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SPORTS BRIEFLY

BASKETBALL — Oklahoma guard Mookie Blaylock, who set three records for steals in his first season, has been named AP Big 8 newcomer of the year. Blaylock, a transfer from Midland, Texas, Junior College, has a Big 8-record 122 steals. He averages over 17 points and dished out 179 assists

. Temple coach John Chaney is the United States Basketball Writers Association's pick for college coach of the year for the second straight season. Chaney, in his sixth season at Temple, led the top-ranked Owls (29-1) to Atlantic 10 Conference regular season and tournament championships . . . UNLV 6-foot-6 junior guard Keith James will be lost for the duration of the NCAA tournament because of infectious mononucleosis, a team trainer said . . Norby Walters, a New York entertainment executive and sports agent, pleaded innocent to violating state law through his dealings with former Alabama basketball players Derrick McKey and Terry Coner. . . Speculation has it that Eddie Fogler of Wichita State and Lon Kruger of Kansas State are frontrunners for the University of Texas coaching position.

BASEBALL — Baseball's Playing Rules Commitee agreed to implement the new rules on the strike zone and balks on a one-year trial basis, a week after having rejected the same proposal . . . Baseball players lost up to \$90 million in salaries during 1986 and 1987 because of collusion by owners, according to a study commissioned by the Major League Baseball Players Association.

FOOTBALL — Instant replay, which began as a oneyear experiment in 1986, was approved for a third experimental year by NFL owners. The one major change this year makes the instant replay official a member of the regular game officiating crew. At the owners' meeting in Phoenix, Ariz., Chicago Bears Coach Mike Ditka said "the game is done" if other NFL teams follow the lead of the Washington Redskins and offer contracts like the \$6 million. five-year deal given to Bears linebacker Wilber Marshall. The NCAA has been rejected in an effort to get tapes from Sport magazine made in support of a November article alleging a coverup by University of Tennessee officials who were investigating the school's football program. **MISC.** — The U.S. Olympic Site Selection Committee likely will recommend Atlanta and Minneapolis-St. Paul as candidates for the 1996 Summer Olympics, the Atlanta Constitution and The Atlanta Journal reported . . . Auto speed king and motor sports innovator Mickey Thompson, 59, and his wife Trudy were ambushed and killed Wednesday by bicycling gunmen who invaded their hillside estate in Bradbury, Calif., in what deputies called "an assassination." As recently as Sunday, Thompson expressed fears for his life after receiving numerous death threats, friends and associates said.

COUGARS: Outjab Lincoln

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Kennedy will make its fourth appearance in the prep Final Four, each time after posting 20 or more victories.

THE COUGARS ENTERED the tournament a 66.7-percent freethrow unit, and matched that mark by making 20 of 30 charity tosses, all of them vital. "We were real lucky to pull this one off, we didn't play that good," said Simpson, while icing down his ankle — sprained while playing in a pickup game at the low Fieldhouse last weekend — in the empty dressing room. "The first half I couldn't hit nothing. I don't know what it was, maybe I was nervous.

"It (the ankle) felt pretty good, but I'm hoping by Friday it will be back to normal."

Kennedy made only 40 percent of its shots from the field (24 of 60), and the Lynx were 44.6 percent (25 of 56).

Johnson had 15 points, despite 5-of-16 marksmanship. Jason Laube and Unkrich had 12 apiece. Unkrich grabbed nine rebounds and Laube eight.

