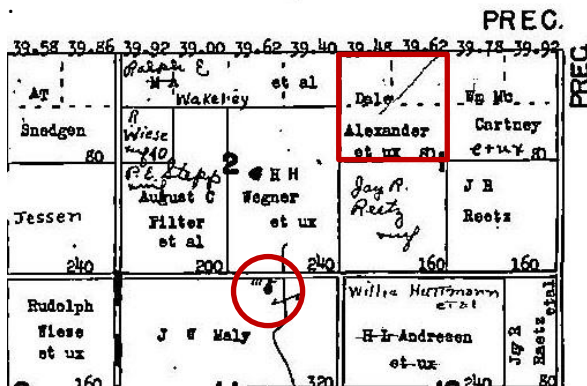


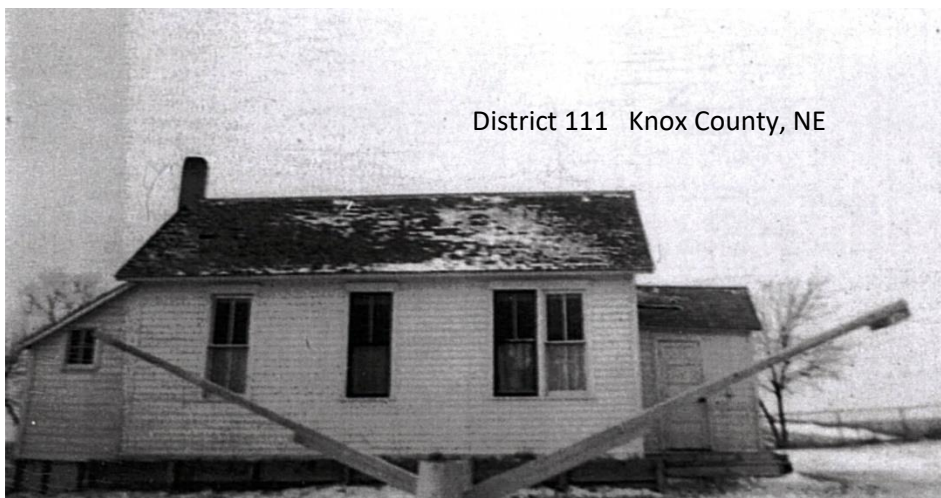
Curt's early education was obtained in one of Nebraska's one room schoolhouses, specifically Knox County District #111. These schools were scattered throughout rural areas so that students from surrounding farms could attend school without traveling a distance to a town. This photo is a clip of a corner of Peoria township in Knox County there the Alexander farm was located. Two plat photos were available, a 1948 and a 1957. Curt's sister Vicky informed me that the school on the 1957 plat was not shown in the correct location, so this clip is from the 1948 plat and shows the schoolhouse in red circle on the correct side of the creek.

Peoria Township
Township 31 North - Range 3 West Of 6th P. M
Knox County, Nebraska



As you can see from the photo, the Alexander farm was fairly close to the school. The old story about walking to school many miles was NOT true in this case. I was further informed that most times, the Alexander children were driven to school, although they often did walk home where the dog usually met them at the end of the lane. Vicky estimated the distance to be maybe 1 ½ miles, because the lane to the farmhouse was quite long.

During the years we lived in Creighton, NE we would drive past this school on our way to the farm for a visit. Curt would always point out his old school to me and our kids. It happened often enough that they began to beat him to it. When it was spotted they would chorus "there is Daddy's old schoolhouse!"



Various farmers would deliver wood to fuel the stove and boys would bring into the school as needed. There was of course no running water in the school and the older boys were tasked with fetching buckets of water from the farmer's well across the road. Because there was no running water, there had to be an outhouse!

In the back of the room, each kid had a place to store their drinking cup and their lunch brought from home. Another note here: the story of lard sandwiches in the lunch pail also appears not to have happened, at least from the recall of sister Vicky. Of course, Curt is not here to verify!

A one room schoolhouse often taught all grades 1 – 8, which was the case at District 111. The students sat at wooden desks and the teacher's desk had a long bench nearby. One grade of students sat on the bench to receive their lesson in a certain subject while the other grades worked on lessons at their desks.

REPORT TO PARENTS
 MY NAME IS Curtis Alexander
 MY TEACHER'S NAME IS Miss Jensen

I AM IN THE PRIMARY CLASS.
 THIS IS MY REPORT FOR THE end SIX WEEKS OF SCHOOL
 My teacher says I do my best work in Language
 Here is my standing in—

READING Good LANGUAGE Very good
 NUMBERS Good WRITING Fair
 DRILLING Good DEPARTMENT Good

Department means the kind of boy I have been in school.
 Here are some of the things we have learned this six weeks.
Writing numbers to six - Nursery rhyme
of five words in reading.

A blue square means I have been in school each day.
 A red square means I have missed 3 days.

Knox County Schools

Teacher's Report to Parents
 for
 School Year 1952 to 1953
 Name Curtis Alexander
 Grade 1 District Number 111
Jean Jensen Teacher

To Parents
 Read this report carefully. It tells the story of your child's progress in school.

DORA ROCK
 County Superintendent

EXPLANATION OF MARKINGS
 A—Excellent C—Average
 B—Above average D—Below average
 F—Failing

SUBJECTS	Standings for Six Weeks						Special Tests
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Reading	B	B-	B+	B+	C	B-	
Language and Grammar	B-	A	B-	B	B	B-	
Spelling	A-	A-	A-	B	B	B-	
Pennmanship	B-	B-	C+	B-	B-	B-	
Arithmetic	A-	B	B+	C+	C+	C-	
Social Studies (Hist. & Geog.)	A	B-	B	B+	B	B	
Civics							
Science	B	B-	B	B	B	B	
Study of Nebraska							
Health							
Music	B-	B	B+	C+	B-	B-	
Art	B-	B	B-	B-	C+	B-	

ATTENDANCE RECORD						
Six Week Period	1	2	3	4	5	6
Days Present	28	29	28	23	27	26
Days Absent	2	1	6	3	2	4
Times Tardy	1	3	1	1	1	0

PROGRESS OF STUDENT					
Satisfactory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Unsatisfactory progress may be due to items checked below:

CHARACTER TRAITS CONSIDERED IN EVALUATING CITIZENSHIP GRADE					
Attendance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Co-operation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Correct use of time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Care of Property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Citizenship	B	B	B	B	B



1953

Curt was promoted to 2nd grade

In the third grade (1954-55), Curt's teacher was Ruth Ann Wagner. His grades were a bit shy of his grades on his first grade report card. Perhaps the cause could possibly have been the unsatisfactory check marks for "correct use of time". Attendance was good however.



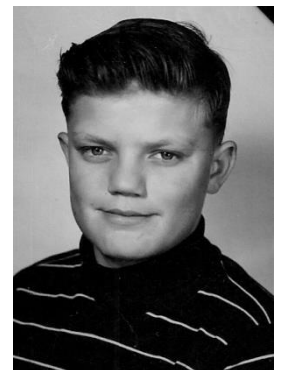
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1955-56



1957-58

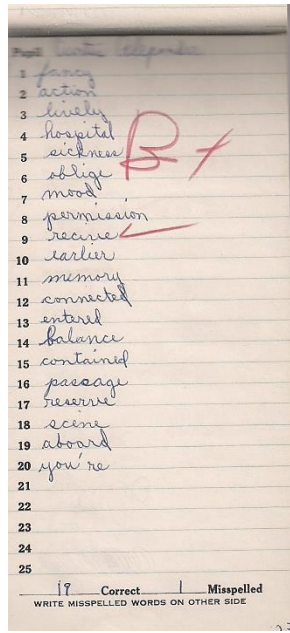
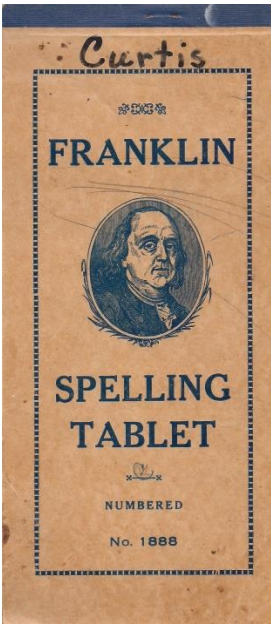


1958-59

Obviously, some of the yearly school pictures are missing but one can begin to see the transformation from a boy into a young man.

At right is a photo of kids singing during a Christmas program at District 111. The boys in the front row have been identified as Jerome Huttmann, Jim and Eddie Herzog and Curt.



