



The Trojans take the field.

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Leuer and Tremendous Team Spirit Brighten Dark Grid Season

1966 was another tough year for Trojan football. The team started the year with great desire and good potential; they ended much the same. Unfortunately along the way, they were only able to gather a record of 1-7-1. It wasn't that they were outclassed, except at Edina where they still scored the most points of anyone against the Hornets this year. It wasn't that their defense was poor, for in fact it was tough—but it was often left in bad positions and every one of their mistakes turned into touchdowns. Somehow they lacked the winning punch, that intangible something that spells victory. Even in the Homecoming game with Hopkins, the biggest team in the league, they overpowered the Warriors 2-1 in every statistic except the score.

It could be said how injuries plagued the whole team, especially the backfield, how green the squad was, and how they lacked an experienced quarterback; yet, these excuses are of no satisfaction and cannot change the record. Rather, one should look at the tremendous desire and "never quit" enthusiasm, personified at Cooper and Edina, and very much alive throughout the year. One should look at the individual players to see the great personalities therein. And one eventually comes to co-captain Gary Leuer, Lake Conference Lineman of the Year, All-Lake team, and WCCO Defensive Player of the Year. Maybe it wasn't such a bad year after all.



Co-captains Gary Leuer and Fred Strobl watch the result of the toss.



Bill Scheller zeroes in on target.