statistics, and weight training.

The book sold over 2,000 copies and was used in the physical education coaching classes at Bowling Green, Ohio University, Xavier University, and the United States Military Academy to train intramural football coaches.

Coach Ankney has one "painful" memory from his coaching days at Fairmont. In practice he was demonstrating how the receiver should catch a lob kick-off using the "fair catch" technique. One of his star players was running downfield watching the football plummet through the air. He was so intent on watching the ball that he didn't see his coach standing there. There was a collision, and Coach Ankney was knocked out cold!

Today, Pete is a Manufacturer Representative in the Dayton area. He and his wife Mary have three children; Dan, David and Sally, and seven grandchildren.

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Jim Hoover

1961 - 1962 Won 15 Lost 2 Tied 3
Miami Valley League Champions 1961

Coach Jim Hoover graduated from Miami University in 1951. After spending one year at Germantown High School he moved to Xenia High School as an assistant football coach. After two years at Xenia, Coach Hoover was drafted into the United States Army. While stationed at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, he coached the post football team.

Upon discharge he accepted a position as assistant football coach at Carlisle H.S.

In 1958 Coach Hoover joined the Fairmont football family. He was the head football coach for the 1961 and 1962 football seasons. Coach Hoover recalls: "The squads I coached were deeply involved in traditions started and nurtured by previous coaches. The coaches and the players while I was at Fairmont were dedicated to continuing this tradition."

Even so, Coach Hoover added a few traditions of his own. He started the practice of putting Dragon decals on the helmets. Coach Hoover remembers one occasion when his enthusiasm for Dragons overwhelmed him. He ordered new team jerseys with UCLA stripes and stars in the gap. Somehow the manufacturer misunderstood, and jerseys came back with stars, stripes and the added attraction of a dragon on the shoulder.

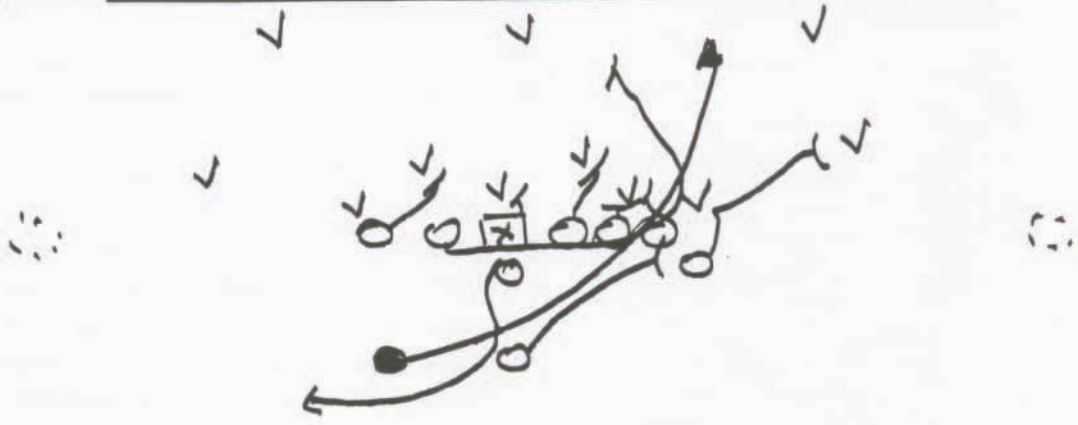
Coach Hoover recalls one humorous incident from his coaching days at Fairmont. The Dragons were on touchdown drive and close to scoring when the team's star fullback called for a time-out. He ran to the sidelines and asked for an equipment repair, thinking his face mask had been knocked off. The face mask was found drooping down over the back of his shoulder pads. He had his helmet backwards.

Hoover left in 1962 to accept an assistant coaching position at the University of Dayton. He coached football at UD for two years. In 1965 he assisted then Athletic Director Tom Frericks for two years and coached baseball for three. In 1966 he was promoted to Director of Financial Aid at UD where he served for six years. In 1972 he was promoted to Assistant Vice-President of Enrollment Management where he remained until his retirement in December of 1991.

Jim presently lives in Bellbrook with his wife Shirley.

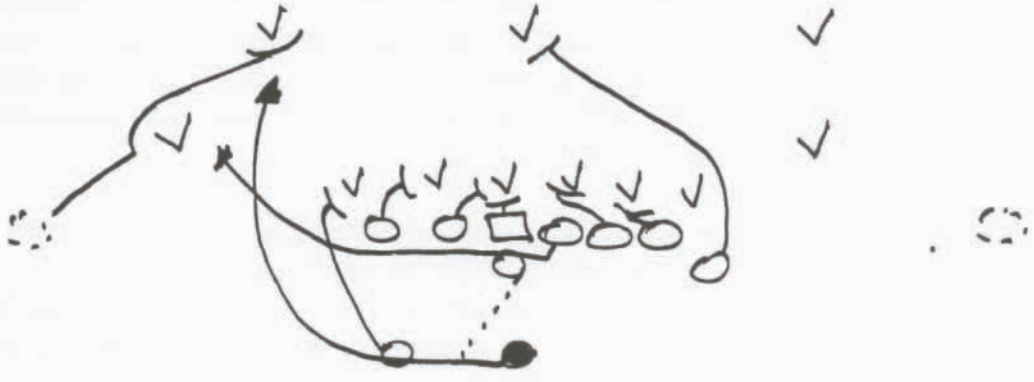
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Play Name: 26 OFF TACKLE **Coach:** JIM HOOVER



Description: WE WOULD CONTINUE TO RUN THIS TO BOTH SIDES UNTIL THE DEFENSE COULD STOP IT.

Play Name: 39 PITCH **Coach:** J. HOOVER



Description: VERY SUCCESSFUL WITH UNBALANCED LINE RIGHT AND A WING TO THAT SIDE. THIS USUALLY FORCED A STRONG ROTATION TO OUR RIGHT

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Bob Hildreth



1963 - 1967 Won 30 Lost 18 Tied 2
Miami Valley League Co-Champs 1963
Western Ohio League Champions 1967

Coach Hildreth is a 1945 graduate of Roosevelt High School. He attended the University of Dayton for one year and graduated cum laude from Cedarville College in 1953. After graduation from college, he took a position at Jeffersonville High School as head coach in three sports.

In 1958 Coach Hildreth moved to Greenview High School as assistant football and head baseball coach. He produced league baseball championships each of his three years there. At Greenview Bob became head football coach in his second year and led the school to its greatest success in football.

In 1961 he came to Van Buren Junior High School as freshman football coach. In 1962 he was promoted to the varsity staff at Fairmont and assumed the reins as head coach in 1963.

Coach Hildreth recalls one particularly trying time during his years at Fairmont West when he lost three fullbacks during a period of three weeks at the start of the 1966 season. First, regular Tom Kohl fell ill with a blood infection; then Bob Krynzel, second string fullback, broke his arm; then John Roush, third string fullback, broke his ankle in the Hillsboro game. A reserve halfback managed to survive the rest of the season for the Dragons.

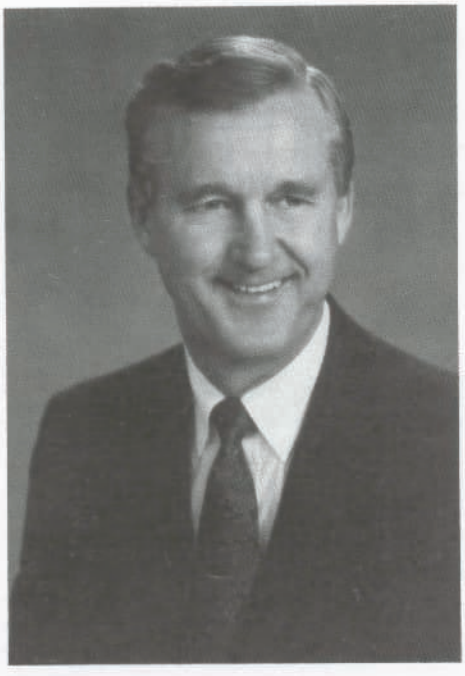
To many sports fans in the Dayton area, Coach Hildreth was also known as an outstanding baseball coach. His 1966 baseball team topped off an excellent year by winning the Ohio AAA championship.

After coaching football at Fairmont, Bob moved up and coached football at the University of Dayton under John McVay. At UD Bob coached football for four years and baseball for eight. While coaching, he was the Assistant Director of Financial Aid. He was then promoted to Director of Financial Aid replacing none other than Jim Hoover, the man he replaced as Fairmont Head Football Coach.

Bob had open heart surgery in January 1982, then returned to work at UD where he retired in 1987. Bob and his wife now live in Kettering.

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Bob Landis



1963 - 1965 Fairmont East
Won 7 Lost 21 Tied 1

Bob graduated from the University of Chattanooga where he participated in football and basketball.

His first head coaching job was with the Dayton Jefferson Broncos. After two league titles at Jefferson, Bob became a science teacher at D.L. Barnes Junior High. While at Jefferson, one of the assistants Bob groomed went on to have his own successful career. That assistant took over the head coaching job at Jefferson, and eventually at Centerville. His name is Bob Gregg.

The next year Indian Riffle Junior High opened and Bob taught there in addition to coaching football, basketball and baseball.

The following year Fairmont East High School opened, and Bob became the first Head Football Coach and Wrestling coach. Bob lead the Falcons as the Head Football Coach for the 1963, 1964 and 1965 seasons.

Bob went into school administration after ten years of coaching at Jefferson and Kettering. He became assistant principal at Barnes Junior High School and retired as principal of Van Buren Junior High School in 1989.

Since retiring from education, Bob and his wife Patsy spend seven months each year in northern Michigan. Golfing, fishing, and grandchildren have become his major interests.

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Duane Fender

1966 - 1968 Fairmont East
Won 7 Lost 22 Tied 1

Duane attended Ohio Northern University where he graduated in just three years. He played cornerback for the football team all three years. After graduating he taught at several high schools including Toledo Rogers H.S. where he coached football and baseball.

He came to Fairmont in 1959 and worked as an assistant football coach under Dave Puddington. He continued as an assistant coach under coaches Ankney and Hoover. When the schools split and Fairmont East was formed, he was transferred to East and became an assistant under first year Head Coach Bob Landis. In 1966 Coach Fender was named as the second Head Coach of Fairmont East where he served for three years.

Of his days in coaching, he states, "Never have I worked with so many dedicated coaches and athletes." The tradition, the attitude and the philosphy that Seniors always started unless they were beaten out were important ingredients in Fairmont's overall success.

Even though his record for three years was not a winning one, he felt his kids always played hard. He gave his succcessor Doug Schmidt credit for turning the football program around at East. "Winning breeds winning, and losing becomes a habit." To change, new ideas from a new leader are sometimes needed.

Duane was Athletic Director at East for 1971, and then was promoted to Unit Principal at Fairmont East where he served for six years. He retired from the Kettering School System in 1977 after 19 years of service.

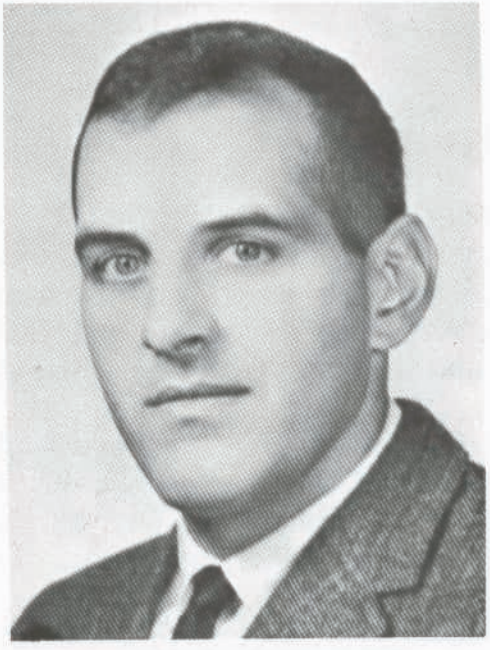
In 1983, he answered a request from Jack Fouts at Ohio Wesleyan to be an assistant football coach for one year. Of this year he remembers having more fun and enjoyment than any of the years he coached. He came out of retirement again to teach and coach football one more time for his home town Cardington H.S. at the request of the superintendent. Mr. Fender is again retired, for now.

Today, Duane lives with his wife in Cardington, Ohio where they still enjoy following good high school sporting events. They have two children, Jim, a '66 graduate of Fairmont East, and Peggy, who graduated from East in '70.

"Never have I worked with so many dedicated coaches and athletes." - Duane Fender

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Dick Hoppe



1968 - 1977 Fairmont West
Won 66 Lost 31 Tied 3
Western Ohio League Champions 1974
Western Ohio League Champions 1975

Coach Hoppe graduated from Fairmont in 1957. He attended Ohio Wesleyan University, lettered four years in football, and graduated in 1961.

His first coaching job was as seventh grade football coach at Southdale Elementary School in Kettering. In 1962 he moved up to Barnes Junior High School as eighth grade football coach. The next year he joined the varsity staff at Fairmont West where he remained as an assistant for four years.

In 1967 Coach Hoppe went to Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, where he was an assistant football coach. In 1968 he was back at Fairmont West as the head football coach.

Coach Hoppe has had strong ties with Dragon football through the years. He recalls:

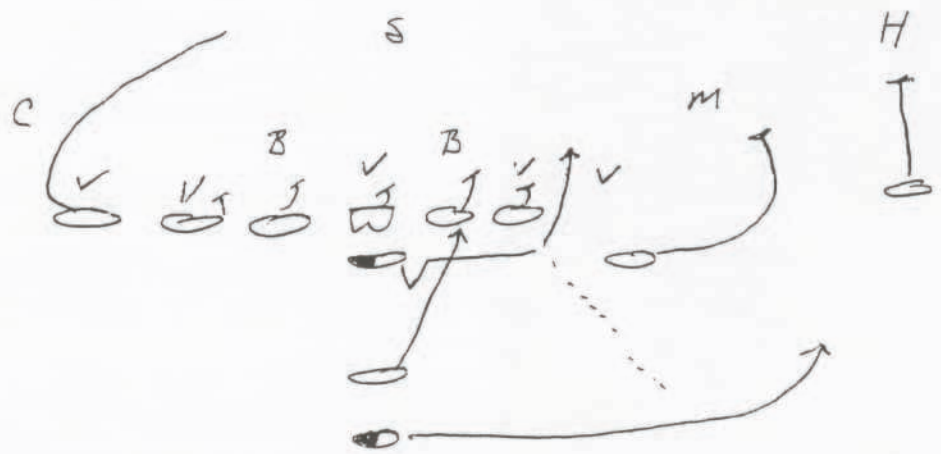
> "Ever since I had the opportunity to play for the Dragons, I had always had the ambition to come back as a Dragon football coach. Men like my high school coaches--Jack Fouts and Dave Puddington-- had a tremendous influence on any young man's life."
>
> "The most impressive thing about Dragon football is the senior tradition which has been developed over the years. Many times Fairmont football teams were not as big, strong, or as fast as the opponents they faced. Because of the senior tradition, they made up what they lacked in physical attributes by sheer hustle and determination. For these reasons a boy who has played for the Dragons learns lessons that provide positive experiences he will draw upon the rest of his life."

After retiring as the Dragon's head coach in 1978, Coach Hoppe coached with former Fairmont football player Rick Carter at the University of Dayton. He retired from education in 1990.

Today, Dick Hoppe and his wife Linda own several commercial properties and are owner/operator of the "Crazy Quilts Antiques" store in Waynesville, Ohio. Their daughter Heidi and son-in-law Mark live in Columbus. She has her Master's degree and teaches in Dublin. Their other daughter Mindy and son-in-law Ron own Di Salvo's Deli here in Kettering. The Hoppes are proud grandparents of three granddaughters and one grandson. They extend an invitation to all former players and families to Waynesville to drop in anytime.

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Play Name: "I" dive Option **Coach:** Hoppe



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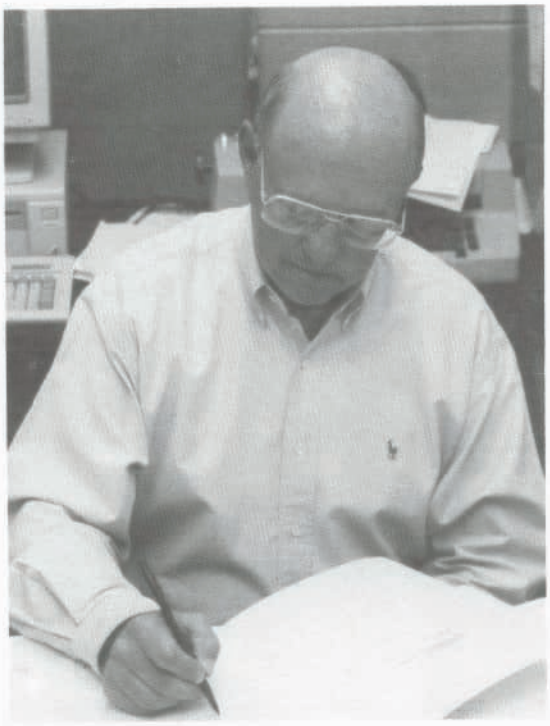
Play Name: Bootleg Pass off dive option **Coach:** Hoppe



Description:

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Doug Schmidt



1969 - 1974 Fairmont East
Won 32 Lost 26 Tied 2
Western Ohio League Champions 1972

1983 - 1988 Kettering Fairmont
Won 39 Lost 21
Western Ohio League Champions 1985
TOTALS - Won 71 Lost 47 Tied 2

Doug Schmidt played football and graduated from Miamisburg High School. He attended Ohio Wesleyan where he was a standout quarterback and played on the same team as Dick Hoppe under Head Coach Glenn Fraser. Before his senior year was finished, he had already set the Ohio Wesleyan and Ohio Conference single game records for Passes attempted (38), Passes Completed (20) and Most Yards Passing (242). He also led the Ohio Conference in punting.

In 1968 Doug Schmidt came to Fairmont East as a Biology teacher and an Assistant Coach. In 1969 he was named the third Head Football Coach for the Fairmont East Falcons. He was head coach for six years. In 1983 when the two Kettering high schools were consolidated, he became as the first Head Coach of the Kettering Fairmont Firebirds.

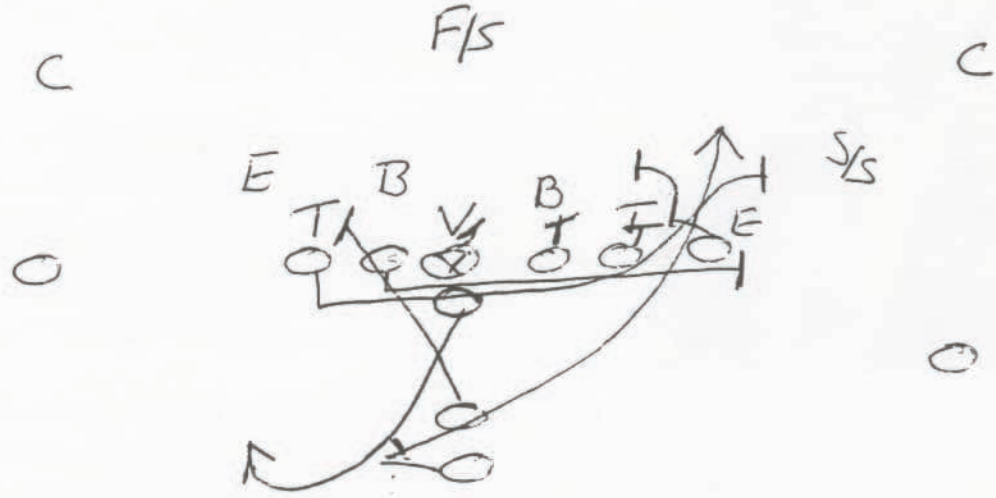
"My 12 years as head coach gave me the opportunity to have a great relationship with great young men. They kept me young in spirit even though I was getting older with each year and each loss. I hope all my players knew how much I cared about them as young people, rather than just as football players. I finished every pre-game talk with " I LOVE YOU GUYS" and I meant it."

The three top games he remembers include a loss, a win and a tie. The loss was the triple O.T. game to Troy in 1972. His top win was another triple O.T. game over Alter in 1985. The third big game was the tie with Stebbins in 1973.

"One year we played Fairborn. We always took two buses to every game only this time only one showed up! So we put all the specialists on one bus and called for another bus. As we were going to Fairborn in the first bus, it broke down! Fortunately, the second bus came the same route. We then took the first team players on the good bus and left the rest on the broken down bus! We got to Fairborn (late) and our locker room was locked! We had to wait 10 minutes for it to be unlocked. We had 10 minutes to warm up and, needless to say, it was terrible. Finally the game started, and our sideline phones went out, so we could not communicate with our coaches in the pressbox. In the middle of the second quarter the rest of our team and coaches arrived, and it reminded me of the cavalry coming!"

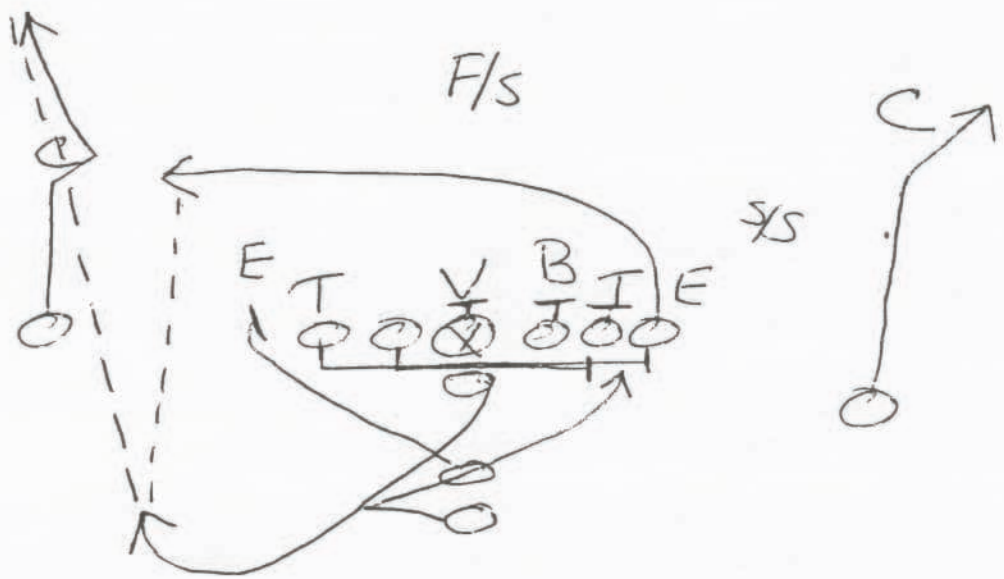
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Play Name: Fairmont Trap **Coach:** Doug Schmidt



Description:
FB - Fills for LT - bb Kick out 1st man past Tackle
LT Pull through hole + looks Outside/Inside

Play Name: Fairmont Bootleg **Coach:** Doug Schmidt



Description: FB Hooks EOb - SE Runs Deep Flag
TE get to point 12 yards deep - Qb looks deep
1st + TE 2nd -

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Rusty Clifford

1975 - 1982 Fairmont East
Won 46 Lost 30 Tied 4

Rusty Clifford came to Kettering Schools from Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduated from North Central High School in 1968. There he played football on two undefeated teams. He received an athletic scholarship to Ball State where he played linebacker, defensive tackle, and punter. As a senior he was voted co-captain and Most Valuable Player.

After graduating in 1972, he worked at Lebanon HS as a track coach and assistant football coach under Jim Van de Griff. The next year he moved to Fairmont West where he also coached track and became an assistant coach under Dick Hoppe. In 1974 he returned to Ball State to work on his Master's degree and coach the defensive ends and punters. After one year, his position was eliminated but, as luck would have it, the head coaching job at Fairmont East opened up. So in 1975 Rusty became the fourth and final head coach of the Fairmont East Falcons.

Rusty brought a belief to East football that "conditioning" was important. He felt to be successful you had to "out condition" your opponent. In his second year at East, Rusty took over the Fellowship of Christian Athletes program started earlier by Roger Heinisch. He remembers that this was a phenomenal huddle experience. This was a great group of kids and an integral part of the athletic program at East because it touched every sport. One other accomplishment that Coach Clifford was especially proud that the Falcons football team led the WOL in fewest yards penalized in seven out of eight years he coached. Rusty was also the track coach at East for eight years.

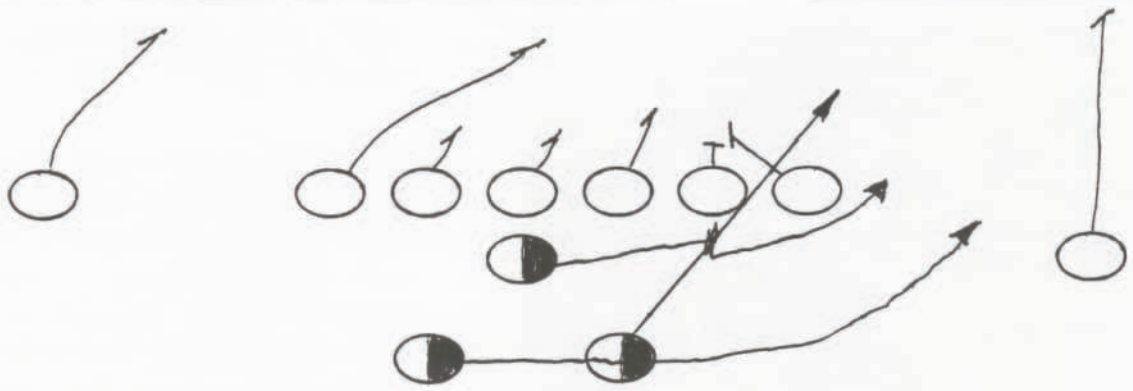
When the high schools merged, Rusty was transferred to Van Buren. He was Doug Schmidt's assistant coach in 1983, head freshman coach for Van Buren in 1984, and again varsity assistant coach in 1985 and 86. He was at Van Buren for two years and then went to Indian Riffle where he taught second grade for six years. He was Head Swim Team Coach from 1986 to 1990.

In 1991 he was promoted to Principal of Moraine Meadows Elementary. Then in 1994 he became the principal of Indian Riffle Elementary where he presently is employed.

On a philosophical level, Rusty credits Vince Lombardi and Lou Holtz of Notre Dame with having the biggest influences on him. He also gives credit for his success to Jim Van de Griff, Mike Kline, Fairmont East assistant coach, and Jim Spoerl of Carroll High School. Rusty has three children, Brian 25, Jennifer 23 and Elizabeth 2. He and his wife Carole live in Bellbrook.

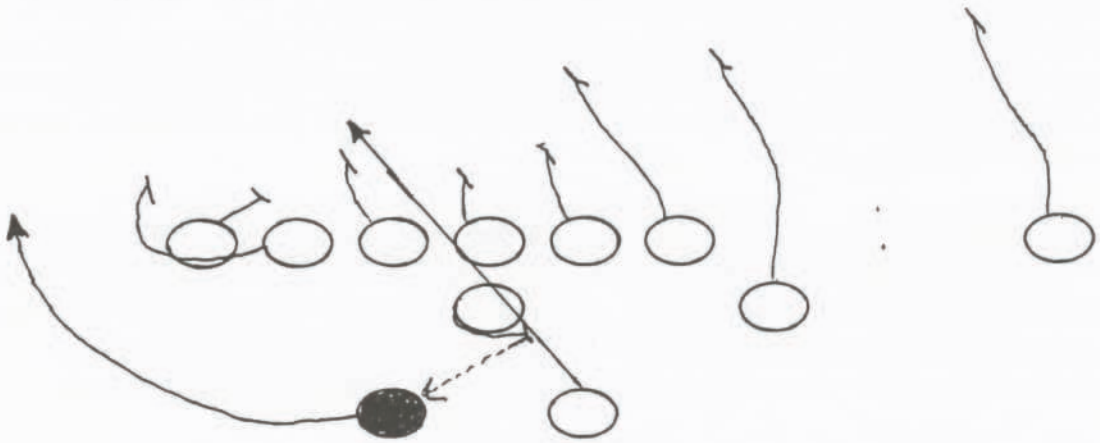
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Play Name: 16 Veer **Coach:** Clifford



Description: QB read defensive end and handoff, keep or pitch.

Play Name: 49 Quick Pitch **Coach:** Clifford



Description: QB fake counter and pitch to halfback.

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Lowell Vorpe



1978 - 1982 Fairmont West
Won 21 Lost 27 Tied 2

Lowell Vorpe grew up in Troy, Ohio and like most boys there, attended many Troy High School football games. Troy had its own winning tradition. It was here that he had his first exposure to Fairmont football. He played football for Troy and competed in several big games against Fairmont, graduating in 1963.

He attended Ohio Wesleyan University where he played football for four years, two as a defensive back and two as an offensive back. He played under Jack Fouts of Fairmont. He was selected as captain of the 1966 team and graduated in 1967.

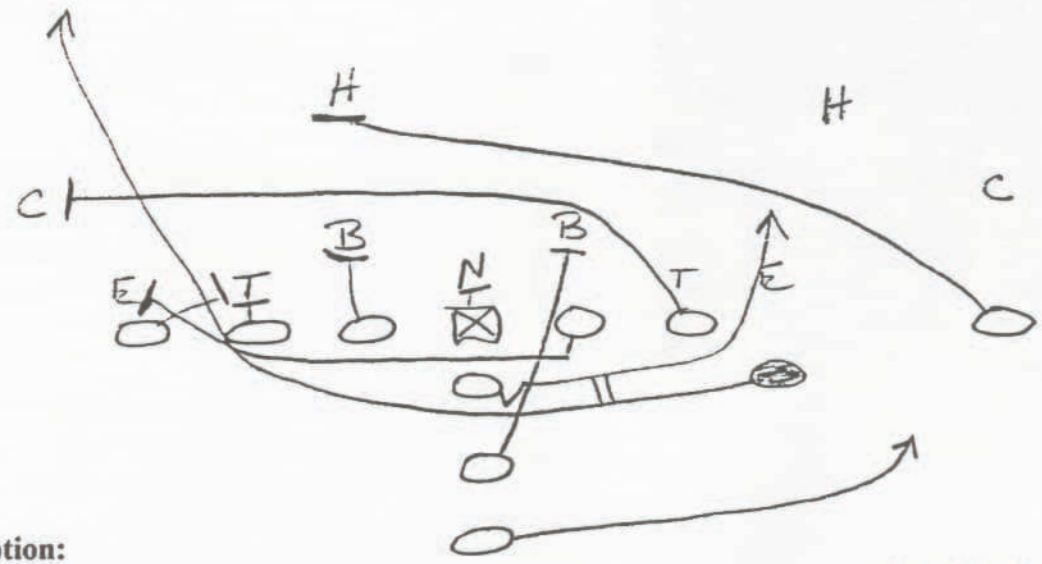
Lowell came to Kettering to teach at Van Buren Junior High in 1968. He coached the 8th grade football team for four years. In the fall of 1972 he transferred to Fairmont West and became assistant coach under Dick Hoppe for five seasons. When Dick Hoppe resigned, Lowell became the third head coach of the Fairmont West Dragons. He led the Dragons for five seasons until the two Kettering high schools consolidated.

When the new high school was formed, Lowell transferred back to Van Buren Junior High. He was out of football for just one season, but not out of sports completely. He coached the track team at Van Buren for ten consecutive springs. In 1984, he also took on an assistant coach position at the University of Dayton under Mike Kelly. He coached running backs for four seasons. After that he was promoted to Assistant Principal of Van Buren Junior High where he remains today.

Lowell's daughter Lisa graduated from Fairmont in 1986. His son Jeff graduated from Fairmont in 1990. Jeff was a manager on the 1987 Fairmont team together with his proud father, an assistant coach. Lowell and his wife Wendy presently reside in Centerville.

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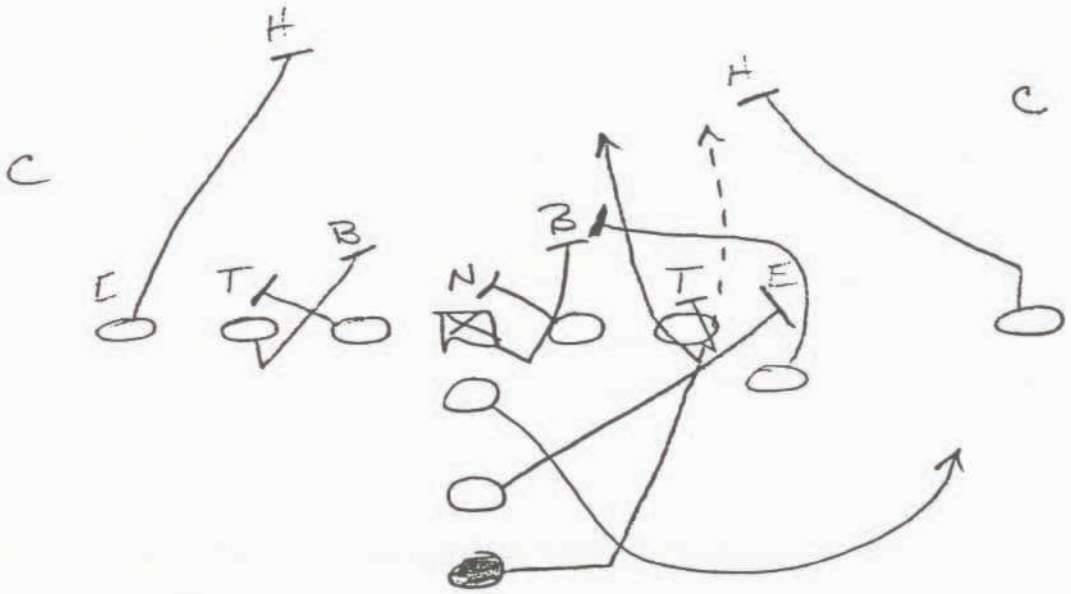
Play Name: 46 COUNTER **Coach:** L. VORPE



Description:

WORKS WELL WITH FULLBACK DIVE AND DIVE OPTION

Play Name: 56 SPRINT DRAW **Coach:** L. VORPE



Description:

- TAILBACK FIRST READS TACKLE BLOCK
- SOMETIMES WILL BREAK BACKSIDE
- WORKS WELL WITH SPRINT DRAW PASSING GAME.

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Eric Herman



1989 - 1990 Kettering Fairmont
Won 4 Lost 16

Coach Herman graduated from West Carrollton High School in 1973. After high school he attended McPherson College and lettered in football and track, and received All-American honors. He graduated in 1977.

His first coaching job was as defensive coordinator at Preble Shawnee High School in Camden, Ohio. In 1979 he move to Lindsborg, Kansas to accept an assistant coaching job at Bethany College. He worked as offensive line coach and head junior varsity coach. While at Bethany College, the team finished 4th in the National Playoffs.

In 1981 Coach Herman came back home to coach at Miamisburg High School. In 1982 he went to work for West Carrollton High School as assistant football coach and head track coach.

Finally in 1988, Coach Herman experienced the Fairmont football tradition, serving as defensive coordinator for Coach Doug Schmidt. In 1989 Coach Herman was hired as head football coach at Fairmont High School.

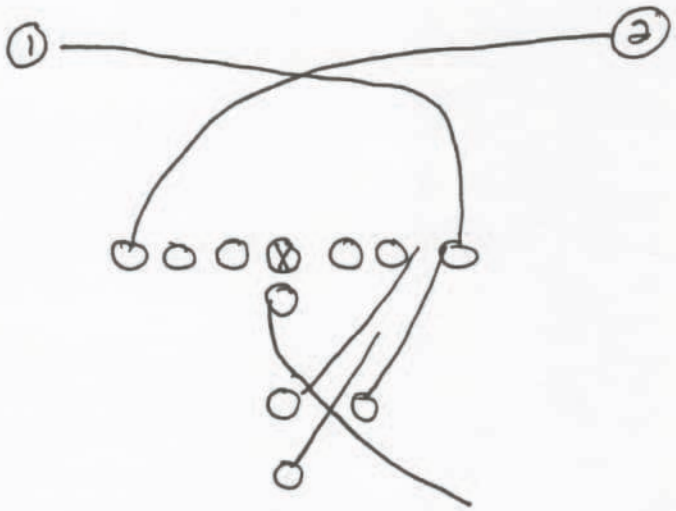
> "I came to Fairmont because of its experienced staff and strong tradition. Being from this area as an athlete and then as a coach, it was the place to be. After talking to Doug Schmidt and some of the players, I was sold on Fairmont and its athletic program. The athletes and coaches work extremely hard, never complaining."

Today, Eric Herman is employed by Kettering City Schools as South Unit Principal at Fairmont. His wife Debbie teaches in the Middletown school system. Their daughter Christy attends West Carrollton High School.

"I came to Fairmont because of its experienced staff and strong tradition." - Eric Herman

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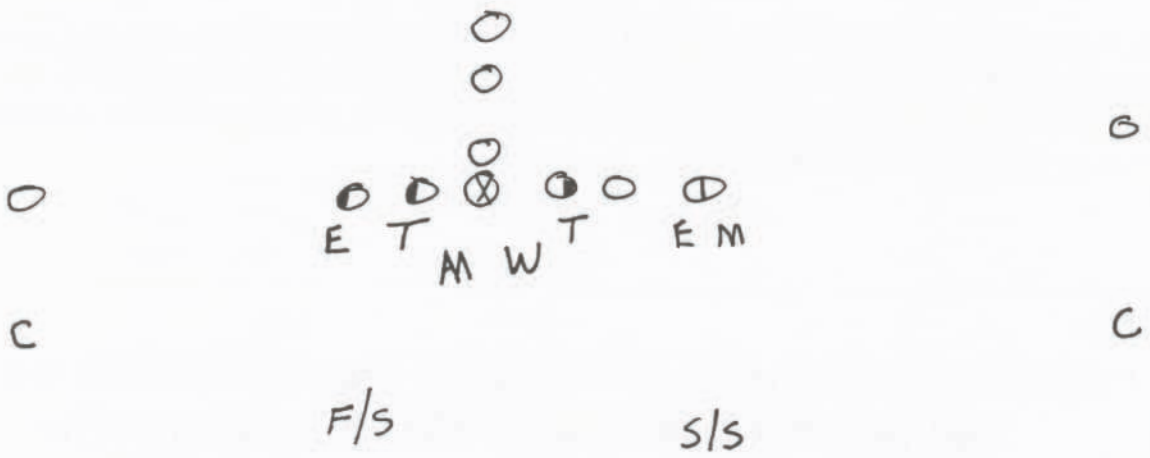
Play Name: 26 Iso Pass **Coach:** Herman



Description: Goal line play vs man. QB fakes run, sets deep. Never underthrow. Receivers pick off defenders in crowd and with run fake

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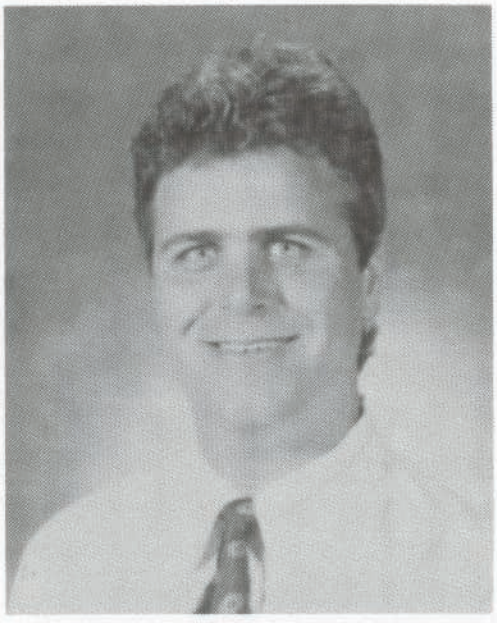
Play Name: 76 Defense (Split 6) **Coach:** _____



Description: MAN COVERAGE – GOOD VERSUS RUN. ~~NOT~~ ~~BAD~~ GOOD WHEN SMALL IN SIZE. A LOT OF MOVEMENT. S/S PLAYS LIKE A LB AND READS TE. GOOD VS WISHBONE

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Rick Robertson



1991 - PRESENT Kettering Fairmont
Won 34 Lost 16

Rick graduated from Hanover College in Indiana where he played defensive end for former Fairmont graduate Rick Carter. He remained at Hanover for one year as a Physical Education instructor, Men's Intramural Director and Assistant Men's and Women's Track Coach.

