

Lumberjacks Place 4 in Pro Draft

By Don Cole

The Northern Arizona University athletic department is very proud of the fact that four of their top football athletes have been drafted by professional football teams.

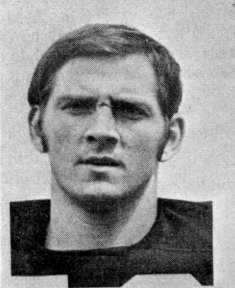
In the 1970 pro draft Ed Duley was picked by the Houston Oilers in the fifth round, Mark Lomas was picked in the eighth round by the New York Jets, Charlie Brown was picked in the 12th round by the Detroit Lions and Bob Stewart, taken in the 16th round, will be with the Denver Broncos.

NAU can boast one more draft choice than either of the other two university's in Arizona, although ASC had a fourth picked who was a basketball player.

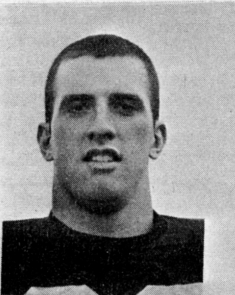
ED DULEY, DEFENSIVE TACKLE, will be trying out for the same position when he reports to Houston. He's 6-7 and weighs 270 pounds and started for the Lumberjacks the past two seasons. He's the rough-tough type of individual that the pros really go for.

His best game of his college career probably came when the Axers defeated West Texas State. Duley got to the quarterback three times for big losses and closed down a lot of plays running inside.

When asked how he felt about being drafted he said, "It's a great feeling and I only hope I can do the job they expect." He was also asked how he intended to do that job and he replied, "I'll have to cut a little weight so I can move quicker and then I'm going out there to rip some people."



Ed Duley



Mark Lomas

MARK LOMAS, DEFENSIVE END, was drafted as a potential linebacker. He stands 6-4 and hits the scales at 230. He started at right defensive end for the Axers the past two seasons and both years did an outstanding job. His ability to follow the ball made him the fine athlete he is.

He played exceptionally well in a number of games and made many key plays. He forced fumbles, blocked passes and once intercepted a pass by going to the right side after the passer and picking it off on the left side, about 40 yards away, to run it in 45 yards for a TD.

Lomas' reply to being drafted by New York was "Did it really happen? I can't believe it!" He went on to add, "They said something about being a linebacker so I'll have to put on a little more weight." His quick comment to the question "Do you think you can get the job?" was "I'm going out there and listen to the coaches and then when I get on the field I'm going to hit somebody."

CHARLIE BROWN, FLANKER-BACK, who set all kinds of new records at NAU in his one year as a starter, stands 6-2 and weighs 190 pounds. He was drafted by the Lions as a receiver. He caught 63 passes, 11 for touchdowns, for a total of 1,134 yards. All three are new NAU records.

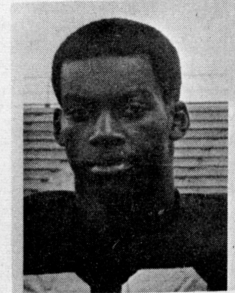
Brown's performance throughout the season enabled the Lumberjacks to use all types of pass patterns to gain valuable yardage. Pro-

bably his most satisfying game was against Weber when he caught a touchdown pass in the final minutes and the Axers scored a 21-19 victory. His best game statistically was against Whitworth when he caught three TD passes.

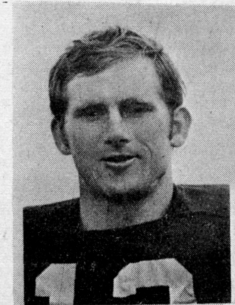
His comment on being drafted by the Lions was, "I'm grateful to get the chance to try out. They have some fine young men there now, so it will be real tough but I'm going to do my best."

BOB STEWART, QUARTERBACK, weighs 205 and is 6-2. A transfer from El Paso last year, Stewart took over as the starting signal caller for the Lumberjacks in the first game of the season and never lost the job. He was strong in clutch situations and never lost his head when rushing lineman dropped him behind the lines. His comeback ability gave the Axers that extra incentive throughout the year.

Stewart's ability to run or pass gave the Axers a big advantage all season long. Statistically his best output came against Eastern New Mexico and Whitworth College when he completed 23 passes, a new school record, and gained 565 yards against Whitworth, also a new school record. But most satisfying of all would be the West Texas and Weber games when Stewart was under pressure, being behind in the score with only minutes to play. From some-



Charlie Brown



Bob Stewart

where he found that 'little bit extra' and was able to find a way to pick up victories in both contests.

Stewart was unable to be reached for comment as he had returned to El Paso, where his wife could finish up her education this semester.

All four agreed on one statement about their football careers, "If it hadn't been for coaches John Symank, LaMar McHan and C. O. Brocato, and their insistence on being ready to play, we never would have had this opportunity."

Comments from the coaching staff included: John Symank, "We're just happy that they have a chance to the pro ranks and they deserve it very much."; LaMar McHan, "They drafted some fine material and I'm sure the individuals will give everything they have to make it."; C. O. Brocato, "These men are fine athletes and well deserving of the opportunity to play in pro ball."

To have four men named to participate in professional football is a fine compliment to the coaching staff and indicates the excellent athletic program that is being carried on at Northern Arizona University.

It is a long and hard grind to prepare men like this for the future but the time and effort involved is rectified by this end result.