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The 1973 Grand Ledge Varsity Football Team was the first in school history to finish a season 9-0. While the 1941 team managed to go undefeated 32 years earlier, Steve Szasz's squad had a single tie and a record of 8-0-1. John Krupa's squad finished the season with no ties, making school history. They would also win their 5th straight league title that year (they would win a 6th straight the following year). No team has won more than 3 straight titles since ('15,'16,'17).

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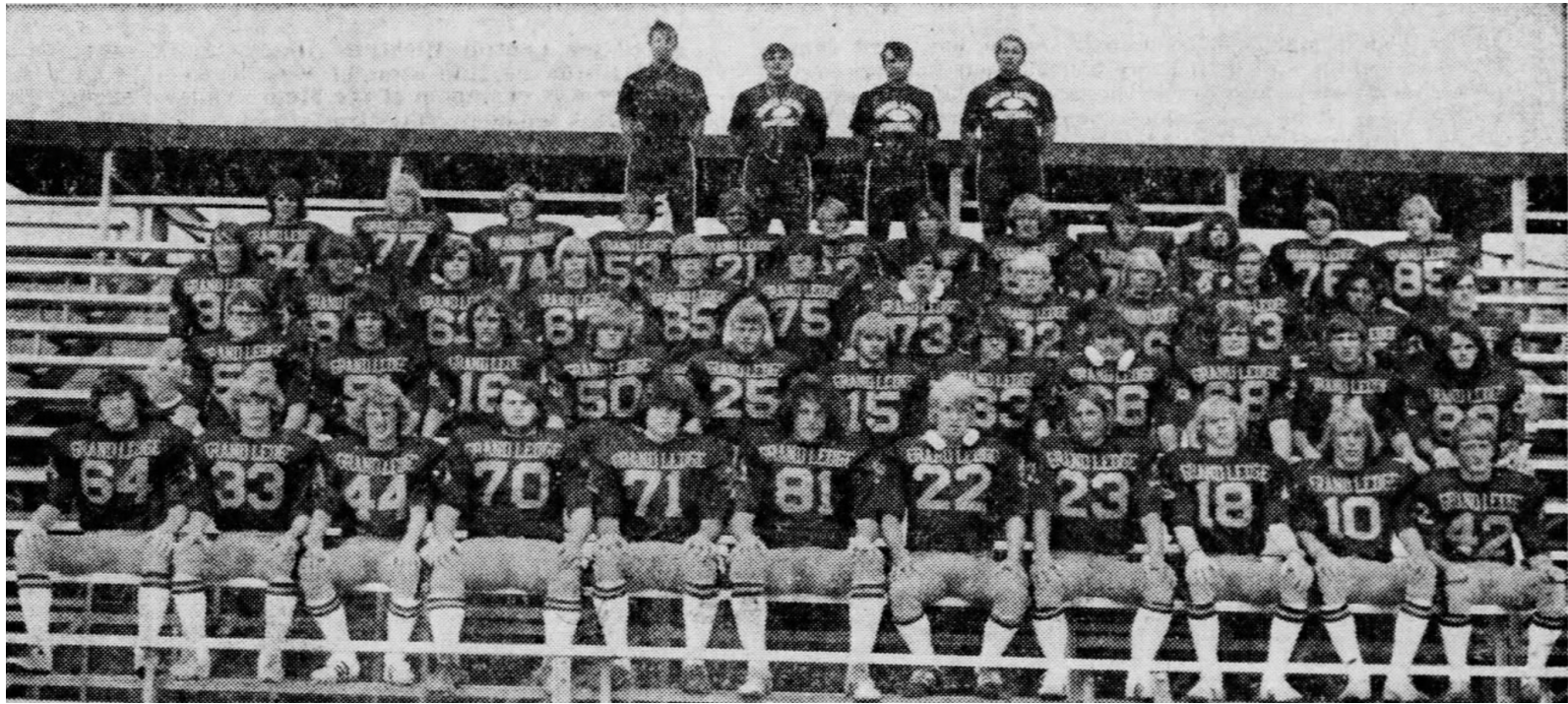
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<u>1973 9-0 (6-0 West Central Conference)</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
Sept. 14	<u>Holt (Home)</u>	7-0 (W)
Sept. 21	<u>Ionia* (Away)</u>	14-0 (W)
Sept. 28	<u>Waverly* (Home)</u>	13-6 (W)
Oct. 5	<u>Hastings* (Home)</u>	27-8 (W)
Oct. 12	<u>Charlotte* (Away)</u>	25-8 (W)
Oct. 19	<u>Alma* (Home)</u>	27-20 (W)
Oct. 26	<u>St. Johns* (Away)</u>	21-20 (W)
Nov. 2	<u>Okemos (Away)</u>	21-8 (W)
Nov. 9	<u>Lansing Catholic (Home)</u>	17-14 (W)

*Bolded / asterisk games are WCC games

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Grand Ledge Finished Year With Perfect Record

Grand Ledge High's football team not only won its fifth straight West Central Conference championship but the Comets became the first team in school history to go through a season undefeated and untied. Above, front row, from left: Mike Edwards, Mark Rademacher, Jeff Dixon, Kerry Rassmussen, Bruce Truesdell, Kevin Botek, Tom Tiedt, Don Muysenburg, Bob Buckmaster, Tony Sweet, Steve Hough; second row, from left: Harvey Perry, Bill Klanecky, Rick Kleinfelt, Kevin Dent, John Avery, Dan Feighner, Jeff Klanecky, Pete Sobol, Al

MacVean, Mark Benson, Terry Worthington; third row, from left: Mark Howard, Kirk Church, Jim Carter, Tom Nelson, Dennis Endres, Mike Lawless, Kurt Lawrence, Bill Atwell, Mike Blankenship, Ray Myers, Chico Rivera, Curt Warren; back row, from left: Mike Wood, Kevin Marchek, Mike Kenney, Tony Spalsbury, Warren Wynalda, Tim Bensinger, Jerry Schellhammer, John Baldwin, Chris Foster, Doug McLeod, Mark Kenney, Frank King; standing at top: trainer Don Kiger; head coach John Krupa and assistants Park Baker and Pat O'Keefe.

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West Central

Grand Ledge placed six players on the West Central Conference's all-star **football** team it was announced today.

The Comets won the title with a 6-0 record and finished the season winning all nine games.

LANSING WAVERLY, which finished second in the league race, was represented by two players on the first team.

The team:

Offense—Ends, Terry Worthington, **Grand Ledge**; Ray Schueller, St. Johns; tackles, Tom Vibber, Alma; Jeff Autenrieith, Waverly; guards, Jeff Towe, Charlotte; Dick Parker, St. Johns; center, Kevin Dent, **Grand Ledge**; quarterback, Mark Benson, **Grand Ledge**; halfbacks, Mike Cowdrey, Alma; Don Mysenberg, Grand Ledge; fullback, Jim Burgie, Charlotte.

DEFENSE—Ends, John Avery, **Grand Ledge**; Ray Schueller, St. Johns; linemen, Dennis Albutius, Charlotte; Erik Forsberg, Hastings; Dick Parker, St. Johns; defensive backs, Brad Cell, Alma; Mike McLean, Charlotte; Tony Sweet, **Grand Ledge**; Daryl Barnum, Hastings; Jim Lynch, St. Johns; Dan Kuchuk, Waverly.

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