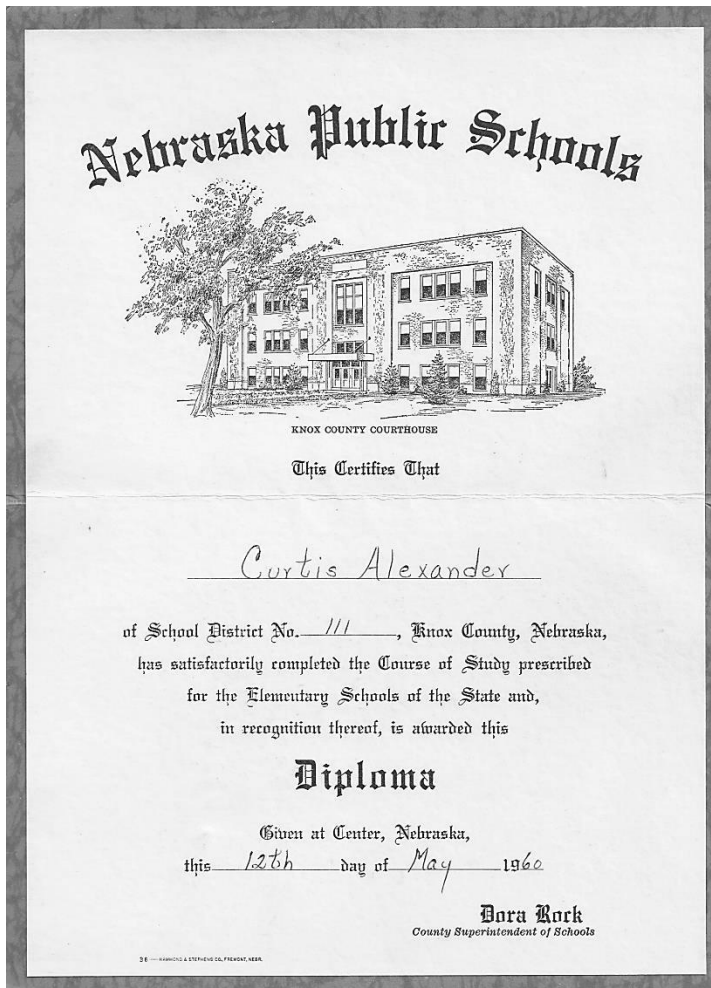


It is not known what year this spelling tablet was from. Most of the grades on the spelling tests were A's and B's but he seemed to have a lot of trouble with the word he missed on this page. Those darn "ie" or "ei" words were always hard!

The only other report card in the memorabilia box was for the 7th grade. His teacher was Eileen Krohn. He struggled a bit more this year. He had attendance and tardiness issues, plus some unsatisfactory checks in other areas. There were a lot of difficulties at the farm in the late 50's so perhaps that was a factor. Teen-age boy shenanigans might have contributed – in one of his high school yearbook's signings, one person made reference to such things at District 111.

Fun Fact: When he was in the 8th grade, Curt was the only student in that grade at the school.

SUBJECTS	Standings for Six Weeks						Special Tests	ATTENDANCE RECORD						
	1	2	3	4	5	6		Six Week Period						Total
Reading	C	C	C	D	C	C	C	Days Present	27	27	27	27	23	163 1/2
Language and Grammar	C+	C	C	D+	D+	D+	C	Days Absent	3	1	3	0	12	17 1/2
Spelling	A+	B	C+	C+	B-	B+	C	Times Tardy	0	2	1	2	1	8
Pennmanship	B	A	A	A	B	B-	C	PROGRESS OF STUDENT						
Arithmetic	C+	B	C	D+	D-	C-	C	Satisfactory	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Studies (Hist. & Geog.)	C	C	C	D+	C	C+	C	Unsatisfactory					✓	✓
Civics								Unsatisfactory progress may be due to items checked below:						
Science	B	B	B	C			B-	Attendance					✓	
Study of Nebraska								Promptness						
Health					D+	C	C-	Co-operation						✓
Music								Correct use of time					✓	✓
Art	B+	A	A	S	S	S	S	Health					✓	✓
								CHARACTER TRAITS CONSIDERED IN EVALUATING CITIZENSHIP GRADE						
								Obedience						Personal Neatness
								Self Control						Courtesy
								Dependability						Cooperation
								Care of Property						Initiative
								Citizenship	B	C	C	C	C	



In the spring of 1960, Curt finished 8th grade at District 111.

That fall he would attend Bloomfield High School in town, riding the school bus to town most days. (Curt always remembered one of the bus drivers and would visit him in Bloomfield in later years.)

Curt was about to discover a world and friends beyond his neighbors and District 111.

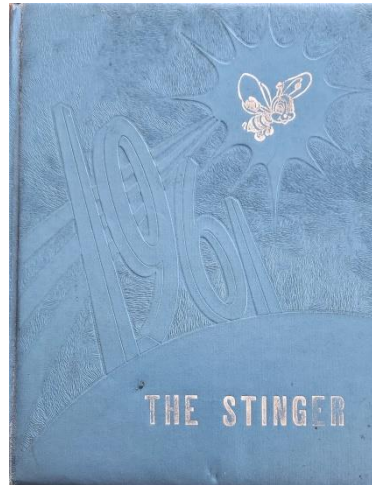
As an eighth grader Curt was already over 6 foot tall and weighed 200 lbs. His mom told me when she hauled that boy to town to register him for the 9th grade, coaches were eyeing him. They wanted him to play football, but Marjorie did not want him to do so. Somehow, somebody won her over because he did indeed play football in high school!

Information and photos from Curt's high school yearbooks and stories from the Bloomfield Monitor form a basis for much of the following. Sometimes only a small section or blurb from an article will be presented.

As an adult, when everyone would talk about where they went to high school and sports, etc., their high school mascot sometimes came into the conversation. Curt often took some ribbing about the Bloomfield "Bees" and the title of their yearbooks.

Freshman Year 1960-1961

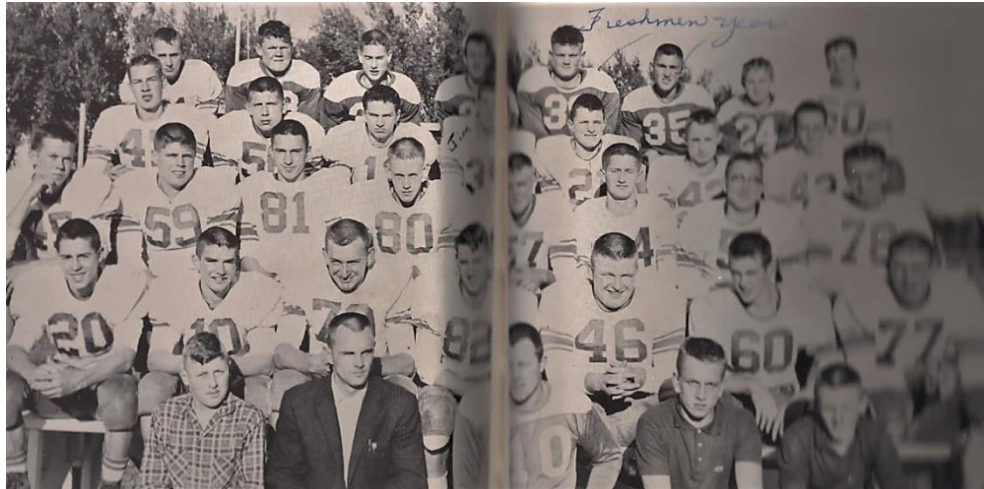
Bloomfield High School



Bloomfield Monitor
Sept. 8, 1960 pg. 1

This yearbook had very little text and not that many photos. It was barebones and people were not necessarily identified in photos. Scans of the team photo were difficult because it was spread across the fold. No news articles were found that mentioned Curt's name in the 1960 season, except in a news photo of the entire team and this initial article. If they did play any freshmen games, no mention of them was found in the newspaper. The varsity team ended their season with 3 wins, 5 losses.

1960 Bloomfield Bees



43 Candidates Vie for BHS Football Squad

Will Open Season Next Week Friday at Neligh

Coach Robert Ohlund reported that 43 hopefuls for the 1960 football squad checked out equipment and are undergoing practice and conditioning for the opening game at Neligh on Friday, Sept. 16th.

Ten lettermen are back wearing the Blue and White. They are tackles Robert Abbenhaus and Wesley Reiners, centers Dennis Hassman and Howard Jensen, backs Doug Thompson, Daryle Peters and Rodney Eisenhauer, end Dan Bruegman, and guards Doug Downie and Ron Greenwall.

Senior boys out for football, in addition to the lettermen, are John Steffen, LaVern Hoard, Jerry Newton and Mark Sawyer.

Juniors out for practice are Rodney Doerr, Gerald Boatman, Ken Heavrin, Norman Strom, Roger Freeman, Larry Donat, Jack Trenhaile and Allen Wulf.

Sophomores include Richard Hoffman, Jake Webb, Dwain Paulsen, Allen Prosch, Jim Emmons and Mike Newton.

Fifteen freshmen checked out for the coming season. This is the best turnout of first-year men in the past five years. The freshmen will work under Coach Gary Lake, who is lining up a schedule for freshman games only.

The freshman footballers are Ronnie Beckmann, Kurtis Busskohl, Jack Downie, Jerry Downie, Jim Joachimson, Richard Jacob, Dave Kohtz, David Kriz, Larry Schuett, Lonnie Schuett, Curt Strom, Ronnie Suing, Dale Trenhaile, Curt Alexander and Neal Alexander.

Any other freshmen interested to play freshman football are asked to check with Coach Lake.

By the time Curt was in high school, his paternal grandparents had retired from the farm and moved to town. That was likely helpful to Curt and his cousin Neal when they had after school activities. Each year of high school a photo of the two was taken outside their grandparents' home. At right is the photo near the end of their freshman year in March 1961.



According to family and friends, Curt did not have a car to drive during high school. The school bus brought him to town. One of his best buddies, Jim Emmons recalls that he would take Curt home after football and other places. Perhaps he was able to borrow the family car for special occasions.

Sophomore Year 1961-1962

The 1962 yearbook was much better than the previous year, but still not terribly informative.

Oct 26, 1961, page1



Junior Bees Undefeated In Four Football Games

The Bloomfield Reserves won their fourth straight game Monday night by beating the Neligh Reserves 13 to 7 on the loser's field. This closes an unbeaten season for the Bloomfield freshman-sophomore team.

