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Dedication, commitment is byword . . .

# Volunteers man ambulance service



EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS Vicky Bullard [left] and Robby Schaffer [center] display some of the equipment used in a heart patient rescue effort. On hand is paramedic Michele Davis [right].

In a community well noted for the voluntary acts of its residents, Spearman is more than blessed by a dedicated group of volunteers who expend not only their time and talents, but who also commit themselves to a routine of continuing education to maintain and improve their skills in serving their friends and neighbors.

That group is known simply as H&S EMS and stands for the Hansford and Spearman Emergency Medical Service.

Comprised of nine individuals who serve on a 24-hour call basis one week out of each month, the EMS is a totally volunteer group who have gone through extensive training just to be able to serve.

Members of the H&S-EMS include Mark Hood, Karon Farber, Juanita Pierce, Jeff Lackey, Nina Hendricks, Robby Schaffer, Gail Coates, Vicky Bullard and Michele Davis.

All are EMT's -- Emergency medical technicians -- with the exception of Ms. Davis who is a certified paramedic and instructor.

In addition, Farber, Lackey and Coates have advanced to special skills designations within the EMT levels.

"Right now our numbers are pretty low and we could use some help," notes Ms. Davis. As the lone paramedic of the group, she is on 24-hour call each and every day and makes all calls where her

special skills and training are required.

Davis will be starting a new EMT training school beginning Sept. 22 -- a school which will meet two evenings each week with sessions of four hours each of those two nights.

Applicants must complete the 25-hour class course, make three supervised ambulance runs and one mandatory run with Amarillo paramedics, then spend three eight hour shifts in the emergency receiving center at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo before they receive their EMT designation.

Cost of the class is \$40 which will be reimbursed to those who successfully complete the course and

agree to work with the H&S EMS group.

In addition, EMT's are then required to complete at least 80 hours of continuing education over the next four years in order to be recertified for the EMT designation.

As an EMT, a person is then qualified in five basic skills -- adult, children and infant cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and choking;

Taking of blood pressure, pulse and respiration; bandaging and splinting; oxygen and adjuncts for breathing; and hare traction application.

Advancing to the special skills level qualifies the EMT for advancement. See "VOLUNTEERS, p-2



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# Reporter

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Enrollment peaks at elementary . . .

## 849 enrolled for 1987 school year

The Spearman Independent School District registered 849 students for the first day of classes Tuesday morning -- a head count which is up by 24 from the 1986-87 totals.

It's a good news-bad news type situation for the school district as state funds are allocated to each school district in the state based on average daily attendance (ADA).

With an increase in the ADA, the school district could expect more state funds to help offset their budget.

The bad news comes in the fact that the increase in elementary enrollment puts the school dangerously close to the state classroom ratio limit of 22-1 -- that is, 22 students for each teacher.

In the four kindergarten sessions there are a total of 77 children. First grade classroom limits are even closer with 85 children enrolled for four different classes.

There are three classes each in second and third grades with 61 students enrolled in the second grade and 65 in the third.

"We could have some problems if we have more students enroll in these classes," notes Spearman school superintendent Larry Butler. "The state mandates that we will have no more than 22 students per teacher."

It is possible the school could petition for a waiver which might or might not be granted by the state education board.

"I can tell them that we're working with an architect right now," reports Butler. "But that doesn't guarantee us anything."

The 22-1 ratio is mandatory in grades K-2 for the current year and grade levels three and four will fall under those guidelines for the 1988-89 school year, he continues.



ENTHUSIASTIC Kindergarten Students greet the first day of school with an excited exuberance as teacher Paula Butler gets the class lined out. A total of 849

students enrolled for the first day of classes in the Spearman Independent School District.

STAFF PHOTO BY KIRBY MCADAMS

Total enrollment for the Spearman elementary is 359, up from 338 last year and above the 1985-86 school year where some 347 students were enrolled.

Elementary carries from Kindergarten through the fourth grade. Junior high is grades five through eight and high school is freshman through seniors.

The junior high enrollment figures are 252, up from 238 last year and 242 which began the 1985-86 school year.

High school numbers are down

from last year with a total of 238 enrolled for the first day of school this year. Last year there were 249 and 239 for the beginning of the 1985 school year.

A breakdown by grade level shows 77 in Kindergarten, 85 in first grade, 61 in second grade, 65 in third and 69 in fourth grade.

At junior high there are 62 in fifth, 63 in sixth, 58 in seventh and 69 in eighth grade.

High school enrollment shows 60

freshmen, 64 sophomores, 65 juniors and 49 seniors for the 1987-88 school year.

Last year's breakdown saw 69 in Kindergarten, 79 in first, 63 in second, 64 in third and 61 in fourth grade at elementary school.

The 1987-88 figures for junior high had 63 in fifth, 58 in sixth, 69 in seventh and 48 in the eighth grade.

Last year's high school enrollment figures had 61 freshmen, 73 sophomores, 51 juniors and 64 seniors.

### The Hansford Report

by JAMES JARRETT



There's probably nothing I detest more than to have somebody give me their word that they will do something and then watch in disgust when, for some reason, it doesn't get done.

Generally, in a case like that, I can be very hard and bitter. Often, I waste little time in letting my feelings be known about situations like that.

God has a way of humbling us all. With Sunday's edition, a promise I had made to Ray Phelps was broken -- an article concerning his and his wife's 50th wedding anniversary was left out of the paper.

And there's no one to blame but myself. I told Ray it would get done and it didn't. That phone call I made late Friday evening when I discovered my oversight was one of the most difficult I've made since coming to Spearman.

And I know it hurt his dear bride's feelings, I could hear it when I called. That didn't make me feel any better. And apologies simply wouldn't unprint the papers so I could correct my oversight.

And 50th wedding anniversaries only come once in a lifetime.

The couple's story and picture are in today's edition, along with my apologies here.

If you get a chance, help me erase some of their disappointment by dropping by their reception this coming Sunday in the hospitality room of the First State Bank. Everyone's invited and I know they'll be glad you came by to wish them well.

bulwarks -- perhaps even, subconsciously, the gruesome aspect of blood still upon the ramparts.

I was greeted with carefully manicured grass lawns and flowerbeds carefully nestled beside a high-rise hotel which sits just across the street from the now enshrined fortress-mission.

To my still child-like mind, the truth of the present-day setting caused the actual truth of the Alamo to take a step back in my list of important events. It's called disappointment.

Maturity helped cure that, over the years, my respect for the brave deed of those 180-odd souls grew again. It was some years later -- at the age of 30 if that's important -- that I discovered that same boyish thrill for the state's legendary act of heroism at the Alamo.

Only, I didn't rediscover it at the Alamo proper. On my first excursion to south San Antonio in my married life -- now there's an interesting thing, if I may digress for a moment. Isn't it amazing how we all date things from important events in our lives such as marriages and funerals? And why is it those two events are always talked about in combination like that? Oh, well, back to the point . . .

As I was saying, it was the first trip to San Antonio of my married life. Not only was my wife and son with me, but I braved taking my brother's two oldest children as

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Friday night in Lynx stadium . . .

## Spearman, Memphis clash in debut

The 1987 edition of the Spearman Lynx will get their baptism of fire this Friday evening when they play host to perennial powerhouse Memphis Cyclones in the season curtain raiser for both ball clubs.

Game time for the opening game of the 1987 season is 8 p.m. in Lynx Stadium.

For the Lynx it will be an opportunity to try and erase the sting of embarrassment from the last two season openers where they were drubbed 60-6 in 1985 and 41-0 last year.

The class 2-AA defending district champs boast a big play offense coupled with a stingy defense which takes advantage of their offensive shell-shocking prowess to intimidate opposing teams.

Running out of a true wishbone offense, the Cyclones are led by

workhorse running back Johnny Scott, a 200-pound junior fullback who invariably gets the ball on crucial downs.

Cyclones quarterback Jeff Richardson could be the big play man for Memphis this season. At 170-pounds, the speedy signal caller is strong on the option and is more than capable at turning the corner and blasting off for the goal line.

While Memphis will be fielding a young, inexperienced line for the 1987 gridiron season, that line will be anchored by 155-pound senior guard, Adam Cope who could be one of the premier linemen in district 2-AA this year.

The Cyclones defensive line is mastered by noseguard Darrell Davis, a 160-pound senior who has proven devastating to opposing offensive backfields from his de-

fensive center position.

The key to any hopes the Lynx might have for a season opener win will be in containing the big-play tendencies of the Cyclones.

"They're a big play offense and that's what we've got to stop," declares Lynx head football coach Don Mullins. "They have an inexperienced line, but they have so much natural ability that you can't really consider that as a factor."

Meanwhile, the Lynx will step into gridiron play with field general Brett Davis at the helm. The 175-pound senior quarterback is in his third year of action and promises strong play for Spearman.

In his backfield will be halfbacks Shawn Cook, Stan Brandt and Haskell Garrett. This trio will run behind center Monty Ross (195,

senior) and guards Chris Lopez (145, senior) and Lance Swan (192, junior).

At offensive tackle for the Lynx will be James Tindell (222, junior) and Delwin Whitmire (215, junior) with tight end Keith Benson (190, senior) and split end Jeff Gustin (174, senior).

On defense, Davis will move over to a defensive back in the secondary while Will Black (154, senior) takes on safety chores. Cook will make up the other defensive back spot.

Linebackers will be Garrett, Mark Garcia (190, junior) and Lance Swan.

On the defensive line, Matt Tucker (250, junior) will play the noseguard position with defensive tackles Tindell and John Hughes (225, sophomore). Benson and

See "CLASH", p-2

### HCHD to set '87 tax rate

The second in a series of steps to increase the Hansford Hospital District tax rate by 14.7 cents per \$100 valuation will be held this Thursday evening in the board room of the Hansford Hospital.

That meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. with directors on hand to receive input from local residents prior to setting the budget and the tax rate for the 1987-88 fiscal year.

In their first meeting -- held last Thursday evening -- only one county resident showed up for the rather quiet meeting.

The meeting was held in the district's board room in the Hansford Hospital as Texas law requires whenever any taxing entity is proposing an increase in excess of eight percent of the governing body's effective tax rate.

The hospital directors felt the meeting was a "vote of confidence" from county tax payers, reports board president Jack Oakes.

# Letter to the Editor

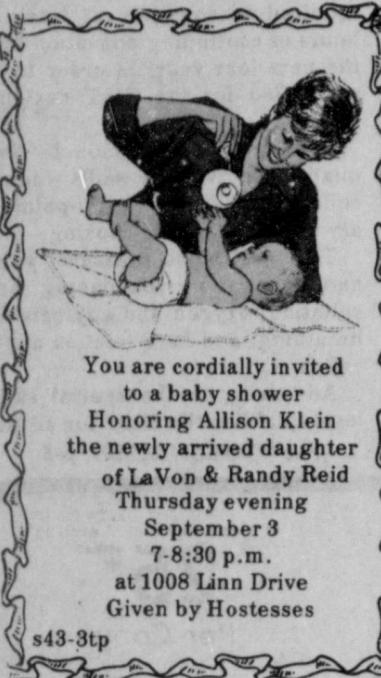
Dear Editor,  
To the NFL (Dallas Cowboys) Fans...  
As some of you know, the NFL games beginning with the pre-season are to be aired on ESPN this year. These games cost our cable

system \$2,000.00 to air. Are you fans aware that these games are not being shown on our cable system here in Spearman?

I'm not only speaking out for the NFL fans of Spearman but for the home-bound and shut-ins who enjoy their sports as a lifestyle. As NFL and Dallas Cowboy Fans let's ban together to inform our cable manager that we want to see our NFL games on ESPN. If they are not shown this year what about the future?

A Faithful Fan, L.C. (Pip) Craig III  
Micki Fanning

Editor's Note: Terry Porter, local manager for the Spearman Cable System, reports that information on the ESPN pay program for the NFL games was received too late for them to sign up. In addition, the added cost to the basic service for cable users would probably run over \$1 per month for the 13-game schedule which ESPN will air this season. He also notes that ESPN is showing commercials during the games which should offset costs to viewers and requests viewers to write ESPN to air their complaints.



You are cordially invited to a baby shower Honoring Allison Klein the newly arrived daughter of LaVon & Randy Reid Thursday evening September 3 7-8:30 p.m. at 1008 Linn Drive Given by Hostesses

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## REPORT

well -- quite a feat for a one-child parent. I grew up a lot on that trip. I took the kids to the Alamo and I could see the luster leave their eyes much as it had left mine those many years before when I first viewed the now sedate setting.

We stayed for more than a little while and took in the sights, along with a special film showing across the street which depicted some of the trials and agonies those brave men of a century and a half ago must have faced.

Still, I could tell it wasn't what they had expected. Then I remembered hearing about the Alamo City -- the spot where John Wayne's remake of the Alamo was filmed.

It lies between Uvalde and Del Rio, just off the main highway on what is lovingly referred to as a ranch road. Believe me, for hair-pin curves and sheer excitement, Colorado doesn't have a road to compete with it if you're brave enough to test the speed limit signs to their maximum.

There, nestled on a rugged rise just above a movie-lot "town" of empty buildings, stands the made-for-movie rendition of the Alamo.

As we drove up, my eyes misted a little and I had to swallow a lump of pride down my Texas throat. Maybe it wasn't the real thing, but it was close enough to remind me what being a Texan was all about.

It didn't matter that it was made of balsa wood and styrofoam. It didn't matter that it was over 100 miles from the actual site of the Alamo. By Golly, it just looked like the picture I had grown in my imagination over the course of a very active young and young adult life.

You drive down to the movie-lot where somebody keeps one lone store open to herd the limited number of tourists who show up each summer.

We took a stage coach from the town up to the little hill where the fake Alamo stands so resolutely against a backdrop of pure blue Texas skies.

