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Victory in LaCrosse

# Lakers look to N. Carolina

by Lee Lamberts

A recent Newsweek story stated that if a bettor were to pick the home team underdog, he would win at least 80% of the time he had money on the game. This would seem to imply that home teams are at the advantage most of the time. Such was not the case last in LaCrosse, Wisconsin as the Lakers took advantage of five interceptions and one fumble recovery to advance to the quarter-finals of the NAIA championship by a 24-14 margin.

But the turnovers were not the whole game as the Laker defense once again rose up to the occasion to hold the host Indians to 160 yards rushing after they had averaged over 200 rushing yards per game. This was however, about the only statistic that the Lakers can be proud of because the Indian offense pretty well dominated play between the twenty yard lines.

As so often happened this year, the Lakers started slowly. LaCrosse took the opening kickoff and

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The temperature was only 13 degrees but the die-hard Laker rooters had plenty of reason to be warm inside.

Steve Denn

## Whistlestop Series

# M-45 Development

by Steven Verburg

**CAMPUS CENTER--**The ravines won't fill up with McDonald's wrappers--at least not as quickly as they would otherwise--if Vice-President Ron VanSteelnd is right and the planned development of 170 acres at the colleges' "front door" ensures that the imminent commercialization of the Allendale area is done in an orderly way, avoiding the creation of "another 28th Street"

At the final session of this term's Whistlestop Series Thursday, VanSteelnd said that while he wouldn't want the project to "go belly up" because too many strings were attached to the sale of the property, there could be a "disasterous accident if we don't protect our interest by working closely with the buyers."

Grand Valley is trying to sell the land north of M-45 as a result of pressure from the governor's office.

According to Van Steelnd, "property speculation in the area has been moving along aggressively." That means that soon businesses may be popping up all over the areas bordering the campus. The colleges hope to forestall potentially unsightly development, a la 28th Street, by encouraging development that is planned, orderly and to the liking of the area residents.

The plan calls for building of bars, restaurants, banks and various types of housing.

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Lucas



Vice President Ron VanSteelnd

## Holiday Greetings from the LANTHORN Staff





# Term Break Campus Hours

by Jim Cubberly

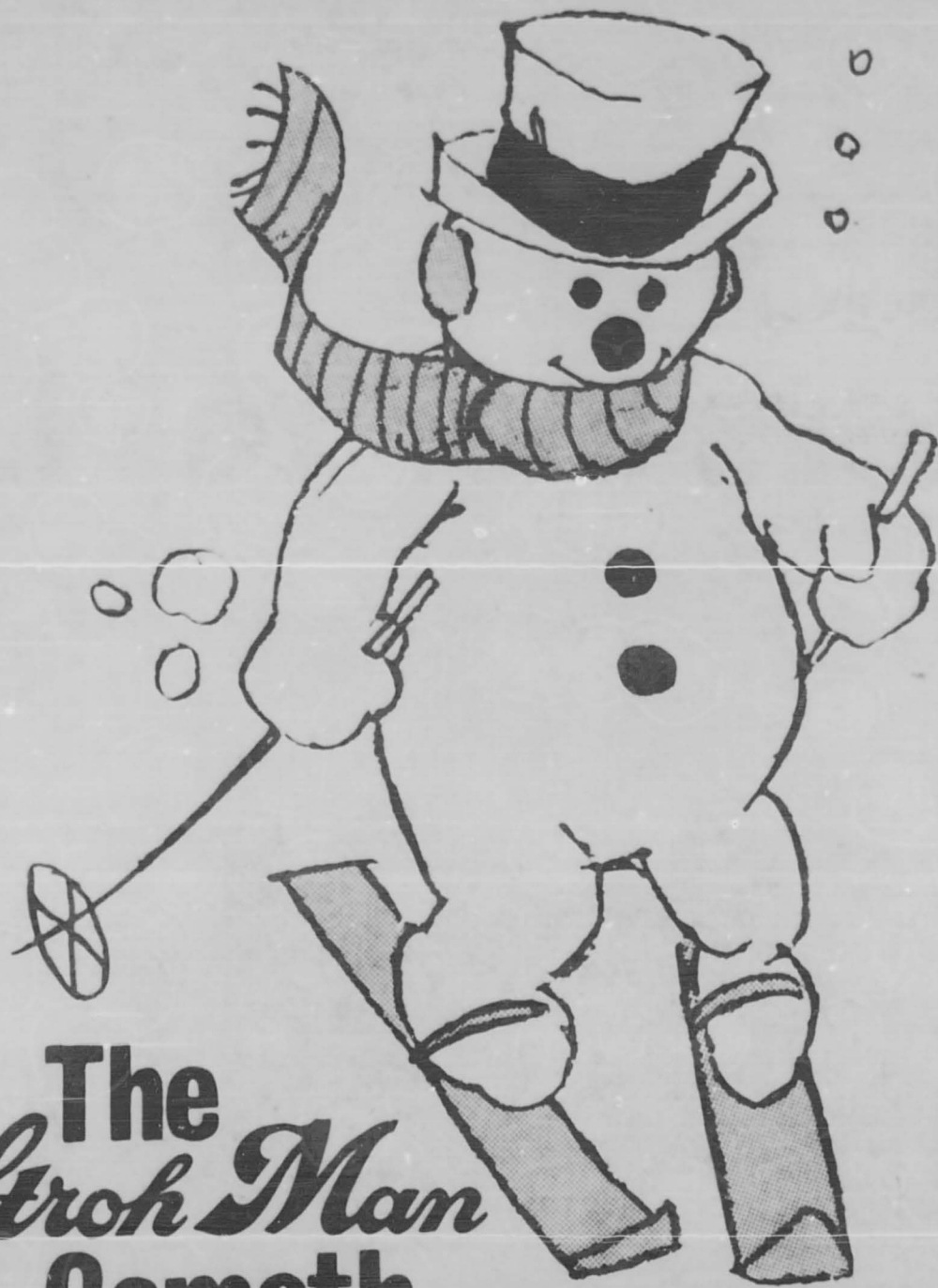
All campus buildings will be closed after December 22, and they will re-open after January 1 with the exception of Seidman House, they will be open on December 28, and 29 for admission proceedings.