Bloomfield played their best game of the season in turning back a good Neligh team. It was a great team effort and one of the more exciting games of the season.

Bloomfield drew first blood by going 60 yards to score at the beginning of the second quarter. The ball was moved downfield by the hard running of Jack and Jerry Downie and Ron Suing. Suing plunged for the TD. The try for point was no good.

Neligh then took the kickoff and marched to a touchdown, and made the extra point. The Junior Bees then proceeded to march down the field, but time ran out on the 20 and the half ended with Neligh leading, 7-6.

A blocked punt by Curt Alexander set up Bloomfield's second touchdown, and Bloomfield moved 50 yards as Suing added his second TD. A pass from Suing to Dave Kohtz gave Bloomfield the extra point and moved them into a 13-7 lead early in the fourth quarter.

From then on Bloomfield was largely on defense, although moving to Neligh's 30 on one drive. Neligh moved downfield in successive first-downs to the Bee 8-yard line. Bloomfield made a great defensive stand at that point and yielded only four yards in four attempts. In possession of the ball the last two minutes, Bloomfield ran out the clock to climax a very exciting game.

Ron Suing and Jack and Jerry Downie, behind outstanding blocking, led the offensive attack. The game-saving defensive charge was led by Curt Alexander, Dale Trenhaile, Mike St. Onge, Dave Kohtz, Curt Strom, Joe Skrivan, Les Carlow, Philip Hilfiker and Loren Fried-

"Reserve Teams

The purpose of reserve football and basketball is to give the players not yet ready for the varsity a chance to play and gain experience. Fundamentals are stressed quite heavily as is the building of desire and the will to win. Even in the reserve games the will to win is important, Much improvement was noted in most of the reserves this year."



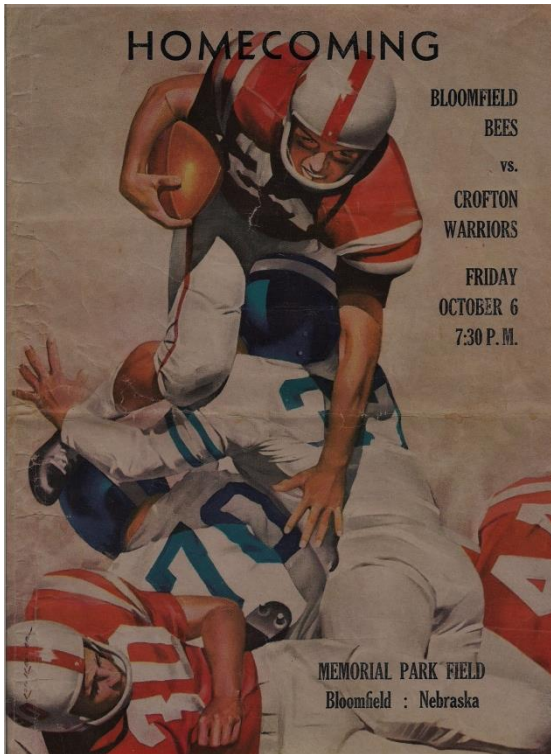
Even though Curt was shown in the picture of the reserves, he saw action in at least a few varsity games in 1961. Curt got special mention in the loss to Ainsworth and the loss to Laurel in the last game of the season. He was also mentioned as seeing action in the Pierce and Crofton (Homecoming) games. The newspaper also reported that he was one of the sophomores who lettered. Bloomfield ended the season with 3 wins and 5 losses.

9/28/61 Ainsworth game

In the second half, the Bees began to hold the offense of Ainsworth in check and held them scoreless. In the third quarter Curt Alexander smashed through and blocked an Ainsworth punt and the Bees recovered on the 33-yard line.

10/26/61 Laurel game

Outstanding on defense were, Rick Heckert and Curt Alexander.

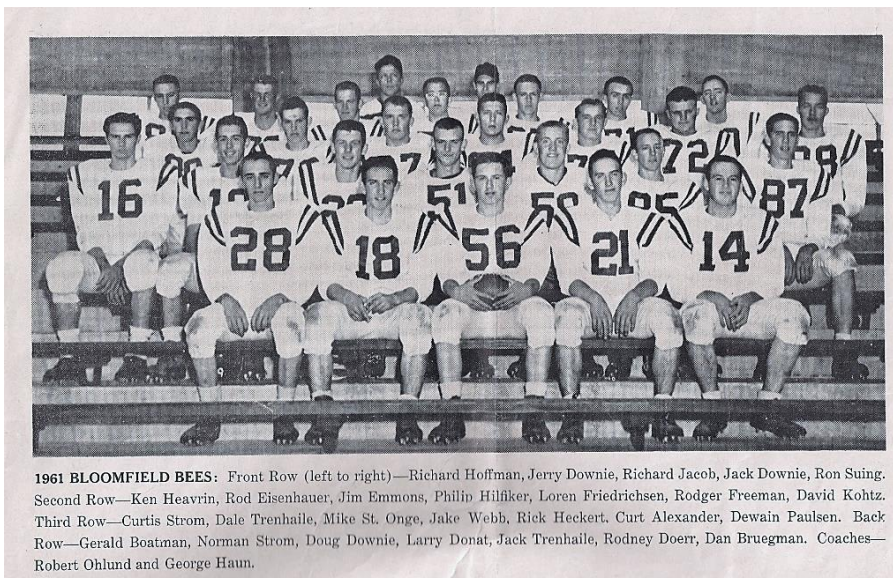


BLOOMFIELD BEES

Number—Name	Grade	Position	Weight
72—ALEXANDER, CURTIS	10	T	200
86—BOATMAN, GERALD	12	E	155
89—BRUEGMAN, DAN	12	E	170
71—DOERR, RODNEY	12	T	190
55—DONAT, LARRY	12	C	180
66—DOWNIE, DOUG	12	G	165
21—DOWNIE, JACK	10	B	135
18—DOWNIE, JERRY	10	B	180
19—EISENHAUER, RODNEY	11	B	145
22—EMMONS, JIM	11	B	160
85—FREEMAN, RODGER	12	B	120
—FRIEDRICHSEN, LOREN	9	B	165
16—HEAVRIN, KEN	12	B	160
74—HECKERT, RICK	11	G	190
51—HILFIKER, PHILIP	10	G	155
28—HOFFMAN, RICHARD	11	B	135
56—JACOB, RICHARD	10	C	130
26—JOACHIMSEN, JIM	10	G	125
87—KOHTZ, DAVID	10	E	150
15—NEWTON, MIKE	11	B	158
88—PAULSEN, DEWAIN	11	E	160
—SKRIVAN, JOE	9	C	138
67—ST. ONGE, MIKE	10	G	180
80—STROM, CURTIS	10	E	145
70—STROM, NORMAN	12	T	185
14—SUNG, RON	10	B	159
73—TRENHAILE, DALE	10	T	165
65—TRENHAILE, JACK	12	G	170
65—WEBB, VINCENT	11	C	173

Coach—Robert Ohlund
Assistant Coaches: George Haun, Jack Crumley
Student Manager: Terry Dalton

Cherleaders: Barbara Johnson, Joan Johnson, Joan Juracek, Juleen Mackeprang, Cheryl Peterson, Ruth Ann Skrivan
Colors: Blue and White

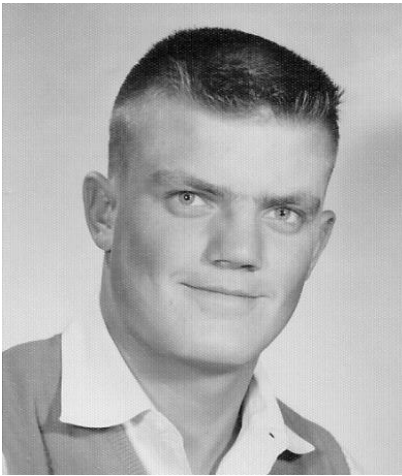


1961 BLOOMFIELD BEES: Front Row (left to right)—Richard Hoffman, Jerry Downie, Richard Jacob, Jack Downie, Ron Suing. Second Row—Ken Heavrin, Rod Eisenhauer, Jim Emmons, Philip Hilfiker, Loren Friedrichsen, Rodger Freeman, David Kohtz. Third Row—Curtis Strom, Dale Trenhaile, Mike St. Onge, Jake Webb, Rick Heckert, Curt Alexander, Dewain Paulsen. Back Row—Gerald Boatman, Norman Strom, Doug Downie, Larry Donat, Jack Trenhaile, Rodney Doerr, Dan Bruegman. Coaches—Robert Ohlund and George Haun.

