

# ORANGE & BLACK

NO 10 WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS of 1954, SIOUX FALLS, SD 2009

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## SPECIAL FOOTBALL EDITION

# CONGRATULATIONS!

*To The 2009 WASHINGTON WARRIOR'S  
On Their 1st State Title of the Playoff Era.*

Last Saturday in Vermillion, inside the University's Dakota Dome, Washington High School won their first state football championship since playoffs were instituted in 1981. It was such a great victory for our old Alma Mater that it prompted, Stu Whitney, an Argus Leader reporter to reminisce a bit in his Sunday story on the game when he asked the question, "***Are Warriors The Best Team Ever?***". I thoroughly enjoyed reading his report on the game and particularly enjoyed his reference to "***Washington's most potent powerhouse during the Bob Burns era was the 1953 squad.....***" The slightly condensed version of Mr. Whitney's article can be found on page 2 of this Orange & Black. The paragraph referring to our '53 team is highlighted in blue.

Then on page 3 is the thank you letter I have written to Mr. Whitney for bringing back so many wonderful memories. On the following pages you will find some interesting football trivia as well as some items for comparisons between the '09 and the '53 teams to help you decide who was the better team. No question, they were both great teams that WHS can be very proud of.



*The 2009 Orange & Black Warriors looking pretty impressive in their win over Aberdeen last Saturday giving them their 1st state football championship since SD state playoffs begin.*

# Whitney: Are Warriors The Best Team Ever?

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NOVEMBER 15, 2009

VERMILLION - The greatest team in South Dakota high school football history? It sure didn't look like Washington fit that bill in the first half of Saturday's Class 11AA state finals against Aberdeen Central. This was supposed to be an unbeatable black-and-orange menace, made more hungry and polished by losing trips to the DakotaDome the past two seasons. By halftime, though, the top-ranked Warriors looked shaky on offense and tentative on defense, trailing 10-0 to a senior-led bunch of Golden Eagles eager to hammer the hype.

Surely the Greater Dakota Conference champs wouldn't fall short three consecutive years, not with a team that outscored opponents by an average score of 48-9. Or would they? "We were playing not to lose, and you can never do that," said senior center Tom Farniok, an Iowa State recruit who helped turn things around in the trenches along with younger brother Derek, a 6-foot-8, 300-pound tackle. "When we started playing to win, things started going our way." Emboldened by an Aberdeen fumble early in the third quarter, the Warriors (13-0) got back to basics and exploded for 27 unanswered points for a 27-10 victory and the first state title for Washington in the playoff era. For Farniok, that's the only way it could have turned out. He started all three of those championship games and truly believed that this 2009 team could not be stopped. "We weren't leaving without a state title," he said, cradling the championship trophy as the celebration unfolded around him. It takes a history lesson to understand how that attitude developed, and just where to place these Warriors in the pecking order of big-school powers.

Two years ago, Coach Brian Hermanson's team was a wide-eyed group of newbies that narrowly escaped Aberdeen Central in the first round of the playoffs. Still, the Warriors nearly knocked off Roosevelt in the 2007 state finals before a late drive helped the Rough Riders emerge with a 28-24 triumph.

In 2008, Hermanson and his players admitted to basking in the glow of their semifinal win over O'Gorman a

little too long, allowing Lincoln to sneak up with a wild 27-20 win in the championship game. But that wasn't going to happen this year. No way. "We have 24 seniors, and 23 had 95 percent attendance in the weight room, which started a week after we lost in the dome," said Farniok. With senior leadership from Farniok and Trevor Gebhart and fast-rising juniors such as Matt Hermanson and Joe Robbie MVP Brandon Mohr, the Warriors rolled through their 2009 schedule, with the closest margin a 35-21 win over O'Gorman in the regular-season finale. Then came the Golden Eagles and quarterback Jared Hannigan, who ran for 94 yards and threw for 174 before throwing two second-half interceptions as the pressure mounted. "Their thing was to come in and dance around and try to make us think," Farniok said. "When we started getting physical again and just taking people's skulls off, it worked out pretty well." So after racking up 35 "mythical" state titles to earn their place in state history, the Warriors finally added a new-era crown to signal their current superiority on the city scene. "Washington has a very proud tradition," said Coach Hermanson, who took over the reins from Kim Nelson in 2005. "But you'd go to events like basketball and volleyball and look up at our banner, and we haven't had one in a long time. So this feels pretty good."

