

45 RHS Gridders Attending Two-a-day Football Workouts

A Redfield High School football squad of 45 players, headed by 17 lettermen, completed its first week of workouts Wednesday of this week. Head Coach Rollie Nielson held a squad meeting Wednesday night, August 16, and the gridders opened their 1972 drills the following morning.

The R.H.S. footballers worked out in helmets and shorts for the first three days. Pads were issued Saturday, August 19, and the squad began workouts in full gear Monday morning, August 21. Drills have been on a two-a-day schedule for the first week, with the exception of Saturday when only one session was held. Coach Nielson expects to con-

tinue the two-drills-a-day schedule until Monday, August 28, when the squad will begin one-a-day workouts.

The first three day's work consisted mostly of conditioning exercises; but the gridders began some scrimmaging Monday of this week.

The Pheasants will experience something new this year — a football game before the opening of school. Redfield will play its traditional season opener with the Miller Rustlers at Miller on Friday, September 1. School does not begin until the following Tuesday, September 5.

Redfield's first home game will be a non-conference contest with Mobridge. Then the Pheasants swing into their Northeast Conference schedule for the remaining seven games of the season.

Of the 45 gridders who have been attending the early drills, 28 are juniors and seniors, including all of the lettermen. Coach Nielson expects that a few more freshmen may report when school opens.

The list of letterwinners includes seven seniors and 10 juniors. The seniors are Kevin Gaulrapp, Dean Jankord, Doug Fink, Daryl Jungwirth, Paul Lemmer, Jerry Levtzow and Randy Swedeen. The junior lettermen are Denis Guenther, Terry Kegler, Scott Hicks, Robert Jungwirth, Tim Esser, Terry Anderson, Lannie Arthurs, Steve Betten, Tim Day and Don Bruce.

The Pheasants were counting strongly on one other senior letterman — Daryl Muellenberg — but he will miss the season because of a pre-season knee injury. Muellenberg, who was a defensive standout last year and was being counted on at the middle linebacker spot this year, hurt his knee several weeks ago and it will require surgery. He will not be able to compete in football this year.

Coach Nielson will be assisted by Tony Lorenz with the varsity squad. Sam Willits will coach the freshmen and the "B" team.

The R.H.S. schedule:

September 1 — Miller, there
September 8 — Mobridge, home

September 15 — Sisseton, there
September 22 — Milbank, home (homecoming)

September 29 — Clark, there
October 6 — Roncalli, home
October 13 — Webster, there
October 20 — Britton, home
October 27 — Groton, home (Parents' Night)



Pheasants Work for Condition Prior to '72 Opener

The Redfield Pheasants have been using a variety of exercises and drills as they worked into condition for their 1972 football opener this Friday, September 1. The Pheasants will open with a non-conference game against the Miller Rustlers.

Senior tackle Jerry Levtzow, right, gets a

"free ride" on the two linemen charge the sl and Tim Esser, right, a when the Pheasants 1 Miller on the Rustlers

Pheasants Open 1972 Football

The Redfield Pheasants, weakened by several pre-season injuries and illnesses, will open their 1972 football season with a non-conference game at Miller Friday night, September 1. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Redfield will play a second non-conference game at home on Friday, September 8, against Moberge, before swinging into the Northeast Conference schedule at Sisseton on September 15. The Pheasants will play a nine-game schedule this year.

Coach Rollie Nielson will suit up a squad of 35 players for Friday's opener with Miller. That squad will include 11 seniors, 19 juniors and five sophomores. The squad has been at work for only two weeks in preparation for this first game.

The Rustlers lost many of their stars from last year's strong team, but they have enough veterans back to form a good nucleus. Miller annually fields a sound football team and this year will be no exception. The Rustlers have defeated Redfield for the past two years in a row so the Pheasants are hoping to get back on the win side this year.

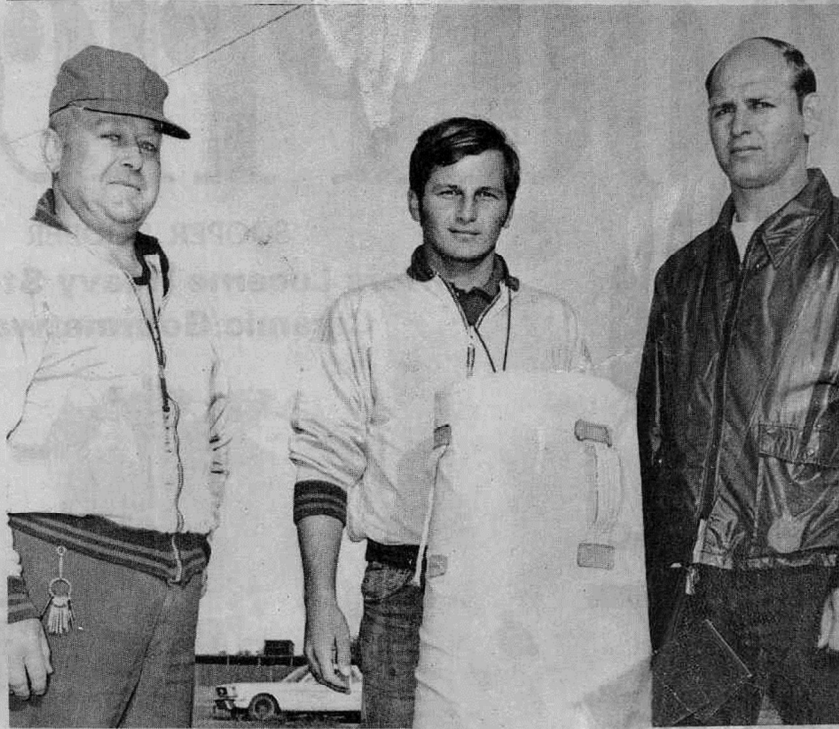
Coach Nielson said that his starting offensive unit is pretty well set, with the exception of one backfield spot. The coaches were not decided on their defensive starters by Tuesday of this week. That unit was to be selected during practice sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The probable starters in the line for Redfield's offensive unit will be Steve Betten, left end; Daryl Jungwirth, left tackle; Terry Anderson, left guard; Tim Esser, center; Paul Lemmer, right guard; Jerry Levtzow, right tackle; and Randy Swedeen, right end.

In the backfield, Steve Jones is slated to start at quarterback in place of last year's regular quarterback, Denis Guenther, who has missed several practice sessions because of an ear infection. Guenther reported back Monday of this week and is expected to see some action.

Dean Jankord will be the fullback and Terry Kegler will start at one halfback spot. Doug Fink and Rich Jankord are battling for the other halfback spot and both should see lots of action.

Dean Jankord has been slowed by a muscle pull in his thigh but he is expected to be ready to go against Miller Friday. The feisty senior is being counted on as a mainstay in the Pheasant backfield.



Pheasant Football Coaches for 1972 Season

These three men comprise the football coaching staff for the 1972 Redfield Pheasants. Rollie Nielson, left, is beginning his third year as head football coach at R. H. S. He had served for several years as line coach under former head coach Ken Greeno before assuming the head coaching duties in 1970.

Sam Willits, center, will serve as assistant

varsity coach and will be in charge of the "B" team and the freshman team. Tony Lorenz, right, is an assistant to the head coach with his duties principally connected with the linemen. Willits and Lorenz were both members of the Redfield High football coaching staff last fall.

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Season at Miller Frid

Kevin Gaulrapp and Scott Hicks should both see considerable action as running backs. In the line, Steve Marlette and Lanny Arthurs are expected to get a lot of playing time.

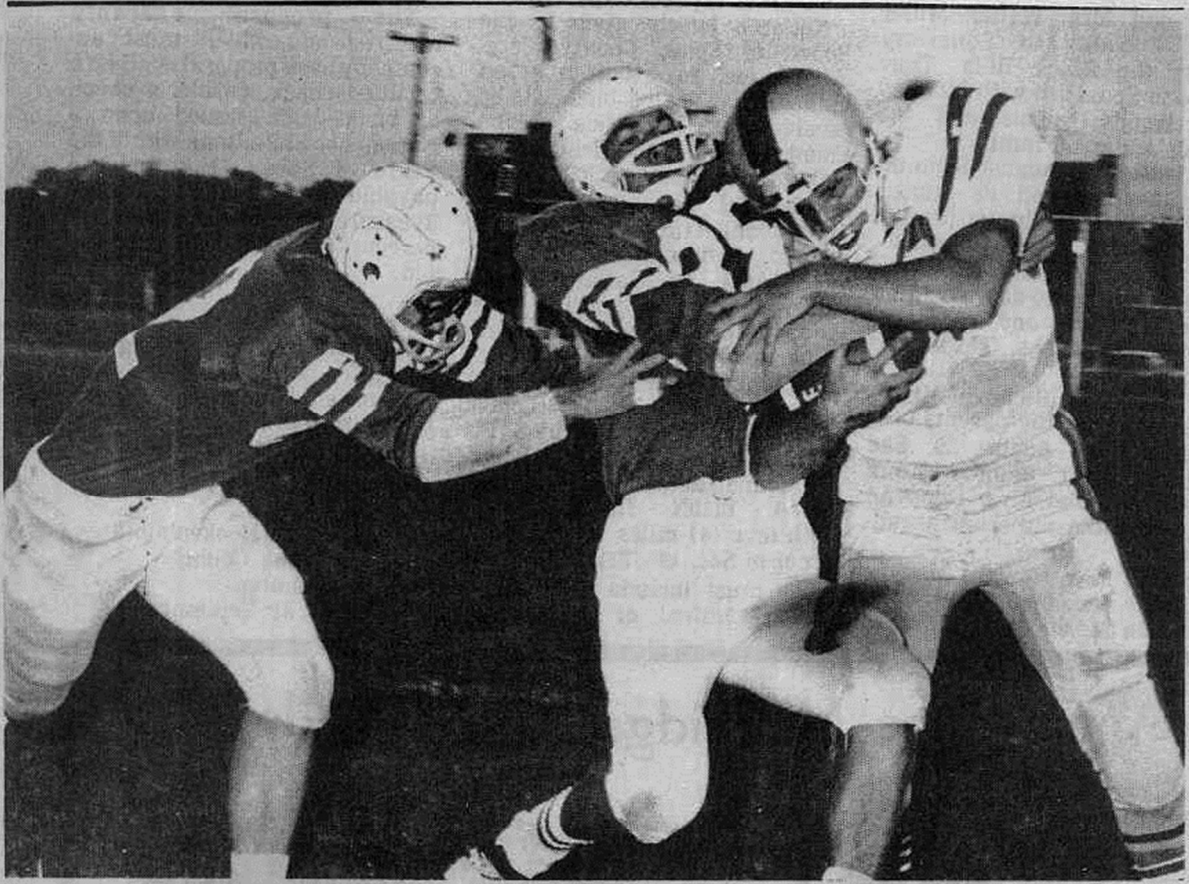
Randy Bentz, who was being counted on as a line stalwart, is doubtful for Friday's game because of a broken bone in his left hand. He received the injury in a practice session. Robert Jungwirth, another letterman lineman, will not see action because of foot problems.