We actually walked through the remnants of what remained of the

movie-made Alamo after the movie-made seige. It took little imagination to build from there.

Yes, it's not the Alamo. No, I don't believe it's at all disrespectful to go view Alamo City and take pride in what those 185 men accomplished so many years ago.

Somehow, I don't think they'd mind. It doesn't matter where you're honored, as long as you're honored.

While the battle cry "Remember the Alamo" first echoed off the hills of San Jacinto during another historic battle, that same refrain has resounded in Europe, the Philippines, Korea and Viet Nam and any and everywhere brave Americans -- and Texans -- have fought their own battle of glory.

It's a matter of pride and pride simply cannot beat more loudly than in the bosom of a Texan. It doesn't matter whether it's in down town San Antonio, or a hundred miles away on a South Texas hillside.

The pride is the same. The honor is the same and the glory isn't diminished one bit.

In short, if you get a chance and would like to, go visit Alamo City. You won't be considered less of a Texan for doing so.

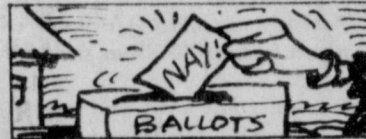
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Our final thought: Justice consists of an enduring and unalterable intention to render to each what that person deserves. -- Aristotle.

## Hospital Report

Patients in the Hansford Hospital are Elden Boese, and Tony Pacheco Jr.

Dismissals from the Hansford Hospital are Bill Kuehl, and George Graves.



Susan B. Anthony, the great feminist of the 19th century, was fined \$100 in 1872 for attempting to vote in the presidential election.

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## VOLUNTEERS

ced airway management; intravenous therapy and administration of some drugs.

In addition, an EMT can become qualified to be an instructor on the EMT level or the EMT Special Skills level.

At one time the Hansford and Spearman EMS group had a total of 15 volunteers, but attrition has taken its toll with several moving out of the county while others simply suffered "burn out" and quit.

The Hansford group averages about 200 calls per year, ranging anywhere from a low of four calls to over 28 for a high.

Dedication is the key. And it takes a special commitment from not only those who are involved in the actual work, but from their families as well.

In fact, all but three of the nine members are employed outside the home, so employers must agree to the extra-curricular work that the volunteer EMS job entails.

While those who utilize the service of the EMS ambulance are charged, EMT's making the runs receive a \$5 fee for their services -- no matter how long the run may take.

If it is an Amarillo run, then the fee is upped to \$15. Small compensation for the time being taken, much less for the energy and expense required to become an EMT.

The class being offered by Davis is open to everyone, not just to those who think they might like to become an EMT.

"It's great for expectant parents, new parents, older people -- actually anybody who wants to be prepared for household emergencies," she notes. "We will teach the five basic skills and the basics of first aid."

In addition, the class is being held under the auspices of Frank Phillips College out of Borger and will carry college credit for continuing education units.

Meanwhile, Spearman and Hansford County boasts one of the most highly-trained and skilled staffs of EMT's in the area -- a staff

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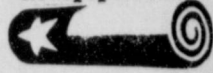
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## CLASH

Gustin will play at defensive ends.

Friday's opener promises to be a strong test of the Lynx and could solidify their position in the 1-AA race if they are able to contain the run-and-gun tactics of the Cyclones.

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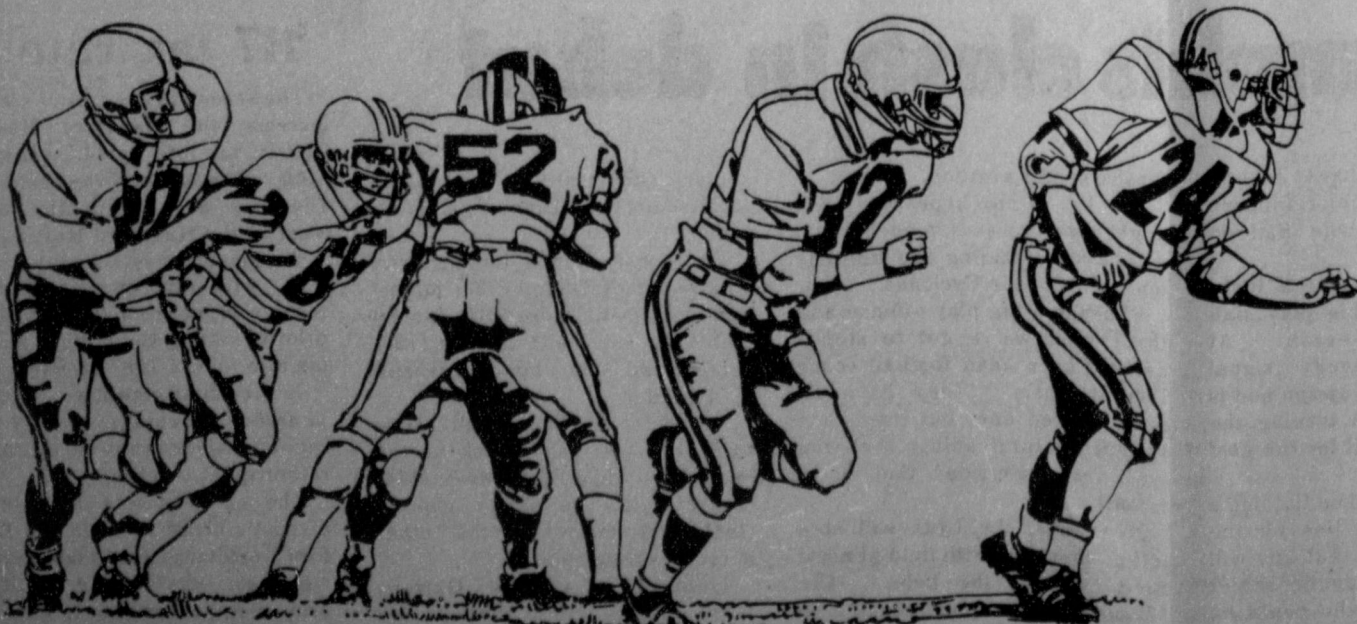
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## Hansford couple to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary Sunday

A golden wedding celebration and reception honoring Ray and Beth Phelps will be held this Sunday in the hospitality room of the First State Bank in Spearman.

The reception, hosted by the couple's son and daughter, will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. that day.

Craig and Janice Thornhill of Dallas and Howell and Sandra Phelps of Austin will host the party in honor of their parent's 50th wedding anniversary.

Phelps married the former Beth Wilbanks on September 3, 1937 in a simple ceremony in the home of the brides parents.

The newlyweds lived in Perryton



RAY AND BETH PHELPS

Celebrating 50 Years of Marriage

for a short time before returning to Spearman where Phelps spent an active career in farming and ranching.

Now retired, the couple are members of the First Christian Church in Spearman. Ray is also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Children of the couple are Janice Thornhill of Dallas and Howell Phelps of Austin. Ray and Beth have two grandchildren.

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### Among the Neighbors

By Helen Fisher

June and Earl Spencer spent a short but memorable two days in San Antonio the last of the week. They attended the graduation ceremonies of their daughter, Earla June Jenkins, from the Air Force Basic Training.

Earla will now be stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls. Her husband is also in the air force, now stationed at Carswell Base in Ft. Worth.

Earla attended school in Spearman.

John Booth is recovering at home now after suffering a mild heart attack.

He returned Thursday after spending a week in St. Anthony's Hospital.

The Booth's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Micky McCurdy of Amarillo spent the weekend here with them.

Tommie and Sue White returned to their home on Fork Lake on Tuesday. He came up for the weekend and she had been here several days. They visited relatives and he attended business while here.

Billy Miller flew to Houston to spend the weekend. He joined his only two cousins in the observance of one of their birthdays.

Mark and Suzanne Cunningham of Dumas spent the weekend here with his parents, the James Cunninghams. Of course, little Regan, the granddaughter was the center of attention.

Jim and Virginia Fowler are leaving a vacancy among their friends, neighbors and church by moving to Amarillo. They left on Monday and will be near their daughter, Jan Womble.

The Fowlers have lived in Spearman for more than 25 years. Some time ago he retired from Getty, now Texaco, Oil Company.

Raymond Sparks had a pleasant weekend with his guests. His daughter and her daughter, Joyce Ray Hanes and Elaine of Carrollton were here three days, returning Monday.

Billy Ray and Lynn Haden spent the weekend with his parents, Billie and Martha Haden.

They are both enrolled for the fall term at W.T. University.

Brandon Babitzke, 14-year old son of Buford Babitzke, underwent a complicated, extensive ear surgery in a 6 hour operation at St. Anthony's Hospital on Friday.

He is recovering rapidly and will be able to enter school this week at Perryton.

Rae and Butch Butler are back after a leisurely two weeks vacation after a leisurely two weeks vacation.

First on their itinerary was that top priority visiting of their sons. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Butler and two children live at San Angelo, and

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Butler and their five children live at Abilene and Jamie lives in Wilburton, Ok.

Next they thoroughly enjoyed a scenic tour of the mountains in southern Arkansas, followed by a tour of eastern Oklahoma.

Their last stop was to visit Rae's mother at Reydon, Ok.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Pond and family are enjoying the short visit of her mother, Mrs. Doris Church, of Abilene.

The Ponds are from Wheeler and are new teachers in the school here.

The neighbors welcome them to Spearman and wish for them a successful term.

Those two frequent travelers, Maudine Patterson and Darlene Howell, returned Saturday from a 7 day Caribbean Cruise.

They flew to Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. and boarded the Italian Costa Riviera. The ship carried only 750 passengers which allowed more opportunity to meet and mingle with others. The cabins were roomy and luxurious, and the cuisine wonderful.

They made port calls at the islands of St. Thomas, St. Croi and Nassau where they enjoyed some tours and shopping.

Those Thriftway Grocery customers missing the pleasant and accommodating Raul Cantu last week learned that he had been on vacation.

Raul didn't go into much detail about his activities, but when asked if he went to the city to see the bright lights and the night lives he said he always thought the only way to see a floor show was to cut a hole in the carpet.

Welcome back, Raul.

It was distressing to learn that Chip (J.H.) Martin had to undergo hip surgery on Monday morning at St. Anthony's Hospital.

He fell Sunday night and broke his hip in four places at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Fullbright. He had been staying there in order to be near Mrs. Martin who is still in intensive care in St. Anthony's Hospital.

Relatives report that he is doing fairly well following the surgery.

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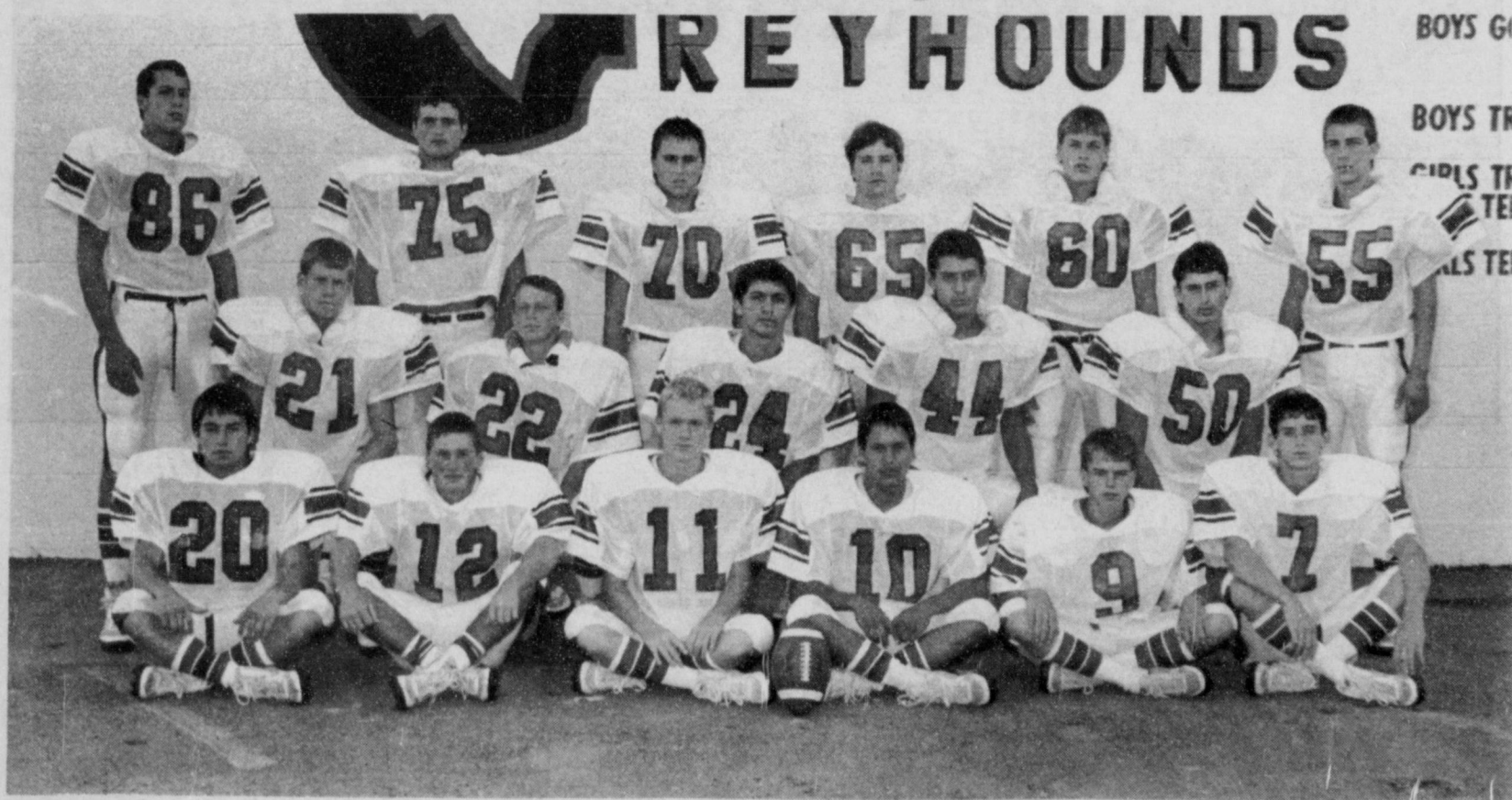
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George DeSantiago	6'0"	170	T	T	Sr.
Tim Fletcher	5'7"	150	SE	DB	Sr.
Brian Gillispie	5'8"	150	RB	DB	Sr.
Justin Harris	5'9"	160	G	DE	Sr.
Joe Lopez	5'6"	155	G	LB	Sr.
Jacobo Moreno	5'9"	185	RB	LB	Sr.
Chris Morris	5'10"	175	T	T	Sr.
Charlie Parrish	5'10"	150	SE	DB	Sr.
Ty Seagler	6'0"	155	TE	DE	Sr.
Slavin Sparks	5'3"	105	SE	DB	Sr.
Andrew Burgoon	5'10"	190	T	T	Jr.
Hector DeSantiago	6'0"	150	TE	LB	Jr.
Michael Farmer	5'7"	165	G	LB	Jr.
Brian Hoel	5'10"	160	FI	DB	Jr.
Brian Payne	5'8"	150	RB	LB	Jr.
Todd Shapley	5'1"	105	SE	DB	Jr.
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18	Sunray	Here	8:00
25	Stratford	There	8:00
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23	Stinnett	Here	7:30
30	Panhandle	There	7:30
Nov. 6	Highland Park	Here	7:30