The Campus Center Snack Bar will be open December 7 and 8 from 7:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. During the week of December 11-21 they will be open at 8:30 a.m. and will close at 3:30 p.m. On December 22 they will close at 1:30 p.m. and will remain closed until January 2.

The Commons Snack Bar will be closed for the winter break at 3:30 p.m. December 7. They will reopen on January 2.

Bus service will be provided during the winter break from Friday December 8 until Friday December 22. There will be a single trip from Grand Rapids at 7:04 a.m. leaving from College and Michigan Street. A bus will leave Grand Valley at 4:34 p.m. There will not be any trips to the malls over term break. Regular service will resume on January 2.

The college health services will be available with regular hours at Seidman House until December 9, They will close down on December 9 and will re-open on January 4.



## The Stroch Man Cometh

## Safety & Security

by Jim Cubberly

A stolen car was reported to the campus police on December 1. The car was taken when the driver of the car, Kevin Behrens left his car running outside of the Residence Halls while delivering a pizza from Florentines. Police are seeking suspects with the help of two eye witnesses. Fingerprints were taken from the car after it was recovered South of Campus View Apartments.

## Whistlestop

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Van Steeland said that an in-depth study of the possible "multiplier effect" of bringing so many new businesses (and residents who would work in them) to the area has not been done, but he feels the development will absorb, not accelerate growth.

He said an environmental impact study is needed.



# Stroch's

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# Lakers Dominate Grand Rapids



Kyle Lucas

Center Mark Cheklich muscles in for two points in the Laker win over Aquinas

by Peter M. Farb

Last Wednesday night saw the game that is traditionally considered the showdown for basketball supremacy in Grand Rapids. When it was all over, the Lakers walked away with the title.