*As for whether the Warriors are the best ever, you'd have to look within the school's own annals to start that discussion. Washington's most potent powerhouse during the Bob Burns era was the 1953 squad that went undefeated to stretch the school's unbeaten streak to 32 games. Led by quarterback Don Renner and fullback George McKeown, the Warriors ruled the Upper Midwest and had to leave the state to find real competition. Among their victories was a 60-12 rout of St. Paul Central and a 46-7 drubbing of Minneapolis South.*

Coach Hermanson was too busy with the media crunch Saturday to ponder all that history. His players waited a long time for him to show up for the team picture, and he finally came gliding in to sit in front of the monster he created, a rare smile on his face. The old-school coach glanced over at Farniok and popped his index finger into the air, finally claiming the title of champion. He doesn't want to talk in terms of best ever. "But I do know," said Hermanson amid the DakotaDome glare, "that we're the best team of 2009."



To; Stu Whitney  
Argus Leader  
Sioux Falls, SD

Dear Stu,

I am writing to tell you how much I enjoyed your story "***Are Warriors The Best Team Ever***" dated November 15, 2009 and to congratulate the 2009 Warrior football team! It has made me proud to follow their great season throughout the year. I especially appreciated your mentioning the 1953 Warrior team in the same story with this year's champions. I played left tackle on that 1953 Bob Burns team and we were very proud of our team's accomplishments just as I know each member of this year's Warrior team is proud of their great accomplishment today and will still be just as proud 56 years from now.

Your story brought back so many truly wonderful memories of all four of our football years (1950 - 1953) at Washington High. In addition to going undefeated in our senior year of 1953, we were also proud that we went undefeated our entire four years of high school football, from freshmen and B squad football to two years of Varsity.

You mentioned two members of our talented backfield, quarterback, Don Renner, who still resides in Sioux Falls, and our fullback, George McKeon, now living in Seattle, WA. They were truly outstanding members of our team, but we also had two equally outstanding halfbacks, Arthur (Bud) Olson now of Scottsdale, AZ and Pat Smith now living in Nisswa, MN.

Our WHS class of '54 held our 50th reunion in Sioux Falls in 2004 and in conjunction with that reunion the members of our '53 football team gathered together for the first time for a great nostalgic luncheon. Teammate, Dick Ronken who also still lives in Sioux Falls obtained some of our old game films and they were certainly fun to watch after 50 years. (Yes, we did have game films 50 years ago.) Sadly two of our starting offense are now deceased, but it was wonderful seeing old teammates again.

Here are then and now photos of our great backfield. Top row are their senior pictures and the bottom row was taken at our 2004 team luncheon. L. to R. Don Renner, George McKeon, Bud Olson and Pat Smith.

Again, "Thanks For The Memories".

Jack M. Phillips, retired in Las Vegas, NV



#	Name	Position	Height	Weight
2	Serrout Aware	QB	5'10"	150
3	Trevor Gebhart	DB	6'1"	170
4	Jordan Willeson	K	6'3"	160
5	Matt Garry	WR	6'1"	165
6	Matt Currier	WR	5'7"	140
7	Derrek Tiggelaar	WR	6'2"	165
7	Ben Green			
8	Sam Plucker	WR	5'9"	150
10	Brett Grevlos	QB	5'10"	185
10	Kyle Bobeldyke			
11	Casey Shade	DB	6'0"	165
12	Matt Hermanson	DB	6'0"	170
13	Brandon Mohr	LB	6'0"	212
15	Xavier Ross	RB	5'8"	155
17	Zach James	DB	5'11"	165
19	Alex Bradfeldt	QB	5'10"	185
20	Kyle Warwick	WR	5'10"	165
21	Tyler Miller	RB	5'10"	175
22	Derek Hoogendoorn	DL	6'0"	200
23	Travis Shafer	DB	5'9"	160
24	Adam Heck	DB	6'0"	188
25	Nathan Kurtz	DB	5'11"	160
26	Chris McMartin	RB	5'9"	190
28	Eli Flaa	RB	5'9"	160
30	Daniel Loudenback	DB	5'8"	140
32	Bobby Olseth	LB	6'2"	195
33	Sam Hoskins	RB	5'10"	175
34	Nick Franken	DE	6'4"	237
35	Tony Baker	LB	6'0"	192
40	Shawn Heilman	DB	5'7"	140
41	Chase Lorenz	DB	5'9"	150
42	Damian Pelton	DB	5'11"	165
44	Kenny Fideler	LB	5'10"	165
45	Tyler Johnson	LB	5'10"	192
46	Nolan Hazard	LB	5'11"	210
50	Josh Hanscom	LB	5'7"	165
51	Tom Farniok	OL	6'4"	235
52	Adam Iverson	DE	6'0"	214
52	Ryan Quarve			
53	Jeremy Deutscher	LB	6'1"	210
54	Chris Soukup	DL	6'0"	196
55	Jordan Kirkpatrick	LB	6'0"	190
56	Doug Cordell	OL	5'10"	245

