

Dealing With A Death

By Joe Tintle

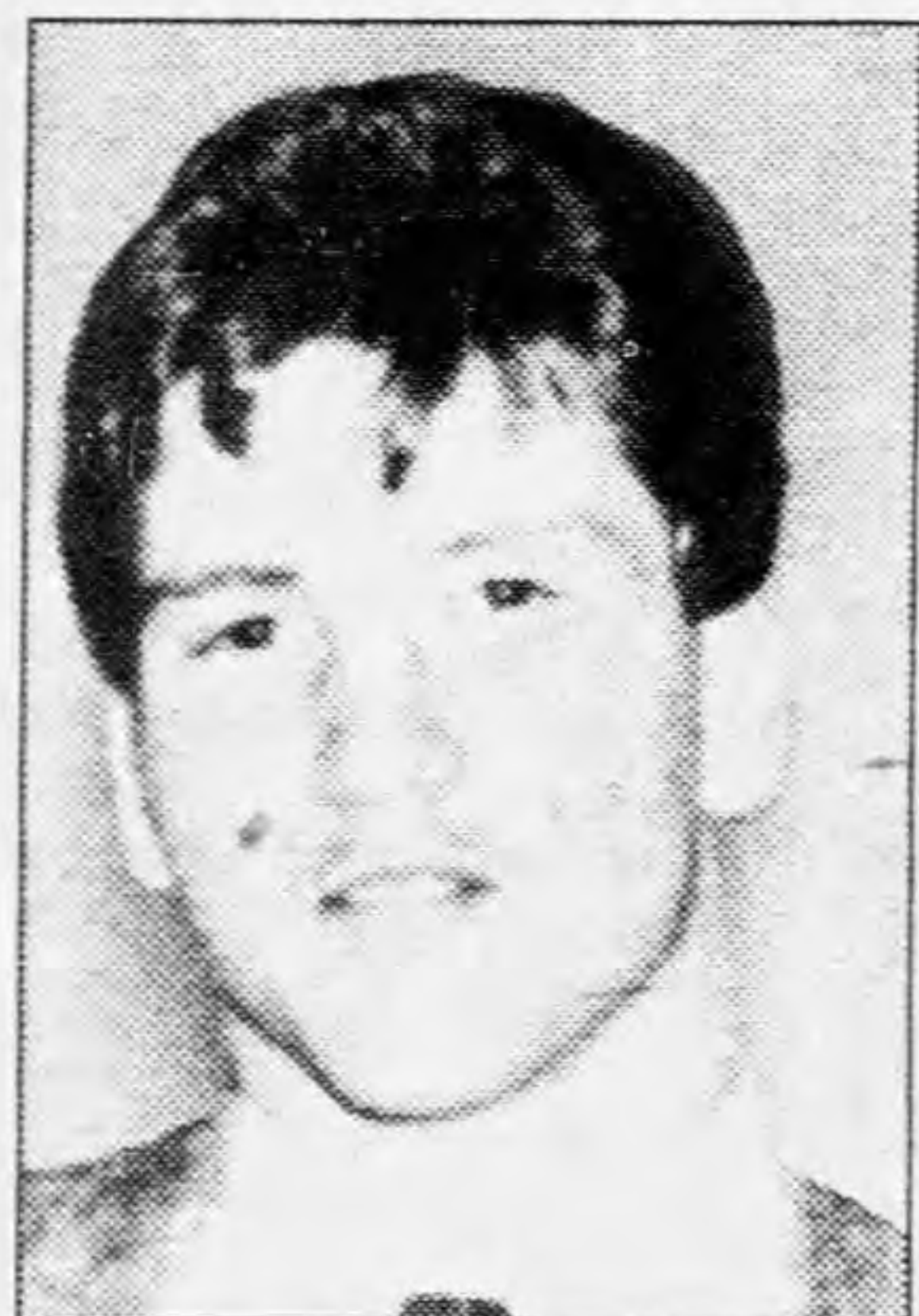
Members of the Holy Cross High School football team have known the meaning of victory and defeat. Now they know the meaning of grief.