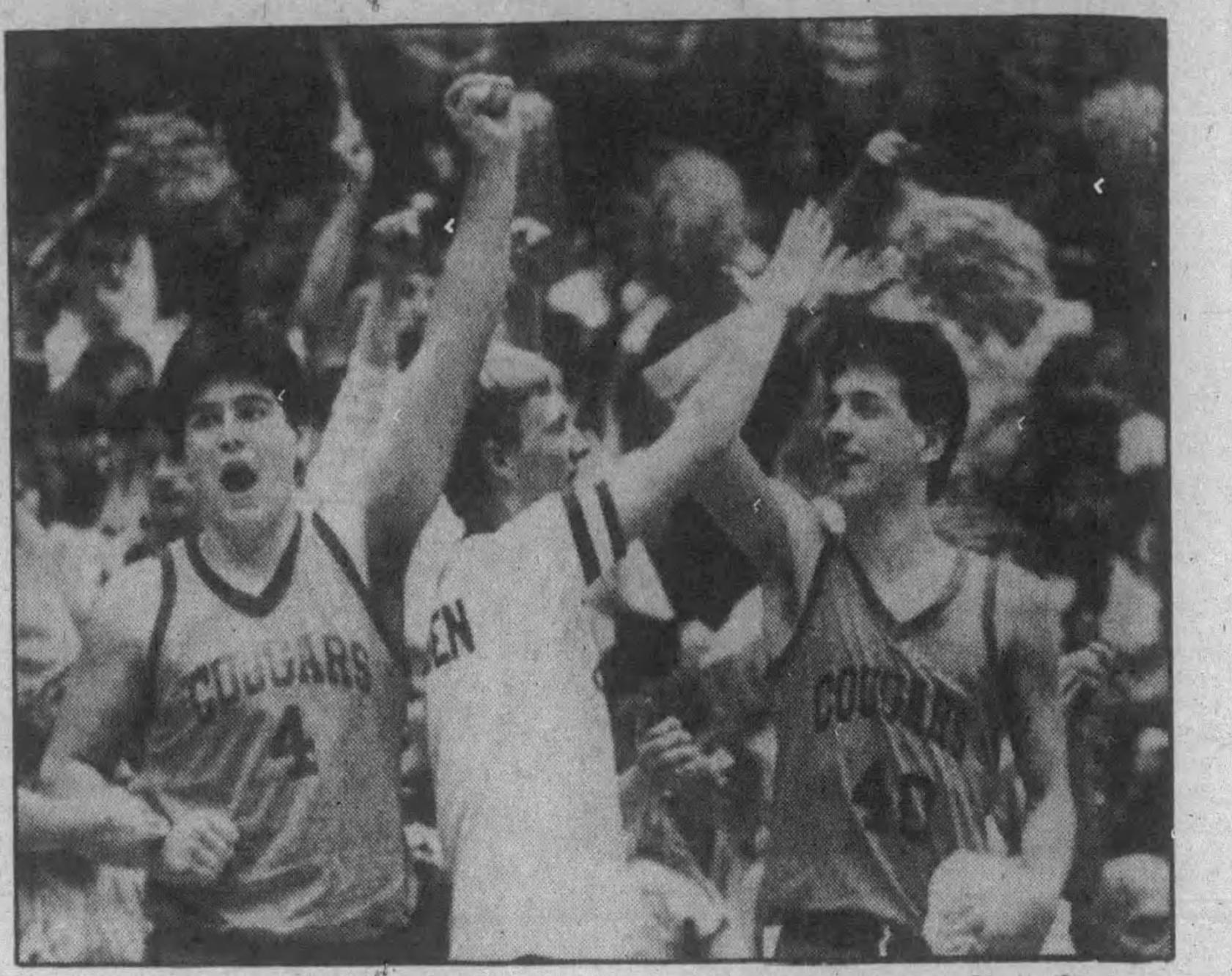
shake free of Lincoln, the Lynx answered. But the Cougars applied a fullcourt press in the third quarter, forcing seven of Lincoln's 20 turnovers, and owned a temporary 41-33 lead with 6:40 to go in the quarter.

"That might have been the key to the game," said Zediker. "We got some easy baskets off some steals.

"We've been a great thirdquarter team and built an eightpoint lead. But, for some reason we died. They got the lead back (49-48), and the last four minutes were as poorly as we've played in some time. We've had some tight ball games down the stretch, and good ballhandling, big free throws did it for us."

