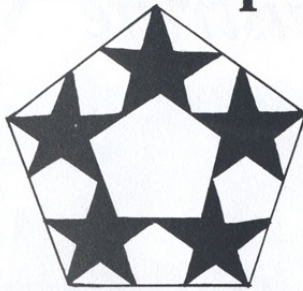


# Marshall Captures First Regional Title

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**NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

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November 29 was a very happy day for Statesmen fans as Marshall's "Mighty Midgets" swiped the Northern Regional championship from Edison's edgy Eagles by the decisive score of 26-2.

At first, things looked a little scary for Marshall. Deep in Statesmen territory, quarterback Mike Oliff was hit as he was pitching back to Dinky Jones. The ball squirted through the end zone for a safety for Edison. However, from then on, all of Marshall's scoring was for the Statesmen.

After Marshall's defense started pushing the Eagles back, the offense got the message and started doing the same. In the second quarter, the running of Al Boudreau and Jones carried the ball to the Edison 11-yard line. Oliff then arched a pass to Jones in the corner of the endzone and Jones made a fine leaping catch to score six points.

Marshall erupted in the second half and left the Eagles dazed, dazzled, and bedeviled. After the kickoff, the Statesmen drove 53 yards in eight plays. Boudreau capped the march with a 10-yard dash.

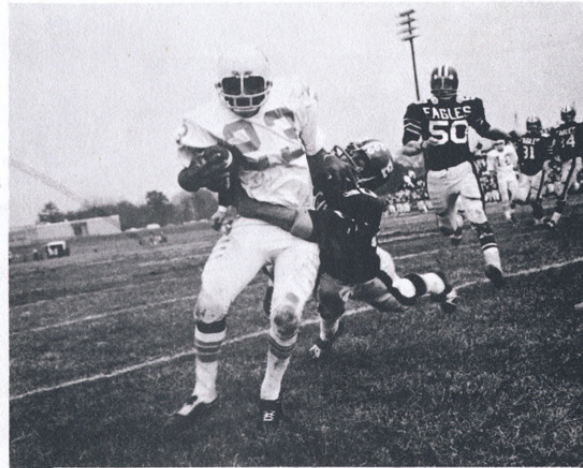
After the GCM defense held as usual, Statesmen got the ball again and drove for a score. Boudreau and Jones rushed on four plays to the Eagles' 12-yard line. Jones took it in from there on a determined run.

In the fourth quarter, the defense decided to get in the scoring. Linebacker Mike Little intercepted a "safety valve" pass on a dead run and legged it 40 yards for a TD as all the Eagles could do was wave at him.

The last score was the highlight of a fantastic day for the defense. The Statesmen held Edison to 12 yards total rushing in 33 carries. The pass defense was no less outstanding as Eagle QB Greg Olsen completed only nine out of 22 passes for 37 yards.

On the offensive side of the ledger, Boudreau gained 117 yards in 15 carries, and Jones ran for 58 yards in 15 carries. Oliff had a strange afternoon. On his first 15 passes, he completed seven for 74 yards and had two interceptions. However, his last three passes were intercepted.

There were many great performances. Heroic Billy Lowe hobbled in the game after injuring his knee and got off a 30-yard punt. Defensive linemen John Maley, Joe Coates, Dan Little, and George Caras were superb. Caras once tackled Olsen before he had taken three steps. There was also a beaming Coach Henry accepting the championship trophy beaming Mr. Broaddus, who is chairman of the Northern Regional Council.



Dinky Jones drags an Edison Eagles into the end zone for the score.



## GCM Coaching Staff Stresses Cooperation



Coach Henry receives the Northern Regional District Championship Trophy from Mr. John Broaddus, Principal.

A winning football team ideally includes a few experienced seniors, outstanding in key positions, and a confident winning attitude. GCM has all of these things plus a fine, talented coaching staff.

The staff is headed by Mr. Ed Henry, a man with nearly 20 years of coaching experience and who is acknowledged as one of the finest high school coaches in the state of Virginia. Coach Henry has some new and interesting theories on coaching.

The Varsity and JV squads practice together. This is done so that each coach will teach the fundamentals of his specialty; offensive and defensive line, offensive and defensive backs, and wide receivers and quarterbacks. This also helps the coach to know the strengths and weaknesses of every player.

Coach Henry works primarily with the defensive line and linebackers. Coach Everett Cloud handles the defensive backfield, a unit that along with the linebackers, has intercepted 17 passes for the regular season.

By coordinating these three, defensive line, backs, and linebackers, Marshall has come up with the best defense in Northern Virginia.

For each opponent Coach Cloud must determine what defensive formations will work best, depending on the type of offense the team runs and the individual strengths of the defensive men. Mr. Cloud, a University of Maryland graduate, has been teaching at Marshall since the school opened.

Coach Joseph White, head of the offensive line, is new to Marshall. Coach Henry first met him when he was at Annandale, and Coach White was at Hammond. When Mr. Henry came to Marshall he asked Coach White to join him.

