

The 1982 Season

1982 began with new students being introduced to the sport of Co-Rec who had never played it before. Some of the team names for that season brought the traditional innuendo-laced names to a new low. Some of the more interesting names included: Coitus Interceptus, Score At Any Cost, Catch it As It Comes, Coming Forcefully, Field So Good, Living Abortions and Unwed Mothers, Where Do You Want It, Leather or Knot, Suites to Eat, Compromising Positions, Gravy Sucking Pigs, Always on Top, Kiss Our Passes, Illegal Maneuvers, Drive It In, Good and Ready, Stiff Competition, Vibe Raiders, and Unnecessary Roughness. In the opening weekend What Up defeat Totally Blitzed 28-6, Compromising Positions defeated Always on Top 32-26, and The Chosen completely dominated Leather or Knot 41-6.ⁱ

The next week saw Two Hand Touch rise to the top of Division One and The Chosen to the Division Two. Division Three had Suites to Eat in the number one spot as did Good and Ready for Division Four. Coitus Interceptus interrupted Totally Blitzed 40-6. The Chosen beat out the mutinous Magilla's Crew 45 to nothing. Suites to Eat was triumphant over Always on Top and Where Do You Want It put it where Coming Forcefully definitely didn't want it, the final score being 33-6. The miracle game of the week saw the ACE team upsetting the favored Leather or Knot 20-13.ⁱⁱ

As in previous years, many began to argue that Co-Rec was beginning to get too violent and competitive. As a sort of joke the *Hinman Halitosis* printed an article on how to make the game more violent. Among its suggestions were to place metal spikes in the end zones so that when a player makes an out-of-bounds catch the referee could tell exactly where they were because would be pinned to the ground. Another suggestion was to string barbed wire between the Hinman Quad's trees to prevent players from running out of bounds and wasting time. It was

also suggested that they plant explosives in the ground before the game and blow them to create holes. Then animal traps should be placed in the holes to create a more defensive game. Another suggestion said that the two-second rush and closed-handed blocking should be eliminated. “This will encourage girls to punch, slap, pinch & bite—but no scratching, that’s not lady-like.”ⁱⁱⁱ It was recommended that snipers be hired (their fee to be capped at \$3 a game) to sit on top of the dining hall and shoot anyone who attempts to argue with the referee. Another recommendation was to wait until the end of each game to call Harpur’s Ferry. This would give the injured players time to get to know one another.^{iv} Quite obviously, no one was to take these recommendations seriously, yet they did have a point. For many years, Co-Rec had been undergoing scrutiny for its increasing competitiveness. This article, though it had a humorous tone, marked the problem that was increasingly on everyone’s mind.

The following week saw Two Hand Touch obliterate Instant Rush 33-0. The Chosen defeated Coming Forcefully 32-0. The Chosen had a 5-0 record and were only two victories away from first place in their division. Catch It As It Comes won over the Living Abortions & Unwed Mothers 20-6. Drive It In beat Unnecessary Roughness 20-7 and Where Do We Go From Here won over Aaaaah 33-27.^v

The following week saw the Co-Rec record for most interceptions in a single game in the match between Gravy Sucking Pigs and Compromising Positions. Four straight interceptions, two by each team, occurred without the completion of a first down. The Pigs won the game with a score of 12-0. Jeff Katz scored the winning touchdown in the first half, not surprisingly on a defensive interception. Also making Co-Rec history that week was the first ever field goal. Jim Liptack, a player for Score At Any Cost, took his team’s name to heart and made a 50 yard punt into their opponent’s (the team called Dome) end zone. Despite the excitement Score At Any

Cost was defeated 12-0. The field goal didn't really count because field goals are not technically allowed during the games.^{vi}

The next week saw the *Hinman Halitosis* show the results of the Co-Rec t-shirt contest. The best name went to the team called simply Hughes 2B. The most disgusting name went to the Living Abortions. The best shirt material went to Stiff Competition. The best color coordination went to Aaaah! The best logo/design went to What Up and the best overall t-shirts went to Dome, Gravy Sucking Pigs and The Chosen.^{vii} Some highlights from that year's playoffs included the game between Catch It As It Comes and Where Do You Want It. Catch It As It Comes was trailing 12-7 when Greg Walter caught a Pam Reilling pass that made the score 13-12. When they played What Up, Magilla's Crew was being 7-0. Jean-Marie Finan threw a touchdown pass to Alan Rothstein right before stop time. Bob Venizelos then scored a safety in stop time to win it for Magilla's Crew, the final score being 8-7. Mark Kelley of Good 'N' Ready caught three touchdown passes and an extra pint which accounted for all of his team's points in their game against Aaaah. Their final score was 19-7. Many more good games were played during the playoffs that season, but the final teams that remained included Two Hand Touch, The Chosen, Hughes 2B, and Good 'N' Ready.^{viii}

The Super Bowl that year would be played between the Chosen and Hughes 2B. Hughes 2B drew first blood when quarterback Cindy Neimeth connected with Moe Ray, bringing them into the lead. The Chosen quickly returned the favor when Mitch Cohen and Dean Hartman both scored. The extra point scored by Stacy Levin brought the Chosen into a six point lead. In the beginning of the second half, Moe Ray caught a touchdown and an extra point. The Chosen's Barb Keen threw a pinpoint pass to Pam Sachs in the end zone. Dean Hartman then scored another extra point. The Chosen's Franco Gallo intercepted the ball and ran down the field and

put his team in an excellent scoring position. Mark Aledort scored a touchdown and Barb LeCascio gave them an extra point. The score at this point was 27-14 in favor of the Chosen. It was a see-saw battle the entire game, but in the end the Chosen came out on top with a score of 27-21. Both teams put up exceptionally good fights. Each team's quarterback was especially responsible for a good hard-earned win.^{ix}

