

Swander, Clark make top squad

SHHS, Oakley place 2 each on 2-3A team

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The Sacred Heart Knights surprised a lot of people during the past football season with their 7-3 record and co-championship with Minneapolis in the North Central Activities Association.

Sure, everyone knew SHHS would be competitive. They always are. But not too many figured Jon Bingesser's club would finish as high as it did in the NCAA and qualify for the Class 3A state playoffs.

What happened was that several juniors came along and had fine seasons for the Knights. Two of them — Fred Swander and Chris Clark — are members of The Salina Journal's 1978 Class 2-3A All-Area Team.

Only one other team had more than one player on the 11-member squad. That was Oakley, which placed offensive guard-linebacker Dan Zimmerman and halfback Brad Heinrich on the first team. The other players on the top squad are Casey Case of Marion, Mark Chalker of Herington, Herb Cressler of Hoxie, Doug Doubek of Belleville, Rick Winder of Osborne, Sam McFee of Atwood and Danny Hagberg of Lost Springs-Centre.

Swander, a 6-0, 190-pounder, established himself as one of the top tight ends in the state as well as the area in 3A. He caught 24 passes for 466 yards and seven touchdowns. Bingesser, who knows the passing game as well as any coach, feels he has one of the top pass catchers around.

"Fred runs a good pattern and has excellent hands," said the SHHS coach. "He catches anything close to him. As far as catching the ball, he was our best receiver. We probably should have gone to him more, but we had five receivers and we went to them all."

Swander was also a pretty fair defensive end with 36 tackles, three pass interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

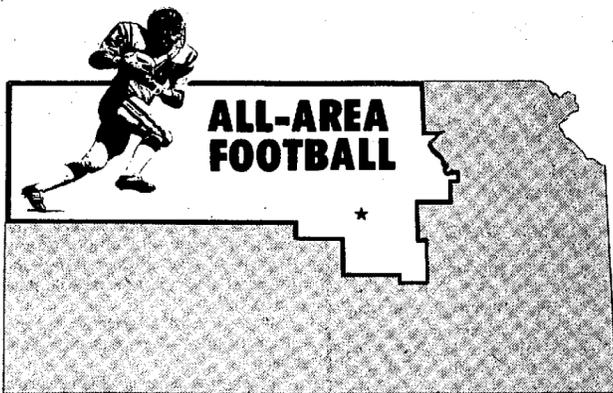
"He held down one side of the defensive line real well," said Bingesser.

The top player for the Knights, according to Bingesser, was Clark, a 5-11, 168-pound fullback-linebacker. Clark had 378 yards rushing on 100 carries and caught five passes for 189 yards, but he was invaluable as a linebacker. He led the city players with 112 tackles (187 defensive points) and had one interception and three fumble recoveries.

"I think Chris was the most valuable player we had this year," said Bingesser. "He was our defensive leader and was always around the ball."

Clark was also the hard-luck guy on the team. He had three long touchdown runs called back because of penalties. He did manage to score 50 points, though.

Zimmerman, a 5-10, 200-pound senior, and Heinrich, a 5-11, 165-pound junior,



were instrumental in Oakley tying Atwood and Hoxie for the Northwest Kansas League title.

Zimmerman has started for three years at linebacker for coach Jim Walden. He has totaled 310 tackles, four pass interceptions and two blocked punts during that time.

"Dan is a fine football player," said Walden. "He will be tough to replace. He has started the past three seasons both ways. Offensively he is one of the best guards around. He has a lot of speed and agility and has made a lot of holes in three seasons. However, defense is his finest phase of the game. I think he is one of the best linebackers in this part of the state."

Heinrich, with 4.6 speed in the 40, gained 846 yards rushing in just eight games (Oakley had a 6-2 record) on 155 carries and led the NWKL in scoring and rushing. He returned punts and kickoffs for 260 yards and caught passes for 123 more.

"Brad is one of the finest backs that I've ever been associated with," said Walden. "He has excellent speed and is probably quicker off the ball than anyone I've seen in this area. He is a very fine hit and spin runner in the open field."

Heinrich was the player mainly responsible for ending Hoxie's eight-game winning streak when he gained 156 yards on 29 carries and scored three times in a 22-7 win.

Marion's Casey Case is one of the top running backs in the area and is high on several college recruiting lists. The 6-1, 185-pound senior halfback rushed for 1,596 yards on 223 carries and 12 touchdowns for coach Leonard White's club, which finished the season 8-3 and advanced to the second round of the 3A playoffs. Case also punted 28 times for a 32-yard average and averaged 16.5 yards on punt returns.

"Casey's biggest assets are his quickness and strength," said White. "He was also a very hard runner. If he

couldn't go around a tackler, he'd just go right through him."