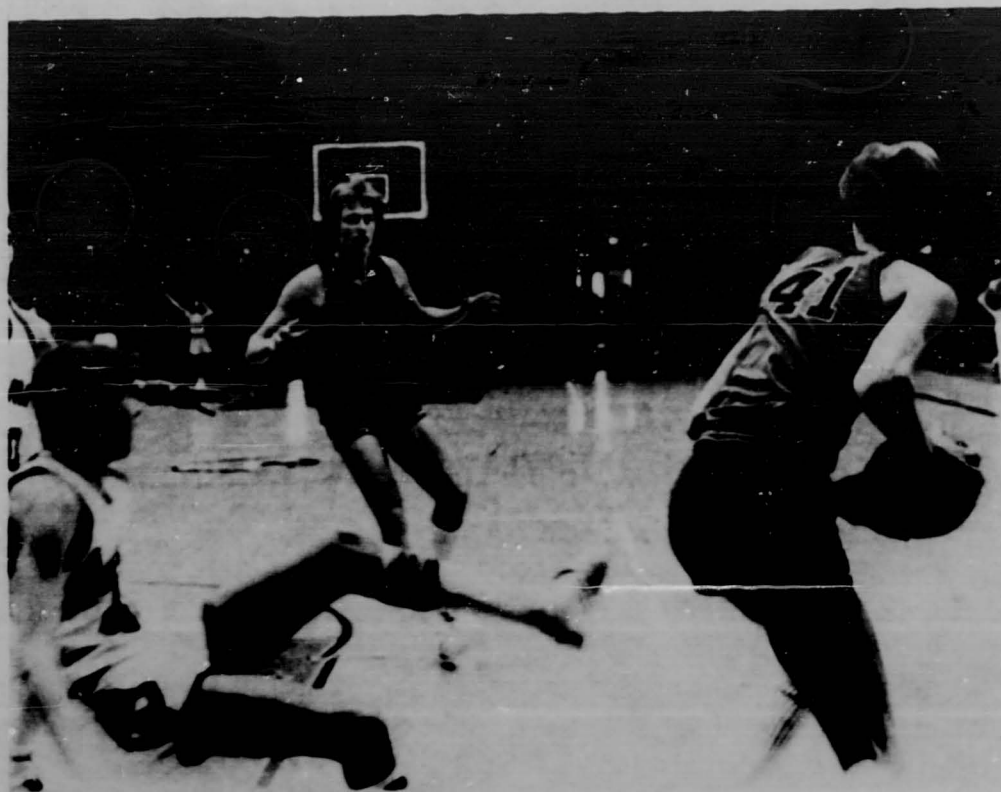
Grand Valley was led by the excellent performance of junior forward Mark Principe who scored twenty-one points, five of them clutch free-throws that kept the Lakers out of Calvin's reach. Four of the Laker's starting five hit double figures: Raven, 19; Rourke, 15; Garner, 16; Principe, 21. The rebounding category was led by Rourke with 11 and Cheklich with 5. Calvin managed only one player in double figures, Marty Grassmeyer with 19.

The final score was 76-68 but the game was not really that close. After a brief flurry of exchanging the lead with Calvin, Grand Valley took command of the game. The Blue and White carried a 13 point lead into the locker room. In the second half, the Lakers lengthened their lead, to 22 at one point. Play became quite sloppy for both clubs late in the half, as they exchanged turnovers and missed shots.

At about the four minute mark, Coach Villemure sent in the shock troops, with a fourteen point lead. Two quick baskets by the Knights sent the first string back in. Calvin

did not give up, a major characteristic of the rivalry between the two schools, and the lead see-sawed between eight and ten. Mark Principe

Grand Valley picked up its third win of the season last Saturday at Aquinas College. Aquinas was up for the game, indeed they were



The Saints came marching in but the Lakers walked away with an easy win last Saturday. Chris Chadwick (41) did his share with some brutal board work.

hit several shots from the free-throw line to keep Grand Valley's lead at ten points.

Although the Lakers showed some errors in the second half, their superb first half performance tipped the balance in Grand Valley's favor. The Calvin jinx is broken.

close to a frenzy, but the Lakers simply over-powered them.

The superior talent of the Blue and White showed itself early as Grand Valley sprinted to a big lead. By half-time the Lakers lead 51-25. Aquinas was never really in the game, although they did not play as badly as the score suggests. They

even out rebounded the Lakers. The key to the game was Grand Valley's field goal shooting of 44 for 68. That figures out to an incredible 64.7 percent. NBA teams seldom hit that well. Aquinas shot two more times than the Lakers but hit only 32 percent of their shots. This time all five Laker starters hit in double figures: Rourke, 10; Principe, 16; Cheklich, 11; Raven, 21; Garner, 12.