Nixon sat out the final four minutes of the quarter, but the Lynx hung on.

"If we played a team tougher in the third quarter, I'd like to know who," he said. "I got to compliment Kennedy. They were very tough coming back at us, and most deserving of a victory."



Gazette photo by Chris Stewart

Kennedy's Tony Booth (4), Derek Johansen (middle) and Dale DeWeerdt celebrate late in the fourth quarter after it appeared the Cougars had sealed a win over Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln.

Then, Lincoln fell behind 41-33 on a three-point play by Laube and a Simpson free throw with 6:40 to go in the third quarter.

Ames, went down again. His replacement, junior Brian Mains, committed two turnovers and a foul to aid the Cougars. "The third quarter we did an excellent job, and this was B.J.'s first action since the substate. He's our glue," said Lincoln Coach Dan Koch. "I'm very proud of the way the kids played. Our kids showed great courage, as they have all year. It's been 25 years since we last came here, and I hope it's not another 25."

Associated Press

"Our 'sixth man' was pretty tough, too," said Cougar Coach Arnie Zediker, praising the crowd. "Everybody thought we were going to get through the first round easily. But first-round games here are never easy." Each time Kennedy tried to

The game was tied 11 times and there were 13 lead changes. Each possession was like an one-act play.

Lincoln led at the first quarter break, 21-19, and was up 26-21 two minutes into the second period. Kennedy made a 14-5 burst to take the halfime lead, 35-31.

But, back came Nixon. He fueled a 16-7 run to lead Lincoln to a 49-48 lead at the quarter break. The teams fought to a 57-57 deadlock with 3:46 to go, before a momentum swing.

Lynx point guard B.J. Coburn, who suffered a sprained ankle in last week's substate game against

Pleasant Valley eliminates West Des Moines Valley, 70-66

Associated Press

DES MOINES — Shane Teagarden pumped in 40 points, including eight 3-pointers, as Pleasant Valley dashed West Des Moines Valley's championship hopes with a 70-66 first-round victory in a Class 3A boys' state basketball game Wednesday night in Veterans Auditorium.

Wade Lookingbill scored 24 Shell Rock.

points and Jay Goodman added 22 as top-ranked Fort Dodge (21-1) rolled to a 79-64 victory over Davenport West.

Marc Carlson backed Lookingbill and Goodman with 17 points. Indianola (17-6) rode the quickness of guards Jeff Hartung and Eric Green and a big second half to a 61-48 victory over Waverly-

Class 2A

Second-ranked Council Bluffs St. Albert turned to the inside play of Brian Ratigan and Chris Hanafan to rally in the second half for a 62-45 victory over Fort Dodge St. Edmond on in the Class 2A tournament.

St. Albert (23-1) faces No. 4 LaSalle (20-3) in a semifinal game tonight.

Ratigan, a 6-foot-4 junior, scored all 10 of his points in the second half and grabbed 12 rebounds, while the 6-4 Hanafan contributed five key second-half points and picked off four rebounds.

Nate Schnitker and Trent Holmberg led St. Albert with 11 points each.

LASALLE: In 2A semifinal tonight

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played a great first half to beat Solon in the district only to hang on, and we've 'come back after tough games after that. Hurley's made me a believer."

For LaSalle's dream to continue, it must contend with stopping St. Albert's Falcons, a team boasting as much scoring balance as the Lancers.

