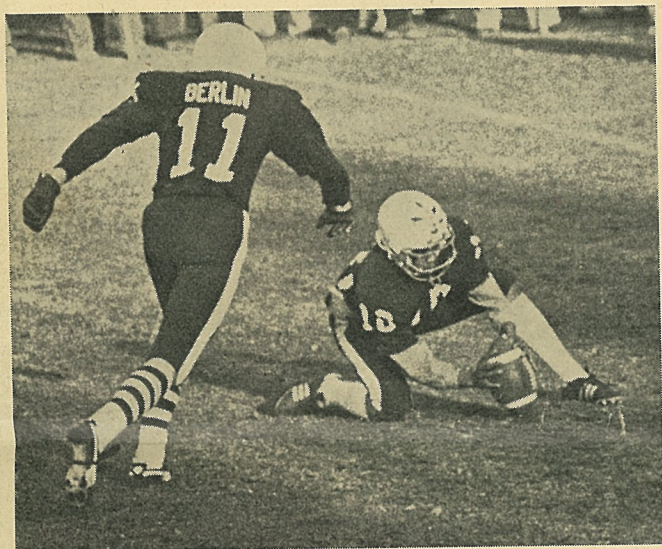


Bears end season with 17-7 victory over Brussels team



ARE YOU READY FOR THIS? — Mike Kuhlbars begins his field goal attempt ...



HERE IT COMES — Berlin's kicker starts his kick ...



THERE IT GOES — No. 11 boots an easy three-pointer as ISB's Chris Sexton attempts to block it.

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The Berlin Bears ended their 1979 high school football season on a good note, by conquering the International School of Brussels, 17-7. The victory was the first time the Bears have beaten ISB in four years. For the Raiders, the defeat was a costly one, as the defending champions were knocked out of a first place tie with Zweibrücken in the Silver Division North. The victory gave the Bears a .500 season at 3-3 in conference action.

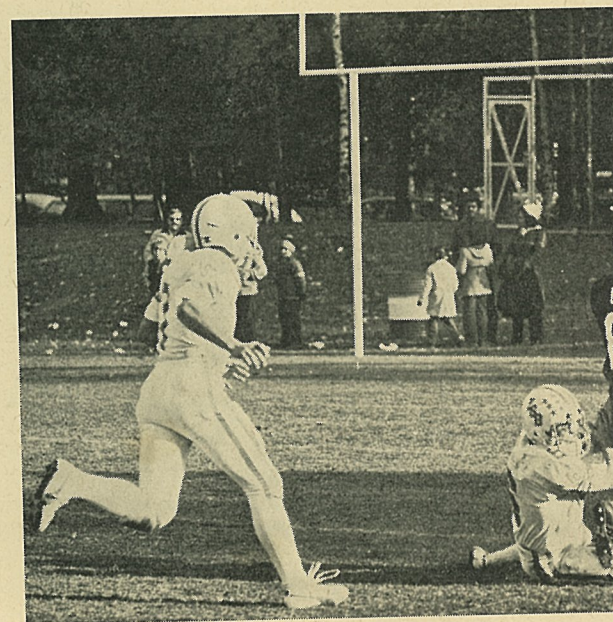
In the first period, Berlin recovered an ISB fumble, and in seven plays and 65 yards later, Andre Harley tossed an eight-yard touchdown to Cletis Smith. Mike Kuhlbars kicked the point after touchdown to make the score 7-0. The series was highlighted by a 34-yard run by tailback Troy Mason.

The second quarter was a strong defensive showing by Bear players Charles Henry, Bobby Brewer, James Triplet, Smith and Tommy Washer. Smith hauled down an interception stopping one Raider drive and then moments later, saved an ISB touchdown by tackling Chris Sexton after he ran 64 yards to halt another drive on the last play of the first half.

At the beginning of the second half, the Raiders came out determined to score, and score they did on an 80-yard drive with Sexton, the Raiders standout runner, forcing his way in from the four. A 40-yard pass from Matt Barry to Roger Wachtel was the key to the long ISB drive.



COME ON BEARS! — Berlin cheerleaders Debbie Holder (top), Tami McLean (left), Regina Marsh, Karen Percyfield, Judy Gamino and Felicity Lee supply entertainment during halftime.