By the end of the game all of the Lakers had made it into the game and had scored. The new members of the team; Gene Reitz, Dave and Dan Decoster and Tom Skok all acquitted themselves very well against Aquinas. The final score was a ridiculous 102-68.

Last night the Lakers travelled to Kalamazoo to play Western Michigan. After everybody else has gone home, the Blue and White travels to Chicago State and the Spring Arbor Tournament before breaking for Christmas, then its up to chilly St. Cloud Minnesota for the Granite City Classic.

The next Laker Home game will be on January 8 against Hillsdale, a key conference rival.

Kyle Lucas



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marched 69 yards downfield for a 7-0 lead, Paul Radcliffe going up the middle for a six yard touchdown. But the Lakers did not make this trip for nothing and they drove 58 yards in 8 plays to tie the score.

The score came on a 38 yard pass from David Quinley to Rick Van-Ess. Van Ess snuck out of the backfield on the left side and had to go high to haul down the pass. An interference flag was thrown on the play, but Van Ess managed to keep his balance as he ran down to the two yard line where he bowled over the remaining obstacle and into the end zone. Coach Jim Harkema later called it a "great run by a great back" even though the overall play was not that good.

Then the defense took over and on the first play from scrimmage, halfback Jim Peiper took a shot at the line and the ball popped right into the hands of linebacker Wade Bent. Eight plays later VanEss bowled over from the one to give the Lakers the lead.

The temperature was 13 degrees at the game time and much of the ensuing play was indicative of the playing conditions. On their next possession the Indians again turned the ball over, this time as quarterback threw a pass to Bent on the Grand Valley 48 yard line. This time Will Roach had the honor as he carried the ball in from the two. Roach was not expected to play much as he suffered a mild shoulder separation against Wayne State on November, but the Laker ground game was unusually stopped cold so Harkema tried to shuffle fresh troops in and out throughout the game.

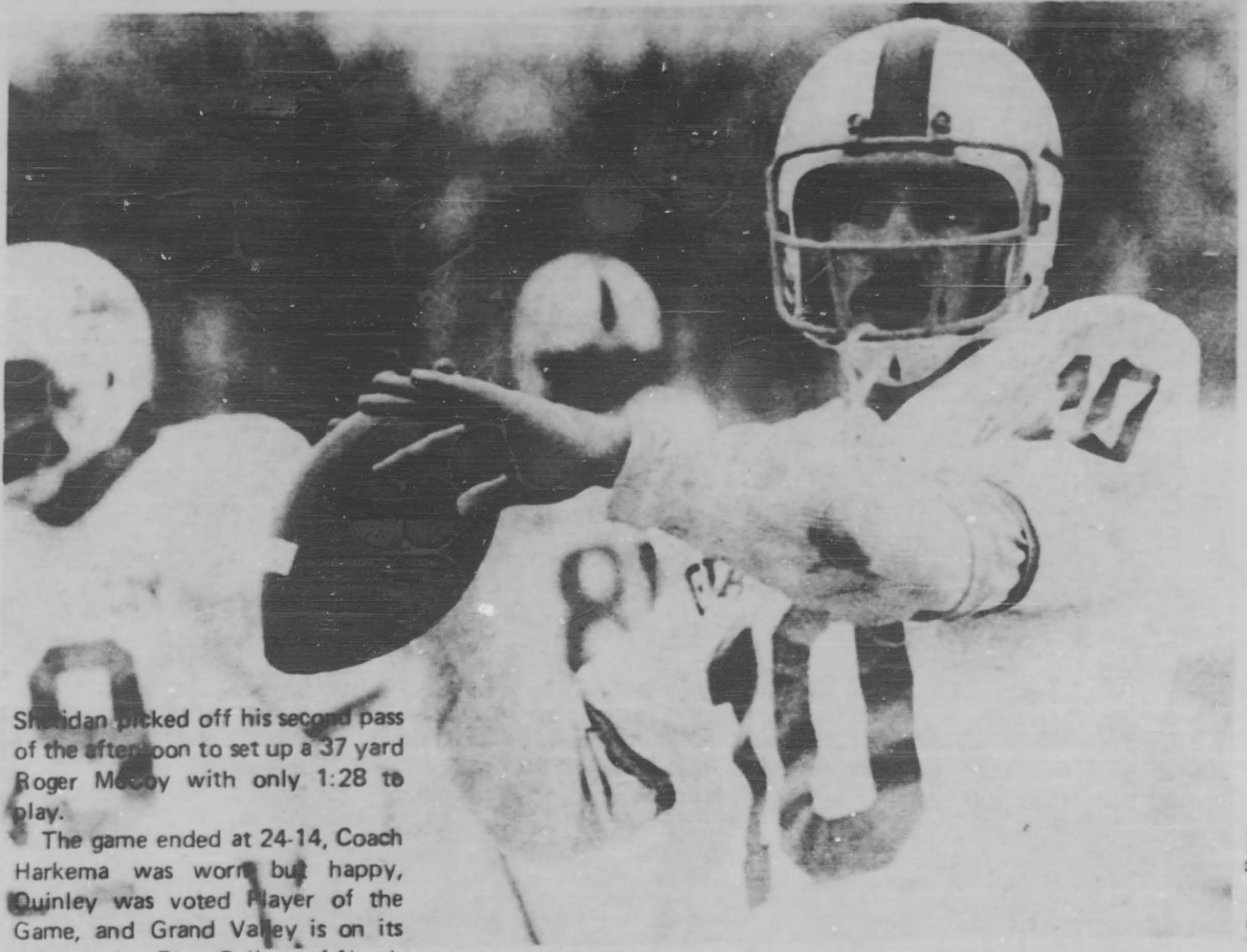
Two more LaCrosse scoring drives were halted by Bill Sheridan (at the GV 35) and Joe Pollard (near the GV 45) as the half ended with the Grand Valley holding a commanding 21-7 lead.