In 1977 he was hired by the Huber Heights City Schools. He taught 7th grade Health at Weisenborn. He coached Girls Reserve Basketball for 7-8 graders for seven years, Boys Basketball in 1980-81, and was the Yearbook Advisor from 1980-83. During the seven years, he was also an assistant football coach for Wayne High School for the first four and Assistant football coach at the University of Dayton for the last three.

In 1984 Rick became the Head Football Coach at Springfield North. In seven years at that position, Rick's record was 40 - 31 - 1 with a OHSAA play-off appearance in 1988 as the Regional Runner-ups. At North he also coached Freshman girls basketball from 1987 - 1991.

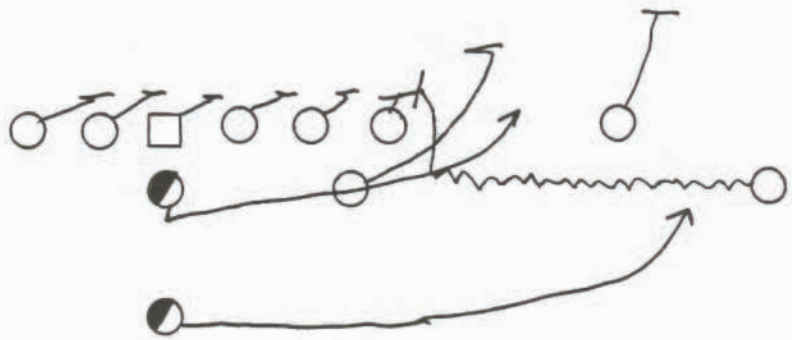
In 1991 Mr. Robertson became the Head Football Coach for Fairmont High School. He is leading the Firebirds into his sixth season and has won two WOL football titles so far.

As Strength Coordinator he has improved the Fairmont Weight Room with over $14,000 in weights and equipment for use by all sports teams. He teaches high school PE and served as the Health/PE Department Chairperson during 1995-96. In addition Rick has helped develop an Advanced Weight Training course for the PE Department.

I came to Fairmont for two reasons, the rich football tradition and for all that the city of Kettering has to offer.

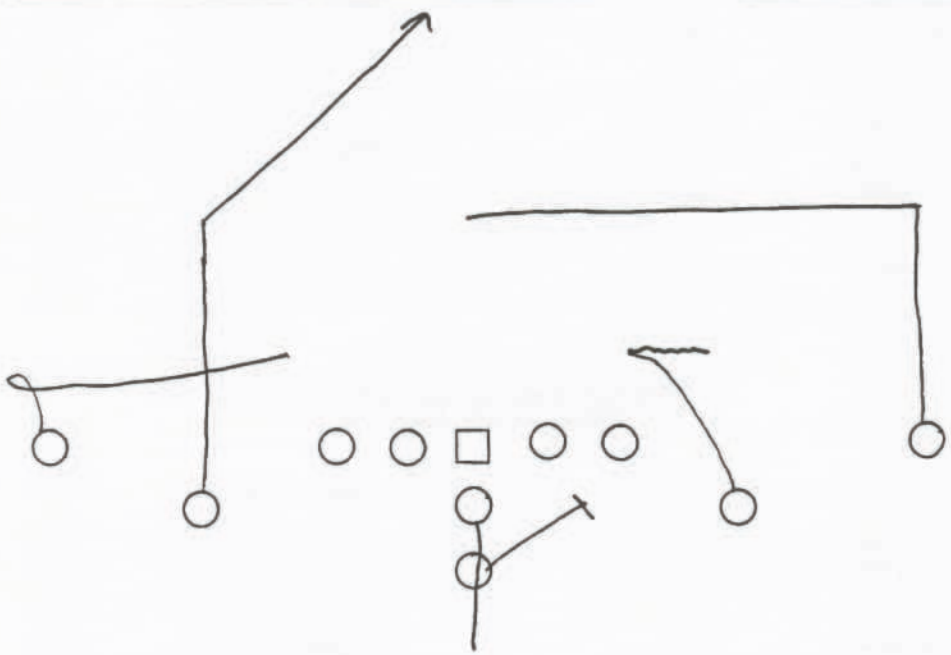
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Play Name: SCAT RT 18 **Coach:** RICK ROBERTSON



Description: SPEED OPTION WITH AN UNBALANCED LINE. QB CAN KEEP ~~OPTA~~ OR PITCH TO TB.

Play Name: ACE 80 DIG **Coach:** RICK ROBERTSON



Description: PRIMARY LONG YARDAGE PASS PLAY. QB READS FREE SAFETY. HE DROPS HE HITS DIG, COMES UP HIT POST.

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FAIRMONT ASSISTANT COACHES

The success of any program depends upon the quality of the men involved in that program. One of the reasons for the great tradition at Fairmont is the high quality of assistant coaches. The schools of Fairmont owe many thanks to these men for their dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm.

DRAGON ASSISTANTS

NAME	YEARS
Dwight L. Barnes	1923
Bill Ramsey	1924-42
Johnny Epps	with Pop Warner
Vince Arnold	with Hadley Watts
Ralph Fowler	with Watts, Roush
Jack Fouts	1948-51
Dick West	with Jack Fouts
Paul Wagner	with Jack Fouts
Leland Norris Jr.	1953
Dave Puddington	1955-57
Pete Ankney	1956-58
Ben Ankney	1956-58
James Hoover	1958-60
Duane Fender	1958-62
Bob Kritzer	1961-62
Nick Mourouzis	1961-62
Bob Hildreth	1962
Dick Hoppe	1963-67
Buford Crager	1963-67
Terry Mallett	1963-67
Dick Dickey	1965-67
Ron Eaton	1968
Jim Andrews	1967-69
Bill McConnell	1967-68
Gary Preisser	1968-69
Dick Cromwell	1969-71
Jim Freeman	1970-71
Bob Philips	1971
Steve Harvey	1971-72
Frank Spolrich	1971-72
Fred Herdman	1971-74
Lowell Vorpe	1972-78
Steve Stratton	1972-73
Rusty Clifford	1973
Chuck Henshaw	1973
Ken Pifer	1973-79
Jim Larson	1973-81
Bob Karl	1974
Mike Virelli	1974-78
Terry Buchanan	1974-82
John Runzo	1974-78
Phil Drayton	1974-79
Greg Whitehead	1978-81
Ron Flohre	1981-82
Tom Flohre	1981-82
Steve Oglesbee	1982

FALCON ASSISTANTS

Duane Fender	1963-65
Bob Rosecrans	1963-65
Bob Chapman	1963-68
John Vair	1963-67
Dan O'Brien	1966
Art Dunlap	1966-74
Bill Aldrich	1967
Larry McVey	1967-74, 79-82
James DeArmond	1967
Tom Cobey	1968-72
Doug Schmidt	1968
Richard Weidner	1969
Mike Kline	1969, 73-80
Mike Carmean	1971
E.J. McKnight	1972-75
Tom Heglund	1973
Terry Thomas	1973
Greg Sagraves	1974-75
Charlie Painter	1975-81
Tim Irelan	1976-78
Mike Anderson	1976-78
Tom Adams	1979-82
Bob Chapman	1981-82
Chris Atsalis	1982

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FIREBIRD ASSISTANTS

NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS
Rusty Clifford	1983, 85-86	Pat McDermott	1989
Joe Schmidt	1983-84	Curt Jackowski	1989-91
Larry McVey	1983-90	Eric Baker	1989
Art Dunlap	1983-87	Mark Kozarec	1990-96
Phil Drayton	1983-86	Konrad Kircher	1990
John Runzo	1983-86	Scott Tulloch	1990
Brad Klinger	1984-87	Andy Hartley	1991-93
Jeff Hollis	1985-88	Joel Householder	1991-95
Jerry McKinniss	1986	John Derr	1991-96
Howard Sales	1987	Dejuan Johnson	1992
Lowell Vorpe	1987-88	Mike Samworth	1992-95
Mike Kozarec	1988-91	Brian Blevins	1992-96
Eric Herman	1988	Rob Messick	1993-96
Dave Stuckey	1988-89	Scott Clodfelter	1994
		Rob Dement	1996

KETTERING FAIRMONT FIREBIRD FOOTBALL ASSISTANT COACHES 1996



JOHN DERR
Def. Coordinator/LB Coach



BRIAN BLEVINS
Off. Coordinator/QB Coach



ROB MESSICK
Offensive Line Coach



MARK KOZAREC
Running Back Coach



SCOTT CLODFELTER
Def. Back Coach



ROB DEMENT
Wide Receiver Coach



TIM COGAN
Head Freshman Coach



JAMIE GESWEIN
Assistant Freshman Coach



JOSH JACKSON
Assistant Freshman Coach

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SEASON	W	L	T	H. COACH	SEASON	W	L	T	H. COACH
1922	-	-	-	Dwight L. Barnes	1966 - East	3	7		Duane Fender
1923	4	2		William Ramsey	1966 - West	7	2	1	Bob Hildreth
1924	2	2	3	"Pop" Warner	1967 - East	2	8		Duane Fender
1925	6	3		"Pop" Warner	1967 - West	6	4		Bob Hildreth
1926	8	1	1	"Pop" Warner	1968 - East	2	7	1	Duane Fender
1927	3	3	3	"Pop" Warner	1968 - West	6	4		Dick Hoppe
1928	5	2	1	"Pop" Warner	1969 - East	2	8		Doug Schmidt
1929	8	0		"Pop" Warner	1969 - West	7	2	1	Dick Hoppe
1930	8	0	1	"Pop" Warner	1970 - East	4	6		Doug Schmidt
1931	4	5		"Pop" Warner	1970 - West	8	2		Dick Hoppe
1932	4	2	2	"Pop" Warner	1971 - East	7	3		Doug Schmidt
1933	3	7		"Pop" Warner	1971 - West	7	2	1	Dick Hoppe
1934	5	3	1	"Pop" Warner	1972 - East	9	1		Doug Schmidt
1935	2	5	3	"Pop" Warner	1972 - West	2	8		Dick Hoppe
1936	3	7		"Pop" Warner	1973 - East	5	3	2	Doug Schmidt
1937	4	5		"Pop" Warner	1973 - West	6	4		Dick Hoppe
1938	3	6		"Pop" Warner	1974 - East	5	5		Doug Schmidt
1939	9	0	1	"Pop" Warner	1974 - West	10	0		Dick Hoppe
1940	4	3	1	"Pop" Warner	1975 - East	4	6		Rusty Clifford
1941	4	4	1	"Pop" Warner	1975 - West	8	2		Dick Hoppe
1942	6	3	1	Hadley Watts	1976 - East	6	3	1	Rusty Clifford
1943	5	5		Hadley Watts	1976 - West	7	3		Dick Hoppe
1944	7	3		Hadley Watts	1977 - East	7	3		Rusty Clifford
1945	6	3		Hadley Watts	1977 - West	5	4	1	Dick Hoppe
1946	6	3	1	Hadley Watts	1978 - East	8	2		Rusty Clifford
1947	3	4	2	Hadley Watts	1978 - West	5	5		Lowell Vorpe
1948	4	3	2	Chet Roush	1979 - East	7	2	1	Rusty Clifford
1949	7	2		Chet Roush	1979 - West	3	5	2	Lowell Vorpe
1950	6	1	2	Chet Roush	1980 - East	6	4		Rusty Clifford
1951	9	0		Chet Roush	1980 - West	3	7		Dick Hoppe
1952	6	2	1	Jack Fouts	1981 - East	3	7		Rusty Clifford
1953	8	1		Jack Fouts	1981 - West	5	5		Dick Hoppe
1954	5	4		Jack Fouts	1982 - East	5	3	2	Rusty Clifford
1955	5	3	1	Jack Fouts	1982 - West	5	5		Dick Hoppe
1956	6	2	1	Jack Fouts	1983	7	3		Doug Schmidt
1957	8	1		Jack Fouts	1984	7	3		Doug Schmidt
1958	9	0		Dave Puddington	1985	8	2		Doug Schmidt
1959	9	0		Pete Ankney	1986	5	5		Doug Schmidt
1960	8	2		Pete Ankney	1987	7	3		Doug Schmidt
1961	8	0	2	Jim Hoover	1988	5	5		Doug Schmidt
1962	7	2	1	Jim Hoover	1989	2	8		Eric Herman
1963 - East	5	3		Bob Landis	1990	2	8		Eric Herman
1963 - West	7	2	1	Bob Hildreth	1991	5	5		Rick Robertson
1964 - East	2	8		Bob Landis	1992	7	3		Rick Robertson
1964 - West	5	5		Bob Hildreth	1993	6	4		Rick Robertson
1965 - East	0	10		Bob Landis	1994	7	3		Rick Robertson
1965 - West	5	5		Bob Hildreth	1995	9	1		Rick Robertson

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4. The Teams

For the last seventy-five years the game of football has been played by teams made up of Fairmont students. In the early years, these teams competed on Friday afternoons against other high schools. Then around 1934, field lights were installed at the present Foreman Field, and a tradition was born. High school football on Friday nights began in Kettering.

Whether they played during the day or "under the lights," football teams from Fairmont have accomplished quite a lot over the years. Here are just a few examples:

Eight teams went undefeated

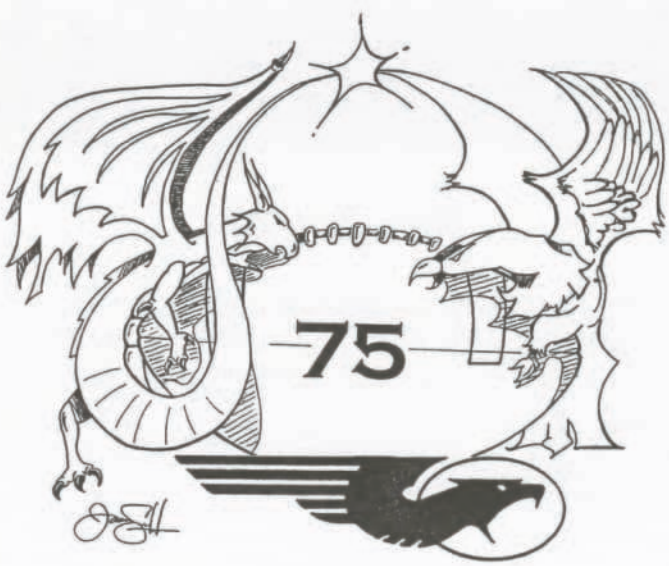
Eighteen teams won league championships (at least one in each of the last eight decades)

Seventy-two teams out of ninety-four have winning records.

As you page through this section on the teams, you may notice some interesting things. You may notice the change in helmets, shoes, and uniforms. You might recognize buildings in the background. And if you really look closely, you may even recognize a friend, a relative, or a neighbor who played on a football team for Fairmont.

The following pages honor each one of these teams that make up .....

"the Kettering Fairmont tradition."



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1922

This was the first year of Fairmont football. A loosely organized team coached by Dwight L. Barnes played three pickup games this year. Mr. Barnes took his team to Oakwood High School, West Carrollton High School, and old Moraine High School. The results of those games went unrecorded. No photo is available.

1923



Won 4 Lost 2

Fairmont's first organized football team with a publicized schedule was coached by William Ramsey, now a retired professor from Miami University, and by Dwight L. Barnes who later retired from the position of Superintendent of Kettering Schools. This was the first year the school played an organized schedule with outside teams. The team consisted of 15 young men, and opened with a 19-0 win over Oakwood. They had the distinction of playing West Carrollton and Englewood twice and ended their season with Dayton Roosevelt.

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1924



Won 2 Lost 2 Tied 3

Chester "Pop" Warner came from Wisconsin to Fairmont High School and became the new head football coach. Hampered by a lack of material and the unwillingness of freshmen to come out for football, he developed a team with lots of fighting spirit and an especially good defense. Most important, the boys gained playing experience and hopes were high.

Thirty boys were expected to turn out the next year.



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1925



Won 6 Lost 3

The football season was very successful. Fairmont was the only team to beat West Carrollton. They also beat strong Tipp City and Franklin teams. On November 7, 1925, the great Fairmont-Troy rivalry began a rivalry that was fierce from the first game until the last. The Dragons journeyed to Troy and were beaten 19 - 7. The last game of the nine game schedule was against the Fairmont alumni; the high school team easily won the game 27 - 0. Though the team of 1925 had a light line, they had a fine defense, holding their opponents to an average of one touchdown per game.

This team was handicapped by undesirable weather conditions, not too surprising considering the season began October 2 and ended November 20th.



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1926



Won 8 Lost 1 Tied 1

Forty men responded to Coach Warner's call for football candidates, including eight returning lettermen. The line averaged 150 pounds, which was light even then.

1926 marked the start of the long-time Fairmont-Oakwood rivalry. This was the last game of the 1926 season and ended in a scoreless tie.

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1927



Won 3 Lost 3 Tie 3

Coach Warner was confronted with the problem of inexperience; practically all the players were new. His solution to the problem was to go back to the fundamentals and build for the future.

The Dragons played Miamisburg for the first game in a long and intense rivalry, going down to defeat 31 - 0.

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1928



Front Row From Left to Right: Kenneth Peterson, Otho Larimer, Charles Fernwault, Edward Kantner (Captain), Burt Moore, Russell Creager, Russell Bigler.
Second Row: Frank Kothman, Harry Peoples, Carl Nollman, Fred Haas, Earl Allen, Clifford Bolender, Eldon Basinger, Melvin Rohr, Otto Bass, Roy Blumer.
Third Row: Harry Myers, James Bolender, Robert McNab, Paul Gessler, Robert Dumford, Earl Pomeroy, William Atkins, Bayard Burson, Wanner McClelland, Frederick Blocher, Ray Hoefling, Elmer Lesher, Student Manager.

Won 5 Lost 2 Tied 1

The Dragons were "green" this year, having only three returning lettermen. The season was a great success despite the lack of experience. The Dragons won the Little Three Title by beating Oakwood and Fairview. Six team members were named to the All-Star Little Three by the Dayton newspapers. The 15 - 0 win over Oakwood broke the scoreless tie deadlock of the two previous years.

The smallest member of the team was 115 pound quarterback Burt Moore.

For the first time a reserve team was formed. Their record was 6 - 2. Coach Warner took the initiative to start the athletic council in 1928. The council, made up of students and teachers, adopted standard letters as awards and voted to try to join a league for interscholastic sports competition the next year.



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1929



First row from left to right: Wanner McClelland, Harry Phythyon, Fred Whipp, Russell Bigler, Russell Creager, Robert McNab, Joseph Rigg

Second row: Otho Larimer, Edward Kinzig, William Atkin, Frank Kothman, Roy Blumer, Clifford Bolender, Eldon Basinger, William Reid, Harry Peoples.

Third row: Carl Nollman, Carl Creager, Frederick Blocker, Howard Rike, James Bolender, Garnet Stewart, Ray Hoefling, Donald Corwin.

Fourth row: Coach Warner, Charles Hedges, Irwin Altenburg, Carl Leibrock, George Riggs, William Compton, Assistant Coach Ramsey.

Won 8 Lost 0

1929 marked the "Big Purple's" first undefeated season. The Dragons won the Little Three title and were also champs of the newly organized Dayton Suburban League. The high point of the season was the 34 - 0 victory over Oakwood on Thanksgiving morning. In recognition of their efforts, the athletic council awarded the boys gold footballs along with their letters. The senior class dedicated the annual to Coach Warner and his undefeated team of 1929, Fairmont's best record to that date.

The reserves, coached by William Ramsey, won 2, tied 3, and lost 2, playing junior high school teams of Dayton, Oakwood, and Belmont.

The annual football banquet was held in the new Pasadena cafeteria (later Rose E. Miller Elementary School). The principal speaker was H. R. Townsend, the Ohio Commissioner of High School Athletics.

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1930



First row, left to right: Carl Creager, Fred Blocher, Garnett Stewart, Ray Hoefling, Wanner McClelland, Jason Houser, Robert McNab.
Second row: Roy Blumer, Irvin Altenburg, William Atkins, Russell Creager, Kenneth Peterson, Harry Peoples, Edward Kinzig, James Bolender.
Third row: Student Manager, Alfred Hannah, Ralph Marburger, Jack Blome, George Riggs, Alfred Austin, Charles Hedges, Orville Brewer, Jack McNab, Harry Taylor, Eugene Richardson, Student Manager, Charles Landis.
Fourth row: Coach Chester "Pop" Warner, Carlus Johnson, Robert Boyles, Oscar Leisure, Wendell Hohn, Carl Norris, Thomas Crauder, Torrey Adams, Frank Hamilton, Norman Fuls, Assistant Coach William "Kick" Ramsey.

Won 8 Lost 0 Tied 1

For the second straight year, the Dragons went undefeated and took the Little Three and the Dayton Suburban League titles. The "Big Purple" scored 203 points and allowed their opponents only 30 for a new defensive record. The season ended with a 21 game winning streak. The success of the team was due in part to the large turnout of 50 boys for the team. Coach Warner initiated spring football this year. It lasted six weeks and culminated in a game between the seniors and the rest of the team. 1930 marked the beginning of the Varsity "F" club for those boys earning letters in athletics at Fairmont. The club financed the taking of pictures at each football game. The pictures, taken by Mr. Richard Somers, were numbered and mounted in album form. The new Fairmont High School (presently the D.L. Barnes Community Center) was opened and dedicated. George Gauthier, football coach at Ohio Wesleyan University, was the principal speaker at the football banquet.

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1931



First row, left to right: Irwin Altenburg, Ralph Marburger, Captain James Bolender, Carl Creager, Jay Houser, and George Rigg.

Second row: Harry Taylor, John Metzler, Eugene Richardson, Edward Kinzig, Jack Blome, Orville Brewer, Carl Norris, Paul Gessler, Charles Hedges, Student Manager Alfred Hannah.

Third row: Assistant Coach W. R. Ramsey, Jack McNabb, Robert Boyles, Thomas Crauder, Frank Hamilton, Howard Crouch, Donald Corwin, Oscar Leisure, Max Pontius, Coach C. P. Warner.

Fourth row: Nelson Richman, Charles Wilke, Fredrick Tejan, William Richman, Charles Slagle, Leonard Ward, Paul Bushong, Robert Tannis, Donald Pummill, Paul McCandless, David Dean, Harold Lawson.

Those absent were: Webster Manchester, Charles Kolb, Frank Whipp, Edwin Tamplin, and Student Manager, Charles Landis.

Won 4 Lost 5

The Dragons experienced their worst season in some time due to inexperienced players and a tougher schedule. Injuries set in the last half of the season when Webb Manchester, "... who was depended upon to do the passing, kicking, and most of the ground gaining," was injured in the Fairview game and out for the rest of the season.

The P.T.A. sponsored the banquet in the school cafeteria. The featured speaker was Merlin Ditmer, freshman coach at Miami University.



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1932



First Row: Left to right: Student Manager, Charles Woodward; Paul Bohardt; Irwin Altenburg; Frank Hamilton; Carl Norris; Frank Whipp; Thomas Crauder; Eugene Richardson; Jack McNab; Charles Slagle; Carl Creager; Assistant Manager, Talford Pyper.

Second Row: Coach, C. P. Warner; Ralph Marburger, Max Ponlius, Leonard Ward, William Richman, Nelson Richman, Paul Bushong, Harry Perkins, Orville Brewer, Harry Taylor, Donald Pummill, Willard Severs, John Metzler.

Row Three: James Walther; Charles Jones; Harold Lawson; Paul Pepper; Paul McCandless; David Dean; Edwin Bohardt; Edwin Tamplin; James Summers; Russel Darst; John Walther; Assistant Coach, William Ramsey.

Fourth Row: Virgil Pomeroy; Lawrence Brewer; Norman Woolley; James Jackson; George Tyler; John Gochoel; Gale Heffner; Frank Wilson; Roy Giffin; Lester Craddock.

Won 4 Lost 2 Tied 2

Until 1932 all football games were played on Friday afternoons. This year the team traveled to Celina to play their first night game which they lost 13 - 6. Still it was considered a highly successful season with wins over Bradford, Miamisburg, Cedarville, and Wilmington. The high point of the season was the Troy game where the Dragons came from behind in the final minutes to tie the game 6 - 6.

The principal speaker at the football banquet was Floyd Stahl, from the Ohio State University coaching staff. This year instead of electing a captain, Coach Warner selected a captain for each game and an honorary captain at the end of the season.



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1933



First Row: *Left to Right*: Edwin Weidlich, Harold Wright, Virgil Pomeroy, Charles Vangas, Stuart Schramm, Norman Woolley, Eugene Meier, Charles Maeder.

Second Row: Russell Darst, Don Robeson, Nelson Richman, Robert Morter, John Gerhoel, Thomas Crander, Roy Giffin, Howard Gebhart, Orville Brewer, John Metzler, Robert Adams.

Third Row: Lawrence Brewer, Raymond Dodge, Frank Whipp, Lester Tamplin, Gale Heffner, William Shertzer, David Meeker, Paul Bushong, Ralph Marburger, James Jackson, Harry Perkins.

Fourth Row: Theodore Schoepfle, Arthur Salyer, Elmer Nickel, William Allen, Tony Nosil, Caldwell Carlton, Harold Jones, Morris Smith, John Giele, Robert Potter, Joseph Manley, Robert Heffner, Arthur Meyer, Roger Keller.

Absent: Richard Truebenbach, Jacob Walther.

Won 3 Lost 7

The 1933 season was marked by an inexperienced squad and many injuries. To add to this misfortune, the schedule was much tougher; all of the ten schools played had greater enrollment than Fairmont High School. This was the first year of competition in the Miami Valley League, and the Dragons finished fourth.

Another great rivalry began when the Dragons defeated the Xenia Buccaneers 21 - 12.

The speaker of the evening at the annual banquet was Willard Marquardt, principal of Wilbur Wright Junior High School.

Two boys had gained positions on the All-Miami Valley League team.



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1934



First row, left to right: Lester Tamplin, Robert Morter, Caldwell Carlton, Captain Paul Bushong, Frank Whipp, Norman Woolley, William Gaines, Russel Darst.

Second row: Harry Perkins, Don Robeson, Robert Adams, John Gochoel, James Jackson, Gale Heffner, Roy Giffin, Lawrence Brewer.

Third row: Harold Wright, Richard Tettman, Eugene Meier, Robert Heffner, Frank Wones, Charles Bowermaster, Harold Jones, Tony Nosil, Jack Rich, Carlton Brooks.

Fourth row: Donald Monbeck, Jr. Manager; Arthur Meyer, Stuart Schramm, Jacob Walther, Thomas Hoeflinger, Norman Jones, Howard Metzler, Joseph Manley, Woodrow Wysong, Senior Manager.

Won 5 Lost 3 Tied 1

The Miami Valley League now included Miamisburg, Piqua, Greenville, Sidney, Xenia, and Troy. The Dragons tied for second place in 1934.

The present playing field at Fairmont stadium was constructed and proclaimed to be "One of the best in Ohio." Lights were installed, and Fairmont played its first night games. This made the boys' fathers happy because they were able to see their sons play football. The Friday afternoon schedule conflicted with most people's working day. A total of 10,000 people paid to see the five home games.

The address at the annual football banquet was given by Frank Wilton, head football coach at Miami University.

Fairmont Stadium - "One of the best in Ohio."

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1935



First Row: Norman Woolley, Richard Tettman, Joseph Manley, Russell Darst, Roy Giffin, Lawrence Brewer, Carlton Brooks.

Second Row: Eugene Meier, Lester Tamplin, William Allen, Robert Heffner, Gale Heffner, Caldwell Carlton, Charles Maeder.

Third Row: Stuart Schramm, Leo Bereda, Robert Adams, George Crane, Robert Ashenfelter, Jacob Walther, Arthur Meyer.

Fourth Row: Paul Marburger, Don Trietsch, Robert Sauerman, Morris Smith, Tom Hoeflinger, Harold Wright, Robert Tettman, Jeffrey Dunn, Dale Summers, Walter Barefoot.

Fifth Row: Donald Monbeck, Robert Schuetz, Lester Jones, *Managers.*

Absent: Frank Wones, Howard Metzler, Harry Miller.

Won 2 Lost 5 Tied 3

Fairmont faced its toughest schedule with the lightest team in Dragon history. The highlight of the season was the traditional Thanksgiving morning game with undefeated Oakwood. The teams battled in a sea of mud to a 0 - 0 tie, the third scoreless tie in seven years between the two schools.

Junior high football was inaugurated in the seventh and eighth grades. The boys were brought to Dorothy Lane where they had access to the old Fairmont field as well as locker and shower facilities. They were equipped by the high school athletic department.



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1936

First Row: Lester Tamplin, Arthur Meyer, Robert Adams, Harry Miller, Charles Maeder, Leo Bereda, William Allen, Robert Heffner, Stuart Schramm.

Second Row: Howard Miller (Jr. Manager), Robert Tettman, Jack Melke, Paul Marburger, George Crane, Paul Gochoel, Dale Summers, Don Trietsch, Douglas Tipton, Thomas Hannah, Robert Schuetz, Sr. Manager.

Third Row: Lester Jones (Sr. Manager), Dick Creager, Everett Hull, Jack Smith, Carl Geiger, Warren Hull, Robert Sauerman, James Tille, Robert Ashenfelter, Earl Severs.



Won 3 Lost 7

Despite the "fighting Fairmont spirit" of the team, students, and faculty, the Dragons experienced a losing season. A typical pep assembly is described in the 1937 yearbook: "Mr. Epps, junior high coach, reviews football of the other days as a contrast to our deluxe equipment, and the band and yell leaders do their tricks."

The school spirit was enough to help them come out on the winning end of the grudge match with Oakwood, winning on a long pass 7 - 0.

Mr. Harry Baujan, director of athletics at the University of Dayton, gave the address at the banquet.



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1937



First Row—Paul Cochoel, Robert Sauerman, Warren Hull, David Wa:ther, James Tille, George Crane, Paul Marburger.
Second Row—Mr. Warner head coach, Roland Risner, William Sauerman, Mr. Epps assistant coach, Robert Ashenfelter, Jack Melke, Mr. Ramsey assistant coach.
Third Row—Thomas Hannah, Dick Gessaman, Earl Severs, Dick Creager, Robert Bendig, Joyce Grissom, Leonard Poth, Dale Summers, Jack Turner, Eugene Schommer, Garland Fannin, Robert Tettman, David Baird, Dale Seekamp, Robert Allen, John Glanton, Everett Hull.

Won 4 Lost 5

The Fairmont stadium was completed and dedicated on October 1, 1937. There were locker rooms, shower facilities, and plenty of storage space for equipment.

The team finished fourth in the Miami Valley League, losing only one game by more than a touchdown margin. Sidney, the league champs, beat the Dragons by only one point.

There were no standouts or "stars" on the varsity, but this group was characterized by "excellent teamplay" and a dauntless "fighting spirit."



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1938



First row, left to right—Paul Gueltig, Clifford Crane, Walter Preston, Marvin Bender, Robert Hoover, David Baird, William Procuniar, Lyle Baird, William Van Schaik, Robert Neitert, Fred Haas.

Second row—Jack Smith, Jack Turner, Garland Fannin, Joyce Grissom, James Tille, Robert Bendig, Tom Metzler, William Sauerman, Earl Severs, David Walther, Robert Allen, Robert Smith, Elmer Blocher, Warren Hull, Dale Seekamp.

Third row—George Glander, Tom Sturm, Talmadge Whiddon, James Hunter, James Dexter, Francis Morrissey, John Glanton, James Wills, Donald Whipp, Joe Sterling, Alexander Worman, Paul Hurst, Homer Reich, David Van Harlingen.

Fourth row—Bluphord Adkins, Robert Knox, Robert Brown, Owen Rice, Jack Irons, James Mullen, Dale Le Van, Jake Zimmer, Richard Glanton.

Absent—Jack Donley.

Won 3 Lost 6

The Dragons won only three games on their 1938 schedule, but they established themselves as an important team of the Miami Valley League. The rivalry with Troy intensified as the Dragons, leading at half-time, were defeated 13 - 6.

The 14th annual game with Oakwood was played on Thanksgiving morning with zero degree weather, snow and ice. The Dragons lost 13 - 0.



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1939



FIRST ROW, left to right—Vernon Eads, Robert Yaus, Raymond Hapner, Eugene Lotts, Ed Bricker, Donald Harlow, Robert Donley, Ralph Trimble, Donald Couser.
SECOND ROW—Samuel Starbuck, Lyle Baird, William Procuniar, Charles Beard, Joyce Grissom, Robert Hoover, Robert Allen, Jack Turner, Ross Morgan.
THIRD ROW—Edgar Norris, Talmage Whiddon, Tom Sturm, Dale Seekamp, Roland Risner, William Sauerman, James Wills, Marvin Bender, William Van Schaik, Robert Bendig, Daniel Walther.
FOURTH ROW—Robert Knox, Thomas Deger, Paul Hurst, Walter Preston, Fred Haas, Elmer Blocher, Robert Neitert, Clifford Crane, Francis Morrissey, James McKenzie.
FIFTH ROW—Jack Donley, Robert Michel, Earl Bohachek, William Jackson, Paul Gueltig, James Mullen, Joe Sterling, Donald Shock.
SIXTH ROW—Donald Norris, William Freeman, Edward Benton, Bluphord Adkins, Allan Kalter, Joe Guenther.

Won 9 Lost 0 Tied 1

The Dragon gridders with a powerful running attack and strong defense (38 points scored upon) breezed though a tough schedule to bring the first Miami Valley League championship to Fairmont. The only blemish on the record was a 13 - 13 tie with Xenia.

The Thanksgiving Day game with Oakwood was moved to the University of Dayton stadium to accommodate the anticipated crowd. The Dragons battled the Lumberjacks to a 13 - 0 victory on a rain-soaked gridiron.

Pop Warner in 1939 regarded this group of boys as - "one of the best I have ever coached."

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1940



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Don Rohr, Edgar Norris, Sam Starbuck, Tom Hedge, Allan Kalter.
SECOND ROW: Robert Knox, William Procuniar, Jack Donley, Don Shock, Ed Klemm, Paul Gueltig, Victor Frank, James Mullen, Daniel Walther.
THIRD ROW: Robert Hoover, Walter Preston, James Wills, Clifford Crane, William Van Schaik, Fred Haas, Tom Deger, Tom Sturm, Robert Nietert, Don Norris.
FOURTH ROW: Bill Freeman, Omar Burris, Olin Whiddon, John Boeckerman, Charles Cook, John Gallagher, Ralph Trimble, Horace Worman, Ed Benton.

Won 4 Lost 3 Tied 1

1940 marked the first time a Fairmont team played Chaminade, a series that was still going strong into the 70's. Fairmont scored in the first quarter, and the teams battled evenly until the closing minutes when Chaminade scored a safety. In the last 30 seconds, Chaminade threw the ball to the end-zone twice but was unable to connect. The game ended with the Dragons on top 7 - 2, and a new rivalry was born.

The Purple and White also chalked up victories over Sidney, Miamisburg, and Troy. The most disappointing game was a 7 - 6 loss to Piqua. Fairmont gained 216 yards to the Indians' 128, but as in many games, the extra point was the difference. Another one point loss was suffered in the Oakwood game.



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1941



First Row — left to right — Jean Kalter, George Glanton, John Boeckerman, Jack Donley, James Mullen, John Gallagher, William Procuniar, Arthur Kindy, Daniel Walher, Carl Klemm, Edgar Norris, Donald Norris.

Second Row — Forrest Grugin, George Kelly, Donald Rohr, Olin Widdon, Marvin Robinson, Ross Morgan, Richard Nietert, George Mullen, Ja. s Murphy, Robert Miller, Horace Worman, Allan Kalter, Carl Hamm, Thomas Limberg.

Third Row — Robert Kalter, William Walther, Omer Burris, Dean Cook, Robert Pressler, William Roudabush, Jack Dill, Edward Butterworth, Samuel Starbuck, Erwin Balzuweit, Thomas Koors, Karl Grugin, Owen Rice.

Won 4 Lost 4 Tied 1

The Dragons scored wins over West Milton, Monroe, Sidney, and Troy. The game with Greenville ended in a tie for the second year in a row. The Piqua game, played in freezing weather, featured a 100-yard touchdown run by Piqua, the longest run in the history of the Miami Valley League.

The 1941 season marked the end of the Pop Warner era at Fairmont, 18 years of well-coached, hard-fought football.

Coach Warner left for Ohio State University to continue work on his Master's degree. A few weeks later assistant coach John Epps left for military service.



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1942



Won 6 Lost 3 Tied 1

Hadley Watts, Fairmont's athletic director, took over the reins as head coach of the small but mighty Dragon team. He was assisted by a new history teacher, Vince Arnold, who also handled scouting duties and the freshman team.

The Dragons had a successful season finishing second in the Miami Valley League.

Miss Leah Funck served as toastmistress of the annual football banquet. The guest speaker was local newspaperman Si Burick.

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1943



TOP ROW: Raymond Harding, Ralph Young, Jerry Jarrett, Eugene Keckler, Robert Huston, Robert Sturm, Raymond Munger, Donald McPeek.
THIRD ROW: Coach Hadley Watts, George Mullens, Nelson Hurst, James Stuart, Tom Koors, Karl Grugin, Fred Kratzer, James Irons, Frank Dodd.
SECOND ROW: Clarence Westbeld, James Wallace, Harry McGrew, Paul Wagner, Marvin Robinson, Carl Hamm, Karl Klemm, Paul McFall, Ralph Gueltig, Assistant Coach Vincent Arnold.
BOTTOM ROW: Don McClannahan (manager), Robert Warner, Jerry Bowser, William Walther, Forest Grugin, Richard Forward, Richard Stein (manager), Joe Gantner (manager).
NOT PICTURED: William Liebetrau.

Won 5 Lost 5

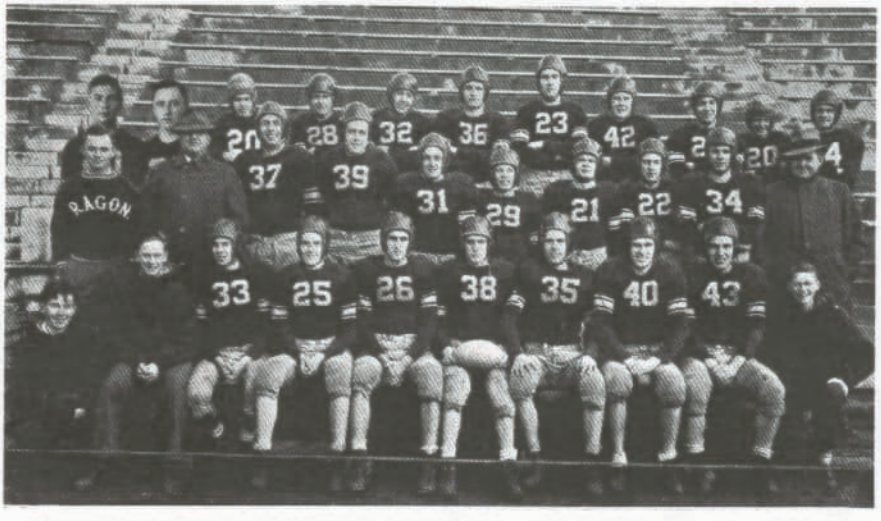
The Dragons got off to a great start this year by winning their first five games, including the first against a strongly favored Chaminade team. The wins, however, took their toll physically, and the injury-ridden team went on to lose the remainder of their games.

