

CRUISIN' DOWN THE FIELD

Although the dream of becoming conference champs was one of the aspirations of the BHS Varsity Football team, this did not become a reality. Cruisin' to a victory over Rice Lake in the first game provided an exciting beginning to the 1986 football season. This is the first time the BHS team has beaten Rice Lake in the past 10 years.

Jim Burdick, remembering the season, stated, "Beating Rice Lake gave the team the biggest high of the season. Winning two games in a row really pumped us up too much. We got big heads, this gave everyone the impression that we could possibly win the conference."

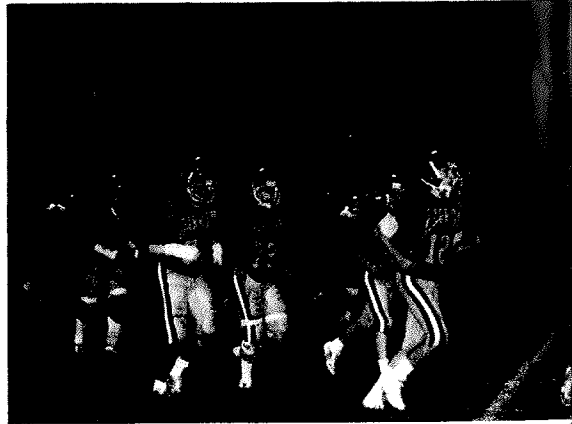
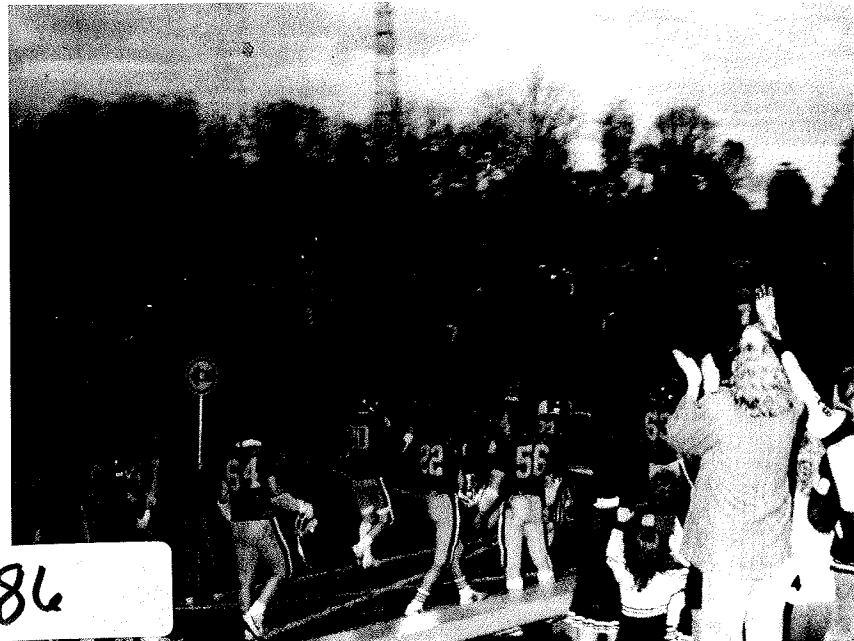
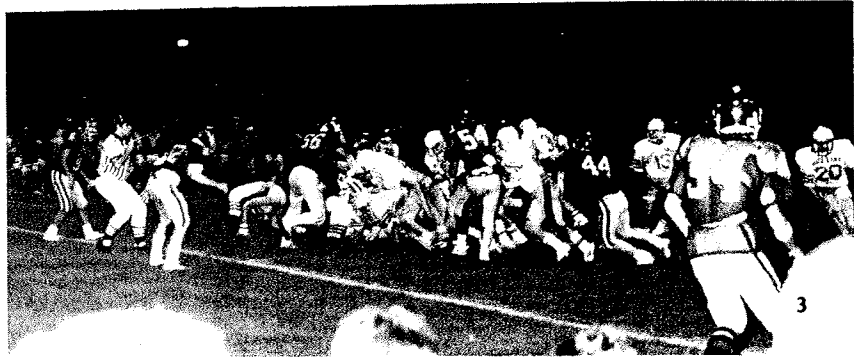
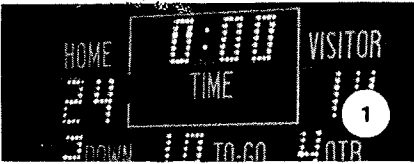
Bonn Heller, when asked about the Rice Lake game, commented, "It was exciting when we stomped on them."

