

1977 TEAM STATISTICAL STUDY

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ALL AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE CO-CHAMPIONS

SEASON RECORD: WON 8 LOST 2 TIED 0

POINTS SCORED: MASSILLON 281 OPPONENTS 95

RUSHING

	Atts.	Yards Gained	Avg.
Mike Grove	70	456	6.5
Richard Cleveland	96	419	4.4
Greg Carpenter	89	309	3.5
John Wilkerson	23	145	6.3
Jeff Beitel	23	118	5.1
Brent Offenbecher	73	53	.7
Tom Gehring	7	8	1.1
Lou Poppovich	3	3	1.0
Paul White	1	-1	-1.0
Jim DeOrio	1	-2	-2.0
Ron Wright	5	-26	-5.2

PASSING

	Atts.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Ave. Per Comp.
Brent Offenbecher	146	84	1369	10	5	16.3
Ron Wright	36	17	254	3	1	14.9

PASS RECEIVING

	Comp.	Yards Gained	Tds.
Mike Grove	27	413	3
Curtis Strawder	26	518	4
Mark Pringle	22	272	3
Greg Carpenter	10	165	2
Bobby Grizzard	4	72	0
Eric Clendening	4	46	0
Tom Gehring	3	49	0
Jeff Beitel	3	28	1
Richard Cleveland	1	57	0
Paul White	1	12	0

PUNTING

	No.	Yards	Avg.
Mark Westover	19	718	37.8
Ron Wright	5	141	28.2

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yards	Avg.
Mike Grove	14	275	19.6
Tom Gehring	4	65	16.3
Greg Carpenter	3	56	18.7
Curtis Strawder	2	21	10.5
Richard Cleveland	1	15	15.0
Mark Pringle	1	0	0

PENALTIES

	No.	Yards
Massillon	56	491
Opponents	47	438

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yards	Avg.
Marc Longshore	21	89	4.2
Mike Hickey	3	36	12.0
Darren Longshore	3	19	6.3
John Letcavits	5	5	1.0
Dan Venables	2	0	0
Jeff David	2	0	0
Jerry Shafrath	1	0	0

SEASON SCORING SUMMARY

	Total		Total
Greg Carpenter	60	Mark Pringle	18
Richard Cleveland	32	Jeff Beitel	12
Mark Westover	31	Mike Hickey	6
Mike Grove	30	Dick Lutz	6
Brent Offenbecher	30	John Wilkerson	6
Curtis Strawder	20	Team	6

RECOVERED OPPONENTS FUMBLES

	Total		Total
Steve Dottavio	1	Marc Longshore	1
Tony Matie	1	Gene Miller	1
Mike Hickey	1	Jeff David	1
Dick Lutz	1	Jerry Shafrath	1

PASS INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.		No.	Yds.
Marc Longshore	4	40	Rod Caldwell	1	0
Kevin Gowins	3	48	John Letcavits	1	0
Darren Longshore	2	0	Bill Dodd	1	0
Mike Hickey	1	0	Dan Venables	1	0
Terry Whitlock	1	0			

TOTAL TEAM STATISTICS

	Mass.	Opp.
First Downs Rushing	96	58
First Downs Passing	70	19
First Downs Penalty	9	8
Total First Downs	175	85
Net Yards Rushing	1479	788
Net Yards Passing	1623	497
Total Net Yards	3102	1285
Touchdowns	39	13
Number of Plays	560	482
Average Yards Per Play	5.5	2.7
Number Passes Attempted	184	105
Number Passes Completed	101	40

Players returning in 1978 printed in orange.