As reported last week, Daryl Muellenberg, a letterman who was being counted on as middle linebacker, is out for the season because of a summer knee injury.

Coach Nielson said that

position shifts will be required since the Pheasants will be short-handed and will need strength at the tackle positions.

While the defensive unit was not set by the first of this week, the coach said that many of the players on the offensive unit will also have to play defense.



Dean Jankord Out for the Season with Broken Leg

Redfield's victory over the Miller Rustlers in the season-opening game at Miller Friday night, September 1, was a costly one for the Pheasants since they lost senior Dean Jankord for the season. The hard-running fullback broke both bones in his leg early in the second period of the game, and he will be out for the remainder of the 1972 season.

Jankord, at the right, is shown as he battled off two Rustler tacklers to pick up some more yardage early in the game at Miller. In just a little more than a quarter of play, he carried the

ball six times and gained 30 yards. His last carry — the play on which he broke his leg — on the first play of the second quarter — gained 10 yards and set up Redfield's first touchdown.

Jankord was being counted on as the stalwart of the Redfield running game this year; and he was also a rugged defensive performer when he was used on the defensive unit. His leadership and bruising runs will be missed by the Pheasants as they head into the "meat" of the 1972 schedule.



Kegler Rambles for Good Gain

Terry Kegler (No. 21) was the leading ballcarrier for the Redfield Pheasants as they won their season-opener with Miller Friday night, September 1, at Miller.

This was a familiar scene as Kegler scampered past fallen Rustlers for consistent gains. The 155-pound junior back gained 88 yards in 15 carries and scored a Redfield touchdown.

Tailing Kegler on this play was Miller's Rocky Oakley, while Redfield's Daryl Jungwirth is in the background.

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Now Hear This



By H. D. J.

Did you ever notice that when people make predictions and the predictions don't pan out, you never hear of those predictions again? On the other hand, if a person makes a prediction which does come true, he'll never let you hear the last of it.

Now for a case in point

Last August, I came out with my annual pre-season football forecast for the Northeast Conference. While I didn't hit on 100 percent on my predictions, I did prognosticate: "I have to like Groton and Redfield's Pheasants as the contenders for the conference title. The two teams meet in the final game of the season and the conference championship just might be decided in that game."

Since I have a Friday deadline to make with this column, it is being written prior to the Redfield-Groton game and I won't be

able to have any post-game comments in the column. I would like to "second" what Jim Wilber, who has been writing up all of the Redfield football games this year, had to say last week. He mentioned that Coach Rollie Nielson did a great job this year in bringing the Pheasants along so that they were in contention for a share of the conference championship right up to the last game—despite a rash of injuries during the season.

My prediction was made prior to the season. If I had known then of the large number of injuries to key players which the Pheasants would have during the 1972 season, I doubt that I would have picked them to finish as high in the conference standings as they did.

The situation got off to a bad start when Daryl Muellenberg, who was being counted on as the starting middle linebacker, was injured during the summer and never got to put on a football uniform. Then Randy Bentz was hurt in pre-season workouts and missed most of the season. Perhaps the most telling losses were the injuries which sidelined Dean Jankord for all but one half of one game, Terry Kegler for the last half of the season, and Doug Fink for the last few games. Those three players, plus Rich Jankord, were Redfield's top three running backs at the beginning of the season.

Fortunately, some of the reserves came through in great shape. First, it was Scott Hicks and then it was sophomore Bill Marlette. During the Britton game, when Marlette was ripping the Britton line to shreds, I was visiting with an assistant coach from Britton. He asked what year in school Marlette had reached. I explained that he is just a sophomore but that the rest of our running backs were injured and

he had to fill in. "Boy, that was some rough break," was the Britton coach's remark as Marlette churned up the middle for another good gain.

Pheasants Open Grid Play with 26-8 Win

The Redfield Pheasants opened their 1972 football season in the victory column with a 26-8 win over the Miller Rustlers. The non-conference game was played at Miller Friday night, September 1.

The Pheasants scored in each of the four quarters, getting two points on a safety in the first quarter, six points in the second quarter, 12 in the third quarter, and six in the fourth quarter. The Rustlers got their touchdown in the final period of play.

The Redfield victory broke an 18-game string in which Miller had not been defeated — and that victory string included two wins over Redfield. The Rustlers were undefeated, but tied once, through the 1970 and 1971 football seasons.

The victory was a costly one for Redfield. Senior fullback Dean Jankord broke both bones in his leg while carrying the ball on the first play of the second quarter. He will be out for the remainder of the season. Jankord was being counted on to handle the major portion of the running game for the Pheasants this year. He was a hard, bruising runner and was also a stalwart on defense.

In other games — all non-conference — involving Northeast Conference teams, Sisseton rolled up a 50-6 margin over Sioux Valley, Roncalli edged Howard 8-6, Faulkton blanked Clark 20-0, Groton slipped by Northwestern 14-12, Clear Lake edged Webster 14-6 in an overtime, and Ortonville, Minn., topped Milbank 18-12.

The Redfield-Miller game was a typical season-opener with penalties and fumbles slowing the action, particularly in the early stages of the game.

The Pheasants took the opening kickoff but had a hard time getting untracked. After picking up a first down, they were stopped by two penalties and forced to kick. The next time they got the ball, they picked up three first downs before losing the ball on a fumble.

The Miller offense was also unable to get rolling and there was no scoring in the first quarter until the final minutes of that period. Rustler quarterback Jay Monfore went back to punt deep in his own territory, but the snap from center soared over his head and into the end zone. Monfore was tackled in the end zone by Redfield defensive end Tim Day with assistance from several other Pheasants. That gave Redfield its initial two points of the season.



Betten Has Fine Performance

Steve Betten (No. 80), a 180-pound lineman for the Redfield Pheasants, didn't catch this pass; but he played such an outstanding game on defense that no one remembered a missed pass. Betten played an end position when the Pheasants had the ball; and he was at a defensive tackle position when Miller's Rustlers were trying to move the ball. The rangy junior was one of the prime reasons the Rustlers were able to gain only 46 yards rushing and 31 yards passing in the season-opening game at Miller last Friday, September 1.

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Pheasant TD. This time Steve Jones tried a pass for the conversion points, but he was hit as he tried to get the ball away and the pass fell incomplete.

for six yards; and Bill Marlette carried twice for six yards.

Quarterback Guenther completed three of nine passes — two went to Swedeen for a total of 27 yards and one went to Kegler for 20 yards.

Kevin Gaulrapp averaged 43 yards on five kickoffs and 32½ yards on two punts. Hicks punted once for 35 yards.

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Redfield took the kickoff following the safety and moved in for a score early in the second period. A pass from quarterback Denis Guenther to halfback Terry Kegler picked up 20 yards and Dean Jankord carried for 10 yards on the first play of the second quarter. That play, on which Jankord broke his leg, moved the ball down to the Miller six-yard line. The Pheasants lost six yards on the next play, but Kegler ran for three yards and Scott Hicks picked up four yards. Guenther then passed to Randy Swedeen, who was wide open in the right flat, for the touchdown. The play covered five yards. Guenther was tackled as he attempted to pass for the conversion points. The score was 8-0, Redfield, at halftime.

The Pheasants ground out a touchdown on their first possession of the second half. Hicks, Rich Jankord, Kegler and Guenther carried for short but steady gains to set up the score. Kegler had one carry of 19 yards before he ran the final three yards for the score. Again the try for the extra points failed.

It took Redfield only two plays to score on the next possession. After Hicks rushed for a two-yard gain, Rich Jankord broke loose down the sideline and raced 53 yards for another

Redfield made it 26-0 with a fourth-period touchdown. Kegler picked up 14 yards and Hicks and R. Jankord ran for short gains before Swedeen made a circus catch of a Guenther aerial. The play gained 22 yards and it ended the third quarter. Hicks ran for 11 yards to the one-yard line, but Kegler was stopped for no gain. Hicks then rammed over for the score; but, once again, Redfield failed to convert the extra points.

