

# 1977

National Women's Football League



# COLUMBUS PAGESSETTERS



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LINDA STAMPS, 1974, 1975 and 1976 Team Captain; Outstanding Defensive Back in 1974; and Most Valuable Player in 1975 and 1976 returns to the Pacesetters this year as a linebacker and guard. Ms. Stamps is a graduate of OSU and is employed by Attorney General William J. Brown's office, Division of Consumer Frauds and Crimes.



Dear Pacesetter Supporter:

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the ever-growing world of women's professional football.

As a member of the fifteen team, National Women's Football League, the Columbus Pacesetters have grown significantly in their four year history. We have come from a squad of twelve players and two coaches, to a thirty-five member, fully coached football team. With a wealth of athletic talent, we are looking forward to a winning season.

Originally owned by a Toledo corporation, we have recently been purchased by the Ohio Professional Athletics, Inc., a newly formed corporation consisting of several Pacesetter players and coaches. Organized and structured for the purpose of promoting women's football, we look forward to a prosperous and successful existence.

As one of the founders and President of this organization, I would like to invite you to become a part of this exciting and worthwhile venture. We have a number of ways in which you can become involved with and support the Columbus Pacesetters. We are certain that once you become a part of our organization you will experience the same feelings of commitment and dedication to women's football that the men and women of the Pacesetters exhibit on and off the playing field.

As you look into our program, and as you decide whether or not to become involved, we invite you to own a piece of the pigskin. It's much more flexible than a piece of the rock.

Welcome Aboard,

*Linda L. Stamps*

Linda L. Stamps,  
President

## National Women's Football League



Over the course of some twelve years, women's tackle football teams have been active throughout the United States. Originally, the concept of women playing tackle football was designed to provide some circus-type entertainment and was never considered to be a viable athletic competition.

As the idea spread, the women involved came to treat the sport as the athletic contest it is designed to be, and in the fall of 1974, in Los Angeles, California, the National Women's Football League was begun. Consisting of eight teams throughout the country, the league set up regions, adopted rules and held several championship games.

Presently, the NWFL is composed of fifteen teams divided into three regions of play:

While the teams only compete within their given regions, each year a championship game is held to determine the top team in the NWFL. Last year's contest was held in Toledo, Ohio with the Toledo Troopers sharing a co-championship with the Oklahoma City Dolls.

Looking forward to national competition among its member teams, the NWFL is currently trying to develop more franchises as well as additional financial support for the league. If everything goes as planned, we should be in the end zone in the very near future.

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CRAIG FLUELLEN, in his fourth year as Head Cheerleader for the Pacesetters, resides in German Village. An employee of Borden, Inc., Craig attended Central High and the University of Minnesota.

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l to r , bottom row: L. Austin, L. Anderson, L. Stamps, L. Perez, A. Russell, P. Adams, J. Seeley, T. Ash  
second row: M. Morrison, D. Julian, V. Lence, S. Bornhoeft, L. Wall, L. Smith, D. Houchen, L. Parkhurst, C. Burns  
third row: R. Colby, N. Richardson, D. McDonald not pictured: S. Fillmore, P. Dewey, J. Nemeč, M. Baker  
M. McKinley, A. Dameron

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LANA WALL, a graduate of OSU returns to the Pacesetters for her fourth year as a guard, tackle and fullback. Lana was chosen Outstanding Defensive Lineperson of the Columbus Pacesetters in 1974 and 1975. Ms. Wall is a Field Director for the Girl Scouts-USA.



PARALEE ADAMS, the Pacesetter's 1974 Most Valuable Player and 1975's Outstanding Defensive Back returns for her fourth year with the team. Paralee is from the near west side of Columbus. She attended Bluefield State College, West Va. Ms. Adams is married and has two children.



LISA PEREZ begins her fourth year with the Columbus Pacesetters as quarterback, tailback and fullback. Last year's Outstanding Offensive Back, Lisa is a graduate of Whitehall-Yearling High School and is currently attending Columbus Technical Institute.



LYNN SMITH, formerly of Cleveland, is a graduate of OSU in Broadcast Communications. She is returning to the Pacesetters as a linebacker and center. Ms. Smith is employed by the Personnel Division of the State of Ohio.



ANDI RUSSELL returns for her second year as a wide receiver and defensive back. Andi graduated from Walnut Ridge High School where she participated in softball, basketball, volleyball and gymnastics. She attends Ohio State University and is employed by United Parcel Service.