Players have felt shock, disbelief, rage, depression and hurt over the death of teammate David Woods, who was buried yesterday. The 17-year-old Woodside resident was stabbed Monday night, in Woodside. Daniel Chaves, 16, of Woodside, surrendered to police Wednesday and was charged with second-degree murder and criminal possession of a weapon. Woods, an honor student, had confronted five youths, including Chaves, who allegedly had slapped a neighborhood girl last week.

Danny Fudge, a teammate and close friend

of Woods, thought someone was playing a sick joke when he heard the news. "But when I realized it was no joke," he said Thursday before practice at the Flushing school, "I still refused to believe he'd been killed."

"Me, too," said teammate J.P. Sprauve. "Even though I knew Dave was dead, I couldn't help thinking that maybe he was just



David Woods

asleep, or in the hospital, and that he'd be back the next day. The sense of denial was strong. But when I saw him at the wake, it cemented the fact that he had died.

"You know," Fudge said, "I never thought about death until now. I used to think, 'Heck, I'm 17, why do I have to worry about death? I'll live to be 70.' But after seeing David in the coffin Wednesday night, I realized that some jerk out there can pull out a knife anytime, and that's it."

Sprauve said: "Dave's death has changed my perspective on things. Life is fragile. You're here one second, gone the next."

Although the team has experienced a range of emotions, anger still burns in Fudge. And some of his anger is directed at Woods.

"The other night I was sitting around remembering the good times with Dave," he said. "I'd be laughing, then suddenly I'd just say, 'Why'd that fool have to go up to those guys by himself? Why didn't he at least take a bat or something? Then that feeling passed and I realized how much I missed the kid. And always will.'"

Woods' death has prompted Fudge to question God. "How could He let that happen?" he said. "I'll never understand why God would take someone who had so much to give. Why not take someone who had nothing to offer?"

For now, David Woods is all his teammates can think about. Wherever they turn in the locker room or on the playing field, they are reminded of his looks, his laugh and his actions.

Coach Tom Pugh will try to ensure his players receive proper attention when it comes to dealing with the tragedy. "The guys closest to David will be counseled more than others," he said. "For a lot of these kids, it's their first tragedy."

Fudge also expressed concern. "The thought of suicide is around. So you watch the guys who are taking this too hard."

"We have an effective on-campus ministry program and guidance department," Pugh said. "Anyone can go in at any time to talk about things that are bothering them."

"We're all depressed," teammate Keith Lombardi said, "but we're trying to get along."