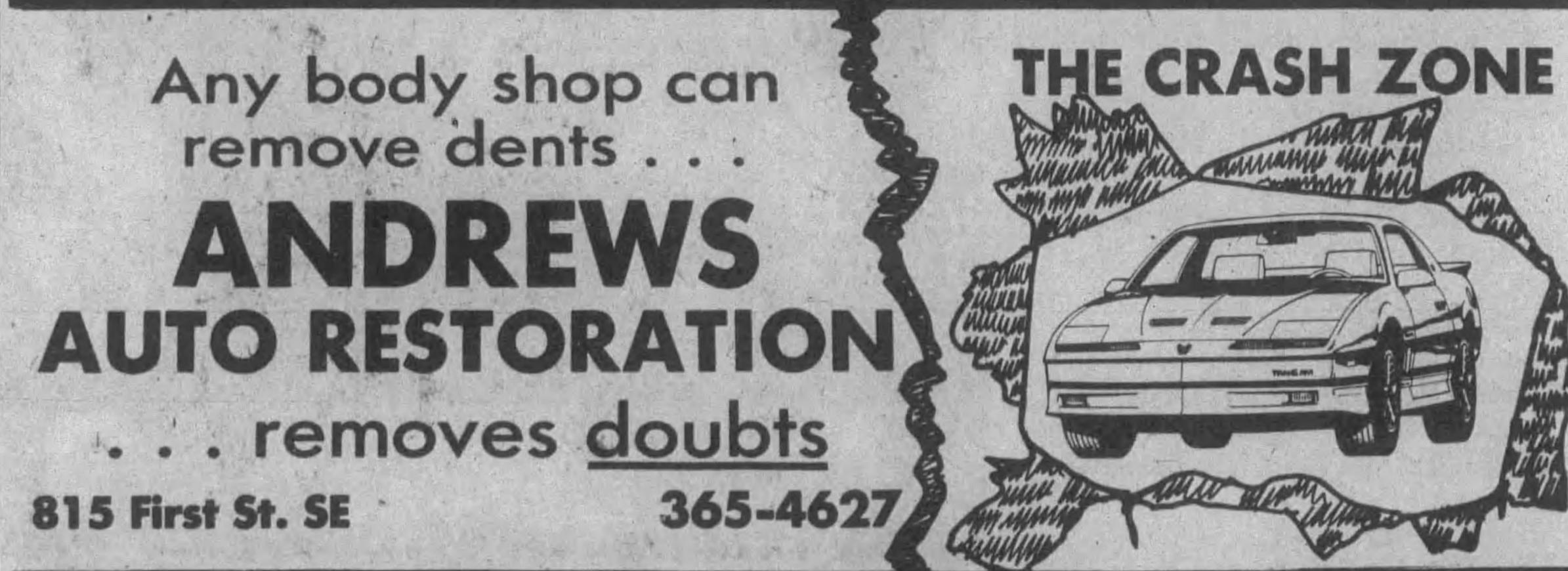
St. Albert advanced to the semifinal with a 62-45 triumph Tuesday over unranked Waverly-Shell Rock — a win marked by a 23-7 fourth-quarter outburst. LaSalle notched its sixth straight victory by rallying to

down Oelwein, 64-49. The Lancers got 16 second-half points from 6foot-5 senior center Ladd Wessels. "They're loose and relaxed, and feel they can beat anyone in the field if they come out and play ball," said Bassett. "We have one more goal, to win it all."

St. Albert has four players averaging between 13.3 and 11 points, led by 6-4, 205-pound forward Chris Hanafan. St. Albert suffered its only setback to Carroll Kuemper, 53-47, in the sixth game of the season.

tournament are tough, and on any given night could be state champion," said Bassett. "It all boils down to who makes the least mistakes and who shoots the ball in the auditorium.

"I would rather play St. Albert, simply because they got two big kids and when we're in our transition game I don't think they can get down the floor with us. The other thing is we're familiar with their style of ball, and they fullcourt press like we do, show some 1-3-1 zone like we do, and "The four teams left in the mix up defenses like we dc."