CAROLYN BURNS, returns to the Pacesetters for her second year as offensive and defensive end. Carolyn lettered in basketball at Lincoln High School in Gahanna and is currently attending OSU, majoring in Political Science.

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JAN SEELEY, comes to the Pacesetters from the University of Tennessee. A two year veteran in the defensive secondary, Jan was chosen Rookie of the Year in 1976. Her other sporting interests are swimming and she has played power volleyball in the U.S.V.B.A.



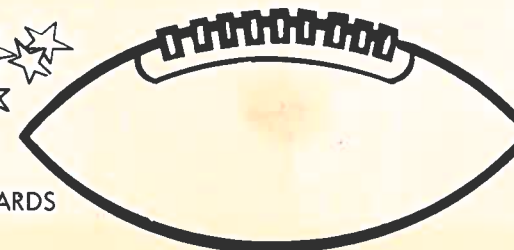
DEBRA JULIAN, a Pacesetter rookie offensive guard and tackle and defensive end is a graduate of Northland High School. She attended OSU and currently resides on Columbus' far north side.



ANDIE DAMERON, a recent graduate of St. Francis DeSales High School is returning to the Pacesetters for her second year as a punter, tackle and tight end.



LEA AUSTIN, from western Pennsylvania, has received eight letters in high school sports along with the MVP her senior year in volleyball, basketball and softball. Lea also received the Kay Ritz Memorial Sports Award as the Outstanding Senior Athlete. She is a graduate of Capital University where she started all four years in volleyball, basketball and softball. As Senior Captain of her basketball and softball teams she received the Scholar Athlete Award.



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The official football for the National Womens Football League is the Rawlings Junior Football. The ball is smaller in size to compensate for the difference in men's and women's hands.





# COLUMBUS PACESETTERS

| NO | NAME              | POSITION | HT    | WT  | AGE |
|----|-------------------|----------|-------|-----|-----|
| 12 | LEE ANDERSON      | QB- S    | 5'8"  | 145 | 18  |
| 13 | LEA AUSTIN        | QB-S     | 5'8"  | 130 | 22  |
| 22 | PARALEE ADAMS     | RB-DB    | 5'2"  | 118 | 33  |
| 23 | JAN SEELEY        | FB-DB    | 5'3"  | 130 | 25  |
| 24 | MARY McKINLEY     | RB-DB    | 5'4"  | 122 | 22  |
| 30 | MARY MORRISON     | RB-LB    | 5'8"  | 148 | 25  |
| 31 | TOT ASH           | SE-DB    | 5'2"  | 115 | 26  |
| 33 | LYNN PARKHURST    | RB-LB    | 5'8"  | 135 | 19  |
| 40 | LISA PEREZ        | RB-DB    | 5'3"  | 135 | 20  |
| 42 | PAULA DEWEY       | RB-DB    | 5'3"  | 125 | 20  |
| 43 | ANDI RUSSELL      | SE-DB    | 5'4"  | 110 | 19  |
| 52 | DEBBIE HOUCHEN    | G-DE     | 5'9"  | 140 | 22  |
| 53 | DEBBIE JULIAN     | G-DE     | 5'7"  | 160 | 20  |
| 54 | LYNN SMITH        | C-LB     | 5'6"  | 145 | 27  |
| 55 | LINDA STAMPS      | G-LB     | 5'6"  | 130 | 28  |
| 60 | ANDIE DAMERON     | G-T      | 5'6"  | 190 | 20  |
| 61 | LANA WALL         | T-MG     | 5'3"  | 180 | 25  |
| 65 | MAURA BAKER       | G-DE     | 5'3"  | 130 | 24  |
| 70 | SHIRLEY BORNHOEFT | T        | 5'10" | 230 | 20  |
| 71 | S. K. FILLMORE    | T        | 5'8"  | 270 | 25  |
| 72 | VAL LENCE         | T        | 5'3"  | 200 | 25  |
| 80 | CAROLYN BURNS     | E        | 5'6"  | 130 | 26  |
| 81 | JAN NEMEC         | E        | 5'6"  | 140 | 25  |

NORM RICHARDSON, Head Coach  
DENNIS McDONALD, Offensive Coordinator,  
Back Coach

KARL FULTON, End and Flanker Coach  
RICK COLBY, Interior Line Coach  
MICHELLE STEMPLE, Head Trainer