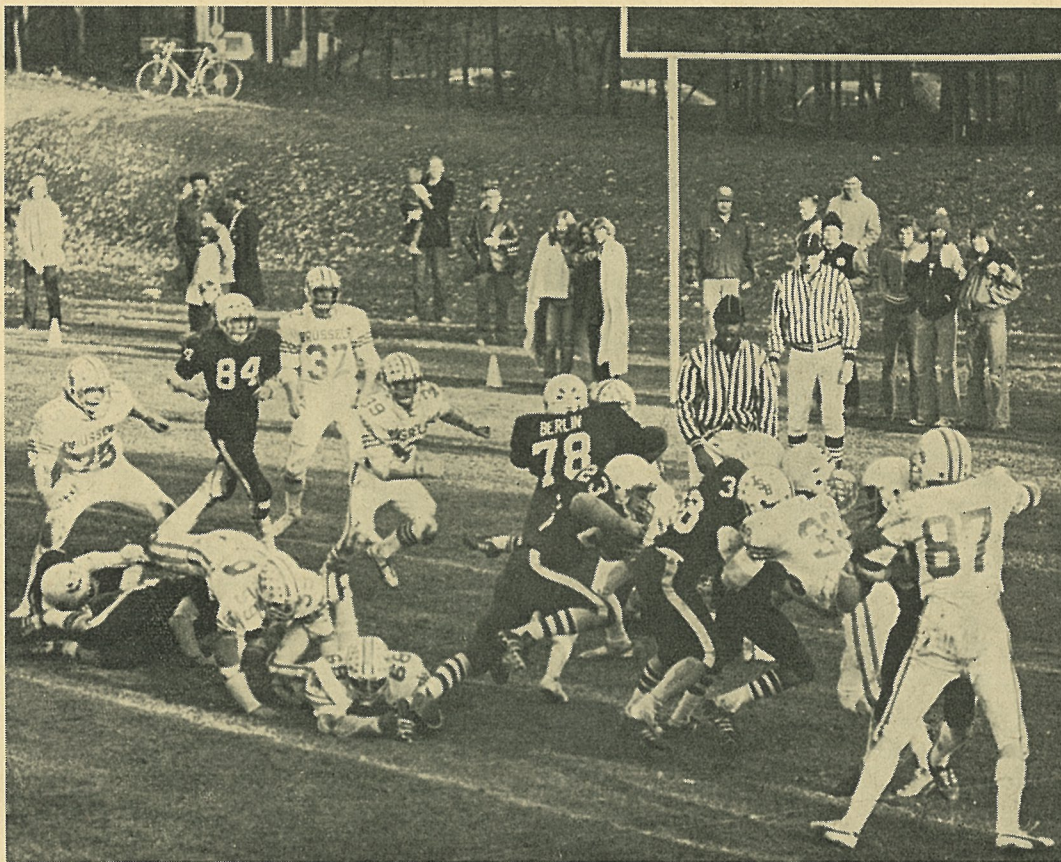
I'VE GOT IT — Cletis Smith eludes ISB defenders by snatching the ball.

But the Bears crushed the Raider's determination as they buried ISB in just about every defensive aspect of the game. Two ISB punts were blocked, and Mason and Washer each picked up an interception. Defensive ends, Henry and Brewer gave ISB quarterback Barry little running room, or breathing room for that matter, to set up the interceptions.

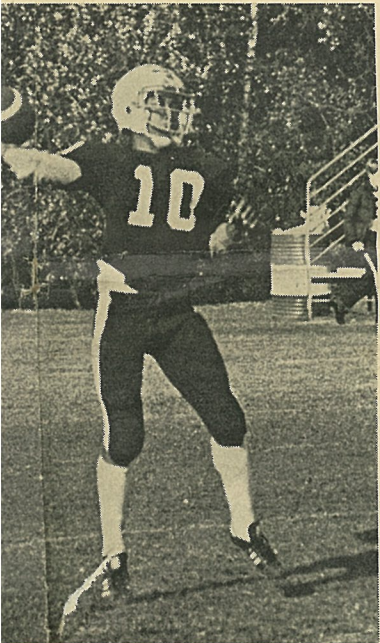
After each blocked punt, the Bears managed to put points on the board. On the first, Kuhlbars kicked a field goal from 25 yards out. After the second blocked punt, fullback Scott Chapman barreled toward the end zone, fumbling at the one. But guard Robert Colangelo was wide awake as he jumped on the ball as it rolled into the end zone for the score. Kuhlbars put on the finishing touches as he booted the extra point.