The season was climaxed by a hard-hitting game with Oakwood in the University of Dayton stadium before a crowd of 6,000 people.



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1944



Top row: Clarence Westbeld, Ralph Young, Leroy Karns, Fred Stewart, Richard Walther, John Morgan, Roland Fischer, Leland Norris, Peter Michael, Donald McPeek, Robert Riffle.
Second row: Mr. Vincent Arnold, Mr. Hadley Watts, Paul Kolbe, Walter Schutz, Raymond Harding, Richard Forward, Robert Warner, Raymond Munger, Paul Wagner, Mr. Ralph Fowler.
First row: Willard Danzeisen, Donald McClanahan, Jerry Bowser, Robert Huston, Frank Dodd, William Liebetrau, Donald Garwood, Fred Kratzer, James Irons, Farrand Martens.

Won 7 Lost 3

Nearly 7,000 fans watched the Dragons defeat Chaminade in the opening game of the season at University of Dayton stadium. The Eagles scored in the first quarter and held their lead until the third quarter when the Dragons scored a touchdown and a safety, to win 8 - 6. The Oakwood game ended with a disappointing 7 - 6 score and Lumberjacks on top. The Dragon team was just about to score when time ran out.

An active Fairmont athletic boosters group was formed and presented the team with a fine modern electric scoreboard at the half-time of the Sidney game.

An annual event was initiated with the celebration of the first recorded "Dad's Day" at the Piqua game. The team came through with a 27 - 6 win which made all the Dads extremely proud.



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1945



Top Row: Charles Nickel, James Metzler, Winston Lowry, Edward Lowry, Wesley Newsom, Donald Grugin, Allen Jenkins, Jack Barnes, Steve Pickle, Richard Knabe. **Third Row:** Mr. Homer Wagner, Milford Sutton, Ralph Gillaugh, Roland Fischer, Robert Hawkins, John Perkins, James Widman, Larry Brennan, Ronald Clary, Fred Stewart, Richard Crauder, Burton Todd, Richard Engel, Coach Vincent Arnold. **Second Row:** Coach Hadley Watts, Robert Mathews, Manager Donald McClanahan, Raymond Munger, Ralph Young, Paul Wagner, Richard Walthers, John Morgan, Paul Kolbe, Walter Schutz, Manager Willard Danzeisen, William Klemm, Coach Ralph Fowler. **Bottom Row:** Robert Forward, Donald McPeek, Edward Stewart, John Prahinski, Robert Porter, Harry Fleming, Peter Michael, LeRoy Karns, Robert Riffle, Robert Moorhead. **Not Pictured:** Leland Norris and Robert Rice.

Won 6 Lost 3

This year's team began the season hampered by inexperience and with a disappointing 13 - 6 loss at Lima Central. The team finished the season strong with a spectacular battle with Troy for league leadership which the Dragons lost in the last two minutes 19 - 13.

The Miamisburg Vikings came to Fairmont with revenge in mind for the 7 - 6 licking suffered at the hands of the Dragons last year, but the Fairmont team wouldn't stand for it and sent them home with a 28 - 0 defeat.

The capper of the season was a 12 - 6 victory over a strong Greenville team, the first Fairmont victory over the Green Wave in six years. The team was led by quarterback Paul Wagner, an eventual assistant principal at Fairmont West and later Assistant Superintendent of Kettering Schools.



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1946



Top row: Mr. Ralph Fowler, Barry Baumgardner, Robert Delaney, William Christensen, Fred Thomas, Dale Brugler, James Schoen, Paul Bohnslav, Mike Corn, Eugene Schneider, Clarence Jones. **Sixth row:** Mr. Vincent Arnold, Leland Pease, Richard Sauerman, Richard Taylor, George Supensky, Charles Finley, William Ausdenmore, William Mack, Robert Houghton, Thomas Bowser, James Sackett. **Fifth row:** Jack Mayer, Ronald Mulvaney, Walter Bowman, Wallace Brennan, Jack Tarmon, Donald Parsons, Darrell Apt, Richard Christman, Marion Stewart, Dwight Pease, Richard Sherzer. **Fourth row:** Richard Knabe, William Klemm, Richard Davis, Howard Eshbaugh, Dwight Goens, Rodney Miller, Raymond Keifer, William Wilt, James Arnett, Fred Saatkamp, James Metzler. **Third row:** Richard Rumbarger, Richard Walther, Edward Lowry, Robert Hawkins, Frank Howard, Richard Wayne, Ronald Clary, Walter Schutz, Raymond Gillaugh, Howard Smith. **Second row:** William Walter, Leland Norris, Lawrence Brennan, James Houghtaling, Robert Porter, LeRoy Karns, Richard Archer, Paul Kolbe, James Widman. **First row:** Robert Moorhead, Roger Touchman, Fred Stewart, John Perkins, Jack Barnes, Harry Fleming, Charles Nickel, Peter Michael, Mr. Hadley Watts.

Won 6 Lost 3

The Dragons tied with Piqua for second place in the Miami Valley League, losing only to Sidney and Troy in league competition.

After losing two of the first three games, Dragon tradition prevailed, and the team won the remainder of its games with the exception of one. The game against Piqua was the high point of the season. Having lost two league games and out of the running for the league championship, the team banded together and whipped the Indians who were the 1945 league champs. Robert Hawkins scored on a 73-yard run in the third quarter, and the game ended 13 - 7.



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1947



Won 3 Lost 4 Tied 2

Although the varsity had hard luck this year, the reserve and freshman teams were building for the future. Twenty-seven boys reported for the frosh team, and Coach Ralph (Pete) Fowler reported the number of boys was increasing each year. When this year's seniors were freshmen, Mr. Fowler had to tour the grade schools to get enough boys to play a game. The reserve team, coached by Vince Arnold, had a perfect 6 - 0 season.

1947 was the first losing season for Dragon varsity since 1938. It is the last losing season a Dragon team would experience until 1972, ten years after the schools split.

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1948



First Row: Mr. Jack Fouts, William "Pete" Ankney, Mike Corn, Marion "Whitey" Stewart, Charles Finley, Rodney Miller, Darrell Apt, Mr. Chester Roush.
Second Row: Jim Glanton, Leland Pease, Bob Knabe, Gene Bunger, Dwight Pease, Bruce Benson, Fred Saatkamp, Charles Hardin.
Third Row: Ned Graham, Dick Christman, Roger Touchman, Harold Manning, Howard Eshbaugh, Lynn Moorehead, Tom Bowser.
Fourth Row: Ed Bell, Tom Nock, Dale Armstrong, Fred Walther, Ray Keifer, Bill Walters.

Won 4 Lost 3 Tied 2

1948 marked the beginning of a new era in Dragon football. Mr. Chester Roush became the new football mentor, and a young man named Jack Fouts was hired as his assistant. The young coaches' first season was not highly successful record-wise, but it did prove to be packed with excitement. The Dragons became known as the "spoilers" of the Miami Valley League. On successive weeks they tied undefeated Miamisburg and beat undefeated Troy sending the league into a turmoil. The strong Miamisburg team was supposed to "swamp" the Dragons. Instead, an inspired Fairmont team pushed the Vikings all over the field before a crowd of 6,400 spectators. The game ended in a 0 - 0 tie.

The following week the Dragons whipped Troy 8 - 0 on a rain-drenched field. Troy and Miamisburg eventually tied for the league title and Fairmont came in third. The 1948 team picture shows three Fairmont head coaches: Coach Roush, Coach Fouts, and a senior who had transferred from Roosevelt, William (Pete) Ankney.

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1949



FIRST ROW: Mr. Fouts, George Supensky, Darrell Apt, Leland Pease, Bob Delaney, Tom Bowser, Lynn Morehead, Ed Sampson, Harold Manning, Mr. Roush.

SECOND ROW: Tom Tobiassen, Paul Bohnslav, Bill Smith, Dave Graeser, Charles Hardin, Fred Walthers, Tom Zimmerman, Dale Schell, Bill Mack, Charles Bradley.

THIRD ROW: Mr. Arnold, Tom Nock, Jerry Gibson, Wilbur Stewart, Dick Wilkins, Harry Keifer, Bill Jones, Connie Roush, Ernie Williams, Dick Brown, Mr. Fowler.

FOURTH ROW: Neil Smalley, Don Pfarrer, Bill Miller, Jack Bishop, Dale Woodall, Paul Schumacher, John Johnson, Bill Stewart, John Shroyer.

FIFTH ROW: Jim Gallaher, Manager, Bob Miltenberger, Jim Houtz, Ronald Wise, Robert Huesman, Fred Robbins, Manager.

Won 7 Lost 2

A small but spirited team got off to a slow start by losing close ones to Grandview and to Celina. Coach Roush's "mighty midgets" were, however, just gathering steam for the seven victories to come. They finished strong with a 64 - 7 victory over Sidney and won their second Miami Valley League championship in twenty years. The Dragons allowed their opponents only 43 points while a strong Dragon offense scored 274 points. The Fairmont - Troy clash was one of the most exciting ever. Six thousand people watched the two undefeated teams struggle to keep their records clean. Troy was known for their strong offense while the Dragons were a great defensive team. Dragon power triumphed, and the game ended 21 - 13.

It was in this game that halfback Robert Delaney gained a total of 297 yards on 27 carries for an average of almost 12 yards per carry.



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1950



Row 1: John Johnson, Jerry Gibson, Tom Zimmerman, Charles Hardin, John Shroyer, Bill Stewart, Fred Walther, David Graeser, Dale Woodall, Tom Nock.
Row 2: Coach Fouts, Wilbur Stewart, Conrad Roush, Dick Wilkens, Ernie Williams, Bill Miller, Harry Keifer, Jack Bishop, Ronnie Reynolds, Bill Jones, Coach Roush.
Row 3: Coach Fowler, Neil Smalley, Jack Archer, Bill Weaver, Dick Brown, Ronald Bingamon, Foster Brown, Ronnie Dexter.
Row 4: Jim Gallaher, Ralph Clemens, Fred Robbins.

Won 6 Lost 1 Tied 2

The season opened with a 30 - 0 loss to Chaminade at University of Dayton stadium. It was the Dragons' only loss that season. Though they were undefeated in the league, they tied Sidney and Miamisburg to finish second in the Miami Valley League.

1950 marked the beginning of the annual homecoming celebration. It had been celebrated before but only sporadically. The 1950 victory over Greenville marked the first in a long series of homecoming victories for the Dragons.

The rivalry with Oakwood was renewed with the Dragons scoring twice in the last 27 seconds to win 33 - 0. Another 33 - 0 victory was scored over traditional rival Troy in the last game of the season.



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1951



Row 1: Jack Bishop, Ernie Williams, Dick Wilkens, Bill Jones, Connie Roush, Capt.; Harry Keifer, Bill Miller, Wilbur Stewart, Dick Brown, Robert Huesman.
Row 2: Bill Weaver, Ronnie Dexter, Jack Archer, Don Christman, Ronald Weis, Dean Hussong, Russell Weng, Neil Smalley, Foster Brown, Ronnie Bingamon, Coach, Chester Roush.
Row 3: Mgr. Jerry Tellis, Lee Snyder, Bill Vaughn, Phillip Yaus, Jim Shaw, David Brodbeck, Tom Fine, Ronnie Andrews, John Jones, Mgr. Bob Miltenberger.
Row 4: Coach Jack Fouts, Jerry Schrimel, Don Todd, Tim Boyles, Bob Pugh, Dick Haley, Dick Barr, Burt Harrison, Bill Gauby, Bill Coffey, Coach Ralph Fowler.
Row 5: Douglas Knoop, Gordon Butler, Ronnie Brown.

Won 9 Lost 0

The season opened with a 7 - 6 squeaker over Chaminade before a crowd of 14,000 fans at Welcome stadium. Some said it was the most rugged football game played by two high schools in the Dayton area. The Dragons went on to finish the season undefeated and untied.

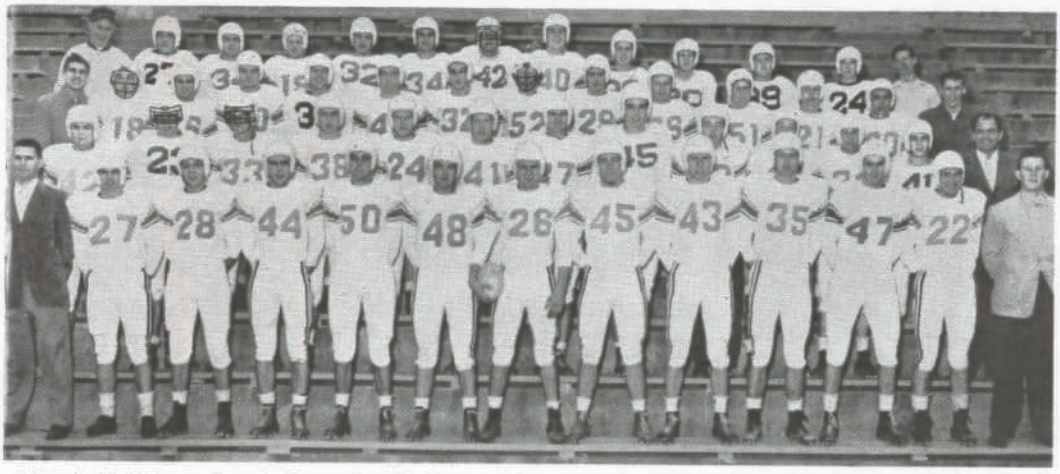
The team had a great defensive unit allowing an average of only six points per game. The mighty Dragons played Oakwood for the twenty-fifth time and scored a 49 - 7 victory over the Lumberjacks.

"The Game" of the season was the last game with Troy. Both teams were undefeated and if ever the Dragons had to win, this was it! Eight thousand fans watched the Trojans go down to defeat 19 - 0, and the new champs of the Miami Valley League were the Fairmont Dragons.



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1952



Row 1: Mr. Wagner, Ronnie Dexter, Don Todd, Lee Snyder, Jerry Schriml, Jim Shaw, Ronnie Bingamon, Dave Brodbeck, Bill Weaver, Gene Fisher, Jerry Mann, Jack Archer, Mr. Fouts.

Row 2: John Jones, Jim Eckley, Bill Vaughn, Phil Yaus, Ronnie Andrews, Bob Pugh, Jim King, Bill Spahr, Tim Boyles, Ronnie Brown, Bert Harrison, Jim Hauser, Mr. Fowler.

Row 3: Dick Haley, Bill Hilty, Joe Moses, Bob Douglas, Tony Welde, Eddie Sensenbaugh, Bob Oxley, Bill Coffey, Butch Grassan, Doug Knoop, Benny Rader, Bill Gauby Dick Barr, Gale Tomlin.

Row 4: Tom Spettel, Bill Poole, Ronnie Woodruff, Ronnie Roush, Ernie Toms, Bob Hoppe, Bill Riffle, Carl McGowan, Buzzy Oliver, Bill Harbottle, Paul Staup, Donnie Wright, Jerry Machle.

Won 6 Lost 2 Tied 1

After four highly successful seasons, Mr. Roush retired from his coaching duties and Coach Jack Fouts stepped in as head coach. Assisting him were Coaches Paul Wagner and Pete Fowler.

The Dragons shared the Miami Valley League title this year with Miamisburg. In the final game of the season with Miamisburg and having half the title clinched, the Dragons just couldn't pull it out and suffered their first defeat in 28 league starts at the hands of the Vikings 21 - 0. It was a disappointing ending to an exciting and successful season. Everyone agreed that Coach Fouts did a fine job in his first year as head coach.



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1953



ROW 1: J. Eckley, J. Lane, B. Allen, B. Thompson, J. Smith, B. Snyder, L. Tussing, J. McKean, J. Fisher, B. Platt, B. McGowan, S. Ellis, R. Smith, J. Brinkley.

ROW 2: Mr. Fouts, Mr. Norris, T. Spettel, T. Kramer, R. Madden, H. Jeffreys, B. Pool, C. Maloney, D. Folkerth, B. Seybert, B. Dietrich, J. Hammock, D. Wagner, D. Wright, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Wagner.

ROW 3: T. McClanahan, P. Staup, N. Roush, B. Douglas, E. Sensenbaugh, B. Oxley, E. Thoms, B. Riffle, C. McGowan, J. Vaughn, T. Welde, R. Oliver, G. McAfee, B. Hilty, B. Colburn, M. Hall.

ROW 4: J. Jones, D. Barr, J. Moses, T. Fine, B. Rader, D. Knoop, R. Andrews, B. Grassan, B. Pugh, J. Snyder, P. Yaus, B. Vaughn, V. Eickman, B. Gauby, J. Guth, J. Catalano.

Won 8 Lost 1

The 1953 season was a record-breaking year in several ways. Following the Fairmont tradition of a strong defense, Coach Fouts's boys set a modern school record, allowing a meager 52 points scored by the opposition for the season. An explosive offense scored a average of 27 points per game.

The only blot on the record was a 14 - 13 loss to Middletown. Although the Dragons were outscored, they were not outfought.

For the third year in a row the Fairmont Dragons were Miami Valley League champions.

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1954



ROW 1: Coach Fouts, B. Hilty, G. McAfee, T. Welde, E. Sensenbaugh, B. Hoppe, E. Thoms, C. McGowan, B. Oxley, D. Wagner, B. Douglas, N. Roush, J. Moses, Coach Wagner. . . . ROW 2: Coach Burns, B. Detrick, H. Jeffrey, T. Krammer, D. Wright, B. Riffel, B. Pool, R. Oliver, D. Folkerth, B. Colburn, M. Hall, B. Thompson, Coach Rayburn. . . . ROW 3: L. Tussing, S. Ellis, J. Fisher, J. Smith, T. Loper, B. Shawhan, B. Snyder, T. McClanahan, R. Madden, B. Platt, J. Catalano, R. Smith. . . . ROW 4: F. Wenz, D. Karavish, T. Snyder, F. Wollenhaupt, J. Lewis, K. Etter, B. West, L. Galante, S. Miller, B. Garrett, B. Tolle, L. Nees, J McCarthy . . . ROW 5: D. Benson, J. Brinkley, J. Brandt, W. Collier, G. Wymer, D. Maloon, H. Lobo, J. Sahler, S. Herbert, J. Spettel, J. McDonald.

Won 5 Lost 4

1954 proved to be a mediocre season, but it provided Fairmont fans with one of the most exciting football games ever played by a Fairmont team. There was a big bonfire the night before the Middletown game, and school spirit was at a fever pitch. The Dragons dragged through the first three quarters of play. Fairmont was behind 21 - 0. With six minutes to go, the Dragons offense unleashed an explosive attack and overpowered the Middies, scoring three touchdowns for a final score of 24 - 21 and another victory for Fairmont High.

Fairborn High School joined the Miami Valley League this year. The Dragons made the trip to Flyer country and returned with a 12 - 7 defeat.



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1955



First Row: Mr. Wagner, R. Smith, B. Thompson, L. Tussing, R. Snyder, J. Fisher, M. Hall, R. Colburn, T. McClanahan, J. Smith, S. Ellis, J. Catalano, Mr. Fouts.
Second Row: Mr. Rayburn, W. Collier, R. Parks, J. Hines, J. Himes, G. Brown, R. Madden, J. Vaughn, T. Glake, M. Magill, R. Bartels, P. Barton.
Third Row: R. E. Zipf, Mgr., D. Saslow, L. Galante, S. Miller, B. Tolle, J. Clary, R. Garret, K. DeHaven, W. Jacobs, J. Andrews, D. Hoppe.
Fourth Row: J. Armacost, D. Maloon, H. Lobo, L. Nees, J. Howard, R. Shawhan, R. West, J. Brandt, K. Etter, F. Wentz, N. Noggle.
Fifth Row: J. Spettle, Mgr., J. McDonald, Stat., J. Moore, T. Seitz, F. Myer, K. Reinhard, K. Goecke, B. Haines, G. Voehringer, D. Keener, R. Salyers.
Sixth Row: J. Morgan, B. North, C. Randolph, E. Zotter, J. Cushen, J. Thomas, A. Lathram, L. Shade.
Absent from picture: D. Karns, Mgr., Mr. Puddington

Won 5 Lost 3 Tied 1

The 1955 season was another rebuilding year for the Dragons. Coach Fouts's staff was a close-knit group including Coaches Paul Wagner, Dave Rayburn, and a new addition, Dave Puddington. It was a highly-principled group of coaches, and boys responded with enthusiasm.

The coaches emphasized strong senior tradition, and seniors came through with a victory over Piqua in the final game of the season, 19 - 13. Bob Colburn took the ball from a Piqua player's arm and went for the final winning touchdown for Fairmont.



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1956



1956 DRAGON SQUAD includes Row 1: Coach Fouts, D. Hoppe, W. Jacobs, B. West, B. Garrett, T. Blake, K. DeHaven, J. Howard, L. Nees, B. Tolle, J. Brandt, J. Andrews. **Row 2:** R. Saylers, F. Wenz, N. Noggle, H. Lobo, L. Galante, S. Miller, P. Prather, K. Etter, B. Thomas, B. Bartells, D. Maloon, Coach Wagner. **Row 3:** T. Seitz, V. Jacobs, F. Meyer, B. Lawerence, R. Houck, K. Goecke, B. Haines, F. Elliot, K. Reinhard, T. Dunlevy, J. Cushen, L. Shade. **Row 4:** C. Foreman, T. Peters, H. Thacker, G. Voehringer, C. Claypool, J. Moore, A. Astbury, D. Keener, C. Thompson, P. Albery, C. Randolph, Coach Puddington. **Row 5:** D. Parker, C. Fowler, R. Chaney, J. Garner, T. Thoms, R. Oxley, B. Puterbaugh, J. Lawrence, S. Warner, B. North, J. Zeisler, J. Shroyer, J. Balbach, T. Hart, M. Struble, B. Williams, S. Langer, R. James. **Row 6:** Mgr. B. McDonald, Mgr. J. Nowak, D. Welsh, R. Bolton, J. Saylers, A. Edwards, B. Brooks, S. Gilbert, Mgr. H. Darnell, Mgr. B. Zipf.

Won 6 Lost 2 Tied 1

The 1956 team was a well-conditioned group. Also, this was the first year that players notebooks were used. Although the Dragons didn't achieve their goal of a Miami Valley League championship, they did end up fourteenth in the State at the end of the season.

The game with Troy was one loss the Dragons wouldn't forget for years to come. The game was billed as the "Battle of the Defenses." The Dragons' defense was by far the best in the league, allowing their opponents 52 points. The offense, running from the "Single Wing," was outstanding , leading the league in scoring 208 points for the season. Unfortunately after missing the point-after, the team was defeated 7 - 6.

When awards were given out at the football banquet, the trophy for the best offensive lineman was awarded to senior Dick Hoppe, later to become a Fairmont head coach.

"Fourteenth in the State"

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1957



SIXTH IN THE STATE FAIRMONT DRAGONS, Row 1: Manager R. Salyers, Carroll, Peters, Claypool, Voehringer, Seitz, Haines, Meyer, Reinhard, Cushen, Jacobs, Moore, Elliott, T. Dunlevy, Thompson, Albery, Shade, Astbury, C. Foreman, Williams. **Row 2:** Manager McDonald, Weaver, Langer, Hall, Carnevale, Edwards, Shroyer, Ruiter, Zeisler, Sorenson, Fowler, Lawrence, Oxley, Warner, Garrett, Struble, Carolus, J. Dunlevy, R. Foreman, Tom Hart, Altenburg, Stewart, Fightmaster. Row 3: Stat. Zipf, James, Gilbert, Gray, Bolten, J. Salyers, Hollowell, Fraser, Trent, Doll, Evans, Balbach, Phillips, Gochoel, B. Foreman, Welch, Dungan, Ted Hart, Metzler, Foster, Myers, Wenz, Manager Darnell, Manager A. Lathrem. **Row 4:** Keifer, Kercher, Chaney, Hayes, D. Lathram, Baird, and Adams. Seventy Strong boys were ready to fight to the finish every Friday night.

Won 8 Lost 1

This was the year Coach Fouts had been building for. The team came through with a highly successful season. For the first time ever, Fairmont placed in the top ten teams of the State, achieving the State rank of sixth. In the strong defensive tradition, the defense set a new school record of 28 points scored upon. The Troy game was played before a sell-out crowd of 13,000 fans. The Dragons led 6 - 0 at the half, but the Trojans came back to win 7 - 6.

The job of coaching football had become refined since the days of Pop Warner. The coaches now had telephones from the press box to the field; opposing teams were regularly scouted; and the boys were given weekly "skull sessions" in which they learned what to expect from their next opponents.

At the banquet seven players achieved All-Miami Valley League honors and one, Bo Foreman, placed on the All-Ohio team. "Bump" Elliott, backfield coach at the University of Michigan, was the guest speaker. The team said good-bye to Coach Fouts who left to join the coaching staff at Bowling Green University.

"Sixth in the State"

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1958



MVL CHAMPS Front Row—D. Welsh, M. Carnevale, J. Shroyer, R. Oxley, B. Puterbaugh, A. Edwards and R. James (co-captains), J. Lawrence, B. Williams, R. Foreman, J. Gochoel, T. Hall. Row 2—D. Gray, R. Fightmaster, B. Clymer, J. Salyers, J. Zeisler, D. Chaney, S. Warner, G. Musgrave, J. Kercher, S. Langer, B. Phillips, S. Gilbert, T. Hart. Row 3—B. Baird, B. Wenz, T. Hart, B. Foreman, B. Weaver, D. Lathrem, B. Ruiter, D. Evans, S. Sorensen, D. Fraser, S. Myers, T. Hacker, B. Altenburg, Row 4—S. Bulugaris, J. Gochoel, M. Pfaff, L. McClellan, R. Carter, O. King, B. Doll, J. Morgan, J. Robinson. K. Adams, J. Fricke, J. Dunlevy, C. Garrett. Row 5—M. Phillips, H. Thacker, J. Murphy, R. Urbanas, M. Santoro, P. Ross, D. Carlton, J. Price, B. O'Donnell, C. Carroll, L. Trigg, E. Heusch, G. Reinke, M. Clary, B. Edwards. Row 6—D. Phillips, M. Saettle, T. Trent, J. Allaman, D. Hyatt, J. DuBro, T. Tolle, M. Edgington, J. Weiland, L. Langer, G. Sharron, J. Bohardt, J. Willis, B. Swink. Row 7—O. Schram, J. Etter, D. Droesch, P. Ankney (coach), J. Hoover (coach), D. Puddington (head coach), D. Fender (coach), D. Pugh (trainer), P. Wagner (Athletic Director), T. Allen, D. Lehman, B. Musson, J. Parisi.

Won 9 Lost 0

Dave Puddington was named as the new head football coach, and this year's team was the first to represent Fairmont at the new campus-style high school. Coach Puddington kicked off the season at a pep assembly with the pronouncement "Football at Fairmont is Family." Fairmont's "family" included the students, the parents, the Boosters, and the community--they all backed the team 110% to help Coach "Pud" and his boys achieve a perfect 9 - 0 season.

For the seventh time in the school's history, the Dragons were Miami Valley League champs. For the third year in a row the Dragons achieved State ratings, finishing seventh. The team was dubbed the "Fighting Fairmont Dragons." What they lacked in size they made up in dedication, desire, and spirit. Fairmont football was never more spectacular. At the Troy game the Fairmont student body presented their rivals with a huge Trojan horse--symbolic of their intention to win the game, which they did 14 - 0. This win stopped Troy's 32-game winning streak.

Doyt Perry, head coach at Bowling Green University, was the guest speaker at the banquet. Once again the football team bid farewell to their head coach. Coach Puddington left to join the coaching staff at Kent State University.

"Football at Fairmont is Family." - Coach Puddington

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1959



1959 DRAGONS—ROW 1: M. Ankney, Coffing, Hart, Rion, Evans, Dunlevy, Hall, R. Foreman, Sorensen, Ruiter, Jim Gochoel, Stewart, Adams, Trent, B. Foreman, Weaver, Garrett, Wenz, Fraser, Smith, Hacker. ROW 2: Coach P. Ankney, Coach Hoover, Tolle, Fricke, Altenburg, Myers, Baird, DuBro, Lauderbach, Phillips, King, Carter, Thacker, Bulugaris, Carroll, John Gochoel, Urbanas, Weiland, Ross, Allamon, Coach Fender. ROW 3: Pugh, Parisi, Schramm, Droesch, Lehman, Wollenhaupt, Schmidt, Etter, Trent, Laurito, Adams, Mesarvey, Myers, Horlacher, Colburn, Brady, Coach B. Ankney. ROW 4: Whipp, Kistner, Geisel, Linville, Gravett, Lancaster, Shoemaker, Biondie, Hoefling, Danson, Hoel, Knowlton, G. Ankney, Ervin, Kenna, Skinner, Holcomb, Oxley. ROW 5: Tiller, Bogan, Huehnel, Moore, Girton, Ashworth, Fessler, Greer, Zimmer, Hoppe, Couser, Buchmann, Keller, Anthony, Bauer.

Won 9 Lost 0

The 1959 season will be remembered statistically as the best season ever. New head coach and Fairmont graduate Pete Ankney led the Purple and White to their second consecutive Miami Valley League crown and third place in State ratings. The team finished the season with a twenty-two game winning streak and a new Miami Valley League defensive record of allowing only seven points to be scored against the Dragons for the entire season. Not to be outdone, the offense averaged thirty-two points per game.

The six hours-a-day practices in the hot August sun certainly paid off for this group of boys. The only team to score on the Dragons was the Piqua Indians. Fairmont, however, easily won the game 25 - 7. The Trojans of Troy, intent on revenge for the 1959 loss, met the Dragons at University of Dayton stadium before a record crowd of 14,500 people. The 8 - 0 Fairmont victory proved to be the season's outstanding high school game in the area.

1959 Fairmont Dragons - Second consecutive Miami Valley League crown and Third place in State ratings

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1960



Row 1: Coach Hoover, Santoro, Cheng, Urbanus, DuBro, Phillips, Trent, Fricke, Carter, Ross, Tolle, King, Weiland, Bulugaris, Coach Pete Ankney. *Row 2:* Coach Fender, Saettel, Bogan, Hoefling, Skinner, Palmer, Oxley, Hoel, Robeson, Horlacher, Bauer, Colburn, Denson, Coach Ben Ankney. *Row 3:* Coach Mallet, Schmidt, Geisel, McAfee, Zimmer, Kenna, Erwin, Anthony, Ankney, Laurito, Keller, Messervey, Huehnel, Coach Colburn. *Row 4:* Coach McVey, Virelli, Edwards, Miller, Geatty, Hill, Hetzler, Walker, Fink, Withrow, Wolfe, Foster, Giffin, White, Trainer, Ashworth. *Row 5:* Hahn, King, Elkins, Johnson, Kuntz, Ellis, Cupp, Mitchell, Ring, Freeman. *Row 6:* Olson, Gantz, Moore, Fisher, Moore, Bleck, George, Call, Flatter, Watson, Darby, Lobo, Konrad, Parisi, Meyers.

Won 8 Lost 2

The one returning starter in 1960 was little but mighty Tony Trent, a 150-pound halfback who was voted the most valuable player in the Miami Valley area as a junior.

With little depth and experience, the team went on to achieve a successful 8 - 2 season. They easily won their first game over Newark 29 - 0, followed by a close win over Middletown 8 - 6. The winning streak was snapped at 24 games in the third game of the season with a 14 - 6 loss to Chaminade. The final Dragon drive ended on the Eagles's three yard line in the last minute of the game. Making the big tackle for the Eagles was Jef Franz, a Kettering resident. The only other team to score two touchdowns on the strong defense was Troy in a heartbreaking 18 - 9 loss.

The 1960 team was typical of all Fairmont teams with their great drive, spirit, and will to win. For the third time in four years the team lost their head coach when Coach Ankney left for the head coaching berth at Canton McKinley.

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1961



Row 1: D. Ervin, D. Huehnel, J. Bogan, G. Ankney, S. Hoel, J. Horlacher, C. Skinner, D. Bauer, F. Danson, J. Colburn, L. Lauritu, J. Zimmer. *Row 2:* K. Heikes, G. Keller, D. Hoefling, D. Geisel, B. Robeson, G. Moore, G. Gantz, D. Edwards, M. Anthony, J. Oxley, J. Palmer. *Row 3:* T. Kindy, T. Darby, B. Edwards, D. Lobo, G. Trout, J. Blackburn, J. King, R. Geatty, G. Scott, L. Kniess, T. Madden, J. Hill. *Row 4:* B. Bosel, J. Kuntz, J. Barney, D. Mueller, A. George, M. Schardt, D. Fisher, C. Withrow, B. Foster, B. Elkins, S. Lowry, L. McCartney, D. Funk. *Row 5:* R. Miller, L. Trivette, D. Baker, L. Beatty, J. Overholser, B. Galloway, G. Moore, L. Hinchman, B. Abernathy, J. McClellan, I. Clark, H. Rogers, J. Crossley. *Row 6:* D. Martin, S. Jones, D. Grotz, C. Smith, T. Elliott, T. Adsit, M. Graham, T. Leonard, P. Yon, J. Hines, D. Sensenbaugh, J. Shartle, N. Keeney, B. Zimmer, B. Michael. *Row 7:* O. Wolf, D. Eagle, B. Zipf, C. Beason, M. Myers, L. McVey, N. Mourouzis, D. Fender, J. Hoover, B. Ankney, T. Mallett, B. Chapman, E. Ashworth, B. Watson, J. Moody.

Won 8 Lost 0 Tied 2

Once again hard work paid off and the Dragons, under new head coach Jim Hoover, were the new Miami Valley League champs and ranked seventh in the State ratings.

Coach Hoover's theory of an explosive offense and strong defense proved true. The offense averaged 31 points per game, and the defense allowed their opponents an average of four points per game. The only marks on their record were an eight-point tie with Middletown and a six-point tie with Chaminade, two of the team's fiercest rivals.

The Dragons scored a crushing 52 - 16 defeat over Troy in the climax of the season. Thus, traditional hard play and good sportsmanship were upheld by another great Fairmont team.

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1962



Row 1: J. King, R. Geatty, B. Foster, D. Fisher, G. Moore, C. Withrow, M. Schardt, A. George, D. Lobo, T. Darby. *Row 2:* G. Trout, J. Kuntz, B. Edwards, D. Moore, J. Hill, G. Scott, L. Kneiss, P. Yon, J. McClellan, J. Hensley, D. Sensenbaugh. *Row 3:* J. Shartle, R. Miller, B. Abernathy, D. Mueller, H. Rogero, B. Keeney, T. Leonard, J. Overholser, L. Hinchman, L. Beatty, Mr. Ashworth, team trainer. *Row 4:* J. Hoover, head coach; D. Fender, coach; D. Baker, M. Graham, C. Smith, B. Galloway, T. Elliot, J. Hines, J. Crossley, S. Jones, T. Mallet, coach; B. Hildreth, coach. *Row 5:* J. Flanders, K. Isbell, D. Laycox, E. Caskey, J. Hart, J. Todd, M. Hill, S. Alexander, P. Thompson, B. Stuckey, C. McSherry, R. Bunting, D. Pugh, chaplain. *Row 6:* B. Odom, D. Salyers, S. Baty, J. Jacobs, L. Scott, B. Skinner, R. Schalnat, T. Kramer, M. Arnold, L. Dietz, J. Snyder, T. Bohart. *Row 7:* J. Armocida, B. Chaney, O. Hall, D. Combs, D. Abernathy, D. Altenburg, G. Jolley, J. Rench, T. Sharrit, J. Johnson, K. Oishi, D. Colvin, R. Jones. *Row 8:* D. Beanblossom, J. Mulvaney, A. Weber, P. Fowler, M. Denka, L. Minnick, J. Miller, P. Hogan, D. Reed, B. Wellmeire, B. Withrow, J. Nixon. *Row 9:* L. Wick, B. Ziph, B. Watson, C. Beason, J. Moody, D. Eagle.

Won 7 Lost 2 Tied 1

The 1962 season was one of mixed emotions for Dragon gridders. It began with impressive wins over three State powers: Marion, Springfield, and Chaminade.

This year the Miami Valley League proved to be stronger than the Dragons had hoped. With losses to Xenia and Piqua and a tie with Fairborn, the team might have given up, but the Fairmont fighting spirit came through and they finished the season with wins over Miamisburg, Troy, and Sidney.

Coach Hoover left Fairmont to become assistant to University of Dayton head football coach Pete Ankney.



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1963 - EAST



Row 1: M. Vice, R. Schalnat. *Row 2:* M. Thomas, J. Fender, L. West. *Row 3:* J. Breiden, J. Sullins. *Row 4:* D. Krug. *Row 1:* Mr. Vair, Mr. Rosencrans, Mr. Landis, Mr. Fender, Mr. Chapman. *Row 2:* M. Arnold, B. Chaney, P. Hogan, D. Laycox, C. McSherry, D. Fightmaster, L. Scott, D. Salyers, D. Combs, O. Hall. *Row 3:* J. Bogan, E. Caskey, S. Baty, J. Mulvaney, B. Wellmeier, B. Garvin, K. Isbell, J. Rench, J. Gildow, D. Beddies. *Row 4:* C. Schwinn, B. Stuckey, C. Corvin, J. Miller, A. Weber, L. Neff, B. Fogle, C. Gildow, K. Breiden, M. Noble, J. Armocida. *Row 5:* M. Lightcap, M. Ross, B. Clingman, M. Pitcher, J. Kotschwar, D. Shaver, C. Osborne, C. Carolus, S. Spitler, K. Oishi, G. Foster.

Won 5 Lost 3 Tied 1

The year was 1962, and construction began on a new high school which would divide Fairmont into two high schools in the fall of 1963. The new school would be called Fairmont East with the Falcon as a mascot. In this first year, only sophomores and juniors would attend.

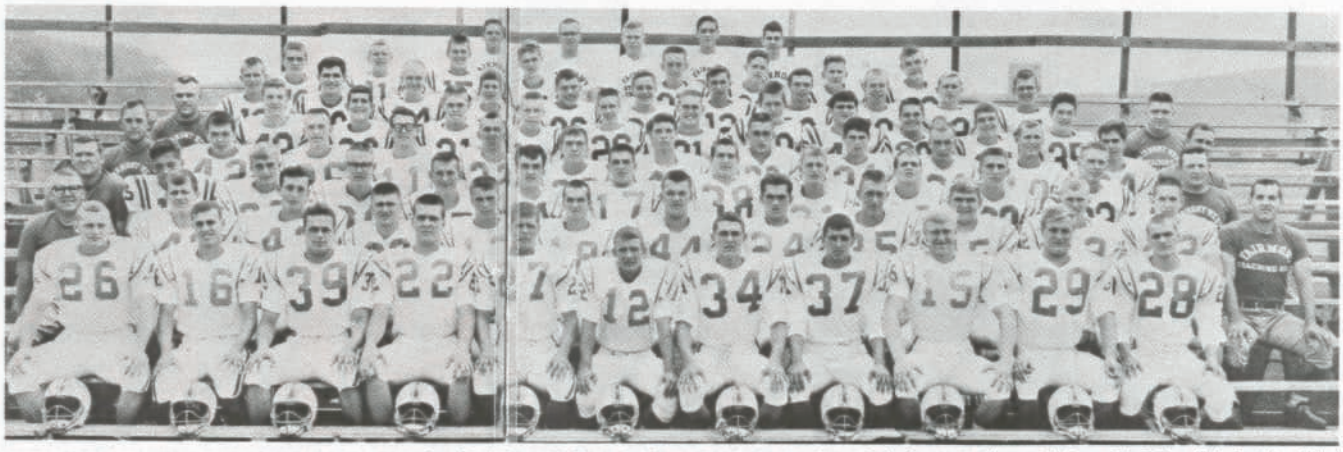
Football would be the first sport competition for the new high school. With no seniors on this first squad, the new Fairmont East would not be affiliated with any league. Led by first year Head Coach Bob Landis, the Falcons opened their maiden season with promising victories over Dayton Meadowdale and Xenia Wilson, followed by a tie with Hamilton Fairfield. Three defeats by Fairview, Springfield North, and Belmont were followed by victories over Carroll, Franklin, and Stebbins.