The practices provided the players many nights of hard work. As quoted by Dean Frandsen, "Monday, fun day, everybody run day," meaning that the players ran every Monday night at practices.

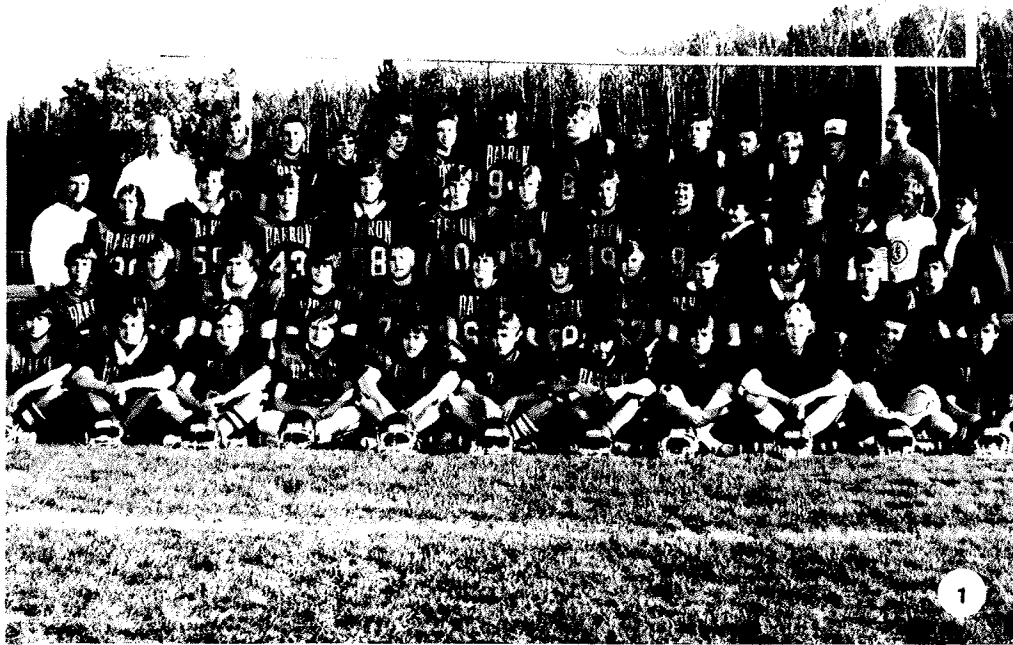
During the course of the season, some of the key players suffered from minor injuries. Players and fans alike were saddened to hear that Coach Mikunda would not be returning next season. Mikunda stated that he had resigned for personal reasons. As far as this year was concerned, Mikunda said, "This was a season of lost hopes."

1. The victory of defeat against Rice Lake.
2. Jim Burdick was voted most valuable player, a prize award, by his teammates
3. The Bears held the Rice Lake offensive line preventing a touchdown. This was a big win of the season over a traditional arch rival.
4. Bears on the sideline cheer on their teammates as the ball is intercepted, as they follow the team down the field.
5. The Bears left the field at halftime comfortable with the knowledge they were leading and could win the game against Rice Lake.