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# It's the Kick Off of a brand new season for Lynx and Greyhounds



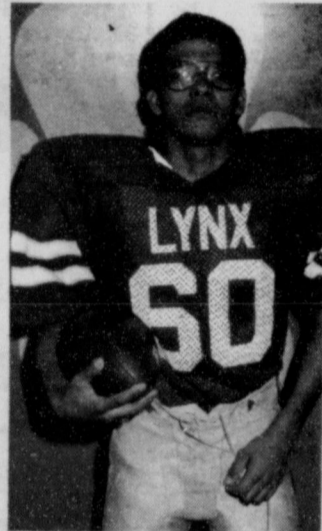
It's the kickoff of a brand new season for both the Spearman Lynx and the Gruver Greyhounds of district 1-AA and the pride of all Hansford County residents. Both teams find themselves in the middle of one of the toughest class AA districts in the state with not one, but two state-ranked powerhouses to contend with before the 1987 season wraps up.

Meanwhile, the Spearman Reporter and the Gruver Statesman have joined forces to present a special preview edition -- a combined edition which will feature the varsity squads of both teams with individual stories and pictures of the players, along with a look at all seven teams in district 1-AA.

Merchants from across Hansford County have joined together to make this special edition possible and, without their support, our Hansford communities would be hard pressed to be the driving forces they are in the Texas Panhandle.

Look forward to solid performances throughout the season from both the Greyhounds and the Lynx as the 1987 Texas Schoolboy Football season unfolds. You'll find all the players listed in the special edition.

Be on hand this Friday evening when the Greyhounds travel to Sun ray to take on the Bobcats of district 1-A and the Lynx play host to the Memphis Mustangs of district 2-AA in the premier for all four ball clubs.



CHRIS LOPEZ

Starting off the 1987 gridiron campaign fresh off a strong showing on last year's Spearman Lynx football team, senior Chris Lopez will be looking to move into a starting position this season.

The talented offensive guard hits the roster at 5-8 and 145-pounds and his quickness will give the Lynx much needed depth at that position.

In addition to his offensive line duties, coach Don Mullins and company expects to utilize his talents at linebacker on defense.

The son of Paul and Adela Lopez, Chris is starting his second season of varsity play and had two years of JV gridiron experience to his credit as well.

# Panthers are strong favorites in 1-AA

The Panhandle Panthers seem to have it all in gear -- by listening to preseason prognosticators -- one might think that regular season play is just another superfluous formality for the 1-AA powerhouse before they get to the real business of post-season playoffs.

But veteran class AA coach Stocky Lamberson knows better than to look too far down the road and the wizened gridiron coaching veteran is planning on taking the 1987 season the way it should be -- one game at a time.

The Lynx will square off against the Panthers in the next-to-last game of the regular season on Oct. 30 in Panhandle.

Meanwhile, the Greyhounds will have to contend with the class AA powerhouse in the regular season finale, Nov. 6 on the Gruver home field.

Panhandle went 9-4 last year as they advanced into the class AA post-season playoffs. But inconsistencies which had marred earlier performances proved to be the undoing of the 1986 version of the Panthers.

Lamberson and company will be working to build a consistent, winning performance from their charges during the 1987 season and go into the year with that goal in mind.

But they also know they must make it out of a tough district 1-AA schedule before they can hope to gain the prestigious Texas Schoolboy Football playoffs after Nov. 6.

Panhandle boasts eight returning lettermen going into the 1987 season, but of those, four are returning 2-way starters for the Panthers.

Included in that group is returning quarterback Tommy Kotara who proved to be one of district 1-AA's outstanding performers during the 1986 campaign.

Without a doubt, Panhandle is the team to beat in 1987 if anyone in the district really wants the 1-AA crown.

While it may prove a difficult task to accomplish, anything can happen in high school football and determination may prove the underlying key to another team's rise to the 1-AA title.

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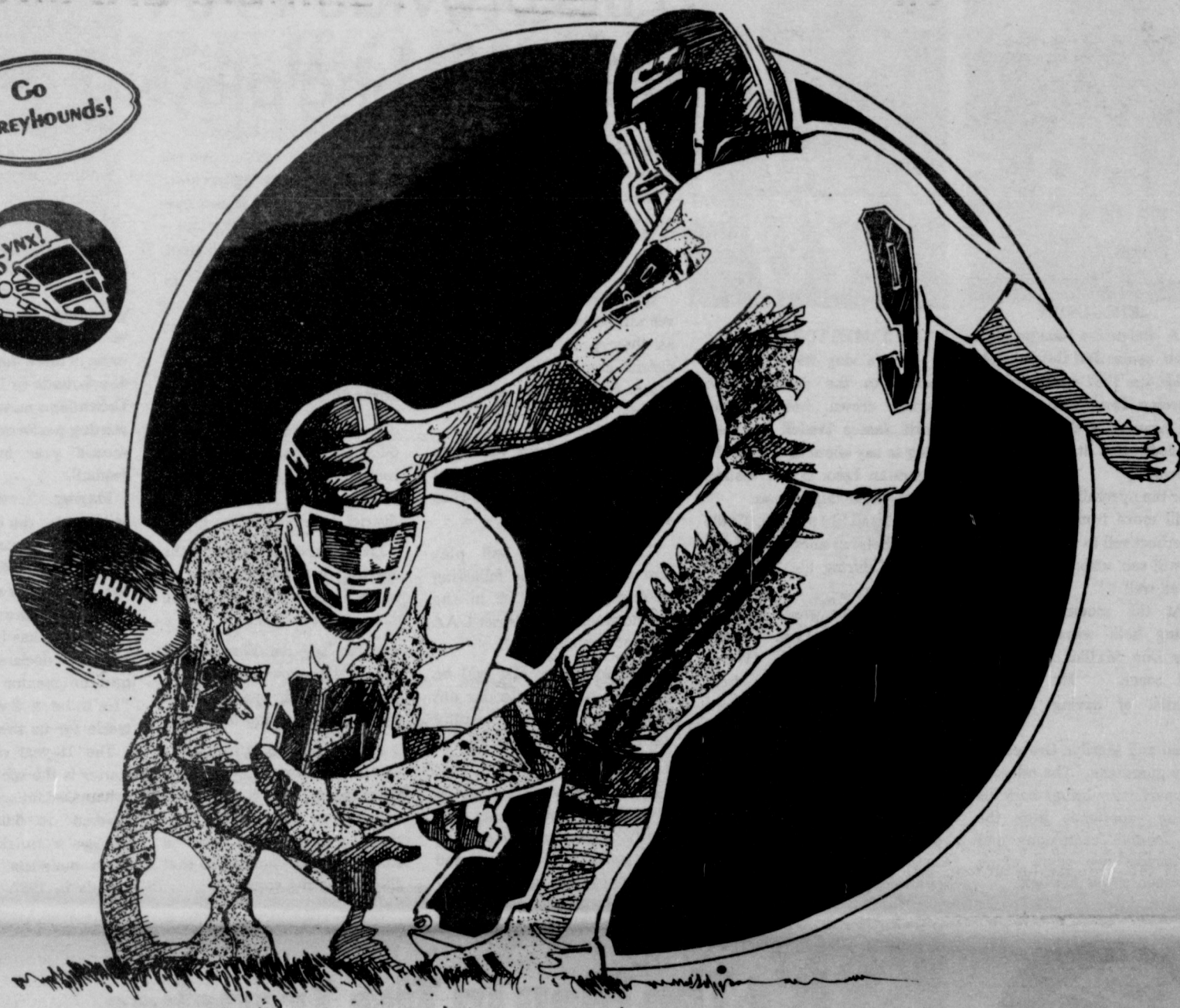
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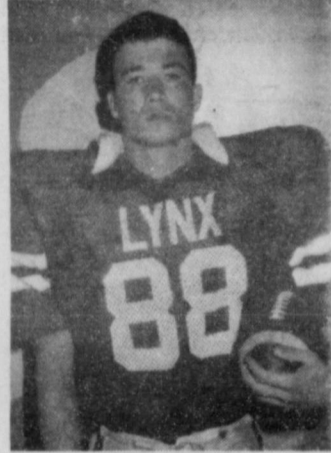
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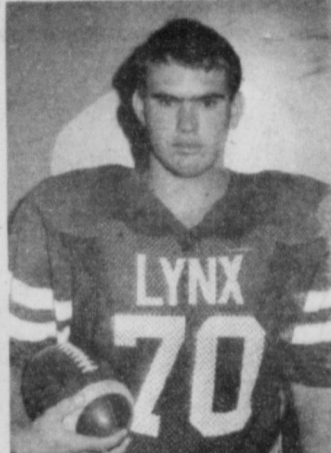
JEFF GUSTIN

A defensive starter last season, senior Jeff Gustin could provide the 1987 edition of the Spearman Lynx with just the right amount of determination and dedication it takes to be winners.

For the upcoming year, Gustin will move from his starting cornerback roll to defensive end and will see action at offensive end as well.

"At the moment Jeff is starting both ways for us," notes Don Mullins, the Lynx head coach. "He has the potential of having a good year."

Fred and Marilyn Graves are Jeff's guardians. The talented Lynx performer brings back his starting experience from the 1986 football campaigns and also carries two years of JV experience under his belt.



JAMES TINDELL

It's a long way from pre-season to the district 1-AA football crown, but if junior tackle James Tindell has anything to say about it, it'll be the Spearman Lynx in the district throne room this season.

At 6-1 and 215 pounds, Tindell will be helping anchor the Lynx trenches during the 1987 gridiron chase.

"James has great possibilities," declare Lynx football coach Don Mullins. "We're expecting great things from him. He has an excellent attitude about everything."

That excellent attitude and his own natural abilities should translate into some of the best news the Lynx have had in years. James is the son of Rusty and Judy Tindell of Spearman.

## Elks provide 1-AA teams strong play

For the past several seasons, both Hansford County teams have wound up with their hands full when it came time to play the Stratford Elks in district 1-AA competition.

But both Spearman and Gruver will be gunning for the Elks as they prep themselves for district competition which will begin Sept. 25 for all 1-AA squads.

In fact, the Lynx will open their 1987 district crown quest by taking on the Stratford Elks at Stratford.

The Greyhounds will play host to the Elks the following weekend -- on Oct. 2 in the second weekend of district 1-AA gridiron action.

Meanwhile, the Elks will be trying to build a contender out of a nucleus of eight returning starters from last year's 1-AA gridiron race.

Stratford coach Bruce Dollar boasts 12 players returning with varsity experience, including eight offensive regulars and seven defensive first teamers.

While speed will not be the Elks long suit in 1987, Coach Dollar and company hope to use size and experience to buoy their hopes for a 1-AA title shot.

Dollar is looking for an improved defense to help out the Elk offense in order for Stratford to hold its own against the likes of Panhandle and West Texas this fall.

And senior Doug Pittman, a 6-0, 165 pound quarterback could play a key part in the rise or fall of the Elks as far as district 1-AA contention goes.

Like most of the teams in the district, Stratford will have to watch injuries which decimated their squad in 1986.

All in all, the Elks should provide the same tough determination which opponents in the district have come to expect.

And, if a team is to have a shot at the district 1-AA title, their losses can ill afford to include one to the Elks who could provide more than a stumbling block enroute to that illusive district crown.



GEORGE DESANTIAGO

He's a walk-on who is providing Gruver with some size and quickness that will come in more than handy for the Greyhounds in 1987 as George DeSantiago moves into a 2-way starting performance in only his second year in high school football.

Playing offensive and defensive tackle, the 6-1, 177-pound senior brings some strong junior varsity performances into the Greyhounds starting line up for the new season.

"George has become a good blocker," declares Gruver head gridiron mentor David Steele. "He'll be a 2-way starter at tackle for us this year."

The 18-year old Greyhound starter is the son of Ruben and Lydia DeSantiago of Gruver. Clocked at 5.0 in the 40, George's quickness should prove beneficial to the Greyhounds in 1987.

