



1960



9-0 Record

Little 6 Conference Champions

United Press International (U.P.I.) State Champions



ROW 1: Coach Wayne Cheramay, Gary Rinehart, John Hartung, Bud Reiselt, Bob Noth, Jim Dilts, John Cain, John Brooke, Kroeger, Coach & Athletic Trainer Darrell Moore. ROW 2: Coach Bill Jensen, Hart, Steve Grossman, Metzger, Saur, Goetz, Johnson, Stu Sparling, Scott Rocker, Lee, Head Coach Merrit Parsons. ROW 3: Tucker, Wilken, Barretta, Sones, Hesse, Duncan, McConnell, Warnock, Castro. ROW 4: Maher, Preusch, West, Chebuhar, Wuorinen, Langan, Hempel, Rosenfield, Kerns, Ahlers. ROW 5: Marion, Schult, Best, Vrachtel, Witcraft, Long, Curtis Vande Walle.

Game Scores / Results

Little 6 Conference

Regular Season

Week #1: (W) Bettendorf 40, Cedar Rapids Regis 6
Week #2: (W) Bettendorf 34, Burlington 18
Week #3: (W) Bettendorf 42, Keokuk 7
Week #4: (W) Bettendorf 34, North Scott 6
Week #5: (W) Bettendorf 43, Muscatine 6
Week #6: (W) Bettendorf 32, Assumption 14
Week #7: (W) Bettendorf 56, Ottumwa 14
Week #8: (W) Bettendorf 40, Alleman 7
Week #9: (W) Bettendorf 60, Geneseo 20

Bettendorf... 4-0 / 9-0

Burlington... 3-1
Ottumwa... 2-2
Muscatine... 1-3
Keokuk... 0-4

All-Conference	All-Metro
1st Team: Scott Rocker - Halfback 1st Team: Stu Sparling - Fullback 1st Team: Steve Grossman - Offensive Tackle 1st Team: John Hartung - Offensive Tackle 1st Team: John Cain - Center 2nd Team: Jim Dilts - Halfback	1st Team: Scott Rocker - Halfback 1st Team: Steve Grossman - Offensive Tackle 2nd Team: John Cain - Center 2nd Team: Bud Reiselt - Defensive Back

All-Quad City	All-State
1st Team: Scott Rocker - Halfback 1st Team: Steve Grossman - Offensive Tackle 2nd Team: Jim Dilts - Halfback 2nd Team: John Cain - Center 2nd Team: Bud Reiselt - Defensive Back Honorable Mention: John Hartung - Offensive Tackle	Scott Rocker - Halfback 1st Team - <i>Des Moines Register</i> Steve Grossman - Offensive Tackle 1st Team - <i>Iowa Daily Press Association</i> 2nd Team - <i>Des Moines Register</i> Stu Sparling - Fullback 5th Team - <i>Des Moines Register</i> John Hartung - Offensive Tackle Honorable Mention - <i>Des Moines Register</i> Bud Reiselt - Defensive Back Honorable Mention - <i>Des Moines Register</i> John Cain - Center Honorable Mention - <i>Des Moines Register</i> Jim Dilts - Halfback Honorable Mention - <i>Des Moines Register</i>