Coach White shoulders much of the responsibility for the team offense. Offensive backs are the responsibility of Coach Dean Sissler, in his third year of coaching at Marshall. Mr. Sissler was head freshmen coach for two years before becoming head JV coach this year.

Coach of wide receivers and the quarterbacks is Coach Stan Kemp. He is quite familiar with these positions having played them both at the University of Virginia. Mr. Kemp came to Marshall after serving as JV coach at Woodson.

Head freshmen coach is Mr. Richard Doyle, who last year was an assistant to Coach Sissler. Mr. Doyle was recommended to Coach Henry by his former coach at W-L.

Mr. Ken Freeman serves as assistant freshmen coach. Mr. Freeman, in his first year of coaching, has impressed both players and coaches with his enthusiasm for his new position.

Both freshmen coaches work with the Varsity before the freshmen season starts and return to the Varsity when the freshmen season is over.

In this staff, Coach Henry feels he has what he wants: a loyal, knowledgeable group of men willing to work hard to produce a winning football team, such as the George C. Marshall fighting Statesmen.



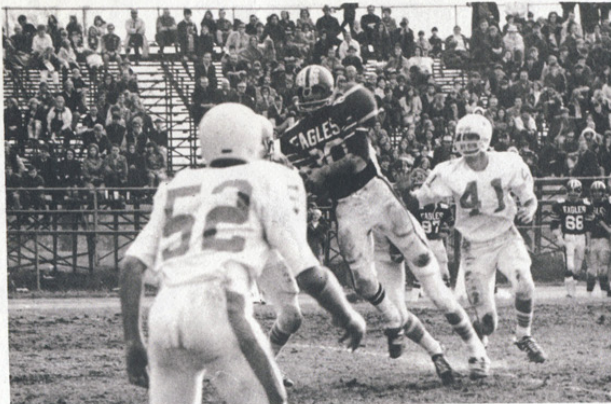
# Photographs Help Illustrate Story



Sharon Bowman, 12, and Bridgette Cloud (Class of 1984) express happiness as Marshall defense stops Edison.



Coach Cloud and trainer Kevin Hoffman aid Dinky Jones off the field after he was injured during a play.



Mike Little and Bob Jones help stop the Edison Eagles.



The 1970 Northern Virginia Regional Trophy.



An example of the Statesmen support which prevailed the entire season.







# Team Effort Makes for a Great Season

The 1970 Marshall football season was truly a team effort. All the players contributed to the team's victories at some point in the Statesmen's ten-game winning streak.

Some of the Statesmen seemed to make a habit of turning in clutch plays. The most notable on defense were Bobby Jones, with six regular-season interceptions, and George Caras, Marshall's premier fumble-grabber.

On offense, Mike Oliff and Dinky Jones regularly took the team out of sticky situations. Said Head Coach Henry, "Oliff makes the big play when it counts." Referring to Jones, he said, "On important short-yardage plays, we go to Dinky; there's no secret there."

In the end, though, every player was important. Although the first-stringers were the most valuable, the bench provided the depth which any championship team must have. Above all, Marshall had great team spirit and balance.

There was: Curt Midkiff, making a great 54 yard run to win the game against Mt. Vernon . . . little Charley Payne making sure, unassisted tackles all over the field against Annandale . . . Dinky Jones having a field day, including throwing a TD pass, against GW . . . Billy Lowe's passing, catching, and punting in the McLean game . . . the pass rushing of George Caras and Dan Little against Fort Hunt . . . Bobby Jones's goal line play at Langley where he broke up a touchdown pass . . . Oliff's perfect strike to Lowe, who made a great catch at Madison's one-yard line.

## Statesmen Comments

Stated senior wide receiver Logan Murphy, "The most important thing to me has been the attitude that Coach Henry taught us—not just toward football, but toward life." Doug Naquin, junior defensive back, noted, "Our defense has been a real group effort. It's been 'all for one and one for all' out there."

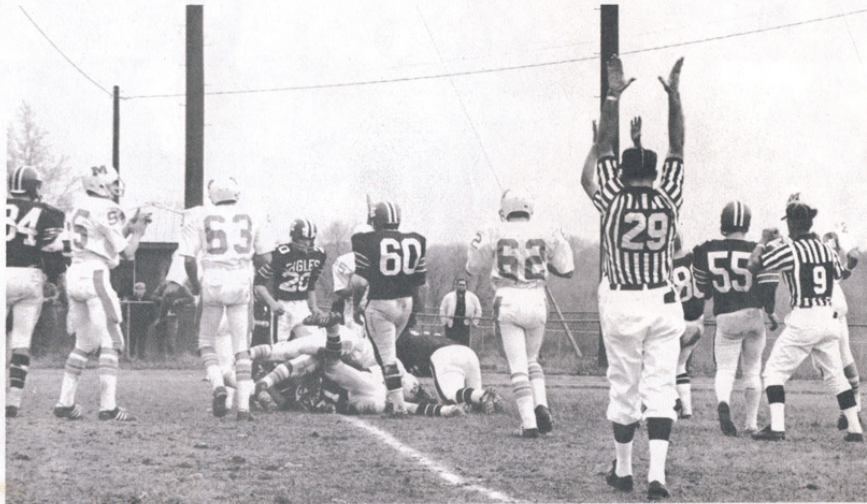
Added senior defensive back Chuck Smerdzinski, "The first thought that comes to my mind is that the student support has been fantastic."

