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Stan Sheriff - Head Football Coach

We're on the Move in '72
Pre-Season Report

The Offense

The offense received an extensive face-lifting this Spring with the adaptation of the Houston Veer into the Panther attack. The quick-hitting option offense drew the praise of the Panther coaching staff and the solid support and enthusiasm of the players. Ron Schooley, a year after a year's delay, is expected to unseat two-year starter Al Wich-tendahl from the quarterback position. Several other newcomers are also likely to make their presence felt, however, letterman Dave Hodam returns after an injury sideline him last fall. Sophomores Pat Batten, Larry Martin, Scott Swantendruber and David Reed are in the thick of the battle for the two running back positions.

Lettermen seniors Tom Jones and co-captain Ken Rosenkrans are the leaders up front. Steve Lounsberry, John Blessman, Charlie Frisk, and Dennis Harms will also make solid contributions in the offensive line.

Bruce Dinnebier, Bill Cook, Don Blau and Jim O'Donnell are threats in the wide receiver positions. Jim O'Donnell is also likely to see action at the quarterback position. He played that position in high school and can run the veer if needed. The Panthers' booming punter, Mike Butler, returns for his final season of competition.

The Defense

Surpassing the records set by the 1971 Panther defense will be difficult but not impossible. Although five outstanding defensive people have graduated, the returning veterans along with some newcomers make the defensive forecast for 1972 a bright one.

Strength and depth looms at defensive tackle and noseguard positions. Veteran tackles Dick Blau and co-captain Nelson White return with strong backup play from sophomore Ed Brown and heavyweight wrestler Randy Omvig. Lynn Stickfort and Tom Moorhouse return to the noseguard position.

Mike Brooks and Jerry Roling will be challenged by J. C. transfer Scott Sickles at the defensive end slots.

Frank Metzger returns at one linebacker position with Mike Berg being challenged by Steve Blankenburg and Scott Donovan. All-Conference and co-captain junior Mike Woodley returns at free safety with former J. C. All-American and co-captain Walt Fres-iber back manning the left corner. Nelson Converse will be the strong safety while Jerry Ward moves up to the right corner.

White, Blau, Sickles, Stickfort, Ward, and Woodley are all former local area athletes.

UNI's 1972 Football Schedule

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<td>Augustana at Sioux Falls</td>
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Check These Season Ticket Advantages

- **Family Entertainment**
  More and more football is taking the lead as a spectator sport in the USA. It is the family that is building this reputation in both professional and collegiate ranks. A season ticket for $30.00 or a knot hole ticket for children 15 and under for $5.00 will guarantee you your favorite spot in O. R. Latham Stadium for six UNI home games in 1972. Here is a sport that will entertain the entire family as you thrill to the hard-nosed football played by the Panthers and their North Central Conference and non-league opponents.

- **Seating at a Premium**
  The UNI student body continues to grow by leaps and bounds. An estimated 10,000 will be enrolled this fall. It means each O. R. Latham Stadium seat will be at a premium for UNI's finest homes, schedule in years. Only the season ticket holder will be assured of good seats each game with the likely prospect of no general admission sales in the fall. Your East Stadium seat gives you an unobstructed view of the action and will relieve that last minute worry about ticket lines and a good view. The concession area is located beneath the East Stadium for your convenience and easy accessibility.

- **The Time to Order**
  The time to order is now. Be among the first to hold a season ticket for the exciting 1972 season. The earlier you order the better chance you will have of grabbing off that choice 50-yard line seat. Use the enclosed order blank. Act now and get the seat of your choice for this fall.

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This of course, is Mankato's first year of competition in the NCAA in football. Last year the Indians played 4 North Central Conference teams, and were 3-1 against that competition, including a 13-10 victory over the eventual champion, the University of North Dakota. The INDIAN professor is John Coatta, who is in his 3rd year at Mankato State. The Indian mentor in John Coatta, who is in his 3rd year at Mankato State after previously coaching at the University of Wisconsin in the Big Ten. Mankato State will be using the veer option offense and play a multiple defense. The Indians return 31 lettermen next year and have depth at every position after a 7-3 record last year.

The coach for the Jack Rabbit this year will be John Gregory, a 1961 graduate of UNI. This will be John's first year at the helm in Brookings. SDSU will return 23 lettermen which are evenly divided among the offensive and defensive plaques.

**6 BIG REASONS FOR A SEASON TICKET**

**Big Reasons**

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MSC Indians  
NDSU Bison  
Drake Bulldogs  
Morningside Chiefs  
SDSU Jack Rabbits
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