#	Name	Position	Height	Weight
60	Steven Lewis			
61	Ben Larson	DL	6'4"	190
62	Clint Kenyon	LB	6'0"	170
65	Drew Cosand	DL	6'1"	225
70	Matt Grisham	OL	6'1"	225
74	Adam Weber	OL	6'1"	225
75	Kirk Metzger	OL	6'1"	210
76	Logan Brakke	OL	6'3"	230
77	Austin Buske	OL	6'2"	242
78	Kendall Ledbetter	OL	6'4"	305
79	Derek Farniok	OL	6'8"	280
81	Trevor Perreault	WR	5'7"	150
82	Jenner Amdahl	WR	5'9"	150
83	Jordan Knight	DE	6'2"	225
84	Jamie Carmichael	WR	5'8"	150
84	Brandon Stafford			
86	Gabe Steinborn	K	6'0"	165
88	Jerrick Woods	DE	5'10"	150
89	Quinton McMartin	TE	6'3"	217

## The 2 ROSTERS

On the left is the 62 man roster for the 2009 Warriors. At the bottom right is the 44 man roster for the 1953 Warriors. There is definitely a difference in size of the two teams. The '09 team has 18 men that are 200 lbs. or more while our '53 team only had 2 men over 200 lbs. after losing George Royce early in the season.

### WASHINGTON HIGH ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Year	Age	Height	Weight
12	Falconer, Dick	QB	JR	15	5'11"	142
13	Hopewell, Dick	HB	JR	16	5' 9"	149
14	Bass, Bob	FB	SO	16	5' 9"	145
15	Axlund, Roger	HB	JR	16	5' 8"	156
16	Koons, Jim	G	JR	16	5' 8"	132
17	Pratt, Paul	G	JR	16	5' 3"	121
18	Fie, Harry	HB	SO	15	5' 7"	128
19	Smith, Pat	HB	SR	17	5' 9"	150*
20	Hammers, Bob	HB	SR	17	5' 6"	138*
21	Williams, Ed	HB	SO	16	5' 6"	120
22	Ronken, Dick	QB	SR	17	5' 9"	140*
23	Myers, Mike	E	JR	16	6'	145
24	Anderson, Phil	G	SO	15	5' 8"	145
25	Anderson, Charles	QB	SO	15	5' 8"	140
26	Klock, Dick	FB	JR	16	5' 9"	145
27	Moon, Ronald	HB	JR	17	5'11"	152
28	Nelson, Jerry	G	SR	17	5' 9"	165
29	Beckman, Steve	G	SR	17	5'11"	168*
30	McKeon, George	FB	SR	17	5'11"	173*
31	Olson, Art	HB	SR	17	5'10"	172*
32	Thompson, Bob	G	SO	14	5' 7"	135
33	Kelley, Jim	E	JR	16	5' 9"	143
34	Erickson, Hal	E	SR	17	6'	172*
35	Payne, Byron	T	SO	15	5'11"	160
36	Parker, Jim	E	JR	16	6'	160
37	Dobson, Phayin	C	SO	16	5' 9"	155
38	Cadwell, Stan	C	JR	15	5' 8"	146
39	Rogness, Paul	C	SR	17	6'	170*
40	Kruger, Dave	G	JR	16	5' 6"	147
41	Amundson, Don	G	SR	17	5' 9"	155*
42	Morrill, Keith	C	SR	16	5'10"	160
43	Troutman, Bob	T	JR	16	5'10"	160
44	Renner, Don	SR	SR	17	6' 1"	182*
45	Graves, Roger	E	SO	15	5'11"	
46	Kielman, Roger	E	JR	16	6' 1"	155
47	Gustafson, Wayne	E	SR	17	6' 3"	175*
48	York, Dennis	T	JR	16	5'11"	178
49	Elmstrand, Rodean	E	SO	15	5'10"	155
50	Phillips, Jack	T	SR	17	6' 2"	182
51	Royce, George	T	SR	18	5'11"	260
52	Lane, Roy	T	SO	17	5' 9"	160
53	Olsen, George	T	JR	16	6'	180
54	Amburn, Bob	T	SR	17	6' 2"	205
55	Johnson, Dick	FB	SR	17	5' 8"	220*