Annual picture - Neal and Curt March 1962

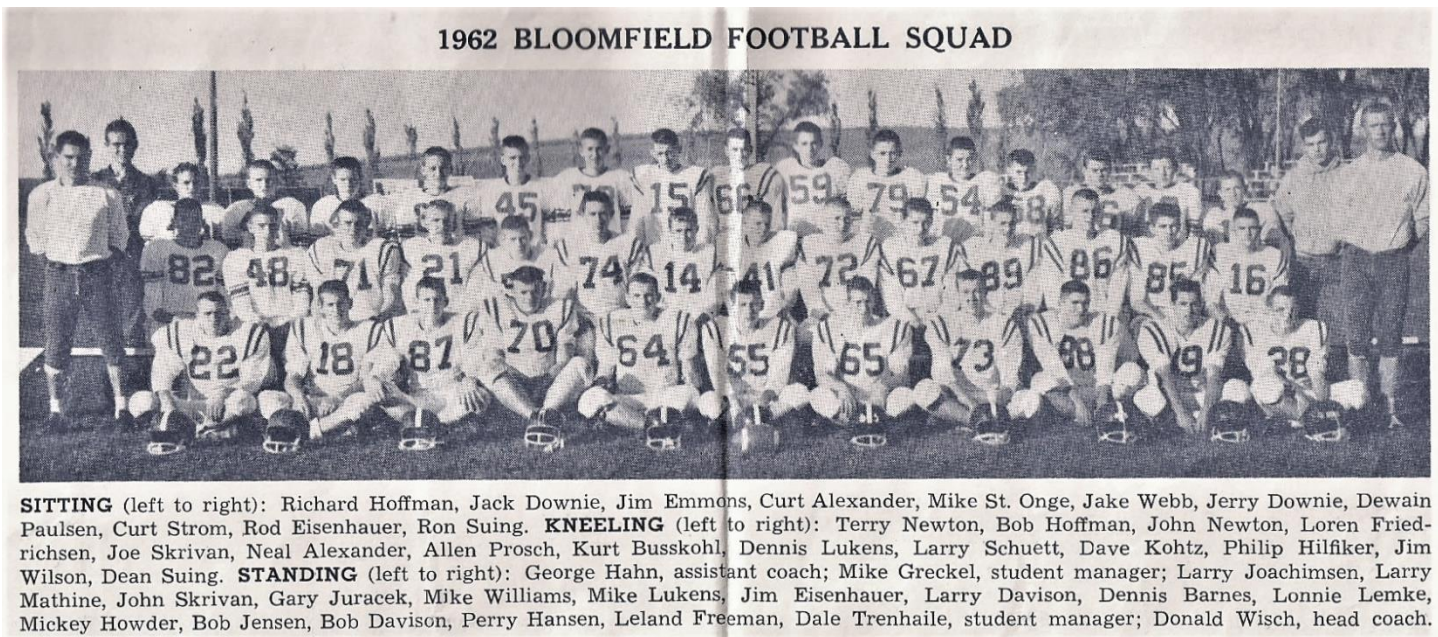


Junior Year 1962-1963



The 1963 Stinger made mention of a new auditorium and several new classrooms that were added to the Bloomfield school which was previously built in 1925. The new addition was already being utilized by the beginning of Curt's junior year in 1962. That auditorium was likely greatly appreciated for school activities, particularly basketball games.

According to a researched local news story written in 2020, Bloomfield was primarily known for good basketball teams in the very early 1960's. However, in 1962 a new football coach arrived on the scene and aimed to change that. "He said he was going to turn Bloomfield into a football town." Bloomfield previously used a single wing offense, where the ball was snapped either to the quarterback or directly to the player who was going to get the ball for the upcoming play. Coach Don Wisch implemented a T formation offense. This offense consisted of "eight down lineman, a quarterback, a fullback and a running back lined up in the backfield." Another quote from a former player interviewed for the story stated, "he didn't just put in a new offense when he got here, he gave us a whole new mentality when it came to the game of football."



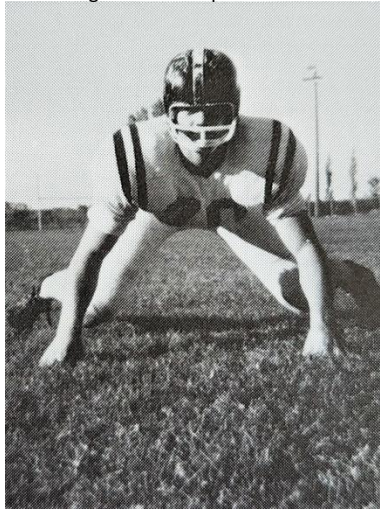
In spite of the new offensive plan, the Bees dropped their first game of the season to Hartington Holy Trinity.

They also lost the second game to Neligh even though they led statistically in most areas of the game.

Defensive standouts were Curt Alexander, Neal Alexander, Jack Downie, Jerry Downie, Dwain Paulsen and Mike St. Onge. Others seeing action were Loren Friedrichsen, Dave Kohtz, John Newton, Joe Skrivan, John Skrivan, Larry Schuett, Lonny Schuett and Jake Webb.

Sept 20, 1962

Juniors and Seniors got individual photos



The next game at Ainsworth was their third straight loss.

Leading the Bees on offense were Rod Eisenhauer, Rich Hoffman, Jack Downie, and Jim Emmons. Curt Alexander was the Bloomfield strongman on defense.

Sept 27, 1962

The first conference game was with Plainview.

Although the Bees went down in defeat they played one of their better games of the season as several players sparkled on defense and offense.

Oct 4, 1962

Joe Skrivan, Jerry Downie, Curt Alexander, Dewain Paulsen, Jim Emmons, Mike St. Onge and Curt Strom led the Bees defensive squad, as Rod Eisenhauer, Jack Downie, Rich Hoffman and Ron Suing led the Bees offensively.

They toppled conference foe Crofton.

Oct 11, 1962

The main factor in the second half was the sharp defensive play of the Bees, as they held the Warriors to a meager two yards rushing. Also, Bloomfield controlled the ball very well offensively, as they had the ball almost all of the second half, while Crofton ran the ball only nine times during the last two periods.

Leading the Bees offensively were Rod Eisenhauer, Richard Hoffman and Ron Suing, as they gained 281 yards of the total 300 yards rushing. Jim Emmons, Jake Webb, and Jack and Jerry Downie also led the offensive squad on their fine blocking.

The strong defensive squad was led by Curt Alexander, Jim Emmons, Dewain Paulsen, Joe Skrivan, Mike St. Onge and Curt Strom. Ron Suing, Rich Hoffman and Jerry and Jack Downie sparkled in their linebacker positions, as they backed up the line very well.

Bloomfield High School
HOMECOMING
BLOOMFIELD BEES
vs.
LAUREL BEARS
Friday - October 19 - 1962
7:30 P.M.
MEMORIAL PARK FIELD
Bloomfield, Nebraska

1962 STARTING LINE-UP

LINEMEN (left to right): Jim Emmons, Curt Alexander, Dewain Paulsen, Jerry Downie, Jake Webb, Mike St. Onge, Curt Strom. **BACKFIELD** (left to right): Jack Downie, Ron Suing, Rod Eisenhauer, Rich Hoffman.

BE SURE TO ATTEND THE
HOMECOMING DANCE
in the American Legion Pavilion
following the game here tonight
Music by Duffy Belorad and His Orchestra
Admission — \$1.00 per couple

Oct 25, 1962

Although the Bees went down in defeat in their homecoming game, several of them turned in some top performances. Jack and Jerry Downie again did a fine job at their linebacker positions. Curt Alexander blocked a punt in the second quarter and Dewain Paulsen recovered two Laurel fumbles. Mike St. Onge, Neal Alexander, Curt Strom, Jim Emmons and Joe Skrivan were also defensive standouts.

BLOOMFIELD BEES

NAME	NO.	POSITION	WEIGHT	GRADE
ALEXANDER, CURTIS	70	T	220	11
ALEXANDER, NEAL	74	T	170	11
BARNES, DENNIS	59	C	140	9
BUSSKOHLE, KURTIS	41	B	140	11
DAVISON, LARRY	66	G	128	10
DAVISON, BOB	46	B	100	9
DOWNIE, JACK	18	B	150	11
DOWNIE, JERRY	65	G	150	11
EISENHAUER, JIM	15	B	120	10
EISENHAUER, RODNEY	19	B	150	12
EMMONS, JIM	87	E	160	12
FRAHM, ALAN	43	B	103	9
FREEMAN, LELAND	11	B	88	8
FRIEDRICHSEN, LOREN	21	B	185	10
HANSEN, PERRY	10	B	100	9
HAGGE, GARY	20	B	110	9
HILFKER, PHILIP	86	E	160	11
HOFFMAN, RICHARD	22	B	130	12
HOFFMAN, BOB	48	B	120	9
HOWDER, MICKEY	54	C	138	9
JENSEN, BOB	58	C	120	10
JOACHIMSEN, JIM	31	B	125	11
JOACHIMSEN, LARRY	39	B	100	10
JURACEK, GARY	80	E	120	9
KOHTZ, DAVID	89	E	155	11
LEMKE, LONNIE	29	B	130	10
LUKENS, DENNIS	72	T	205	11
LUKENS, MIKE	78	T	130	9
MATHINE, LARRY	47	B	118	9
NEWTON, JOHN	21	T	160	9
NEWTON, TERRY	82	E	150	9
OBER, LEROY	53	C	125	10
PAULSEN, DEWAIN	73	T	170	12
PROSCH, ALLEN	14	B	130	12
SCHUETT, LARRY	67	G	145	11
SCHUETT, LONNY	50	C	130	11
SKRIVAN, JOHN	42	B	117	9
SKRIVAN, JOE	56	C	165	10
ST. ONGE, MIKE	64	G	185	11
STROM, CURTIS	88	E	160	11
SUING, DEAN	16	B	136	9
SUING, RON	23	B	150	11
WEBB, JAKE	55	C	170	12
WILLIAMS, MIKE	45	B	120	10
WILSON, JIM	85	E	130	10

Coach — DONALD D. WISCH
Assistants — GEORGE D. HAUN, H. W. ROSSMILLER
Student Managers — DALE TRENHAILE, MIKE GRECKLER
Nickname — "BEES"
Colors — BLUE and WHITE
Cheerleaders — CONNIE LANGEMEIER, JANET LUSH, JULIEN MACKEPFRANG,
BARBARA NIPP, CHERYL PETERSON, RUTH ANN SKRIVAN