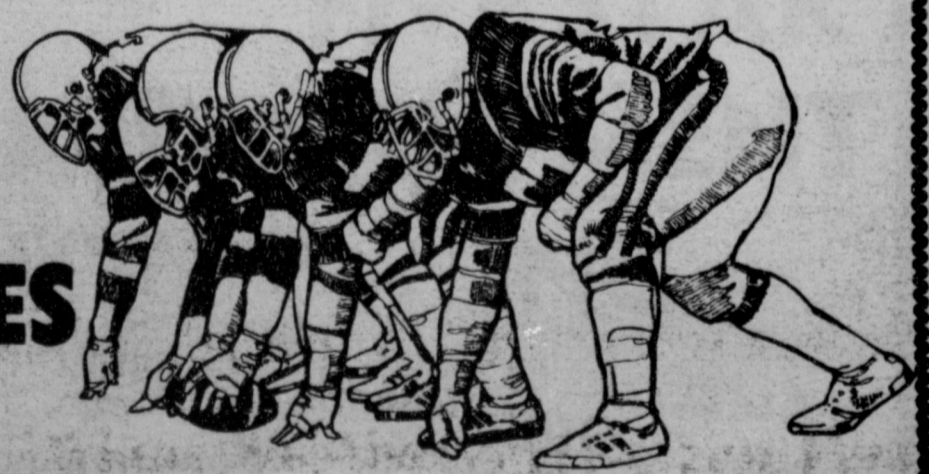


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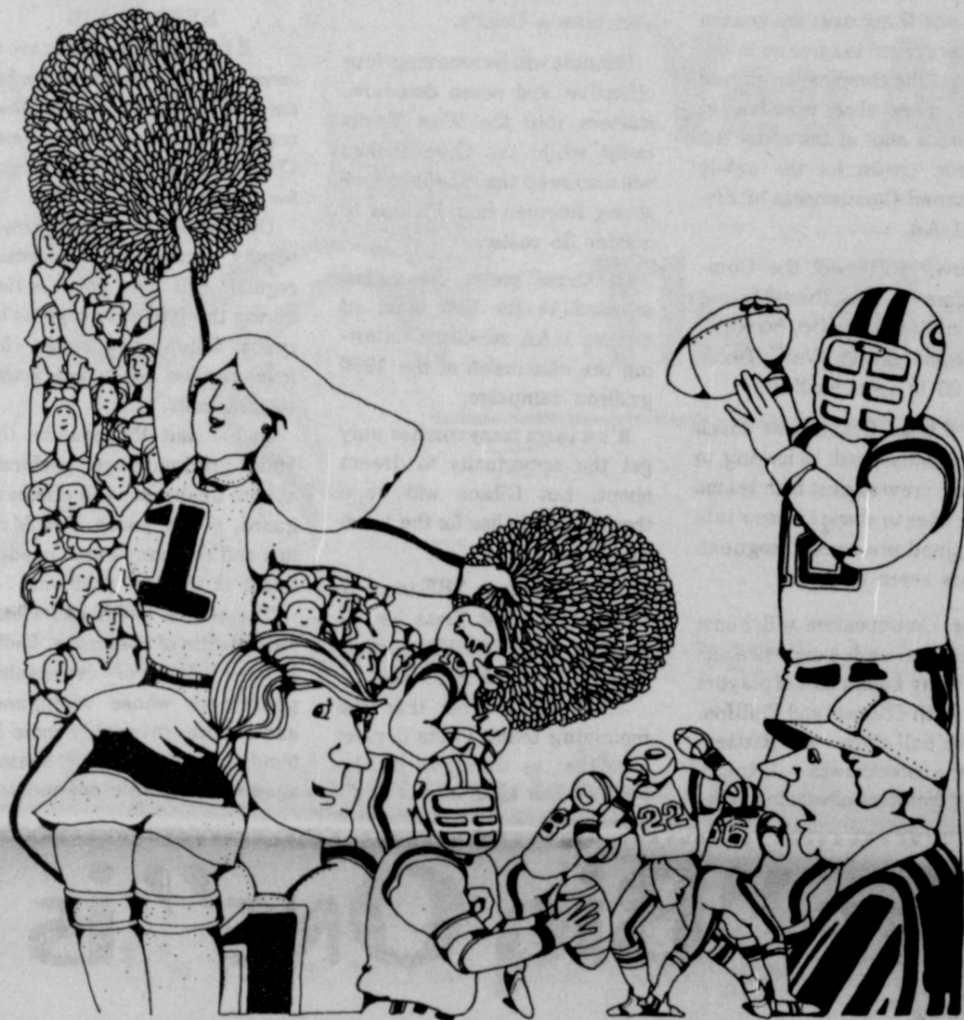
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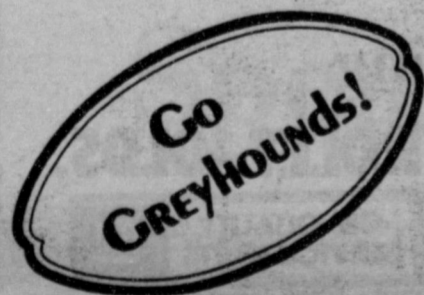


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## West Texas squad unknown quantity



**ANDREW BURGOON**

He's a natural leader and that aptitude provides the Gruver Greyhounds with their offensive line field general in the form of Andrew Burgoon.

Andrew worked hard in the off season to be a better player this year," declares Greyhound head coach David Steele. "He's intelligent and makes our offensive line calls."

At 6-0 and 202 pounds, the junior varsity starter brings back a full year of experience to the Greyhound gridiron machine.

He plays offensive guard and defensive tackle and the 2-way Gruver performer anchor both lines for the Greyhounds.

Andrew is the son of Bob and Connie Burgoon. Don't be surprised if his number becomes a familiar one as the season progresses.

While no one seems to know exactly what to expect from the consolidation of the Snettett-Phillips-Plemmons school district, one thing most pre-season pollsters seem to agree on is the fact that the combination should prove more than effective at gaining a shot at the state AA gridiron crown for the newly christened Comanches of district 1-AA.

Gruver will meet the Comanches on West Texas' home field in Snettett on Oct. 30 while Spearman hosts West Texas Oct. 23 in Lynx stadium.

And head Comanche coach James Gibson will be looking to test his crew against both teams as he tries to shape his crew into the squad pre-season prognosticators seem to expect.

The Comanches will boast good size and experience as they bring back a host of players from both Snettett and Phillips.

Both ball clubs -- the Rattlers and the Blackhawks -- bring a strong tradition of winning foot-

ball into the 1987 season and that alone should provide strong impetus for the newly formed consolidation of schools in Hutchinson County.

Snettett will be returning four offensive and seven defensive starters into the West Texas camp while the Comanches will also reap the benefit of four strong linemen from Phillips to bolster its roster.

Of those crews, five were selected to the first team of district 1-AA selections following the conclusion of the 1986 gridiron campaign.

It's a team many coaches only get the opportunity to dream about, but Gibson will have them solidly in line for the 1-AA title chase.

If Panhandle is THE team to beat, then West Texas has to rank as THE OTHER team to beat in 1-AA district action.

And you can bet that the remaining teams in the district have that as their goal as the 1987 season kicks off.



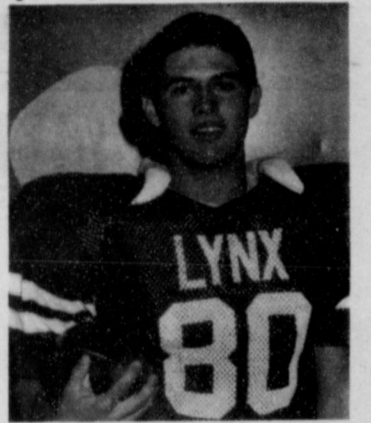
**KEITH CLARK**

If the Spearman Lynx are to have any success at all during the 1987 football season then capable reserves like Keith Clark will provide the stamina for that success.

Up from the Lynx junior varsity squad, the Spearman regular will see good action during the 1987 campaign as he spells fellow teammates for much-needed rest in their 2-way starting rolls.

At 5-7 and 130 pounds, the junior gridiron player performs at both linebacker and offensive guard, giving coach Don Mullins and company much needed depth at the two positions.

The son of Keith and Charlotte Martin of Spearman, Keith is one of those dependable performers whose willingness and abilities invariably come in handy during a long season against formidable opponents.




**KEITH BENSON**

He provided one of the nicest surprises last season that the Lynx could have gotten, transferring in from Colorado to capture a 2-way starting position on the Spearman Lynx line. And senior Keith Benson should provide the Lynx with that same dependable service during the 1987 1-AA gridiron campaign.

"Keith has the potential of being one of our best leaders," reports Don Mullins, the Lynx head coach. "He has good hands and is a solid blocker."

At 6-2 and 189 pounds, Benson's frame is ideally suited to both tightend and defensive end, his regular positions for the Lynx.

The son of Frank and Anna Benson of Spearman, should see solid performances again this season from this talented gridiron performer.




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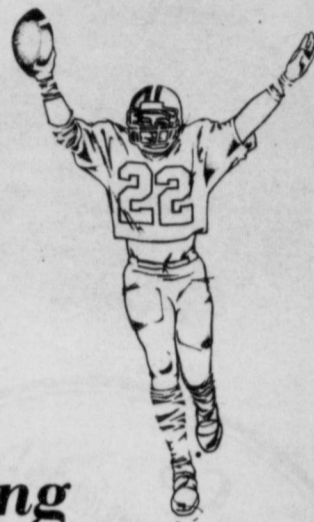
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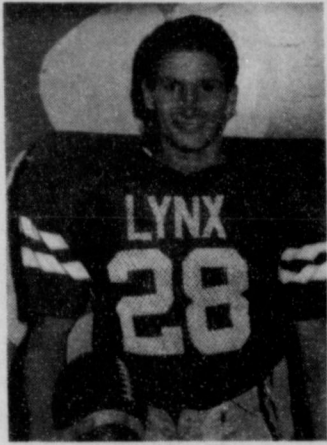
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**ALAN BEESON**

Going into his second season as a runningback for the varsity Spearman Lynx, senior Alan Beeson will help provide the stability and leadership a good football team needs to be successful.

At 5-11 and 155 pounds, Beeson's 4.8 quickness in the 40 will give opposing players all the competition they need when he steps on the field.

"Alan has shown us signs of being a good runner," notes Don Mullins, Lynx head football coach. "He'll be a big help if he doesn't get injured this year."

The versatile Lynx gridiron performer is the son of Jim and Linda Beeson of Spearman and saw regular action last season on the varsity. In addition, he has two years of JV experience to his credit.



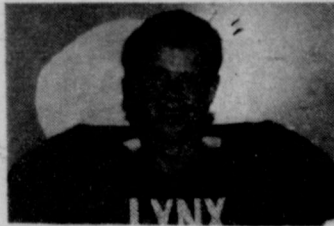
**HECTOR DESANTIAGO**

He's moved from a down-lineman blocking position to a runningback -- but he's still blocking and junior fullback Hector DeSantiago is more than good at what he does.

Moving from tightend to a runningback spot only opens the possibilities for the 6-1, 166-pound 16-year old Greyhound performer as he begins his second varsity year for the Greyhounds.

With only two years of football experience, Hector has proven an added plus for the Greyhounds. And his lateral movement at the linebacker spot has cut off more than one opponents attempts at big yardage.

"Hector covers a lot of ground for us defensively," says David Steele, GHS head coach. "He also does a good job running the ball."



**BRETT DAVIS**

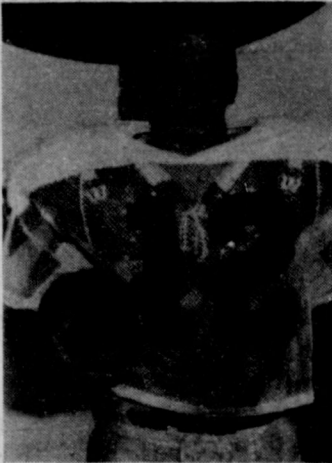
When the Spearman Lynx line up for the snap of the ball, there'll be little doubt who the field general will be. Senior quarterback Brett Davis has proven himself through two other seasons as the Lynx signal caller.

In addition to two offensive awards, the durable Lynx quarterback was named as an honorable mention on the 1-AA All District punter's list.

"Brett has good quickness and throws the ball as good as any quarterback I've ever coached," Lynx coach Don Mullins declares.

At 6-0 and 160-pounds, the 17-year old helmsman is no stranger to 1-AA gridiron wars and that experience should provide the Lynx with one of the strongest weapons around in district competition.

The son of Curtis and Marlene Davis, Brett's cool exterior should give just the polish the Spearman gridiron machine needs to chew up yardage against opposing teams during the 1987 football season.



**BRETT WAGNER**

Like a lot of the Greyhound returnees, Brent Wagner has played at many positions during his varsity career. But the 5-8, 150 pound junior seems to have found his niche as the Greyhound field general for the 1987 schoolboy football season.

A 4-7 runner in the 40, Wagner's ability to read the defense and control the option will prove a vital key for Gruver chances of success this year.

"Brent is a good leader," notes head coach David Steele. "He's intelligent, he's quick."

He's also going to see double duty for Gruver in 1987. Not only will he be the starting QB, but he's getting in more than his share of time at defensive back.

Brent is the son of Richard and Wanda Wagner of Gruver.



**LANCE SWAN**

He's one of those kids every coach likes to have come along -- he's tall, wiry and strong -- but more importantly, Lance Swan is a player who will jump in and do whatever is asked of him, and more.

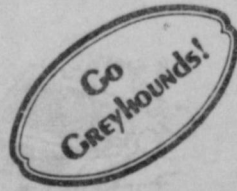
At 6-2 and 190 pounds, the junior offensive guard and defensive linebacker saw a good deal of action for the Lynx during the 1986 gridiron campaign.

"Lance had improved great, especially on his physical strength," reports Don Mullins, head Spearman football mentor. "He'll probably start both ways for us this year."