Dave Fightmaster led the team in rushing, scoring and pass receiving. Linebacker Doug Salyers was the team's leading tackler.



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WEST - 1963



Front Row: Tom Leonard, Hal Rogers; Jim McClellan, Paul Yon, Dave Mueller, Jim Overholser, Rod Miller, Bucky Keeney, Bob Galloway, John Shartle, Larry Beatty. Row 2: Coach Hildreth, Ted Felkley, Curtis Smith, Tom Bohardt, Marv Hill, Dick Baker, Jack Hines, Ron Hensley, Lew Hinchman, Jim Crossley, Tom Elliott, Steve Jones, Coach Hoppe. Row 3: Coach Mallott, Bill Wood, Steve Alexander, Elmer Yochum, Jim Krolik, Dick Abernathy, Glenn Rowland, Bob Withrow, Bob Skinner, Rick Bunting, Pete Fowler, Dick Colvin, Coach Creger. Row 4: Coach Neer, John Johnson, Jeff Jacobs, Danny Reed, Chris Houck, Tom Sharitt, Jim Todd, John Snyder, Ronnie Jones, Tony Cramer, John Hart, Mike Denke, Coach Thompson. Row 5: Coach Wood, John Steele, Dan Harlow, Kerry McCalla, Ronnie Zaremski, Tom Madliger, Dave Maltby, Joe Fiedler, Rick Andrews, Bob Reinert, Earl Riggs, Jim Lynn, Trainer, Mr. Bowser. Row 6: Jim Johnson, Jeff Kernan, Dain DeVeny, Mark Shoemaker, Richard Wittman, Wayne Kimbrill, Mike Coleman, Doug Schaeublin, Jim Gerlitz, Dave Miller. Row 7: Tom Baker, Dave Shannon, Ron Bates, Bill Wilson, Melt Place, Jim Swartzel, Tom Auerhammer, Ted Claypool. Row 8: Ken Clayton, Jim Moody, Dave Beanblossom, Jim Nixon, Bill Zipf.

Won 7 Lost 2 Tied 1

Coach Bob Hildreth became the new head coach, and the team responded by winning the Miami Valley League crown in their last year of membership in the league. Once again the Dragons were one of the powerhouse teams in the area and proved it by rolling over Chaminade, Xenia, Troy, and many others.

Fifteen thousand fans witnessed one of the most exciting games ever played at Baujan Field. Middletown was coached by their famed basketball coach Paul Walker. The Middies led at the half 22 - 0, but the Dragons came back the second half and tied the Middies for "Fairmont's Greatest Tie" 34 - 34. Former Middletown coach "Tiger" Ellison was in attendance and commented to Coach Hildreth after game, " I don't know what you said at half-time but your boys sure came out in a different mood in the second half."

Fairmont's hopes for being undefeated in the league were shattered in the final game of the season which the Dragons lost to Sidney by a close 22 -20 score.

The high school was split this year, and many good football players went to the new Fairmont East High School.

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1964 - EAST



Front Row: R. Schalnat, J. Gildow, D. Beddies, L. Scott, P. Hogan, O. Hall, B. Garvin, B. Wellmeir, C. McSherry, D. Salyers. *Second Row:* J. Rench, J. Bogan, J. Fender, M. Arnold, D. Combs, A. Weber, C. Schwinn, D. Laycox, M. Noble, L. West. *Third Row:* S. Baty, L. Neff, B. Stuckey, B. Fogle, M. Hupp, D. Peron, J. Sullins, K. Isabell, J. Armocida, J. Mulvaney. *Fourth Row:* P. Lambert, D. Wolf, M. Carl, G. Beddies, W. Weber, M. Alexander, D. Campbell, G. Becker, D. Miller. *Fifth Row:* D. Muncy, D. Laycox, G. Carpenter, B. Hurt, L. Motko, D. Sneck, K. Rice, T. MacDonald, M. Riggle, J. Worthington. *Top Row:* J. Magill, S. Spitler, P. Finsley, Coach Chapman, Coach Fender, Coach Landis, Coach Rosencrans, Coach Dunlap, R. Pobst.

Won 2 Lost 8

The 1964 team began with the news that junior Dave Fightmaster had moved to Trotwood. He had been the heart of the offense the previous year. Fairmont East won only two games in this first year as a member of the new Western Ohio League. Each game seemed to slip away with the defense spending most of their time on the field.

The best effort of the season was the sixth game when the Falcons defeated the Fairview Bulldogs 6 - 0. Fairview was ranked first in the area at the time. East met West in football competition for the first time, and the Falcons fell to the Dragons by the score of 26 - 0.

Al Weber provided the main offensive punch, and he earned a scholarship to Ohio State. Injuries and the departure of Fightmaster put a damper on an otherwise promising season.

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WEST - 1964



Front Row: Denny Reed; John Johnson; Rick Bunting; Tom Sherritt; Steve Alexander; Jeff Jacobs; John Hart, co-captain; Jim Todd, co-captain; Chris Houck; Mike Denka; Dick Abernathy; Tom Bohardt; Marv Hill; Bob Skinner; Bob Withrow. Row 2: Elmer Yocum, Jeff Kernan, Joe Fiedler, Ron Zaremski, Tom Medliger, Dave Meadows, Jim Lynn, Marc Shoemacher, Don Harlow, Bob Reinert, Earl Riggs, Rick Andrews, Dave Maltby, Greg Jolley, Glen Kershner. Row 3: Mike Coleman, Doug Schaublin, Bill Wilson, Kerry McCalla, Dain DeVany, Mait Place, Dick Wittman, Jim Swartsel, Tad Claypool, Dave Miller, Tom Walther, Bob Krynzel, John Lowder, Dave Braun, Carl Showecker. Row 4: Ron Bates, Jim Garlitz, Tom Auerhammer, Phil Baker, Ken Downey, Kent Cunningham, Steve Yost, Craig French, Pat Combs, Don Howard, Gary Burns, Frank Boston, Dan Reinecke, Dan Maloon. Row 5: Gene Baker, Mike Jacobs, Bob Weisman, Ron Barrett, Jack Broughton, Tim Roach, Gary Wade, Tom Kohl, Brad Lennon, Rick West, Nick Szekal, Dan Hockett, Ron Getter, Jim Spahr. Row 6: Coach Wood, Coach Thompson, Coach Neer, Trainer Freeman, Head Coach Hildreth, Mr. Bowser, Coach Hoppe, Coach Crager, Coach Mellett.

Won 5 Lost 5

1964 was a rough year for the Dragons. They were in a new league, the Western Ohio League, and the schedule was tough. The Fairmont West gridders failed to win a game until mid-season when they beat Beavercreek for a 14 - 0 homecoming victory.

On November 7, 1964, a new rivalry was added to Dragon football history. It was the first of the annual "East meets West" battles, and the Dragons triumphed 26 - 0 before a near-capacity crowd at University of Dayton stadium.

For the first time in many years there was no Fairmont-Troy clash. Troy remained in the old Miami Valley League and thus were off the Dragon's schedule. The Dragons finished the season second in the newly established Western Ohio League (WOL).

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1965 - EAST



Front row: J. Sullins, L. Neff, C. Schwinn, J. Bogan, C. Gildow, G. Becker, S. Spitler, D. Miller, B. Cingman, G. Beddies, J. Gildow, J. Fender Second row: B. Carmack, J. Magill, M. Vollman, D. Richardson, A. Herr, M. Hupp, D. Woolf, D. Muncy, B. Hurt, P. Lambert, D. Campbell, D. Laycox Third row: P. Magraw, M. Baker, G. Carpenter, D. King, B. Wegley, L. Winters, M. Macy, P. Jones, D. Adams, T. Buescher, T. Sayer, B. McSherry, T. Owens.

Fourth row: M. Macy, R. Pabst, T. Waitzman, M. Suiters, M. Chaney, J. Coyle, R. Lashley, J. Arthur, M. Pfal, B. Adams, B. Nix, T. Treyler. Fifth row: J. Brady, R. Medlin, M. Smally, J. Flenders, J. Behm, J. Gilbert, J. Becker, J. Kuntz, D. Flege, D. Cramer, J. Robinson, L. Karides, J. Burton. Top row: D. VanHerlingen, B. Rookstool; J. Samanas, J. Sexton, P. Carney, Coach Landis, Coach Rosencrans, Coach Chapman, Coach Vair.

Won 0 Lost 10

The 1965 Falcon team exhibited some major deficiencies during the preseason, and unfortunately these led to a rough season. This was certainly a year to build character. Many of the players on this team were fine young men. Some, such as Jim Fender, went on into teaching and coaching.

Fairmont East fell to Fairmont West for the second year in a row but showed progress by scoring their first touchdown against the Dragons.

At the end of this season, Coach Landis went into school administration, becoming the assistant principal at Fairmont East.

This was certainly a year to build character. - Coach Fender

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WEST - 1965



Front Row: Ron Zaremski, Les Murray, Mait Place, Jeff Kernan, Dave Miller, Marc Shoemacher, Joe Fiedler, Tom Madliger, Tom Auerhammer, Doug Schaeublin, Bill Wilson, Bob Reinert, Jim Lynn, Don Harlow, Mike Coleman. **Row 2:** Tad Claypool, Dave Maltby, Jim Garlitz, Phil Baker, John Lowder, Ron Barrett, Tom Kohl, Ken Downey, Don Howard, Frank Boston, John Blakeman, Don Hockett, Jack Broughton, Bob Krynzel, Jon Ankney, Bob Weisman, John Armbruster. **Row 3:** Kent Cunningham, Mark West, Gary Burns, John Bohardt, Steve Yost, Dave Kalbfleisch, Dave Lutes, Doug Alexander, Phil Drayton, Danny Shaeffer, Mike Webb, Steve Bohardt, Jim Miller, Gregg Chappell, Doug Sherman, Rick Malone, Don Fetzer, Earl Riggs. **Row 4:** Greg Shoup, John Murray, Steve Austin, Mike Miller, Jim Helmer, Bob Coffman, Doug Grothjan, Jerry Fouke, Rich Miller, John Roush, Steve Maltby, Dick Knipp, Keith Noble, Jack Mehl, Mike Logsdon, Gene Baker, Brad Lennon. **Row 5:** Dan Maloon, Glen Kershner, Jim Fledderjohn, Mr. John Freeman, trainer; Mr. Richard Dickey, line coach; Mr. Robert Hildreth, head coach; Mr. Richard Hoppe, line coach; Mr. Buford Crager, backfield coach; Mr. Fred Neer, freshman coach; Mr. Duane Thompson, freshman coach; Carl Showecker, John Ancsan, Jim Dudis.

Won 5 Lost 5

Even though the Dragons lost half their games this year, they again finished in second place in the Western Ohio League. Losing the first three games to State-rated teams dampened the Dragons' spirit, but they fought back to win five consecutive Western Ohio League games.

The Dragons faced a showdown for the league title with a strong Fairborn team the last game of the season. The Flyers squeaked by with a 12 - 7 victory and the league championship.

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Won 3 Lost 7

In 1966 Duane Fender became the second head football coach for the Fairmont East Falcons. According to Coach Fender, this team had a good group of seniors, and he believed it was due to the quality coaching they received at Indian Riffle as freshmen. There were seven or eight super football players on this team, and probably the best was linebacker Doug Campbell. Others were Woolf, Muncie, McGraw and Laycox.

This team opened its season with three excellent opponents. When the season was over Chaminade, Belmont, and Fairview would only lose four games combined! In the Chaminade game the plan was to stop their halfback. East won this game by putting two linebackers on him wherever he went. The strategy worked, and Coach Fender got his first big win as a head coach.

A big blow to the team occurred when Doug Campell was injured in the third game and was lost for the rest of the season.

The Falcons gave the Dragons of Fairmont West the best effort in the three years of the matchup before losing by the score of 14 - 8.

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WEST - 1966



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Won 7 Lost 2 Tied 1

The football program at Fairmont West was expanding. Football practice began early in the summer with a program of agility drills held twice weekly by the captains. At the end of summer, physical fitness tests were given the boys to determine their improvement over the preceding year.

The season opened with a 7 - 0 win over perennially strong Middletown. The Dragons picked up steam and rolled over Hillsboro the following week with a resounding score of 65 - 0. After being behind at halftime 12 - 0 in the Chaminade game, the Dragons attempted a futile comeback and were beaten by only four, 12 - 8.

Fairmont East came close to beating West. However, the Dragons appeared flawless in defeating the Falcons 14 - 8 in an unusual Saturday morning game. When the season ended, the Dragons held second place in the WOL.

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1967 - EAST



FOOTBALL TEAM. *Front row:* L. Gearing, J. Behm, J. Flanders, J. Arthur, T. Sayer, C. Armstrong, D. Flege, M. Macy, J. Brady, M. Baker, B. McSherry, M. Macy, L. Karides, T. Buescher, J. Becker, J. Gilbert, M. Pfahl, B. Adams. *Second row:* B. Harris, S. Wagner, S. Porter, G. Wagner, B. Brady, L. Motko, D. Anderson, B. Schieman, S. Lemon, P. Kuntz, B. Stromenger, R. Hopkins, P. Diaspro, J. Waitzman, A. Channel, R. Druseikis, G. Codispoti, J. Robinson, M. Vaughn. *Third row:* K. Carl, D. Compton, M. Brown, T. O'Banion, D. Cain, D. Dellinger, J. Turrell, J. Kritzer, M. Houtz, T. Flanders, D. Sawyer, J. Mandos, R. Schmidt, D. McMichael, R. Beddies, R. Evans, M. Eisenstein, M. Windle, J. Hammond. *Fourth row:* L. Zinn, M. Schweickart, M. Page, D. Gault, S. Johnson, G. Cunningham, J. Vorwerck, B. Lange, M. Adams, J. Sprouse, J. Szima, B. Palmer, M. Bell, K. Armstrong, D. Armstrong, D. Griest, D. Cheesman, D. Nein, C. Aker, J. Mason, C. McGovern, E. Elam. *Top row:* J. Bond, M. Cook, J. Compton, J. Denney, J. Richardson, L. Dixon, Coach Aldrich, Coach McVey, Coach DeArmond, Coach Dunlap, Coach Fender, Coach Vaiz, Coach Chapman, J. McGrew, B. McKenzie, S. Heidenerich, D. Brumfield, D. Smith, D. Lysne.

Won 2 Lost 8

Going into this season, second year coach Duane Fender and the coaching staff thought they had the potential to win a lot. The team had size and good personnel. But as luck would have it, this team had a disastrous pre-season. Two tackles anticipated to be the best in the league became ineligible and could not play. One of them was 6'6'' and 260, the other was 6'4" and 240. The Falcons also lost Jack Arthur to a leg injury.

Three players who did have a good year were Tom Sayer, All-League linebacker Chad Armstrong, and offensive tackle Brian McSherry.

The two wins this year were a 51 - 0 blowout over the Stebbins Indians and a 22 - 13 win over the Panthers of Springfield North. In all eight losses, these Falcons were always close to winning. They never lost by more than 18 points. The loss to the West Dragons was by a score of only 8 - 0.

Coach Fender - "A formula for winning was yet to be found."

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WEST - 1967



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Won 6 Lost 4

For the first time in the short history of the WOL, Fairmont West's gridders became league champs. The team got off to a slow start by losing to Alter, Middletown and Chaminade. It was the first time the Dragons played new inter-city rival Alter. The rest of the schedule consisted of league opponents, and West won all but the Beavercreek game which they lost by a close 12 - 6 margin.

The game with cross-town rival Fairmont East was won by a narrow 8 - 0 margin. In the previous two seasons the Dragons had been upset the last game of the season by Springfield North. This year West was ready for the Panthers and clinched a first place tie with a big 57 - 12 victory.

The 1967 team will be remembered for an outstanding group of seniors who showed leadership qualities both on and off the field. Coach Hildreth left to join the coaching staff at the University of Dayton.

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1968 - EAST



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Won 2 Lost 7 Tied 1

This season could be remembered as the year of the "Cowboy Helmets." Coach Fender felt it was important that the football team as well as the band looked their best on Friday nights. He ordered special helmets exactly like the ones worn by the Dallas Cowboys. Those helmets drew a lot of envious attention from Falcon opponents, and because of that, many opposing coaches hated them.

One big setback was suffered by the Falcons when QB Sandy Lemon was injured in game three and was out for the rest of the season. In dealing with that loss, first year coach and offensive coordinator Doug Schmidt partially resurrected the old "Single Wing" offense for part of the season. The advantage of this offense is that it doesn't require a skilled quarterback and features a good tailback.

A loss and a win stood out as the best games of the year. Against No. 1 in the league Beavercreek, the Falcons had a great defensive game. They held the Beavers scoreless until the last three minutes of the game when Beavercreek scored the winning touchdown.

The big win of the year was a 22 - 20 victory over the Troy Trojans. The Falcons beat Troy on a "Hail Mary" pass into the end zone with no time on the clock.

At the fall banquet, Coach Fender announced his resignation. Anticipating this, the players presented him with a gift certificate as a token of gratitude.

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WEST - 1968



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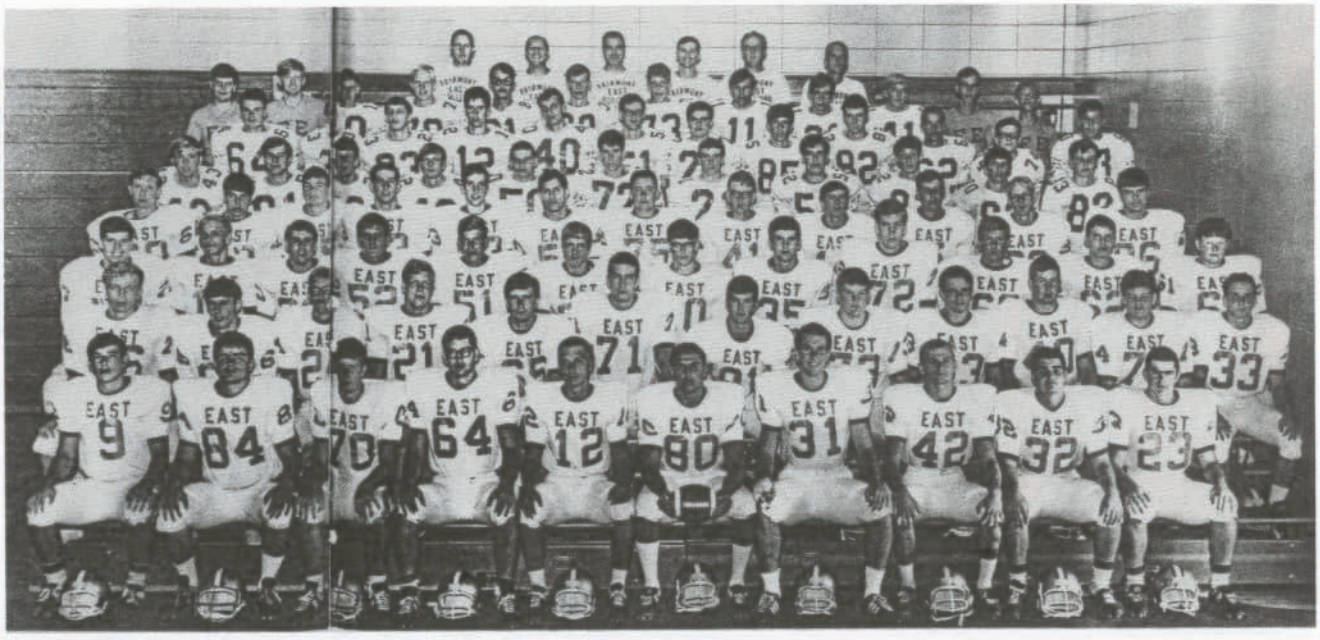
Won 6 Lost 4

New head coach Dick Hoppe faced a tough assignment with his young team. The nucleus of the team consisted of two returning starters, and a massive rebuilding job was in order. The Dragons lost the season opener to Alter by an 18 - 13 margin, but surprised their fans by winning the next six league games. A new rival, Centerville, was added to the league, and the Dragons responded by overpowering them 21 - 18.

Troy also joined the WOL and the old Fairmont-Troy rivalry was renewed when the Dragons beat them 30 - 6. Then the spirited Dragon team ran out of steam and dropped the last three games. Facing a strong Xenia team, the Dragons led at the half, 18 - 6. The Buccaneers, however, proved to be too much during the second half and won the game 22 - 18. This game was followed by losses to Stebbins and Beavercreek who became WOL champs. The Dragons' hopes to win the league were demolished by the last three games, but they finished a respectable third in what was by now a ten-team league.

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1969 - EAST



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Won 2 Lost 8

In 1969 Doug Schmidt became the third head football coach for Fairmont East. Since the Falcons had not yet had a winning varsity football team, Doug's first goal was to start a weight-lifting program. He and his staff bought a universal machine, converted an old storage room, and started the first weight program at East.

While the record was only 2 - 8, great progress was shown because of the dedication and leadership of the seniors. "We were in every game, but our won-lost record was not that great."

Dave McMichael was All-WOL, went to Bowling Green, and was a three-year starter at tackle. Dave is now the offensive line coach at West Virginia University.

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WEST - 1969



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Won 7 Lost 2 Tied 1

The opening game proved to be a jinx again in 1969. The Dragons went down 14 - 0 to a rugged Chaminade team. Coach Hoppe made several changes in the Dragon line, and the team went on to win seven league games in a row. The 6 - 6 tie with Wayne cost the Dragons the WOL title as they finished just one-half game short of their goal.

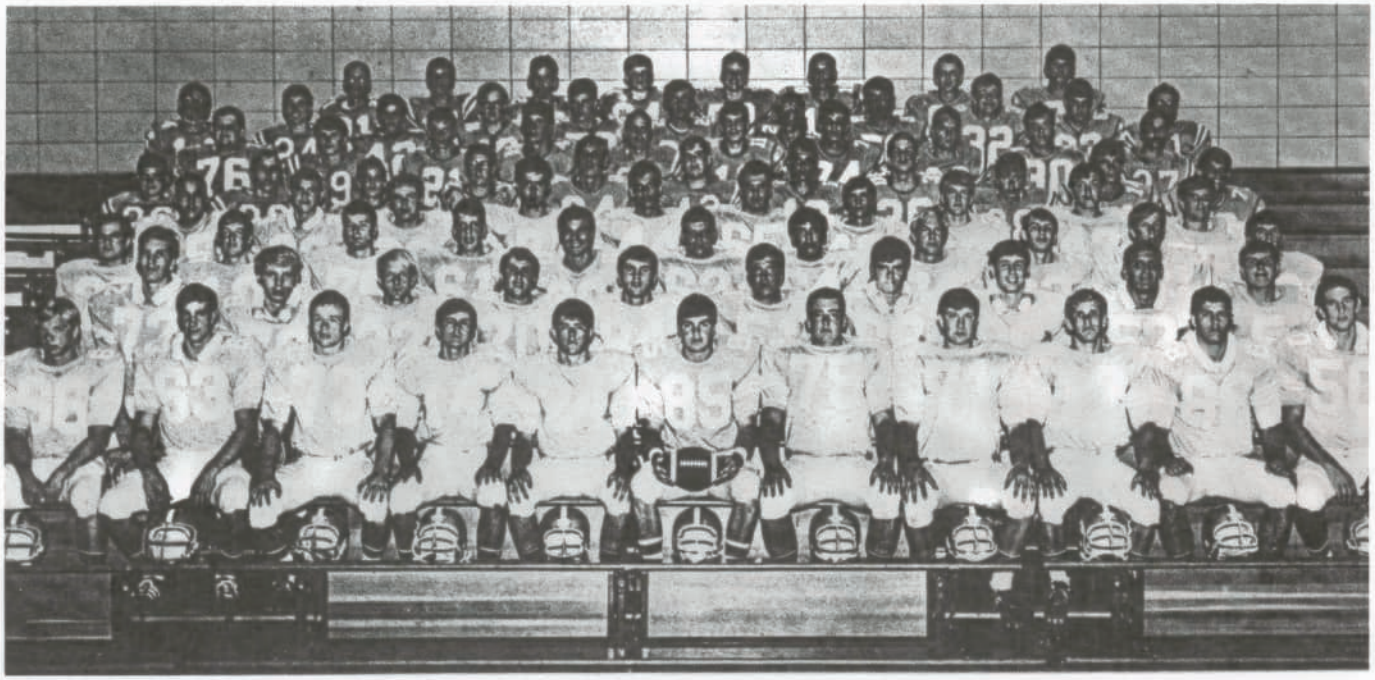
The highlight of the season came against undefeated and state-ranked Xenia. The Buccaneers were averaging over 40 points a game, and the Dragons upset them 19 - 6.

The real shocker of the season was the final game of the season against Beavercreek. Had the Dragons won, it would have been their first uncontested WOL championship. The Beavers were really high for this one and took off to a comfortable 20 - 0 halftime lead. The Dragons came back and scored three touchdowns in the second half. However, their effort was in vain; the final score was Beavers 26, Dragons 20. By beating West, Beavercreek allowed Xenia to win the league championship.

Several boys received college scholarships, and junior Bill Rayburg was named to Chris Schenkel's All-America High School Team, first team.

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1970 - EAST



FOOTBALL TEAM: Front Row: Dave Morris, Curt Lysne, Jim Miracle, Dan Yahle, Joe Sprouse, Jeff Parks, Mike Brannen, Dennis Franklin, Gary Yost, Bob Wright, Craig Lysne. **Row Two:** Eric Minamyer, Bud Castle, Dave Corwin, Joe D'Amico, Bob Castle, Al Schide, Ed Penix, Don Kuntz, Don Macon, Nick D'-Amico. **Row Three:** Larry Harris, Steve Hawkins, Rod Wells, Tom Boss, Scott Bertrand, Zelmo Beatty, Bob Macaulay, Dave Aker, Dale Dalton, Roger Goeke, John Lephart. **Row Four:** Joe Reno, Tim Slonaker, Steve Hensley, Tom Adams, Dave Moore, Randy Tamaska, Nick Yahle, Mike Diegel, Dave Paulus, Ed Stoeckel. **Row Five:** Terry Slonaker, Bob Grismer, Ken Couch, Pat O'Donnell, Greg Duncan, Glen Converse, Dave Stuckey, Bob Metzler, Steve Shipley, Mike Smith, John Schmidt. **Row Six:** Clay Neiman, Chip Yaus, Dave Reed, Marty Williams, Barry Schultz, Mike Koogler, Jim Hedrick, Craig Norris, Mark Hickson, Leinard Overholser. **Row Seven:** Dave Matthews, Herbie Shafer, Mike Gregory, Rick Nichols, Ted Flaherty, Bob Demick, Gary Baumann, Phil Frost, Richard Miracle, Jim Kritzer, Dave Garber. **Row Eight:** Nic Beasley, Ed Monsour, Bob Gaughan, Don Sanders, Bob Landis, Mike Wagner, Ted Quick, Andy Winchek.

Won 4 Lost 6

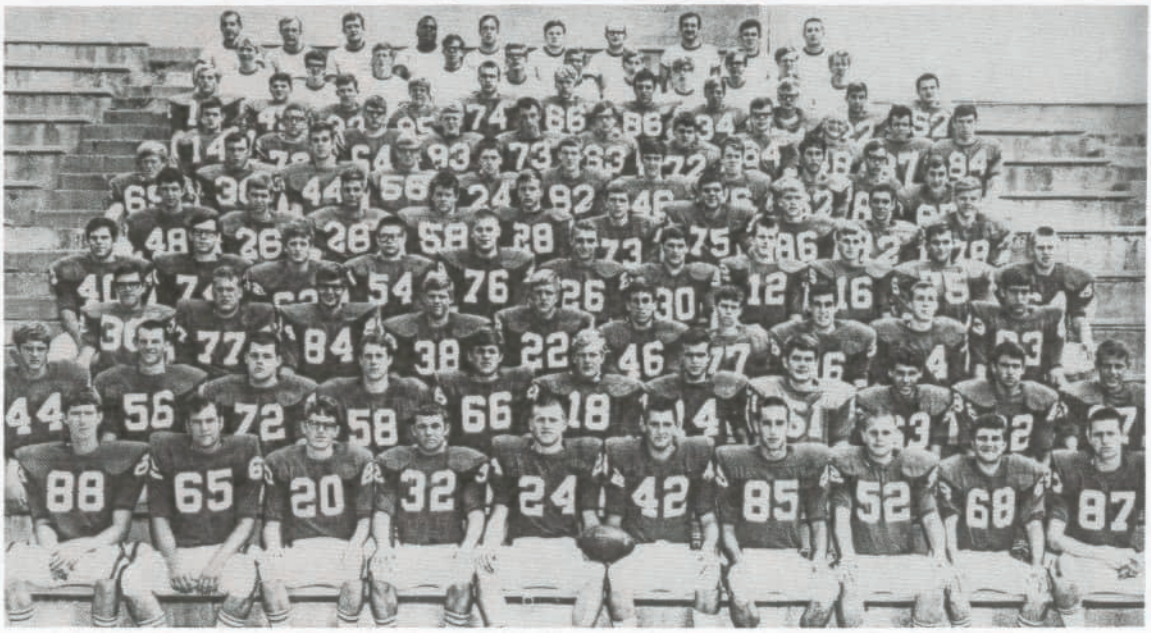
The 1970 season started with five straight losses, but the Falcons played every opponent tough. They lost four of those five by less than a touchdown.

The sixth game was against Beavercreek, which had won 39 of their last 41 games. The Falcons beat the Beavers 3 - 0 on a field goal by Jeff Parks. This game turned the season around; in fact, it marked a turning point for the East football program. The Falcons won 4 of the last 5 games and lost only to the league champion Troy.

Wins this year over Beavercreek and Wayne were firsts for Fairmont East football teams.

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WEST - 1970



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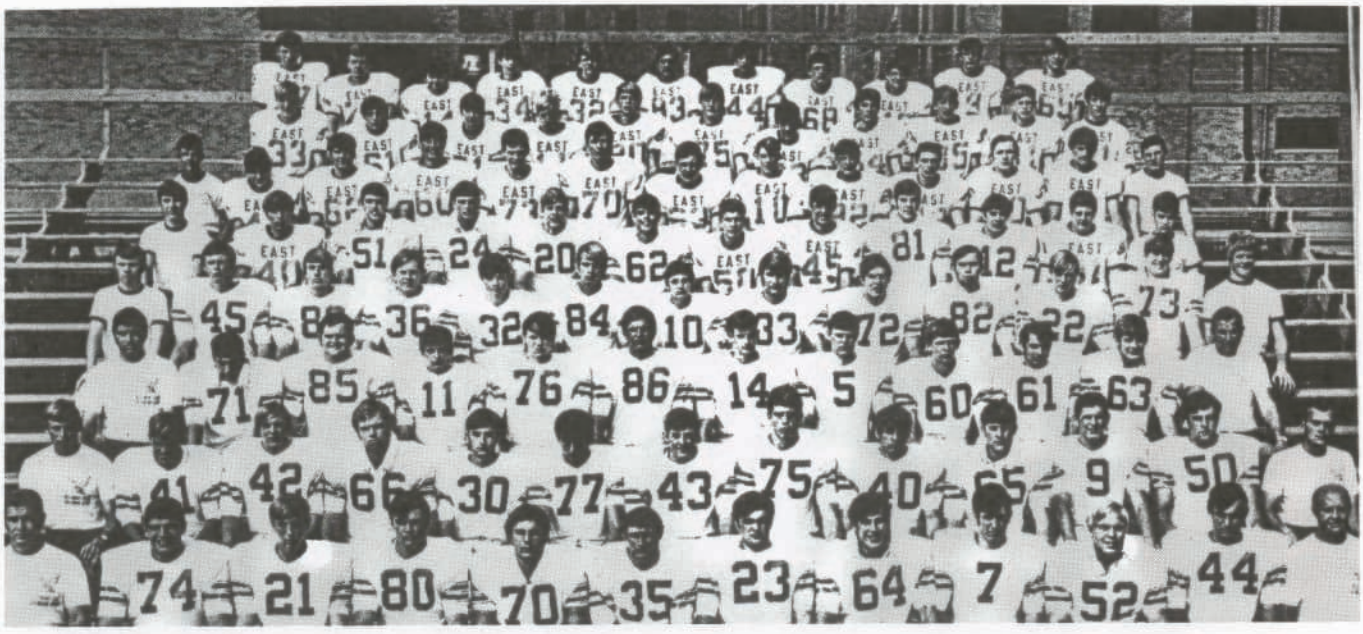
Won 8 Lost 2

Coach Hoppe began the 1970 season by starting eleven seniors, ten juniors, and two sophomores in the the big opener with Chaminade. It was the youngest Dragon team to take the field in many years. The boys showed that youth was not a disadvantage, however, in their 14 - 0 victory over the Eagles.

The team had a disappointing game with Beavercreek but gave undefeated Troy the best battle they encountered all season. The game was tied 6 - 6 until the last four minutes when Troy scored a second touchdown and won 12 - 6. The Trojans went undefeated for the season and eventually won the league championship. The Dragons were not hampered by their two losses, however. They blitzed through the last half of their schedule, averaging four touchdowns per game and establishing a five game winning streak.

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1971 - EAST



FOOTBALL TEAM: Front Row: Coach Larry McVey, Bill Beatty, Roger Goeke, Randy Tamaska, Scott Bertrand, Frank Terkoski, Larry Harris, Bob MacCauley, Tom Adams, Dave Aker, Dave Moore, Coach Doug Schmidt. **Row 2:** Coach Mike Carmean, Matt McCarty, Nick Yehle, Steve Hensley, Jeff Cron, Phil Frost, Steve Hawkins, Tom Boss, John Lephart, Pat O'Donnell, Mike Wagner, Mark Hixson, Coach Art Dunlap. **Row 3:** Trainer Ted Williams, Jim Kritzer, Clay Neiman, Mike Gregory, Tony Quick, Wayne Napier, Dave Reed, Dave Stuckey, Mike Malone, Dave Garber, Mark Koogler, Coach Tom Cobey. **Row 4:** Stan Irving, Dave Matthews, Herb Schafer, Rick Nichols, Don Sanders, Andy Winchek, Ken Couch, Pat Wathen, Jim Hedrick, Roger Poteet, Gary Baumann, Bob Landis, Kevin Scarborough. **Row 5:** Tom Kwest, Mike Compton, Barry Schultz, Mike Smith, Bob Metzler, John Schmidt, Ed Yike, Chris Stovall, Gene Converse, Steve Shipley, Charles Edelen, Chuck Snavely. **Row 6:** Dave Flanders, John Kwest, Paul Riggle, Greg Long, Harry Long, Russ Compton, Dave Cochran, Jim Moser, Dan McClanahan, Ron Smith, Doug Richley, Mark Stuckey, Mark Wagner. **Row 7:** Dan Houston, Mike Bly, Scott Wysong, Craig Miller, Steve Dominy, Barry Snyder, Gary Garrison, Greg Grimslid, Steve Birch, Tim Denlinger, Dwight Call. **Row 8:** Chris Atkinson, Chris Moore, Mark Jenkins, John Stutz, Jay Thompson, Mark Guist, Ron Schafer, Wayne Waggoner, Steve Malesko, Terry Tamaska, Jim Gates.

Won 7 Lost 3

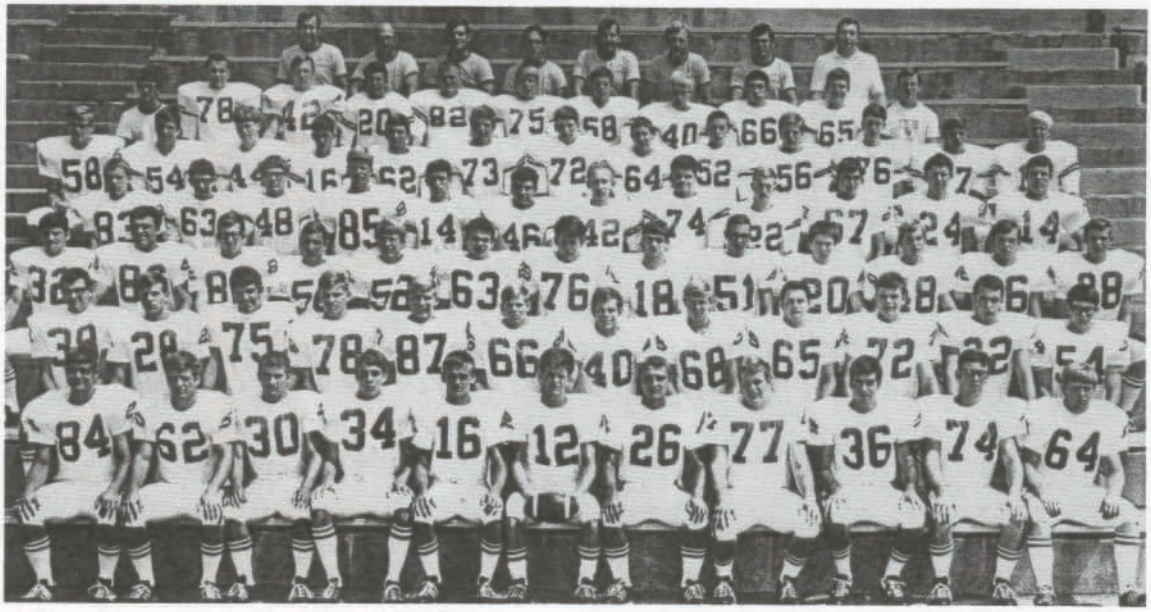
The 1971 team continued the success of the 1970 team. This team set 23 East records and broke several WOL records in compiling a 7 - 3 record.

This team was the first ever to beat arch-rival Fairmont West. This very exciting game was not settled until Dave Reed intercepted a pass in the last minute of the game to seal the victory.

The team scored a WOL record 63 points against Fairborn and routed Wayne by 43 points in the last game of the season. The Falcons scored 111 points in the last two games of the season and finished in a second place tie for the WOL championship. This was Fairmont East's highest finish since joining the league.

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WEST - 1971



Front row: Steve Hansen, Chris Gaffney, Dick Geyer, Joe Newnam, Chet Moeller, Mike Leckliider, Greg Whitehead, Steve Siler, Bob Kesling, Jim Trimborn, Dave Brewster. Row 2: Ed West, Greg Collins, Lance Moll, Bill Ervin, John Fruseauf, Lee Rayburg, Bob McGraw, Brian Douglass, John Evans, Steve Britton, Stu Wheeler, Dean Jewell. Row 3: Bill Geyer, Gary Webb, Larry Hildreth, Chris Savino, Steve Jackson, Larry Plants, Michael Shampton, Jim Rike, Dave Miller, Roger Osterfeld, Mark Manson, Bob Lewis, Bob Broge. Row 4: Pat McDermott, Bob Sandman, Steve Weitoff, Tom Wendling, Mike Marshall, Randy Kling, Jan Huff, Jack Ervin, Don Shone, Rick Hill, Mark Groff, Bob Thompson. Row 5: Bob Hunsaker, Jim Adams, Dan Guy, Mike Sherrill, Gregory Grizzell, Phil Nangle, John Noble, Tom Lauber, Greg Glander, Bill Ashbrook, Dan Heitcamp, John Storrs, Joe Ankney. Row 6: Jeff Short, Don Ward, Scott Jackson, Danny Scott, Jeff Hunter, Rick Root, Mark Garwood, Scott Kronour, Jerry Kidd, Mark Sells, Ed Griffin. Back row: Steve Harvey, Bob Philips, Fred Herdman, Dick Cromwell, Dick Hoppe, Frank Spolrich, James Freeman.

