

# The Program scores a fumble

## Can't even convert the extra point!

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Trying to tackle several story-lines, **The Program** starring James Caan, Craig Sheffer, Halle Berry, Omar Epps, and Kristy Swanson fumbles a few but ends up with a pretty good film. Pretty good if you like 90210 and the Bad News Bears.

There's this coach see, who's going to lose his football program for Eastern State University if he doesn't have a winning season. Then we have the star quarterback who hopes to get enough votes to win a Heisman, but can't even get his dad

to come and watch him play. There's the super-pumped steroid-using beef-back and the cocky

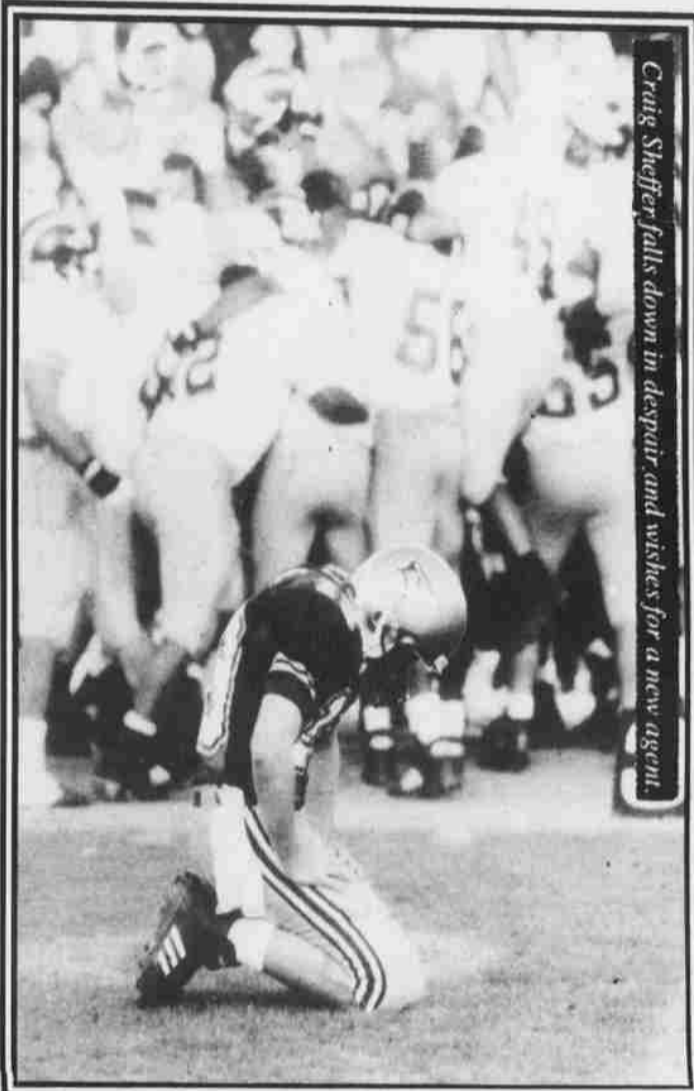
couple of girls and a few fumbles and we got ourselves a game.

Coach Winters (Caan) doesn't seem too worried about not winning. To his credit, he's more concerned with what's right and good than what wins. At least he seems that way until Kane (Sheffer) is busted for fighting and arrested on a DUI, forcing him to spend four weeks in detox. Then Winters has to rethink his moral standing and decide to lose, or pull some strings to get a cheat reinstated because he can huck a skin. So

much for Winters' moral character.

If your looking for more strength from his team, don't look too close. His strongest player has a steroid problem and Winters swears he will bench him if it persists. It persists, but the field is closer to the players but then the bench. So he feels real bad, big deal. Kane feels real bad about not calling his girlfriend, but that doesn't get him to call her. She feels real mad, but forgives him

The only pair worth a shot is Darnell Jefferson (Epps) who is recruited to help the team have a winning season, and his girlfriend/tutor Autumn (Berry), who is a beautiful young lady with a great smile. Their story-line is the glue that keeps this program together, and the only trace of integrity to be found on the field.



Craig Sheffer falls down in despair and wishes for a new agent.

**"Throw in a couple of girls... and we got ourselves a game"**  
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Kristy Swanson is a cute girl

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