Sindelar Shoots 63, Leads B.C. Open by 7

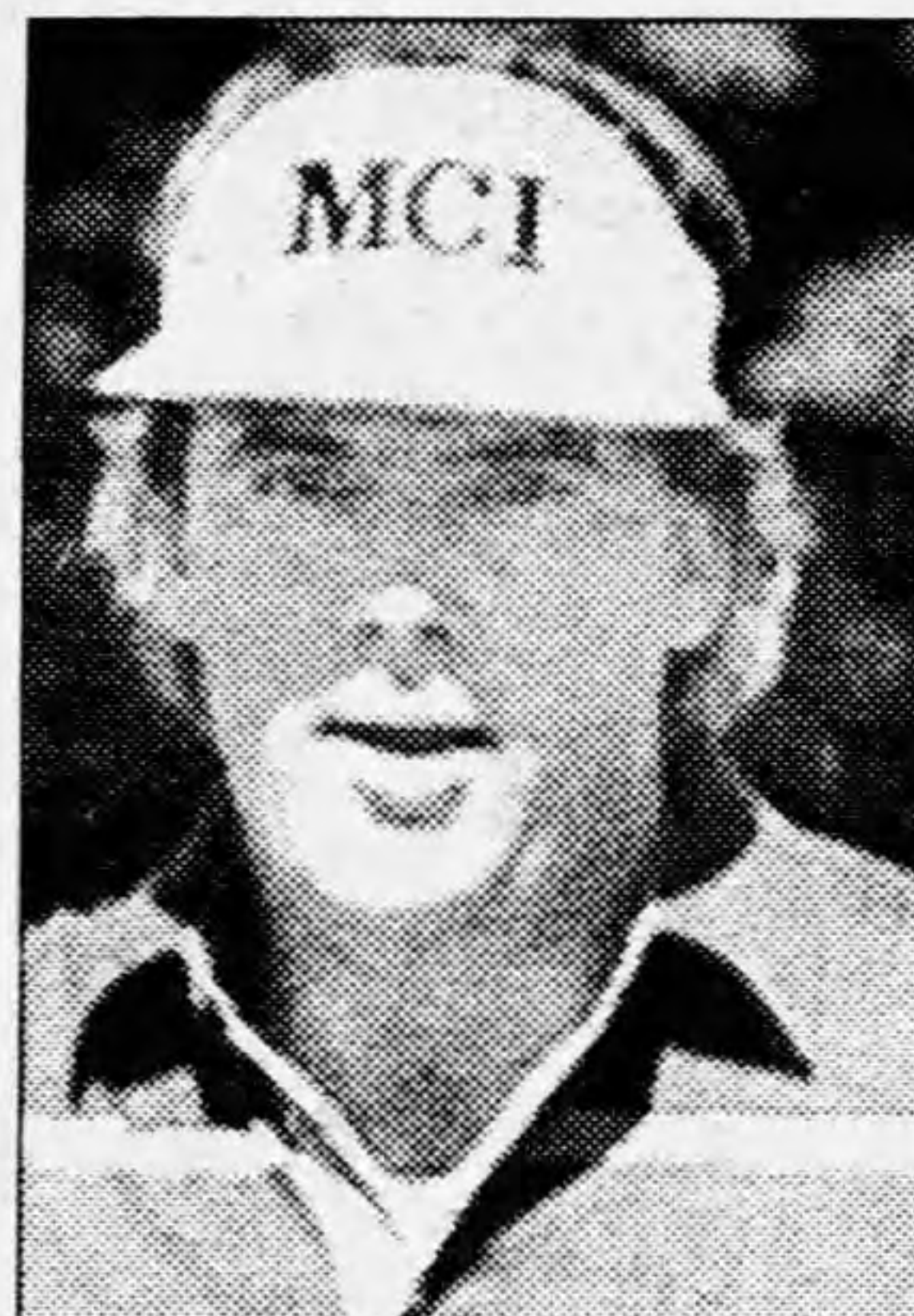
Joey Sindelar shot an 8-under-par 63 yesterday, giving him a seven-stroke lead after two rounds of the \$400,000 B.C. Open in Endicott, N.Y.

Sindelar's advantage matched the largest 36-hole lead since the PGA began keeping detailed records in 1972. Tom Weiskopf led by seven strokes after two rounds of the 1975 Westchester Classic but lost the tournament.

"I guarantee I've never had a lead like this on the Tour," said Sindelar, who was 9-under for the day until he bogeyed the final hole.

Sindelar's two-round total of 14-under 128 is the second lowest on the Tour this season. Robert Wrenn was at 16-under-par 128 in July's Buick Open.

Peter Jacobsen shot a 66 and held sole possession of second place with Roger Maltbie (66) third, eight strokes back.



Joey Sindelar

Crampton, King Lead Seniors

Jim King and Bruce Crampton shot 7-under-par 63s to share a two-stroke lead over Doug Sanders after the first round of the \$225,000 Bank One Senior Golf Classic in Lexington, Ky. Crampton shot a 5-under-par 30 on the front nine and birdied the last three holes.

Stewart Making First Defense

Leslie Stewart, who is at a four-inch reach disadvantage, makes the first defense of his WBA light-heavyweight title today (4:30 p.m. 7) against 1984 Olympic silver medalist Virgil Hill in a scheduled 15-round bout in Atlantic City.