\*-Lettermen



# The 2009 & The 1953 Football Schedules.

## 2009 Season For The Warriors.

Date		Opponent	Opponent Rank	Result	Points For	Points Against
Sat 08/29/09	vs	Huron	47	W	54	0
Sat 09/05/09		Lincoln Sioux Falls	30	W	49	21
Fri 09/11/09		Roosevelt Sioux Falls	12	W	32	10
Fri 09/18/09	@	Sturgis Brown	32	W	35	13
Fri 09/25/09		Rapid City Central	31	W	49	7
Fri 10/02/09	@	Brookings	39	W	55	6
Fri 10/09/09	vs	Spearfish	56	W	55	6
Fri 10/16/09	@	Stevens Rapid City	27	W	49	14
Fri 10/23/09		O'Gorman Sioux Falls	7	W	35	21
Tue 10/27/09	vs	Douglas (Box Elder, SD *	44	W	65	0
Mon 11/02/09	vs	Yankton Senior *	22	W	42	0
Sat 11/07/09	vs	Brandon Valley *	10	W	55	10
Sat 11/14/09		Aberdeen Central *	4	W	27	10

\* Last 4 games playoff games. - The first 9 games regular season games.

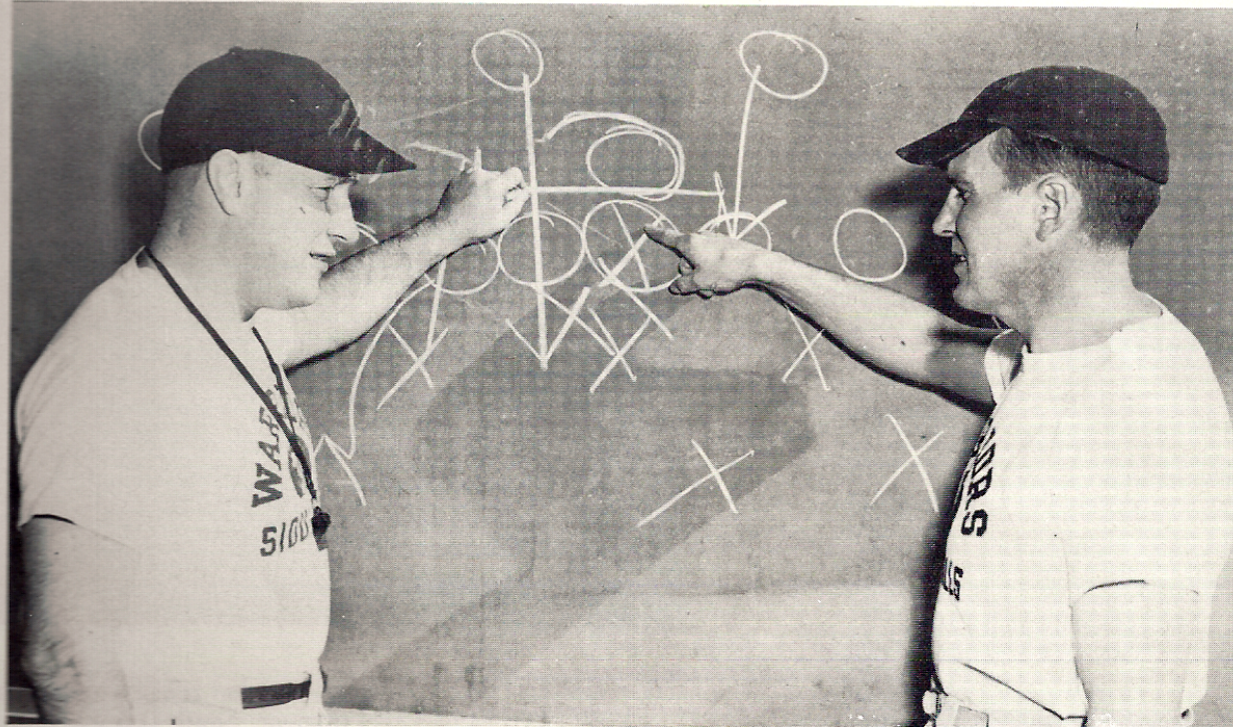
## 1953 Season For The Warriors.