Mark Chalker makes his second straight appearance on the All-Area team. The 6-1, 215-pound tackle, was the top lineman for coach Steve Herrmann's Herington Railroaders, who had a 7-3 season. Chalker had 26 tackles, 131 assists, five fumble recoveries and eleven quarterback sacks on defense.

"Mark was the best offensive blocker we had this year," Herrmann said. "He did an excellent job on defense also. He has very good lateral movement, speed and quickness. (Coach) Joe Buchanan of Council Grove remarked that Mark was the best tackle he saw all year."

Chalker, who runs the 40 in 4.8, has been an all-league performer on both offense and defense the past two seasons.

Another big lineman from the Cottonwood Valley League — Danny Hagberg of Centre — is on the first team. A 6-3, 248-pound tackle, Hagberg is being looked at closely by several colleges, including some major schools. His coach, Rich Howe, has nothing but praise for the big senior.

Best and biggest

"He was by far the best lineman, size wise, that I saw all season," said Howe. "His best asset is his attitude. He has a great attitude and is a team leader. Another strength is his downfield blocking. He can pull out of the line and block downfield on screen passes real well."

The smallest player on the first team is Hoxie's Cressler, a 5-11, 150-pound offensive guard-linebacker, who helped the Indians to the best record in the school's history. Cressler led his team in tackles during the regular season with 77 and also led the NWKL in fumble recoveries with five.

"He was a very good lineman for us," said Hoxie coach Dave Zumwalt. "He's consistent, very quick and strong. He's not very big, but pound for pound, there's nobody better. He was also our team captain."



Fred Swander

Chris Clark

Brad Heinrich

Dan Zimmerman

Casey Case

Mark Chalker

Atwood's McFee, a 5-8, 178-pound senior offensive tackle-linebacker, was in on a staggering 114 tackles for coach Bob Briggs' team which went 7-3 and advanced to the second round of the playoffs before losing to Hoxie. He was all-league both ways.

"I feel Sam and (Oakley's Dan) Zimmerman were the two best linebackers in the league," said Briggs. "I feel Sam can play college ball if he wants to. We did a lot of stunting on defense and that helped him because his reaction was very good."

Rick Winder, at 6-3 and 190 pounds, is one of the more imposing running backs around. The Bulldog junior rushed for 1,098 yards and 20 touchdowns for coach Dave Johnson's 7-3 team which lost to Hoxie in the first round of the 3A playoffs. He also intercepted nine passes from his cornerback position and was all-league both ways.

"He's done a little bit of everything for us," said Johnson. "I feel he's the best all-around fullback in this part of the state. He has pretty good speed for a big back and he's got about the best pair of hands of any kid I've seen. He also kicked off, punted, returned kickoffs and returned punts for us."

Doug Doubek is on the area first team for the second year in a row. The 6-1, 180-pound fullback-linebacker made the first team as a tight end last season, but was switched to fullback for pass blocking purposes. The Belleville senior rushed for 285 yards on 52 carries, but he sparkled on defense with 119 tackles in eight games.

"Doug is the best hitter I've coached as far as reading the play is concerned," said Buff coach Ron Tuley. "He calls a lot of the plays himself. He's a 4.0 straight A student and that helps a lot playing football. He's not really that fast (4.9 in 40) but he does a tremendous job of hitting people."



Sam McFee

Herb Cressler

Rick Winder

Doug Doubek

All-Area 2-3A Team

Player — School	Hgt	Wgt	Yr.	Position
FIRST TEAM				
FRED SWANDER — Sacred Heart	6-0	190	Jr.	End
MARK CHALKER — Herington	6-1	215	Sr.	Lineman
HERB CRESSLER — Hoxie	5-11	150	Sr.	Lineman
DAN ZIMMERMAN — Oakley	5-10	200	Sr.	OG-LB
SAM MCFEE — Atwood	5-8	178	Sr.	Lineman
DANNY HAGBERG — Centre	6-3	248	Sr.	Lineman
DOUG DOUBEK — Belleville	6-1	180	Sr.	LB-FB
CHRIS CLARK — Sacred Heart	5-11	168	Jr.	LB-FB
CASEY CASE — Marion	6-1	185	Sr.	Back
BRAD HEINRICH — Oakley	5-11	165	Jr.	Back
RICK WINDER — Osborne	6-3	190	Jr.	Back
SECOND TEAM				
LENNY WEBER — St. Francis	5-9	150	Sr.	End
MONTE JANSSEN — Solomon	5-11	150	Sr.	End
RON PRATT — Hoxie	5-11	160	Sr.	Lineman
CHRIS CONWAY — Osborne	6-1	185	Sr.	Lineman
JERRY VON FELDT — Victoria	5-10	215	Sr.	Lineman
TOM DEMARS — Sacred Heart	6-2	201	Sr.	Lineman
BRUCE DETERDING — Belleville	6-3	215	Sr.	Lineman
GREG STRECKER — Sacred Heart	5-7	130	Jr.	Back
JEFF WHEATLEY — Plainville	6-1	180	Sr.	Back
MARK KERNS — Lindsborg	5-7	145	Sr.	Back
DON ERB — Otis-Bison	6-0	160	Sr.	Back