Senior linebacker Jim Williamson commented, "I think that Coach Henry was right when he said that a winning attitude in football will carry over into other areas of life."

## All-Stars

The local newspapers have recognized several Marshall Statesmen. The *Washington Star* placed guard Keith Gibson, tackle Dan Little, and half back Dinky Jones on their All-Suburban Virginia offense and end John Maley on defense. Little also made offensive All-Metropolitan in the *Star* and defensive second team All-Met. in the *Post*. The *Post* selected tackle Jim Murray, Dinky Jones, and Al Boudreau as All-Great Falls District on offense, and Dan Little, middle guard George Caras, and corner back Bobby Jones on defense.

To these players, the whole team, and to Coach Henry and his associates, the sports staff expresses its thanks for making this special issue possible.



Teamwork pays off.

## SPORTSFOLIO

by Corinne Savage



Dinky Jones

On July 13, 1951, a very good thing happened to Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Jones, and consequently for Marshall High School—Eldridge "Dinky" Jones was born. Dinky, now 5ft. 11in., 185 lb., and eighteen years old, has proven to be one of the greatest athletes in Marshall history. His career in sports began his freshman year when he played Frosh football at the running back and linebacker positions, JV basketball as a forward, and JV track, running the 220. As a sophomore, Dinky played Varsity football, winning the award for "Outstanding Running Back." He also played Varsity basketball, winning the title of "Defensive Player of the Year." His junior year, Dinky amassed a total of 98 points in a ten game span, as the leading scorer for the Statesman football team, and again won "Defensive Player of the Year" in basketball, also winning "Most Valuable Player." This year Dinky was co-captain of the football team, has scored 80 points in nine games, playing two of these games, against Annandale and Madison, with a temperature of 102. He was also injured in the Fort Hunt game, preventing him from playing the second half, from which he retains a pulled muscle. Dinky was recently named to the All-District Team and the All-Suburban Virginia Team. All totaled, Dinky has scored 190 points for Marshall in three years, and gained 883 yards in his senior year alone.

Dinky does not have a favorite sport. "I like each sport in turn," he says. "All games are the same; you've just got to win each one." Dinky does prefer a running game to a passing game, however, explaining, "I like to carry the ball!" He feels this year's football team is the best he's ever played on, and credits Coaches Henry, Sissler, White, and Cloud for the team's success. "I've always had great coaches," he says.

"Coach Smith, in basketball, is a great coach, too." Dinky also praises Sophomore quarterback Mike Oliff. "In two years, under the coaching staff at Marshall, I think Mike will be the best QB in this area," he says.

Dinky, quiet by nature, admits to getting a "little tight" before a game, "until the first time I get my hands on the ball—after that, it's just another game." When asked if there was any one game that stood out in his mind, he replied, "It felt good to beat a team with a name, like Annandale, but I really can't say I wanted to beat any particular team this season."

According to Coach Henry, Dinky

is an all-round great natural athlete. "Most people recognize Dinky's skill as a running back, but Dinky plays tremendous ball in any position. He's extremely fast, and has a good attitude, playing ball even when sick or injured," he says.

Dinky has had three college scholarship offers so far, two in football and one in basketball, but has made no decision as yet. He hopes to play at least one of these sports in college, and would like to play professionally, or coach later. Dinky ranks 123 in his class, placing him in the top quarter, and is a Senior Officer in the Letterman's Club at Marshall.

## On Picking a State Champ

To all Virginia high school principals:

As the legislative body of the Virginia High School League, you are responsible for the current system of picking a Group AAA State football champion. This system is unfair and unrealistic. The method in use now works as follows:

There is no state tournament. Instead, a state champion is chosen from among the four Regional playoff winners. The champs of the four Regions (Northern, Northwestern, Central, and Eastern) are compared with each other, strictly on the basis of their won-lost records (including the Regional game).

This leaves the schools involved (such as Marshall) dissatisfied and unhappy that the best team couldn't be chosen in actual head-to-head competition.

You have decided to use another, vastly preferable system for Group AA and Group A schools (schools with fewer students). Both Groups have a state tournament following the Regional games. The four

Regional champs are eliminated down to one, by playing two semifinals and then the final game. Why not use this idea for Group AAA?

The answer is that no scholastic football may be played after the first weekend in December. This means that for this year, all Regional playoffs should have been played the weekend before Thanksgiving. The reason they weren't is that the regular season was 11 games long, consisting of 10 games and a bye (no game).

Another roadblock to a state tournament is the traditional Thanksgiving game that some old high schools play. However, the game can be played earlier with little loss in spirit. For example, George Washington and Washington and Lee high schools now play during the regular season instead of on Thanksgiving.

Thus, it is possible and practical to have a state football tournament. We urge you to adopt such a system at the VHSL conference this March. Let the football champions be chosen the way they're supposed to be—on the field of combat.