Sporting a quickness that belies his size, Lance goes through the 40 in 4.7 seconds. He is the son of David and Sharron Swan of Spearman.

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**MARK GARCIA**

If his junior varsity performances the past two seasons are any indication of his abilities, then Mark Garcia will be in on a lot of action for the Spearman Lynx as the 1987 football season unfolds.

At 5-8 and 180 pounds, the junior runningback boasts a 4.6 time in the 40 and has the moves that help make a good open field runner.

"Mark was one of our best runners as a JV player last year," reports Lynx coach Don Mullins. "At present he's our starting outside linebacker."

That quickness and versatility should prove indispensable for the Lynx on defense in the 1-AA title chase. Mark is the son of Joe and Mary Garcia of Spearman.



**CHARLIE PARRISH**

In the Gruver Greyhound arsenal, receivers play an important part in what has to be one of the most efficient pass oriented offenses in district 1-AA. And senior Charlie Parrish will provide the Greyhounds with much needed depth at that position in 1987.

After two years on the Gruver junior varsity, Parrish moves up to a varsity spot at split end for the Greyhounds this year.

The 5-11, 145-pound senior has good quickness and seems adept at finding the open spot among opposing team defenders.

"Charlie is a good receiver," head Gruver coach David Steele states matter-of-factly. "He gives us depth at that position and that'll be important for us this year."

Charlie is the son of Corky and Paula Kiziar of Gruver.



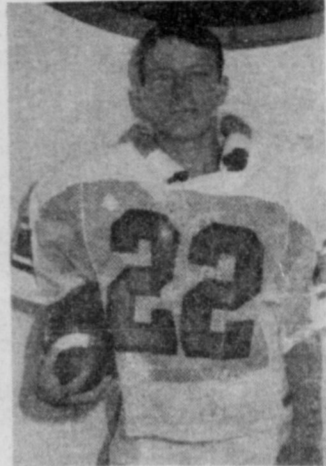
**NORMAN SCROGGS**

When the curtain on the 1987 gridiron season opens this Friday evening, one of the principle characters in the play will be senior downlineman Norman Scroggs -- one of the Spearman Lynx's returning letterman from last year.

The 5-11, 165-pound senior saw more than a little action at offensive guard and defensive end last year and opposing teams quickly learned respect for the hard-hitting Lynx performer.

"Norman is our starting left guard at this time," notes Don Mullins, head Lynx football coach. "He's one of the most coachable kids you can find."

This will be his second season on the Spearman varsity and Scroggs will continue to make those lasting impressions on those who line up against him in 1987. He is the son of Ted and Barbara Scroggs of Spearman.



**TODD SHAPLEY**

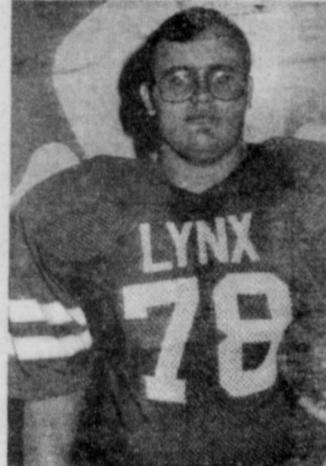
A junior fresh up from the Gruver junior varsity, Todd Shapley will help provide depth in the Greyhound backfield in 1987, running out of a powerback position on offense.

The 5-4, 125-pound Greyhound runningback is a natural for the position and adds hard work and determination to provide a key plus for coach David Steele and company.

With two years of junior varsity experience under his belt, Shapley should bolster the Greyhounds on defense as well where he handles cornerback duties.

Couple desire, determination and hard work and you come up with a pretty good profile of the versatile Gruver gridiron performer.

Todd is the son of Francis Shapley of Gruver.



**SCOTT SWAN**

He was All District in 1-AA last year on the Lynx defensive line and senior 2-way starter Scott Swan holds a good deal of promise for Spearman's 1987 title hopes.

A preseason auto accident will have the Lynx standout sidelined for yet another few weeks before he can take to the field again, and nobody is more interested than he is in getting that done.

"Scott is one of our best defensive players and it'll hurt if he doesn't get to return," admits Spearman grid coach Don Mullins. "I know he wants to play and I think he'll be back for us."

The son of Ronald and Elaine Swan of Spearman, Scott is 5-9 and 240 pounds, playing two ways at offensive and defensive tackle.

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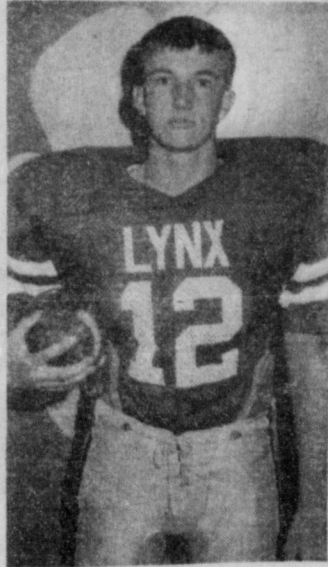
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**J GARNETT**

Stepping into his first varsity game, junior J Garnett will provide the Spearman Lynx with depth on offense and regular performances in the defensive secondary as Spearman prepares for the district 1-AA title chase.

With 4.9 quickness, Garnett has two good years on the Lynx junior varsity, a starter there at quarterback.

"J did a good job last year at quarterback on the JV," notes Lynx head grid coach Don Mullins. "He lacks speed but he works hard."

That willingness to work will see Garnett in the thick of things on a regular basis this season. He is the son of Mike and Marli Garnett of Spearman.



**JUSTIN HARRIS**

Justin Harris is one of 11 returning lettermen from last season's 3-6 Gruver Greyhound team and he and his teammates plan on doing their best to see to it that the 1987 edition of the Gruver gridiron varsity prove as tenacious and determined as their predecessors.

"Justin has lots of playing experience," notes David Steele, GHS head coach. "He will become a 2-way starter for us this year."

Harris will spend his time in the trenches, both offensively and defensively as he performs from an offensive tackle and a defensive end position in 1987.

The 5-10, 170-pound senior has two years varsity and one year varsity experience to bring into the fray this season. And his 5.0, 40-yard quickness should prove a valuable asset at those spots.

Justin is the son of Pat Harris of Gruver.



**HASKELL GARRETT III**

With 4.5 speed in the 40, one of Spearman's newest faces could well provide the difference in the 1-AA district outcome as Haskell Garrett moves into a 2-way starting position his first time in the purple and white uniform of the Spearman Lynx.

A transfer student from Petersburg, Garrett has the moves and potential of being a stand-out performer in district action, backing up his speed with a 5-8, 160-pound frame.

"Garrett will probably start both ways for us," notes Lynx head coach Don Mullins.

He's the quickest kid we have and does a good job on punt and kickoff returns.

The son of H.M. and Sophie Garrett, Haskell played two years on the Petersburg varsity before moving into the Lynx starting line up. The talented performer will see action at halfback and linebacker for Spearman.



**TY SEAGLER**

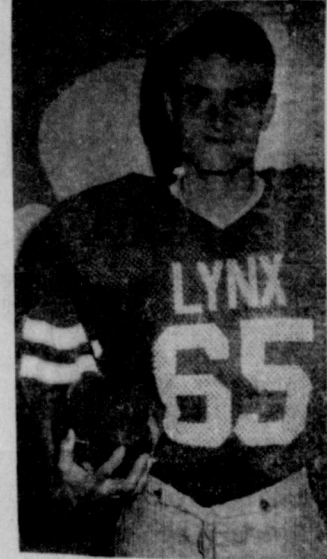
He provides the Gruver Greyhounds with the added punch they need on the line and with his 6-2, 163-pound frame. Ty Seagler may prove to be one of district 1-AA's premier performers in 1987.

"Ty became a defensive starter late last year for us," notes David Steele, GHS head coach. "He has very good technique."

Beginning his second year on the varsity Greyhound squad, Seagler is a senior letterman for the Gruver gridiron machine in 1987.

And, if the Greyhounds are to have any success at all in one of the toughest districts in class AA this season, they will have to depend upon solid performers such as Seagler to come through as the year progresses.

Ty is the son of Stan and Sharon Seagler of Gruver.



**CHARLES ROPER**

There aren't too many young men who wait until their senior year to go out for football, but Charles Roper is doing his best to contribute his talents to the Lynx gridiron lineup in 1987.

A 6-foot, 170-pound senior, Roper has displayed a solid talent at offensive guard in preseason practices.

"He's got a long way to go," observes head coach Don Mullins. "But he has a good attitude and is working hard. He'll see some action this year at offensive guard."

It's attitudes such as Roper's which will hold the Lynx in good stead during the 1987 gridiron title chase. He is the son of Lavida Giblin of Morse.

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## Greyhound coaches keep strong gridiron program

Keeping a football program alive and healthy in Gruver is the responsibility of eight dedicated individuals -- the Gruver coaching staff which is comprised of David Steele, Doug Frick, Tim Garland, Terry Brax, David Flowers, Russ Chisum, Jim Davis and Royce Blackshear.

Steele has the responsibility of coordinating the activities as he heads up the Greyhound gridiron program, a job he's performed well in now through five years -- two of those as head coach.

In addition to giving definition to the Gruver football program, Steele works diligently with the varsity runningbacks and quarterbacks as well as defensive backs.

Defensive coordinator for Gruver is Doug Frick who has nine years experience with the Greyhounds.

Frick also works with the offensive and defensive lines. When not coaching football, he also works with the boys basketball and boys track.

Varsity coach is Tim Garland who is in charge of offensive receivers and defensive backs for the Greyhounds.

Garland has five years at Gruver and also works with the boys basketball and tennis teams.

Another member of Steele's coaching staff is Terry Brax who is the junior varsity defensive coordinator. He works with the Greyhound JV offensive line and both the varsity and JV defensive lines as well.

He starts his second season at Gruver with responsibilities in the girls basketball and track programs in addition to his gridiron chores.

At junior high, the task of shaping future Greyhound high

school players falls into the capable hands of Russ Chisum and Jim Davis.

Chisum has eight years at Gruver and works as the junior high defensive coordinator where he works with the offensive and defensive lines.

Davis, meanwhile, is the offensive coordinator and is in his first season at Gruver. He works with the offensive backs and receivers as well as the defensive backs and linebackers.

While Royce Blackshear is the head boys and girls basketball coach, his help during the gridiron season is indispensable as he acts as the team's trainer, working medical and injuries for the Greyhounds.

The veteran Gruver coach has five years with Gruver.

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MICHAEL FARMER

Gruver Greyhound opponents will quickly become familiar with the talents and techniques of this junior performer whenever Michael Farmer takes to the field for the Greyhounds this season.

Moving up to the varsity after two years junior varsity experience, Farmer brings an ever-improving performance into the 1987 Texas schoolboy gridiron wars.

Playing tackle, Farmer's 5-8, 173-pound frame provides a good weapon for the Greyhound running game. And there's little doubt he'll see more than his share of action as the 1987 season unfolds.

More importantly, Farmer will provide the Greyhounds with continuing leadership not only this season, but next year as well.

He is the son of Grant and Liz Farmer of Morse.



TONY PACHECO

He's a utility player whose talents come in handy throughout any season, and Tony Pacheco should provide coach Don Mullins and the Spearman Lynx with an "ace in the hole" during the 1987 schoolboy football campaign coming up.

The 5-10, 180-pound junior moves up from last year's junior varsity team to perform in his first season as a varsity member of the Spearman Lynx.

"Tony can play several positions," reports Mullins. "He's improving fast and has a good outlook. He's easy to coach."

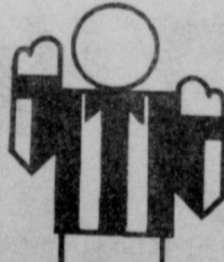
Pacheco can play either center or tackle on offense and has also seen his share of time at defensive tackle as well. He is the son of Tony and Maria Pacheco of Spearman.