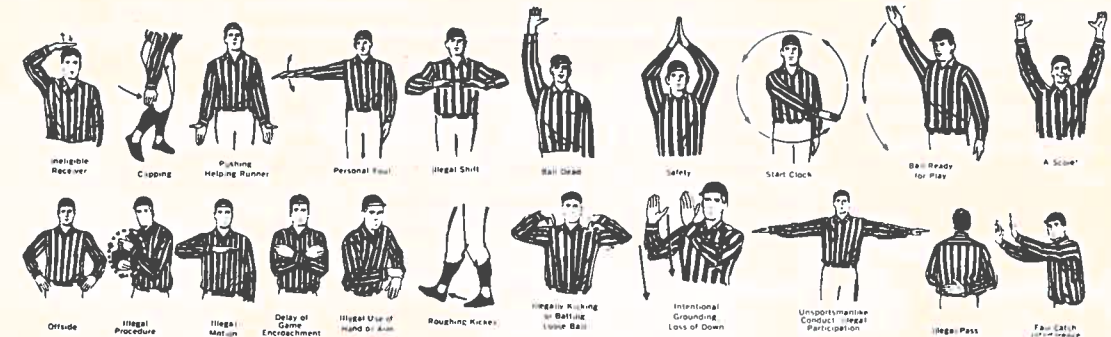
COACHING STAFF  
l to r,  
Karl Fulton,  
Dennis McDonald,  
Norm Richardson

not pictured, Rick Colby



# MIDDLETOWN MAVERICKS

| NO | NAME                 | POSITION | HT    | WT  |
|----|----------------------|----------|-------|-----|
| 7  | MARILYN DOTY         | QB-RB    | 5'6"  | 135 |
| 14 | LIBBY JOHNSON -BROWN | DB       | 5'6"  | 115 |
| 32 | CHERI SLAUGHTER      | RB-LB    | 5'2"  | 115 |
| 42 | PAT HAMBRICK         | E-LB     | 5'7"  | 145 |
| 44 | BARBARA BRAY         | S-RB     | 5'8"  | 130 |
| 50 | VICKIE JOHNSON       | C-LB     | 5'7"  | 165 |
| 54 | DEBBIE GONZALEZ      | DB       | 5'8"  | 125 |
| 55 | BARB GELWICK         | QB-LB    | 5'7"  | 140 |
| 57 | PAULA PRESSER        | T-G      | 5'8"  | 225 |
| 69 | JENNY CLIFFORD       | DE-T     | 5'7"  | 225 |
| 70 | BEVERLY HUBER        | T-G      | 5'8"  | 215 |
| 73 | SUSAN GAVER          | E-T      | 5'8"  | 215 |
| 77 | CONNIE GROSSMAN      | FB-E     | 6'    | 221 |
| 86 | DENISE MOORE         | TE-LB    | 5'7"  | 150 |
| 88 | CAROL LEWIS          | LB-E     | 5'10" | 155 |



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VAL LENCE returns to the Pacesetters for her second year as a defensive and offensive tackle.

MAURA BAKER, begins her third year with the Pacesetters as a defensive end and offensive guard. Maura is a graduate of Bishop Ready High School and is employed by Ohio Bell.



JANET NEMEC, a two year veteran at offensive and defensive end is a graduate of OSU. Janet has been active in sports and was the Captain of her high school basketball team.

DEBBIE HOUCHEN, a volleyball official for high school women's teams, joins the Pacesetters as a rookie this year in the positions of defensive end, tight end and back-up center. Debbie attended OSU and is currently a student at Grant Hospital's School of Nursing.



### VITAL STATISTICS

The average height of the Columbus Pacesetters is 5'5", average weight is 150 lbs. The average age of the Pacesetters is 24 years old.




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MARY MORRISON, 1974 Outstanding Defensive Lineperson and 1975 Outstanding Offensive Back returns to the Pacesetters as fullback and linebacker. Ms. Morrison is a graduate of OSU and is employed by United Parcel Service.

PAULA DEWEY, a rookie for the Pacesetters, plays tailback and defensive halfback. Paula, an OSU junior in the College of Art, is a varsity field hockey player and is on the track team.



LEE ANDERSON, first year safety and quarterback, was selected All-City in Volleyball and played Varsity basketball and softball for Walnut Ridge High School. She is employed by United Parcel Service and attends Columbus Technical Institute.



SHIRLEY BORNHOEFT, a graduate of Westerville High School comes to the Pacesetters with eight years of sporting experience. Shirley will be playing both defensive and offensive tackle for the Pacesetters.



TOT ASH, a two year veteran for the Pacesetters plays both split end and defensive back. Tot has played basketball, volleyball, softball and was on the track team for both OSU and BGSU. Tot is a Respiratory Therapist at Children's Hospital in Columbus.