Opponent	Result	Points For	Points Against
Cathedral, Sioux Falls	W	14	0
Aberdeen at home	W	41	0
St. Paul Central at home	W	60	12
Rapid City Cobblers at R.C.	W	42	13
Sioux City East at S.C.	W	7	0
Sioux City Central at home	W	35	7
Minneapolis South at home	W	46	7
Huron at home	W	46	0
Fort Dodge, IA at F.D	W	39	7

## **Warriors leave ESD Conference** **After '52 Season!**

The following are some interesting and enlightening articles and quotes that tend to point out the significance of The Washington High Warrior football team leaving the Eastern South Dakota conference after the 1952 football season in search of more challenging competition.





Our coaches, Bob Burns and Grant Heckenlively

## Grid Terror of the Midwest

Never in WHS history has a football unit received as much over-all acclaim as did Bob Burns' masterpiece of '53. It was the fourth consecutive power-laden machine since his arrival, and by common appraisal it was his greatest. The eleven-man combination rated top in both the Siouland and South Dakota, and was placed in national prominence with some notable nationwide recognition.

**Roger Mickelson**, in his column, "*Sportlite*" reported that America's premiere sportswriter, Bill Stern's "prep game of the week" was won by the Warriors against St. Paul, MN 60-12.

## Sports Corner

By **CRAIG STOLZE**  
Argus-Leader Sports Editor

**MINNEAPOLIS SOUTH** is one of the biggest teams the Washington High Warriors will have to face this season — or any season. . . . The Twin Cities club's defensive line averages 204. . . . That's a lot of weight for a smaller-than-average forward wall to buck up against. . . . Last week, for example,

**GEORGE ROSCOE**, St. Paul Central coach, calls his 1953 team the "greatest he has ever coached" in a Minneapolis newspaper story. . . . No mention is made of the 60-12 loss to Sioux Falls. . . .

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Stu Whitney, Argus Leader; *The Warriors ruled the Upper Midwest and had to leave the state to find real competition. Among their victories was a 60-12 rout of St. Paul Central and a 46-7 drubbing of Minneapolis South.*



## BAD PREDICTION

WASHINGTON HIGH 21, ST. PAUL CENTRAL 13—The Minute Men are ranked top team in St. Paul and fourth in Minnesota but we like the Warriors on the theory that it is one of Central's infrequent trips out of the Cities and the fact that Bob Burns seems to have his club "ready." . . . Loss of ace left half Dick Carey could hurt the visitors. . . . It should be a whale of an offensive show. . . .

**St. Paul Pioneer Press:** St. Paul Central Coach, George Roscoe is quoted as saying, *"Talk about the Atom bomb! Sioux Falls has it..... I thought the best high school football team I ever saw was Minneapolis Central about four years ago. But Sioux Falls could beat that team by SIX touchdowns."*

## CENTRAL WINS 25-0

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 26 — St. Paul Central, 60-12 victim of Sioux Falls Washington in their only loss of the year, Friday night blasted Mechanics Art of St. Paul 25-0. The win practically assured the Central team of the St. Paul city title with only Monroe left to play.

In other games this year the Minute Men have trimmed Murray 36-6, Washington 32-0, Wilson 45-26, Humboldt 39-0, Johnson 40-0.

