

Team and individual football records fell by the wayside as the 1968 Northern Arizona University Lumberjack football team reset a total of 40 and tied seven other records, some of which dated back to 1956.

Closing out the season with an 18-0 win over the University of Montana last Saturday for a 6-4-0 record, a total of 12 team records and nine one-game records were broken and two one-game records were tied.

Lumberjack junior quarterback Mike Olson from Bellflower, Calif., led the onslaught of the 19 individual records broken and five tied.

In his first season with the Lumberjacks, Olson shattered 13 individual records and tied one. His unprecedented performances include:

One-game records -- most passes thrown - 45 vs. Montana State; most passes completed - 21 vs. Montana State; yards gained passing - 312 vs. Hiram Scott; longest pass-run play - 82 yards, Olson to Walter Mannon vs Eastern New Mexico; and twice he tied the TD pass thrown - four each vs Long Beach State and Northern Illinois.

Season records -- yards gained passing - 1977 (1966-Jim Velasquez had 950 yards); most passes thrown - 322 (160 by Velasquez, 1966); most passes completed - 139 (former record was 80 set in 1966 by Velasquez); most TD passes - 19 (Larry Welsh set the record of 10 in 1965); and yards total offense - 1874 (Welsh set former record of 965 yards in 1965).

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In one short season, Olson set four new career records -- yards gained passing -- 1977 (1726 yards set by Welsh, 1963-65); passes thrown - 322 (Velasquez had 285 for 1966-67); passes completed - 139 (134 by Velasquez, 1966-67); and TD passes - 19 (Welsh threw a total of 15 during 1962-65 season).

Diminutive flanker Bob Grey, 5-10, 180 pound junior from Garden Grove, had a good share in breaking records this season. He reset the yards-gained receiving for one game - 157 vs Northern Illinois (Jim Eis set the old record of 103 yards in 1959). He tied most passes caught in one game with 10 in the Northern Illinois game (Dustry Everman set the record of 10 in 1960), and the TD passes caught in one game -- 3 against Long Beach (Don Brackin set the record in 1956).

Grey broke Sim Stokes' and Rich O'Hara's one-season pass reception record of 37 in the final game of the season. He snagged five passes to set a new record of 38 receptions. His TD pass reception Saturday brought his total for the season to 8 to tie Al Rex's 1958 record of 8 TD receptions.

Lumberjack tailback Roy Whalen's three rushing TDs in the Eastern New Mexico game tied the one-game record established in 1956 by Cruz Salas, and since then tied several times. End Rusty Tillman's 79-yard punt in the Weber game broke Joe Perez's 76-yard record punt in 1963. Tillman's 54.8-yard punting average in the Hiram Scott game broke Tom Foster's 1965 record of 54.0.

New team season records reset include -- last shut-out - 18-0 over Montana; passing TDs - 19; first downs passing - 19; passing offense - 1986 yards; first downs passing - 81; first downs penalty - 21; passes

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attempted - 324; passes completed - 140; most fumbles - 53; fumbles lost - 32; penalties - 72; punts - 62; and yards punted - 2,445.

New one-game records recorded this season were: passes attempted - 45; passes completed - 21; yards gained passing - 312; total plays - 87; first downs passing - 13; fumbles - 14; fumbles lost - 7; punting average - 54.8 yards; and yards punted - 383 yards. Tied were: passing TDs - 4; and first downs by penalty - 3.

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NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