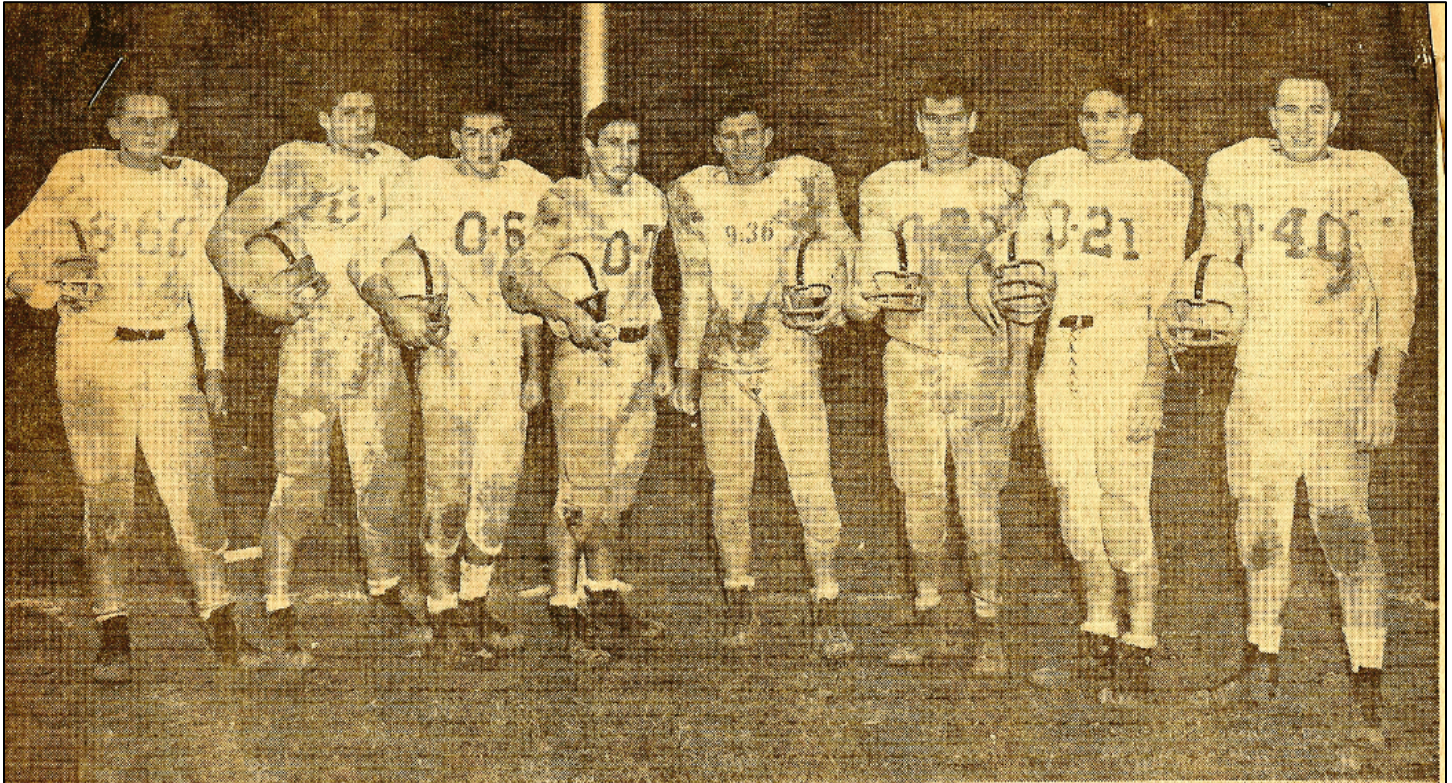
All-Americans
Steve Grossman - Offensive Tackle Honorable Mention - <i>Wigman Wiseman</i> Scott Rocker - Halfback Honorable Mention - <i>Wigman Wiseman</i>

Captains, M.V.P., Managers	Coaches & Trainers
<u>Captains</u> John Brooke, Stuart Sparling <u>M.V.P.</u> MISSING <u>Managers/Trainers</u> Lowell Anlgers, Ben Maher, Mike Myatt	<u>Head Coach</u> Merrit Parsons (6) <u>Assistant Coaches</u> Wayne Cheramy, Bill Jensen, Darrell Moore <u>Athletic Trainer</u> Darrell Moore

Miscellaneous Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was the fourth-straight conference championship for Bettendorf • Bettendorf defeated Burlington, the defending State Champions--at Burlington--34-18 • The Dawgs were named the "Mythical State Champs" by the <i>U.P.I.</i> • Bettendorf (since 1958) went unbeaten in 26 games (record: 25-0-1) • Coach Parsons named "Coach of the Year" by the <i>Des Moines Register</i> • Steve Grossman earned "Quad City Lineman of the Year" honors • Total Offense = 527 plays for 3,645 yards (6.91 average) along with 56 touchdowns • 381 Points in 9 Games (42.3 points per game) = New School Record