## THE UNDEFEATED 1953 WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL WARRIORS.



A-SQUAD, front row, l. to r.: Dave Kruger, Bob Hammers, Paul Pratt, Dick Hopewell, Dick Falconer, Jim Koons, Pat Smith, Manager George Aker. 2nd row: Milan Johnson, Jim Parker, Dick Ronken, Don Amundson, Jerry Nelson, Denny York, Roger Axland, Coach John Lawrence. 3rd row: Hal Erickson, Wayne Gustafson, Bud Olson, Steve Beckman, Jack Phillips, Jim Kelley, Leon Cook, George Olson, Head Coach Bob Burns. 4th row: Keith Morrill, Dick Johnson, Don Renner, George McKeon, Paul Rogness, Bob Amburn, Gordon Tweedt, Coach Grant Heckenlively. 5th row: Dick Klock, Gary Bahr, Roger Kielman, Mike Myers, Rodean Elmstrand, Ron Salem, Ron Moon, Bob Trouten.

Sorry, but a team photo of the 2009 State Champion Warriors could not be found.



# From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia on the Internet.

## Athletics

Washington High School is one of the most storied [American football](#) programs in the country, having won a national record 36 state championships since 1906.<sup>[6]</sup> These titles included 14 consecutive (1951-64) which ties a national record.<sup>[6][7]</sup> The school also boasts a record of 691-303-37 from 1899-2008.

### WHS WARRIORS HOLD 2 NATIONAL RECORDS FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### All-Time

36	Sioux Falls Washington, SD (1905-76)
32	Little Rock Central, AR (1907-2004)
27	Lawrence, KS (1945-95)
26	Artesia, NM (1957-2007)
26	Butte, MT (1900-91)
25	Phoenix Union, AZ (1913-55)
25	Everett, MA (1896-2007)
23	Valdosta, GA (1940-98)
23	Massillon Washington, OH (1909-2003)
21	Pine Bluff, AR (1915-95)

#### Consecutive

14	Honolulu St. Louis, HI (1986-99)
14	Sioux Falls Washington, SD (1951-64)
9	Phoenix Union, AZ (1920-28)
8	Salt Lake, UT (1898-1905)
7	Addison Driscoll, IL (2001-07)
7	Animas, NM (1984-90)
7	Massillon Washington, OH (1935-41)
7	Massillon Washington, OH (1948-54)
7	Sidney, MT (1987-93)
7	Montvale St. Joseph, NJ (1999-2005)

**ALL Time Wins** 327th with 686 wins.

## And We Were Gentlemen.

### TRAVEL SCHEDULE for RAPID CITY GAME.

What a great fun weekend!

## Sports Corner

By CRAIG STOLZE

Argus-Leader Sports Editor

**NOT ONLY DID** the Sioux Falls Warriors make quite a showing on the gridiron at Rapid City but they also impressed everyone with their behavior off the field as well. . . . Warren E. Morrell, editor of the Rapid City Daily Journal, had this to say in his column:

"Welcome Visitors: The Sioux Falls High School gridders arrived Friday in Rapid City for their encounter with the Cobblers Saturday night. The visiting team ate at the Westwood restaurant. At each meal the team showed up well scrubbed, their clothes neat and clean, each boy wearing a sports coat. They ate politely, engaged in animated conversation but there was no horse play, loud talk or shenanigans. They were young gentlemen in every sense of the word.

"Saturday several Rapid City automobile dealers arranged a trip to Rushmore Memorial for the visitors. It was the first time many of the Sioux Falls lads had been west of the Missouri River and they were lavish in describing what they saw. . . . Upon being complimented on the great team he has, Coach Bob Burns of Sioux Falls assumed a modest pose, pretended to nonchalantly pare his fingernails and replied, 'Yes, it's amazing what one can do with an average group of boys.' The laughter that followed reverberated from Rapid City to Sturgis, to Custer and back to Rapid again."

#### FRIDAY

7:30	A.M.	Leave Howard Wood Field
11:30	A.M.	Lunch Murdo
1:30-	3 P.M.	Workout Kadoka
5:00	P.M.	Arrive Rapid City
5:45-6:30P.M.		Eat Supper
6:30-7:30P.M.		Free Time
7:30-9:00P.M.		Mines-Southern Game 1st Half
9:30	P.M.	Bed-Lights Out

#### SATURDAY

##### GAME DAY

8:30	A.M.	Reveille
9:15	A.M.	Breakfast
10:00-12:00A.M.		Trip to Mt. Rushmore
12:00-1:30P.M.		Eat Lunch
1:30-3:30P.M.		Rest in Bed
3:45-4:30P.M.		Pre-Game Meal
4:30-5:00P.M.		Walk
5:00-6:30P.M.		Rest
6:30	P.M.	S TART Preparing for Game
8:00	P.M.	Game
10:30	P.M.	Eat
12:30	P.M.	Bed

#### SUNDAY

7:00	A.M.	Breakfast
		Leave for Sioux Falls





It was always so exciting to receive this letter at the beginning of each season?