Nov 1, 1962

Nov 08, 1962

Bees Stop Creighton October 24, 20 to 0

Will Play Final Game at
Pierce on Friday Night

Bloomfield got back on the winning trail again by whipping the Creighton Bulldogs 20 to 0. Played on a slick field and a very cool night, the Bees capitalized on Creighton fumbles and interceptions. The Bees recovered 5 of 8 Creighton fumbles and picked off two passes. The Bees also fumbled twice

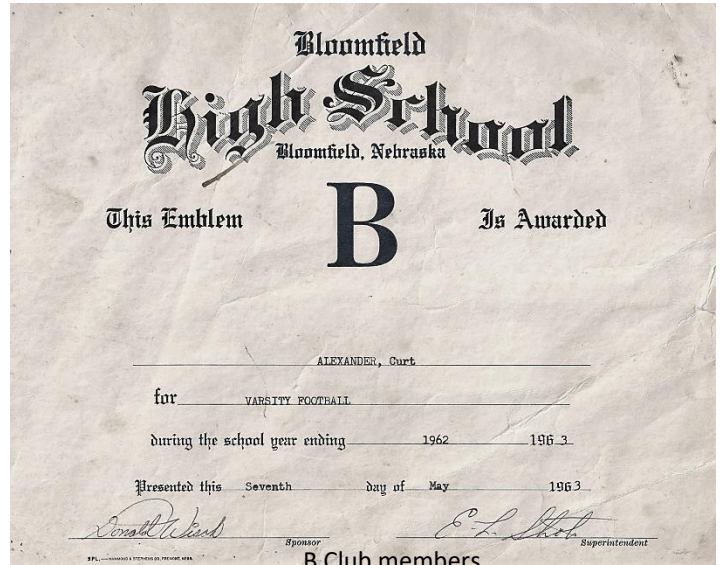
Bees Topple League Leaders Friday, 13-7

Overall Good Play Marks
Defeat Over Pierce Eleven

The Pierce Bluejays, for many years a nemesis to the Bloomfield Bees football squad, finally fell under superior offensive and defensive tactics Friday night on their own field. This 3-2 conference record gave the Bees the runner-up spot in the Northeast Nebraska conference.

Although the Bees had an Seniors playing their last game were Rod isenhauer, Jim Emmons, Richard Hoffman, Dewain Paulsen, Allan Prosch and Jake Webb.

Leading the team also were Ron Suing, Jack and Jerry Downie, Joe Skrivan, Curt Strom, Mike St. Onge, Curt Strom, Neal Alexander and Curt Alexander.



“B” Club initiation



Curt added a little touch of culture this year with what was likely a non-speaking role in the junior class play.

Curt and Neal annual photo June 1963

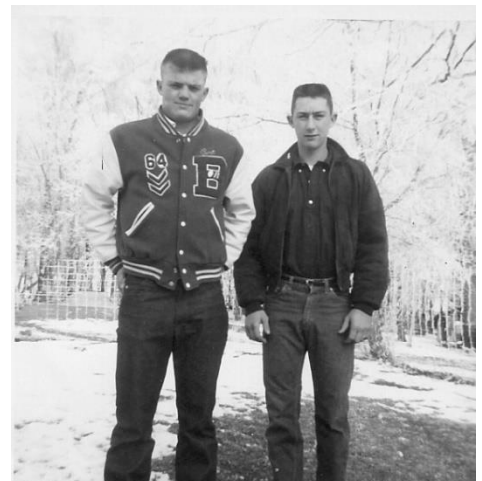
YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

A three act comedy was put on by the juniors
November 29 and 30.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Penelope Sycamore	-----	JANET LUSH
Essie	-----	LAREEN HANSEN
Rheba	-----	JUDY BACKER
Paul Sycamore	-----	DAVID KOHTZ
Mr. De Pinna	-----	DALE TRENHAILE
Ed	-----	GALEN ZIMMERMAN
Donald	-----	LESLIE CARLOW
Martin Vandenhof	-----	RICHARD MUMM
Alice	-----	FAITH PEITZMEIER
Henderson	-----	RON SUING
Tony Kirby	-----	EUGENE SCHROEDER
Boris Kolenkhov	-----	KURT BUSSKOHL
Gay Willington	-----	SHIREL BRASCH
Mr. Kirby	-----	CURT STROM
Mrs. Kirby	-----	MARY ANDERSON
Olga	-----	LAWANDA STEUCK

Three Men:	-----	DAVID KRIZ
The Man	-----	CURT ALEXANDER
The Third Man	-----	JERRY DOWNIE
The G-Man	-----	CONNIE MERCHEN
Student Director	-----	



Senior Year 1963- 1964

None of the previous yearbooks had been written in except for people signing their autographs over or near their photos. The senior yearbook had a lot of written memories and wishes for good luck in the future. Most of those messages were not addressed to Curt, but rather to **Huey**. Huey was the nickname Curt acquired during his freshman year of high school. A friend divulged that the tag came from a certain person during a locker room discussion of some kind.

Baby Huey was an overgrown and naïve duckling cartoon/comic book character created for Paramount Studios in the 1950's. There was a recurring theme of Baby Huey as an overgrown and awkward duckling who inadvertently caused problems for himself, his parents, and the smaller friends he longed to join in play. However, in the end Huey would get himself out of the trouble without even realizing there was any trouble. Even though his little friends and nephews often teased him, he would often use his superhuman strength to save them from predicaments.

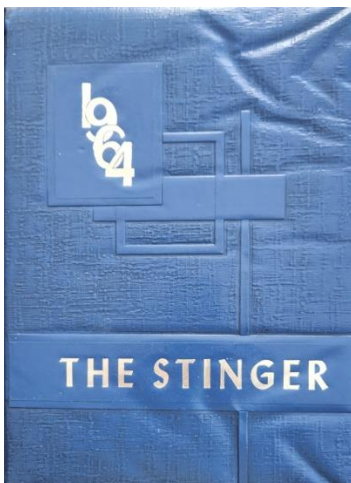
Curt frequently talked about how a couple of his friends were "little pipsqueaks" who used to pick fights and then step behind him and expect him to get them out of the situation, so the nickname might have fit for that reason also. There were references to said fights in the yearbook. In any case, although Baby Huey was heard the first time, it was quickly shortened to "Huey". Some of his high school friends affectionately called him "Huey" his entire life.

Also apparent in his senior yearbook was a girlfriend. From her MANY writings in his yearbook, it appeared to be a fairly serious high school romance. He did tell me a little about her, but we never had the occasion to run into her.

Yearbook signings also mentioned heated pickup basketball games over noon hours, lots of parties, sleeping in class, deer and duck hunting, trips to Yankton, mixers (dances), but most of all the great football team.

As mentioned previously, a new football coach took the reins of Bloomfield football in 1962 and set out to make Bloomfield relevant on the football field. Coach Wisch was pretty excited when he found some big strong boys were on the team. Then he discovered they did not know much about football. But they learned. It was said that the coach was a tough taskmaster. And all the boys (especially the farm boys) also had chores at home after they finished a long school day and practice. If you were out for football, you were required to also be out for track to stay in shape. Although the yearbooks did not mention much about track, Curt did throw the shotput. But even the field event entrants were required to run!

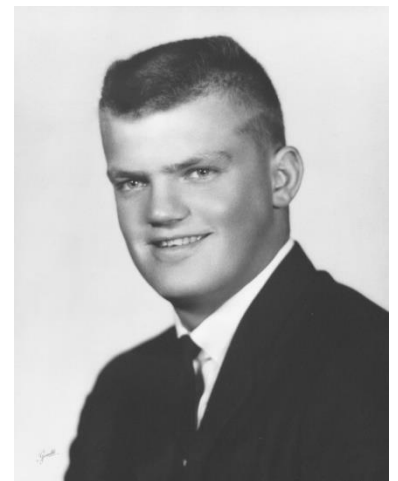
The last football games of the 1962 season were a preview for 1963.



Underneath each senior's photo in the 1964 yearbook was a little descriptive phrase of some kind.

Under Curt's photo it said:

*I may run for a lass
but never for a class*



Pre-Season Football Next on Sports Scene

Aspirants Will Receive Physical Exams August 13

Don Wisch, Bloomfield High School football coach, this week makes announcement of pre-training for the 1963 season. The junior baseball season is over and it's time to think of the next sport—football.

Physical examinations will be given to all young men who will be out for football this fall at the High School gymnasium at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 13th. Check-out of equipment will also be made at that time.

Football drills will begin officially on Monday, Aug. 19, with two sessions daily, beginning at 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. These will be held Monday through Friday. School officially opens Wednesday, Aug. 28th.



Boomfield Earns Nod

Bloomfield's Bees are conceded a good chance to dethrone the defending champions, Pierce and Plainview, in the Northeast Nebraska conference scramble.

The Bees, coached by Donald D. Wisch, weigh in with 11 lettermen and a heavy vote from opposing coaches as the league favorite. Tackle Curt Alexander (5-3, 215, senior) heads the cast and the line appears in capable hands as nine of the veterans are "up front" performers.

The only two returning lettermen in the backfield are fullbacks, but Coach Wisch has a deft sophomore in Dean Suing (5-10, 150) to handle the quarterback chores and another soph, Bob Hoffman (5-9, 150) is expected to operate in threatening fashion from a half-back spot.

Football Practices Will Begin Monday

Opening Game Will Be September 6, Holy Trinity

Coach Don Wisch this week issued equipment to about sixty young Bloomfield High School football aspirants, including 30 veterans from last year's teams.