Play in the third quarter was just as poor as the weather as both teams dropped a number of passes and neither running attack was able to mount much of an offensive. The Indians had a big scoring opportunity a few minutes into the third period on a personal foul by the Lakers put the ball on the GV 21 yard line, but two plays lost seven yards and Draxler followed with two incompletions to stall that drive.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Draxler hit Dave Robinson on a picture pass in the end zone to bring LaCrosse within seven. Then LaCrosse made the fatal mistake.

On 2nd and 10 on their next possession, Quinley handed off to Van-Ess, but Indian tackle Bob Fillinger stole the ball before Van Ess could go anywhere and LaCrosse had apparently tied the score on his 44 yard jaunt. But clipping was called on the play and the Indians had to start at their own 49.

An exchange of interceptions gave LaCrosse the ball back at their 20 but a short time later Bill

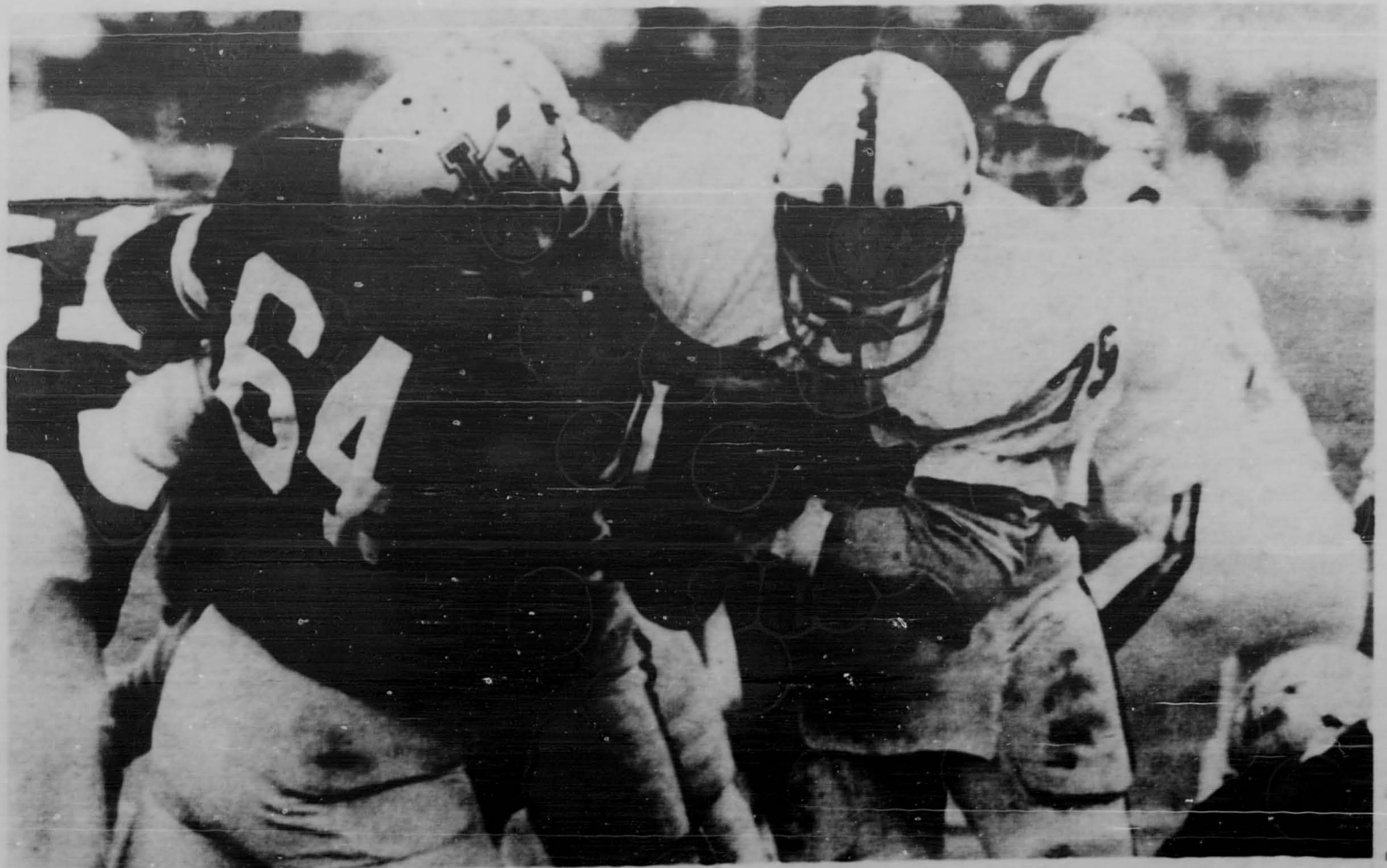


Sheridan picked off his second pass of the afternoon to set up a 37 yard Roger McCoy with only 1:28 to play.

The game ended at 24-14, Coach Harkema was worn but happy, Quinley was voted Player of the Game, and Grand Valley is on its way to play Elon College of North Carolina this coming Saturday.

David Quinley was named Offensive Player of the Game.

Steve Denn



Center Bob Beaudrie and his linemates are "probably the strongest offensive line in the Great Lakes Conference" according to Coach Jim Harkema.

Steve Denn

## Laker wrestlers finish third

by Rhett Stuart

