

The 1984 Season

The start of a new academic year saw the revival of many old Hinman institutions such as HPC, *Hinman Halitosis* and Dorm Wars. It also saw the reemergence of Co-Rec football. In the very first issue of the *Hinman Halitosis*, an article was written to ensure both Hinman returners and those new to Hinman that Co-Rec was a sport for the people and that it would be more relaxed than last year's hypercompetitive season. It also stated that the referees would be better trained than last years and that this year's Co-Commissioners, Steve Heller and Pat Byrne, were working tirelessly to ensure that this season of Co-Rec would be fun and would not have all the added drama of the previous season.ⁱ

If all the controversy and corruption of the previous season turned off people to Hinman's favorite pastime, then it didn't show in the number of teams admitted to the league that year and with the number of people who signed up. Some of the more interesting team names to appear that season included: Orgasmic Blitz, Split the Upright, Coming to Blows/Blowing to Come, Nads, Pump and Go Deep, We're In, Joy of Sacks, Floreplay, Changing Positions, Go For the Balls, Ready Foreplay, Fetus Fever, Making Passes, Alcoholics Unanimous, Quadraceptives, Field My/Her Punt, Purple Reign, Condorms, Jump My Zones, and C-Men.ⁱⁱ The creativity and passion for the game was certainly there, but the real question was wither the sportsmanship would measure up?

Unfortunately, the coverage for this season of Co-Rec is relatively sparse. Other than the standings there is very little documentation of individual games or plays of that week. However, by early October a few teams seemed to have pulled away from the pack and appeared to be real contenders for the Robert. F. Giomi Plaque. Go For the Balls, Ready Foreplay, and Quadraceptives all had perfect seasons so far. However, many other teams had only lost a single

game and were still strong contenders. At this stage, it was far from decided who would be this year's champion.ⁱⁱⁱ

Furthermore, it seemed as though the level of sportsmanship had improved greatly over the course of this season. Steve Heller and Pat Byrne had this to say about the 1984 Co-Rec season thus far:

Contrary to popular belief, Co-Rec is not life. As commissioners of Co-Rec Football, we would like to take this opportunity to share some of our thoughts with you.

First, we were very happy about the reduction in violence from last year. Co-Rec is a game meant to foster floor community. We feel that this had been accomplished.

Secondly, the Co-Rec Committee is planning on meeting at season's end to clarify some arbitrary rules that may have caused some confusion over this past season.

Finally, we would like to thank the Co-Rec Committee who painstakingly sat through some long meetings. We'd also like to thank the Co-Rec Refs who have unselfishly devoted their time to make Co-Rec what it should be—a game. A special thanks to Bill Katz who ran the ref's instructional meeting in the beginning of the season and coordinated the refs for the playoffs.

In retrospect we'd like to ask you one question: Has Co-Rec made your floor grow closer? Hopefully the answer is yes, no matter what place you finished in. Then Co-Rec has accomplished the goal it was originally intended for when it was created over a decade ago.

We hope that disagreements that evolved through the course of a game have been resolved. There is no use in holding a grudge—Co-Rec is only a game. With this in mind, go out and root for the Superbowl, Soup Bowl and Staff contenders this weekend and show your Co-Rec spirit.^{iv}

The playoffs that season saw Pump and Go Deep, Orgasmic Blitz, When In Doubt, Go For the Balls, Yukon Jack Attack, The Byrnouts, Ready Foreplay, Alcoholics Unanimous, YMS, Quadraceptives, Condorms, and C-Men battle it out for spaces in the Super Bowl. In the end Floreplay and Making Passes wound up in the unenviable position of playing in the Soup Bowl.^v The Super Bowl saw the match-up between Quadraceptivs and Orgasmic Blitz, with Quadraceptives winning the day. Unfortunately, that is that is recorded about this Co-Rec

season. While this season was lacking in highlights and coverage overall, what is clear is that it was a much cleaner season with less violence, hyper-competitiveness, and corruption. Hinman Co-Rec football had showed its resiliency and survived its most awesome challenge to date. With the success of the 1984 season, it showed that no amount of controversy or lingering bad feelings could conquer Hinman's favorite pastime.

ⁱ John Curtiz, "What to Expect from Co-Rec," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XVI, No. 2, September 5, 1984.

ⁱⁱ "Co-Rec Football," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XVI, No. 3, September 12, 1984.

ⁱⁱⁱ "Co-Rec," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XVI, No. 6, October 10, 1984.

^{iv} Steve Heller and Pat Byrne, "A Note From Our Co-Rec Chairpeople," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XVI, No. 9, October 31, 1984.

^v "Co-Rec," *Hinman Halitosis* Vol. XVI, No. 9, October 31, 1984.