Won 7 Lost 2 Tied 1

This team, led by Coach Hoppe, went 2 - 2 - 1 in the first half of the season but came on strong to win the last five games of the season.

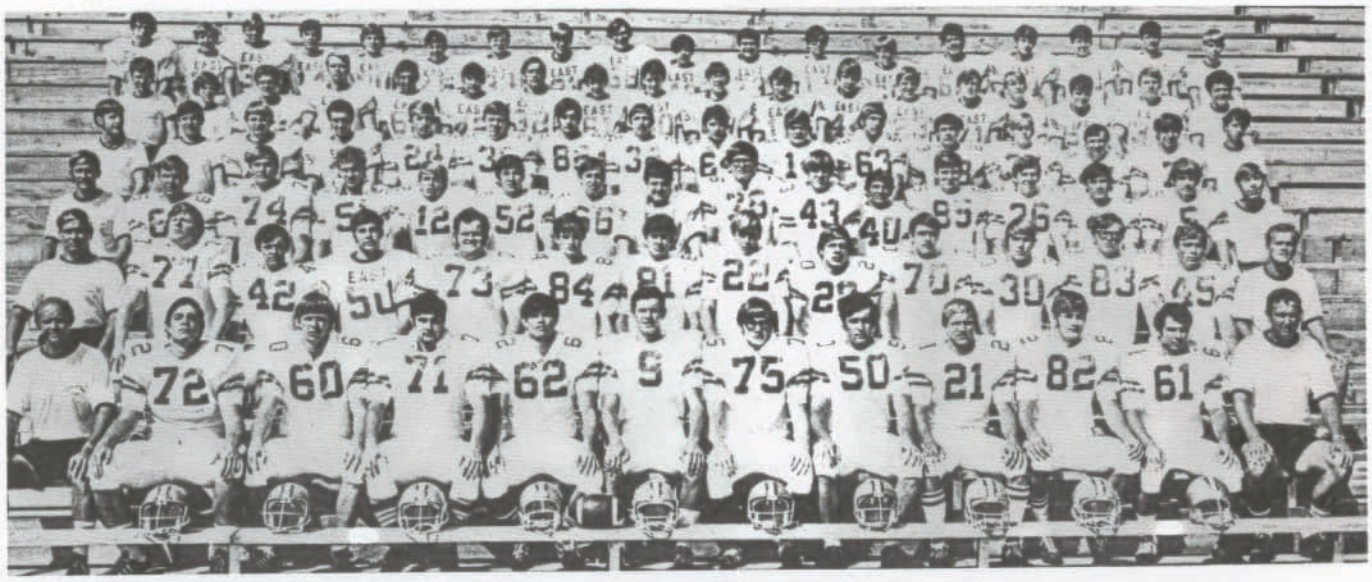
Co-captain Chet Moeller had a great year and was rewarded with a full scholarship to the Naval Academy. In Coach Hoppe's opinion, Chet was the best representative of Fairmont football he could remember. Four years later, Chet was named NCAA First Team All-American, as a defensive back. Among other awards, he was the recipient of the Agonis Award for the Best College Athlete from the Dayton area. Michigan assistant coach, Gary Moeller tried to recruit Chet, but Bo Schembechler said no because he thought the only reason Gary wanted Chet was because of similar last names. A few years later, Navy played Michigan and Chet had a fantastic game. Afterwards, Bo admitted to Gary that he had made a big mistake in not recruiting Chet Moeller for Michigan.

The 0 - 27 loss to Troy was to the best team Troy ever had and quite possibly the best team ever from the Dayton area.

Chet was the best representative of Fairmont football that I can remember. - Dick Hoppe

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1972 - EAST



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Won 9 Lost 1

This team won the only WOL football championship in the history of Fairmont East.

The only loss was to co-champion Troy in an exciting triple overtime. At that time it was the longest game in the history of Ohio High School football. This was the first year of the Ohio High School Football Playoffs and the first year of the new tie-breaker rule. It was not mandatory to playoff ties, and the night of the famous Troy-Fairmont East triple overtime, Princeton also tied a game and did not play off the tie. That decision gave them the state playoff berth over the Fairmont East team. In those years, the playoff system took only one team from each region.

Mike Wagner was selected as First Team All-Ohio quarterback and one of the top 100 players in the USA. Head Coach Doug Schmidt was selected as AAA Coach of the Year for Southwestern Ohio by the Associated Press.

The 1972 team set several school and individual records. They scored the most points in a season with 229, and allowed the fewest with 104. They also set the season record for total offensive yards with 2473.

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WEST - 1972



Front row: Jim Rike, Roger Osterfeld, Brian Douglass, Mike Shampton, Bob Lewis, Casey Dagenhardt, Larry Hildreth, Gary Webb, Stewart Wheeler, Mark Manson, Bill Geyer. Row 2: Dave Miller, Rick Root, Bob Hunsaker, Mark Gerwood, Rich Hill, Bob Thompson, Tom Wendling, Greg Grizzel, Bill Hurst, Chris Savino. Row 3: Jeff Hunter, Scott Kronor, Phil Nangle, Bill Ashbrook, Steve Weitoff, Greg Glander, Don Schoone, Mark Sells, Bob Sandman, Pat McDermott, Dan Heitcamp. Row 4: Ken Humley, Gary Mendenhall, Doug Gaines, Scott Jackson, Ted Williams, John Storrs, Jackie Ervin, Mike Marshall, John Noble Joe Ankney. Row 5: Mark Blair, Joe Kritzer, Mark Heisler, Bob Detrick, Jeff Harris, Craig Turner, Rob Brown, Dave Goss, Kevin Newman, Jeff Feicht, Dave Coleman. Row 6: Scott Ziehler, Jeff Dodson, Fred Miller, Tim Stump, Greg Turner, John Mullen, Ed Pittman, Tim Kritzer, Tim Lecklider, Mark Young. Row 7: Coach Herdman, Steve Wagner, John Kurz, Rick Schultz, Chris Shonshek, Dave Kohler, Sam Pratt, Steve Bates, Rick Harman, Jack Wilcox, Dave Ankney, Don Gaine, Coach Hoppe. Back row: Coaches Stratton, Harvey and Spolrich, Greg Potter, John Sweeney, John Turner, Mike Johnson, Don Turner, Mr. Freeman, Coaches Henshaw, Vorpe, Miller.

Won 2 Lost 8

This year's team was somewhat unique to the usual senior-laden Dragon football teams. Coach Hoppe started fourteen underclassmen in the opening ball game. In all fairness, the team lost a couple of ball games that could have gone either way.

One play in this season that stood out among all others occurred late in the last game of the season with Xenia. On the second last play of the game, the West quarterback attempted a pass into the end zone that could have won the game. One official signaled touchdown, but another overruled him and called the pass incomplete. Xenia won 12 - 6. This play pretty much typified the season.

"It was a real learning experience," said Coach Hoppe. In fourteen years of coaching, Coach Hoppe's comment on his first and only losing season was, "Once was too much."

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1973 - EAST



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Won 5 Lost 3 Tied 2

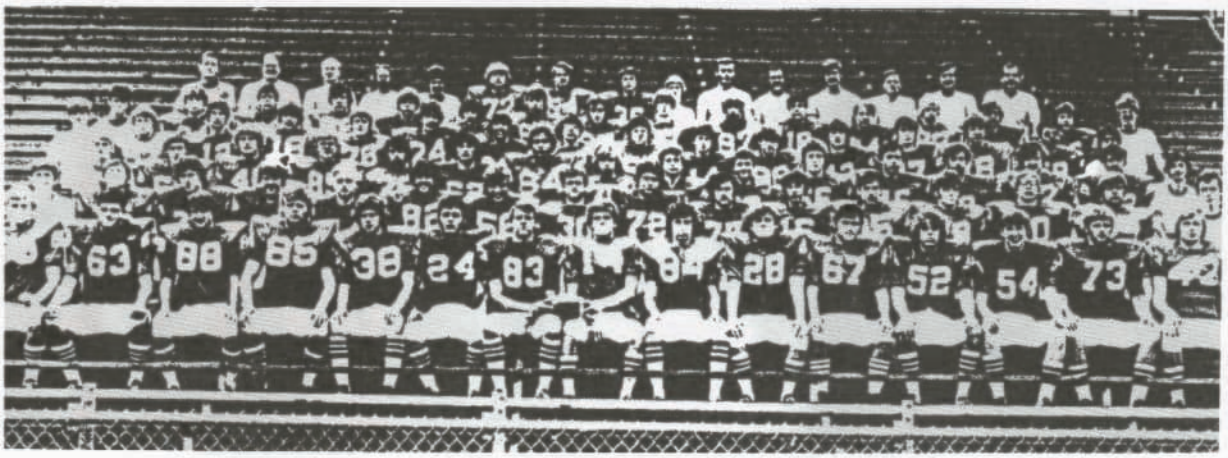
The 1973 team started the season with a loss, a tie and a win. In the fourth game the Falcons took on the eventual WOL champions, Stebbins. The Falcons played them very well and were behind by 15 points with less than 2 minutes to go. With less than a minute to go, East scored a TD and the extra point. The ensuing on-side kick was recovered by Stebbins and, since East was out of timeouts, the game was all but over. Stebbins ran one play and downed the ball. They had to run just one more play to run out the clock, but when the ball was snapped, Stebbins QB Ron Sorey began to run around using the clock and retreating toward the East goal line! When the horn sounded the end the game, Sorey put the ball behind his back. Then Harold Long made the "Greatest Play in East History." He took the ball from Sorey and scored a touchdown!!! The Falcons then scored on the two-point conversion to tie the game in what was one of Kettering's wildest finishes ever!

With 2 ties and 3 losses, it did not seem like a great year, but these Falcons played everybody tough. In the last game of the season they upset a heavily favored Fairborn Baker team to take second place in the WOL.

Russ Compton was one of the top players and was selected to first team All-WOL and first team All-Area by the Journal Herald. This team set 17 team and individual East records. Steve Wolfe set a school single game record with 226 yards against Springfield North. Jeff Lautar set the single game passing mark of 191 yards against Fairmont West.

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WEST - 1973



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Won 6 Lost 4

The 1973 Dragons suffered a setback in pre-season when co-captain Bill Ashbrook broke an ankle. The other co-captain Pat McDermott was shifted to play quarterback in addition to his defense position. Pat went on to play for the Miami Redskins where he was named co-captain as a junior and a senior.

This team, with many juniors starting, racked up wins against Chaminade, Springfield North, Fairmont East, Troy, Fairborn and Xenia.

The loss to the Centerville Elks was especially tough. The Dragons led at the half 13 - 0. The Elks scored in the third quarter to make it 13 - 7. With only 27 seconds remaining in the game, the Elks completed a touchdown pass to win the game.

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1974 - EAST



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Won 5 Lost 5

This was the year East suffered injuries to many key players. In spite of these setbacks, the Falcons still managed a 5 -5 season.

East beat Alter in the first game, marking the first time a Kettering school had beaten arch-rival Alter. After the first half of the season the Falcons were 4 - 1. But the injury bug struck in the second half. Quarterback Jeff Lautar's injury in game five put him out for the remainder of the season, and an additional five starters went down.

The last game of the season was against Centerville. The Elks played very well against us and their coach Bob Gregg thought this was the game that started them on their run of 13 consecutive WOL football championships.

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WEST - 1974



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Won 10 Lost 0

THIS WAS THE SEASON FOR THE RECORDS. Along with the first 10 - 0 winning season by any Fairmont team, the 1974 Fairmont West Dragons set numerous school and league records.

This team ended up as No. 1 in the Journal Herald All-Area poll, Third in the SW Region 4, Ninth in the State AP poll, and Tenth on the State UPI poll. They were led by co-captains Jeff Feicht and Scott Ziehler. Jeff received the WOL Player of the Year, Dayton Daily News Player of the Year, First Team and Player of the Year All Southwestern Ohio and All State.

After the Wayne victory in game 10, Coach Hoppe said, "It's a great feeling as a coach when you go 10 - 0. You've got to be happy as the devil. But I've been fortunate to have a great group of coaches and some tremendous young men." As a team West set a new WOL Total Offensive Yards Gained record with 3,772. Here are the scores of the ten games won in this record setting season:

Chaminade-Julienne	**13-6**	**Fairmont East**	**34- 9**
Xenia	**13-7**	**Troy**	**36-12**
Stebbins	**21-0**	**Centerville**	**26- 6**
Beavercreek	**21-0**	**Fairborn Baker**	**49-14**
Springfield North	**42-0**	**Wayne**	**33-21**

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Won 4 Lost 6

New coach Rusty Clifford joined the staff at Fairmont East in January of 1975. This gave him a head start on the preparations required for his first season as head coach. Winning the first game 12 - 0 over Chaminade helped immensely.

The Falcons posted big wins over Stebbins 18 - 7 for homecoming and over Troy 13 - 6. It was in this game that quarterback Wes Roberts was injured and replaced by a sophomore named Jeff Long. Jeff threw for one touchdown and engineered the drive for another to solidify the win. Jeff went on to be the East quarterback for the next two years. Just recently, Jeff was named as the Associate Athletic Director of the University of Michigan.



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WEST - 1975



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Won 8 Lost 2

With all the "horses" gone from last year's undefeated team, nobody expected the Dragons to win eight games, let alone become league champs. But led by co-captains Jim Merrill and Chris Carr, they did it. "Somebody forgot to tell these kids they weren't supposed to be this good. What a gutty, over-achieving group of kids," said Coach Hoppe. One player who typified this team was 5'6", 138 lb Holly Lowndes. Coach Hoppe said, "With his blond hair he looked like Mary Hartline on Super Circus, but he was an unbelievable blocker."

Going into game eight, West faced an undefeated Centerville Elk team. "The first half looked as if we were in for a long evening," said Hoppe. The Elks scored, but the Dragons later held them on the one foot line. In the second half, West scored 14 points. Tom Bridgman broke the tie with a touchdown that won the game. All the coaches agreed this was the offensive peak of the year.

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1976 - EAST



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Won 6 Lost 3 Tied 1

The season and Fairmont East football turned on one play this season. After the first four games of 1976, the Falcons sported a 1 - 2 - 1 record. In game five against Xenia the kids played hard and were leading the Bucs with time running out. With fourth down and no time outs, the Xenia QB threw a curl pass with 10 seconds to go. Three East defenders closed in fast on the receiver to keep him out of the end zone and seal up the victory. Just as the receiver was hit, he lateralled to another teammate. Curtis Wingard of Xenia took the lateral and sprinted twenty yards for the touchdown and the 21 - 20 win. Most teams would have given up at that point in the season, but these Falcons did not. They went on to win all five of their remaining games including an upset win over undefeated and No. 1 in the area Fairmont West. After that devastating loss to Xenia, the Fairmont East Falcons went on to win 27 of their next 35 football games.

Nobody ever forgot that game with Xenia, ...the coaches made sure of it.

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WEST - 1976



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Won 7 Lost 3

These Dragons started the season by winning their first six games. This streak began with a big 25 - 7 first time win over the Knights of Alter. The WOL overall was probably as tough this year as it had ever been. Centerville, Fairmont East, Troy and Xenia all had good teams, so when the Dragons placed second in the league, they were to be commended.

After the season Coach Hoppe summed it up, " The WOL is the toughest league in the southern part of Ohio. I am extremely proud of my seniors and what we accomplished. This group of seniors has carried on the Dragon football tradition. The seniors have been outstanding. While they were here they compiled a record of 25 wins and 5 losses."

The seniors have been outstanding."- Coach Hoppe

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1977 - EAST



FOOTBALL TEAM: FRONT ROW: Kevin Clements, Brent Sims, Steve Razzano, Jim Little, Jeff Long, Jim Schumann, Dave Terkoski, Paul Williams, Ed Schmidt, Rob Zimmerman. ROW 2: Chip Green, Steve Shanks, Bruce Baldwin, Dan Miller, Russ Roberts, Herman Raiff, Pat Kindelin, Rob Taylor, Marty Carpenter, Joe Schmidt, Bob Sharpton. ROW 3: Mike Spence, Tom Young, Jeff Golod, Rick Baumann, Craig Roberts, Jeff Smith, Scott Lever, Ken Shubick, Matt Hess, Brooks Charlton. ROW 4: Lloyd Slonaker, Tom Bell, Dan Schweller, Todd Waitz, Brent McKinley, Jim Howe, Randy Wray, Keith Yamano, Brian Taubler, Bob Fiorita, Mike Malesko, Brad Purvis, Mark Halliwell. ROW 5: Joe Herzog, Kirk Goodwin, Joe Fox, Dan Brannen, Chris Winslow, Jeff Hollis, Chris Atsalis, John Coldwell, Nick Neargarder, Steve Hakes, Chris Tackett, Terry Bell, Tom Kennedy, Jeff Thompson, Dan Souders. BACK ROW: Trainer Tom Agne, coaches Tim Irelan, Mike Kline, Rusty Clifford, Mike Anderson, Charles Painter, Bill Lautar and Jim Lotts.

Won 7 Lost 3

This class of seniors was the first to be coached by Rusty Clifford for all three years. Much of the credit for the Falcons' success over these three years goes to those seniors. They set good work habits during both the season and the off season. All the hard work paid off. This group of players proved that the new way of doing things could also be successful.

This year's team posted impressive wins over cross-town Alter, Springfield South, Wayne, Stebbins, Fairmont West, Springfield North and Beavercreek.

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WEST - 1977



Front Row: Mike Meininger, Tim McClain, John Pitstick, Paul Lewis, Stacy Van Houten, Jim Hooke, Brett Glaser, John Thomas, Jeff Lecklider, Matt Savino. **Second Row:** Gene Perry, Mike Kenney, Mike Chambliss, Steve Vincke, Ralph Sanchez, Jeff Hartman, Mike McAvoy, Dan Kelly, Jeff Blain, Mike Eley, Doug Schommer. **Third Row:** Jeff Lee, Mike Wilhelm, Dave McElroy, John Hoeflinger, Kraig Hunley, Ken Harper, Jerry Noe, John Walther, Steve Kiser, Ken Greco, Chris Hohl, Norm Arnold. **Fourth Row:** John Knight, Phil Merrill, Tony Scurlock, Todd Wolf, John Grasso, Dave Myer, Randy Morton, Les Kidd, Matt Miller, Bob Bahner, Alex Bunn, Lloyd Heckmen, Jim Wilson, Eric Schaefer. **Fifth Row:** Dave Klemm, Brad Williams, Kevin Roeckner, Rick Price, Joe Nealand, Joe Kunkel, Dan Lee, Dan Osterfield, Dave Hanley, Konrad Kircher, Shawn Huffman, Jim Funk, Rick Hoffman, Greg Hoel, Andy Denka. **Sixth Row:** Larry Bisping, Bill Potter, Doug Whitmer, Larry Copeland, Mike Flannary, John Cross, Greg Adams, Matt Shampton, Chris Waltz, Steve Barnhouse, Jim Brennan, Mike Diano, Dan Shocky, Tim Spettel, Kenny Wright, Bruce Feicht. **Back Row:** John Manuel, Dave Ditzel, Dave Freeman, Mark Smalley, Mark Johnson, Billy Burke, Brian Blankenship, Greg Carter, Herbert Groeger, Trent DeVoe, Chris Sewell, Mike Ferdelman, Marty Miller, Doug Browning, Doug VonDohre, Lowell Vorpe, John Runzo, Phil Drayton, John Freeman, Ken Pifer, Mike Virelli, Terry Buchanan, Greg Whitehead and Dick Hoppe.

Won 5 Lost 4 Tied 1

Coming into this season, the West coaching staff was not really sure what was going to happen. One of the signatures of a Dragon defense was always a good nose tackle. This year co-captain Steve Van Houten was one of the best ever to play that position for West. With Steve leading the defense, the first six opponents were held scoreless. The Dragons shutout CJ, Wayne, Xenia, Stebbins, Beavercreek and North. Besides shutting down offenses, they also scored. It got to the point that the offense began to rely on the defense to score. But a perfect defensive season was not in the cards this year. With four to five starters injured, the Dragons lost to East by 4, Troy by 14, to Centerville and South each by 5.

Coach Hoppe retired from Fairmont football after this year and went to coach under Rick Carter at the University of Dayton for two years.

During his ten years as head coach, Dick Hoppe remembers hiring 17 assistant coaches who, without exception, were all outstanding teachers and coaches. He gave credit to the Superintendent, Principal, and Personnel Director for allowing the head coach the freedom to hire these assistants who were all good scholar-athletes.

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1978 - EAST



FOOTBALL TEAM: FRONT ROW: Keith Yamano, Mark Bishop, Craig Roberts, Rick Baumann, Tom Young, Randy Wray, Mike Spence, Mike Durrenberg, Steve Keller, Jeff Zahora. ROW 2: Brain Taubler, Dave Niedermayer, Brent McKinley, Tom Baker, Nick Neargarder, Brad Purvis, Dan Schweller, Todd Waitz, John Coldwell, Jeff Hollis, Tom Kennedy, Jeff Howe, Chris Atsalis. ROW 3: Chris Winslow, Terry Bell, Mike Malesko, Lloyd Slonaker, Matt McFarland, Chris Tackett, Mark Halliwell, Steve Hakes, Tom Bell, Eric Clements. ROW 4: John Hattery, Allen Garber, Greg Hunter, John Hintz, Randy Keifer, Mark Wannemacher, Steve Stone, Scott Elbright, Bob Little, Chris Johnson, Mark Frey, Dwight Butler, Jay Collier, Greg Cazzel, Bruce Cline. ROW 5: Jeff Thompson, Doug Hager, Kirk Goodwin, Dave Keller, Dave McVey, Mark McCormick, Troy Erbes, Mike Turner, Jim Moore, Jeffry Davis, Jim Lotts. BACK ROW: Tim Irelan, Charles Painter, Rusty Clifford, Mike Kline, Mike Anderson.

Won 8 Lost 2

This was a great year for the Falcons, thanks to some great athletes. Momentum had continued from the previous season and resulted in eight big victories.

With the win this year over Fairmont West, the seniors became the first Falcon class to beat the Dragons all three years.

With the chance of going 9 - 1 for the season, the Falcons lost a very close game to the Beavers of Beavercreek in the last game of the season 9 - 7. The Beavers did a nice job defensively that night since this particular East team was averaging over 20 point a game.

This was the second best record achieved by a Fairmont East football team.

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WEST - 1978



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Won 5 Lost 5

With only four returning starters, West did not expect much this year. New Head Coach Lowell Vorpe's intention was to have a balanced offense attack. His plan was to go inside, outside and put the ball into the air using former Coach Hoppe's offense. The "52" defense from last year was also used. There was no reason to change what had been very successful in the past.

As the season began, Coach Vorpe noted that having to follow Coach Hoppe as the head coach did in fact supply some pressure to the job.

There were three main highlights of this season. The first came after defeating Springfield South 21 - 6 when the boys presented Coach Vorpe with the game ball. The second came when the boys defeated Stebbins 28 - 6 for homecoming. The third came with the game against Troy. New coach Vorpe had to take his Dragons up to Troy to play against his own high school and against a Troy coach who was also a former teammate of Lowell's. As residents of Troy, Coach Vorpe's parents were also in attendance and were torn between rooting for the home team and their own son. The Fairmont players, knowing this game meant a lot to their coach, "played their hearts out." The game was a real defensive struggle, but Fairmont prevailed 9 - 8, thanks to a safety early in the game.

....the boys "played their hearts out." - Coach Vorpe

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1979 - EAST



FOOTBALL TEAM: FRONT ROW: Tom Baker, Mike Malesko, Matt McFarland, John Coldwell, Brad Purvis, Dan Brannen, Dan Schweller, Jim Howe, Tom Bell, Bob Fiorita, Steve Hakes, Todd Waltz. ROW 2: Troy Erbes, Brent McKinley, Chris Tackett, Gene Taylor, Terry Bell, Greg Huckins, Lloyd Slonaker, Jeff Hollis, Brian Taubler, Nick Neargarder, Dave Niedermayer, Chris Atsalis, Mark Wannemacher. ROW 3: Mike Polka, Scott Ebright, Chris Hickes, Rich Brumfield, Randy Kiefer, Greg Hunter, Steve Stone, Bob Little, Mark Frey, Eric Clements, Greg Cazzel, Dave Keller, Dave McVey, Dwight Butler. ROW 4: Jim Emmons, Rob Gibson, Bruce Shadrach, Eddie Darnell, Tim Duerr, Ty Walk, Bill Brannen, Kevin Culligan, Scott Parrot, Mark Reeder, Dan Diaspro, Doug Milby, Todd Black, Chris Scheuer, Mark McCormick. ROW 5: Tom Heglund, Jim Lotts, Chris Johnson, Mark Llewellyn, Mike Dunn, Tony Fuchs, Monte Pullig, Steve Suhr, Kally Tsocaris, Jim Moore. BACK ROW: Charles Painter, Larry McVey, Head Coach: Rusty Clifford, Tom Adams, Mike Kline.

Won 7 Lost 2 Tied 1

This season opened with a new opponent and ended with a big payback. This was the first time the Falcons played the Vandalia Butler Aviators. The Falcons defeated them 21 - 8 in the opener.

The two losses this year were to the Elks of Centerville and to the Panthers of Springfield North. North won on a field goal with 8 seconds left in the game.

One high point for this season was the fourth win in a row over the cross-town Dragons. A second was the 47 - 14 payback win over Beavercreek in the season finale. Other wins this year were against Troy, Wayne, Xenia and Stebbins.



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WEST - 1979



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Won 3 Lost 5 Tied 2

Although they didn't have the best record, this team "had a good group of seniors and a quality group of students, many of whom have gone on and done well." This was the year all the seniors reported with very short buzz haircuts.

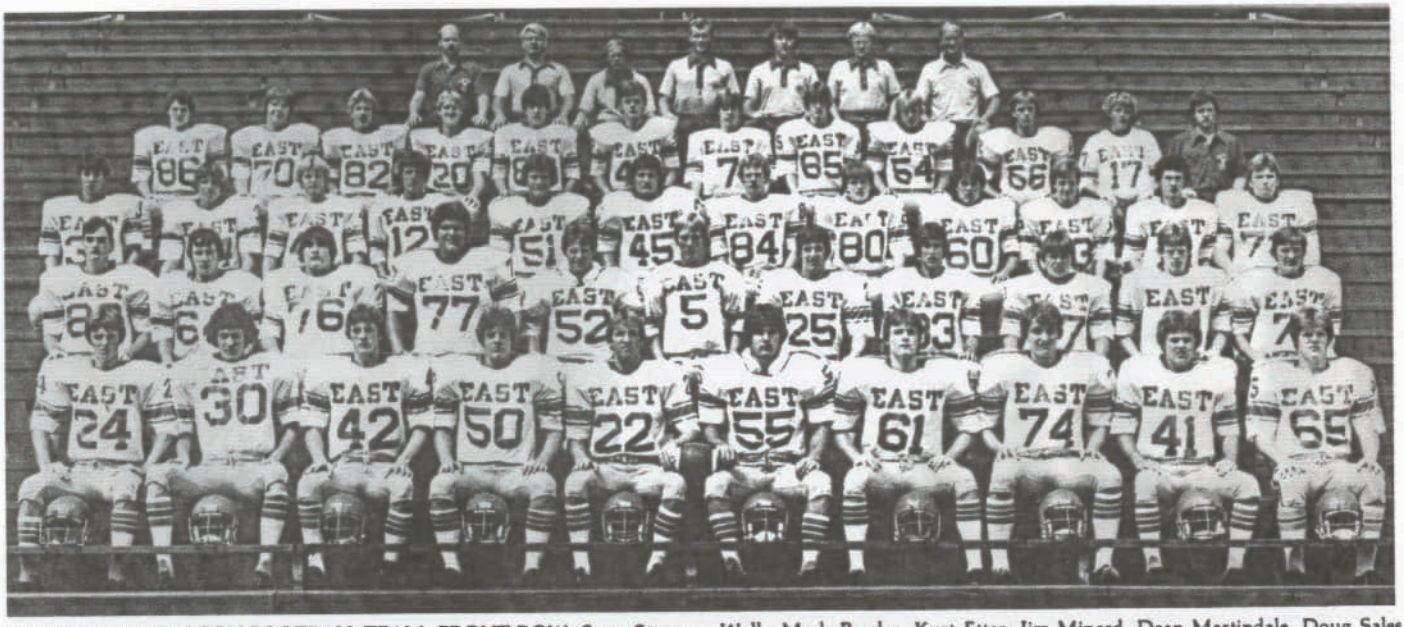
The most fun this year was during the South game. West scouts had determined that South ran three defenses but at unpredictable times in the game. The offensive strategy was for QB Tim Black to recognize the defense and change the play at the line accordingly. Ninety percent of the plays were called that way, and it worked to perfection. West scored 43 points and South could not stop them. The rematch with Troy turned into another defensive struggle; this time Troy came out on top 6 - 3.

Tri-captain Conrad Kircher commented, "We were all disappointed about the season, but playing with all the guys made it worthwhile. We all became lifelong friends." Linebacker Doug Whitmer went on to be the long snapper for the Buckeyes of Ohio State.

We all became lifelong friends." - Conrad Kircher

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1980 FIGHTING FALCON FOOTBALL TEAM: FRONT ROW: Steve Stone, Chris Hicks, Mark Wannemacher, Randy Keifer, Mark Frey, Dave McVey, Eric Clements, Troy Erbes, Greg Cazzell, Barry Baldwin. ROW 2: Bill Brannen, Kevin Culligan, Jim Emmons, Curt Christian, Dwight Butler, Dave Keller, Bob Little, Greg Hunter, Tim Duerr, Bob Patterson, Monte Pullig. ROW 3: Vic Berardi, Brian Halliwell, Scott Keifer, Doug Brademeyer, Bruce Shadrach, Ty Walk, Mark Reeder, Kurt Etter, Jim Minard, Dean Martindale, Doug Sales, Todd Plank. ROW 4: Mike O'Shaughnessy, Mike Rock, Rodney French, Dan Landis, Greg Greathouse, Bill Thompson, Mike Dunlevy, Barry Hunter, Todd Conwell, Scott Pierron, Chris Johnson, Rob Etz. BACK ROW: Jim Moore, Larry McVey, Charles Painter, Rusty Clifford, Tom Adams, Mike Kline, Tom Heglund.

Won 6 Lost 4

As the team photo shows, fewer players were going out for football primarily due to the shrinking enrollment. Co-captain Dave McVey said, "The Falcons were one of the smallest teams in the league but made up for it with determination to win."

The homecoming game was especially exciting. Xenia took the lead with a TD with less than 6 minutes left in the game. The Falcon offense then went to work and put together an impressive 22 play drive that concluded with a game-winning touchdown in the closing seconds.

The play of the year occurred against Jim Siewe's Wayne Warriors. A fake punt play was put in for that game. The signal to run the play came when Coach Clifford yelled "Watch the Block." Early in the game Wayne's defense had backed the Falcons all the way to their own 10 yard line. With fourth down and thirty to go, Coach Clifford was concerned that Wayne would try to block the punt. Forgetting about the fake punt signal, he yelled, "Watch the block, watch the block." Coach Kline, who was in the press box, frantically reminded Coach Clifford what he had just said, but it was too late. This isn't the place on the field to run this play because, if it fails, the other team has an excellent chance to score. The fake punt play worked, much to the surprise of both coaching staffs, and East gained 31 yards for a first down. The Falcons went on to score the winning touchdown.

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WEST - 1980



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Won 3 Lost 7

This season started off with a big win over cross-town rival Alter 23 - 7. The second game against Centerville was probably the biggest disappointment to the team. After being down most of the night, Fairmont scored a touchdown in the last minute of the game to make it 12 - 14 with the Elks still with the lead. The game would be determined by the extra point attempt. The ball was snapped, and quarterback Steve Kircher scrambled, then headed for the corner of the end zone with Elk defenders in pursuit. Kircher thought he had tied the game, but the covering official ruled that he did not make it into the end zone. The score remained 14 - 12 in favor of the Elks.

The highlight of the season came in game #9 with a 7 - 0 win over Fairmont East. The muddy field worked in favor of the defense. The Dragons played a great game and kept the Falcons from scoring all night.

Through this season, many seniors suffered key injuries which really affected continuity from game to game.

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1981 - EAST



FOOTBALL TEAM: FRONT ROW: Mark Reeder, Jim Emmons, Monte Pullig, Matt Markey, Kevin Culligan, Bruce Shadrach, Tim Duerr, Scott Parrott, Bob Patterson, Dan Diaspro, Ty Walk. ROW 2: Greg Greathouse, Todd Planck, Doug Brademeyer, Mike Dunleavy, Barry Hunter, Rob Gibson, Mark Llewellyn, Rodney French, John Kenney, Dan Landis, Vic Berardi, Russ Cochran. ROW 3: Mike Galiardi, Steve Atkinson, Rich Mershad, Mike O'Shaughnessy, Brian Hallilwell, Jim Minard, Doug Sales, Chris Hopkins, Todd Conwell, Jeff Lemons, Allen Hastings, John Paget, Al Marksberry. ROW 4: Troy Conwell, Tom Wiseman, Tim Liddy, Mark Vicory, Bob McKinzie, Tim Baumer, Mike Tracy, Rob Merz, Tom Haberstro, Phil Winslow, Zeev Gur, Dan Lemons, Dave Bowden, Bob Purvis. ROW 5: Jeff Hollis, Chris Johnson, Kent Dyer, Ed Wilhelm, Chris Cultice, Chuck Walk, Scott Ludwig, Chris Cornell, Joe Mattice, Brad Mahle, Tom Skinner, Steve Gabbard, Steve Shur, Dean Martindale, Jim Moore. BACK ROW: Larry McVey, Bob Chapman, Rusty Clifford, Charles Painter, Tom Adams.

Won 3 Lost 7

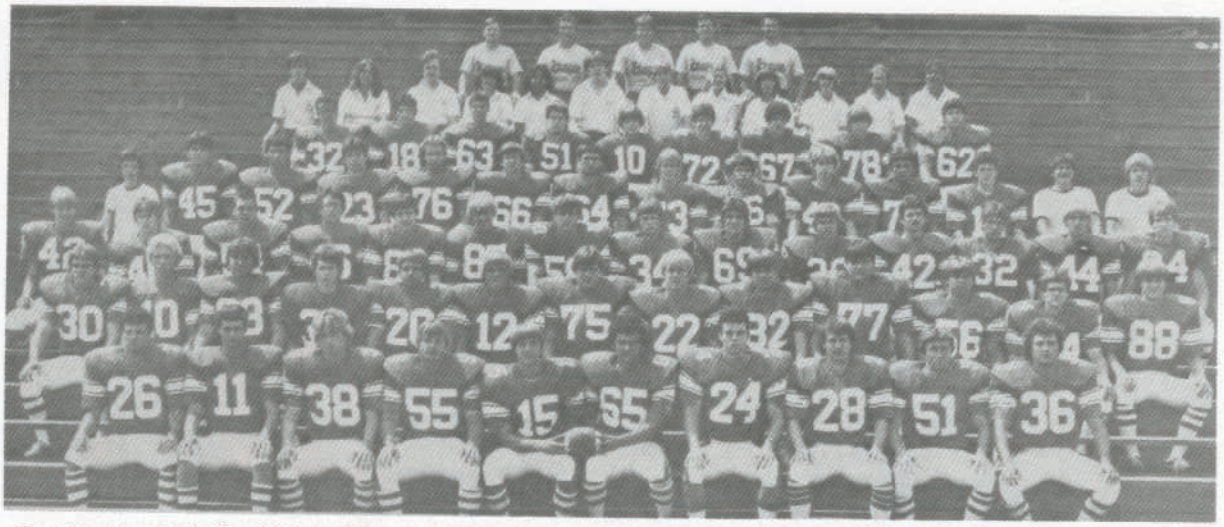
As all football teams know, the first game is critical to the rest of the season. This was the only year out of eight seasons under Coach Clifford that the Falcons lost that first game. This year's Falcons were really a young team. But they looked forward to every game with positive feelings about being the underdogs. They took that role as a challenge and also with a sense of pride.

They finished the season with a 9 - 0 shutout win over the North Panthers. Coach Clifford stated that he couldn't ask for more effort from a group of kids. "They never got discouraged," he said.

I couldn't ask for more effort from a group of kids. - Coach Rusty Clifford

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WEST - 1981



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Won 5 Lost 5

In looking at the record, 1981 was an interesting season. Fairmont West was 1 - 4 for the first half of the season and 4 - 1 for the second half of the season. The season was disappointing but not because the boys didn't work hard. Hopes were high with starting quarterback Mark Mummey running the option but he suffered a nagging foot injury which kept him from playing 100% all season.

After losing the opener to West Carrollton, the second game loss to Centerville 7 - 0 was a real heartbreaker. Game three was an interesting win according to Coach Vorpe. In search of a good kicker, Coach Vorpe enlisted the service of a varsity soccer player, Stuart MacDonald. Since the football and soccer teams practiced in close proximity, Stuart practiced primarily with the soccer team but visited the football team when the kicking game was practiced. This strategy paid off in the South game. Stuart kicked a 30 yard field goal in the first quarter of that game. The defense held the South Wildcats scoreless, and the Dragons won 3 - 0.



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1982 - EAST



FOOTBALL TEAM: FRONT ROW: Rodney French, Todd Planck, Dan Landis, Todd Conwell, Doug Brademeyer, John Kenney, Chris Hopkins, Scott Keifer, Jim Minard, Jeff Lemons. ROW 2: Tom Skinner, Richard Mershad, Russ Cochran, Dean Heiser, Doug Sales, Barry Hunter, Vic Berardi, Brian Halliwell, Mike Dunlevy, Nick Sotiropoulos, Phil Winslow. ROW 3: Dan Lemons, Bob Purvis, Mike Tracy, Tom Haberstro, Troy Conwell, Steve Atkinson, Chris Cornell, Brad Mahle, Chris Cultice, Chuck Walk, Zev Gur, Alan Hastings. ROW 4: Ken Eby, Brian Mahle, Don Fedor, Charles Greer, Steve Anderson, Jim Mowen, Tom Hill, Rob Chapman, Steve Sales, Rob Marshall, Greg Winslow, Joe Krieger, Marilyn Snyder. BACK ROW: Larry Lamb, Larry McVey, Chris Atsalis, Rusty Clifford, Bob Chapman, Tom Adams, Jeff Hollis.

Won 5 Lost 3 Tied 2

As seasons go, this last year for the Fairmont East Falcons was to be "an End of an Era." The number of players out for the team was still down due to the continuing declining enrollment, but the work ethic was still strong. In addition to being the last year for the Falcons, this was the first year for the "Exterminators," a name given to the specialty team players. The Exterminators took great pride in their duties, and the results were remarkable. With the Exterminators up front blocking, Scott Keifer returned four kick-offs for touchdowns, a school record.

In this final year, five victories were achieved over the likes of the Alter Knights, the North Panthers, the Beavercreek Beavers, the Carroll Patriots, and the Fairmont West Dragons. The last game of the season with the Dragons of Fairmont West is highlighted in the chapter titled "The Games."

"An End of an Era"

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WEST - 1982



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Won 5 Lost 5

The final football season for the Fairmont West Dragons began just as planned. The Dragons defeated West Carrollton in game one and shut out the Patriots of Carroll 31 - 0 in game two. At this point, the season seemed very promising.