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

July 28, 1952

Dear Jack;

The Summer is rapidly drawing to a close, and even though the Weatherman probably will not cooperate, we must start thinking and preparing for the 1952 Warrior football season.

The 1952 Warrior schedule is probably one of the most difficult a Washington high school team has faced. We have an eleven game schedule beginning with Cathedral on September 5, and ending with Sioux City Central, November 7.

We will have just nine practice days to prepare for our opening game. Therefore, it will be necessary to start contact work the opening day in order to be ready on September 5. I am expecting each boy to take it upon himself to begin conditioning himself immediately so as to be in perfect shape August 23, when he reports for equipment and physical.

In conditioning yourself, I caution you not to engage in sandlot tackle or touch football. A sprained ankle or bruised shoulder prior to August 23 will no doubt eliminate you from our early plans and games.

If you were a member of last years A squad, you are expected to pick up a new pair of football shoes at Dauby's Sport Shop, (he has the names) and get them well broken in. Each day you work out, do all the exercises we do each night of regular practice (you should be very familiar with them.) Start with the neck exercises and work right down to the ankle exercises. Do lots of short sprints. Get your legs in shape!

The same training rules will be in force this season. Smoking, drinking and late hours are absolutely out!

We will issue equipment on Saturday, August 23, at 9:00 at Howard Wood Field. You will need \$5.50 to cover your insurance and shoe fees. Please bring this with you.

I am looking forward to seeing you this coming football season, and I feel sure that by hard work, together we can make it just as successful as last year. See you August 23!

Sincerely,

*Bob Burns*  
Coach Bob Burns

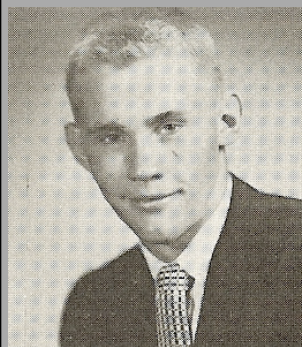
## Olson and Johnson



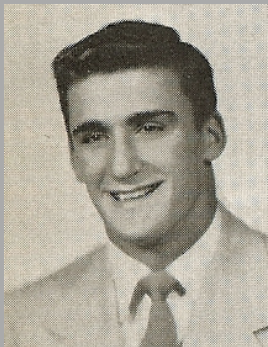
This Olson and Johnson duo is no comedy act but a couple of "wheels" from the Washington High School football team if we may "borrow" the term. Doing the wheeling is 220-pound Fullback Dick Johnson, who did a good job as George McKeon's replacement after the latter was injured at Rapid City last week. Being toted is fleet Halfback Bud Olson, who also came up with a nifty ball carrying job at Rapid City. Together the two boys hope to help cart away a victory Friday night at Sioux City East High.

—Photos by Tom Jellema.

The Class of '54 is proud of our 3 classmates that have been inducted into the Washington High School Athletic Hall of Fame. They are Don Renner, George McKeon and as an Administrator, Don Erickson.



Don Renner



George McKeon



Don Erickson



Dick Wold & Bob Berguin, two more great WHS Athletic Hall of Famers from the class of '53 & the team of '52 that contributed so much to preserving the unbeaten string that was handed to the class of '54. Photo taken at 2000 All Class Reunion.