Miller got on the scoreboard late in the fourth period when Monfore connected with Bob Losey for a four-yard scoring pass. The Rustlers were stopped on their first try for the conversion points, but Redfield was penalized and Miller got another chance. This time, Rocky Oakley ran for the two-point conversion and the final score was 26-8, Redfield.

Redfield Coach Rollie Nielson felt that the Pheasants turned in a good defensive performance for an early-season game as they limited Miller to six first downs, 46 yards rushing and 31 yards passing. He called the defense "a good team effort," but he singled out defensive ends Tim Day and Steve Marlette and defensive tackle Steve Betten for special praise. Coach Nielson also noted that Tim Esser and Don Bruce did a good job at the defensive corners against the Miller wishbone-T offense.

The Pheasant offense also turned in a good team effort. The team had no real long, sustained marches but did score four times. Terry Kegler did a good job of running the ball, sliding to adjust to his blockers. Rich Jankord was also cited for some good running.

Coach Nielson was pleased that he was able to play all but two of the 33 players who made the trip for the game.

The Pheasants chalked up 12 first downs and had 267 yards total offense. They picked up 222 yards rushing and 45 yards passing. They lost two fumbles and recovered one Miller fumble. Redfield had seven penalties for 52 yards while Miller had two penalties for 20 yards.

In the rushing statistics, Kegler carried the ball 15 times for 88 yards; Dean Jankord carried six times for 30 yards; Rich Jankord carried eight times for 83 yards; Hicks carried 10 times for 17 yards; Tim Booze carried once

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Late Mobridge Score Sinks

The Mobridge High School football team continued to jinx the Redfield Pheasants, as the Tigers escaped with a narrow, 14-12 victory. The non-conference game, played at the Redfield High School athletic field Friday night, September 8, was the first loss suffered by the hometown Pheasants this season.

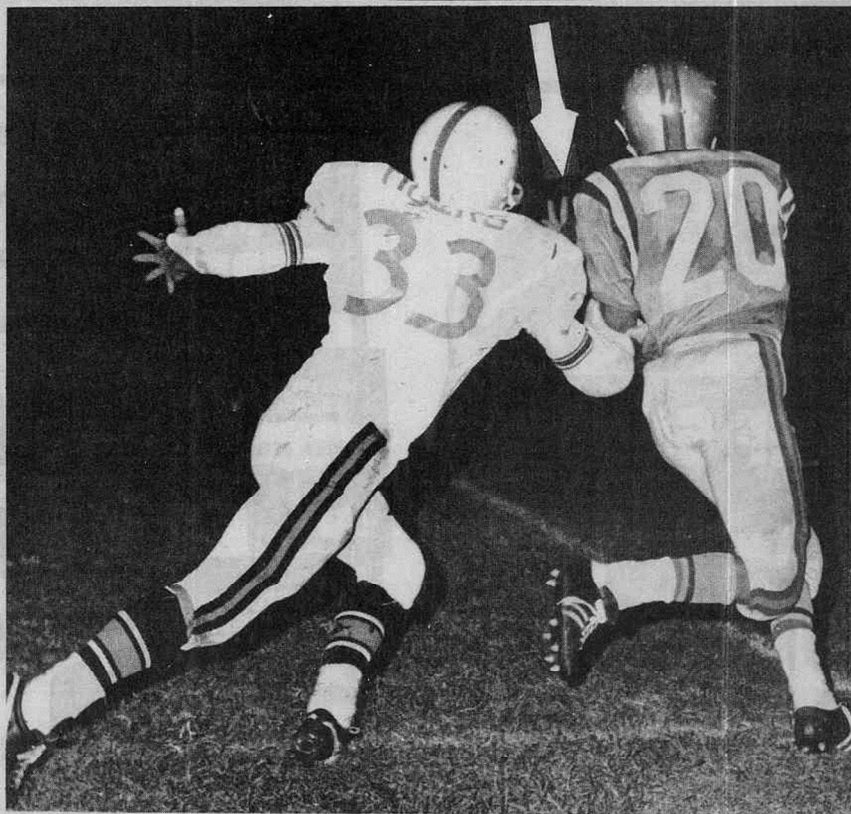
Redfield appeared to have the game wrapped up when quarterback Denis Guenther lofted a 16-yard scoring strike to junior receiver Rich Jankord to cap a 52-yard drive in the final period. The Pheasants failed to make the two-point conversion, but held a 12-6 lead with 2:31 remaining. Mobridge, however, took the ensuing kickoff and promptly scored the tying touchdown on a 52-yard scamper by quarterback Mark Schillingstad. Junior fullback Curt Reiss then swept left end, untouched, for the crucial extra points that nailed down a 14-12 Mobridge victory. The win gave Coach John Salsziedler's crew its fourth consecutive victory over Redfield in as many years.

Northeast Conference teams went into the second week of non-conference action as Sisseton dumped Lisbon, N. D., 24-8, Groton edged Eureka 13-8, Aberdeen Roncalli shutout Miller 24-0, Clear Lake topped Clark 22-16, E.S.D. Conference Madison tripped Webster 20-6, Britton and Leola battled to an 8-8 draw and Sioux Valley whitewashed Milbank 13-0.

The Redfield-Mobridge tussle saw the Pheasants inside the Mobridge 10-yard line four times in the first two periods, but could manage to put only six points on the scoreboard.

After the Tigers received the initial kickoff, the two squads exchanged punts before Redfield began its first scoring drive. Jankord picked off an errant Mobridge pass at the Redfield 26-yard line to halt the Tigers and begin the march.

On second down at the 25, Guenther tossed a 16-yard pass for a first down to senior end Randy Swedeen, who turned in a fine job as a pass receiver the entire game. Jankord then popped 14 yards to the Mobridge 45. Scott Hicks and Terry Kegler each powered for two yards before a 15-yard penalty moved the ball to the Tigers' 31. After Kegler carried for one yard, Hicks rambled for 17 yards on an off-tackle play. Kegler then swept the right side for seven and Hicks carried again for three, leaving the Pheasants on the Mobridge two-yard line at the end of the first quarter. Following a five-yard offside setback to the seven, Kegler swept the left end for two yards. On third-and-five, Guenther then fired to Swedeen, who was all alone in the right flat, for the game's first score. Guenther's extra point pass attempt was incomplete to give Redfield a 6-0 halftime lead.



Rich Jankord Scores Go-ahead Touchdown for Pheasants

Redfield halfback Rich Jankord (No. 20) was just over the goalline when he caught this 16-yard pass from quarterback Denis Guenther. The Pheasant scatback got away from Mobridge defender Boyce Bender (No. 33) just in time to make the reception.

The touchdown gave Redfield a short-lived 12-6 lead in the non-conference game with Mobridge Friday night, September 8, at the Redfield High School athletic field.

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its own territory until halfback Neil Nolop broke loose with a pitchout for 73 yards and the Tigers' first score. The conversion attempt was nullified and the score stood 6-6 at the end of the third period.

During the middle of the fourth quarter, the Redfield gridders capitalized on a fumble recovery at Redfield's 48 which led to their final score. With Hicks carrying much of the running load, plus a 27-yard Guenther aerial to Kegler, Redfield ground out a 52-yard drive to the Mobridge seven-yard marker. The Tiger defense stiffened at this point as an off-side penalty and three ill-fated Redfield end sweeps spotted the ball back to the 16-yard line. On fourth-and-goal to go, Guenther delivered the pressure-packed TD pass to Jankord for the go-ahead score. Steve Jones, replacing Guenther at quarterback, was then buried by the Tiger front wall in attempting to pass for the extra point. Redfield led 12-6 with 2:31 showing on the scoreboard clock.

The second half saw Mobridge's big front line take its toll on the smaller Pheasants. The second half proved to be a much more even contest as the Pheasants received the kickoff and were forced to punt immediately. The Mobridge offense also could not get rolling and moved into punt formation on fourth down at their 42-yard line. The Mobridge punt attempt was blocked by a hard-charging Redfield defensive line. The Pheasant offense took control and advanced to the Tigers' three-yard line before losing possession on a fumble. After the fumble recovery, Mobridge steadily moved from deep within

The failure to convert the extra point set the stage for Schillingstad's long touchdown gallop and also the following conversion by Reiss that provided the margin of the 14-12 victory.

With less than two minutes remaining, Redfield received the kickoff, but were unable to move as desperation pass attempts failed.

Head football coach Rollie Nielson felt his charges "weren't quite mentally ready." He mentioned that the boys played hard but did not play well, as mistakes and penalties plagued the Pheasants at crucial times. Coach Nielsen cited defensive tackle Steve Betten and middle

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linebacker Steve Jones for performing well on the defensive unit. Offensively, he felt Scott Hicks ran well from the fullback slot.

Hicks, 160-pound junior, rushed for 119 yards in 22 carries, many in tough yardage situations, to lead the Pheasant attack. Kegler gained 66 yards on 17 attempts and Rich Jankord carried seven times for 23 yards. Guenthner, under a heavy rush most of the night, completed five passes in 12 attempts for 106 yards. Included were two touchdown tosses to Jankord and Swedeen for 16 and five yards, respectively. Swedeen hauled in three passes for 43 yards. Kegler had a 27-yard reception.

