

DMLC scores upset over Nebraska's Dana College

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To a man walking into Johnson Field at the end of the Dr. Martin Luther-Dana College football game Saturday it would have seemed to him that the Lancers had just won a conference championship, instead of a 27-7 regular season win.

Head Coach Denny Gorsline was being carried off the field by the players, cheerleaders were hugging players, and the fans had emptied the stands and stormed the field.

To the average fan Saturday it was just a win for Dr. Martin Luther College. However, to the Lancers it meant a lot more. Take for example, Dana annihilated the Lancers 36-0 last year, and DMLC hadn't even scored a touchdown this year.

The win also was the Lancers' first in football since they started their program two years and 10 straight losses ago.

Then add this to it. Sioux Falls defeated DMLC 56-0. Sioux Falls slipped by Dana 10-0. The importance of the game all of a sudden is evident.

There were a lot of heroes for the Lancers, Jay Schwall, junior halfback from Bay City, Mich., carried the ball 34 times for 123 yards and two touchdowns. Junior quarterback Tom Hunter completed six of 12 passes for 71 yards, including two for touchdowns to pint-size flanker Jay Storm.

Neither team moved the ball its first series of the quarter, but the Lancers quickly went 48 yards in nine plays following a short punt the second time they had the ball. The final 18 yards were on a pass from Hunter to Storm, with a defender hanging onto Storm in the end zone.

The rest of the half was give and take, neither team mounting a serious scoring threat.

Dana took little time in getting the lead, taking the second half kickoff on its own 33 and scoring in 11 plays. Halfback Rick Mewhirter took a handoff, was seemingly stopped after a short gain. However, he pitched the ball to fullback Ron Schneider who went 25 yards for a score. The extra point put Dana up 7-6.

However, momentum didn't stay with the Vikings long. DMLC took the kickoff and marched down to the Viking one yard line. However, on third and fourth down the Lancers failed to score, giving up the ball on downs on the eight yard line.

Following a Dana punt four plays later, the Lancers took the lead. They went 57 yards in eight plays, capping the drive with a seven yard run by Schwall. That score came with 12:11 left in the game. A pass from Schwall to Storm put the Lancers up 14-7.

Paul Kassulke, sophomore defensive end, probably made the play of the game for DMLC on Dana's next series when on fourth down, he squelched a fake punt attempt, tackling the Dana punter for an eight yard loss.

The Lancers immediately went 30 yards in five plays, a 16 yard scoring strike from Hunter to Storm getting six points.

The final score of the game came with just five seconds left. Schwall fittingly went five yards for a touchdown.

Gorsline was elated with the win. "I thought we played excellent. When the year started, this was one game we thought we could win."

Gorsline added the team was sky high for the game and thought Dana may have been a little flat. "They made the trip down here in one day and that may have had something to do with the game. I was surprised they didn't pass more."

For the delighted Lancer fans, they were surprised by a lot more than that.

FINAL STATISTICS

	DMLC	Dana
Total first downs	20	12
by rush, pass, penalty	18-1-1	12-0-0
Rushing plays	53	45
Net Rush yards	193	133
Passing		
comp., att., int.	6-12-0	2-6-0
Net pass yards	71	-4
Total scrimmage gain	264	129
Penalties-yards	3-35	5-45

Dana 0 0 7 0 — 7
DMLC 6 0 0 21 — 27
DANA TD: Ron Schneider, 25 run. PAT: Bill Kunard. Kick.
DMLC TD: Jay Schwall, (2), 7, 5 runs; Jay Storm, (2), 18 and 16 passes from Tom Hunter; PAT: P. Boileau, kick; Storm, pass from Schwall.

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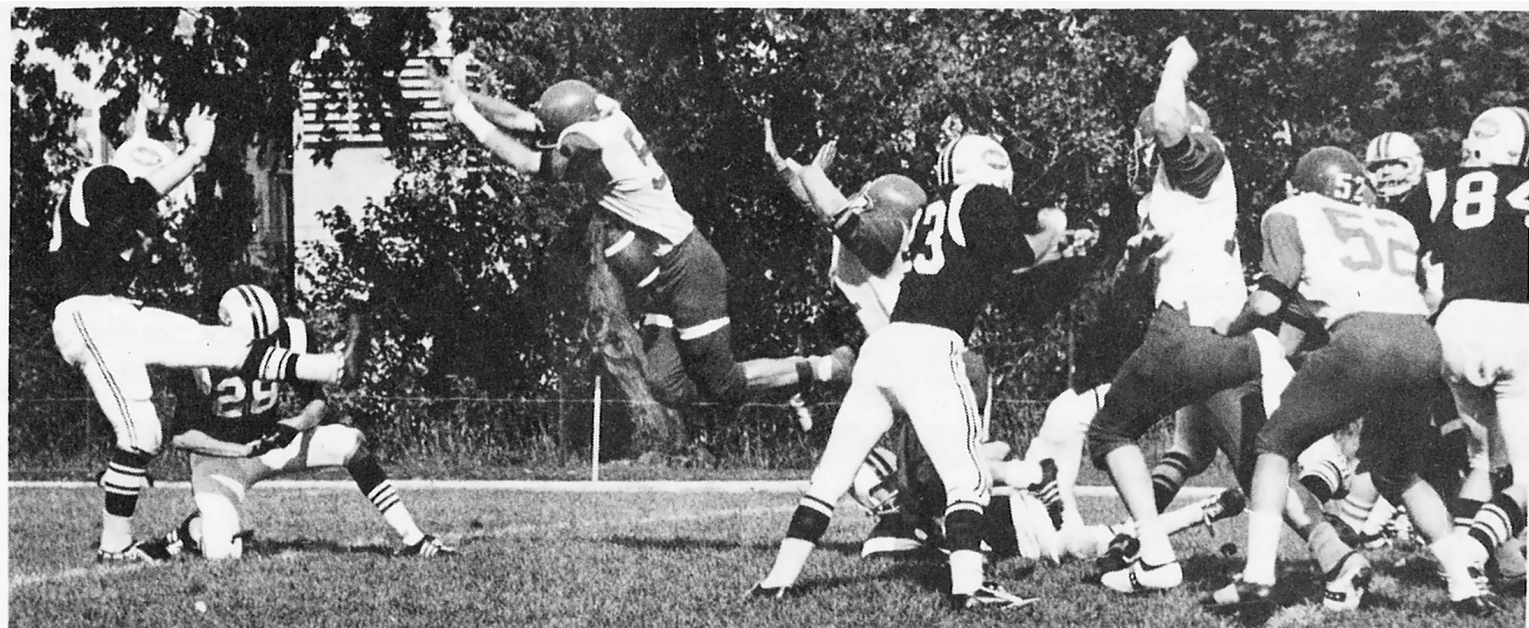
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AN EXTRA point attempt by Phil Boileau was blocked by Rod Jasa of Dana following the first

DMLC touchdown. Holding is Ray Dumke of New Ulm. (Photos by Lee Groebner)



JAY SCHWALL (ball carrier) rushes one of 34 times as the Dr. Martin Luther College Lancers won its first game in two years, 27-7 over Dana

College. Other identifiable DMLC players are quarterback Tom Hunter (18) and M. Riche (76).