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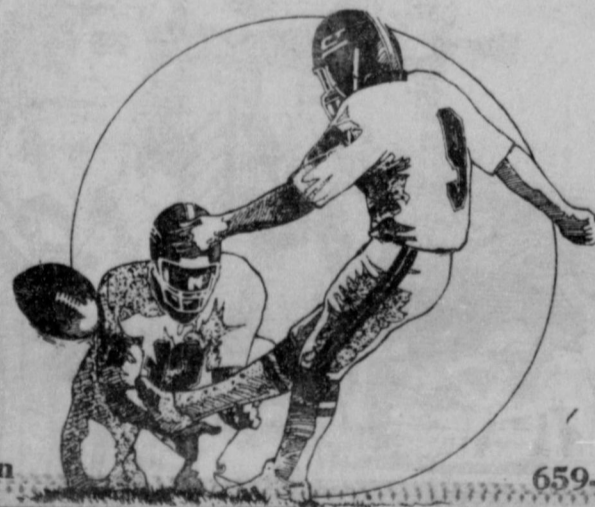
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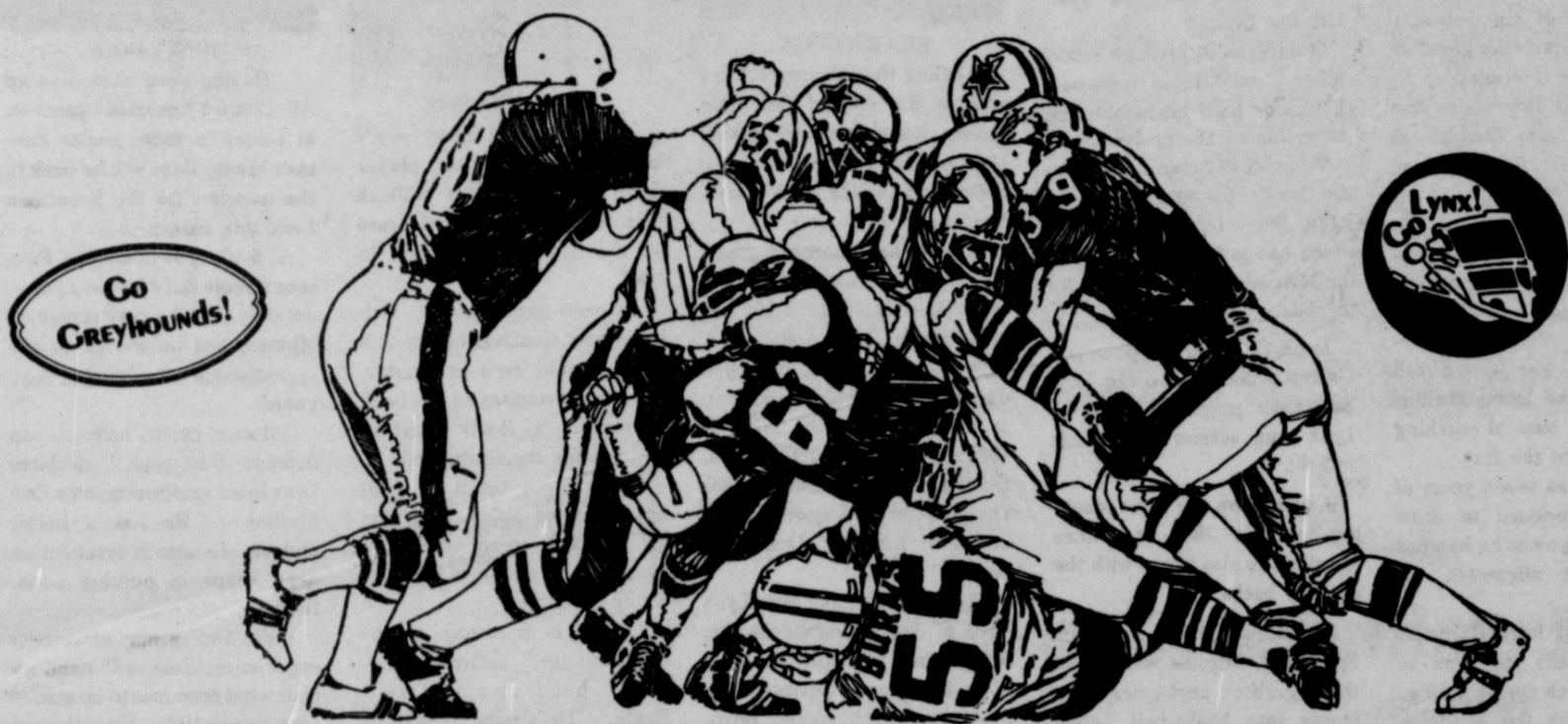
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## Lynx staff strong

When the Spearman Lynx take to the playing field this Friday against Memphis, they'll get their baptism of fire with the full knowledge that some of the best help they'll ever receive stands on the sidelines ready, willing and able to help -- the Lynx coaching staff.

Comprised of six dedicated men, the Spearman football coaching crew is headed up by experienced gridiron coach Don Mullins who also doubles as athletic director for Spearman schools.

It's Mullins' chore to coordinate the entire football program as well as oversee the goals and duties of his fellow coaches.

Going into his second full season with the Lynx, Mullins brings a solid base of coaching experience into the fray.

Ric Smith has seven years of coaching experience to draw upon for the Lynx as he handles the defensive alignment for Spearman.

An assistant football coach, Smith also leads the Lynx as head track coach during spring.

Working with the offensive line is the responsibility of assistant football coach Ken

Rutherford. He has six years coaching duties with Spearman.

The talented Lynx assistant also helps with basketball and track after the gridiron campaigns are finished.

Downlinemen are the domain of junior varsity coach Jeff Rowland who has four years with the Lynx.

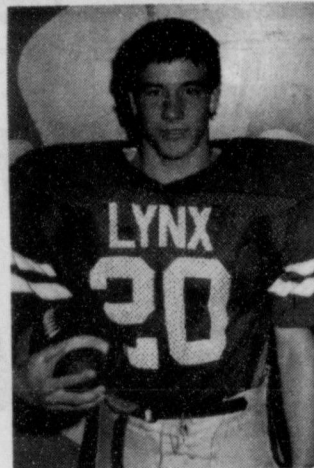
In addition to his high school duties, Rowland also works with the junior high basketball and junior high track programs.

While H.M. Garrett handles the backs for the Spearman Lynx, the veteran high school coach has to keep an eye open for November and the start of the basketball season.

In his first year at Spearman, Garrett will head up the boys basketball program when the Lynx cage season moves into full tilt.

Rounding up the Lynx coaching staff in 1987 is James Mireles who also works with the gridiron backs.

Starting his third season at Spearman, Mireles works with the JV gridiron performers then moves into basketball before taking head golf coaching duties in the spring.



SHAWN COOK

When the Spearman Lynx take to the playing field this season, junior wingback Shawn Cook will have earned himself a definite spot in the 1-AA team's line up.

"Shawn has improved greatly," remarks Lynx head football coach Don Mullins. "He has good hands."

In addition to his offensive duties, Cook will also see action at linebacker for the Lynx in 1987. At 5-9 and 160-pounds, the talented Spearman back should provide a good deal of strength for the Lynx this season.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Cook of Spearman, the 16-year old gridiron standout runs the 40 in 4.7 seconds, giving him a quickness which should prove invaluable for the Lynx's hopes for success in 1987.



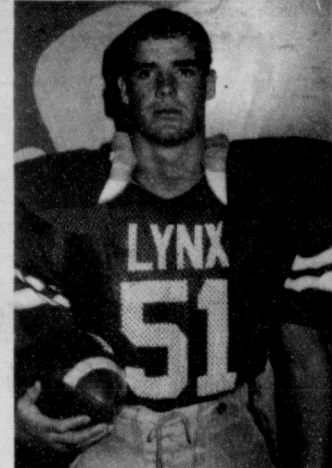
BRIAN GILLISPIE

A pre-season injury won't keep this hardy football player down long as senior tailback Brian Gillispie moves to the fore for the Gruver Greyhounds in 1987.

A 3-year varsity starter, Gillispie was sidelined before this season could even get underway, but promises to be back strong in a 2-way starting position for the Greyhounds.

On defense, the 5-10, 155-pound senior plays where his 4.7 40-yard speed comes in handy. He is the son of Bob and Kathy Gillispie.

"Brian is a strong north-south runner," declares Greyhound head mentor David Steele. "He's going to have to shoulder a lot of weight for us on offense."



MONTY ROSS

Having been named as an All District honorable mention at center in 1986, senior lineman Monty Ross will be back in the trenches for the Spearman Lynx this season.

A 5-10, 180-pounder, Ross sees double duty for the Lynx -- not only does he play center on offense, but he moves to the opposite side on defense at nose guard.

"Monty could help us on defense this year," declares Lynx head gridiron mentor Don Mullins. "He has a better outlook. He also is excellent on deep snaps in punting situations."

With two years of varsity experience, Ross will help anchor what promises to be a solid Lynx line in 1987. He is the son of Pat and Jerry Ross of Spearman.

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## Bucks have talent; 1-AA road difficult

It may be a long road to the 1-AA district title, and the White Deer Bucks seem to have a talent for making that trek difficult for all who come up against them. The 1987 Texas schoolboy football campaign promises to be no different.

The Bucks are bringing back 10 lettermen from last year's squad and those 10 men include six offensive and seven defensive starters.

The Gruver Greyhounds will meet White Deer in an Oct. 9 contest scheduled for play in Buck stadium.

And the Bucks will travel to Spearman on Oct. 2 in the second district game of the year to take on the Lynx in an 8 p.m. contest.

Coach Windy Williams expects his Buck charges to be more competitive during the 1987 season, and rightfully so.

Meanwhile, White Deer faces the same problem as many of their 1-AA counterparts -- a serious lack of depth at key leadership spots on both offense and defense.

Williams will be looking to good play from underclassmen

to bolster the Bucks hopes for a shot at the 1-AA title and a berth into the heady atmosphere of class AA post season play.

Running out of a Wing-T offense and a daring 3-8 defensive line up, the Bucks hope to use finesse to outwit their opponents on offense and sheer numbers to bunch up plays at the line of scrimmage.

While the Bucks have good quickness, lack of speed presents a serious weakness for the White Deer crew during the 1987 season, both offensively and defensively.

Teams who can manage to break through the White Deer 3-8 alignment may find big plays to riddle their 1-AA counterparts. But first, they must break through.

Offensively, the Bucks will utilize options and misdirection to attempt to gain the outside corner on teams who boast more speed than White Deer can field.

But the 1-AA Bucks can never be counted out as they have proven so effectively in past years.



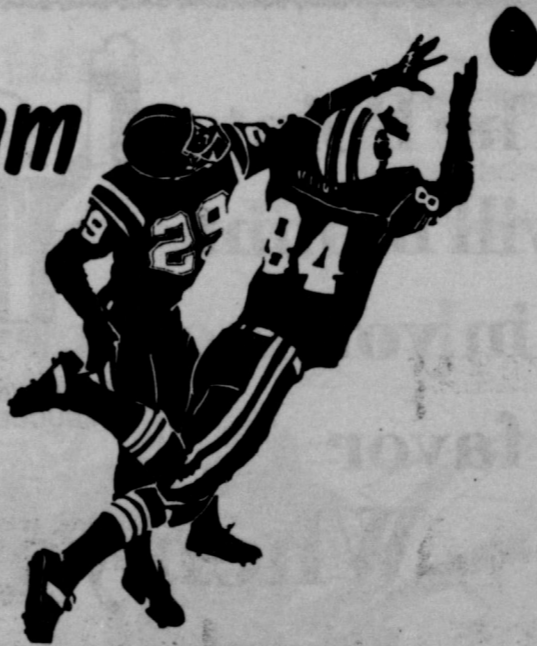
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## Coaches are human

by James Jarrett

What makes a coach run? Better than that, why be a coach at all? After all, if you have a winning season, the credit belongs to the kids. Conversely, a losing season invariably falls upon the broad shoulders of the coach.

Yet the dedicated coach takes it all in stride -- at least as much as any human can. He knew the unwritten rules of the job when he took it. But he took it anyway. Not only out of love for the sport, but out of genuine desire to help shape and mold his young charges into the leaders of tomorrow.

Perhaps sports gives high school boys and girls their first taste of that "cold, cruel world" out there. And it's up to the coach to see they learn their lessons.

Not only must he teach them the sport he is coaching, but it's his duty to give them a sense of purpose, to teach them about goals and ideals, to show them how to strive against odds which, on paper at least, are formidable.

Coaches and their charges invariably wind up working harder during a losing season than they do during a winning campaign.

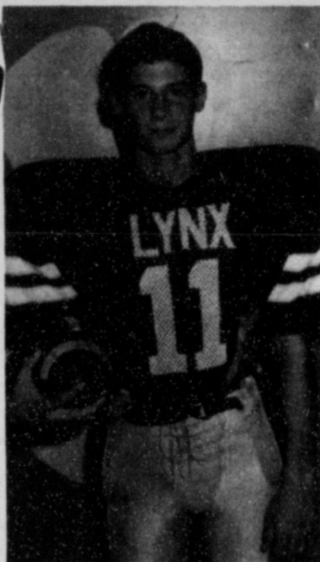
And no matter how hard the coach works, no matter how many hours of on-the-field and off-the-field sweat he pours into his job somewhere there is someone who knows how to do it better. That someone generally is vociferous in his comments from the comfort and ease of the stadium seats.

Coaching? No thank you. It's easier to write about it than it is to live it. But I'll never lose my respect for those men who quietly go about their day-to-day work, constantly striving to find yet another way to spark their charges, to loft them to new heights.

And praise God for those who manage to curtail their criticism of the high school coach. That criticism in front of the player or players only undermines whatever rapport the coach may have with his charges. It certainly improves nothing.

Criticism should be saved until the end of the season. Then it should be brought to the coach, not to the coffee shop.

Given the opportunity, most coaches will explain why things were done certain ways. Generally, there's a good reason. Coaches, after all, enjoy winning more than losing, too.



**WILL BLACK**

He's aggressive and quick and area gridiron opponents have come to respect the talents of senior safety Will Black when he dons the purple and white of the Spearman Lynx.

"Will started in our secondary last year and is one of our better hitters," declares Don Mullins, the Lynx head football coach. "He'll also see some action at quarterback this season."

At 5-11 and 186 pounds, Black was named the most improved player off last year's Lynx gridiron team.

The son of Monty and Sharon Black, Will's talents will become quickly recognized again in 1987 as the Lynx prepare for the 1-AA title chase.



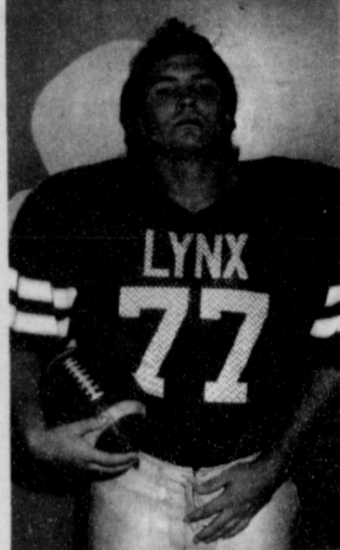
**TIM FLETCHER**

In a year that saw the Greyhounds devastated by injuries, Tim Fletcher provided one of the bright spots in an otherwise dim season. Honorable mention on the 1-AA all district team at wide receiver, Fletcher has caught 40 passes in the last two years -- 12 of those in one game alone.

At 5-8 and 155-pounds, this year's senior edition of the versatile split end should provide fans with plenty to cheer about.

