

THROWBACK THURSDAY

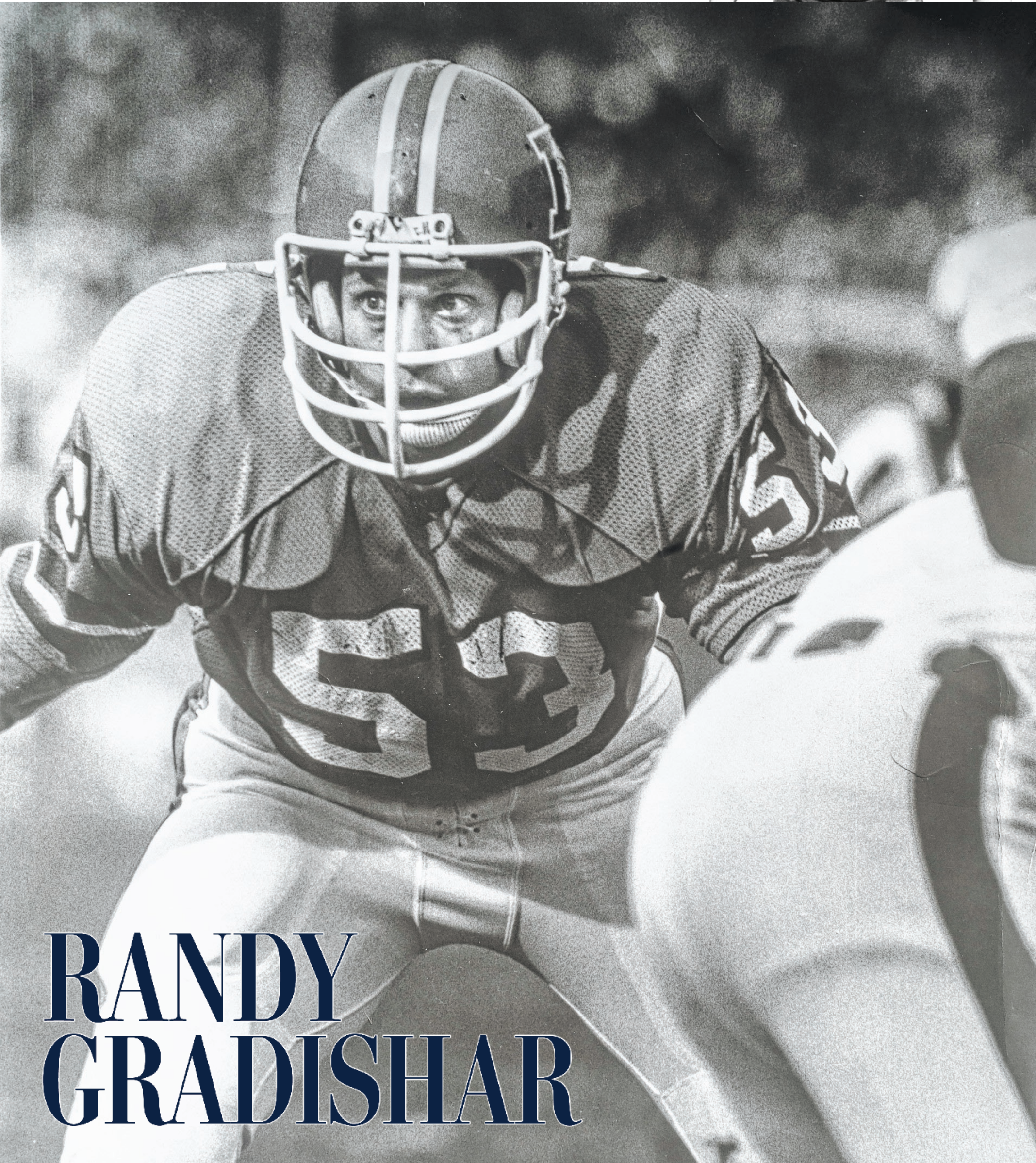
YR	TKLS	ASST	TOTAL	INT
1983	90	49	139	1
1982	51	20	71	0
1981	110	43	153	4
1980	109	56	166	2
1979	103	34	137	0
1978	139	58	197	4
1977	94	57	151	3
1976	100	36	136	3
1975	105	28	133	3
1974	43	11	54	0
TOTALS	944	393	1337	20

We take a look back at some of the best players in Denver Broncos history. Randy Gradishar had what most Broncos fans think is a Hall of Fame career with the Orange Crush.

He was consensus NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1978 by winning the Associated Press Award, along with UPI and NEA.

In 2008, he was voted by a panel of former NFL players and coaches to Pro Football Weekly's all-time 3-4 defensive team.

Gradishar was first-team All-Pro in 1977 and led the Denver Broncos to their first Super Bowl appearance.



RANDY GRADISHAR

6 Straight Pro Bowl selections from 1977 through 1983. Some records have him with 2,049 tackles.

6 The Ohio State linebacker was sixth in Heisman Trophy voting in 1973, tops on defense.

148 Points allowed by the Broncos' defense in 1977 in a 14-game season.

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