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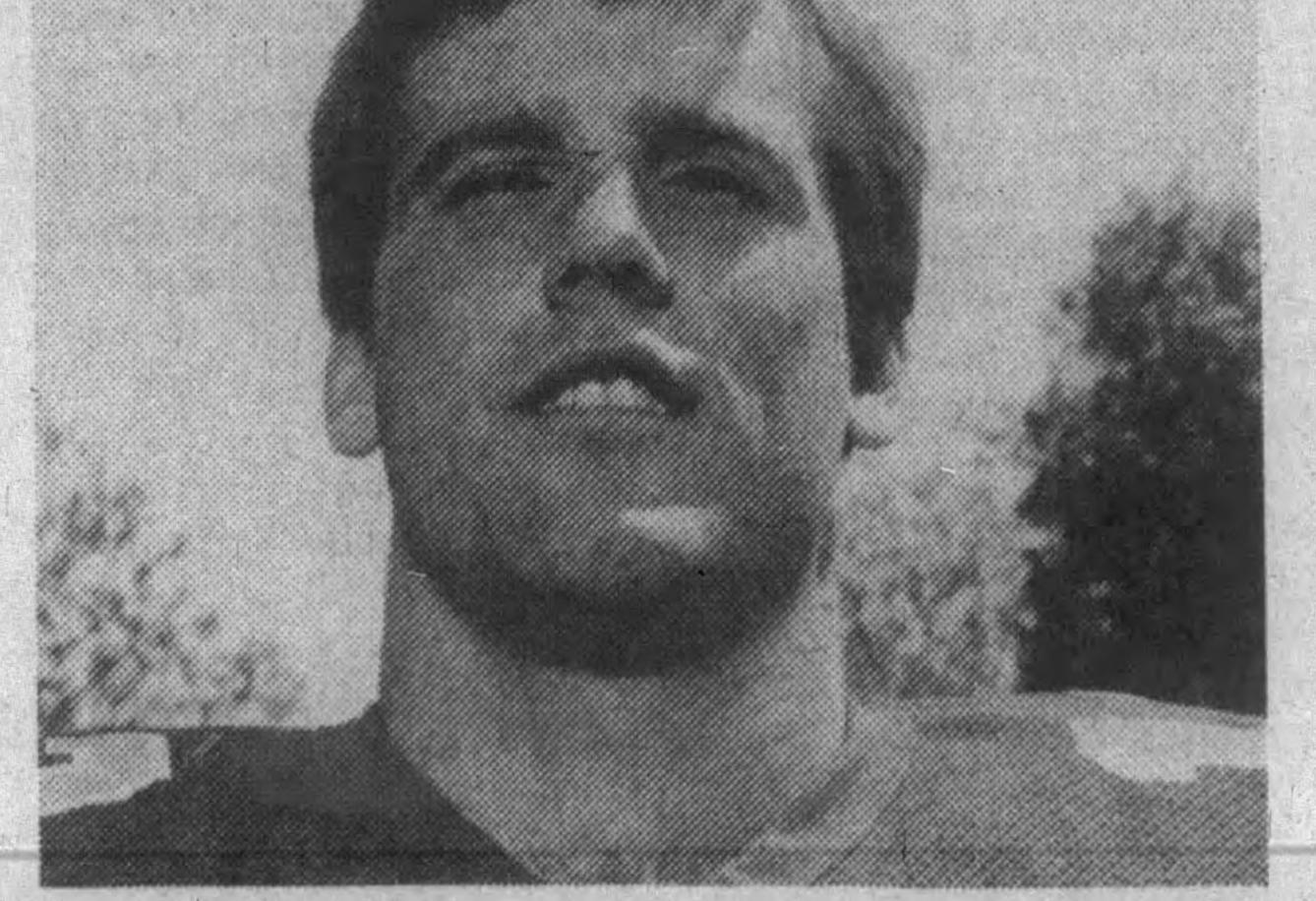
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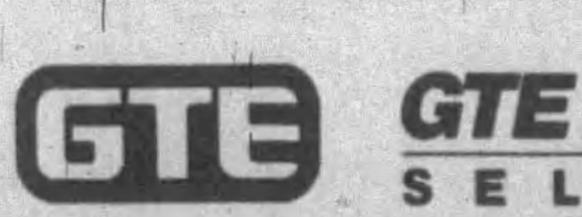
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