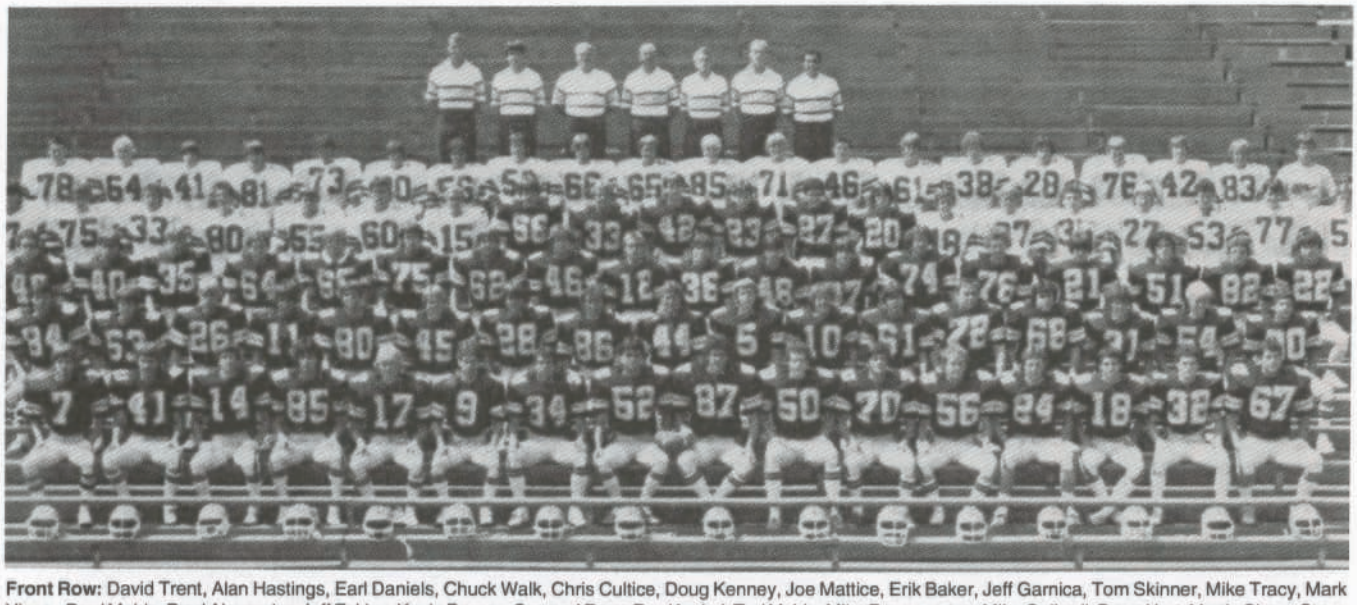
The next four opponents were not so accommodating. Even though the Dragon lost all four games, they didn't give up. "We knew it was the last year for Fairmont West, and we didn't want a losing season. So we got everything back together and won the next three games," said senior Andy Kircher. The first win was a 7 - 6 victory over Stebbins on homecoming. Another win was an exciting come-from-behind win over the "Creek." With the Beavers comfortably ahead 14 - 3 midway through the final quarter, the Dragons awoke. In the last eight minutes, West scored 16 unanswered points to win the game.

Enthusiasm and spirit were at an all time high for the final Dragon game against the arch-rival Falcons. With all of Kettering on hand, the Dragons played with all they had but came out on the losing end 15 - 9. Although the Dragons didn't beat the Falcons that night on that football field, the spirit of the Fairmont West fans remained high.

"The crowd showed us that no matter the circumstance, they were behind us" - Senior Steve Strawser

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Won 7 Lost 3

The West Dragons and the East Falcons came together to form the Kettering Fairmont Firebirds. On December 3, 1982, Doug Schmidt was named as the new head coach. On December 10th, the weight program began for the new Firebirds. Since the players were still attending separate schools, lifting alternated daily between schools.

To say the least, it was very difficult transition to bring two schools and two different football teams together. But it was a tremendous challenge that the kids and the staff relished. The two schools voted on the name of the mascot, as well as the school colors. To Coach Schmidt, this was exciting because he had always been a Dallas Cowboy fan, and Fairmont chose the Dallas colors. To Coach Schmidt's surprise, he found out that Dallas Cowboys Blue was a patented color. However, Dallas was going to change the blue color slightly, so this allowed the new Firebirds to use the blue from the previous Dallas uniforms.

Coach Schmidt remembers, "In all my years of coaching I never felt more pressure to win a game than our opening game with Alter. We did not play well and lost to a very good Alter team 21 - 7. We never got our team together through the first five games. But after we lost badly to Centerville, something got us going and we won the last five games in a row." The Firebirds ended in second place in the WOL that first season. Jeff Garnica was the Most Valuable Player.

This team at the end of the season was one of the best teams I had ever coached - Coach Doug Schmidt

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1984



Front Row: Greg Garnica, Steve Anderson, Joe Krieger, Brian Mahle. **Second Row:** Tom Hill, Mark Leonard, Rob Chapman, Mike Webb, Matt White, Scott Johnson, Kevin Kelly, Greg Gaines, Steve Sales, Darrell Combs, Jon Ashurst, Chuck Greer, Chris Albery, Kyle Kramer. **Third Row:** Greg Winslow, Scott McCreary, Rob Marshall, Barry O'Neal, Ken Eby, Rob Owens, Brian Neary, Bill Appleton, Karl Troung, Matt Rivir, Phil Smith, Gary Eck, Jeff Dudley, Eric Haug, Ron Wetherholt. **Fourth Row:** Dan Pepper, Steve Lipker, Charles Rohrback, Don Heikes, Tom Pierson, Greg Chew, Kevin Ranta, Mark Tolloch, Todd Denlinger, Ray Flint, Jim Howard, Mike Williams, Bob Ward, Rob Holderby, Kevin Trigg. **Fifth Row:** Kurt Hammond, Brad Williams, Greg Sims, Mike Groves, Todd Lawrence, Chris Kurpe, Chris Helm, John Hendricks, Ron Lovelace, Duane Jackson, Bill Wanke, Chris Hoskins, Arnold Nickell, Tim Badia. **Sixth Row:** Dave South, Andy Martin, Ken Loper, Matt Hewitt, Kurt Dreyer, Jim Mayberry, Tony Ruble, Scott Moon, Rick Daniel, Scott Dailey, Mike Hogan. **Seventh Row:** Chris Wells, Scott Stultz, Brian Webb, Scott Hicks, Tom Englelman, Glenn Keish, Steve Huelsman, Chris Berardi, Takis Rozakis, Chuck Willis, Jim Nanamker, Brian Hogarth, Kent McCool, Ken Wiseman. **Eighth Row:** Brian Raymond, manager, Dan Wohlslagel, Mark Dormire, Nick Andrews, John Howard, Randy Blaugh, John Brown, Jason Pitstick, Jerry Eason, Mike Brock, Bob Topiah. **Back Row:** (Coaches) Brad Klinger, Phil Drayton, John Runzo, Doug Schmidt, Larry McVey, Art Dunlap, Joe Schmidt.

Won 7 Lost 3

The winter prior to this season, Fairmont built a new weightroom in an old locker room above the gym. The team took great pride in this new room, and their work habits were second to none during conditioning and lifting.

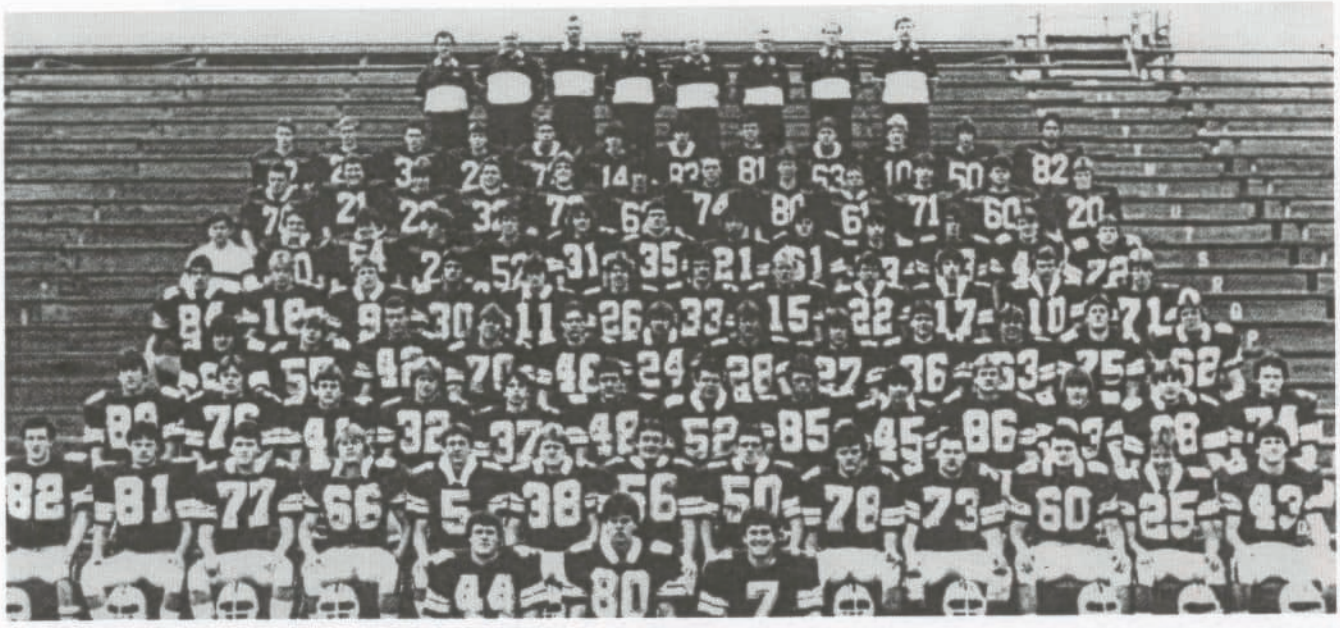
This was an excellent year that began by beating arch-rival Alter in the first game. The only losses were to Centerville, Wayne and Xenia.

Greg Garnica was Fairmont's most valuable player and also was All-Ohio. Greg went on to Ball State and was All-MAC Defensive Player of the Year for three straight years!

Kyle Kramer was All-WOL, and went on to star at Bowling Green and then played for the Cleveland Browns.

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1985



Front Row: Brad Williams, Chris Helm, Todd Lawrence. **Second Row:** Dan Pepper, Tom Dunn, Rob Holderby, Rodd Lovelace, John Hendricks, Ray Flint, Duane Jackson, Charlie Rohrback, Don Heikes, Greg Sims, Chris Kurpe, Bill Wanke. **Third Row:** Joe Silverii, Jim Mayberry, Shawn Hoskins, Andy Hartley, Kurt Hammond, Dan Taylor, Scot VanMarter, Scott Tulloch, Steve Lipker, Matt Manifold, Mike Groves, Arnold Nickell, Kevin Trigg. **Fourth Row:** Bob Topiah, Rick Daniel, Kevin Murphy, Steve Huelsman, Chris Berardi, Chuck Willis, Brian Webb, Scott Stultz, David South, Glenn Keish, Scott Hicks, Brian Hogarth. **Fifth Row:** Paul Angelopoulos, Kirt Dreyer, Doug Gantt, Jeff Chew, Mike Hogan, Kent McCool, Jim Nunamaker, Randy Blaugh, Takis Rozakis, Chris Wells, John Howard, Scott Moon. **Sixth Row:** Manager Tim Beatty, Eric Wright, Randy Hendricks, Ben Darbyshire, Mike Quinn, Brad Lubensky, Tony Ruble, Kazuyoshi Matsuo, Matt Hewitt, Chad Pierson, Mark Dormire, Andy Martin, John Brown. **Seventh Row:** Van Laycox, Chris Rau, John Ballard, Dan Foreman, Greg Garberson, Brian Worley, Bob Wilkens. **Eighth Row:** Rodney Foote, Darrin Bushong, Rob Kanyuck, Greg Secrest, Bill Shaw, Paul Hickey, John Kleinfeldt, Steve Shannon, Drew Harris, Jason Isenbarger, Brian Foreman, Jack Chen. **Back Row:** John Runzo, Larry McVey, Rusty Clifford, Doug Schmidt, Jeff Hollis, Art Dunlap, Phil Drayton, Brad Klingler.

Won 8 Lost 2

The year started with a bang in the first game against Alter. The Firebirds punted with 12 seconds left in the game, and Alter's great player Jeff Graham (now a wide receiver in the NFL) returned the punt through our team, plus 300 fans who also were on the field. The touchdown tied the game. The Firebirds finally beat the Knights after three overtimes in one of Fairmont's all-time great games. Later in the season the team was upset by Beavercreek in the last minute of play. The other loss was to the Centerville Elks when the team was outplayed in the second half.

In the last game of the season, the Firebirds totally outplayed the Wayne Warriors to end the season tied with four other teams for the WOL championship. The 1985 team missed making the state playoffs by .5 of a point to Cincinnati Moeller, at the time one of the best teams in the country.

Todd Lawrence was Most Valuable Player; twelve players received All-WOL or All-Southwest Ohio honors.

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1986



Front Row: Glenn Keish, Brian Hogarth. **Second Row:** Scott Dailey, Ken Wiseman, Brad Labensky, Matt Hewitt, Kirt Dreyer, Chuck Willis, Tony Ruble, Jim Nunamaker, Chris Berardi, Doug Gantt, Scott Hicks, Brian Webb, John Howard. **Third Row:** Steve Huelsman, Kent McCool, Mike Hogan, Chris Wells, Jeff Chew, Takis Rozakis, Jon Smolinski, Randy Blaugh, Scott Moon, Phil Snodgrass, David South, Robert Topiah, Tom Stamper, Paul Angelopoulos. **Fourth Row:** John Kleinfeldt, John Ballard, Steve Shannon, Rob Kanyuch, Greg Garberson, Van Laycox, Rob Florio, John Brown, Chris Rau, Steve Schoephoerster, Jason Drake, Erik Seiser, Mike Christian, Mike Quinn, Klint Rose. **Fifth Row:** Jeff Ladd, Yeric Yarrington, Brian Worley, Randy Hendricks, Greg Secrest, Tod York, Bob Wilkens, Rodney Foote, Fritz Menke, Drew Harris, Chris Neary, Mike Kelly, Dan Foreman, Craig Dudley. **Sixth Row:** Ted Tepelides, Greg Hollis, Loi Huynh, Kevin Hartley, Don Wilson, Matt Prevost, Brian Ruble, Jason Robke, Andy Earnst, Rick Jackson, Tim Hicks, Jim Heides, Roy Pasadny, Sean Clark, Chad Borich. **Seventh Row:** Jeff Miller, Tony Myers, Brad Scott, Pat Samanich, Marcus Burns, Chris Flanary, Paul Hubbs, Bryan Canterbury, Zack Stroble, Dennis Baker, Graham Warne, Kevin Poindexter, Darren Howard, Robert Sloan, Mike Brayshaw, Shawn Edwards, Jim Wiles. **Back Row:** Jerry McKinnis, John Runzo, Brad Klingler, Rusty Clifford, Doug Schmidt, Larry McVey, Jeff Hollis, Art Dunlap, Phil Drayton.

Won 5 Lost 5

1986 was a tremendous rebuilding year due to the loss of most offense and defensive starters. For example, the Firebirds started the youngest QB ever, a fourteen year old named Pat Samanich. This team lost five games, but every loss but one was by a difference of one touchdown.

The Firebirds lost to Centerville 21 - 14 in the last minute of the game. At the time of that loss the Elks were ranked No. 1 in the State. It was a very tough loss as the Fairmont team played their hearts out.

Doug Gantt was the Most Valuable Player and set a school record for rushing with over 1,000 yards.

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1987



FOOTBALL-Front Row: Chris Rau, Mike Quinn, Greg Garberson. **Second Row:** Jason Ferrar, Jason Isenbarger, Drew Harris, Greg Secrest, Stephen Shannon, Jason Drake, John Kleinfeldt, Bob Wilkens, Rob Florio, Klint Rose. **Third Row:** Steve Schoephoerster, Jonathan Bretz, Sean Clark, Mike Christian, Fritz Menke, Tod York, John Ballard, Rodney Foote, Dan Foreman, Brian Worley, Yeric Yarrington, Craig Dudley, Michael Kelly, Chris Neary. **Fourth Row:** Rick Jackson, Brian Pedtke, Jeff Ladd, Jim Heikes, Kevin Hartley, Shawn Edwards, Robert Sloan, Matt Prevost, Shane Cotter, Darren Howard, Brian Ruble, Jason Robke, Zack Stroble. **fifth Row:** Paul Hubbs, Paul Grgic, Brad Scott, Pat Smanich, Mike Brayshaw, Rob Hogarth, Greg Hollis, Ted Tepelides, Dwight Tanner, Marcus Burns, Shannon Swift, Jeff Nix. **Sixth Row:** Matt Creager, Jon Mullins, Chris Seasholtz, Doug Kraus, Jerry Gordon, Jess Mowen, Steve Frederick, Mike Fox, Jason Phillips, Jeff Blair, Doug A. Hill, Steve Tulloch, Anthony Sonye. **Seventh Row:** Mike Spears, Phil Odella, Jason Wells, Dave Brown, Dave Price, Eric Benbow, Rodney Moore, Tim Duggan, Brad Carter, Andy Morgan, Eric Sonye, Jeff Vorpe. **Back Row:** Brad Klingler, Lowell Vorpe, Larry mcVey, Mike Kozarec, Doug Schmidt, Art Dunlap, Howard Sales, Jeff Hollis.

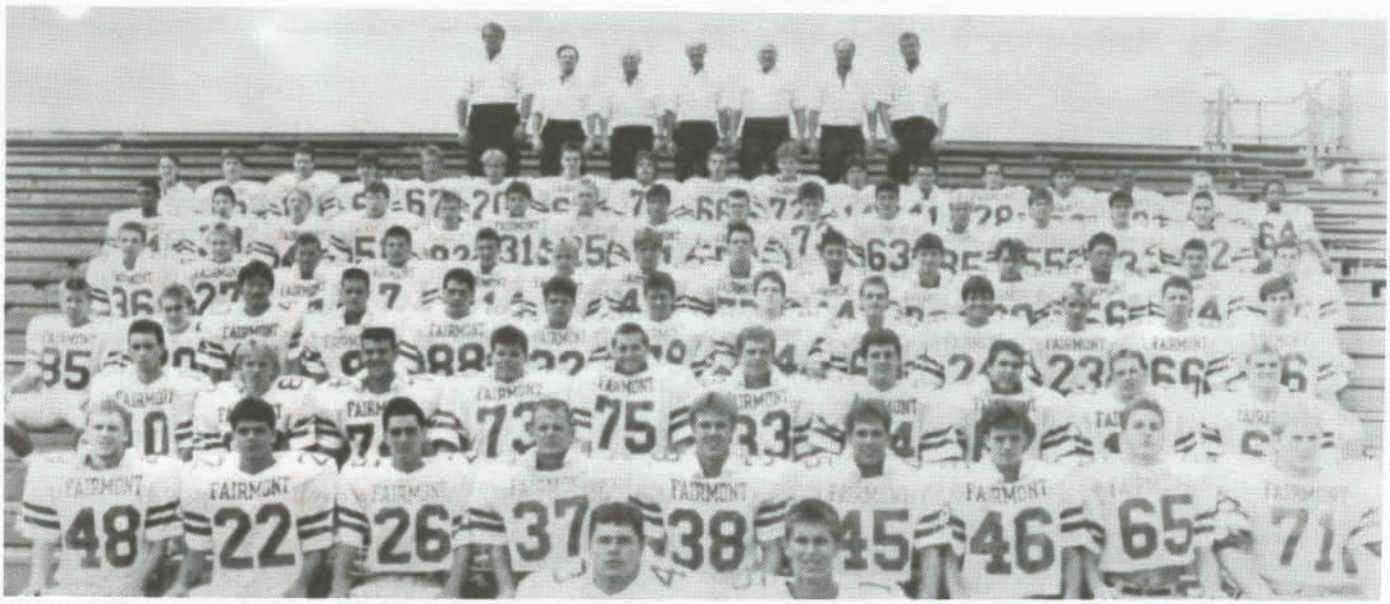
Won 7 Lost 3

The Firebirds opened this season by beating the Alter Knights 8 - 7. The difference in the game was a 2 point conversion. The first half of the season, the team played very well and had a 5 - 0 record. The second half of the season was tougher as the Firebirds suffered three losses. The final game resulted in a win over Xenia.

Clint Rose was the Most Valuable Player. Fairmont built another weight room in the basement of the Barnes school. Money was raised for weights by donations from the Boosters and parents. The coaches did most of the work painting, cleaning and remodeling this room.

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1988



FOOTBALL-Front Row: Marcus A. Burns, Pat Samanich. **Second Row:** Paul Hubbs, Brad Scott, Ted Tepelides, Greg Hollis, Robert Sloan, Mike Brayshaw, Shane Cotter, Jason Robke, Jeff Ladd. **Third Row:** Matt Davis, Jim Wiles, Darren Howard, Jim Heikes, Kevin Hartley, Matt Prevost, Brian Ruble, Rob Hogarth, Dwight Tanner, Zack Stroble. **Fourth Row:** Jeff Miller, Dave Shoop, Loi Huynh, Dave Price, Jeff Nix, Steve Frederick, Dana Probasco, Andy Ernst, Ernie Hasty, Ken Moyer, Craig Griffith, Chris Flanary, Brian Pedtke. **Fifth Row:** Steven Tulloch, David Brown, Jason Wells, Rod Moore, Eric Sonye, Andy Morgan, Eric Benbow, Doug Kraus, Brad Carter, Tim Duggan, Bill Crabtree, Jeff Blair, Anthony Sonye, Phil Odella. **Sixth Row:** Mark Hoyle, Brian Caserta, Chad Reusch, Jerry Gordon, Teddy Brewer, Brian VanJura, Jake Frazier, Kevin Chew, Todd Flanagan, Matt Schneider, Raymond Crowe, Mike Earl, Matt Bayer, John Karter, Gerald Campbell. **Seventh Row:** Jeff Vorpe, Eric Berauer, Doug Hickey, Chris Heeter, Shane Balkema, Mike Ireton, Orion Hayes, Doug Kemp, Jason Miller, Chris Sweat, Corey Stanchina, David Haley, Brian Damewood, Clint Cruset, Patrick James, Dan Schneider, Chuck Burroughs. **Back Row:** Eric Herman, Lowell Vorpe, Jeff Hollis, Doug Schmidt, Larry McVey, Dave Stuckey, Mike Kozarec.

Won 5 Lost 5

This was definitely a "split" season. In the first five games the team went 4 and 1; in the last five games the team went 1 and 4.

The biggest game of the season was again Centerville, which Fairmont lost 16 - 14 in the last 30 seconds. The Firebirds were a team with great work ethics, but they just couldn't win the close games. Three of the five losses were by a total of nine points.

Team statistics were outstanding. The offense ranked second in the WOL, and the defense was ranked first. Quarterback Pat Samanich set many career passing records after starting 29 out of 30 games. This was Coach Schmidt's fifth and final year as the Firebird head coach. He ended his eleventh year as a Fairmont head coach with 71 total wins, second on the all-time list.

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1989



FOOTBALL-Front Row: Rod Moore, Doug Kraus. **Second Row:** Tim Duggan, Brad Carter, Dave Price, Jason Wells, Jeff Nix, Andrew Morgan, Eric Sonye, Steve Tulloch, Dave Brown, Eric Benbow, Steve Frederick, Jerry Gordan, Mike Fox. **Third Row:** Chris Arnold, Gerald Campbell, Matt Creager, Tim Green, Phil Odella, Paul Grgic, Chad Reusch, Patrick James, Rob Jones, Clint Cruset, Mark Hoyle, Brian Caserta. **Fourth Row:** Matt Bayer, Doug Hickey, Jason Miller, Brian Hayes, Dave Haley, Brian Damewood, Mike Earl, Chris Sweat. **Fifith Row:** Todd Benbow, Sean Hasty, Rob Cukoveki, Jim Tepelides, David Baker, John Owens, Steve MacPherson, Shawn Senter, Shane Siler, Matt Dye, Dave Sapp, Charlie Gray. **Sixth Row:** Mike Spears, David Fauber, Steve Perdue, Bill Donohoo, Jeff Long, Brian Schrand, Jacob Pittl, Ricky Leach, Ron Rieder, Jason Branson, Brett Canter, John Bowling. **Back Row:** Pat McDermott, Mike Kozarec, Larry McVey, Eric Herman, Curt Jackowski, Erik Baker, Dave Stuckey.

Won 2 Lost 8

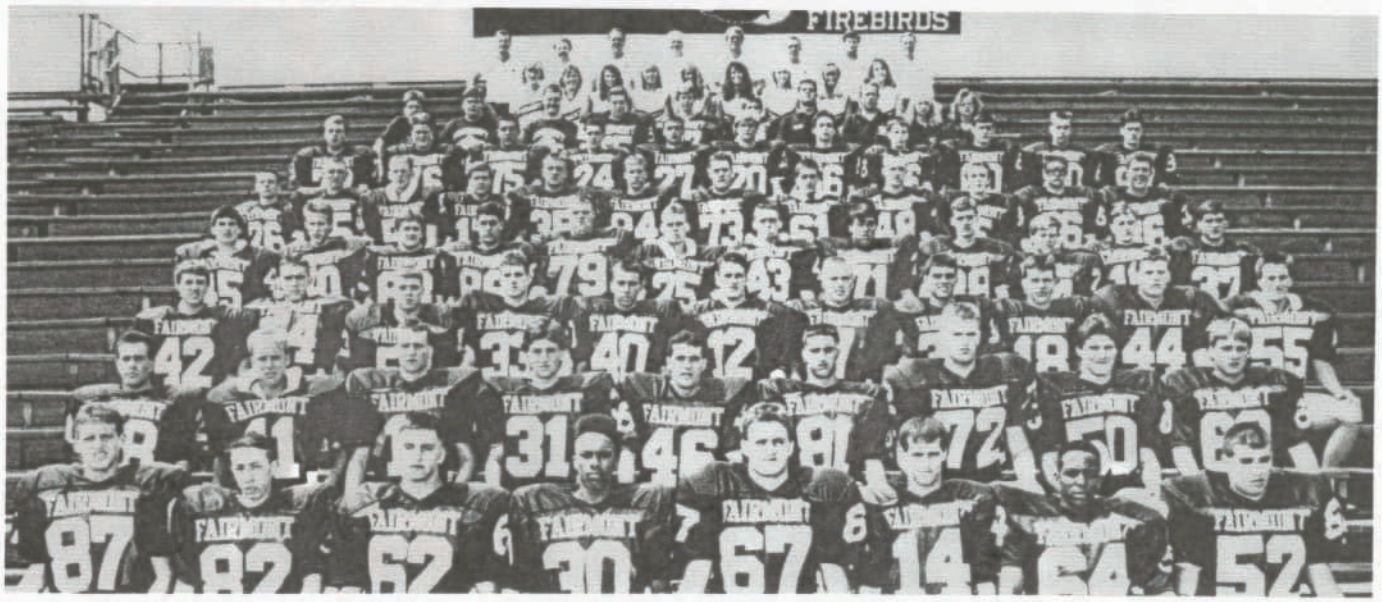
Even though Fairmont's team wasn't a winning one, they accomplished some new goals. With the loss of half the starting line-up and a new coach, the Birds kept spirits high. The new coach was Eric Herman who had been an assistant.

In the season opener the Firebirds won a hard-fought game with Alter for the third consecutive year. However, the season turned dismal as seven losses followed. The team was victorious over the South Wildcats but closed with a loss to Wayne.

As the season closed, the 'Birds felt they had a good season despite the losses. "We weren't a bad team, but we just got bad breaks," commented co-captain Doug Kraus. "Even though it was a tough year, we tried to keep our spirits up and have a good time," replied co-captain Rod Moore.

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1990



FOOTBALL-Front Row: James Brown, Brian Caserta, Jason Miller, Patrick James, Orion Hayes, Travis Cotter, Chuck Burroughs, Clint Cruset. **Second Row:** Brian Damewood, Michael Earl, Doug Hickey, Brian VanJura, David Haley, Kevin Chew, Chris Sweat, Shane Siler, Brett Canter. **Third Row:** Todd Benbow, Jim Tepelides, Jeff Long, Bill Donohoo, Rob Cukovecki, David Baker, John Owens, Steve MacPherson, Jake Pittl, Ron Rieder, Brian Schrand. **Fourth Row:** Rick Leach, Matt Dye, Ross Schierling, Pete Granson, Dustin Kinard, Shawn Senter, Jason Branson, John Bowling, Brian Stafford, David Fauber, Daron McCoy, Charles Gray. **Fifth Row:** Jim Steely, Josh Jackson, Jamie Geswein, Craig Spencer, Jim Homan, Brad Probasco, Ray Rieder, Mike Jones, Josh Baker, Jim Moler, David Lawson, Jon Rommel. **Sixth Row:** T.J. Engelman, Phil Elms, Mike Tepelides, Andy Shutts, Brian Knickle, Jeff Green, Doug Beddies, Mike Deime, Chad Cruset, Deron Steinke, Dan Paulick. **Seventh Row:** Greg Wiesemann, Mike Holland, Aaron Adams, Michael Taylor, Brian Stockman, Damian Wilbur, Joel Holbrook, Eric Klipfer, Stephanie Parrish, Jennifer Davis. **Eighth Row:** Anne Harvey, Michelle Salo, Danielle Bushong, Kami Runzo, Laura McKee, Melanie Michaud, Kelly Sears, Jacie Puthoff, Amy Wannemacher. **Ninth Row:** Michael Kozarec, Pete Kramer, Curt Jackowski, Larry McVey, Eric Herman, Scott Tulloch, Mark Kozarec, Konrad Kircher.

Won 2 Lost 8

Spirits remained high even though the team had another losing season. Once again the opening game was against cross-town rival Alter. The game was close all night and was won by the Knights in overtime 19 - 16. Junior Brian Schrand said, "It was such a close game, but Alter kept the tempo up in overtime which proved best for them."

Six losses followed for the team. Then the Firebirds found victory at Springfield South. The football team worked together to win 37 - 20. Sophomore Dan Paulick commented, "It was the best game I ever played, and I caught my first TD in a high school game."

Coach Herman concluded, "The football team played hard despite coming up short. Several games could have gone either way right up to the last minute. Throughout all the adversity the team was extremely positive and hard working." Junior Dave Baker was named Most Valuable Player.

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1991



Front Row: David Baker, Steve Mac Pherson. **Second Row:** Jim Tepelides, Brian Schrand, Bill Donohoo, Sean Hasty, Ron Rieder, Rick Leach, Rob Cukovecki, John Bowling. **Third Row:** Mike Jones, Dan Paulick, Matt Dye, Jason Branson, Dustin Kinard, Jacob Pittl, John Owens, Andy Shutts, Josh Jackson. **Fourth Row:** Damian Wilbur, Jim Steely, Craig Spencer, Deron Steinke, Jim Holman, Brian Knickle, Josh Baker, Jon Rommel, Phil Elms, Dave Lawson. **Fifth Row:** Brad Knickle, David Roller, Jeff Green, Ross Schierling, Corey Humphrey, Brad Probasco, Mike Deime, Tom Loeffelholz, Chad Cruset, Donnie Hoskins, Terry McGraw. **Sixth Row:** Sean Soptelean, Matt Reigelsperger, David Staze, Josh Woodward, Mike Osborne, Jason Proffitt, Tony Holman, Adam Baxter, Jeff Senter, D.J. Bissinger, Jim Berner, Cory Cruset. **Back Row:** Manager Aaron Adams, Andy Hartley, Mike Kozarec, Curt Jackowski, Rick Robertson, Joel Householder, John Derr, Mark Kozarec, Manager Greg Wiesemann.

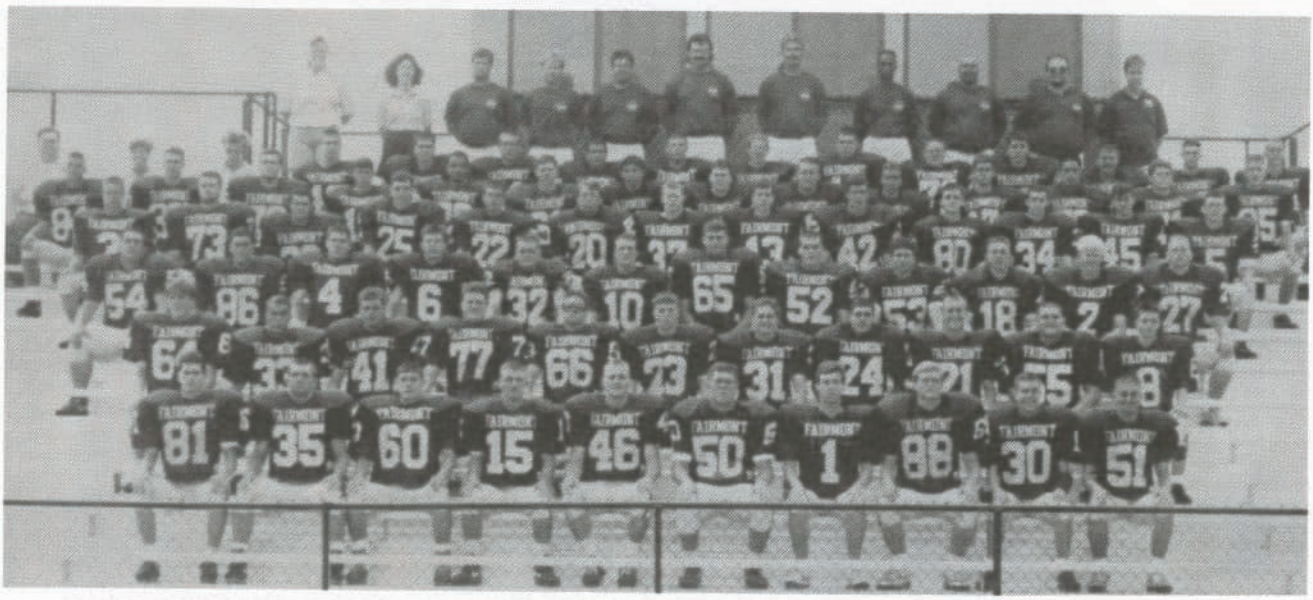
Won 5 Lost 5

The first season under new head Coach Rick Robertson was a return to the disciplined tradition of Fairmont Firebird football teams. The theme for the '91 season, borrowed from the legend of the Phoenix, was "Out of the Ashes" and included a new logo with flames rising through the Firebird. Armed with a new offense and defense, the Firebirds rebounded from two opening losses and defeated West Carrollton highlighted by a kickoff returned for a touchdown by David Baker. The 'Birds went on to post a 4 - 3 record on the WOL good for a third place finish. The 5 - 5 season was highlighted by a last game defeat of the Wayne Warriors at Wayne. David Baker still holds a school record for rushing attempts and during the '91 season set at the time, records for yards and points in a career.

Ron Reider was selected to several all-star teams and continued his career as a scholarship player at Ohio University.

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1992



Row 1: Dan Paulick, Jim Homan, Chad Cruset, Josh Jackson, Josh Baker, Jon Rommel, Deron Steinke, Jeff Green, Craig Spencer, Mike Jones

Row 2: Tom Loeffelholz, Bo Ward, Brian Knickle, Phil Elms, Dave Lawson, Mike Deime, Ross Schierling, Andy Shutts, Brad Probasco, James Watkins, Damian Wilbur

Row 3: Mike Tepelides, Pete Granson, Tony Homan, Terry McGraw, Donnie Hoskins, D.J. Bissinger, Brad Knickle, Cory Cruset, Matt Reigelsperger, Corey Humphrey, Andy Ross, Jamie Geswein

Row 4: Steve Derrickson, David Stanze, Tom Enscoe, Jason Proffitt, Sean Soptelean, Jim Berner, Aaron Barnum, Dave Roller, Josh Woodward, Nate Stevens, Mark Chalecki, Bill Branson, Chad Nichols

Row 5: Joe Homan, Bob Garges, Scott Beirise, Anthony Frederick, Kia Harrall, Jeremy Wiechel, Josh Carson, Aaron Tesmer, Erick Arnold, Eric Phillips, Brian Miller, Ken Hashimoto, Matt Claypool, Ken Raterman

Row 6: Trainer Michael Holland, Trainer Kristin Rinn, Trainer Dianne Elston, Jason Stewart, Terry McGrew, Tony Runzo, Josh Harry, Jason Blake, Preston Thomas, Jon Payne, Jason Snell, Jason Patterson, Billy Reed, Matt Shultz, Josh Koehnen

Row 7: Trainer Meridith McGinnis, Head Trainer Vicki Denlinger, Assistant Coach Mark Kozarec, Assistant Coach Andy Hartley, Assistant Coach Brian Blevins, Assistant Coach Joel S. Householder, Head Coach Rick Robertson, Assistant Coach Dwan Johnson, Assistant Coach John Derr, Assistant Coach Mike Samworth, Manager Aaron Adams

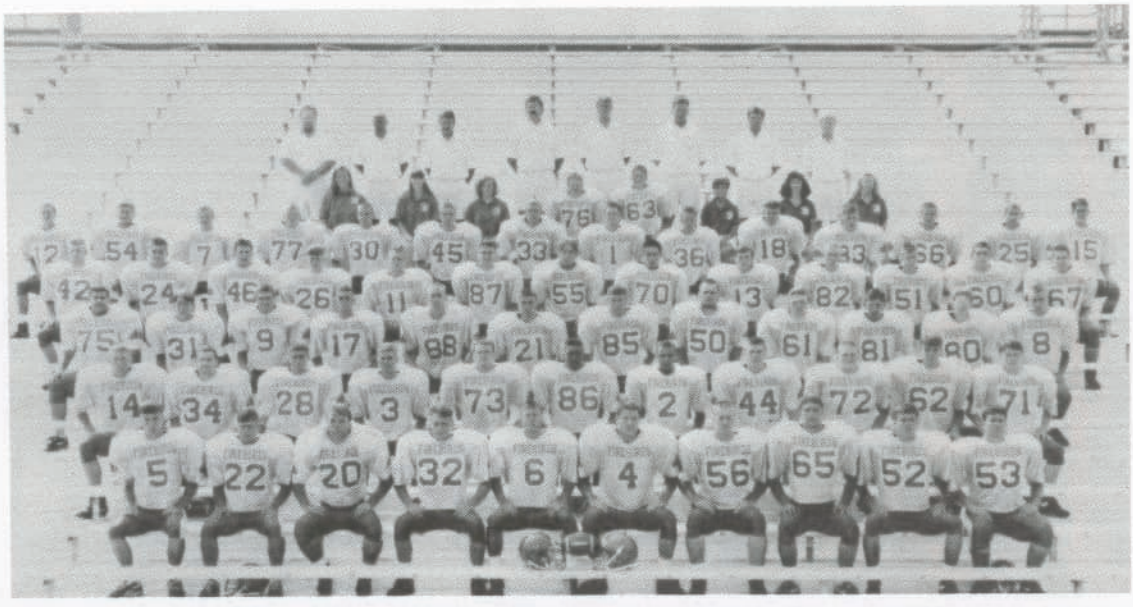
Won 7 Lost 3

After narrowly losing to Alter and Piqua, the Firebirds rebounded to win seven of their last eight and finished the season as WOL champions. The highlight of this 7 - 3 season was the thrilling 47 - 41 double overtime defeat of rival Centerville. The victory over the Elks was the first by a Fairmont team over Centerville in 17 years. The Firebirds were down 35 - 20 with under 8 minutes left in the fourth quarter when they staged their dramatic comeback. Many fans had begun leaving the stadium only to return when Josh Jackson hit Dan Paulick for a touchdown to tie the game. After trading touchdowns and missed PAT's in the first overtime, the Firebirds recovered an Elk fumble, and Jackson's 19 yard run set up the winning touchdown.

Dan Paulick established school records for receptions in a season and career as well as career receiving yardage. Deron Steinke also set a career school record with his 43 PAT.