Redfield had 200 yards rushing and 106 passing for a total offense of 306 yards and 20 first downs. Mobridge could manage only six first downs from a 250 total yardage attack that featured 232 rushing yards and 18 passing. The Tigers were fagged 10 times for 81 yards in penalties. Redfield had five miscues for 30 yards.

Kevin Gaulrapp handled the kicking chores, averaging 40 yards on three kickoffs. Hicks punted three times for a 31-yard

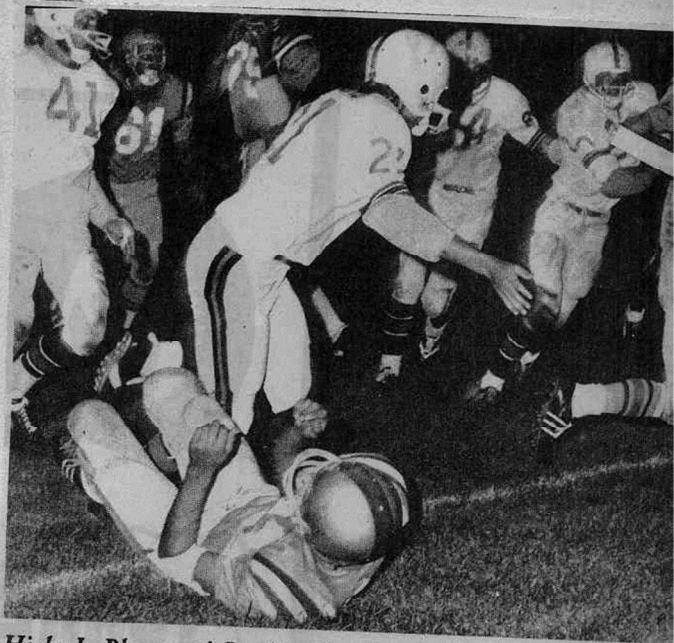
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Swedeen Grabs Pass for TD

Randy Swedeen, Redfield right end, gathered in a pass from Denis Guentner for Redfield's first touchdown in the game here with Mobridge Friday night, September 8. The play, in the second quarter, covered five yards; and it gave Redfield a 6-0 lead in the hard-fought game.

Swedeen caught three passes in the game for a total of 43 yards. He was credited by the coaches with making some excellent receptions.



Hicks Is Pheasants' Leading Rusher with 119 Yards

Redfield fullback Scott Hicks was away for one of the good runs he made in the Pheasants' game with Mobridge when this picture was taken. Hicks, at the far right, was aided by blocks thrown by Terry Kegler (on the ground at the left) and Steve Betten (behind Hicks).

The Redfield players in the left background are Terry Anderson (No. 61) and Jerry Levtzow

(No. 75).

Playing in place of senior De is out for the year with a broken leg, Hicks is the leading ground gainer for the Pheasants. He carried the ball 22 times and picked up 119 yards.

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The Redfield Pheasants, after allowing a quick first quarter Sisseton touchdown, stormed back to defeat the Redmen 26-16. The Pheasants' win was the first in Northeast Conference action in a game played at Sisseton Friday night, September 15.

The Redmen drew first blood with an early score in the first period. The Pheasants marched right back and tied the score 8-8 in the same quarter. While holding Sisseton scoreless, Redfield tacked on six points apiece in the second and third quarters. Both teams scored touchdowns in the final period with the Redmen adding the extra points.

This week opened Northeast Conference play as Clark nipped Britton 16-13, Groton shutout Roncalli 7-0, and Milbank bumped Webster 22-6.

The Sisseton Redmen, with a 2-0 record going into the Redfield game, opened the scoring in a hurry as Nito Hausia raced 63 yards with a quick pass to score on the third play of the game. Fullback Bruce Gross bulled in for the conversion and the Redmen led 8-0 with less than two minutes played.

Redfield, with a determined effort, marched right back for the tying touchdown and for what Head Coach Rollie Nielson labeled "the turning point in the game." Consistent good running gains by fullback Scott Hicks and halfback Terry Kegler sparked the drive which resulted in a three-yard scoring pass from Denis Guentner to senior end Randy Swedeen. The same combination clicked for the extra points and an 8-8 score at the end of the first frame.

During the second period, the Redfield Pheasant defensive unit, which turned in an outstanding game, recovered a Sisseton fumble on their own 35-yard line to set up a second touchdown. Hicks started the drive with a five-yard run off tackle. Kegler followed with a six-yard scamper for a first down at the Redfield 46-yard line. Doug Fink, 140-pound senior halfback, scooted for five yards to the Sisseton 49. Following a short dive play, quarterback Guentner found Kegler alone behind the Sisseton secondary for a 46-yard pass play that carried to the three-yard marker. Hicks was stopped for a yard loss, but Guentner flipped a four-yard pass to Fink for the touchdown. The conversion attempt was incomplete and Redfield headed to the locker room with a 12-8 lead.

After an exchange of punts to start the third period, a Redfield defensive lineman fell on a Sisseton fumble to give the Pheasants possession at the Redmen's 41. Sophomore Bill Marlette, who substituted the entire second half for injured fullback Scott Hicks, immediately reeled off a five-yard gain. Kegler was then dropped for a two-yard loss and Guentner scrambled for a seven-yard gain to the 31 to set up a fourth-and-one situation. The 180-pound Marlette not only gained the

necessary first down yardage, but rambled the remaining 31 yards for a touchdown, breaking numerous tackles on the way. The conversion was nullified but the Pheasants had a 20-8 margin going into the last quarter.

The Redfield defense halted a Sisseton drive at the Pheasant 46 to begin their final touchdown effort. Fullback Marlette again highlighted the drive with many outstanding runs. He carried for gains of six and five yards for a first down in Redmen territory. Doug Fink ran for two before Marlette bolted for five and nine yards for another first down at the Sisseton 28-yard line. At this point a 15-yard penalty against Sisseton spotted the ball at the 13. From there Marlette carried twice for a total of four yards and Kegler one time for a one-yard gain.

On fourth-and-five, Guentner fired an eight-yard bullet to junior end Steve Betten who made a fine catch in the middle of three Sisseton defenders. Betten then dropped the extra point pass while standing alone in the end zone.

With Redfield leading 26-8, Sisseton scored its final touchdown on a four-yard Hagen to Hausia pass. The Redmen also converted the extra points for a final score of 26-16.

Coach Nielson was especially proud of his young gridders, stating that a "just a good all-round team effort" led to the victory. The Sisseton Redmen were cruising into the contest with two lopsided victories under their belt and it took an inspired Redfield effort to win the hard fought game.

Nielson cited Kegler and Fink as being defensive standouts. The two diminutive halfbacks played the entire game and were primarily responsible for stopping the outside rushing efforts of Sisseton speedster Nito Hausia. Defensive ends Steve Betten and Randy Swedeen and linebackers Don Bruce, Tim Esser and Kevin Gaulrapp were also mentioned for playing well on defense. Gaulrapp did a fine job of filling in for injured middle linebacker Steve Jones.

Offensively, Coach Nielson felt quarterback Guentner mixed his plays beautifully and passed effectively. He was also very pleased with the performance of sophomore fullback Marlette.

Marlette led the rushing attack with 86 yards, all of which were gained in the second half. Hicks ran for 44 yards, Kegler for 32 and Fink for 17 yards. Guentner hit five of 12 passes for 85 yards. Kegler hauled in two passes for 69 yards. Randy Swedeen nabbed two for a six-yard total. Steve Betten had one reception for eight yards.

The statistics showed that Redfield gained 175 yards rushing and 85 passing for a total offense of 260 yards. Sisseton garnered 106 yards on the ground and 95 passing. They had a total offense of 201 yards for seven first downs compared to Redfield's 13 first downs. The Redmen had five penalties totaling 55

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Pheasants Sweep

The Redfield Pheasants, displaying an explosive offense and an opportunistic defense, rolled to a 47-16 triumph over the Milbank Bulldogs. The Pheasant homecoming game was played Friday, September 22, at the Redfield High School Athletic field.

The Pheasants counted two touchdowns apiece in the first three quarters. Milbank's scores came on single touchdowns in the third and fourth periods. Redfield was scoreless in the last frame, with reserves seeing extensive action.

The Milbank win left Redfield tied for the N.E.C. lead with the Groton Tigers who bombed Britton 46-0. Sisseton blanked Webster 12-0 and Roncalli defeated Clark 26-0.

An aggressive Redfield defensive unit quickly set the trend of the evening by recovering a Milbank fumble on the first play from scrimmage. Taking over at the Bulldog eight-yard line, the Pheasants wasted no time in taking advantage of the break. Fullback Scott Hicks plunged for the three-yard touchdown on the second play. Quarterback Denis Guenther passed to junior end Steve Betten for the conversion and Redfield had a sudden, 8-0 lead.

The Pheasant defense continued to keep the pressure on as they didn't allow Milbank a first down in the opening quarter. Following a beautiful coffin-corner punt by Hicks, the Pheasants mounted their second scoring drive, as the Bulldogs' short return punt was spotted at their own 33-yard line. Hicks bolted for 16 yards and senior halfback Doug Fink ran for nine in two plays. Hicks again hit for five yards and a first down at the Milbank five-yard marker. After a recovered fumble on the first down, Hicks carried for two and three yard runs, the latter crossing the goalline. The pass for the extra points was incomplete and Redfield ended the first quarter ahead by 14-0.

A pass interception by Terry Kegler halted a Milbank march at the Redfield 11 and set up another Pheasant scoring opportunity.