1968 FINAL TEAM FOOTBALL STATISTICS

	<u>NAU</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Avg</u>
FIRST DOWNS Rushing	<u>73</u>		<u>78</u>	
Passing	<u>81</u>		<u>75</u>	
Penalty	<u>21</u>		<u>29</u>	
TOTAL FIRSTDOWNS.	<u>175</u>	<u>17.5</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>18.1</u>
RUSHING - Times Carried	<u>395</u>		<u>494</u>	
Yards Gained.	<u>1689</u>		<u>1690</u>	
Yards Loss.	<u>390</u>		<u>566</u>	
NET YARDS GAINED RUSHING.	<u>1299</u>	<u>129.9</u>	<u>1124</u>	<u>112.4</u>
PASSING - Number Attempted.	<u>325</u>		<u>270</u>	
" Completed.	<u>141</u>		<u>114</u>	
Had Intercepted	<u>13</u>		<u>24</u>	
Scoring TD.	<u>19</u>		<u>15</u>	
Extra Point	<u>8</u>		<u>1</u>	
NET YARDS GAINED PASSING.	<u>1986</u>	<u>198.6</u>	<u>1738</u>	<u>173.8</u>
Number of Plays - Rushing and Passing . .	<u>720</u>	<u>72.0</u>	<u>764</u>	<u>76.4</u>
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDAGE	<u>3285</u>	<u>328.5</u>	<u>2862</u>	<u>286.2</u>
PASSES INTERCEPTED BY	<u>24</u>		<u>13</u>	
Yards returned.	<u>351</u>	<u>35.1</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>19.5</u>
Touchdowns.	<u>2</u>		<u>0</u>	
Average Return.	<u>14.6</u>		<u>15.0</u>	
PUNTS - No./Yards	<u>62/2445</u>		<u>70/2596</u>	
Punt Average.	<u>39.4</u>		<u>37.1</u>	
Punts Had Blocked	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	
PUNTS RETURNED - Number	<u>24</u>		<u>31</u>	
Yards Returned	<u>279</u>	<u>27.9</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>25.1</u>
Average Return	<u>11.2</u>		<u>8.1</u>	
KICKOFFS - Number	<u>21</u>		<u>36</u>	
Yards Returned	<u>409</u>	<u>40.9</u>	<u>612</u>	<u>61.2</u>
Average Return	<u>19.5</u>		<u>17.0</u>	
PENALTIES - Against	<u>72</u>		<u>53</u>	
Total Yards	<u>760</u>	<u>76.0</u>	<u>503</u>	<u>50.3</u>
FUMBLES - Times Fumbled	<u>53</u>	<u>5.3</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>3.4</u>
Fumbles Lost.	<u>32</u>	<u>3.2</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>1.9</u>

LINE SCORE Periods 1 2 3 4 Total

Opponents----- 16 78 35 27 156

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY 53 42 55 79 229

Field Goals Attempted: NAU 2 Opp. 7 Made/Distance: NAU 0/0 Opp. 2/55

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY LUMBERJACKS -- Ten-Game Statistics
FINAL - 1968

RUSHING										
Name	G	TC	YG	YL	NG	TD	PC Avg	G Avg		
Campbell	8	163	718	120	598	2	3.7	74.8		
Whalen	6	117	614	45	569	7	4.9	94.8		
Wiedoff	6	21	101	-	101	0	4.8	16.8		
Shorter	3	13	58	2	56	0	4.5	18.7		
Colter	6	23	71	5	66	0	2.9	11.0		
Booker	1	2	4	0	4	1	2.0	2.0		
Grey	2	4	24	23	1	0	0.2	0.5		
Wells	1	3	11	4	7	0	2.3	7.0		
Harris	1	1	1	0	1	0	1.0	1.0		
Olson	10	39	86	189	-103	2	-2.6	-10.3		
NAU Tot.		395	1689	390	1299	12	3.3	129.9		
Opp. Tot.		494	1690	566	1124	7	2.3	112.4		

PASSING										
Name	G	Att.	Comp.	I	NG	TD	Avg	Avg		
Olson	10	322	139	13	1977	19	14.2	197.7		
Campbell	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Grey	2	2	1	0	9	0	4.5	4.5		
NAU Tot.		324	140	13	1986	19	14.1	198.6		
Opp. Tot.		270	114	24	1738	15	15.2	173.8		