Football conditioning practices will begin next Monday, Aug 19th, with two sessions daily, 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. With these, Coach Wisch hopes to have his squads in shape for the opener at Hartington on September 6th against always-strong Holy Trinity.

1963 Season Schedule

- September
- 6 — Hartington Holy Trinity (here)
- 13 — Neligh (here) (Dad's Night)
- 20 — Ainsworth (there)
- 27 — Plainview (there)
- October
- 4 — Crofton (here)
- 11 — O'Neill (here)
- 18 — Laurel (there)
- 23 — Creighton (here)
- November
- 1 — Pierce (here)

Thus far, the Bee Reserves have two games scheduled, the first on October 9th against the Norfolk Freshmen at 3:00 p.m. at Memorial Park Field. The other game will be October 21st at 7:30 p.m. against the Neligh Reserves at Neligh.

The schedule thus shows five home games for the Bloomfield Varsity. To give incentive to better attendance at these games, season tickets are being offered at \$3.00 each, which presents a savings of 75c over the single admission price, or one free game.

These tickets will go on sale the latter part of this week and may be purchased at Dave's Sporting Goods, or the Monitor office. Solicitation will be made at a later date by members of the football squad.

We hope that a great many of our boosters of young peoples' recreation will avail themselves of the opportunity to help these young men who give a great deal of their time and talent in playing the great American game of football.

Bees Open Home Season Here Friday

Will Meet Neligh in First Home Game Friday

The Bloomfield Bees go into action this week with a previous 6-0 victory over Cedar County Catholic (formerly Hartington Holy Trinity), last Friday evening at Hartington. A first quarter touchdown and sharp defensive play proved to be the deciding factors of the contest.

The Bees opened the game by kicking off to the Trojans, but soon had the ball on a pass interception by Jack Downie. The Bees immediately took advantage of this opportunity and scored their only touchdown on the strong running of Ron Suing and Loren Friedrichsen. Suing scored the TD from two yards out, but the extra point attempt was no good. The Bloomfield defensive squad then went to work and put up a goal line stand before the first half ended with the Bees leading 6-0.

The second half was played with the Bees' offensive squad making numerous first downs and the defense holding the Trojans near the mid-field stripe.

The Bees offense was led by a backfield of Jack Downie, Ron Suing, Loren Friedrichsen, and sophomore quarterback Dean Suing. Leading the offensive linemen were Mike St. Onge, Dale Trenhaile, Curt Alexander, Jerry Downie and Joe Skrivan.

The defense was led by Neal Alexander, Curt Strom, Mike St. Onge, Jerry and Jack Downie, Curt Alexander, Dennis Suhr and John Skrivan. John Newton and Dennis Huttman also saw action in the game.

The Bees will play their first home game Friday evening, September 13, against a fleet Neligh team, who routed Pierce 45-0 last Friday. After winning the season opener, all indications point towards a successful season for Coach Wisch in his second season at Bloomfield.

Bloomfield defeated Hartington Cedar Catholic in their first game of 1963.

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OPEN TOMORROW AT HARTINGTON: Coach Don Wisch (right) and Assistant Coach George Haun with these 11 lettermen forming the basic squad, will travel to Hartington tomorrow night (Friday, Sept. 6) to do battle with the Trojans of Cedar County Catholic High (formerly Holy Trinity). These 11 BHS lettermen are well diversified in the sport of football, and could easily be the starting lineup. However, with a squad of 60 aspirants, these boys will be fighting to hold their positions. Lettermen and their weights (left to right) are: Joe Skrivan 165, John Newton 170, Ron Suing 155, Mike St. Onge 190, Dale Trenhaile 180, Curt Alexander 231, Neal Alexander 180, Curt Strom 160, Loren Friedrichsen 195, Jerry Downie 160, and Jack Downie 160. The home opener will be September 13th. —Official Monitor Photo

Sept. 19, 1963

High-Flying Bees Nip Neligh Here by 13-12

Will Journey West to Ainsworth Friday Night

By RICH MUMM

The Bloomfield Bees won a thrilling contest from a highly-rated Neligh team last Friday evening at Memorial Park Field. This was the annual "Dad's Night", at which fathers of the players were in attendance, cheering the boys on to victory. The hard, bruising battle was extremely close, as the score of 13-12 indicated, although the Bees had the upper hand throughout most of the game.

With a brisk wind at their backs, Neligh kicked off to the Bees, but Bloomfield was unable to get a first down and had to punt. The first break of the game came when Van Jacobsen of Neligh dropped the punt and Joe Skrivan alertly pounced on the ball. The Bees then lost the ball on a fumble, but Neligh returned the favor when Curt Alexander hit Ralph Schrader for a 15-yard loss and jarred the ball loose. This led to the first drive of the evening, and

This game was one of the hardest fought and thrilling games in years. It was strictly a team effort and both the offensive and defensive squads are to be commended. The Bee victory was represented by the teamwork of Curt Alexander, Neal Alexander, Jack Downie, Jerry Downie, Mike St. Onge, Curt Strom, Dennis Suhr, Ron Suing, Dale Trenhaile, Jim Wilson, Loren Friedrichsen, Joe Skrivan, John Newton, Dean Suing and John Skrivan.

Not only have the Bees won an important victory, but they have gained the prestige of being rated the No. 1 team in the Northeast Nebraska Top Ten.

Sept. 26, 1963

Bees Add No. 3 to Football Win String

Run Past Ainsworth Last Friday Night by 27 to 0

Excellent defense and fine offensive blocking, running and passing last week gave the Bees their third straight victory on a clean slate thus far in the season. The victims Friday, Sept. 20, were the Ainsworth Bulldogs, a team which has never been beaten by the Bees since their rivalry began two years ago.

The Bloomfield defense-minded team not only ruined the Bulldogs' homecoming by a one-sided score, but held Ainsworth to a scant 27 yards rushing and three first downs, compared to a phenomenal 262 yards rushing and 16 first downs for the Blue and White.

Some fine offensive blocking was observed from Curt Alexander, Mike St. Onge, Jerry Downie, Joe Skrivan and Dale Trenhaile. These linemen also sparked on defense along with Neal Alexander, Dennis Huttman, Curt Strom, John Skrivan and Dennis Suhr.

Oct. 3, 1963

Bee Win String Now Stands at Number 4

Eke Out 14-13 Victory Last Friday Night

Coach Don Wisch and his Bloomfield Bees go into this week's action with a 4 and 0 record, the best Bloomfield has had in many years. However, the Bees had their biggest scare of the season when they came from behind and nipped the Plainview Pirates 14 to 13.

Others taking part in the victory were John Skrivan, Dean Suing, Ron Suing, Jack Downie, Loren Friedrichsen, Joe Skrivan, Mike St. Onge, Jerry Downie, Curt Alexander, Dale Trenhaile, Dennis Suhr, Curt Strom and Jim Wilson.

Friday's game was the first conference game for the Bees and as of now they are at the top of the standings. The Bees have only one road trip to make and have their next two games at home. Friday, Oct. 4, Bloomfield entertains Crofton at Memorial Park Field as the Bees will attempt to extend their win string to five games.

	Bees	Pirates		
Rushing	228yds.	63yds.		
Passing	11yds.	71yds.		
Total Yds.	239yds.	134yds.		
First Downs	14	4		
Fumbles	3	1		
Fumbles Lost	3	1		
Pass Interc.	0	1		
Penalties	75yds.	1yd.		
Punting	25.4yds.	28.8yds.		
Score By Quarters				
Bees	0	0	14	0
Pirates	0	7	0	6

Oct 10, 1963

Bee Win String Holds As Crofton Falls, 7-0

Annual Homecoming Tilt Friday Night With O'Neill

Hometown football fans saw Bloomfield rack up win No. 5 against a rough Crofton team Friday, Oct. 4. Both teams played well defensively but, neither could muster good offensive drives.

The Bees picked up the only tally of the game in the second quarter on a 44-yard drive. Ron Suing scored the touchdown from two yards out and Loren Friedrichsen ran for the extra point.

Bloomfield went to the air late in the half, but penalties and incomplete passes ended their scoring efforts.

The Bees started a drive after the second half kickoff, but a fumble in Crofton territory turned the ball over to the Warriors.

Crofton found the rushing game too much to combat again as the rugged Bees defense held, so they went to the air lanes. Their scoring thrusts were stopped when Ron Suing and John Skrivan picked off two passes in the fourth quarter, but Bloomfield was unable to capitalize on the breaks.

Jack Downie and Loren Friedrichsen were the offensive leaders while John Skrivan, Mike St. Onge, Curt Alexander, Neal Alexander, Joe Skrivan, Jerry Downie, Dale Trenhaile, Dennis Suhr and Ron Suing led the defensive charge.

Dennis Lukens, Mike Lukens, Jim Wilson, Bob Hoffman and Dean Suing also took part in the Bees' victory.