Hicks, Guenther and Kegler all had short gains to place the ball in a third-and-one situation at the Redfield 33-yard marker. Halfback Terry Kegler then broke loose on a spinning dive through the Bulldog frontwall and outraced the secondary for a 67-yard TD. The hosts were stopped on the conversion attempt.

Milbank took the kickoff and was again stopped abruptly as Redfield forced another turnover. This time a tumbling pass interception in front of the Redfield bench by middle linebacker Kevin Gaulrapp provided the stopper.

Kegler's 35-yard gallop to pay dirt. The 180-pound sophomore Marlette barged across for the extra points that gave Redfield a comfortable 28-0 margin at halftime.

The second half began much the same as the first as Milbank bobbled its first scrimmage attempt and the Pheasants recovered at the visitors' 33-yard line.

Scott Hicks roared through a gaping hole in the Bulldogs' front line and ran 30 yards to the Milbank three. Doug Fink punched into the end zone on the next play for the score. A Guenther pass for the extra point was incomplete.

On the ensuing kickoff, fumble-plagued Milbank again gave up the ball as Redfield recovered on the 30 of the visitors. After Guenther carried for one yard and Hicks was stopped for a yard loss, Kegler sprinted for a 24-yard gain on a reverse play past a baffled Milbank defense. With first and goal at the six, Guenther ran for two yards and Hicks churned the remaining four yards for the score. Junior Dana Coats kicked the extra point for a 41-0 bulge.

At this point, Coach Rollie Nielson started filtering his second stringers into the game. Milbank managed its first touchdown upon receiving Redfield's kickoff. Bulldog halfback Brad Chaloupka, who was Milbank's main offensive threat, slipped past a stunting Redfield defense for a 59-yard touchdown run. Chaloupka capped the score by also converting the extra points.

The Pheasants' final tally resulted from a fine defensive maneuver by junior end Steve Marlette. He picked off a Milbank swing pass and raced untouched to a 54-yard score.

Milbank ended the scoring late in the final period on a one-yard sneak by quarterback Van de Voort. The conversion was also successful.

Coach Nielson got an opportunity to let the reserves see considerable action in the second half. An entire sophomore backfield operated most of the fourth quarter and moved the ball fairly well. Kendall Swedeen, quarterback, Tim Booze and Ray Anderson, halfbacks, and Bill Marlette, fullback, comprised the unit.

Coach Nielson heaped praise on the defensive unit for an outstanding performance. They shut out Milbank for the entire portion of the game that the unit was at full strength. Nielson also felt that Tim Day "played his finest game as a Redfield Pheasant" from the defensive end slot. Kevin Gaulrapp, playing only his second game as a middle linebacker, had two recovered fumbles, one pass interception and numerous tackles in a fine evening's



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Milbank Aerial Is Intercepted by Redfield Linebacker

Redfield linebacker Kevin Gaulrapp (No. 11) had a great night for the Pheasants as he and his teammates racked up a 47-16 victory over Milbank Friday night, September 22, at the Redfield High School athletic field. The R.H.S. senior intercepted one pass and recovered two fumbles, in addition to being in on many tackles. Gaulrapp was making his pass interception

when this picture was taken. Milbank quarterback Chris Van De Voort passed to halfback Mike Chaloupka (No. 26) near the sideline. The ball went through Chaloupka's arms, was slightly deflected and Gaulrapp grabbed the ball just before stepping out of bounds.

—Redfield Press Photo

The Pheasants took off on a long scoring march that culminated with their fourth touchdown of the half 82 yards later. Redfield backs Guenther, Hicks and Bill Marlette reeled off big gains, sandwiched around Randy Swedeen's 10-yard pass reception, to stage Terry

Offensively, the head coach said the squad capitalized on every Milbank mistake. Terry Kegler and Scott Hicks, who were nearly unstoppable most of the night, spearheaded a bruising Pheasant rushing attack. The offensive line, led by Jerry Levtzow and Daryl Jungwirth at the tackle positions, put big holes in the Milbank defense.

Statistically, Redfield rushed for a whopping 489 yards and passed for 11 to total 500 yards and 13 first downs. Milbank had 388 total yards with 185 coming from the running attack and 153 through the air. The Bulldogs had 12 first downs. Milbank passed 23 times and completed 10. Chaloupka gained 127 yards in 15 tries.

Quarterback Denis Guenther had one pass completion in six

attempts and Kendall Swedeen no completions in three tries. Randy Swedeen caught the lone pass for 11 yards. Fullback Scott Hicks and halfback Terry Kegler rambled for 126 and 153 yards, respectively. Hicks carried the ball 19 times and Kegler 11. Bill Marlette gained 61 yards in 15 attempts, Doug Fink 14 yards in four carries, Denis Guenther 11 yards on four carries, Ray Anderson eight yards - three carries, Tim Booze eight yards - three carries, and Kendall Swedeen seven yards - two carries.

The most glaring statistic was Milbank's five lost fumbles and the three Redfield pass interceptions that constantly provided Redfield with good field position. The Pheasants had no pass interceptions and recovered their only fumble.

Cavaliers Bomb Pheasants

The Redfield High School Golden Pheasants met a big, talented, Aberdeen Roncalli football team Friday, October 6, and were defeated by a 26-8 score. The crucial Northeast Conference game was played at the Redfield High School athletic field.

The whole story in the game was the overpowering Roncalli passing attack. The Cavalier passers, Cary Hornaman and Bill Charron, connected on 10 of 12 passes for 187 yards and four touchdowns. The Aberdeen throwers were on target most of the evening and when they weren't, big Roncalli receivers Randy Hinds 6' 5", Greg Bell 6' 4", and Al Lingor 6' 2" made outstanding catches over smaller Redfield defensive backs for big yardage. The Redfield safeties made a valiant effort but couldn't cope with the bigger Cavaliers. The Redfield defense did a fine job of containing tough Cavalier running backs, but their concern for the running game left the Pheasants vulnerable to the pass.

Although outdistanced considerably in the statistics and the score, Redfield had an excellent opportunity to turn the tide at one point in the ballgame. With the score 12-0 Roncalli, Steve Jones, who played an outstanding game at the linebacker position, intercepted an Aberdeen pass at the Roncalli 28 with 5:21 showing in the third quarter. The Pheasant offense started clicking as Scott Hicks carried for four yards and Denis Guenther fired a pass to Tim Day for 20 yards to the Roncalli five-yard line. From there, fullback Hicks pounded over the goaline in two plays for Redfield's first score. Denis Guenther then rifled a perfect pass to end Randy Swedeen who made a fine catch for the conversion and just a 12-8 deficit.

With 3:19 remaining in the third period, it looked as if the momentum had swung toward the Pheasants, especially after a 15-yard penalty had been tagged on the Cavaliers on the first down following the kickoff. Facing a first-and-25 situation at their own 12-yard line, Roncalli gained only eight yards in two running plays.

Then came the play that Coach Rollie Nielson said "was the biggest play of the game." Aberdeen quarterback Charron dropped back and floated a pass to end Greg Bell, who had circled around a Redfield defender. Bell caught the pass for a 30-yard gain and a vital first down at the midstripe. Bell then caught another pass for 16 yards and the Cavaliers drove through a demoralized Pheasant defense for the game clinching touchdown in the middle of the fourth quarter.

The Cavaliers made the Hornaman pitchout pass work again for that game clinching four-yard touchdown. This time the receiver was senior end Randy Hinds. Hornaman hit Bell for the P.A.T.

The sophomore slotback, Hornaman, passed for Roncalli's final touchdown to senior Greg Bell with 1:49 remaining. The point after was no good for a 26-8 final score.

Statistically, Roncalli rolled for 383 total yards. Besides the 187 yards gained on the 10-of-12 completions, the Cavaliers ground out 186 yards on the ground. Roncalli had 18 first downs.

Redfield rushed for 69 yards and passed for 32, totaling 101 yards on the game. The Pheasants managed six first downs.

Coach Rollie Nielson felt that his defensive line did a creditable job handling the Cavaliers' running attack. Hard-running backs Joe Barnett and Mike Heil were held to 63 and 54 yards, respectively. Nielson mentioned that Steve Jones played very well at his outside linebacker spot after coming back from a three-week shoulder injury. The coach also had words of praise for Tim Day, Lannie Arthurs, and Kevin Gaulrapp.

Offensively, Scott Hicks was the only Redfield bright spot. Hicks ran for 51 yards in 14 carries. Nielson thought Denis Guenther played well in the quarterback spot. Guenther, who seemed to be scrambling from a tremendous Roncalli pass rush all night, connected on four of 11 passes. Reed Siegling did another fine job kicking off and Scott Hicks punted well.

Area Conference Standings

Northeast Conference

	W	L
Groton	4	0
Redfield	3	1
Roncalli	3	1
Britton	2	2
Clark	2	2
Sisseton	1	3
Milbank	1	3
Webster	0	4

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Roncalli scored all of its touchdowns through the air as they put points on the board in the first and second quarters. Redfield scored in the third quarter and the Aberdeen squad ended the scoring with two TD's in the last period.

