



# 1971



## 5-3-1 Record Mississippi Valley 5<sup>th</sup> Place



ROW 1: R. Blake, T. Ragona, R. Neilson, R. Brockway, D. Berry, J. DeFrates, S. Sanders, P. Wessel, S. Douglas, S. Beckenbaugh, D. Schick, J. Guffey, Head Coach Merv Habenicht. ROW 2: Coach Dave Holsinger, J. Yager, G. Worsley, B. Ricketts, P. Wright, A. George, R. Schone, F. Bonis, M. Sadel, R. Lange, M. Anderson, J. Glaser, Manager J. Walker, Manager J. Rice. ROW 3: Manager J. Towle, Coach George Theunen, J. Grondo, M. Tumey, P. Grummer, M. Miller, J. Doyle, S. Claver, J. Lonnecker, S. Rikke, B. Godfrey, B. Porth, L. Fahy, Trainer S. Treasure, Manager D. Peterson. ROW 4: Coach Rex Perisho, P. Reis, D. Heiman, B. Furne, G. Zinger, Manager M. Kutmas, G. Roth, M. Keller, P. Freund, P. Hayes, T. Stenger, Coach Bob Gibson, Manager J. Tharp, Athletic Trainer Reggie Speak.

Game Scores / Results	Mississippi Valley Conference
<b>Regular Season</b>	<b>Standings</b>
Week #1: (W) Bettendorf 13, Davenport Assumption 12	Dubuque Senior... 7-1
Week #2: (W) Bettendorf 37, Iowa City High 7	Cedar Rapids Kennedy... 6-1-1
Week #3: (T) Bettendorf 0, Iowa City West 0	Cedar Rapids Jefferson... 6-2
Week #4: (L) Bettendorf 6, C.R. Jefferson 42	Cedar Rapids Washington... 5-2-1
Week #5: (W) Bettendorf 27, Clinton 7	<b>Bettendorf... 3-3-1 / 5-3-1</b>
Week #6: (W) Bettendorf 50, Dubuque Hempstead 33	Clinton... 3-5
Week #7: (L) Bettendorf 7, Dubuque Senior 26	Iowa City High... 3-5
Week #8: (W) Bettendorf 34, Muscatine 12	Dubuque Hempstead... 2-6
Week #9: (L) Bettendorf 15, C.R. Kennedy 41	Iowa City West... 1-6-1
	Muscatine... 1-7

All-Conference	
:: Offense ::	:: Defense ::
Missing	Missing

All-Quad City Metro	All-State
Missing	Dave Schick - Running Back 2nd Team - <i>Des Moines Register &amp; Iowa Daily Press Association</i>

**Captains, M.V.P., Managers****Coaches & Trainers****Captains**

Randy Blake, John Guffey, Dave Schick

**M.V.P.**

Dave Schick - Running Back

**Managers/Trainers**Dave Peterson, Mark Kutmas, John Rice, Scott Treasure, Jr.,  
Jeff Tharp, Jeff Towle, Ed Voelliger, Jerry Walker**Head Coach**

Merv Habenicht (1)