HONORABLE MENTION

KEVIN STRAHM — Osborne, MARK BERGLING — Atwood, RANDY KLAUS — Sacred Heart, JOHN DENK — Hill City, CURT WOLTERS — Osborne, JOE AXMAN — Otis-Bison, RANDY DRELING — Victoria, TODD TAYLOR — Solomon, MIKE CARLSON — Centre, JOHN COLGLAZIER — Oakley, SCOTT RITTER — Sacred Heart, STEVE DIETZ — Hoxie, GARY GOSS — Hoxie, DAVE FATE — Belleville, JIM COSTELLO — Centre, MIKE GONZALES — Sacred Heart, ROBERT ROGGE — Linn, JEFF RICHMOND — Marion, DOUG HEE-REY — Marion, CRAIG GRANZOW — Herington, JEFF COLVIN — Oakley, DOUG GILLILAND — Hoxie, JOE SCHWAB — Oberlin, DARIN HELMER — Marion, ROCKY CROSS — Hoxie, RYAN BRANFORD — Lincoln, TODD CATLIN — Herington, PHIL GILLILAND — Plainville, BRAD WILKINSON — Belleville, TIM STOS — Otis-Bison, DARYL BOTT — Linn.

Sims looking forward to rematch with NU

NORMAN, Okla. (UPI) — Billy Sims has a chance to become the second two-time winner of the Heisman Trophy, but is more interested right now in winning an Orange Bowl rematch with Nebraska.

"I love it," the Oklahoma running back said of the New Year's Day rematch. "I wish we'd play tomorrow."

A 17-14 loss to Nebraska, the only blemish on a 10-1 record, bumped the Sooners from the No. 1 ranking and apparently cost them a national championship, which Sims described as his top goal for the season.

Sims was awarded the Heisman Trophy Tuesday in nationwide voting conducted by the Downtown Athletic Club of New York, becoming only the sixth junior to win college football's most coveted prize. Archie Griffin of Ohio State, chosen in 1974 and 1975, is the only two-time winner.

Sims was the third Oklahoma athlete to win the Heisman, awarded annually to the football player voted the nation's best. Billy Vessels won in 1952 and Steve Owens in 1969.

Sims, appearing at a televised news conference minutes after his selection was announced, said roommate Greg Roberts and "the Man upstairs" deserved a large share of the credit.

In response to a question, Sims said Roberts, who won the 1978 Outland Award as the nation's top interior lineman, should share in the trophy.

"He can have it all if he wants it," Sims quipped. "I give a lot of credit to our offensive line."

Sims, asked if there was anyone he wanted to thank, replied, "The Man upstairs. He knows best."

However, Sims said he didn't "say his prayers" the night before the voting ended.

"Me and the Man upstairs, we've got a good understanding," he said.

Sims said he lost no sleep thinking about the balloting.

"I slept like a baby," he said.

"I never thought I was going to win," Sims said. "I thought it was pretty close, but I thought Rick Leach would win it."

Leach, the Michigan quarterback, finished third, behind Sims and Penn State



quarterback Chuck Fusina. Southern California running back Charles White, also a junior, was fourth.

Sims said he had hoped to win the Heisman, and a national championship that has apparently eluded the Sooners was his major goal for the season, but obtaining a degree was most important.

He said his first thought, upon learning he was the winner, was, "I'm No. 1."

PSU's Fusina happy with Heisman voting

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (UPI) — Penn State quarterback Chuck Fusina couldn't have come any closer to beating out Oklahoma running back Billy Sims for the 44th Heisman Trophy.

Fusina received 12 more first-place votes than Sims and drew more votes than Sims did in three of the six geographical regions of the nation. Yet, when the votes were all tallied, Fusina lost out to Sims, 827-750.

But Fusina said Tuesday the fact he just missed winning the Heisman didn't bother him. In fact, he called the day "definitely one of the happiest times for me."

"I'm really flattered about the way it came out," he said. "I'm honored just to be mentioned but to come in second was really something. Billy Sims is a great player. What else can you say about him?"