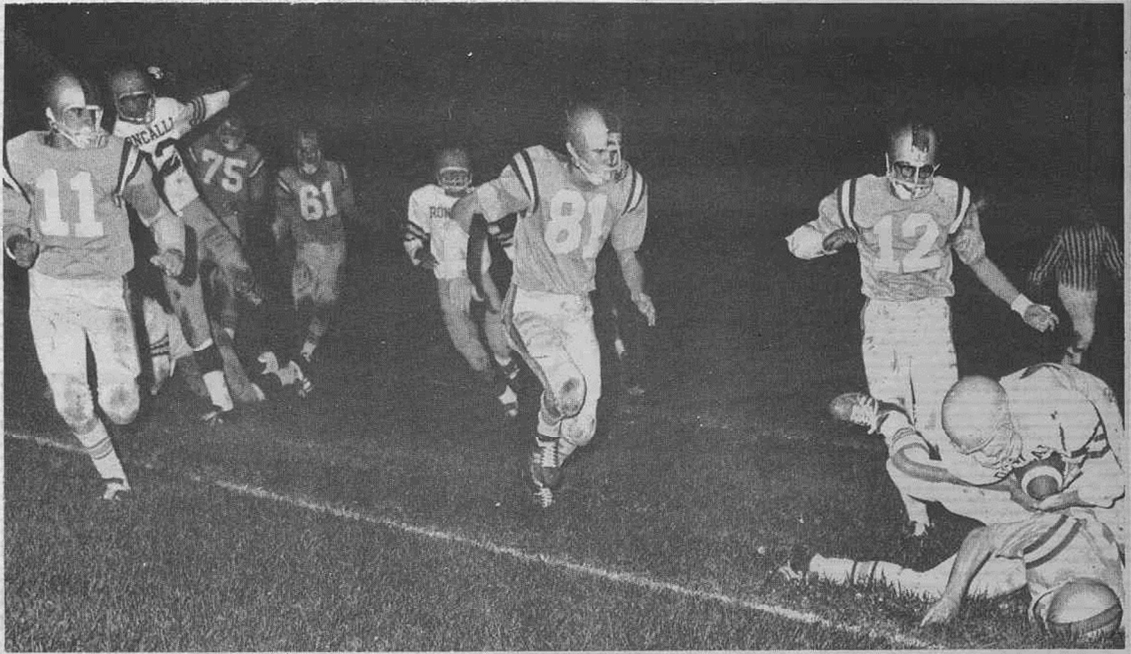
The Redfield loss, coupled with Groton's 34-12 win over Webster, left the Tigers with sole possession of first place in the Northeast Conference. Other N.E.C. action saw Clark dump Milbank by a 22-6 margin and Britton edge Sisseton 15-14.

The Redfield-Roncalli contest scoring was opened by Roncalli on a 39-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Bill Charron to Al Lingor with :43 seconds left in the first quarter. The pass for the extra point was incomplete. Lingor had gotten Roncalli out of serious trouble earlier in the quarter when he caught a 19-yard pass on a third down situation deep in their own territory. The first quarter TD capped a 92-yard Aberdeen drive.

An interference call in Redfield territory gave life to a stalled Roncalli drive and led to its second touchdown. Greg Bell snagged a four-yard Cary Hornaman aerial off a halfback pitchout for a 12-0 lead. Steve Jones had cracked Hornaman for no gain on an end sweep the play before to set up the fourth down completion. Redfield again stopped the conversion attempt.

Then came Redfield's only score on Scott Hicks' three-yard touchdown run.

That set the stage for the Charron-to-Bell pass at midfield that broke the Pheasants' spirit.

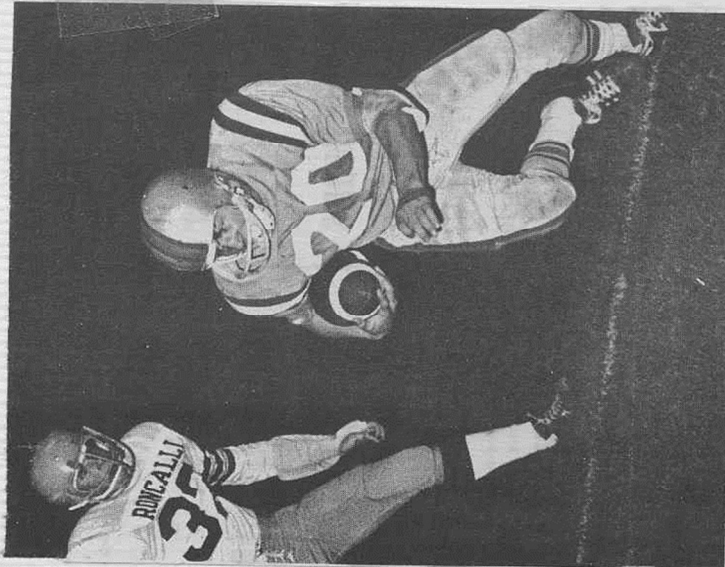


Coach Nielson Cites Players for Defensive Efforts in Roncalli Game

Redfield Coach Rollie Nielson cited Tim Day (No. 81) and Steve Jones (No. 12) for their fine defensive play and Kevin Gaulrapp (No. 11) for his hustle and defensive efforts in the Pheasants' 26-8 loss to the Roncalli Cavaliers Friday night, October 6. The game was played at the Redfield High School athletic field. Day is a defensive end while Jones and Gaulrapp are linebackers.

In this picture, the three Pheasants follow up the action after an unidentified teammate has stopped a Roncalli ballcarrier with a block. Redfield players in the background are Jerry Levtzow (No. 75) and Terry Anderson (No. 61).

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Jankord Rambles for Gain

Rich Jankord (No. 20), one of Redfield's speedy scatbacks picked up yardage early in the game with Roncalli as he eluded John Barnett (No. 32), one of the Cavaliers' defensive players. Roncalli downed the Pheasants 26-8 in the Northeast Conference game played at the Redfield High School athletic field Friday night, October 6.

Revitalized Pheasants Look

"We are definitely going to have to make some changes if we hope to have a shot at the conference championship," stated Redfield Coach Rollie Nielson in preparation for the final two games of the season. The Redfield mentor proceeded to employ some new offensive tactics and made some personnel changes in the defensive unit which resulted in a 22-14 Redfield victory over a stubborn Britton Brave football team last Friday night. The Redfield Pheasants triumph in a Northeast Conference game played at Redfield on October 20 set up a showdown battle with the undefeated Groton Tigers on R.H.S. Parents' Night this Friday evening, October 27.

The Groton club maintained its unblemished record with a 33-6 conquest of Sisseton. The Webster Bearcats gained their first N.E.C. victory of the season when they nipped Clark 18-16, and Aberdeen Roncalli bombed hapless Milbank 40-0.

The Redfield football squad, which has suffered only one N.E.C. loss going into the season's final game, opened the Britton contest with a new offensive wrinkle. The Pheasants showed a full-house "T" formation backfield which featured sophomore Bill Marlette at fullback, Scott Hicks and Don Bruce at the halfbacks and Denis Guenther at the quarterback position. Defensively the Blue and White also made some changes by shifting Steve Jones back to his original middle linebacker position, moving Kevin Gaulrapp to a defensive halfback spot and inserting Guenther into injured Doug Fink's safety position. The defensive maneuvering proved to be beneficial immediately when Jones intercepted the first Britton pass to lead to a Redfield first-quarter score. Britton rebounded to cross the goalline early in the second period but the Pheasants added a touchdown just before halftime. The Braves tied the game with a third quarter TD only to have Redfield move in for the game-winning score following an exciting final-period drive.



Bill Marlette Bulls Over for Conversion Points

Redfield's 180-pound sophomore fullback, Bill Marlette (No. 30), sparked the Pheasants again Friday night, October 20, as they defeated a highly-regarded Britton team, 22-14. Marlette is shown here as he rammed over for the conversion points just after he had scored Redfield's go-ahead touchdown on an 18-yard burst up the

middle. He went off left tackle for both of the scoring runs.

Marlette, who came into his own as he scored two touchdowns in Redfield's hard-fought victory over Webster the previous week, carried the ball 21 times and picked up 123 yards in the victory over Britton.

—Redfield Press Photo

(Redfield) rushing attack just wore us down."

Redfield's first touchdown, following Jones' interception at the Britton 23, was highlighted by an 11-yard run by Scott Hicks. Guenther sneaked for the score with less than six minutes gone in the ballgame. The extra point attempt failed and left the score at a 6-0 Redfield margin.

Britton recovered a Redfield fumble at the Britton 31 to start the Braves' first scoring march. Redfield had gained the ball on Kevin Gaulrapp's driving interceptions. Halfback Jim Ruch and fullback Chuck Rabenburg traded carries for good yardage until Rabenburg blasted three yards for the Braves' TD. Ruch took a pitchout around left end for the extra points and an 8-6 lead.

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Sophomore fullback Bill Marlette, with his overpowering running style, played a big part in that final touchdown march. Jones enabled that drive to get started with a fine defensive play at Redfield's 19-yard line. On fourth down, Jones halted a Britton drive by hauling down a Brave pass receiver just short of the first down marker. With the score locked at 14-14, Guenther and Randy Swedeen got the Pheasants moving with a 27-yard pass play to the Britton 44-yard stripe. From there Marlette ran six yards, Guenther two and Marlette four more for a first down at the Braves' 33. Scott Hicks gained five yards on a dive play and Marlette followed with a seven-yard jaunt to a first down at the 20. After two running plays into the line gained only two yards, Marlette roared off a fine block by tackle Daryl Jungwirth and ran untouched into the end zone for an 18-yard touchdown. Marlette topped the score with a plunge for the conversion and a 22-14 lead with 5:26 remaining in the game.

Britton made one last attempt to score but was stopped at the Redfield 30-yard marker and the Pheasants ran out the clock to preserve the victory.