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1993



Row 1: Jason Proffitt, Sean Soptelean, Jim Berner, Donnie Hoskins, Terry McGraw, Tony Homan, Mike Osborne, Brad Knickle, Cory Cruset, Matt Reigelsperger

Row 2: Tony Runzo, Mark Chalecki, Matt Shultz, Jim Reichert, David Stanze, James Groves, Kia Harrall, Jon Payne, Jason Snell, Jason Patterson, Matt Claypool

Row 3: Josh Harry, Steve Derrickson, Terry McGrew, Brian L. Miller, Ryan Reed, Jason Stewart, Ken Raterman, Clarence Hotchkiss, Jeremy Wiechel, Josh Carson, Preston Thomas, Eric Phillips

Row 4: Marty Szabad, Joey Upshaw, Josh Rish, Nate Wiedemann, Adam Willett, Bob Garges, John Hill, Ken Hashimoto, Justin Bishop, John Holdcraft, Aaron Keyton, Andy Aracri, Jason Warrell

Row 5: Joey Carr, Todd Heglund, Chris Clark, Ryan Goad, Greg Schaeublin, Gary Brewer, Ricky Nooft, Brian Bonelli, Brian Lanese, Brett Knickle, Justin Hastell, Tony Shank, Corey Harman, Eric Tobe

Row 6: Meridith McGinnis, Colleen Biers, Debbie Brown, Keith Carrier, Jason Newman, Kristen Rinn, Vicki Denlinger, Milissa Vanderhorst

Row 7: Asst. Coach Mike Samworth, Asst. Coach John Derr, Asst. Coach Brian Blevins, Asst. Coach Joel S. Householder, Head Coach Rick Robertson, Asst. Coach Rob Messick, Asst. Coach Mark Kozarec, Asst. Coach Andy Hartley

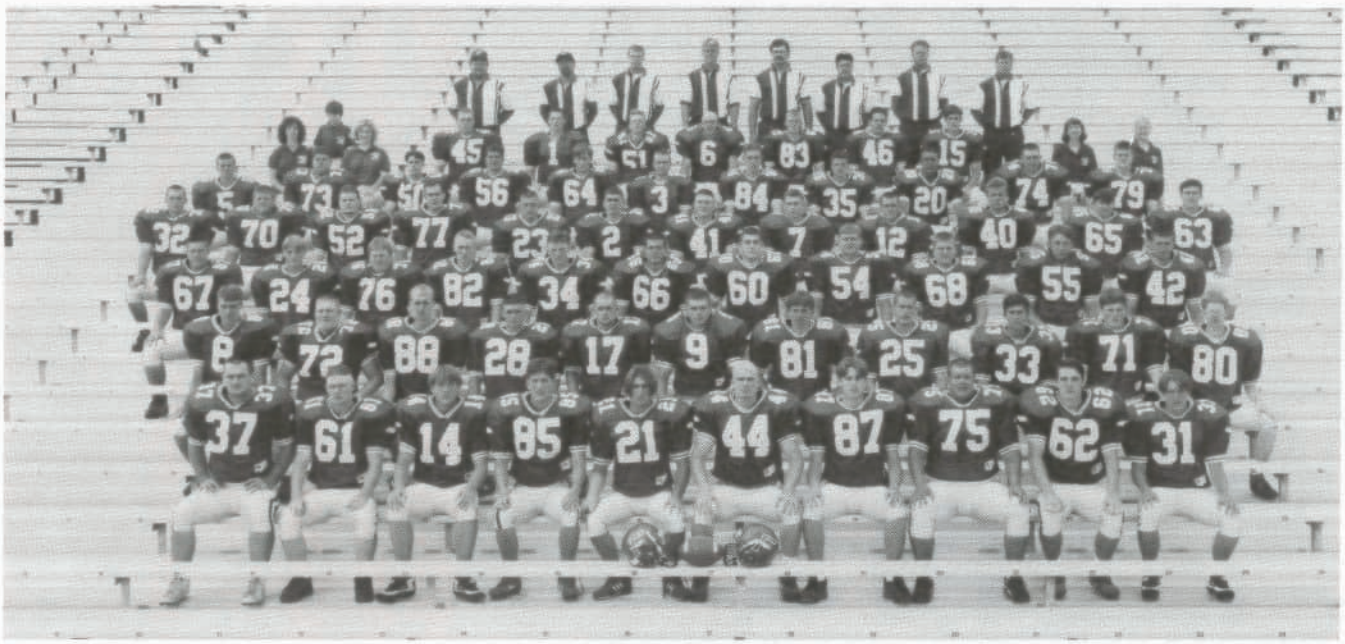
Won 6 Lost 4

The 1993 season started out on a positive note with a narrow loss to Alter and a stunning defeat of Piqua (who finished 9 - 1), holding the Indians to three first downs for the game. The team was young, starting four sophomores, but returning several starters from the 1992 Championship team. But a series of injuries and close losses hurt the Firebirds as they finished the season 6 - 4.

Tony Homan set a school record with a 41 yard field goal against Fairborn.

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1994



Front Row: Clarence Hotchkiss, Jeremy Wiechel, Tony Runzo, Ken Raterman, Jason Stewart, Jon Payne, Bob Garges, Josh Harry, Jason Patterson, Steve Derrickson. **Second Row:** Eric Phillips, Jason Snell, Ryan Reed, Matt Shultz, Brian Miller, Terry McGrew, Josh Carson, Corey Harman, Dan Jones, Matt Claypool, Preston Thomas. **Third Row:** Jason Warrell, Mark Franklin, Keith Carrier, John Holdcraft, James Brown, Tony Shank, Andy Aracri, Todd Heglund, Adam Willett, John Hill, Joe Upshaw. **Fourth Row:** Jack Whitaker, Cory Posadny, Matt Caldwell, Matt Williamson, Shawn Spillman, Kelly Reed, Bryan Kelley, Chad Gemin, Chad Kobylack, John Cunningham, Dan Wiechel, Sean Klemm. **Fifth Row:** Joey Kotronis, Jeremy Carr, Shawn Myers, Chris Steiger, Ryan Penrod, Jeremy Eifert, Andy Rex, Matt VanJura, Adrian Durham, Craig Hammon, John Moore. **Sixth Row:** David Denlinger, Vicki Denlinger, Debbie Brown, Gary Brewer, Brian Bonelli, Aaron Keyton, Rick Nooft, Ryan Goad, Josh Rish, Eric Tobe, Dru Millward, Katie Millward. **Back Row:** (Coaches) Mike Samworth, John Derr, Scott Clodfelter, Rick Robertson, Joel Householder, Brian Blevins, Rob Messick, Mark Kozarec.

Won 7 Lost 3

The 1994 season saw the Firebirds easily crush Alter 34 - 7 for the first win over their cross-town rival in six years. The next week the Firebirds almost defeated state power Princeton in a thrilling 14 - 13 loss. The team was still in position for a possible play-off spot, but a last minute loss to Wayne and an upset loss to Beavercreek left the Firebirds narrowly out of the state tournament. The Firebirds did rebound for a late season victory at Centerville 28 - 14 to finish second in the WOL with a 7 - 3 record.

Several school records were set including the team rushing total. Steve Derrickson set new standards for rushing yards in a season and career as well as points scored in a game, season, and career. Ryan Reed also tied a school record for PAT's in a season despite breaking an arm during the middle of the season.

The Reseve team rebounded from an opening loss to Princeton to finish 7 - 1, their best record in six years.

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1995



Row 1: #1 Brian Bonelli, #6 Rick Nooft *Row 2:* #42 Joey Upshaw, #82 John Holdcraft, #83 Ryan Goad, #60 Andy Aracri, #66 Tony Shank, #55 John Hill, #54 Todd Heglund, #75 Keith Carrier *Row 3:* #24 Mark Franklin, #68 Adam Willett, #40 John Cunningham, #93 James Brown, #15 Eric Tobe, #45 Gary Brewer, #8 Justin Hastell, #51 Aaron Keyton, #43 Marty Szabad *Row 4:* #99 John Moore, #65 Dan Wiechel, #30 Shawn Meyers, #63 Sean Klemm, #74 Craig Hammon, #71 Josh Herald, #77 Matt Williamson #9 Matt Van Jura, #38 Matt Caldwell, #80 Jeremy Eifert *Row 5:* #88 Todd Heath, #70 Cory Posadny, #22 Nick Fortener, #18 Richie Wildenhaus, #28 Bob Reardon, #62 Justin Steel, #50 Nate Tucker, #90 Chris Schalnat, #34 Stephen Moody, #61 Brandon Gayhart, #5 P J Bauser *Row 6:* #81 Travis Thomas, #36 Mike Tanner, #53 Ryan Robertson, #35 Mike Maize, #87 Dustin Clement, #25 Jason Chamberlin, #31 Nick Rohrback, #56 Brent Kilburn, #21 Jeremy Schmall *Row 7:* #85 James Thompson, #23 Jake Castor, #20 Ben Keyton, #17 Chris Routley, #33 Matt Collins, #26 Aaron Mullen, # 3 Josh Meyers, #73 Tim Schaeffer, #14 Brad Hamilton, #11 Justin Shoemacher, #12 Joe Jarusiewic *Row 8:* #7 Chad Gemin, #44 Bryan Kelley, #2 Kelly Reed, #4 Andy Rex, #46 Justin Long, #86 Josh Donohoo, #67 Jason Warrell, #84 Sean Nelson, #41 Brian Coleman *Row 9:* David Denlinger, Vicki Denlinger, Angela Bennett, Amy Sorah, Amanda Cramer, Kelly Biers, Patty McDowell, Krista Drake, Laura Nuckols, Dru Millward *Row 10* Coaches: Tim Cogan, John Derr, Scott Clodfelter, Rob Messick, Head Coach Rick Robertson, Joel Householder, Mike Kozarec, Mike Samworth, Brian Blevins, Mark Kozarec

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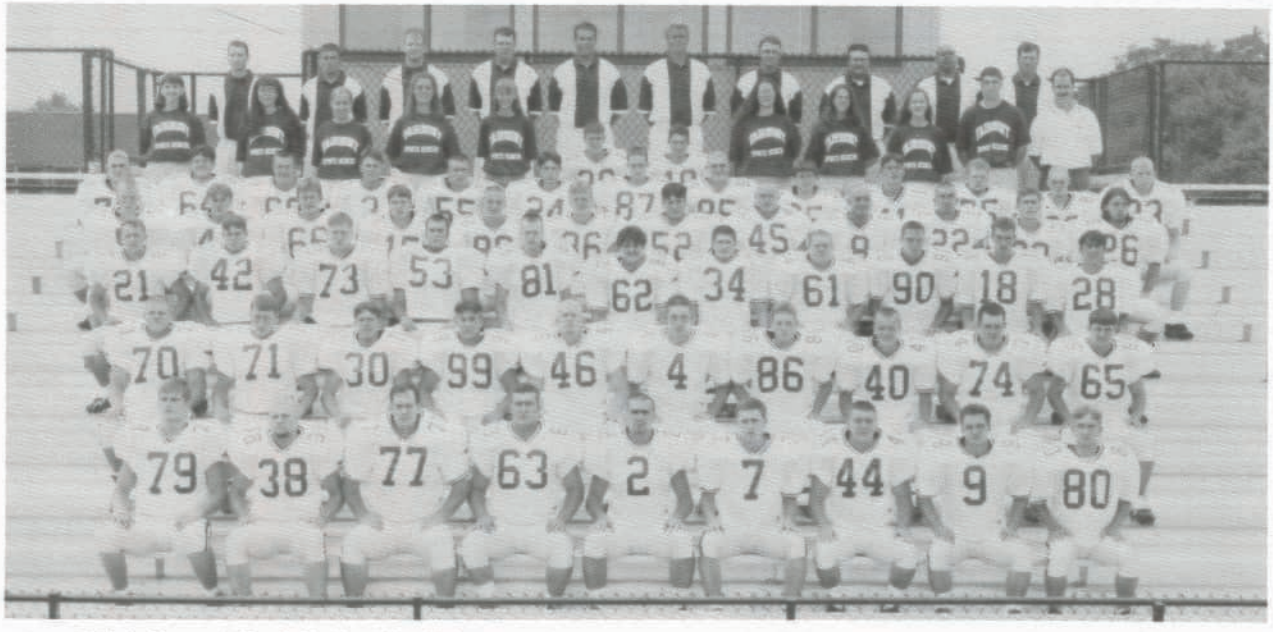
In a repeat of last season, the 'Birds manhandled Alter again 34 - 7 on the way to a 9 - 1 season and another WOL championship. During the season the Firebirds were ranked as high as fourth in the State AP poll and finished ninth at the season's end. The Firebirds kept the faithful fans on the edge of their seats with narrow comeback wins against South, Wayne, Beavercreek, and Xenia.

After a disappointing loss to Fairborn, the Firebirds easily defeated Centerville (28-6 for their second consecutive win over the Elks) and yet missed the state playoffs by a mere .05 computer points.

Brian Bonelli easily broke most KFHS passing records on his way to being named 1st Team All-State and State Offensive Player of the Year. Rick Nooft was selected to the OHSFCA North-South All-Star game in Massillon, the first Firebird player ever honored. Brian and Rick along with Todd Heglund and Andy Aracri received First Team All-League, First Team All-Area, All-Southwest Ohio, and All-State honors.

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Preview for the Upcoming Season

The 1996 edition of the Farmont Firebirds once again promises to be exciting. Hopes are again high this year based on the success of last year's team.

Seniors for the 1996 season include: Kelly Reed, Andy Rex, Chad Gemin, Matt Van Jura, Shawn Myers, Matt Caldwell, Justin Long, Sean Klemm, Dan Wiechel, Cory Posadny, Josh Herald, Craig Hammond, Matt Williamson, John Moore, Jeremy Eifert, Josh Donohoo.

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5. The Champions

This chapter is devoted to the Fairmont teams that accomplished one or both of the major goals a football team has: an undefeated season and a league championship.

To make the first list in this chapter, a team had to go the entire season without a defeat. Ties were not counted and were not considered a loss. This is always the ultimate goal of a team and, when accomplished, it is considered rare and special.

To make the second list, a team had to have the best record in the league. The leagues Fairmont has been in over the years are listed in **the Competition** chapter. Sometimes two or more teams will have equal records.

UNDEFEATED FAIRMONT FOOTBALL TEAMS

SEASON	WON	LOST	TIED	HEAD COACH
1974	10	0	0	Dick Hoppe
1951	9	0	0	Chester A. Roush
1958	9	0	0	Dave Puddington
1959	9	0	0	Pete Ankney
1929	8	0	0	Chester "Pop" Warner
1939	9	0	1	Chester "Pop" Warner
1930	8	0	1	Chester "Pop" Warner
1961	8	0	2	Jim Hoover

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FAIRMONT FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

DAYTON SUBURBAN LEAGUE 1929 - 1932

YEAR	WON	LOST	TIED	HEAD COACH
1929	8	0	0	Chester "Pop" Warner
1930	8	0	1	Chester "Pop" Warner

MIAMI VALLEY LEAGUE (M.V.L.) 1933 -1963

YEAR	WON	LOST	TIED	HEAD COACH
1939	9	0	1	Chester "Pop" Warner
1949	7	2		Chester A. Roush
1951	9	0		Chester A. Roush
1952	6	2	1	Jack Fouts
1953	8	1		Jack Fouts
1958	8	0		Dave Puddington
1959	9	0		Pete Ankney
1961	8	0	2	Jim Hoover
1963 Co-Champs	7	2	1	Bob Hildreth

WESTERN OHIO LEAGUE (W.O.L.) 1963 - PRESENT

YEAR	WON	LOST	HEAD COACH
1967 Co-Champs	6	4	Bob Hildreth
1972	9	1	Doug Schmidt - F. East
1974	10	0	Dick Hoppe - F.West
1975	8	2	Dick Hoppe - F.West
1985 Co-Champs	8	2	Doug Schmidt
1992	7	3	Rick Robertson
1995 Co-Champs	9	1	Rick Robertson

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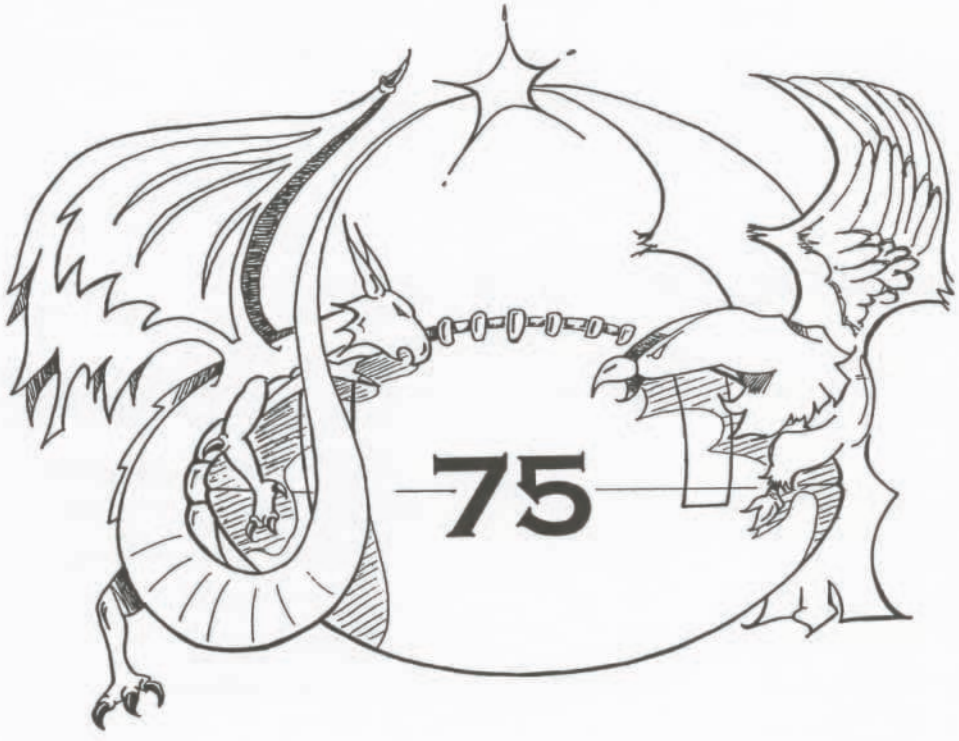
6. The Games

Over the last seventy-five years, nearly 900 football games have been played by Fairmont football teams. Of all those games, none meant more to the residents of Kettering than the annual East-West Game played between the two Kettering High Schools from 1964 to 1982. The outcome of each game meant everything. The result determined who was the best football team, who had the smartest coaches, who had the best principal, who had the the best teachers, in short - which school was "Number 1" - until the next time they played.

Either school could lose all their other games, and still have a successful season if they were to win the "Big One." How good or bad either team was had absolutely no bearing on the outcome of the game known as simply the **"East Meets West"** Game.

This was an unbelievably intense, hard-fought, clean rivalry. Students and fans went out of their way to provide extra special support for their football teams before any East-West clash.

This chapter highlights the nineteen games played between Kettering City School football players.



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1964

November 7, 1964

EAST - This was the first time these two schools met on the football field, and it was only the second football season for the Falcons and their coaching staff. The Falcons were led into this first game of the series by quarterback Pat Hogan, and co-captains Olin Hall and Larry Scott. East entered this game as the underdog with a 2 - 6 record. They gave it their best effort but came up short to the cross-town Dragons.

COACH LANDIS - This was the first time we met Fairmont West for any athletic competition and fell to the Dragons 26 - 0.

WEST - This was a game the Dragons were expected to win due to their experience together. East players were awfully fired up when they came out to play.

COACH HILDRETH PRE-GAME - I remember before the season, going to the West gym and splitting the old West equipment up with East coach Bob Landis. Helmets, shoulder pads and everything were split this way, and then each school also received some new equipment. Neither coach wanted to handle the equipment this way but, as it turned out, things were ok.

"I also remember there was a lot of hoopla going on for this game. The actual game was a lot of fun, and there were no hard feelings, just a good clean game" - Coach Hildreth.

FAIRMONT WEST 26

FAIRMONT EAST 0



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1965

Dayton Daily News - Going into this game West had the 2nd best offensive power in the WOL with 1,675 yards. East went in with the weakest defensive team in the WOL.

WEST - This year East had some good players and, had the schools not split, the players combined would have been a great team. Again this year it was believed that West had the edge going into the second matchup between these two Kettering schools.

COACH HILDRETH - There was still a lot of hoopla for this game.

WEST - With Tom Kohl plunging for three touchdowns on runs of 5, 3 and one for the Dragons, the Dragons came back from an early 6 - 0 deficit to defeat their arch-rivals easily. Ron Zaremski scrambled 9 yards for the other West touchdown.

EAST - The East touchdown came on a 24 yard pass from Phil Lambert to John Bogan. This was the first time in the series that East held a lead.

FAIRMONT WEST	**0**	**12**	**8**	**7**	**- 27**
FAIRMONT EAST	**0**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**- 7**

East - Bogan 24 yd pass from Lambert (Campbell kick)
West - Kohl 1 run (pass failed)
West - Kohl 3 run (pass failed)
West - Kohl 5 run (Armbruster run)
West - Zaremski 9 run (Kohl kick)



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1966

EAST - This was the third matchup between the schools and this was the closest yet. It was still anybody's game to win until the last quarter.

COACH FENDER - "The players and the coaches always looked forward to this game, win, lose, or draw." I remember that this was the game postponed till Saturday morning due to bad weather. The sun came out for that game and made it an ideal setting to watch a football game. Even though the Falcons gave a great effort and lost, Coach Fender stated, "I still had the most fun coaching that day."

KEYS TO THE WIN - Coach Fender felt this year's Dragons were just a little stronger than his Falcons. The other key to the win was that John Roush of the Dragons was unstoppable that night. Special slanting defenses were used to keep him from gaining yardage but to no avail.

NOTE: Additional information for this game was unavailable due to a newspaper strike at the Dayton Newspapers during this time.

FAIRMONT WEST	**14**
FAIRMONT EAST	**8**



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1967

EAST - By this time in the season, the Falcons were pretty well banged up, but they still played a great defensive game. As a matter of fact, both teams played good defense.

WEST - West entered this game with a 4 - 4 record. Another mudbath was the setting for the annual Fairmont West - Fairmont East clash. Content to hold the Falcons in their own territory, the Dragons made the most of the East mistakes by recovering a fumble on the 40 yard line and turning it into the only touchdown of the game. It was the fourth time in a row West won this contest.

Dayton Daily News - Fairmont West took advantage of two Fairmont East errors to beat the Falcons 8 - 0, Friday night and remained tied for the Western Ohio league lead. Battling in the mud at Fairmont Stadium, West and East remained scoreless until late in the 2nd period when the Falcons made the first of two costly errors. The first was a high snap over the head of punter Dallas Cheesman that ended up out of the end zone. The second was a fumble on East's own four yard line.

Hildreth's Dragons completely dominated the game offensively but couldn't score except for the mishandling of the ball by the Falcons. For the game, West outrushed East 149 yards to 69.

INTERESTING FACT - Neither team completed a pass in this game!

This was the fouth win in a row for the Dragons of West.

BROTHER vs. BROTHER - Going into the season, tension was high at the Becker household. Greg Becker, a senior halfback at East, was to line up on Kick-offs against his younger brother Nick Becker, a sophomore at West. Unfortunately for Greg, an injury kept him out of the game and in the pressbox. Interestingly enough, Nick Becker did make the tackle to start the game.

FAIRMONT WEST	**0**	**2**	**0**	**6**	**-**	**8**
FAIRMONT EAST	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**-**	**0**

West - Safety, Ball centered out of end Zone
West - Roush, 1 run (pass failed)



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1968

Friday, September 20, 1968

EAST - The boys were very motivated for this game. But unfortunately motivation doesn't always win games. Besides suffering the loss of the game, the Falcons also lost their quarterback. While giving an extra effort to make the two point conversion attempt, Sandy Lemon suffered a season-ending knee injury.

Dayton Daily News - The Dragons were able to take quick advantage of their chances. "We're jelling," Hoppe said as his athletes celebrated the victory they want most each year. "With only two returning starters, there's no doubt we're young and we're inexperienced. But we're coming along. More consistency, that's what we need."

WEST - Fired up by the frills, thrills, and excitement of Spirit Week, West Dragons met famed arch foe Fairmont East in a classic battle West has never lost. The Dragons entered this matchup with a 1 - 1 record and a new head coach, Dick Hoppe. With the pin-point passing of quarterback Roger Sachleben and the reliable hands of Mike Finegold, West won easily 27 - 8.

Dayton Daily News - "It's a darn shame, that's what it is," East Coach Duane Fender said as his athletes silently showered and dressed. "I just told them," he said, pointing to the dressing room, "that I thought they played a good game, a whale of a game." Then he added, "But those mistakes, just those few, really killed us." Which is often the name of the game -- any game.

"Tonight, being able to take advantage of their mistakes, was a good sign that we're doing better," Coach Hoppe said.

FAIRMONT WEST	**27**
FAIRMONT EAST	**8**



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1969

EAST - This was new head coach Doug Schmidt's first East/West game. He remembers having BEAT WEST tee shirts worn by the players before the game. The Falcons were pumped up because Fairmont East had never beaten Fairmont West and wanted a win badly. The desire to present the new coach with that first win was very strong.

The Falcons kicked off to a Dragon receiver who fumbled the ball around. The players on the kick-off team pursued too vigorously, allowing the return to go all the way for a touchdown on the first play of the game.

WEST - Spirit Week capped the excitement of the East - West clash. West again proved to be number one with the score of 23 - 0 over the Falcons. This win in the early part of the season pushed the Dragons up to a 2 - 1 record.

FAIRMONT WEST 23

FAIRMONT EAST 0



Here's how Coach Schmidt and Coach Hoppe looked as they appeared together in the 1958 Ohio Wesleyan homecoming football program.



SCHMIDT



HOPPE

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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1970

EAST - The first half was all East's. The Falcons used 10 minutes of the first quarter to move 75 yards but ran out of steam when they were hit with a 15 yard penalty for clipping. However East got the ball back almost immediately when Dave Corwin made an interception and returned it 10 yards to the19. Jeff Parks scored the TD four plays later on a one-yard plunge.

WEST - The Dragons came into this game with a 2 - 1 record. Junior quarterback Mike Ledicker, co-captain Tim Irelan, and Bill Rayburg led a strong Dragon team to a close 14 - 6 win over the Falcons.

KEY PLAY of the game occurred 2 minutes into the third quarter with the Falcons ahead 6 - 0. With East forced to punt on fourth and one at their own 29, they sent Dave Moore back to punt. Moore, who did a fine job thoughout the game, never got a chance to boot this one. The snap sailed over his head and landed in the Falcon end zone. Moore raced back and picked up the ball but was hemmed in by a host of Dragons. End Dan Woods finally cornered him for the safety.

COACH SCHMIDT - "We began to play down this game as much as possible because everyone got so HYPED UP, but we lost again. It's gonna be a real tussle to see if we can come back now. These kids proved tonight that they are capable of playing winning football."

COACH HOPPE concurred with Coach Schmidt. "They're gonna cause somebody some problems. Doug works as hard as anybody in the league and he deserves to win."

STATISTICS	WEST	EAST
First Downs	10	10
Rushing Yardage	171	81
Passing Yardage	81	58
Passes	4-13	5-11
Penalties	5-55	5-45

FAIRMONT WEST	**0**	**0**	**8**	**6**	**- 14**
FAIRMONT EAST	**0**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**- 6**



EAST: Hensley 1, run (kick failed)
WEST: Moore tackled in end zone by Woods
WEST: Irelan, 11 pass from Leckliter (kick failed)
WEST: Leckliter 1, run (pass failed)

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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1971

WEST YEARBOOK - Not much was available from the West Yearbook except the score. The Dragons came into this game with a record of 2 - 0 - 1. This was the Dragons' first loss of the season and the first loss to the Falcons in eight seasons.

COACH HOPPE - While I coached, we always tried to treat this game as just another game on our schedule. Our primary goal each year was to win the WOL.

COACH SCHMIDT - We felt that in the middle of the season of 1970 our program had turned the corner. But one goal had still not been accomplished; the Falcons still hadn't beaten West. Late in the 1971 game the Falcons were ahead by 7 points and West was driving. East's best defensive back had been kicked out of the game for a late hit (bad call by the official). An unproven sophomore defensive back named Dave Reed was inserted into the game. The West offense immediately tested this new defender with a pass to Casey Dagenhardt. Dave Reed came up with the biggest interception of his life and sealed the victory for the Falcons. The jinx was broken and the Falcons had their first victory over their arch-rival Dragons.

FAIRMONT EAST 21

FAIRMONT WEST 14



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1972

WEST YEARBOOK - Hoppe's purple and white took the field facing cross-town rival, East. Both teams were scoreless the first half. In the second half East held West scoreless. The Falcons walked away with a 24 - 0 win.

EAST - This year East had one of their best teams ever, but Fairmont West was still a big game. The Falcon coaching staff downplayed the game but they all knew if West would win it would make their season. The Falcons played very well and won 24 - 0.

BROTHER VS. BROTHER - It finally happened, one brother lined up against brother. Bob Kritzer, a teacher and coach at West had sons on both East and West. Jim, a senior at East, played defense. Tim, a sophomore at West, returned kickoffs. Older brother Jim mentioned that he hoped his younger brother Tim would receive the kickoff so he'd get a chance to tackle him. On Friday night, he got his wish. To start the game, East kicked off. Tim Kritzer of West caught the ball and headed upfield until he was tackled by none other than Jim, his brother. While the two brothers unpiled, Jim welcomed his younger brother to the WOL, or words to that effect.

FAIRMONT EAST 24
FAIRMONT WEST 0



"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1973

EAST COACH SCHMIDT - This year West had a great team and proved it against the Falcons team. Jeff Feicht ran around and through the East defense giving the Falcons a pretty good beating.

WEST YEARBOOK - The past two years the Dragons were soundly defeated by the Falcons. West turned the tables this year, defeating the Falcons 20 -14 to re-establish West's domination of the cross-town rivalry. After recovering from a broken hand, Jeff Feicht lead the team by scoring all three touchdowns.

FAIRMONT WEST 20
FAIRMONT EAST 14



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1974

COACH SCHMIDT PRE-GAME - "How do you stop a powerhouse?" with a hint of reverence, "We've just got to stop the big play by West, the 50 yard pass or the 50 yard run."

COACH HOPPE PRE-GAME - "It'll be a heated contest. Since the schools have been playing, this is the best combined record 9 - 1. But records are out the window on this one." After the game he commented, "We went into the game a little flat. Our seniors got their heads together the second half, though."

AFTER THE GAME - Jeff Feicht asked an obliging writer to put the linemen in the article, "Can you put the line in there (the article)?" The West line included Doug and Dan Gaines (tackles), Mark Heisler and David Coleman (guards) and Randy Bolar (center) and Jeff Dodson (end).

COACH SCHMIDT - We were a pretty good team this year until several of our key players got hurt. None hurt worse than losing our starting quarterback Jeff Lautar. We had to make our star defensive back John D. Hoke the quarterback for one of our biggest games. He did a great job for us, and at half time we were leading. In the second half we made too many mistakes and lost. This was the first time these seniors had ever lost to West and it hurt.

FAIRMONT WEST	**37**
FAIRMONT EAST	**6**



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1975

EAST - The intensity for this rivalry was learned by new coach Clifford two years earlier when he was an assistant for West under Coach Dick Hoppe. The rumored fear from the West camp was that, since the new coach was once a West assistant, East was going to know all the plays.

THE TACKLING DUMMY - Coach Clifford had saved all of his coaching gear from his one year of coaching at Fairmont West. Upon arriving at Fairmont East, he started a new tradition for seniors. He found an old tackling dummy - a full-size torso and legs filled with sawdust - and dressed it up in his old Fairmont West coaching clothes. The tackling dummy attended all of the practices during West week. At Wednesday night's practice, before the West game, Coach Clifford held the dummy up and each senior was allowed to tackle it. As the years went on, the players got more and more "creative" in their efforts with the tackling dummy.

KEY PLAY - East scored with 2:22 to go in the game to make the score 15 -13. But the conversion attempt for the tying two points failed.

WEST COACH HOPPE - "I think we pretty much created our own breaks tonight. Our offense did an excellent job moving the ball and I was real pleased."

Coach Hoppe also had praise for East mentor Rusty Clifford, an assistant coach to Hoppe two years ago. "East did an outstanding job; no question about it. It was a typical East - West game. Rusty Clifford should get a lot of credit for the job he's doing over there. He had his kids ready to play."

FAIRMONT WEST 15

FAIRMONT EAST 13



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1976

COACH HOPPE PRE-GAME - "When East meets West, you can throw the record books out the window."

KETTERING OAKWOOD TIMES - This was only the third time in 14 years that East had beaten West.

COACH HOPPE - "We were in poor field position all throughout the second half. I don't want to take anything away from Rusty Clifford or his team though. They played good football."

EAST - Going into this game, West was undefeated with six wins and was ranked No.1 in the Journal Herald ratings. The Falcons were 2 - 3 - 1. This game epitomized the saying that in a great rivalry, you can throw the records out the door.

West was up 14-0 at the half, but East came back to score a safety and two touchdowns to upset the No.1 team in the area. For East, Jeff Long completed a lot of critical passes throughout the second half.

COACH CLIFFORD - He commended the West defense for outstanding play. "It's not like we blew them off the field or anything. They (Dragons) did a real good job."

FAIRMONT EAST 15

FAIRMONT WEST 14



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1977

COACH HOPPE PRE-GAME - "East's defense has done a nice job this year. They haven't given up more than two TD's to anybody, and they've held most teams to one."

On Fairmont West's offense, Hoppe commented, "We're moving the ball, but we haven't scored as many as we wanted to. We'll have to be prepared to move the ball better than we have been. We still have some work to do."

WEST - "It was a close game that could have gone either way," a disappointed Dick Hoppe said. "We played as hard as we could. Now we have to get ready for Troy."

CRUCIAL PLAY - In third quarter a fake punt-pass completion from Raiff to Russ Roberts gave the Falcons a first down on their own 40 to continue the drive.

EAST - Once again the Dragons came into this game undefeated in six games, but this year they were also UNSCORED UPON which is very rare and hard to accomplish.

EAST took the opening kick-off and went right down the field to score the first TD of the year against the Dragon's defense on a 90 Quick Out - Jeff Long to Dave Terkowski. This key drive gave East the confidence to go on and upset West.

It had to give the Falcons great satisfaction to score against their arch-rival when six other teams had been unable to. This was supposed to have been a low scoring game.

FAIRMONT EAST 26

FAIRMONT WEST 22



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1978

Word had begun to spread about the East tackling dummy. This was the year the dummy almost met its demise. A very cleverly devised plot to steal the dummy was carried out by what appeared to be the Fairmont West cross country team. As the Falcons were practicing behind the high school, Coach Clifford noticed the Fairmont West cross country team come jogging down "Victory Lane." He thought it was strange that they would be there, especially during East-West week. Before he knew it, they ran onto the practice field - grabbed the dummy - and headed west towards the track and around the corner of the South Unit. Coach Clifford alerted Coach Tim Irelan, who was at the end of the practice field, and he and the trainer immediately gave chase to the cross country team running away with the dummy. Coach Irelan and the trainer rounded South Unit, got into a car and cut off the culprits just before they reached the getaway car. The dummy was rescued and returned unharmed. The dummy remained heavily guarded during its remaining years at East.

WEST - Although he participated in this rivalry as an assistant, this was Coach Vorpe's first as a Head Coach. East had "some guns on that team" and were picked as the favorite. Seven-thousand fans were in attendance. The first, third and fourth quarters were played fairly evenly. The second quarter went East's way with two unanswered TD's.

COACHING AGAINST COACH CLIFFORD - Rusty and I always had a good relationship, it was always professional. This was mainly due to the friendship developed while coaching Track together for Fairmont West. - Lowell Vorpe

EAST - The "veer" offense worked to perfection on this night. West was having a hard time stopping it. As a result, halfback Tom Young set a Fairmont East record by scoring six touchdowns in one game.

FAIRMONT EAST 40

FAIRMONT WEST 20



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1979

COACH VORPE - This was Coach Vorpe's second attempt to lead the Dragons to victory. This game was much closer than the previous year. The score was 7 - 6 in the fourth quarter and was still up for grabs.

KEY PLAY - West fumbled on the one yard line of East in the second quarter. Dave McVey, son of long time coach Larry McVey, recovered the fumble for East and prevented West from scoring. - Coach Vorpe

COACH CLIFFORD - Lowell Vorpe's Dragons did a much better job this year stopping the "veer" offense of East. Rusty agreed that the key to the game was West's failure to score in the second quarter when they had first and goal from the one yard line.

EAST - This was East's fourth consecutive win over West.

FAIRMONT EAST 14

FAIRMONT WEST 6



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1980

COACH CLIFFORD - The game was played on a very muddy field. Rusty and his staff knew the team to score early would have the best chance at the victory. He was right about the strategy; only the Dragons got the early score and the win.

WEST - The third time's a charm. Led by Coach Vorpe, West won this cross-town battle, in what was considered to be a mild upset.

KEY PLAY - Sophmore Rick Dietl scored the game's only touchdown in the second quarter.

PLAYERS NOTE: Recently Rick made a visit to see Mr. Vorpe at Van Buren. Lowell found out he is presently working as an underwater technician with an oil rig company.

FAIRMONT WEST	**7**
FAIRMONT EAST	**0**



"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1981

EAST - This was a team of Falcons that relished playing every game as the underdogs. Both teams played well enough to win.

LOWELL VORPE - Neither team this year had championship ball clubs, but it still was a great game.This victory evened the series record for Coach Vorpe at 2 and 2.

GAME HIGHLIGHT - A makeable field goal was attempted by the Falcons in the last minute that could have won the game. But Senior Eric Lewis blocked the attempt to preserve the seven to six victory for the Dragons.

FAIRMONT WEST	**7**
FAIRMONT EAST	**6**



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"EAST MEETS WEST" - 1982

Friday, November 5, 1982 7:30pm

As football games go,
They don't get any bigger than this.

The last game of the season,
After twenty years, the last game for the Falcons,
After sixty-one years, the last game for the Dragons.
The last game for two good teams,
It was the last for the two eras.

The Seniors would play their final game against each other.
The underclassmen would play against each other this year, with each other the next.
Everything was on the line.
Everyone wanted to win, but only one team could.
This game marked the end of an era.

EAST PREPARATIONS - Preparations began back in January. Special summer jerseys were ordered for the "Game" by Athletic Director Jim Ehler and Rusty Clifford but paid for by the players themselves. Upon arrival these jerseys were hidden away with only Jim and Rusty knowing the location.

This was the year the East tackling dummy, a mainstay of each East-West pep assembly, finally met its demise. Each year, at the pep assembly, Coach Clifford got more and more creative with his own "tackling" of the dummy. Before this final East-West pep assembly, he pre-cut the dummy so that his final "tackle" demolished the dummy and threw sawdust everywhere.

PRE-GAME - Both teams came into this final game with similar records, the Dragons were 5 - 4, the Falcons were 4 - 3 - 2.

When the Falcons came out for their pre-game warm-up, they wore the traditional white jersey. Meanwhile back in their locker room, one precaution was taken. Manager Chris Johnson, alias CJ, was left behind to guard some important boxes. As the Falcons returned to their locker room one last time before kick-off, the entire team was issued their new, never-seen-before jerseys. The jerseys were still white but they had each players name on the back. On the front were the words BEAT WEST.

When the team returned to the field wearing their "new" jerseys, the East crowd went nuts.

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There wasn't an empty seat at Foreman Field that night and around the field people stood six deep.

COACH VORPE - It was a well-played game. The key to the game was that they (EAST) played some good defense that second half. I don't recall a lot of real hard feelings because the underclassmen of both teams were going to play together on the same team next season. It was a "good, clean, solid rivalry, always with good sportsmanship."