Fusina, who holds or shares 17 passing records for the unbeaten Nittany Lions, finished first in the balloting in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and South regions. But he did poorly in the Midwest and Far West, finishing third in both areas, and that cost him the award.

Sims said he doesn't expect to change because of winning the Heisman.

"But I know Hooks won't be the same," he said, referring to his hometown in northeast Texas near the Oklahoma border.

Sims said he plans to attend a Billy Sims Day celebration Saturday in Hooks.

"They were going to have it anyway," he said.

Sims, the nation's leading rusher and scorer with 1,762 yards and 20 touchdowns, said he had no special goals for next year except to stay healthy, play well and try again to win the national championship.

A reminder that Southern California has a game remaining against Hawaii and White possibly could overtake him as the nation's leading rusher drew a wide grin and a chuckle from Sims.

"It don't matter now," he said.

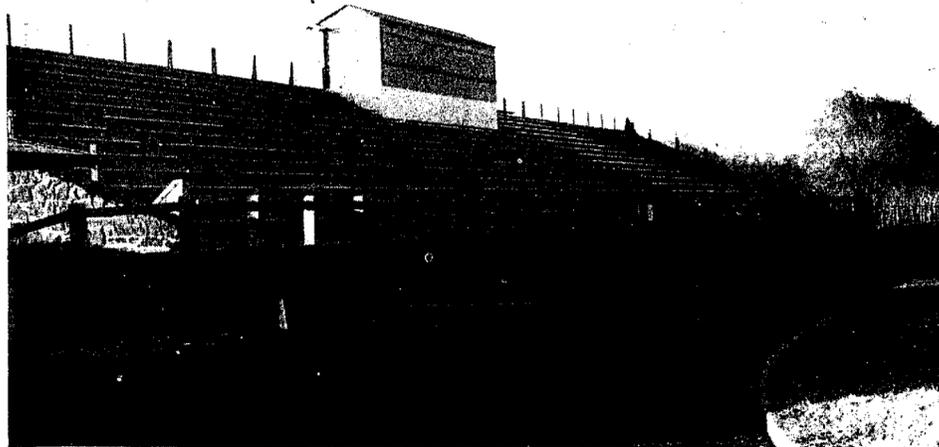
He said he was surprised more writers thought he should win the Heisman Trophy than Sims.

"It's really nice that all those guys voted me for first place," he said. "I'm not sure how to react to it. I really was surprised in the first place because I really didn't expect to win the Heisman, and to get all those votes for first place really shocked me."

The 6-1, 197-pound Fusina, 21, a native of McKees Rocks, Pa., finished the Lions' 11-0 regular season with 137 completions in 245 attempts for 1,859 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Even though his statistics weren't the overwhelming ones normally needed by quarterbacks to win the Heisman, Fusina's value to the Nittany Lions could never be questioned.

Since taking over as Penn State starting quarterback in the fifth game of the 1976 season, Fusina's record is 28-3 with a Sugar Bowl date remaining on Jan. 1. The record includes a streak of 19 consecutive wins, longest among the nation's major colleges.



Facelift for Martin Stadium

An athletic fund raising campaign at Kansas Wesleyan is aiming for \$200,000 to be used to up-

grade Martin Stadium, which was built on the KW campus as a WPA project and dedicated in

1940. The stands, press box and track will all be refurbished. (Journal Photo)

Wesleyan seeks \$200,000 to modernize Martin Stadium

Kansas Wesleyan hopes to raise almost \$200,000 in the next several months in one of the biggest athletic fund raising drives in the college's history.

Kent Craft, Wesleyan's director of development for the Decade of Development, is head of the drive to update Glenn Martin Stadium.

"We've decided to call this campaign the Coyote Pack Raid for Athletic Facilities. Our goal is to raise approximately \$200,000 which will go strictly for upgrading and modernizing our outdoor athletic facilities."

Craft said a mass mailing went out recently to all former Coyote athletes, and "squad meetings" involving those athletes and supporters of the college, as well as representatives from Kansas Wesleyan, have been set for different dates around the state and in other parts of the United States.

The Salina area squad meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the student center in the basement of

Pioneer Hall.

Some of the proposed improvements include an all-weather track, a watering system, permanent seating on the east side of Glenn Martin Stadium, new seats on the west side of the stadium, a new public address system, pole vault and high jump pits, a remodeled press box, permanent restroom facilities and more.

A new scoreboard was put into operation for the past football season.

Craft said the response of people volunteering their services for the project has been tremendous.

"I'm amazed at the loyalty of the former athletes and their being concerned with what takes place on campus, even though many of them are far removed from Salina."

Martin Stadium was erected of rock as a WPA project and put into use in 1940. It is now being used by both the Kansas Wesleyan and Sacred Heart High School football teams.