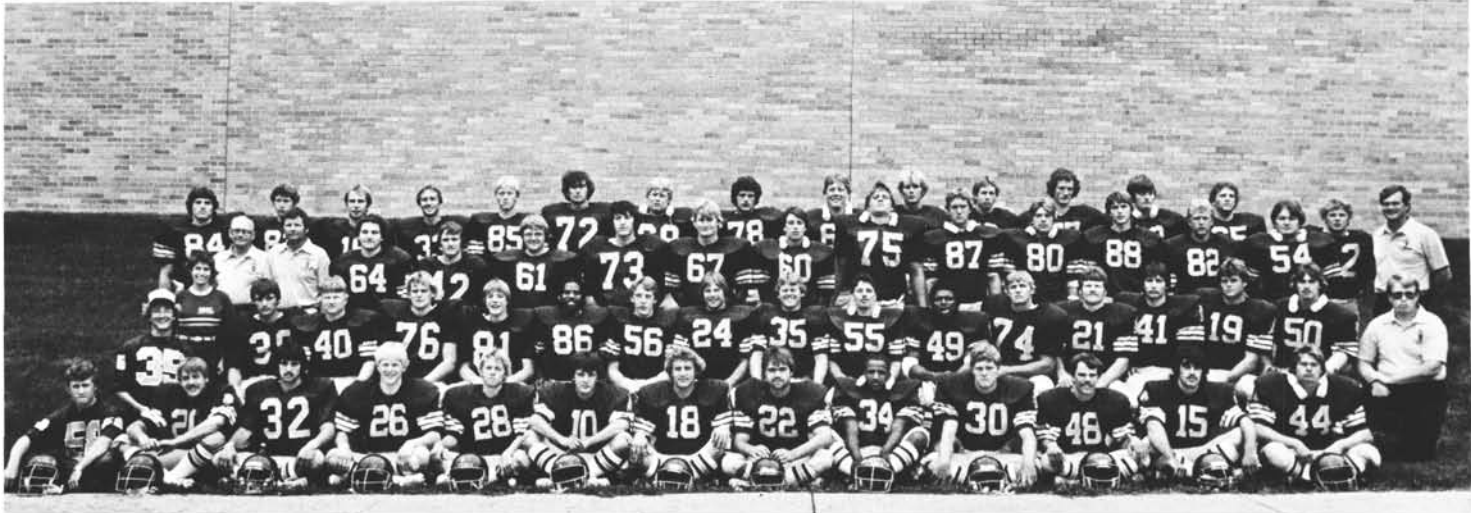


NORTH DIVISION CHAMPS



Row 1: Steve Becker, Brian Swenson, Robin Opp, Tom Benson, Joe Wittenberg, Jay Roste, Gary Moos, Richard Lenke, Tim Flowers, Don Lemcke, Jay Kroeze, Blaise Weidenborner, Kevin Kovar. **Row 2:** Barry Carlin (manager), Jana Smith (athletic trainer), Barry Nelson, John Halland, Dave Janssen, Randy Angermeier, Reggie Willis, LuWayne Loiland, Jim Adams, Mark Rustad, Don Stephens, Fred Harris, Jay Gunderson, Kelly Brown, Dave Anderson, Mike Peterson, Jim Ellingson, John Scheicher (Equipment Manager). **Row 3:** Al Droen (Coach), Jim Sims (Head Coach), Jim Lorsung, Dave Nicolai, Larry McCullem, Dan Lafrinier, Ryan Johnson, Kieth Jansen, Daryl Mickelson, Jim Stras, Todd Saylor, Richard Newman, Doug Radke, Jay Usgaard. **Row 4:** Rusy Mertens, Chad Hasbargen, Charlie Ross, Rick Lee, Randy Anderson, Eric Higganbotham, Steve Bengtson, Dan Valburg, Craig Bitter, Kevin Deutsch, Jeff Strandell, Jon Linder, Dan Crane, Joe Gafkjen, Brent Wagner, Gary Senske (Coach)

A lot of hard work and a little luck. That was the story of the 1982-83 Trojan football season as they won the Northern Division Conference title.

A stingy defense and a high powered offense led UMC to a 7-1 record. UMC's only defeat came against Golden Valley Community College at Homecoming. The Trojans had a chance to win the game with a first down inside the Golden Valley 30 with less than 2 minutes to go in the game, but a fumble dashed UMC's hopes of victory.

The luck (if you wish to call it that) came at the end of the season. The Trojans traveled to Hibbing for the final game of the season knowing they could not control their own destiny in the quest for the conference title. All they could do was win and hope.

Their fate was in the hands of the Fergus Falls Spartans. If they (the Spartans) beat Golden Valley, UMC would win the conference, if they lost, Golden Valley would take the title.

The Spartans rolled to victory giving UMC the conference title. UMC beat Hibbing despite having to go back the following Tuesday because the game on Saturday was post-poned due to poor field conditions.

The Trojans advanced to the State championship game against Normandale, but bad field conditions and a better Normandale team won 52-6.

Despite losing in the State game, the Trojans went on to the Midwest Bowl and lost a spirited game in Joliet, Illinois.

SCOREBOARD

UMC		OPP
13	FERGUS FALLS	3
36	Itasca	17
18	Northland	0
14	Golden Valley	19
25	Brainerd	0
24	Vermillion	8
27	Hibbing	0
20	Mesabi	6
6	Normandale	51
	(MJCAA Championship)	
6	Illinois Valley	47
	(Midwest Bowl)	