Britton coach Al Simes felt "The loss of our halfback, Jim Ruch, hurt us, but mainly their

The Pheasants stopped Britton on the Braves' 30 to begin the drive for their score just before the half. Bill Marlette gained much of the yardage on this series with a 33-yard gallop to the opponents' six-yard line being the big play. Quarterback Guenther skirted left end for three yards and a touchdown with :51 seconds remaining before the half ended. Guenther found junior end Steve Betten open over the middle for the conversion pass, putting the Pheasants ahead 14-8.

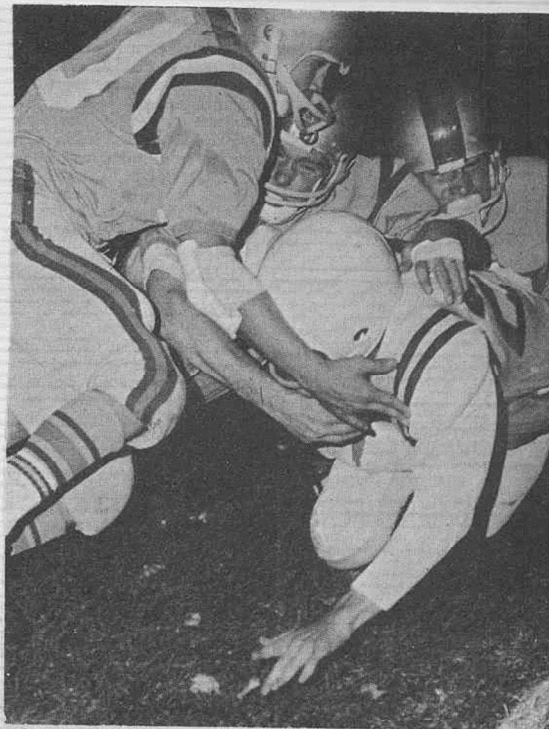
Following the intermission, the Pheasants could not move out of their own territory. Britton senior end Dan Yelkin's booming kickoffs and punts kept the Pheasants in trouble the entire third quarter. The Braves, using substitute back John Eye and Rabenburg, pounded the Redfield defense for the game-tying touchdown. Eye reached paydirt on a one-yard plunge. The extra point attempt was denied by Redfield and the score stood 14-14 going into the final stanza and the winning TD march.

Statistically, the ballgame appeared to be very even. Britton had 117 yards rushing, 114

passing for a total yardage of 231 and 11 first downs. The Pheasants ground out 195 yards rushing and 30 passing for 225 total yards and 12 first downs.

Sophomore fullback Bill Marlette responded very well to his first varsity starting assignment as he rolled to 123 yards in 21 carries. Scott Hicks, playing a new halfback position, added 45 yards in 10 attempts. Don Bruce chimed in with 24 yards in nine carries. Guenther ran eight times for 14 yards. Guenther completed two of five in the passing department. Swedeen and Betten were on the receiving end of those aerals.

Coach Nielson had words of praise for the offensive line. Interior linemen Jerry Levtzow and Daryl Jungwirth, tackles; Terry Anderson and Paul Lemmer, guards; and center Tim Esser turned in fine blocking jobs, especially on the clutch, last-quarter touchdown series.



Pheasant Defenders 'Nail' a Brave

Three Redfield defenders combined efforts to stop Britton halfback Jim Ruch near the sidelines after the Braves' runner had picked up a short gain.

In on the tackle were, from left: Denis Guenther, Don Bruce and Steve Betten.

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Pheasants Rally in Final

The Redfield Pheasants collided with an upset-minded Webster Bearcat football team and narrowly escaped with a 25-12 victory. The Northeast Conference game was played at Webster Friday, October 13.

Webster coach Harvey Hammerich had his charges ready for their first victory bid and they played well throughout most of the game.

The winless Bearcats spotted the Pheasants a first quarter touchdown and then slammed the door shut as they dominated action until the final period. Webster scored lone touchdowns in the first and second quarters and fumbled away a scoring opportunity in the third period.

The Pheasants finally mounted a touchdown drive in the fourth quarter to take the lead. Redfield tacked on another score by recovering a fumble and returning it to the end zone. The final Pheasant tallies came right at the end of the game when a Bearcat return man was nailed behind the goal line for a safety following a kickoff.

Coach Rollie Nielson, although winning the ballgame, was not pleased with the play of the Pheasants. He matter-of-factly stated, "To say I was displeased with our performance against Webster, is an understatement. We marched for an early touchdown," Nielson said, "and then went to sleep until the fourth quarter when we were fortunate enough to regroup and drive for the game-winning TD."

Defensive end Tim Day and sophomore fullback Bill Marlette had much to do with that fourth quarter march. With Redfield trailing 12-8, Day hauled down the Webster quarterback for a 14-yard loss on a fine defensive maneuver at midfield to set up the winning score. The play came on a crucial third-and-six situation and forced Webster to punt just when the Bearcats were starting to move the ball effectively.

Following the punt into the end zone, Redfield had possession on its own 20 with 8:26 remaining. Then the 180-pound Marlette took over. After a short run by Scott Hicks, Marlette reported into the game and promptly reeled off tackle for 10 yards and a first down. Halfback Don Bruce picked up four yards on a sweep and then Marlette hit the tackle hole for consecutive five yard gains and a first down at the Redfield 48-yard line. Quarterback Denis Guentner scrambled for six yards on a broken pass play. Guentner again called on Marlette and the young fullback responded with a 14-yard gallop to the Bearcats' 32. On the first down, Guentner passed to halfback Rich Jankord for five yards, Marlette ran for three, and Don Bruce picked up another first down by running four yards to Webster's 20. From that point the going got tough for the Pheasant offensive attack and Marlette just got tougher. On the first down attempt, the hard-running fullback carried for seven yards. When a fourth-and-two situation arose at the Bearcat 10-yard line, Marlette bulled for a four-yard gain and a first down. After Jankord was stopped for no gain, Marlette roared the remaining eight yards off tackle standing up for the touchdown. Guentner fired a pass to Tim Day for the conversion and a 16-

Period

12 Redfield lead with 2:24 showing on the clock.

The Webster offense started to crumble after the touchdown march of Redfield. Following the kickoff return, the Bearcats threw three incomplete passes before managing a first down. On the next play from scrimmage, defensive guard Terry Anderson scooped up a Webster fumble and rumbled 45 yards for a touchdown with 36 seconds remaining. Day's jarring tackle caused the loose ball. Dana Coats booted the extra point to give the Pheasants a 23-12 lead.

Reed Siegling hit a squibber on the ensuing kickoff and Tim Esser and Randy Swedeen nailed the Bearcat runner behind the goal line for a safety with 20 seconds left to produce the final margin of victory.

The Groton Tigers rolled over Clark 44-14 to remain on top of the N.E.C. with an undefeated mark. Britton tied Roncalli by a 22-22 score and Sisseton bombed Milbank 50-6 to round out conference action.

Redfield's first touchdown followed a fine 64-yard march. The Pheasants stayed on the ground the entire drive as Doug Fink, Hicks, Jankord and Marlette all carried for good, substantial gains. Marlette capped the drive by bulging seven yards for the touchdown. Guentner flipped to Randy Swedeen for the extra points.

Webster's first score resulted from a Bernie Dylla pass to running back Mike Rumpca for 13 yards. Jim Barber, Bearcat 190-pound fullback, scored the second Webster touchdown on a one-yard plunge. The extra points were missed following both scores. Halfback Dylla, who is an

To Defeat Webster, 25-12

Groton Overpowers Pheasants

The Redfield Pheasants put up a gallant battle against a rugged Groton Tiger football team before falling to defeat, 31-8. The Northeast Conference showdown battle, which saw Groton capture the conference championship and complete an undefeated season, was played at Redfield Friday, October 27. It was the final game of the year for the Pheasants, who placed third in the N.E.C. standings with a 5-2 record. The R.H.S. gridders rolled up a 6-3 mark for the season. Coach Rollie Nielson said, "It was a credit to our players to battle the Groton outfit as tough as we did." The stubborn Pheasants fought the Powerful Tigers to a standstill until the final quarter when Groton pushed over two touchdowns.

Groton scored a touchdown in the first quarter and added a field goal and a TD in the second period. Redfield scored its only touchdown in the second quarter. The third period was scoreless and the Tigers hit paydirt twice in the final frame.

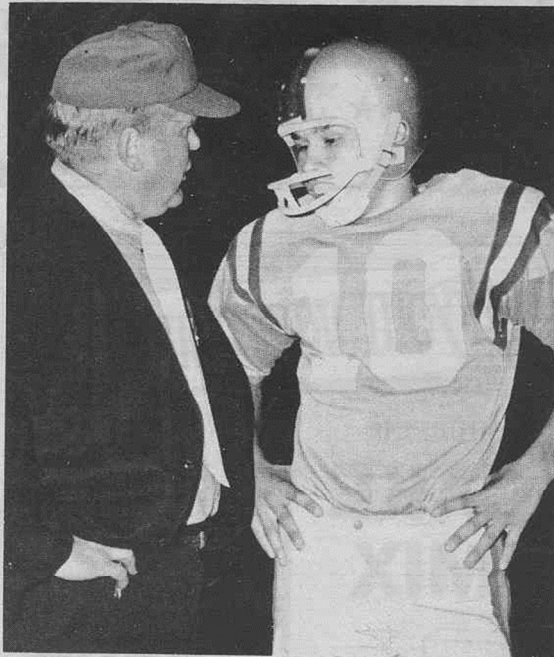
Coach Bobby Dubbs' crew exhibited a brutal defense and an explosive offensive attack that featured quarterback Mark Neuman. The 6' 2" senior fully lived up to his advance billing as one of the outstanding players in the Northeast Conference. His accurate passing, open field running ability, and most of all deceptive ballhandling, kept the Pheasants off balance most of the game. In addition, Neuman proved to be an excellent place kicker by successfully converting four extra points and a 30-yard field goal. The Tigers' offensive and defensive front lines were also very impressive. Coach Dubbs evaluated his squad by saying, "We have a bunch of kids that really like to play hard-hitting football."

