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Don Enright Mukwonago, Southern Lakes Coach of Year - Jim Zeller, Union Grove, Most Valuable Player

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# Four Indians Capture All-Conference Honors; Don Enright Coach of Year

The coaches of the Eastern Division of the Southern Lakes selected four Mukwonago players to their all-conference football team. Named to the offensive unit were halfback Ralph Schmidt and center Chuck Becker, while linebackers Al Wittenberg and Jerry Anich received honors. Defensive halfback, Don Diamond received honorable mention. Third place Union Grove led the division with five players on the honor squad. Co-champion Burlington had four men while Salem Central, Waterford and Wilmot each placed three players on the team.

Jerry Anich was one of the few players who were unanimous selections. The 150 lb. linebacker was very important in sparking

the Indians to six consecutive victories after losing their first two conference games. On numerous occasions Jerry fought off blockers 20 to 50 pounds heavier than himself and dropped the ball carrier for no gain or a loss. His toughness was also displayed on the kick off team where he frequently made first contact with the runner. Defense was only a part of the scrappy senior's contribution as he led the team in yards gained with 470. This was accomplished in 101 attempts for a 4.7 average. Jerry completed 2 of 5 passes for 40 yards, caught four passes for 97 yards and scored five touchdowns.

Chuck Becker, the Indians 180 pound center, didn't have a poor snap all season and was a very fine blocker. Chuck's improvement and attitude were instrumental in an offensive line that showed considerable progress during the season.

The conference coaches were impressed with Ralph Schmidt's speed and ability to come up with the big play this season as well as last year. The 175 pound senior had an impressive 5.5 yard per carry average with 435 yards gained in 79 carries. Ralph was an excellent receiver, gaining 255 yards with 12 receptions. He also completed one of two passes for 27 yards and scored 52 points on eight touchdowns and two two-point conversions. With Rick Swan's injury, Ralph also filled in at defensive halfback and did a very fine job.

Nobody was more important to the Indians defense (the best in either division) than middle linebacker and co-captain Al Wittenberg. Last year the 170 pound senior played defensive end and offensive tackle. Al's quickness at tackle was an important factor in the Indians offensive attack that tied with Burlington for most points in the eastern division despite key injuries that plagued Mukwonago throughout the season. He pulled on reverses and quick pitches and enabled Rick Swan and Terry Traynor to make some nice gains with key blocks. Al's specialty, however, was defense as he was the Indians leading tackler. Most of these were the type you could hear in the stands. Al was a nuisance to the opponents as he blocked a couple of punts, an extra point, recovered fumbles and dumped the pass-

er on numerous occasions.

One of Mukwonago's unsung heroes this season was Don Diamond, a defensive back who received honorable mention all conference. Pound for pound they don't come any tougher. Don was very strong against the run limiting sweeps to his side for short gains most of the time with very crisp tackles. No touchdown passes or long touchdowns runs were yielded in his area.

Only one junior, Jeff Coleman, Burlington's most valuable player, made the 22 man team. Jim Zeiler, Union Grove's fine tailback was selected the most valuable player in the conference.