**Assistant Coaches**

Dave Holsinger, Rex Perisho, George Thuenen

**Athletic Trainer**

Reggie Speak

**Miscellaneous Information**

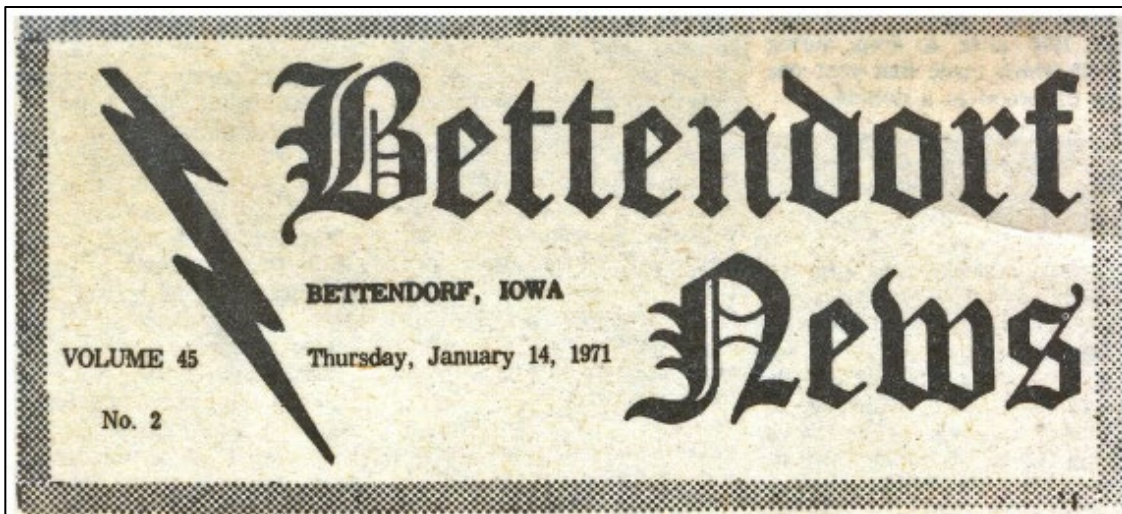
- Dave Schick set a new Quint City Rushing Record with 1458 yards
- Schick also was the 2nd leading scorer in the MVC with 82 points and averaged 6.2 yards per carry

**Player Statistics**

Category	Player	Stats 1	Stats 2
Rushing	Dave Schick	1458 yards / 235 carries	13 TD, 6.2 average
Tackles	John Guffey	54 tackles	[unknown solos/assists]



**PARSONS TO OLES TO HABENICHT**—that's the way the ball has been passed in the Bettendorf high school varsity football coaching department. In this photo Mervin Habenicht (left), new head varsity coach, is receiving the ball from Ray Oles (right), who relinquished the coaching job when he was named director of instruction for Bettendorf schools. In the center is Merrit Parsons, former head varsity coach, now assistant to the superintendent.



# Habenicht Gets Top Grid Job

Mervin K. Habenicht, 35, a coach and teacher in Bettendorf since 1969, has been named head football coach for Bettendorf high school.

His selection was officially approved at a special meeting this afternoon of the Board of Education.

Habenicht succeeds Ray Oles, who last month was appointed director of instruction for the school system.

As head sophomore football coach during the last two years Habenicht established a 13-4-1 record.

The new varsity coach, who also is a teacher in the social studies department, came to Bettendorf in 1980 after receiving a bachelor of arts degree in physical education from the University of Northern Iowa (formerly Iowa State Teachers college), Cedar Falls.

In the last 10 years he has served in the following football coaching positions:

Assistant sophomore football coach under Earl Page, 1960-61; assistant varsity football coach in charge of defense under

Merrit Parsons, 1965-66; same job under Ray Oles, 1967-68; head sophomore football coach, 1968-70. He also has coached as assistant in varsity wrestling, head freshman wrestling and assistant ninth grade track.

He will continue as assistant freshman track coach. A new head track coach is to be named.

The appointment of a varsity coach brought this comment from Supt. Ray Stensvad: "Mr. Habenicht's greatest asset is his ability to communicate with the young men he coaches. I am sure he will make a great contribution to continuing our fine athletic program."

Parsons, who now is assistant to the superintendent, pointed out that "Hab" has had a variety of coaching experiences within the school system and "has met with success on all levels."

"He is well acquainted with our program and has the advantage of knowing the existing personnel and facilities," Parsons continued. "He has a genuine interest in the young

men on and off the field and will produce many interesting football teams."

Wendell Hill, director of athletics at BHS, said Habenicht has firmly established himself in two important areas — "he has developed an excellent rapport with the student body and has demonstrated a very sound knowledge of football along with the ability to impart this knowledge to his teams."

The appointment also drew praise from Robert Owen, BHS principal, who said Habenicht's experience "merited his strong consideration and endorsement." "I am confident of his ability; he has demonstrated great interest in youth and we anticipate continued strength and growth in our Bulldogs' football program," Owen added.

Habenicht was graduated from Fort Dodge high school in 1953. He served in the armed forces for two years and then attended Fort Dodge Junior college for two years, receiving an associate arts degree there before going to UNI. He was a

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