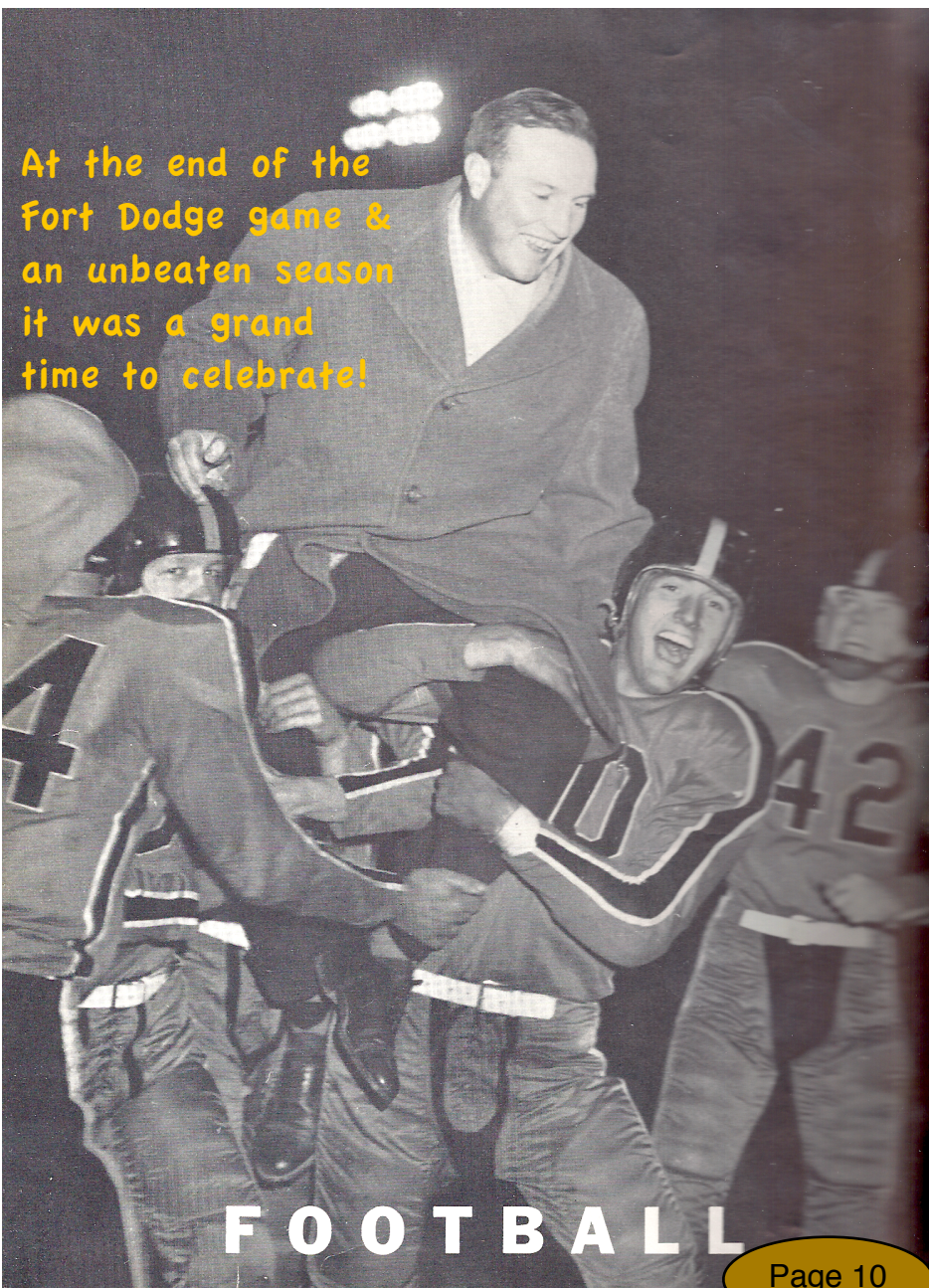


Another record the Warriors proudly held in 1953 was that we had undoubtedly the two best team managers in the entire country in Jugs and Jack. No team had shinier shoes or helmets thanks to these guys.



Student Managers, George Aker and Jack Kittelson

At the end of the Fort Dodge game & an unbeaten season it was a grand time to celebrate!

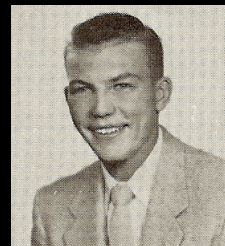


FOOTBALL

*In sweet memory of our four teammates that are no longer with us. Each of them contributed so much to our team's success.*



*Bob Amburn*



*Steve Beckman*



*Bob Hammers*



*Paul Roquess*

*We love & miss you guys.*

*And in loving memory of our truly inspirational and motivational coaches.*

*Bob Burns*

*&*

*Grant Heckenlively*