"Tim is the lead receiver at Gruver High School," reports David Seele, the Greyhound head mentor. "He can get open and catch the ball."

A 4.6 40-yard runner, Fletcher is the son of Richie and Carolyn Fletcher of Gruver.



**DELWIN WHITMIRE**

The 1987 gridiron season is only the second year of football in his high school career, but sophomore Belwin Whitmire may prove to be one of the keys in any success the Spearman Lynx may have this year.

At 6-0 and 215, the rangy offensive tackle may wind up seeing double duty with line-backer chores for the Lynx on defense.

"Delwin has great potential," reports Lynx head football coach Don Mullins. "And he's pretty quick for a big kid."

Quickness, versatility and a strong, aggressiveness could provide the Lynx with the winning edge in 1987. Delwin is the son of Raymond and Debra Russell of Morse.

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## Greyhounds must be healthy to compete

While the Gruver Greyhounds bring back seven returning lettermen from their 1986 gridiron campaign, coach David Steele and company know that the Greyhounds must remain healthy in order to avoid a repeat of last year's 3-6 season.

Flagged by injuries throughout the year, Gruver saw their ranks thinned by devastating injuries which knocked the Greyhounds from 1-AA title contention.

A borderline class AA team -- the cut is at 135 and Gruver had 137 students when the UIL aligned districts for the 1986 season -- the Greyhounds find themselves in the thick of one of the most powerful class AA districts in the state.

With the likes of Panhandle and the newly-formed West Texas Comanches to deal with, Gruver will be playing teams who have almost twice the number of players to choose from.

But the Greyhounds can never be counted out and cross-country rival Spearman will attest to that. Those two teams will meet in 1-AA competition on Oct. 16 in Gruver.

Meanwhile, coach Steele is

looking over a 37-man roster to garner both varsity and junior varsity squads for the 1987 season.

But excitement is high in the Gruver training camp as they prepare to open the new season with a trip to Sunray to take on the Bobcats of district 1-A.

While size will be a problem for the Greyhounds during the 1987 1-AA title chase, the Steele-men hope to make up for it with an ample supply of quickness and good experience at the skill positions.

Attitude will also play a key factor in the Greyhounds hopes for a shot at the 1-AA crown. Teams which expect Gruver to roll over and play dead will undoubtedly be in for a rather rude awakening when the Greyhounds get finished with them.

Gruver may have to be considered a darkhorse contender for the district title, but more than one darkhorse has proven the spoiler in a team's hope for an easy road to paydirt.

Expect the Greyhounds to be competitive during the 1987 season. And a healthy Gruver squad may prove even more than competitive.



PEPE MARQUEZ

Tailback Pepe Marquez has already proven his worth in pre-season scrimmages as he stepped in to fill the shoes of an injured teammate. He not only filled them, he began making tracks of his own and his abilities may prove more than beneficial for the Greyhound's chances of success in 1987.

The 17-year old senior has one year's junior varsity experience which he brings to varsity play this season.

And, at 5-10, 138-pounds, Marquez may have found a niche in the Greyhounds scheme of things. That should become even more apparent as the 1987 season progresses.

With 4.8 speed in the 40, the Greyhound tailback should make opposing teams sit up and take notice whenever he gets the ball.

Pepe is the son of Margarito and Ana Maria Marquez of Gruver.



KEITH SLATEN

If the Spearman Lynx are to enjoy any success in 1987, it will be because of the likes of young men such as Keith Slaten, a 17-year old junior fresh up from the Lynx JV for the 1-AA varsity this year.

It will be up to Slaten and his cohorts to provide relief for the Lynx starters -- and to be ready, able and willing to assume those duties full time if the need should arise.

At 5-9 and 155 pounds, Slaten has proven to be a solid blocker at the tight end position, a critical spot on the Spearman line.

He's handled those duties admirably on the Spearman JV and should see plenty of action this year on the varsity. He is the son of Chester and Susie Slaten of Spearman.



STEFAN DORMAN

Underclassmen often get overlooked when it comes to varsity play, but Stefan Dorman is one whose defensive talents will hold the Greyhounds in good stead as the 1987 gridiron season rolls around.

A 5-11, 165-pound sophomore, Dorman plays defensive end, a position he has made home in junior varsity action.

The 15-year old Greyhound performer won't remain an unknown long as he brings his talents to the defense of the Gruver goal line this season.

Watch for Stefan Dorman. Fans will be seeing him perform for the Gruver Greyhounds of district 1-AA before the season is out.

Stefan is the son of James and Ann Dorman of Gruver.

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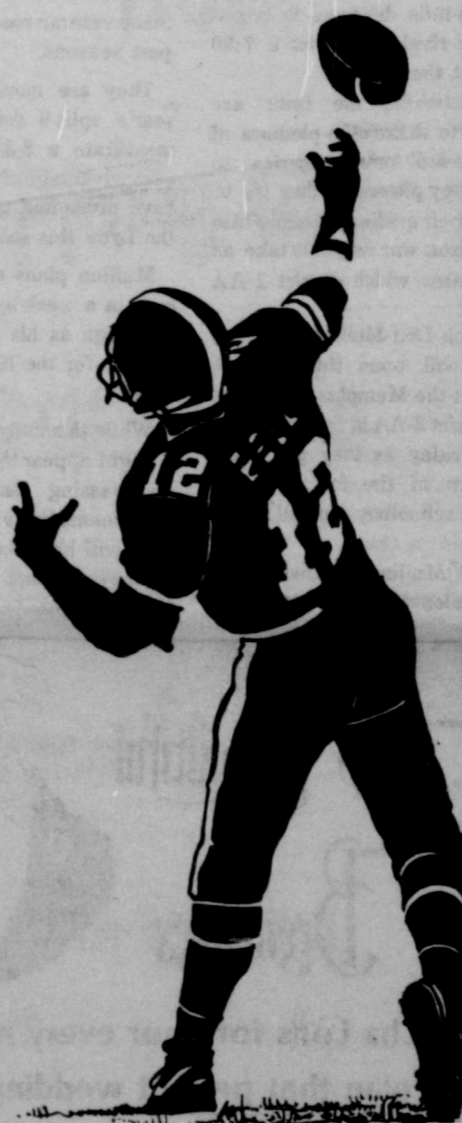
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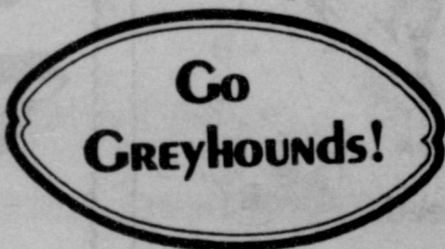
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## Lynx will be strong 1-AA title contender

In a district with the likes of two state ranked teams, pre-season pollsters have reluctantly conceded the Spearman Lynx to be a contender for the district 1-AA title in 1987 -- and the Lynx are out to prove they have what it takes to be not only a contender, but a strong contender for that title, no matter how grudgingly prognosticators may consider them.

The Lynx and the Gruver Greyhounds will square off in district 1-AA competition on Oct. 16 with Spearman traveling the 15-mile distances to cross-county rival Gruver for a 7:30 contest there.

Meanwhile, the Lynx are trying to shake off a plethora of pre-season minor injuries to some key players as they try to hone their gridiron machine into a gridiron war wagon to take on the teams which district 1-AA boasts.

Coach Don Mullins and company will open their season against the Memphis Mustangs of district 2-AA in Lynx stadium this Friday as they get their baptism of fire for the 1987 Texas schoolboy football campaign.

And Mullins and company seem pleased with the early-

season efforts of their young charges as they gear up for the district 1-AA title chase.

The Spearman head mentor notes that his crew is further along than they were at this time last year and feels that his players now know what to expect from him and what he expects of them as he enters his second year as head coach for the Lynx.

The Lynx will be running out of a Houston veer offense -- a staple Mullins product which has proven more than effective in the veteran coach's arsenal in past seasons.

They are moving from last year's split-6 defensive alignment into a 5-3 formation to take advantage of talents which have presented themselves for the Lynx this season.

Mullins plans on taking his crew in a week-by-week steady campaign as his Lynx charges gear up for the 1987 1-AA title chase.

While this early in the season it might appear that their hopes are passing fantasies, other 1-AA teams know better and the Lynx will have their hands full as they attempt to take the district crown.



STAN BRANDT

If he can manage to avoid injuries which have plagued his high school football career, junior runningback Stan Brandt could easily become one of the Spearman Lynx's better backs, reports Lynx head coach Don Mullins.

Running from the tailback position, Brandt is an 18-year old with two years of varsity experience to his credit. At 6-0 and 140-pounds, his wiry frame is an asset to the Lynx crew.

Running a 4.6 40, coach Mullins and company may utilize Brandt's services at the wingback position some this year.

The versatile Spearman gridiron performer is the son of Bill and Jodie Stevens of Spearman.



THERON PARK

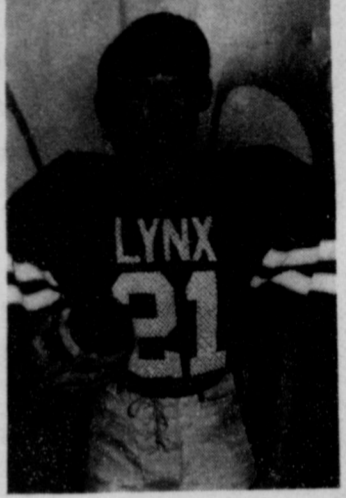
When Theron Park takes to the field, fans and opponents alike take notice as this steady performer takes his spot in both the offensive and defensive alignments.

A sophomore, Park has one year of junior varsity play already under his belt and is gunning to make the varsity in a big way.

Playing tight end on offense and defensive end, the 6-0, 145-pound Gruver gridiron performer holds strong promise for the future of the Gruver Greyhounds.

With 5.0 quickness in the 40, Park and his fellow teammates hold the future success of the Greyhounds in their talents and determination.

Theron is the son of Bill and Judy Park of Gruver.



JERALD BLAN

Only in his second season of football, junior wingback Jerald Blan has earned himself a spot on the Spearman Lynx varsity for the 1987 season.

It comes as no great surprise after a successful year on the Lynx junior varsity, Blan's 4.8 quickness and eagerness to play shows itself readily on the playing field.

"Jerald is a very coachable kid and he learns quickly," states Lynx head grid coach Don Mullins. "He has good speed and hands and I expect him to play at wing back for us this year."

The son of Jimmy and Helen Blan of Waka, the 5-4, 127-pounder displays a latent energy on the field and he has the potential to be a strong performer for the Lynx in 1987.

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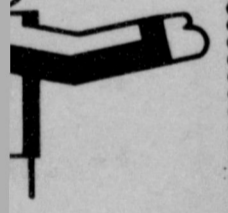
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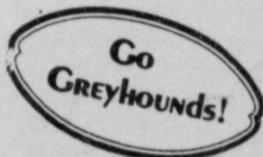
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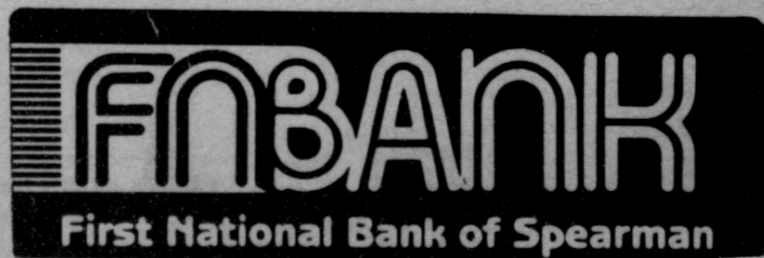
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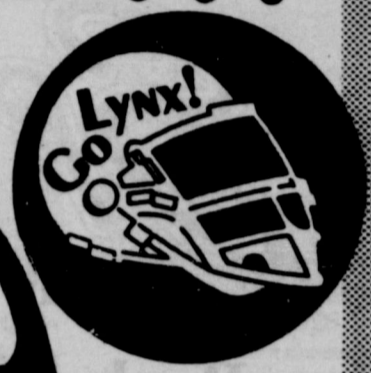
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## Preseason pollsters look at district 1-AA squads

Preseason prognosticators have lined up the 1987 district 1-AA season with a strong look at district winner Panhandle and a stronger look at the newly consolidated Stinnett-Phillips-Flemmons school -- now known as the West Texas Commanches.

Both of these teams carry strong respect in state circles with the Panthers of Panhandle picked third by preseason pollsters while the West Texas Commanches have managed to claim the number four state ranking in early season picks.

But the only team who is predestined to wind up in the cellar of district 1-AA is Highland Park who can play a varsity schedule in 1987 but who cannot count their won-loss record for any type of district standing.

Highland Park issued intentions of playing a varsity football schedule in 1986, but it failed to materialize when the school was unable to entice enough players out to form a football team.

Due to UIL and district regulations, they may therefore field a team in 1987, but that team may not compete for any type of district recognition due to that infraction of the rules last year.

But that still leaves Stratford and White Deer as well as Spearman and Gruver to test the mettle of the preseason state AA state-ranked teams. And all four will be gunning for a berth in post-season play with the top two teams in the district advancing into the prestigious Texas Schoolboy Football playoffs.

The top 10 teams in class AA currently sees Reagan County in the number one spot, followed by perennial New Deal in the number two position. As already mentioned, Panhandle and West Texas make up the number three and four teams, respectively.

Canadian is ranked fifth in state AA rankings while Shalower holds down the number

six spot, followed by Abernathy in seventh.