KEY PLAY - On fourth down and three to go, Scot Keifer scored the winning touchdown on a play called "Quick Pitch Left."

FORGOTTEN KEY PLAY - With time running out, East had the lead and the ball. The East coaching staff assembled all players who had not been in the game yet. They were all put in to run out the clock. On the very first play, there was a fumble and West recovered, giving them one last chance to win the game. The Falcon defense rose to the occasion one last time. They sacked the Dragon quarterback on three straight plays to end the game.

Final Game:

FAIRMONT EAST	**15**
FAIRMONT WEST	**9**



It was the end of an era. - Coach Clifford

It was a good, clean, solid rivalry, always with good sportsmanship. - Coach Vorpe

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7. The Records

This chapter contains three unofficial sets of football records, one for the **Dragons** including West, one for the **Falcons**, and one for the **Firebirds**.

In the early years formal statistics were not kept so we apologize for any of those that were missed prior to 1958 and for West after 1970. The Dragon records are those taken directly from Dick Hoppe's book written in 1971. Unfortunately any records set between 1971 and 1982 were not included.

The Falcon records were never really officially kept. What is listed here was due to the investigation and research specifically for this book. So the Falcon records displayed in this chapter are also incomplete.

The Firebird records are the most accurate. Credit goes to Coach Schmidt, Herman and Robertson for compiling them and keeping them up-to-date.

SPECIAL NOTE: Our apologies to anyone who deserved to be in this section and unknowingly was left out. Special efforts were made to assure that this didn't happen, but due to the magnitude of this task, we know some omissions occurred. The alternative was to omit this section altogether, but since partial information was available omitting it didn't seem right.

To all players who deserved to be in this section and were not, this chapter is dedicated.



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DRAGON FOOTBALL RECORDS



Offensive Team Record (1958 - 1970)

CATEGORY	NUMBER	SEASON
Most First Downs Rushing	105	1959
Most First Downs Passing	43	1965
Most First Downs Penalty	9	1964
Most First Downs Total	176	1961
Number of Passes Attempted	171	1965
Number of Passes Completed	61	1963 & 65
Best Passing Percentage	51.4%	1959 (36 for 70)
Most T.D. Passes	14	1963
Fewest Passes Intercepted	4	1964
Passing Yardage	980	1963
Number Rushing Attempts	483	1961
Rushing Yardage	3278	1961
Number Total Plays	561	1963
Total Yards	3772	1974
	3607	1961
Most Points	312	1961

Defensive Team Records (1958 - 1970)

CATEGORY	NUMBER	SEASON
Fewest Total First Downs	51	1959
Worst passing Percentage	30%	1968 (39 for 130)
Most passes Intercepted	20	1969
Fewest Passing Yardage	93	1958
Fewest T.D. Passes Allowed	0	1959
Fewest Rushing Attempts Allowed	256	1959
Fewest Yards Rushing	626	1959
Fewest T.D. Rushing Allowed	1	1959
Fewest Total Plays	251	1959
Fewest Total Yards	743	1959
Fewest Total T.D.'s Allowed	1	1959
Fewest Total Points Allowed	7	1959
Longest Winning Streak	**24**	**G #6 1957 - G#3 1960**
Longest Losing Streak	**6**	**G#10 1963 - G#5 1964**

NOTE: Because of the absence of scorebooks and official figures, statistics for school records have been compiled beginning in 1958. No updates were available from 1971 through 1982.

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DRAGON FOOTBALL RECORDS



Individual Season Records (1958 - 1970)

CATEGORY	NUMBER	SEASON	PLAYER NAME
Most Rushing Attempts	170	1962	Dave Fisher
Most Yards Rushing	1804	1962	Dave Fisher
Most Yards Passing	986	1963	Jim Overholser
Most Passes Attempted	152	1965	Jim Armbruster
Most Passes Completed	60	1963	Jim Overholser
Best Passing Percentage (36 for 650)	57%	1959	Moe Ankney
Most T.D. Passes	14	1963	Moe Ankney
Fewest Passes Intercepted	2	1964	Marv Hill
Most Passes Caught	27	1963	Rod Miller
Most Yards Receiving	560	1963	Rod Miller
Most Interceptions	7	1958	Ralph Oxley
	7	1968	Chris Pancoast
	7	1969	John Drayton
Most Yards Returning Interceptions	134	1967	Doug Sherman
Most T.D.'s Scored	22	1961	Jim Horlacher
Most Total Points	138	1961	Jim Horlacher
Most Punts	41	1966, 67	Dave Lutes
Most Punting Yards Average	40.1	1967	Dave Lutes
Most Punts Returned	14	1962	Tom Darby
Best Punt Return Avg. (9 for 178)	19.8	1966	Phil Baker
Most Kick-Off Returns	16	1968	Gary Knight
Best Kick-Off Return Avg. (5 for 254)	50.8	1969	Doug Shaeffer

Individual Career Records (1958 - 1970)

CATEGORY	NUMBER	PLAYER NAME
Most Rushing Attempts	331	Dave Fisher
Most Rushing Yards	2280	Dave Fisher
Most Passing Yards	1014	Jim Overholser
Most Passes Attempted	132	Jim Overholser
Most Passes Completed	64	Jim Overholser
Most T.D. Passes	14	Jim Overholser
Most T.D's	31	Jim Horlacher
	30	Tony Trent
Most Point Scored	207	Jim Horlacher
	197	Tony Trent
Most Passes Caught	36	Rod Miller
Most Yards Receiving	713	Rod Miller
Most T.D. Receptions	12	Rod Miller
Most Interceptions	9	Chris Pancoast
	9	John Drayton

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FALCON FOOTBALL RECORDS



Offensive Team Record (1963 - 1982)

CATEGORY	NUMBER	SEASON
Most Points Scored in a Game	63	1971 vs. Fairborn
Most Point Scored in a Season	229	1972
	229	1978
Most Offensive Yards - Season	2,473	1972

Defensive Team Records (1963 - 1982)

CATEGORY	NUMBER	SEASON
Most Shutouts in a Season	3	1973
Fewest Points Allowed - Season	104	1972

Individual Records (1963 - 1982)

CATEGORY	NUMBER	NAME	SEASON
Single Game Rushing	226	Steve Wolfe	1973
Single Game Passing	191	Jeff Lautar	1973
Most TD's One Game	6	Tom Young vs. Fairmont West	1978
Most Kickoffs returned for TD's - Season	4	Scott Keifer	1982

NOTE: You may notice that the amount of records in this section is small compared to the other two sets. In our research this was all the information that was available. Our apologies to any one who could have been listed in this section.

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FIREBIRD FOOTBALL RECORDS

Offensive Team Records (1983 - 1995)

CATEGORY	NUMBER	SEASON
RUSHING		
ATTEMPTS	485	1994
YARDS	2439	1994
PASSING		
ATTEMPTS	221	1990
COMPLETIONS	99	1990
YARDS	1285	1987
TOTALS		
YARDS	3493	1995
POINTS	277	1994
FIRST DOWNS	179	1995

Defensive Team Records (1983 - 1995)

CATEGORY	NUMBER	SEASON
YARDS ALLOWED		
RUSHING	738	1984
PASSING	845	1986
TOTAL	1751	1984
OTHERS		
INTERCEPTIONS	24	1983
FIRST DOWNS	105	1995



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FIREBIRD FOOTBALL RECORDS



Individual Records (1983 - 1995)

RUSHING

ATTEMPTS

GAME:	45	Doug Gantt	(1986 vs. Fairborn)
SEASON:	281	Steve Derrickson	(1994)
CAREER:	384	David Baker	(1989-1991)

YARDS

GAME:	204	Doug Gantt	(1986 vs. Wayne)
SEASON:	1490	Steve Derrickson	(1994)
CAREER:	1852	Steve Derrickson	(1993 - 1994)

PASSING

ATTEMPTS

GAMES:	38	Josh Jackson	(1990 vs.Middletown)
SEASON:	176	Pat Samanich	(1987)
CAREER:	399	Pat Samanich	(1986-1988)
		Brian Bonelli	(1993-1995)

COMPLETIONS

GAMES:	15	Brian Bonelli	(1995 vs. Beavercreek)
SEASON:	82	Brian Bonelli	(1995)
CAREER:	204	Brian Bonelli	(1993-1995)

YARDS

GAMES:	225	Doug Kenney	(1983 vs. Carroll)
SEASON:	1430	Brian Bonelli	(1995)
CAREER:	2870	Brian Bonelli	(1993-1995)

TD PASSES

SEASON:	14	Brian Bonelli	(1995)
CAREER:	27	Brian Bonelli	(1993-1995)

RECEIVING

RECEPTIONS

GAMES:	7	Bill Donohoo	(1990 vs. Xenia)
SEASON:	33	Dan Paulick	(1992)
CAREER:	68	Dan Paulick	(1990-1992)

YARDS

GAMES:	168	Clint Rose	(1987 vs. Stebbins)
SEASON:	656	Clint Rose	(1987)
CAREER:	1060	Dan Paulick	(1990-1992)

TD RECEPTIONS

SEASON:	9	Clint Rose	(1987)
CAREER:	13	Clint Rose	(1986-1987)

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FIREBIRD FOOTBALL RECORDS

SCORING

GAME:	24	Brian Mahle	(1984 vs. Fairborn)
	24	Bill Wanke	(1985 vs. Wayne)
	24	Steve Derrickson	(1994 vs. Alter)
SEASON:	120	Steve Derrickson	(1994)
CAREER:	164	Steve Derrickson	(1993-1994)

TOUCHDOWNS

GAME:	4	Brian Mahle	(1984 vs. Fairborn)
	4	Bill Wanke	(1985 vs. Wayne)
	4	Steve Derrickson	(1994 vs. Alter)
SEASON:	20	Steve Derrickson	(1994)
CAREER:	27	Steve Derrickson	(1993-1994)

SPECIAL TEAMS

PUNTING (+20 Attempts)

SEASON:	39.9	Terry McGraw	(1991 23/918)

KICKOFFS (+15 Attempts)

SEASON:	47.5	Mike Christian	(1987 40/1900)

KICKOFF RETURNS (+10 Attempts)

SEASON:	25.6	Kelly Reed	(1994 12/308)

PUNT RETURNS (+10 Attempts)

SEASON:	12.5	Steve Shannon	(1987 22/275)

PAT'S

SEASON:	24	Rod Lovelace	(1985)
	24	Ryan Reed	(1994)
CAREER:	43	Daron Steinke	(1990-1992)

FIELD GOALS

LONGEST:	41yds	Tony Homan	(1993 vs. Fairborn)
SEASON:	5	Rod Lovelace	(1985)
CAREER:	6	Rod Lovelace	(1984-1985)

DEFENSE

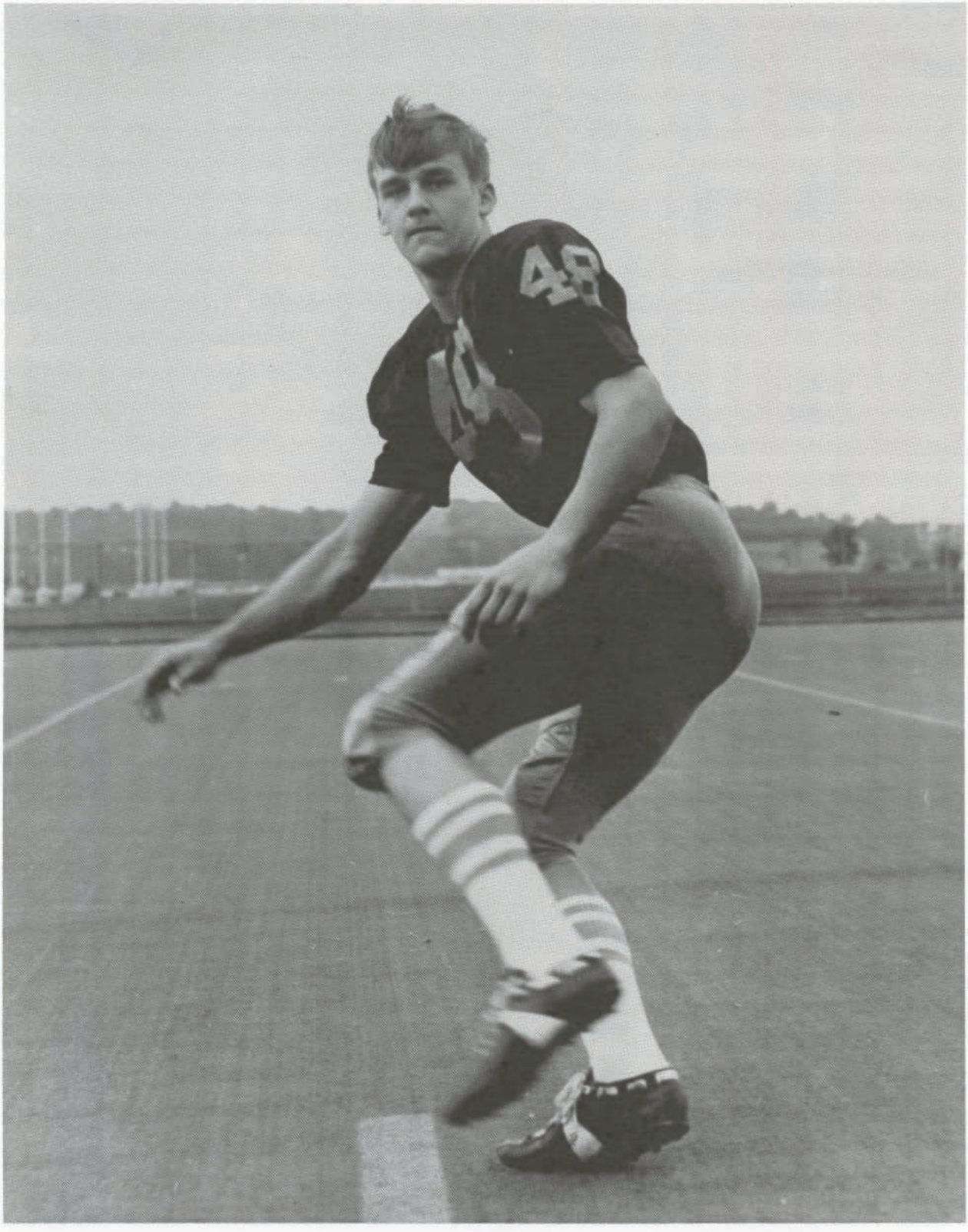
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SEASON:	125	Anthony Sonye	(1989)
CAREER:	302	Marcus Burns	(1986-1988)

INTERCEPTIONS

GAME:	4	Kelly Reed	(1994)
SEASON:	12	Greg Garnica	(1983)
CAREER:	21	Greg Garnica	(1983-1984)

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Chet Moeller, Defensive Back
United States Naval Academy
First Team, Division I All-American 1975

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8. The Players

Many Fairmont players have been honored with national recognition. The purpose of this section is to mention as many of those honors as we have found. Yearbooks and coaches were our primary sources of information. The chances are good that several honors may go unmentioned, but no player was intentionally left from this section. Our deepest apologies go to anyone who was accidentally omitted.

High School All-Americans

Jim Horlacher	Fairmont 1962	Pre-Season All-American
Dave Fisher	Fairmont 1963	Pre-Season All-American
Bill Rayburg	Fairmont West 1970	Chris Schenkel's All-American High School Team
Mike Wagner	Fairmont East 1972	Top 100 High School Football Players in the Country
Brian Bonelli	Kett. Fairmont 1996	USA TODAY All-American (Honorable Mention)

College All-Americans

Chet Moeller	Fairmont West 1972	NCAA Division I First Team All-American, Defensive Back, United States Naval Academy
Jeff Garnica	Kett. Fairmont 1983	NCAA Division I Third Team All-American Center, University of North Carolina
Tony Hall	Fairmont 1960	Little All-American Running Back, Denison University
Rodney Miller	Fairmont 1964	Little All-American Wide Receiver, Wittenberg
John Roush	Fairmont West 1968	Academic All-American Fullback, Ohio University
Greg Garnica	Kett. Fairmont 1985	Academic All-American, 3 time MAC Defensive Player of the Year Defensive Back, Ball State

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Former Players in Coaching or Administration at the College Level

Moe Ankney	Fairmont 1960 Bowling Green 1964	Ball State Assistant Coach, Tulane Assistant Coach, Arizona Assistant Coach, Bowling Green Head Coach 1986 -1991, Purdue Assistant Coach, **Univ. of Missouri Assistant Coach**
Pete Ankney	Fairmont 1949 Univ. of Dayton 1954	University of Dayton Head Coach 1962 - 64
Rick Carter	Fairmont 1961 Earlham College 1965	Earlham College Head Coach Hanover College Head Coach 1972 -75 Univ. of Dayton Head Coach 1976 - 80 Holy Cross Head Coach 1981 - 83
Mike Dunlevy	Fairmont East 1983 Ohio Wesleyan 1987	**Waynesburg College, Assistant Coach**
Brady Hoke	Fairmont East 1977 Ball State 1981	Oregon State, Assistant Coach **Univ. of Michigan, Assistant Coach**
John D. Hoke	Fairmont East 1975 Ball State 1980	**Univ. of Missouri, Assistant Coach**
Jeff Long	Fairmont East 1978 Ohio Wesleyan 1982	Miami University, Graduate Asst. North Carolina State, Asst. Coach Duke, Asst. Coach Rice, Asst. Athletic Director Univ. of Michigan, Coach & Administrator **Univ. of Michigan, Assoc. Athletic Director**
Dave McMichael	Fairmont East 1970 Bowling Green 1974	**West Virginia University, Assistant Coach**
John Roush	Fairmont West 1967 Ohio University 1972	Miami University Assistant Coach **Vice President Richmond University**
Pat Samanich	Fairmont 1989 Ashland College 1994	**Ohio Wesleyan College 1995 - 96**

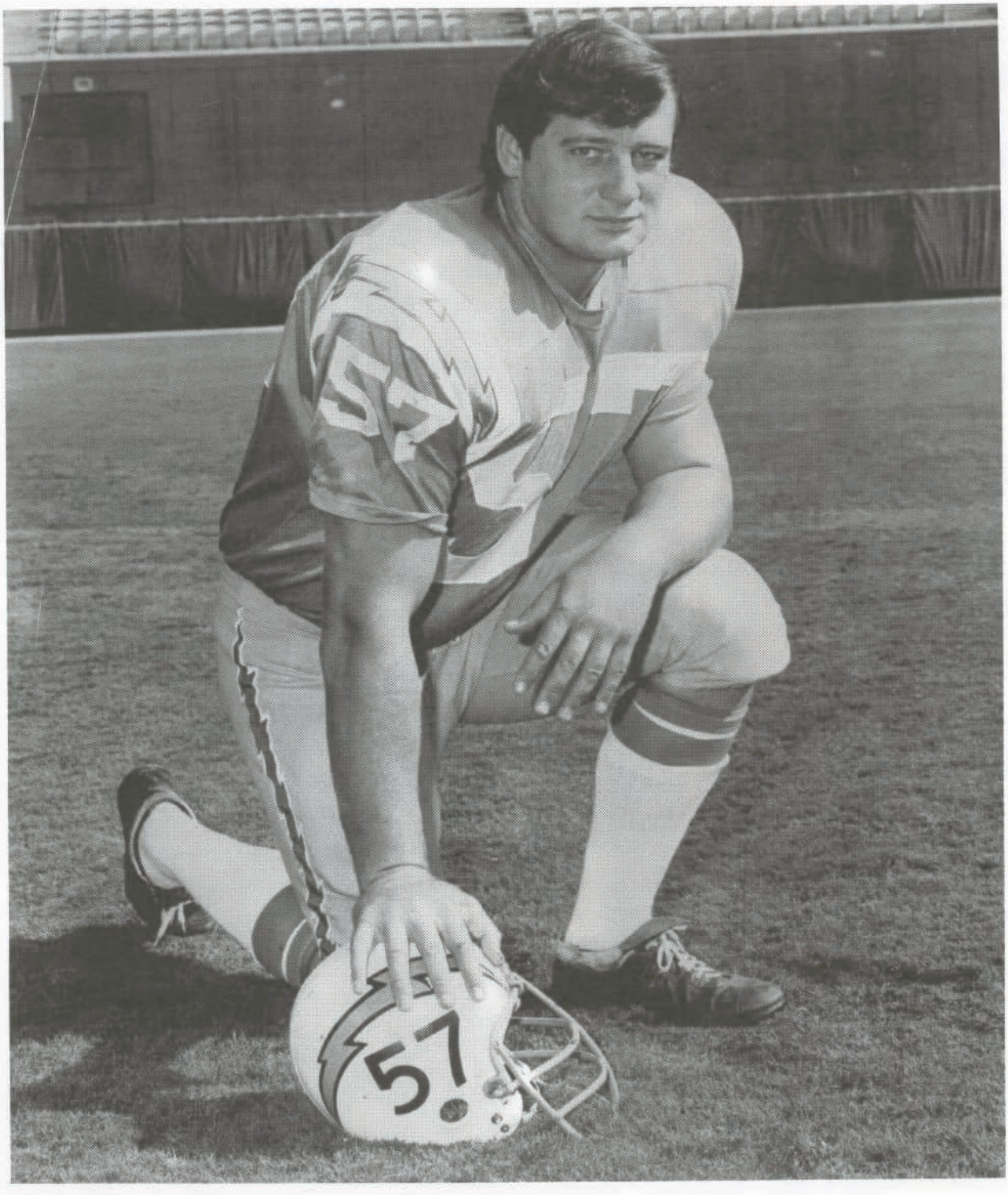
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Fairmont Players in the NFL

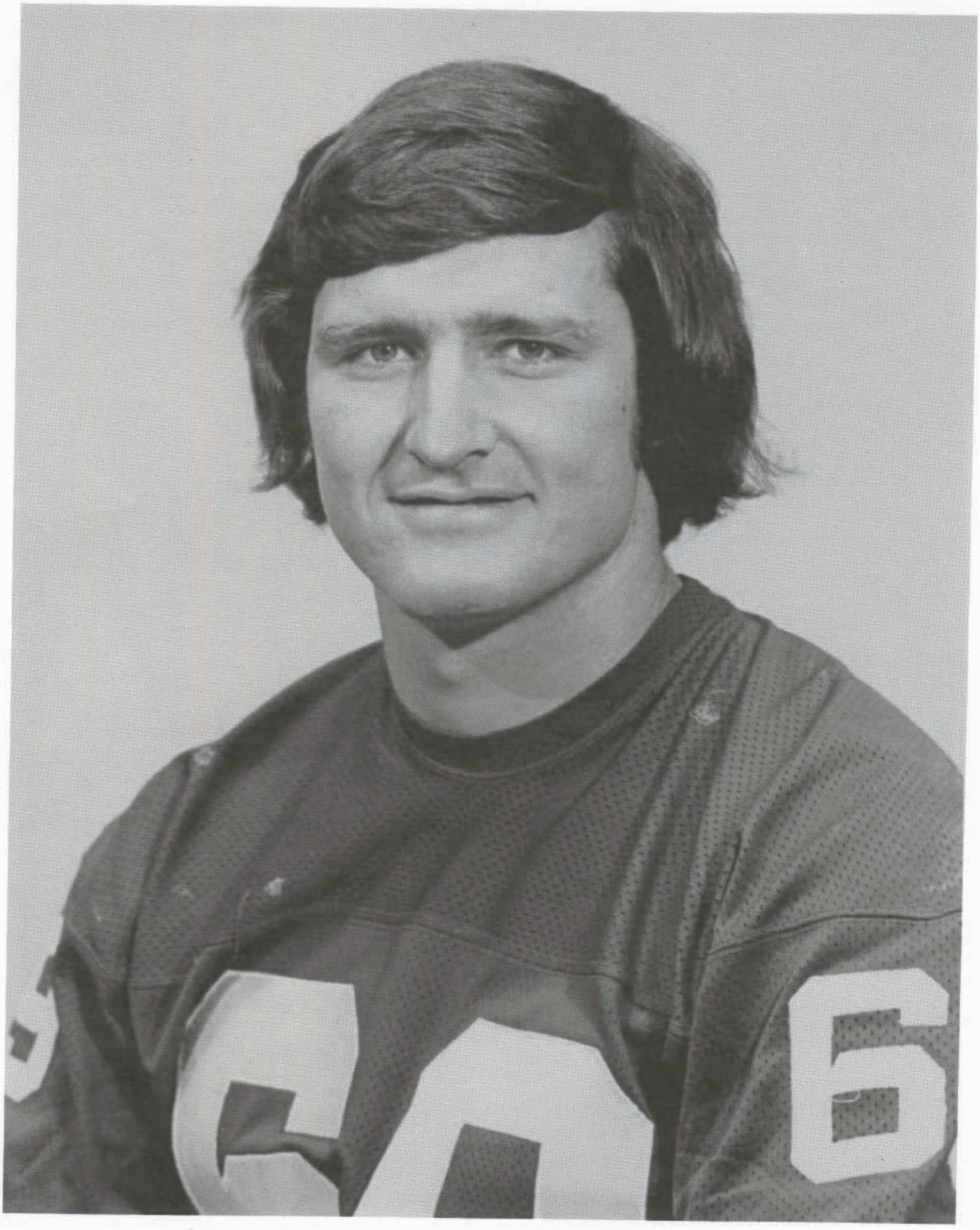
Bruce Puterbaugh	Fairmont 1959 University of Kentucky **Green Bay Packers**
Calvin Withrow **Lineman**	Fairmont 1963 University of Kentucky **San Diego Chargers 1970** **Green Bay Packers 1971 - 1973** **St. Louis Cardinals 1974**
Jim Micklos **Tight End**	Fairmont West 1971 Ball State 1975 **New York Giants 1975**
John D. Hoke **Defensive Back**	Fairmont East 1975 Ball State 1980 **Chicago Bears 1981** **Kansas City Chiefs 1982**
Rob Taylor **Offensive Tackle**	Fairmont East 1978 Northwestern University 1982 **Philadelphia Eagles 1982** **Tampa Bay Buccaneers 1983 - 1995**
Kyle Kramer **Defensive Back**	Fairmont 1985 Bowling Green University 1989 **Cleveland Browns 1989 - 1990**

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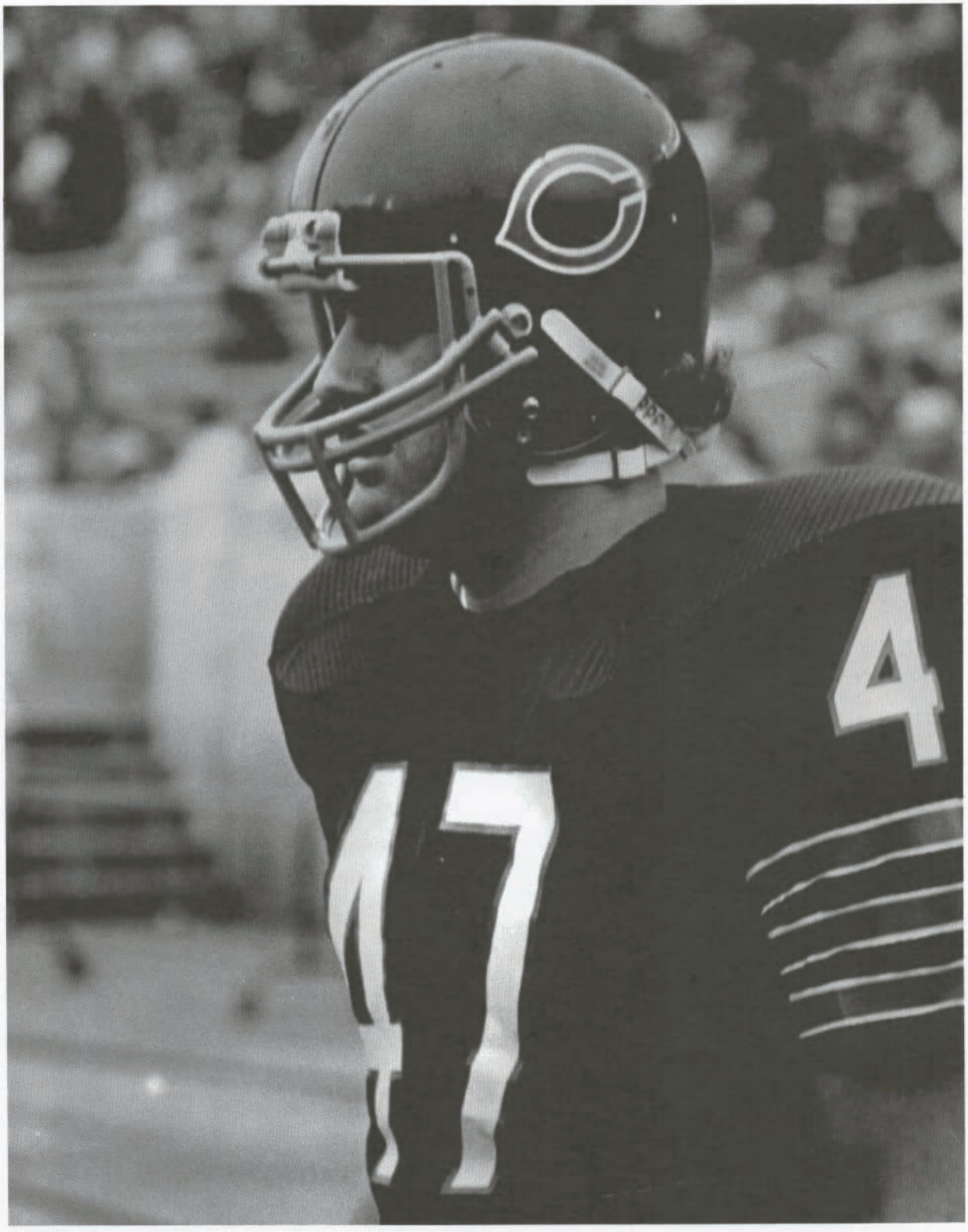
Cal Withrow, Center
S.D. Chargers, Green Bay Packers

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Jim Micklos, End
New York Giants

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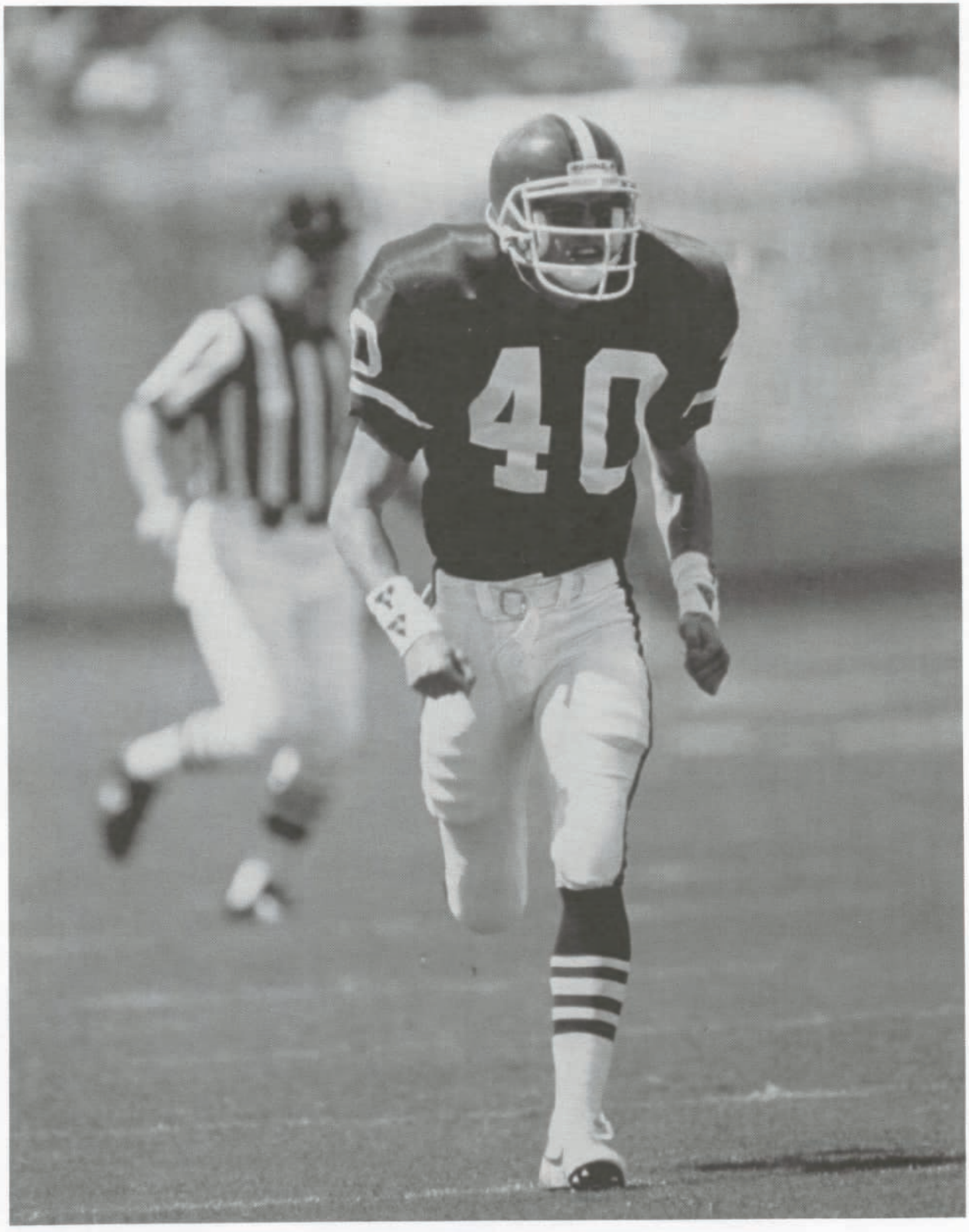
John D. Hoke, Defensive Back
Chicago Bears, Kansas City Chiefs

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Rob Taylor, Offensive Tackle
Tampa Bay Buccaneers

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Kyle Kramer, Defensive Back
Cleveland Browns

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9. The Competition

Fairmont football teams have always needed one important ingredient to play a game, an opponent. Through the years, Fairmont and opponents have formed organizations for competition known as leagues. The following section describes various football leagues the Fairmont teams have been associated with over the years.

Little Three Suburban League 1928 - 1936

Oakwood Lumberjacks
Fairview Bulldogs
Fairmont Dragons

Dayton Suburban League 1929 - 1932

Germantown
Oakwood
Lebanon
Franklin
Fairview
West Carrollton
Fairmont

Miami Valley League (M.V.L.) 1933 - 1963

Miamisburg Vikings
Piqua Indians
Greenville Green Wave
Sidney Yellow Jackets
Xenia Buccaneers
Troy Trojans
Oakwood Lumberjacks - replaced by Fairborn Flyers
Fairmont Dragons

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The History of the Western Ohio League

In 1962 the Western Ohio League was officially formed with the expressed purpose to "provide worthwhile experiences for the students and school communities through desirable interscholastic athletic relationships. The nature of the competion shall be broad and shall include many sports and activities." The following charter schools, through their proper officials, pledged themselves to give leadership toward developing the Western Ohio League.

Beavercreek High School
Kettering Fairmont East High School
Kettering Fairmont West High School
Springfield North High School
Walter E. Stebbins High School

The established season for beginning competion was the 1964-1965 school year.

In 1963 the W.O.L. expanded to eight members by admitting Fairborn High School, Wayne High School, and Xenia High School, and in 1967, Centerville High School and Troy High School were admitted.

In 1974 Springfield South High School became a member, replacing Fairborn High School.

In 1982 Carroll High School became a member, replacing Troy High School.

In 1983 Fairborn High School became a member filling the vacancy created by the consolidation of Fairmont East and Fairmont West High Schools.

In 1987 West Carrollton High School became a member replacing Carroll High School.

In 1988 Stebbins High School and West Carrollton High School asked to withdraw from the league effective with the 1990-91 season. The league decided not to seek replacements but rather remain an eight team league.

Western Ohio League Teams 1996-1997

Beavercreek Beavers
Centerville Elks
Fairborn Skyhawks
Fairmont Firebirds
Springfield North Panthers
Springfield South Wildcats
Wayne Warriors
Xenia Buccaneers

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FAIRMONT HIGH SCHOOL
ALL-TIME RECORDS VERSUS OPPONENTS

OPPONENTS	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	% WINS
Alter	13	17	1	43.6
Fairmont Alumni	3	0	0	100.
Baker	0	0	0	100.
Beavercreek	**28**	**22**	**1**	**55..9**
Belmont	0	3	0	00.
Bradford	6	1	0	85.7
Brookville	1	0	0	100.
Carroll	7	0	0	100.
Cedarville	2	0	0	100.
Celina	3	3	0	50.
Centerville	**13**	**30**	**0**	**30.2**
Chaminade	16	12	1	56.9
Edgewood	1	0	0	100.
Englewood	1	1	0	50.
Fairborn	**28**	**10**	**0**	**71.8**
Fairfield	1	0	0	100.
Fairview	5	9	4	38.9
Franklin	8	0	0	100.
Grermantown	2	0	0	100.
Grandview	0	2	0	00.
Greenville	24	5	3	79.7
Hillsboro	1	0	0	100.
Kiser	2	3	0	40.
Lebanon	5	1	0	83.3
Lima	2	1	0	66.7
Lima Central	1	0	0	100.
Marion	2	0	0	100.
McClain	0	1	0	00.
Meadowdale	1	1	0	50.
Miamisburg	19	12	4	60.
Middletown	6	7	3	46.9
MMI	0	1	0	00.
Monroe	6	0	0	100.
Moraine	0	2	0	00.
Mount Vernon	1	0	0	100.
Newark	1	0	0	100.
Northridge	1	1	0	50.
Oakwood	14	7	3	64.6

*** WOL teams in bold print**

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FAIRMONT HIGH SCHOOL
ALL-TIME RECORDS VERSUS OPPONENTS

OPPONENTS	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	PERCENTAGES
Osborne	2	0	0	100.
Oxford McGuffy	2	0	0	100.
Oxford Stewart	1	0	0	100.
Parker	1	0	0	100.
Piqua	20	13	0	60.3
Princeton	0	1	0	00.
Roosevelt	0	2	0	00.
Sidney	24	6	1	79.
Springfield	1	1	1	50.
Springfield North	**31**	**18**	**1**	**62.**
Springfield South	**18**	**12**	**2**	**56.2**
Stebbins	31	13	2	67.4
Stivers	1	0	0	100.
Tipp City	2	1	1	50.
Toledo	0	1	0	00.
Trotwood	0	0	2	50.
Troy	34	32	1	50.7
Vandalia Butler	4	0	0	100.
Wayne	**25**	**22**	**3**	**53.**
Washington C. H.	2	1	1	62.5
West Carrollton	15	5	0	75.
West Milton	1	0	0	100.
Wilbur Wright	1	1	1	50.
Wilmington	2	1	0	66.7
Xenia	**46**	**27**	**8**	**62.**
Xenia Wilson	1	0	0	100.

*** WOL teams in bold print**

FAIRMONT DRAGONS	**226**	**102**	**29**	**67.1**
FAIRMON WEST DRAGONS	**120**	**73**	**7**	**61.8**
FAIRMONT EAST FALCONS	**92**	**99**	**8**	**47.2**
FAIRMONT FIREBIRDS	**76**	**54**	**0**	**58.5**

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In Memory

This book is dedicated to the memory of two very special members of the Fairmont family, Bradley Derrickson and Mary Heath.

Bradley was a starting quarterback for Kettering Junior High. This season he could have been a Varsity Firebird had his life not been cut short by a bolt of lightning.

Mary was the mother of junior wide receiver Todd Heath. She was a teacher at Prass Elementary School and an active member of the Fairmont Football Parents Club. She too passed away suddenly and will be missed by all of us.

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