Player Statistics

Category	Player	Stats 1	Stats 2
Rushing	Scott Rocker	61 carries for 959 yards	8.6 average; 19 TD
	Jim Dilts	92 carries for 577 yards	6.27 average; 12 TD
Passing	Stu Sparling	32 comp. / 61 att. (52%)	524 yards; 5 TD, 6 INT
Receiving	Scott Rocker	12 rec. for 266 yards.	2 TD
Punt Returns	Scott Rocker	12 returns for 306 yards.	25.4 average
Kickoff Returns	Scott Rocker	6 returns for 156 yards.	26.0 average
Extra Points	Dick Castro	51/60 kicks	51 total points
Tackles	Stu Sparling	54 tackles	[unknown solos/assists]
	Jim Dilts	52 tackles	



Pictured here are eight of the nine seniors on the Bettendorf football team who have never lost a game in their five years of playing together. This group started five years ago in the Bettendorf seventh-grade program, played together through junior high, joined forces on the sophomore team two years ago and finally moved to the varsity squad last year. In two years of varsity ball, they have raced through 16 games without a loss — a tie with Newman of Sterling

marring an otherwise perfect record. These victories, combined with nine by the 1958 team, give the Bulldogs a 25-game unbeaten streak going into their finale at Geneseo Friday night. Left to right are: Tom Johnson, Steve Grossman, Gary Rinehart, Rookie Barretto, Stuart Sparling, John Cain, Buddy Reiselt and John Brooke. The ninth unbeaten senior, Scott Rocker, was injured at the time this picture was taken.

Quad-Cities' Greatest Prep Elevens

Parsons Brings Bettendorf To Top



Bettendorf football was at an all-time high when Coach Merrit Parsons and two of his backfield stars, Stu Sparling and another player, are seen in a moment of triumph.

Morning Democrat headline proclaiming the mythical state champs. (Staff Photo)

(This is the last in a series of articles on the finest prep football teams in the Quad-Cities. The articles stretch from the 1907 Moline team — the first Quad-City team to win a state championship — to the 1960 Bettendorf team, the most recent state titlist, and included 30 great teams. Our thanks go to the many veteran football men of the Quad-Cities who helped compile the series).

By DON WHITE

Just ten seasons after Bettendorf trotted out its first high school football team the Bulldogs put away the state championship.

This was the major accomplishment of Merrit Parsons' unbeaten 1960 team which certainly has earned a spot in the Quad-City football archives.

42 Points Per Game

The Bulldogs of this season set a modern era scoring record, by blasting nine straight opponents under a total of 381 points—an average of 42.3 per game.

They also set a Quad-City record for rushing yardage, grinding out 2,976 yards or an average of 330.7 yards per game.

They also set a Quad-City total offense record, clipping off 3,589 yards or 398.8 yards per game.

The Bulldogs of 1960 became the fourth straight Parsons-coached club to win a conference title—three in the Illowa before this one in the Little Six—and they extended an unbeaten string of games to 26, the third-longest such streak in Quad-City prep football.

With all of those facts there's little reason to doubt that the 1960 Bettendorf team was the greatest prep football team in the Quad-Cities.

statewide poll which placed Bettendorf in the No. 1 spot at the season's end and left Merrit Parsons the leading candidate for Iowa's prep coach of the year honors.

'Offensively Best'

Parsons said this team was "offensively the best we've had here and the best balanced team I've ever had, comparable in many ways with the unbeaten 1958 team."

But this year's team played in a bigger conference and against rougher non-conference opposition. And the fact that it was so well balanced brought out its greatness.

Parsons knew he had a great backfield in the making when he brought the team together in August. He had moved Jim Dilts, his No. 1 rusher in 1959, to wingback where he could make better use of his blocking.

He had no tailback worry because he and his staff were sure Scott Rocker, an all-Quad-City end in 1959, would make the switch the backfield with a limited amount of trouble. And there was John Brooke returning for his second season as the No. 1 blocking back.

Spinback assignments, vitally important in the single wing that Parsons has made the most feared weapon in the Little Six and in the Quad-City region, were to go to Stu Sparling and only his passing ability was questionable.

Sparling's Passing Helped

"He couldn't throw last season," said Parsons, "but the success of this club was due largely to his passing this year. He kept the defense honest."

Sparling, a 175-pounder, completed over half of his 62 passes, 32 for 548 yards and four touchdowns.