Other N.E.C. action saw Roncalli romp over Webster 40-12, Britton defeated Milbank 46-12, and Sisseton topped Clark 44-12.

Although outdistanced considerably in the final score, Redfield was in close contention throughout most of the contest. In fact, the Pheasants had an excellent opportunity to possibly turn the tables on the favored Tigers in the third period.

With four seconds remaining in the first half and the Pheasants trailing 17-0, quarterback Denis Guenther launched a 60-yard touchdown pass to halfback Rich Jankord. Guenther then fired to Randy Sweden in the right flat for the conversion points. The score was set up by an earlier Guenther-to-Sweden completion for 18 yards.

Redfield received the second half kickoff, facing only a 17-8



The Pheasants' 'Scrambler'

Redfield junior Denis Guenther (No. 10) has completed his second season as the signal caller for the Pheasants. He is shown as he discussed a situation with Coach Rollie Nielson.

Guenther broke into the starting lineup early last season and has remained as the Pheasants' No. 1 quarterback since that time. The 145-pounder had to do a lot of scrambling in Redfield's 31-8 loss to Groton Friday night, October 27, but Coach Nielson credited him with turning in a good job under pressure.

—Redfield Press Photo

deficit, and put on a drive that ate up much of the third quarter. Jankord, who provided much of the R.H.S. offensive spark in the game, returned the kickoff to the Redfield 46-yard line. Scott Hicks ran a dive play for eight yards and Bill Marlette pounded off-tackle for four more and a first down in Groton territory. On second down Jankord ran a reverse for seven yards and Marlette ran twice for two and three yards to a first down at Groton's 30-yard line. From there, Guenther pumped a 14-yard strike to Jankord for yet another first down at the 16-yard marker. The Pheasants appeared to have enough momentum at this point to reach the end zone, but the Groton defense stiffened and took control at their own 26 after a five-yard penalty against Redfield. Coach Nielson felt that "this was the most crucial point in the game, since we needed to get a score right away."

The Pheasants still had another chance to turn the tide early in the fourth period. A Hicks punt

left the Tigers with control of the ball deep within their own territory. With the score still standing 17-8, the Redfield defense forced a Groton fumble on the Tigers' second play from scrimmage. Tackle Daryl Jungwirth alertly picked up the loose ball but was hit immediately and lost control with a mad scramble for the football resulting. Groton recovered on their own 20-yard line and proceeded to drive the length of the field for a TD. Had the Pheasants recovered the loose ball, they would have been in excellent position to move in for a touchdown and possibly change the outcome of the game.

The Groton scoring for the ballgame went as follows:

— Fullback Terry Erickson bolted 28 yards through the Redfield line for a touchdown in the first period. Neuman kicked the extra point.

— Neuman booted a 30-yard field goal when a fine Pheasant defensive effort thwarted a Groton touchdown bid midway in the second quarter.

final tally. Groton lineman Larry Kolbo pounced on the loose football in the end zone for a touchdown with one minute remaining in the game. Neuman's kick made the final score 31-8.

The final statistics showed the difference in the game. Redfield was held to minus 12 yards rushing and garnered 105 passing for a 93-yard total offensive showing. Groton rolled up 284 yards rushing and 69 passing for 353 total yards. Fullback Terry Erickson rambled for 157 yards in 19 carries. Neuman was five-for-nine in the passing department. The Tigers ground out 18 first downs compared to the Pheasants' five.

Redfield had one pass intercepted and lost two fumbles. Groton lost two fumbles and had no interceptions.

Marlette ran for 16 yards, Jankord gained 15 and Hicks six to lead the Pheasant running attack. Guenther was sacked for 49 yards lost in attempting to pass to account for Redfield's minus yardage in the rushing department. Guenther did a fine job trying to elude the Tiger pass rush. He scrambled well enough to complete four of 11 passes. Jankord caught two of those aerials for 74 yards and Sweden two for 18 yards.

Coach Nielson credited Jankord and Guenther for their fine play on the offensive unit. Nielson felt that defensive secondary did a creditable job in containing the Groton passing attack. Steve Jones, Jankord, Kevin Gaulrapp, Tim Esser and Guenther comprised that pass defensive unit. The mentor also mentioned that Steve Marlette did a good job at his defensive end position.

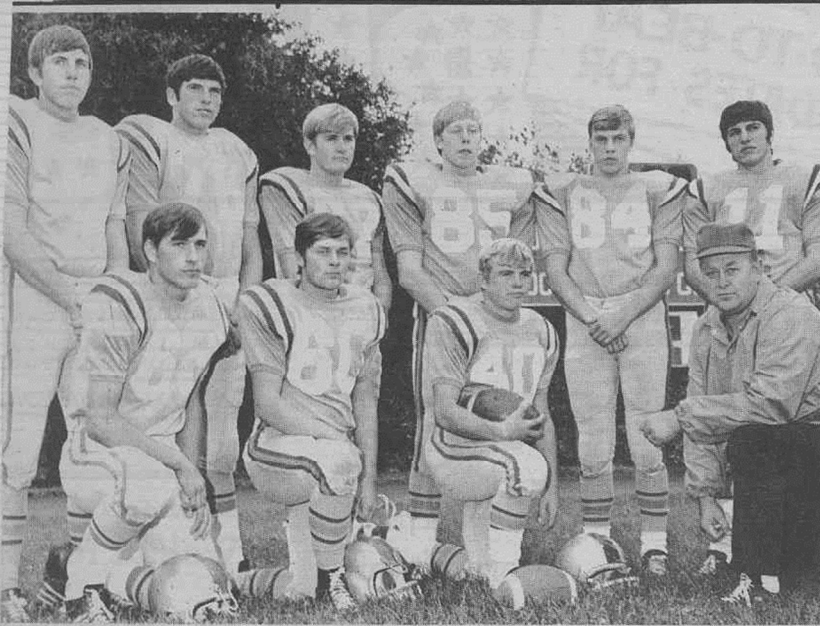
Scott Hicks had one of his better nights as a punter. Hicks averaged 40 yards on five punt attempts. Reed Siegling kicked off twice for a 41.5 average.

Area Conference Standings

Northeast Conference
(Final Standings)

	W	L	T
Groton	7	0	0
Roncalli	5	1	1
Redfield	5	2	0
Britton	3	3	1
Sisseton	3	4	0
Clark	2	5	0
Milbank	1	6	0
Webster	1	6	0

in NEC Showdown Battle



Nine Seniors End Pheasant Grid Careers

These nine Redfield High School seniors completed their high school football careers when the Pheasants entertained the Groton Tigers Friday night, October 27.

Pictured with head coach Rollie Nielson, front right, are front row, from left: Paul Lemmer, Jim Becker and Doug Fink. Back row, from left: Daryl Jungwirth, Jerry Levtzow, Clyde Harr, Randy Swedeen, Tom Moon and Kevin Gaulrapp.

Two other seniors have added their efforts to the Redfield football fortunes but were out of action most or all of this year because of injuries. Dean Jankord broke his leg in the first game of the year and was lost for the remainder of the season. Daryl Muellenberg was injured in a summer accident and was not able to play football at all this season. Both saw a lot of action and lettered for the Pheasants last year.

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— Erickson plunged one yard for a score following a 48-yard drive near the end of the first half. A 22-yard Neuman pass to Kroll was the big play of the march. Neuman's extra point kick was good for a 17-0 lead.

— After an evenly played third quarter, Groton, led by hard-running fullback Erickson, drove 90 yards to paydirt to start the final period. Bob Pray crossed the goalline on an eight-yard scamper. The successful extra point made it 24-8.

— A bad center snap on a Redfield punt led to the Tigers'



Redfield Pheasants Have 6-3 Record for 1972 Football Season

The Redfield Pheasants had a 6-3 record for the 1972 football season. The R.H.S. gridlers compiled a record of five victories and two defeats in the Northeast Conference and that was good for third place in the conference standings. Redfield outscored its opponents 202-145 over the nine-game schedule.

Members of the R.H.S. varsity included front row, from left: Kendall Sweden, Denis Gaenther, Rich Jankord, Terry Kogler, Nick Bourassa, Lannie Arthurs, Doug Fink, Mike Harford, Kay Anderson and Andy Dickhaut.

Middle row, from left: Scott Hicks, Jim Becker, Kick Rainford, Craig Peterson,

Clyde Harr, Bill Marlette, Steve Marlette, Tim Booze, Kevin Gaurapp, Tom Moon and Don Bruce.

Back row, from left: Head Coach Kollie Nielson, Paul Lemmer, Dana Coats, Steve Jones, Tim Esser, Daryl Jungwirth, Steve Betten, Jerry Levizow, Robert Anderson, Randy Sweden, Randy Benitz, Tim Day, Terry Anderson and Assistant Coach Tony Lorenz. Dean Jankord, who was injured in the first game of the season, was not present for the picture.

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