That year's Soup Bowl between Stiff Competition and Kiss Our Passes was equally exciting. Stiff Competition took an early lead but by the end of the first half the score was 12-6. When Kiss Our Passes quarterback, Diane Anderson was sacked in the end zone, this earned Stiff Competition a safety, tie-ing the score at 14-14. Rich Hernandez used their team's guy pass and Steve Beinhacker ran the length of the field to score the winning touchdown for Kiss Our Pass. The final score was 20-14. For a short while a disputed tag put the match's outcome in jeopardy, but in the end the score was ruled good. Soup Bowls are known for their colorful plays and players, and especially for more slapstick moments than normal regulation games. This particular Soup Bowl saw more than its fair share of these last place shenanigans. Mike Tice of Kiss Our Passes invented a "Crutch Play," which needless to say didn't work, partly because he was on crutches at the time when he tried to execute it. The "Crutch Play" called for the player on crutches to rush down toward the end of the field to receive a pass. Stiff Competition had a "Sleeper Play" which might have worked except that the referee called a penalty for having too many players on the field, twenty too many players in fact. Kiss Our Passes captain Pete Smith and receiver Gary Granofsky stated that they wanted their team to win the Soup Bowl out of pride. It was also a floor tradition. Their floor, Lehman Hall 1A, had won the Soup Bowl for three straight years in a row.^x

Barbara Keen was chosen as that year's most valuable player. She was considered by her peers to be the best quarterback in the league. Being ever gracious and modest, Keen attributed her success to the strong teamwork of her entire team, Hughes 2B. Mike Tice won the least valuable player of the year award for his antics on and off the field which included wearing a Baskin-Robbins 31 hat and his now infamous "Crutch Play."^{xi} Once again, it was all in good fun and no one was mean-spirited about it.

The end of the season also saw the play of an All-Staff Bowl in which RA's and RD's along with some distinguished players from various teams around Hinman competed in a sort of All-Star game just for the fun of it. Alan Fox of Team A scored on a pass, but then Mel Lowther of Team B caught a pass and ran it into the end zone, which tied the game. Rich Wilen earned an extra point. Later in the second half, Team A was leading 19-13 and Pete Crino of Team A sealed the deal by intercepting Karen Lipman's pass in the end zone and running it the length of the field for another touchdown for Team A. Rich Wilen was able to score a touchdown in stop time to bring the score up to a very respectable 25-19. The game was all for the fun of it, and Ira Cohen made Co-Rec and Hinman College history by becoming the first referee to score a touchdown and do it while blowing his whistle.^{xii}

Though perhaps not as marred with controversy as previous seasons, the 1982 season of Co-Rec had faced a number of challenges including the ever-growing issue of extreme competitiveness and outright violence in the games. In response to this, senior Roosevelt Hall Resident Assistant Rich Wilen, who had been very active in Co-Rec that year, had this to say about the 1982 season:

No matter what anyone says, I feel that this co-rec season has been very rewarding. The weather was amazing and the field held up well, that is, until last weekend. There are a

lot of things I can remember about this season. Orange fences, mattresses¹, crutches, white hooded sweatshirts, tons of lime, good refs, and refs who at least tried. I want to thank the Co-Rec Committee for their help—that's Ronny Klempner, Marianne Rogers, Nora Arnessen, Sandro Campanile, Rachel Roth, Barbara Keen, and Co-Chariman Reggie Dugard...I hope everyone enjoyed the season as much as I did.^{xiii}

Co-Rec football season had come to another close. While there had been much excitement and participation on part of the residents and staff of Hinman there was undoubtedly a sense that something was wrong and that something was missing. Co-Rec had its problems, just as the Hinman Little Theater (now know as the Hinman Production Company) had had its problems. But where the latter organization seemed to have sorted out its issues and was thriving, to those who knew and loved their sport they could not help but feel that something was terribly wrong.

ⁱ "Co-Rec News," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIV, No. 5, September 15, 1982.

ⁱⁱ "Co-Rec News," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIV, No. 4, September 22, 1982.

ⁱⁱⁱ Rich Wilen, "Co-Rec Update," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIV, No. 6, October 6, 1982.

^{iv} *Ibid.*

^v "Co-Rec News," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIV, No. 7, October 13, 1982.

^{vi} "Co-Rec News," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIV, No. 8, October 20, 1982.

^{vii} "Results of Co-Rec T-Shirt Competition," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIV, No. 9, October 27, 1982.

^{viii} "Playoff Highlights," and "The Final Four," *The Lake Lieberman Halitosis* [joint issue between *Hinman Halitosis* and Newing College's *Lake Lieberman Gazette*] late October 1982.

^{ix} "The Chosen Win Super Bowl," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIV, No. 10, November 10, 1982.

^x "Soupbowl '82," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIV, No. 10, November 10, 1982.

^{xi} "Barb Keen Chosen as Most Valuable Player," and "Mike Tice Wins 1982 Least Valuable Player," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIV, No. 10, November 10, 1982.

^{xii} "Game Summery," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIV, No. 10, November 10, 1982.

^{xiii} Rich Wilen, "Final Thoughts," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XIV, No. 10, November 10, 1982.

¹ Orange wire fences were placed around the quad to keep people from walking on it. This was done in an effort to preserve the field for Co-Rec play. Mattresses were tied to the trees surrounding the quad in an effort to prevent injuries if a player accidentally ran into a tree during play.