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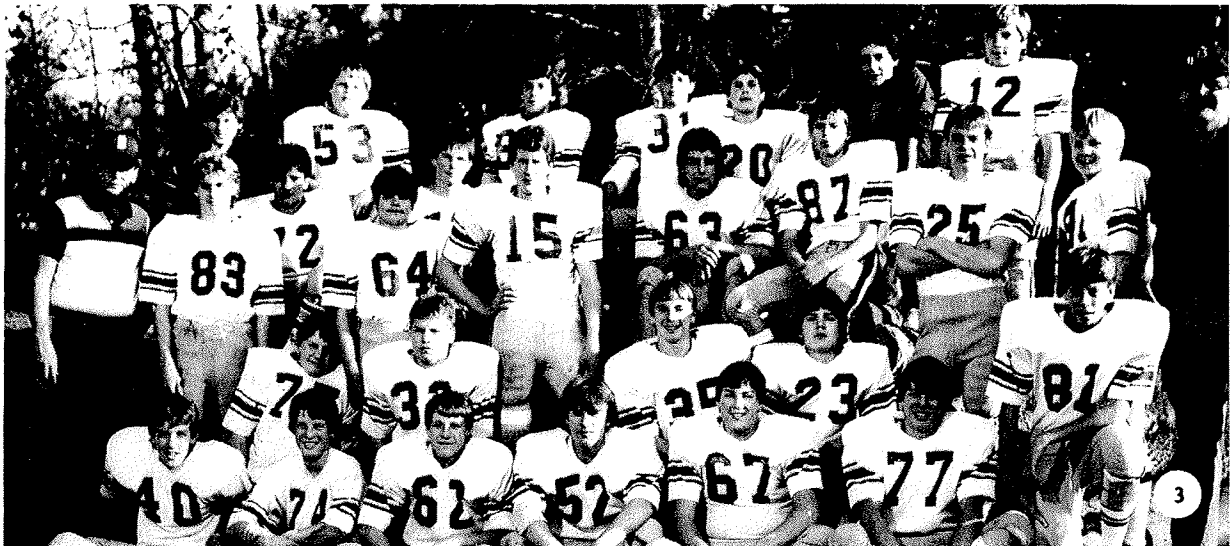
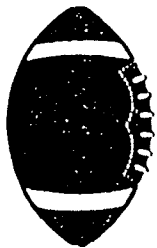
Varsity Scoreboard

Rice Lake	H	24-14	(W)
Ellsworth	H	31-8	(L)
Cumberland	H	21-14	(L)
Ladysmith	A	13-6	(L)
Northwestern	H	15-8	(L)
Hayward	A	36-14	(L)
Chetek	A	19-14	(W)
Spooner	H	46-12	(W)
Bloomer	H	49-0	(L)

1. Varsity Football Players: Front row, l to r: Joe Muller, Paul Mosentine, Jim Wigchers, Brian Novotny, Dean Frandsen, Scott Severson, Jim Burdick, Craig Rollins, Paul Clausen, Gus Vargus, Larry Tripp, 2nd row: Don Dew, Kevin Lipke, Dick Carr, Bonn Heller, Dave Frandsen, Bob Koenig, Tim Christoperson, Jim Burling, Jim Kahl, Dennis Lammers, Mark Larson, Darin Pond, 3rd row: COACH John Postle, Nick Olson, Doug Ormson, Troy Rischette, Joe Ress, Chuck Severson, Marty Morris, Dave Clausen, Darren Garrett, Craig Elliot, Steve Mathieu, Manager Jeff Glaser, Manager Nathan Vought, Manager Scott Carlson, 4th row: COACH Glen Stephens, Curt Hanson, Dustin Tireman, Quint Young, Jeff Espeseth, Harvey Richter, Duane Coleman, Joe Wigchers, John Meyer, Orin Thompson, Steve Slayton, Doug Erickson, Manager Jeff Good, COACH Greg Mikunda.



2. Barron player, Bonn Heller, recovers the ball after a fumble in a nonconference game over Ellsworth.



3. Freshmen Football Team: Front row, l to r: Brian Hellmann, Dan Hanson, Kevin Rhode, Randy Lammers, Jeff Koenig, Denton Hanson, Bill Muller, 2nd row: Bob Rogers, Kevin Kahl, Glenn Campbell, Pat McDonald, Marc Berharndt, 3rd row: COACH Dave Usgaard, Chip Burdick, Jamie Dahlberg, Brian Ellfson, Darren Ormson, Bob Hogan, Aaron Barta, Mike Zabka, Ted Maust, COACH Gary Berns, 4th row: Manager Paul Armstrong, Gerad Wold, Dan Frisinger, Steve Nelson, Brian Anderson, Bill Hogan, Nick Noeson.

