

## 1972 Season

If the first season of Co-Rec was experimental, the second season started off with a bang with firmly placed ground rules and the grass on the Hinman quad thoroughly reseeded. This coupled with an intense desire on the part of most Hinmanites to play the sport would make for a great and popular season. There were approximately two teams for each hall including No-Name and Phaedrus both from Smith; Tomcats, Patton, and Lehman Lightning, from Lehman; Marbles, Lucifer, and archrivals Deadmeat and Livemeat from Cleveland; and Mash and Touch and Go both from Hughes Hall. Even the Hinman Dining Hall staff got in on the action with a team of their own called Vulcans. The first game of the season was uncomfortably cold, but fans came out in droves to cheer their team on. The first game featured Mash against No-Name with No-Name scoring first but having Mash tie it up quickly. With only 25 seconds left on the clock, the No-Name quarterback threw a brilliant pass that resulted in a touchdown and a victory for No-Name. The final score was 12-6. Most of the other games for the season opener were not nearly as exciting and were mostly one-sided. Still, the season opener was popular enough to make an offhand remark enter into the *Hinman Halitosis* Quote of the Week. Overheard during a huddle was the sentence, ““Giomi told us to go for short gains.””<sup>i</sup> So far the Hinman Co-Rec Two Hand-Touch Football League (HCRTHFTFL) was off to a great start.

The next week saw more intense action as the teams really vamped up their competitive spirit. Lehman Lightning beat No-Name with a long touchdown pass to receiver Tom Fleck that brought the cheering crowds to their feet. Already at this stage in the season, the Lehman Lightning team was beginning to catch attention as a force to be reckoned with. The second game that Lehman Lightning played was against the Dining Hall team, Vulcans. During this game, Ed Schrenzel caught a pass and rushed 80 yards for a touchdown. The final score was Lehman

Lightning 13, Vulcans 6. In another game the Hughes team Mash played against the other Hughes team Touch and Go. Mash had lost their previous game and was placed in the losers bracket. On this day, though, they would have a secret weapon. That secret weapon would be Pete “The Coach” Lorenzi. Lorenzi was very serious about his Co-Rec and would act as the team’s coach. It was rumored that he had a 360-page play book that he carried around with him during the games, though in reality it was only 18 index cards. Lorenzi would achieve fame that day for taking a losing team and soundly beating a better regarded rival with the respectable score of 21-6.<sup>ii</sup>

The third week saw some of the most intense Co-Rec action to date for that semester. The newly rebuilt Vulcan team soundly trounced the Tomcats 17-7. The weather had been cold and wet, forcing the teams that followed to play in less than satisfactory conditions. Lehman Lightning would play Marbles, another Cleveland team. Lehman Lightning would fall behind at first, but would come from behind after quarterback Eileen Matthews threw a long pass to Ed Schrenzel for a final score of 7-6 Lehman. Controversy arose during the Mash-Phaedrus game when Mash players claimed that they tagged Lou Maugeo in the backfield, but officials ruled that he had not been touched with both hands. Mash was in possession of the ball and had only one play left. Quarterback Wanda Ciofli threw a long, deep pass which was caught, stunning both Phaedrus and the crowd. Mash was victorious.<sup>iii</sup>

The next week was a big week for all of Hinman when local television station WBNG sent camera crews, and the local newspaper *The Sun Bulletin* sent reporters to cover the games and Co-Rec football. The Hughes team Non-Rabbits were to play the favored Lehman Lightning. Though the Non-Rabbits were beaten squarely, they played very well and both teams played tough. Quarterbacks from both teams took some pretty hard hits and yet still managed to

make some impressive passes. The game was hard fought and made for good television. In another game Patton's Andy Siskind almost single-handedly won the day for his team by catching an interception, returning a punt and catching a pass for a touchdown. The final score was Patton 18, Livemeat 0. The Vulcans had a difficult but exciting day as well. Although being outplayed during the first half, the second half featured a new quarterback, who threw two touchdown passes, bringing the score up to 20-18. On the fourth down, with exactly 20 seconds left to play, her pass was intercepted, denying the Vulcans their victory. In an earlier game, the team Phaedrus had been eliminated from the competition. Luckily for them, they were reinstated after their captains protested a call. The dispute centered around a Phaedrus player who had crawled into the end zone, but officials ruled that he had been down on the three yard line. The officials had been using College rules when officiating the game, but Phaedrus cited NFL rules which had been used in previous games and said that what they had done was not against the rules according to the NFL. It was decided to allow Phaedrus back into the competition but that in all future games only College rules would be used.<sup>iv</sup>

In the fourth week undefeated Lehman Lightning was challenged by Mash. Mash had previously demolished No-Name 45-12 with star quarterback Wanda Ciolfi throwing two bombs to Doug Renick, and Beth Coughlan threw perfect passes to Linda Curran and Pete Lorenzi, who broke open a tight game by catching an interception and returning it for a touchdown. Lehman Lightning, which until this time was securely in the top spot, saw Mash quickly rising to the third ranking and appearing to challenge the superiority of the as yet undefeated Lehman team. While the championship game rapidly approached, all Hinmanites took time off to watch Channel 12, which would feature Lehman Hall Non-Rabbits team complete with player interviews by reporter Phil Jacobs of WBNG.<sup>v</sup>

The highlight of Fall Semester's Hinman Weekend was the championship Co-Rec game between Lehman Lightning and Phaedrus. Eileen Matthews, who had been on Plato, the very first championship Co-Rec team, now played on Lightning and supplied all the scoring power that the undefeated team needed to clinch victory. The team ran a perfectly executed deep pass pattern which resulted in Don Kutner scoring early on in the game. Phaedrus blocked the extra point but could not come back as it had in previous games against Mash and Non-Rabbits. By this late in the season, the Hinman Quad had become a messy quagmire which tripped up both teams. Phaedrus in particular fell victim to the muddy mess. Several runs by Phaedrus players Lou Muggeo and Don Kutner caused some excitement, but in the end it was all for naught. In the final period Phaedrus was pushed back to its goal line and Lehman Lightning's tight defense kept Phaedrus from penetrating any further. A last minute interception by Ed Schrenzel locked up Lehman Lightning's victory with five consecutive victories in their undefeated season. While Lehman celebrated its victory and the other Co-Rec teams celebrated a good and fun season, Bob Giomi and other Hinman staffers smiled with the knowledge that their experiment in co-ed intramural football had been a success. While much of the game play had been dominated by males, the females played an important role, and during some of the biggest moments of the season, it was women who were the crucial asset in the outcome of the game. Giomi and the Co-Rec teams washed their jerseys, put away their cleats, left the quad a muddy mess, and eagerly awaited the next Co-Rec football season.<sup>vi</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> "Co-Rec Football," *Hinman Halitosis*, Vol. III, No. 6, October 12, 1972.

<sup>ii</sup> "Co-Rec Football," *Hinman Halitosis*, Vol. III, No. 7, October 19, 1972.

<sup>iii</sup> "Co-Rec Football," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. III, No. 8, October 26, 1972.

<sup>iv</sup> "Co-Rec Football," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. III, No. 9, November 2, 1972.

<sup>v</sup> "Co-Rec Football Report," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. III, No. 10, November 9, 1972.

<sup>vi</sup> "Co-Rec Football Final Report," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. III, No. 12, November 30, 1972.