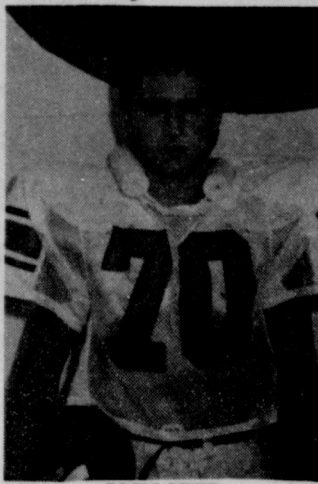
Forsan is ranked eighth while McCamey holds down the number nine position and ever present Seagraves carries the number 10 position in class AA state rankings.

Meanwhile, a number of Hansford County gridiron players have been given nods as outstanding performers to be on the watch for as the 1987 season opens.

A total of six performers -- three each from Gruver and Spearman -- have earned recognition from the Top-O-Texas Football magazine which was released in early August.

Among those is split end Tim Fletcher of Gruver, quarterback Brett Davis of Spearman, defensive tackle Andrew Burgoon of Gruver;

Defensive tackle Scott Swan of Spearman, noseguard Matt Tucker of Spearman and defensive back Brian Gillispie of Gruver.



JOE LOPEZ

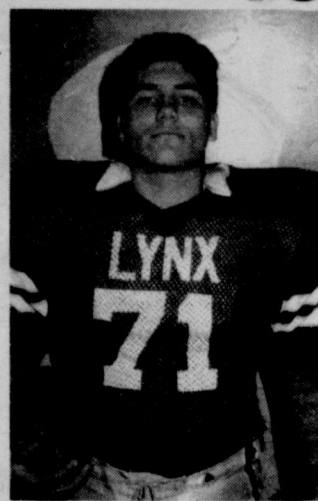
When the Gruver Greyhounds take to the field this week, senior offensive lineman and defensive linebacker Joe Lopez will provide solid leadership.

A 3-year varsity player, Lopez provides stability for the Greyhounds at center.

"Joe moved from outside linebacker to inside linebacker and from offensive guard to center for us," notes Greyhound head mentor David Steele. "He has picked up the changes real well and is a good hitter."

At 5-8 and 160 pounds, Lopez runs the 40 in five seconds flat and that quickness comes in handy at his linebacker spot on defense.

Joe is the son of Joe and Rose Lopez of Gruver.



JOHN HUGHES

After a year's absence from Spearman, John Hughes has returned home and no one could be happier about the situation than coach Don Mullins and company of the Spearman Lynx.

At 6-0 and 214 pounds, this sophomore standout quickly earned a spot on the Lynx line up at tackle.

"It's good to have him back," notes Mullins of the 15-year old performer. "He has great possibilities. He could be our only starting sophomore if he continues to improve."

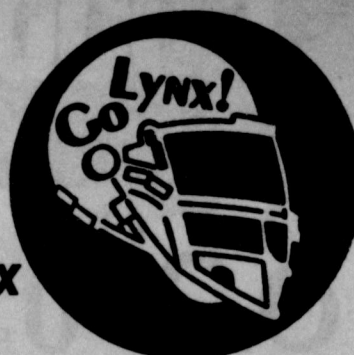
The son of Marilyn Hughes of Spearman, the talented Lynx downlineman plays from a tackle position on the Spearman line. Don't look for him to stay out of the starting line up long -- if at all.



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### ROSTER: 1987 SPEARMAN LYNX

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Off.	Def.	Cls.
Brett Davis	6'0"	175	QB	S	Sr.
Kevin Nelson	6'2"	175	E	E	Sr.
Keith Benson	6'2"	175	E	E	Sr.
Tim Woolley	6'2"	175	WB	C	Sr.
Matt Tucker	5'9"	245	T	G	Jr.
Scott Swan	5'9"	245	T	G	Sr.
Jeff Gustin	6'2"	175	RB	C	Sr.
Monty Ross	5'10"	170	C	LB	Sr.
Lance Swan	6'1"	190	G	LB	Jr.
Norman Scroggs	5'10"	165	G	C	Sr.
Stan Brandt	5'9"	155	RB	HB	Sr.
Chris Lopez	5'8"	145	E	HB	Sr.
Will Black	5'9"	145	QB	HB	Sr.
Alan Beeson	5'9"	155	RB	HB	Sr.
Mark Garcia	5'10"	180	RB	LB	Jr.
Shawn Cook	5'10"	155	E	HB	Jr.
Jerald Blan	5'6"	135	WB	HB	Jr.
James Tindell	6'2"	190	T	G	Jr.
Tony Pacheco	5'9"	190	T	G	Jr.
J. Garnett	5'10"	155	QB	S	Jr.
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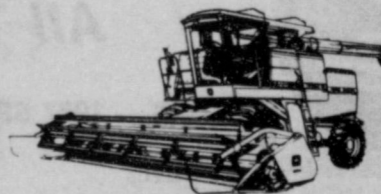
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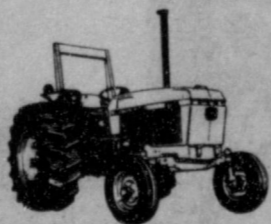
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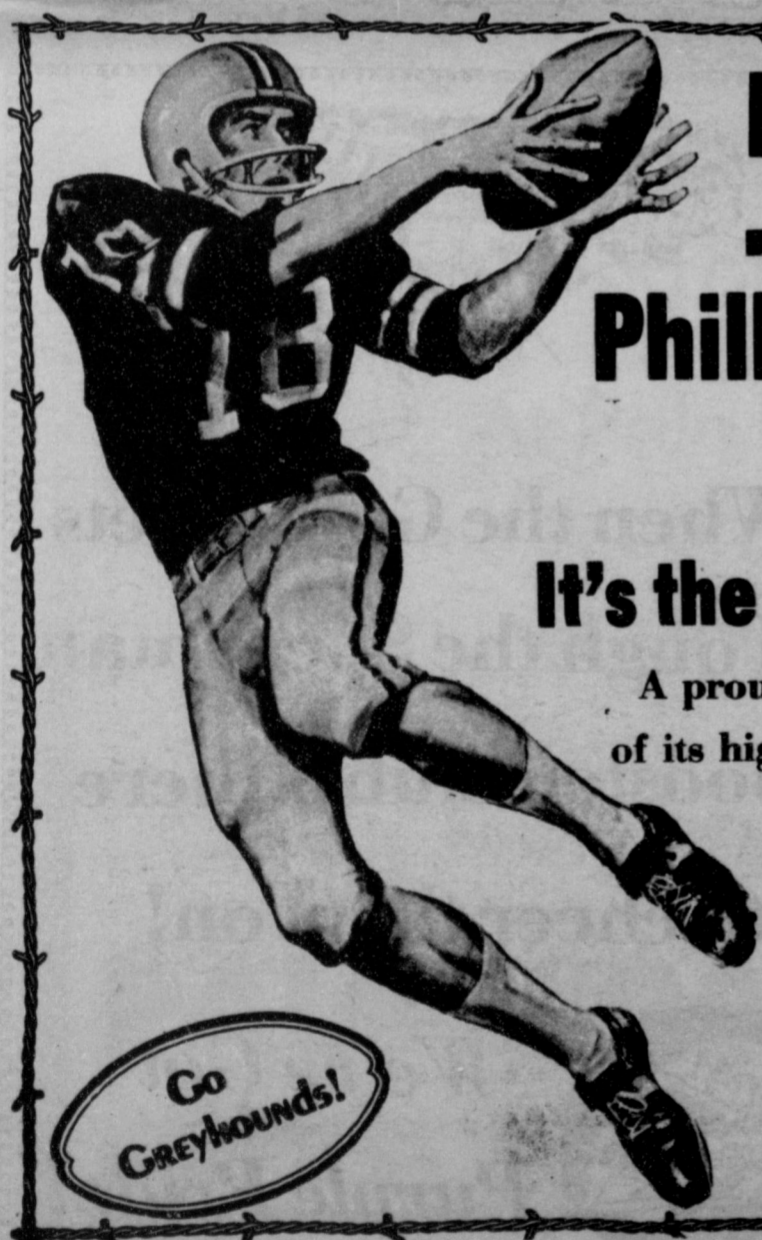
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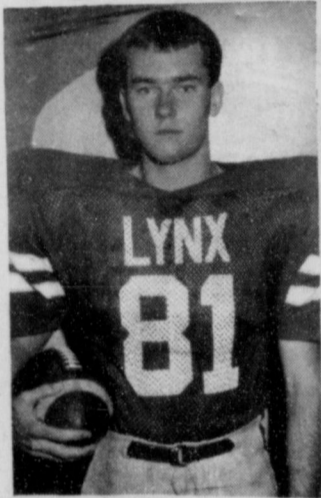
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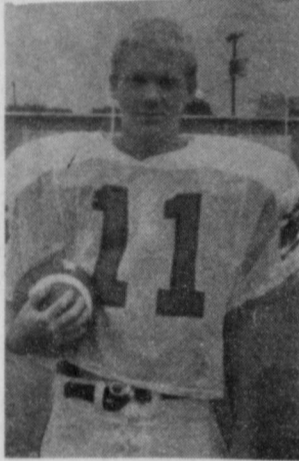
KEVIN NELSON

It may be along season for Kevin Nelson during the 1987 Spearman gridiron campaign, but the tenacious Lynx offensive and defensive end has displayed a determination which could see him through.

Still sidelined due to illness, Nelson's recovery and conditioning will determine his football future for the Lynx.

At 6-3 and 175 pounds, the senior ball player has proven himself more than once, being named as the offensive lineman of the year in 1985-86.

The son of Dennis and Judy Nelson of Spearman, Kevin undoubtedly will be working twice as hard once he receives his doctor's release to get in shape for the 1987 Lynx football crown chase.



GANNON HARRIS

While his football career got off to a late start, sophomore Gannon Harris has proven a capable performer as he moves up to the Gruver sophomore varsity for the 1987 season.

At 5-11 and 147 pounds, the Gruver sophomore has one year of junior varsity football experience under his belt. And this is only his second year to ever play football.

"Gannon has good hands for a young receiver," reports Gruver head gridiron coach, David Steele.

Playing at split end on the Gruver offense, Gannon will undoubtedly see a good deal of time on the field for Gruver during the 1987 season.

He is the son of Roy and Rhema Harris of Morse.



MATT TUCKER

He's only a junior but already carries district 1-AA laurels as he was named to the All District line up last year -- his sophomore season. And Matt Tucker is undoubtedly one of the premier downlinemen in 1-AA circles this season.

A junior with yet another year of high school playing time left to him, Matt Tucker's aggressive qualities shine on the gridiron playing field.

At 5-10 and 250 pounds, the talented junior downlineman earned his recognition as defensive guard in 1986, but coach Don Mullins and company are expecting him to turn in a more than creditable performance at offensive tackle this season as well.

The son of Buck and June Tucker of Spearman, Matt won't be kept out of the line up long, despite a preseason rib injury which had him sidelined in the first scrimmage of the season.



SLAVIN SPARKS

He was a late arrival at pre-season training drills, but Slavin Sparks could prove indispensable for the Gruver Greyhounds as the versatile performer will add much needed depth to a thin roster.

A senior in his first year of varsity play, Sparks carries 125 pounds on his 5-foot 7-inch frame. A utility player, Sparks is at home either at flander or spit end on offense and in a defensive back position.

"Slavin has a lot upstairs and will give us good depth at any of the receiver positions," declares Greyhound grid coach David Steele. "He works hard and is coming on strong."

The son of Dan and Karen Sparks of Gruver, Slavin and his compatriots will be working hard this season to combat the powerhouses in district 1-AA play. But with back up from young men such as this, the season could be a productive one.



CHRIS MORRIS

Gruver coach David Steele calls him a tough football player. Opponents across the line from Chris Morris don't disagree.

The 6-2, 180-pound senior downlineman is in his second year of varsity performance and has played football his entire career at Gruver.

Moving from center to offensive guard, Morris' 5.0 speed in the 40 provides a quickness which is important to the offensive set of the Greyhounds this season.

On defense, his size and tenacity gives him the opportunity to be one of the premier noseguards in district 1-AA for the 1987 season.

Morris is the son of V.B. and Vera Morris of Gruver.

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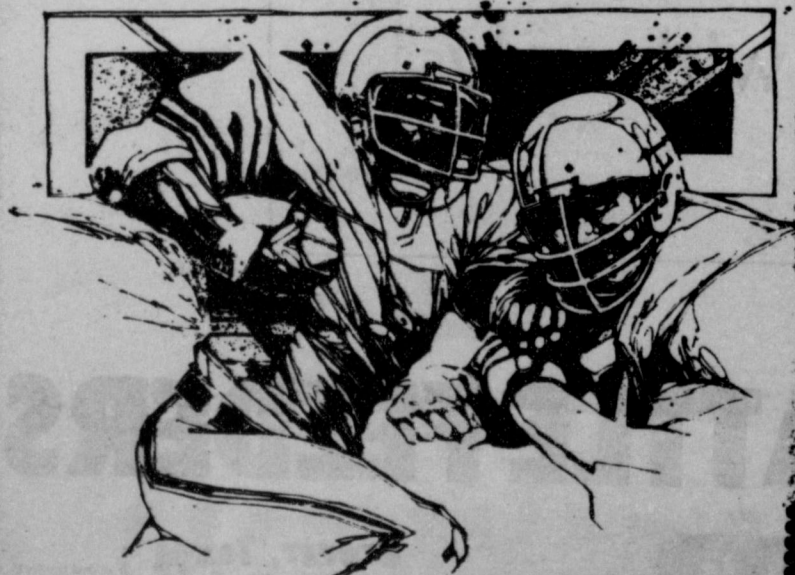
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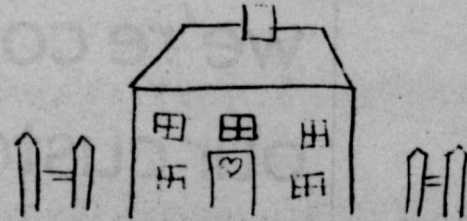


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