Grand Valley placed four men in the finals at the Michigan Collegiate Wrestling Tournament in Mt. Pleasant last weekend. Paul Neumann, Jeff Tikkanen, Bill Regenstein, and Mike Abrams all went the distance with Abrams leading the way by taking the championship in the 167 pound weight class.

The Lakers finished third as a team behind champion Northern Michigan University and host Central Michigan University. Grand Valley racked up 53 points while Northern ran up 96 1/2 and Central came up with 77 1/2.

Rounding out the field were

Lake Superior State College, 44 1/2 points; Grand Rapids Junior College, 32 1/2; Eastern Michigan University, 21 1/2; Oakland University 18; Saginaw Valley State College, 15; and Western Michigan University, 6 1/2.

Coach Jim Scott had nothing but praise for Tikkanen and Rugenstein, both freshmen. "I'm very pleased with the quality of wrestling demonstrated by the freshmen this year," the coach stated. "Here, they are wrestling largely against upperclassmen and they can't expect to win all the time against people like that; people who have paid their dues. But when they go up

against another freshman, or even a sophomore, they usually win. I'm very pleased with the performance of all the freshmen."

Speaking of this team's quest for a National Championship, Scott said, "As far as timing goes, we are right on schedule for a place in the finals, possibly even ahead of schedule."

The Lakers are currently ranked number 1 in the nation according to the NAIA's national ratings.

Grand Valley returns to action this weekend with a trip to Whitewater, Wisconsin for the Warhawk Invitational Tournament to be hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.