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## Special People

Sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to the following individuals for their invaluable contributions to the success of the Columbus Pacesetters. These people have given freely of their time and resources, without which we might not be here today:

|                       |                 |                                  |                                     |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Don Bardon            | Billie Grayson  | Radonna Miller                   | Dave Thornton                       |
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| Ben Espi, Attorney    | Michele LeBord  | Cyndi Stamps                     | and O'Brien                         |
| Lucy Farris           | Dawn Mangone    | Representative Michael Stinziano |                                     |

## Our Beloved Coaches

DENNIS McDONALD is a fine addition to the coaching staff of the Pacesetters. Dennis not only was All-City Quarterback for West High School but was also Head Coach for the well known and successful Westgate Hawks for 19 years. For the Pacesetters, Mr. McDonald coaches backs and is the Offensive Coordinator. He is a Business Analyst for Dunn and Bradstreet.

KARL FULTON has coached ends and flankers for the Pacesetters for two years. A graduate of South High School and OSU, Karl has coached for the Westgate Hawks and West High School. Mr. Fulton is employed by the federal government at the Defense Construction Supply Center.

NORM RICHARDSON, Head Coach of the Pacesetters for two years was an All-City high school player and received All-State honors when he played for Ashland College's football team. Norm, a Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Columbus, coached for the Westgate Hawks from 1957 until 1971.

RICK COLBY, interior line coach, played linebacker, center and middle guard at Ohio State University under Woody Hayes. He received his law degree from Capital University and is in private practice in Columbus.

not pictured (individual pictures)

S. K. FILLMORE, returns to the Pacesetters this year as a tackle. Ms. Fillmore attended OSU and is currently employed by Standard Oil.

MARY McKINLEY, second year defensive half-back and flankerback, was active in high school softball, basketball, track and field. She works for Sears as an auto mechanic.

LYNN PARKHURST, first year fullback and linebacker, is a member of the Ohio State swim team. Lynn attended Northland High School where she played basketball and softball.

## Pacesetter Staff

SUSAN BARNEY, a recent graduate of the Capital University Law School, was the Business Manager of the Pacesetters for three years prior to her assuming her position on the Board of Directors of Ohio Professional Athletics, Inc. Ms. Barney is the Director of the Night Prosecutor Program in Columbus and Chillicothe.

LAURIE BURCH serves as Secretary-Treasurer for Ohio Professional Athletics, Inc. Laurie is a graduate of the University of Texas and is an Administrative Assistant with the Development Committee for Greater Columbus.

RICK DORMAN, Director of Communications for Ohio Professional Athletics, Inc., played linebacker for the Columbus Wild Bunch. As head coach for the Ohio-Indiana Champs, Rick was voted "Outstanding Coach of the Year" for two years. Rick was on the coaching staff of the Pacesetters for two years and is employed by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

SUE LAVITCHKA, business manager for the Pacesetters, is a graduate of West High School and attended Ohio State University. Sue was last year's Head Statistician and is employed by Saxton Real Estate.

CATHY OLIVERIO, Head Statistician, is a native of Clarksburg, West Va. She is employed as a lab technician for Brown Laboratories.

MARY STEPHENSON, a former Pacesetter quarterback, is now serving as Director of Advertising for Ohio Professional Athletics, Inc. Mary graduated from Herron School of Art and is the President of Dancing Dolly Designs, Inc.

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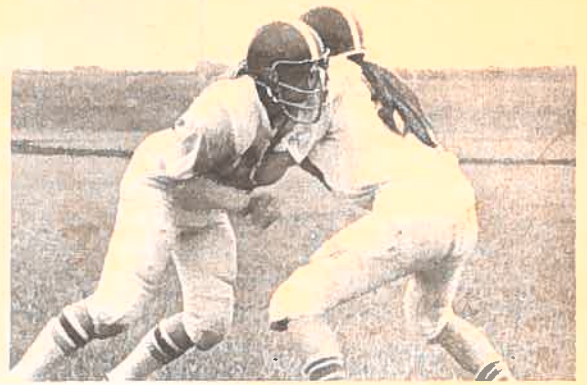
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**COLUMBUS PACESETTERS**  
1977 Schedule

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|-----------|----|--------------|-----|
| August    | 20 | Middletown   | (H) |
|           | 27 | Toledo       | (A) |
| September | 3  | Detroit      | (H) |
|           | 10 | Philadelphia | (A) |
|           | 24 | Detroit      | (A) |
| October   | 1  | Toledo       | (H) |
|           | 8  | Philadelphia | (H) |
|           | 15 | Middletown   | (A) |

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