Although the Bears were impressive on offense, it was their tight defense that won the game. With Brewer and Henry harrasing Raider quarterback Barry and shutting down Sexton's sweeps, victory seemed inevitable. And so it was.

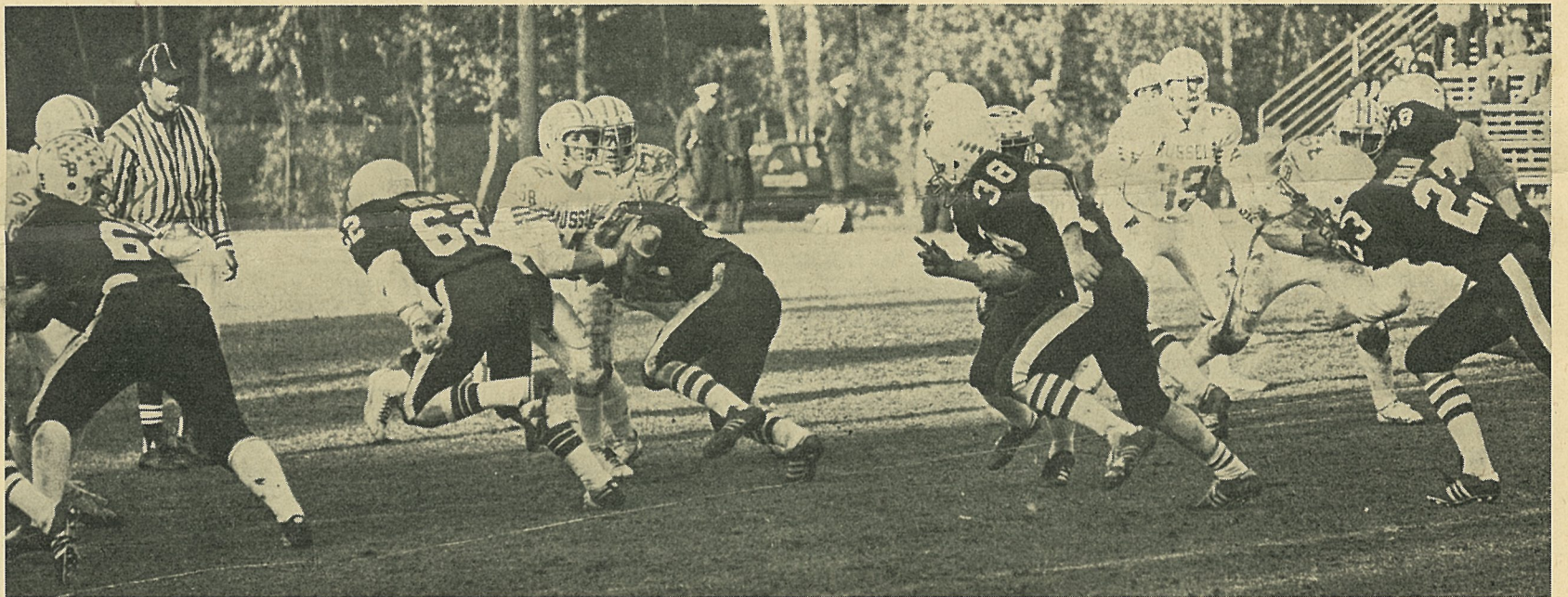
The Bear's head coach, George Pepoy, credited the victory to a strong defense and a dual effort by his backfield "work horses," Chapman and Mason. Mason, with plenty of generous blocking by Chapman, finished the game with well over 150 yards rushing. Mason summed up the game, "We felt we were robbed in Brussels last time, so this game was a game of revenge, pride and all-out determination on our part. We wanted to show ISB who was really supposed to win."



GOOD BLOCK, CHAP — Scott Chapman leads the way for ball carrier Troy Mason.



LET IT FLY — Andre Harley fires a kick pass over the middle.



JUST GIVE ME THE BALL — Troy Mason follows Scott Chapman up the middle, as the Bears continue their drive.



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ALL RIGHT! — Regina Marsh leads Berlin fans in a cheer.



WE DID IT! — Berlin fans rejoice with players after the Bears beat ISB, 17-7.