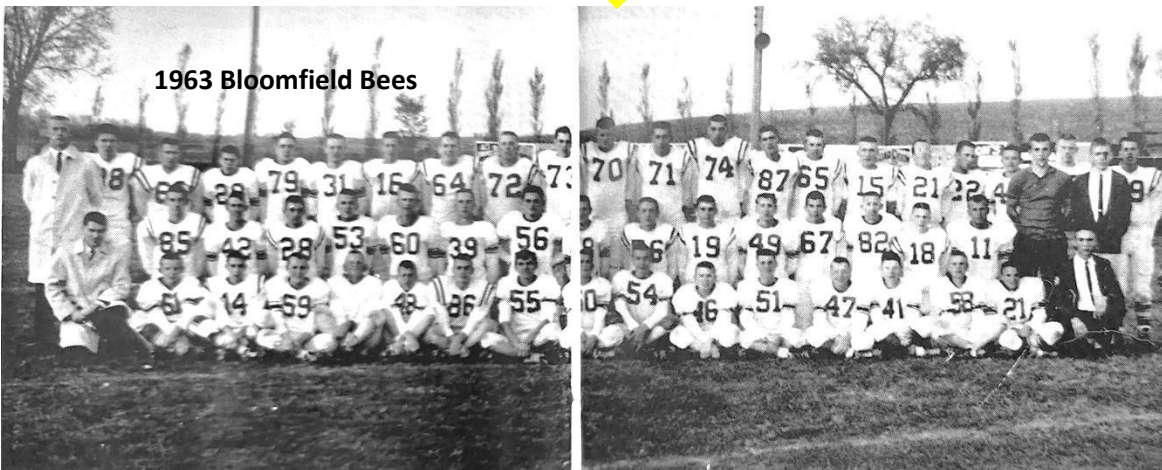
As of this week's action the Bees are among 27 Nebraska High School football teams who remain undefeated this season. The Bees also hold down the No. 4 spot in Northeast Nebraska Top Ten ratings.

Tomorrow evening Bloomfield entertains their last non-conference foe, O'Neill. This is the annual homecoming game and the Bees certainly will have their work cut out.

After tomorrow's game, the Bees will face a team that is tied for the Northeast Nebraska Athletic Conference lead with the Bees. The outcome of the O'Neill contest will be important in so far as the upcoming game with Laurel is concerned.

	Bees	Crofton		
Rushing	189yds.	46 yds.		
Passing	55yds.	33yds.		
Total Yards	244yds.	79yds.		
First Downs	15	3		
Fumbles	3	2		
Fumbles Lost	1	1		
Penalties	75yds.	45yds.		
Punts	33yds.	28 yds.		
Score By Quarters:				
Bloomfield	0	7	0	0
Crofton	0	0	0	0

1963 Bloomfield Bees



All schools seem to have a dedicated "rival" team and Bloomfield's in those days was Crofton. It was likely a game that got a bit more heated than others, so this was big victory for the Bees. Over halfway through the season and the Bees were still undefeated



BLOOMFIELD BEES

No.—Name	Position	Weight	Grade
10—CURTIS BOATMAN	QB	102	9
11—DENNIS UTECHT	FB	130	11
14—RON TAYLOR	FB	120	12
15—LOREN FRIEDRICHSEN	QB	186	11
16—JIM EISENHAEUER	QB	130	11
18—JOHN SKRIVAN	QB	128	10
19—DEAN SUIRG	QB	152	10
20—BOB JENSEN	HB	135	11
21—RON SUIRG	HB	135	12
21—LARRY JOACHIMSEN	HB	110	11
22—JACK DOWNIE	HB	155	12
24—DON MERCHEN	C	133	9
31—LES CARLOW	FB	150	12
32—BOB HOFFMAN	HB	145	10
33—DANOVAN SAZAMA	T	125	9
35—GRANT WEARNE	G	135	9
39—TOM PETERSEN	FB	170	9
41—PERRY HANSEN	G	123	11
42—ALLAN JORGENSEN	HB	145	11
45—JIM JOACHIMSEN	HB	130	12
46—LARRY MATHINE	G	130	10
47—GARY HAGGE	HB	128	9
48—KELLY NEWTON	HB	128	9
49—JIM THOMPSON	G	165	10
50—TIM WILBECK	G	160	9
51—TIM BRUNER	HB	132	9
53—GARY ERMELS	HB	131	9
54—LARRY WILKEN	G	130	9
55—JOE SKRIVAN	C	165	11
55—DAN NIELSEN	E	145	10
56—GARY JURACEK	C	150	10
56—GARY LEMKE	E	160	9
58—DAN STROM	E	120	9
59—RANDY HECKERT	T	165	9
60—JOE BRODERS	G	165	9
61—DENNIS SAZAMA	G	150	11
64—MIKE ST. ONGE	G	190	12
65—GARY LOWIN	G	170	12
66—JERRY DOWNIE	G	180	10
67—TERRY NEWTON	T	165	12
70—CURT ALEXANDER	T	231	12
71—NEAL ALEXANDER	T	180	12
72—DENNIS LUKENS	T	210	12
73—DALE TRENHAILE	T	181	12
74—DENNIS SUHR	T	187	12
78—MICK HOWDER	T	150	10
79—LONNIE LEMKE	G	140	11
80—JAMES HOPPE	E	150	9
81—LYLE JURACEK	C	120	9
82—MIKE LUKENS	E	140	10
83—DENNIS HUTTMANN	E	165	11
86—JOHN NEWTON	E	170	10
87—CURT STROM	E	160	12
88—JIM WILSON	E	140	11
89—LARRY PAULSEN	E	150	11

Nickname — "BEES"
 Colors — BLUE and WHITE
 Head Coach — DONALD D. WISCH
 Assistant Coaches — GEORGE D. HAUN and HARVEY W. ROSSMILLER
 Student Managers — MIKE GRECKEL and KENNETH BENCK
 Cheerleaders — CONNIE LANGEMEIER, BARBARA ERMELS, ANN BENSON
 LINDA MEFFORD, KATHY BRUEGMAN and JULIE SCHAINOST



Coaches George Haun and Don Wisch



Curt and other players take the field for the Homecoming game against O'Neill



Bees Mark No. 6 with Win over O'Neill '11'

Test Laurel Friday in Battle of Undefeated

The Bloomfield Bees keep "buzzin" towards an undefeated season with win No. 6 coming against the O'Neill Eagles on Friday night, Oct. 11. In the annual homecoming tilt, Bloomfield showed the fans a good rushing and passing display. A clicking offense scored in every quarter while the vaunted defensive squad kept O'Neill at bay during most of the game.

Four players contributed to the winning cause. Ron Suing scored three touchdowns and picked up 91 yards rushing on 14 carries to lead the Bees offensively. Loren Friedrichsen contributed with 2 touchdowns and three extra points while Jack Downie scored a touchdown and an extra point. Ron Taylor added the other extra point while Neal Alexander dropped an O'Neill ball carrier in the end zone for a safety.

The Bees passing game was also a big factor in their scoring drives. Quarterback Dean Suing completed 6 of 7 passes for 103 yards; three of those to Dennis Huttman for 69 yards.

First Quarter: Bloomfield got the first touchdown of the game on a 42 yard drive which ended with Ron Suing running 4 yards for the TD and Loren Friedrichsen carrying over for the extra point.

Later in the same quarter Jerry Downie pounced on an Eagle fumble on the O'Neill 21 and the Bees were headed for their second score.

Second Quarter: Two plays after Downie's fumble recovery Loren Friedrichsen broke into the Eagle secondary for a 9-yard dash for a TD. He also added the extra point on a conversion attempt.

O'Neill came back midway in the quarter and scored its lone TD of the contest on a 23 yard dash by D. Hvraneck. Krugman passed to Tomjack for the extra point.

Before the half ended the Bees came back with another scoring strike, featured by a 28 yard pass from Dean Suing to Dennis Huttman. Loren Friedrichsen plunged over for the TD and Jack Downie added the PAT. The first half ended 21 to 7 in favor of the Bees.

Third Quarter: The Bees continued to crack the O'Neill defense and started rolling to paydirt after an O'Neill fumble at midfield. The Suing-Huttman pass combination, plus a 13-yard run by Loren Friedrichsen and the final 10 yards by Jack Downie gave the Bees a commanding 27 to 7 lead.

Bloomfield continued to pour on the coal and before the end of the quarter Ron Suing had scored again with Loren Friedrichsen adding the PAT.

Fourth Quarter: Penalties and negative rushing yardage led to O'Neill's being deep in their own territory. Neal Alexander broke through the line and spilled the O'Neill ball carrier in the end zone for a safety.

Late in the fourth quarter Ron Suing broke loose and ran 24 yards for the Bees' last TD of the game. Ron Taylor ran for the extra point and Bloomfield left the field with a convincing 43 to 7 victory.

The high scoring offense was led by Loren Friedrichsen, Jack Downie, Dennis Huttman, Jim Wilson and Dean and Ron Suing.

Ron Taylor, Jim Eisenhauer, Bob Jensen, Larry Joachimsen, Les Carlow, Bob Hoffman, Tom Petersen, Allan Jorgenson, Jim Joachimsen, Gary Juracek, Joe Broders, Dennis Sazama, Gary Lowin, Terry Newton, Lonnie Lemke, Mike Lukens and Larry Paulsen also saw action.

Bloomfield still remains fourth among Northeast Nebraska's Top Ten with a 6 and 0 record.

Friday the Bees travel to Laurel to tackle the Bears in a battle which should decide the champion of the Northeast Nebraska Athletic Conference. Bloomfield being rated fourth and Laurel sixth should make for an interesting game for the spectators so lets see all of you at Laurel on Friday night and help the Bees on to victory number 7.