"I'll have to smother him," said Stewart, who is 24-1 with 16 knockouts. "Not allow him the chance to step back and get his punching room. If I succeed at that, I'll kill his strategy."

Hill (18-0, 12 KOs), rated No. 5 by the WBA, labored anonymously after winning the silver medal in the middleweight class, while Olympic teammates Mark Breland, Evander Holyfield and Pernell Whitaker received guaranteed professional contracts.

"I don't begrudge them anything because they say the difference between gold and silver is a million dollars. I had to take time to find myself. I think my time is coming, and I think it is right now."

At Least It Doesn't Count

Columbia gets beaten by Hofstra in scrimmage

By John Valenti

Columbia opened its football season last night to mixed reviews. There were some positive signs. But there also were plenty of negative ones.

The good news? Columbia finally has found a punter — Does anyone remember the feud between former coach Jim Garrett and Peter Murphy? — as well as a kicking game. Sophomore Matt Pollard punted eight times for a 38.1-yard average and kicked field goals of 28 and 42 yards, though he missed a 43-yard attempt.

The bad news? Columbia struggled on offense, allowed the big play on defense and showed that it still is not sure just how to win a football game — even if it is a scrimmage against a Division III team — as it lost to Hofstra, 21-6, last night in Hempstead, L.I.

"I'm not displeased at all with our effort," Columbia coach Larry McElreavy said of his team, which has been practicing only a week. "We made mistakes, but there were indications that this is a team that can win some football games. If this was last season, we would have lost this game, 40-0 or 40-6."

Still, there were problems. Five quarterbackbacks — Chris Della Pietra, Dave Putelo, Mike Morse, Chris Lorenz and Matt Less — went 11-for-33 for 170 yards and three interceptions. And that mainly was

Pitt Bars Eagles From Campus

University of Pittsburgh football coach Mike Gottfried has banned Philadelphia Eagles scouts from his campus because the NFL team took part in yesterday's supplemental draft.

"I regret to have to do this, but I do not believe in this supplemental draft," Gottfried said. "I hope in the future that the dialogue that has begun between the NFL and the NCAA will help solve this problem."

The Eagles chose Ohio State all-America wide receiver Cris Carter in the fourth round. Carter lost his college eligibility because he accepted money from sports agents **Norby Walters** and **Lloyd Bloom**.

North Korea Loses a Round

International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch rejected North Korea's request for a postponement of invitations for the 1988 Summer Games in Seoul, South Korea.

North Korea, dissatisfied with the IOC's package of events to be staged in the North, wanted the invitation ceremony to be delayed until after a fifth round of talks with South Korea. The invitations are scheduled to be issued Sept. 17.

Replying to a letter sent Monday by North Korean Olympic Committee president Kim Yu Sun, Samaranch said the Olympic Charter specified invitations must be sent one year before the Games.

Sonics Suspend Johnson

Seattle SuperSonics guard Eddie Johnson has been arrested on bad-check charges and has been suspended from the NBA for failing to follow through on drug counseling.

Jail officials in Atlanta said Johnson, 31, was being held on \$800 bail pending arraignment on charges stemming from a bad check of \$380, written to a hotel, and an unpaid \$114 taxi fare.

The suspension was disclosed by Sonics president Bob Whitsitt, who said Johnson had failed to follow through on after-care, the periodic drug counseling that is required by the players union and the league for players who have been treated for drug dependency. Johnson was treated for cocaine addiction in 1986 while playing for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Furthermore . . .

Former Portland Trail Blazer Kermit Washington, 35, a 6-8 power forward who retired after the 1981-82 season because of lingering back injuries, said he wants to launch a comeback with the NBA team . . . The NCAA ruled that University of Miami defensive tackle Dan Sileo will be ineligible to play for the Hurricanes this season because he has been a full-time student for five seasons . . . Jeannie Longo of France won the women's road race at the World Cycling Championships for the third straight year, in Villach, Austria.

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