TOTAL OFFENSE										
Name	G	NP	YR	YP	NG	Avg.	Avg.			
Olson	10	371	-103	1977	1874	5.0	187.4			
Campbell	8	164	598	-	598	3.7	74.8			
Whalen	6	117	569	-	569	4.9	94.8			
Wiedoff	6	21	101	-	101	4.8	16.8			
Colter	6	23	66	-	66	2.9	11.0			
Shorter	3	13	58	-	58	4.5	18.7			
Others	10	12	13	9	22	1.8	2.2			
NAU Tot.		720	1299	1986	3285	4.5	328.5			
Opp. Tot.		764	1124	1738	2862	3.7	286.2			

PASS RECEIVING					
Name	Cgt	YG	TD	Avg.	
Grey	38	495	8	13.0	
Maier	15	228	-	15.2	
Campbell	18	240	4	12.7	
Mannon	21	367	4	17.5	
Brown	17	149	1	8.8	
Colter	12	131	-	10.9	
Tillman	10	206	2	20.6	
Criswell	3	36	-	12.0	
Shorter	2	56	-	18.0	
Wiedoff	1	37	-	37.0	
Bunck	1	7	-	7.0	
Whalen	2	24	-	12.0	
NAU Totals		141	1986	19	14.1
Opp. Totals		114	1738	15	15.2

INTERCEPTION RETURNS				
Name	No	YR	TD	Avg.
Bengston	8	92	0	10.7
Branstrom	4	61	0	20.3
Redmond	2	20	0	10.0
Byrd	2	3	0	1.5
Boettcher	2	54	1	27.0
Booker	1	52	0	52.0
Wiedoff	1	39	1	39.0
Others	3	30	0	10.0
NAU Totals	24	351	2	14.6
Opp. Totals	13	195	0	15.0

PUNTING				
Name	TK	YK	Blk	Avg
Grey	48	1863	0	38.8
Tillman	13	578	0	44.5
Team	1	4	1	
NAU Tot	62	2445	1	39.4
Opp Tot	70	2596	1	37.1

PUNT RETURNS				
Name	No.	YR	TD	Avg
Grey	21	289	0	13.8
Branstrom	3	-10	0	-3.3
NAU Totals	24	279	0	11.6
Opp. Totals	31	251	0	8.1

KICK OFF RETURNS				
Name	No.	YR	TD	Avg
Branstrom	8	177	0	22.1
Harris	7	156	0	22.3
Shorter	4	44	0	11.0
Campbell	1	21	0	21.0
Criswell	1	11	0	11.0
NAU Totals	21	409	0	19.5
Opp. Totals	36	612	0	17.0

SCORING					
Name	TD	A-M	A-M	A-M	TF
Grey	8	0-0	3-3	0-0	54
Whalen	7	2-2	2-1	0-0	46
Campbell	6	7-4	1-0	1-0	40
Mannon	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	24
Olson	2	3-0	5-0	0-0	12
Maier	0	0-0	2-2	0-0	4
Wiedoff	1	0-0	1-1	0-0	8
Booker	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Brown	1	0-3	0-0	0-0	9
Tillman	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Walker	0	6-4	0-0	1-0	4
Team	0	1-0	0-0	0-0	4-8
NAU Totals	33	19-13	14-7	2-0	229
Opp. Totals	22	20-16	2-1	5-2	156

BY QUARTERS				
NAU	1	2	3	4
NAU	53	42	55	79
Opponents	16	78	35	27

FIRST DOWNS				
NAU	R	P	Pn	Total
NAU	73	81	21	175
Opponents	78	75	29	181

PENALTIES				
NAU	No.	YP		
NAU	72	760		
Opponents	53	503		

FUMBLES				
NAU	No.	Lost		
NAU	53	32		
Opponents	34	19		

SCORES:				
Team	Score	Opponent	Score	Result
Drake	30	NAU	14	W
NAU	26	Long Beach	20	W
Weber	21	NAU	14	W
NAU	7	Omaha	6	W
NAU	43	North. Ill.	14	W
San Fernando	21	NAU	20	W
Montana State	20	NAU	15	W
NAU	37	Hiram Scott	7	W
NAU	35	East. N.M.	17	W
NAU	18	Montana	0	W