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 Sean Owens*
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INVOCATION.....Pastor Norman Ullestad
St. James Lutheran Church

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MUSIC.....B.H.S. Pep Band
Ernest Beerends, Director

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS.....Hal Hart
Master of Ceremonies

INTRODUCTION OF ATHLETIC STAFF.....Wendell Hill
Director of Athletics

GUEST SPEAKER.....Mr. Jesse Owens
Illinois Youth Commission

CLOSING REMARKS.....Master of Ceremonies

BETTENDORF HIGH SCHOOL
 ADMINISTRATION

Selby A. Ballantyne.....Superintendent of Schools
 Robert E. Owen.....High School Principal
 John T. Kelly.....High School Vice-Principal

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Wendell Hill.....Director of Athletics
 Merrit Parsons.....Head Varsity Football Coach
 Wayne Cheramy.....Varsity Line Coach
 Darrell Moore.....Varsity Backfield Coach and Trainer
 William Jensen.....Varsity Backfield Coach
 Earl Page.....Head Sophomore Coach
 Mervin Habenicht.....Assistant Sophomore Coach

Varsity SQUAD ROSTER

Richard Barretto	Scott Rocker	Steve Saur
John Brooke	Stuart Sparling	Bob Schultz
John Cain	Jerry Best	Larry Sones
Jim Dilts	Jim Brachtel	Bill Tucker
Allen Duncan	Dick Castro	Curt VandeWalle
Steve Grossman	John Chebuhar	Pat Warnock
Earle Hart	Bob Goetz	Steve West
John Hartung	Bill Hempel	Roland Wilken
Tom Johnson	George Hesse	Mike Myatt,
Dann Kroeger	Jim Kerns	Student Mgr.
Bob Lee	Gary Langan	Ben Maher,
Bob Noth	Bud Marion	Student Mgr.
Richard Reiselt	Bill McConnell	Lowell Ahlers,
Gary Rinehart	Norman Preusch	Student Mgr.

Varsity CHEERLEADERS

Leilani Bright, Cheryl Duggleby, Sandy Haber, Nancy Howerton, Sue Pajunen, Nancy Power, Suzanne Rousso, and Cheryl Smith.

CHEERLEADING SPONSOR

Miss Margaret Jones.....Girls Physical Education Department

BETTENDORF HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STATISTICS

School Bettendorf Enrollment 700 Record: W. 9 L. 0 T. 0

TOTAL OFFENSE--No. of plays 527 Avg. yds. per play 6.91 Total net yds. 3645
 TD's 56

Rushing: attempts 436 avg. yds. per play 6.91 net yds. 3015 Td's 51

Passing: attempts 91 comp. 35 inter. 9 percentage .385 TD's 5
 net yds. 630

DEFENCE--Rushing yards 1284 Passing yards 611 Net yards 1895 TD's 11

pass inter. 12 fumbles recovered 10 tackle leader Stuart Sparling No. 54

Total Pts. 381 Average 42.3 per game Total Opp. Pts. 94 Average 10.4 per game

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INDIVIDUAL

TOTAL OFFENSE LEADER Stuart Sparling Pos. Fullback Age 18 Class Senior

passing, rushing plays 218 total net yards 1348 TD's 18

Passing: Att. 61 Comp. 32 Inter. Percentage .524 Net yds. 515
 Td's 5

Rushing: Att. 155 Average yds. per play 5.24 Net yds. 824 TD's 13

PASS LEADER Stuart Sparling Pos. fullback Age 18 Class Senior

Att. 111 Comp. 32 Inter. 6 Percentage .524 Net yds. 524 Td's 5

RUSHING LEADER Scott Rucker Pos. L. H. Age 17 Class Senior

Att. 61 Average 8.6 Net yards 959 TD's 19 Total points 115

PASS RECEIVING LEADER Scott Rucker Pos. L. H. Age 17 Class Senior

Catches 12 Net yards 266 TD's 2

SCORING LEADER Scott Rucker Pos. L. H. Age 17 Class Senior

Touchdowns 19 PAT's 1 FG's Total Points 115

Extra Points Dick Castro: Class: Junior Fullback Kicked 41 out of 50 extra points.

Punt Returns Scott Rucker : 12 attempts returned a total of 306 yds. Average 25.4 yds. per try.

Kick-off Returns Scott Rucker : 6 attempts for total of 156 yds. Average of 26 yds. per try.

Other Offensive leader Jim Dilts : Position--R.H. Age - 17 Class--Senior
 Attempts --92 Average - 6.27 Net Yards 577 TD's - 12