

The 1981 Season

1981 was the beginning of a new year and with it came the hopes that a Co-Rec could be given a clean slate. Some new policies were introduced that year. The Lehman Hall first floor on the A side was allowed to bring in outside players because there was only one male suite on the floor. Also, Resident Directors (RD's) were allowed to play on any team in their building as substitute players, in case a regular player was injured.ⁱ Some of the more colorful team names to appear that year included One Track Mind, My Favorite Motion, Clash of the Tightends, Deflate Their Balls, Ben Dover, Comin' At Ya, What's Your Position, Any Which Way, Don't Stop, Lust in Space, and One Inch to Go.ⁱⁱ

Contrary to the *Hinman Halitosis* promise to provide in-depth coverage of this year's Co-Rec season, most of the reports were mundane and lacking highlights. However, some details did emerge. Later in the season, Too Drunk To beat Sudden Death during penetration in a close match. Later on Sudden Death beat Rush-in-Roulette 19-13. Mark Schlecter of Rush-in-Roulette (Cleveland) made an incredible punt from his own end zone which landed at the opposing team's one yard line. It would be the longest punt in Co-Rec history. Also that week, Sudden Death's (Smith) made another Co-Rec record. Sheldon Heber punted from deep within his team's end zone and had it land on his own team's ten yard line, making it the shortest punt in Co-Rec history.ⁱⁱⁱ The 1981 season of Hinman Co-Rec football was already a record making and breaking season.

By October 13, 1981, the standings in Co-Rec were clear with a few teams dominating the others. In Division One, Red Rum was undefeated with four total wins. The number two spot went to My Favorite Motion with three wins and one loss. Division Two had Don't Stop in the number one spot, also with four wins and no losses. Too Drunk To was number two with

two wins and one loss. Division Three saw Ben Dover in first with four wins and no losses and What's Your Position in second with five wins and one loss. Division Four had Every Coach's Dream in first with five wins and no losses. Its closest competitor in the division was It's Better In with three wins and no losses.^{iv}

Co-Rec seemed to be going well. The only real problem occurring that season was that referees were failing to show up to many of the scheduled games, forcing other officials to pick up the slack.^v Highlights from the week included Ben Dover's Gene Feldman who intercepted a pass on his team's own goal line and ran the length of the field to score a touchdown which tied the game. The team went on to win over their rival Comin' At Ya in penetration. Also, Sudden Death's Billy Alford scored a true sudden death victory when he scored on this team's third offensive turn in penetration over Go For the Sack.^{vi}

The next week saw My Favorite Motion take Any Which Way in a 12-6 game. Every Coach's Dream turned out to be so when they won over Sudden Death 19-13. The Cunning Linguists were cunning enough to defeat In the Huddle 14-6. Sudden Death was able to rebound when they defeated the team ACE 24-6.^{vii} Some highlights from the week included the Sudden Death-ACE game. The game was marked by a thoroughly drenched quad which resulted in very dirty teams and trashed uniforms. Still Sudden Death was able to defeat Ace 24-6. Also, the team Vidi Vici Veni (Lehman) scored a touchdown in stop time with 17 seconds on the clock. They were victorious over Sudden Death, the final score being 19-13. What was most amazing was that this win brought Vidi Vici Veni's win-loss record up from (0-4) to (4-1) a truly outstanding improvement for the season.^{viii}

Just when everything seemed to be going well a problem arose that no one thought they would ever see. On Saturday night, during a Co-Rec party that was to celebrate the end of the

regular season and the beginning of the playoffs, ten girls from off-campus walked into the dining hall (where the party was being held), harassed the beer servers, and walked out with between 20-25 down jackets and vests that had been hung up on racks in the lower portion of the dining hall. Four the girls were caught and most of the jackets were returned, but the fact that thievery had taken place during a Co-Rec party began to lend a bad reputation to the sport.^{ix}

Like her predecessor, Jim Greenlees, HCC President Diane Fischer wrote a note in praise of all those who had worked so hard during the regular season of Co-Rec.

Now that the Co-Rec season is over there are some much maligned people that deserve recognition for all their hard work throughout the season.

The Co-Rec Committee in its first year of existence did an amazing job in planning and scheduling the season, as well as making sure that the games ran smoothly throughout. Unlined fields not withstanding, thanks go to Rich Wilen, Chuck Karra, Mike Braun, Reggie Dugard, Dan Merwin, Andy Boyd, and Matt Hansen.

The referees, possibly the least popular of anyone on the field, deserve a round of applause for withstanding the cold, the mud and the abuse. Extra special thanks to Dean Hartman, Chuck Bartle, Gary Morgen, Paul Balaschak, John Deigman, Todd Weintraub, Ronny Klempner, John Zuroski, for helping out when needed.

Last but not least, extra-extra special thanks, with sugar on top, to Ellen Schild and George Slediewski for coordinating the entire event.

Congratulations to all the teams that made the playoffs and to Don't Stop and Any Which Way, who did a marvelous job of showing the rest of us how to do it right. Here's mud in your eye!^x

In addition the staff of the *Hinman Halitosis* sent out a very special thank you to Mike Ditkowsky, the staffer who had been covering that season of Co-Rec for all the long hours that he had put into covering Hinman's favorite pastime. The season was not over yet over. The playoffs still had to be fought.

It was a long, hard-fought battle the entire way, but in the end the Super Bowl teams would be Don't Stop and Every Coach's Dream. During the Super Bowl, Don't Stop took an

early lead and by the end of the first half the score was 13-0. During the second half, Every Coach's Dream put up a tremendous offensive and brought the score to 32-27. It was a last-minute touchdown and extra point that brought the final score to 39-27 and made Don't Stop the 1981 Hinman Co-Rec football champions.^{xi} In the parallel game, the Soup Bowl, Any Which Way earned the title of the worst team of the year by losing to One Inch to Go.^{xii} The MVP award of the year went to Kristine "K.C." Koester of the team Don't Stop. Ever the gracious winner, Koester said that she was chosen because "I have a hell of a lot of people who make me look good!"^{xiii} On the other side, Any Which Way's Christine Di Blasio took the year's Least Valuable Player award. Once again, it was all in good fun and it ended another successful season of Co-Rec football.^{xiv}

ⁱ "Hinman College Council," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIII, No. 5, September 23, 1981.

ⁱⁱ "Fall 1981 CoRec Leagues," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIII, No. 4, September 16, 1981.

ⁱⁱⁱ "Plays of the Week," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIII, No.6, October 7, 1981.

^{iv} "Co-Rec News," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIII, No. 7, October 14, 1981.

^v "Hinman Council News," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIII, No. 8, October 21, 1981.

^{vi} "Co-Rec News," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIII, No. 8, October 21, 1981.

^{vii} "Game Results," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIII, No. 9, October 28, 1981.

^{viii} "Games of the Week," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIII, No. 9, October 28, 1981.

^{ix} "The Next Time It Could Be Yours," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIII, No. 11, November 11, 1981.

^x Diane Fischer, "Presidential Address," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIII, No. 11, November 11, 1981.

^{xi} "Don't Stop New 1981 Hinman Champs!" *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIII, No. 11, November 11, 1981.

^{xii} "Any Which Way...But Lose!" *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIII, No. 11, November 11, 1981.

^{xiii} "Kristine 'K.C.' Koester Chosen as MVP," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIII, No. 11, November 11, 1981.

^{xiv} "Christine Di Blasio Wins 1981 L.V.P.," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIII, No. 11, November 11, 1981.