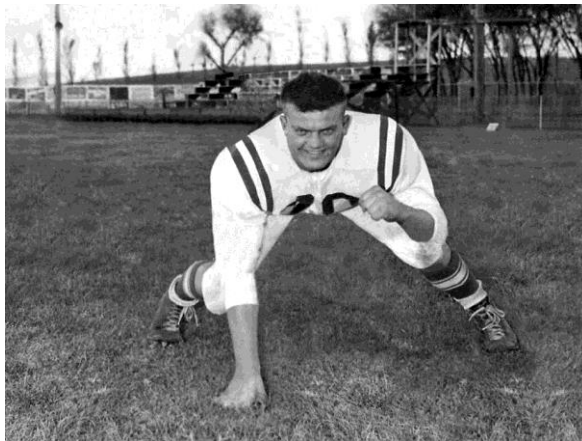
Game Statistics

	Bees	O'Neill		
Rushing	238yds.	122yds.		
Passing	103yds.	0yds.		
Total Yds.	341yds.	122yds.		
First Downs	18	7		
Fumbles	0	2		
Penalties	35yds.	32yds.		
Punts	34yds.	25yds.		
Score By Quarters:				
Bloomfield	7	14	13	9
O'Neill	0	7	0	0

BEE OFFENSIVE UNIT



THE LINE (left to right): Jim Wilson, Curt Alexander, Mike St. Onge, Joe Skrivan, Jerry Downie, Dale Trenhaile, Curt Strom. **THE BACKFIELD:** Jack Downie, Loren Friedrichsen, Dean Suing and Ron Suing.



Curt Strom was named Homecoming King

CANDIDATES FOR 1963 HOMECOMING KING



BOTTOM ROW (left to right): Jerry Downie, Jim Joachimsen, Dennis Lukens. **MIDDLE ROW:** Curt Strom, Mike St. Onge, Gary Lowin, Jack Downie. **TOP ROW:** Les Carlow, Neal Alexander, Curt Alexander, Ron Suing, Dale Trenhaile and Dennis Suhr.

Bee Loss to Laurel Mars Perfect Record

Face Creighton Last Night;
Pierce in Final Game Here

In a showdown of the unbeaten, the Bloomfield Bees fell on the short side by losing their first game of the season to the Laurel Bears, 25-6, on Friday, Oct. 18.

Three of the four Laurel scores came on passes, but it was the accurate throwing arm of George Bingham which proved to be too much for the Bee secondary as he threw two for touchdowns.

A large crowd saw both teams plagued by fumbles at the start of the game. However, Laurel gained the upper hand after they recovered a second Bee miscue on the Bloomfield 31.

A 29-yard pass play from Gary Newton to Greg Guinn put the Bears on the Bloomfield 4 and on the next play Lyle Heyden went around the right side for 6 points, with Guinn's kick adding the extra point.

Midway in the second quarter, Bloomfield was forced to punt, but the snapback from center sailed over Loren Friedrichsen's head and his punt attempt was blocked. On third down, George Bingham uncorked a 17-yard TD aerial to Newton. The PAT kick was wide.

Still in the second quarter, on a similar pass play of an earlier score, Bingham again rolled out and fired a strike to Newton, who scored untouched. The kick was block, so at half-time it was Laurel 19, Bees 0.

The fired-up Bees came back in the second half and apparently stopped a Laurel drive. But a wobbly pass from Guinn to Leonard Jones made the score 25-0 as he outran the Bloomfield defenders 30 yards to paydirt. Again there was no PAT score.

Late in the third quarter, the Bees installed an offense, with Dean Suing completing three successive passes to Jack Downie, Ron Suing and Curt Strom. Loren Friedrichsen climaxed the drive by dragging and carrying Laurel defenders 12 yards to the goal line. On the extra point attempt Friedrichsen was in for the point but a 15-yard penalty brought the ball back to the 17. Friedrichsen's kick was low and the scoring ended there for both teams—25 to 6.

Players who saw action in Friday's contest were John and Joe Skrivan, Mike St. Onge, Curt and Neal Alexander, Jim Wilson, Curt Strom, Jack and Jerry Downie, Dennis Suhr, Loren Friedrichsen, Dean and Ron Suing, Dennis Lukens, Dale Trenhaile and Lonnie Lemke.

With teachers institute this week, most area teams saw action on Wednesday. Bloomfield entertained the Creighton Bulldogs last night, but no results are available for this issue.

The Bees now possess a very creditable record of 6 and 1, and second spot in the NENAC standings. On Friday, Nov. 1, they will square off against the Pierce squad at Memorial Park field. This is the last game of the season, and the Bees hope to add another win to their 1963 record.

Game Statistics		
	Bloomfield	Laurel
Rushing	158 yds.	66 yds.
Passing	38 yds.	145 yds.
Total Yards	196 yds.	211 yds.
First Downs	11	12
Fumbles	4	1
Fumbles Lost	3	1
Penalties	7 (65 yds.)	7 (35 yds.)
Punting	2 (10 av.)	3 (29 av.)

Creighton Victim of Bees Friday, 32 to 2

Entertain Pierce in Final
Game of Season Tomorrow

After tasting their first setback of the season, the Bloomfield Bees stormed back Wednesday night, Oct. 23, and trounced the Creighton Bulldogs 32-2. Playing on the home field, the Bees turned in three of the longest scoring plays of the season.

Not only was the Bee offense running the Creighton defense to shreds, but the defensive unit turned in its best performance of the season.

At the end of the first half, Bloomfield had compiled a phenomenal 224 yards rushing, compared to a minus 23 yards for Creighton. However, Creighton was able to come back the second half with a total of 24 yards rushing to give them a total of one yard gained on the ground.

Meanwhile, the Bees finished the evening with a lustrous total of 318 yards rushing and 77 yards passing.

Bloomfield scored their first TD on the second drive of the opening stanza. Deep in their own territory, the Bee offensive line opened a large hole for Ron Suing and the speedy halfback scampered 85 yards for the score. Jack Downie went over for the PAT and the Bees had an early 7-0 lead.

Later in the same period the Bees again found themselves deep in their own territory. This time it was Loren Friedrichsen finding an open field, and with good blocks by Lukens and St. Onge went 72 yards for score number two. The PAT attempt was no good.

The Creighton backs were constantly driven backwards by the Bee defense and a short punt against a brisk wind set the stage for the Bees' third score. Quarterback Dean Suing completed a pass to his brother Ron and again he eluded the Creighton secondary for the score. The pass play covered 62 yards. Friedrichsen's PAT kick was blocked.

Late in the half, the Bees' third backfield member, Jack Downie, took a screen pass and faked his way into the end zone to give the Bees a total of 25 points for the first half.

Coach Don Wisch then sent his reserve unit into action for the third quarter. Although the understudies twice drove deep into Bulldog territory, two fumbles cost them possession of the ball.

The Bees scored their final tally in the fourth quarter when Downie again broke loose and rambled 15 yards to the goal line. Loren Friedrichsen added the extra point and the Bees had a convincing 32-0 lead.

The Bulldogs finally salvaged two points in the final quarter when a high pass from center sailed over the head of punter Loren Friedrichsen, and with the wind went on through the end zone for an automatic safety and two points.

Dean and Ron Suing, Loren Friedrichsen, Jack Downie, Jim Wilson and Dennis Huttman were the big offensive guns, while Curt Alexander, Mike St. Onge, Jerry Downie, Joe Skrivan, Dale Trenhaile, Curt Strom, and Neal Alexander displayed good offensive line play.

John Eisenbauer, John Skrivan, Les Carlow, Bob Hoffman, Dennis Szama, Tom Petersen, Gary Juracek, Joe Broders, Gary Lowin, Lonnie Lemke, Terry Newton, Mike Lukens and Larry Paulsen led the second unit. The Bees have one remaining

game on the 1963 schedule.

The Bees now possess a 7 and 1 record as they prepare for the season finale against the Pierce Bluejays. This will be played tomorrow night, Nov. 1, at Memorial Park Field, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Game Statistics		
	Bloomfield	Creighton
Rushing	318 yds.	1 yd.
Passing	77 yds(3-6)	24 yds.(2-13)
Total	395 yds.	25 yds.
First Downs	8	3
Fumbles	3	3
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Penalties	7-30-yds.	7-26 yds.
Pass Interceptions	1	0

Victory Over Pierce Ends Football Season

Finish 1963 Season With
Sparkling 8 Wins and 1 Loss

Fourteen senior gridgers have closed out their football careers at BHS Friday, November 1. The 1963 season will probably be remembered as one of the High history as the Bees finish-most successful in Bloomfield with 8 wins and 1 loss under the leadership of Coach Don Wisch.

The Bees continued their high scoring pace by racking the Pierce Bluejays 20-0 on the home field last Friday. All of the scoring came in the first half, although the Bees twice drove to the Pierce 1 and 5-yard lines in the fourth quarter.

The Bees first score came on a 52-yard drive immediately after the opening kickoff. On the second play from scrimmage, Ron Suing broke loose and went 40 yards to the Pierce 16. Twice the Bees went in for the score, but penalties called back both plays. Dean Suing then completed an eight yard TD pass to Loren Friedrichsen and with the extra point run by Jack Downie, Bloomfield led 7 to 0.

Friedrichsen sparked the Bees to their second score midway through the second quarter on a 43 yard burst to the Pierce 2. Two plays later Jack Downie went into the end zone for the TD with Dean Suing passing to Curt Strom for the extra point.

Later in the half, Dean Suing threw a 33 yard strike to Strom. Friedrichsen ran for 12 yards on the next play and Ron Suing then scampered the final 8 yards into the end zone for the third tally. Friedrichsen's PAT kick was off to the right, but the Bees owned a 20 to 0, halftime lead.

Neither team was able to pick up a score in the final half although the Pierce defense put up two gallant goal line stands in the final stanza. Twice the Bees drove to the Pierce one and five yard lines, but the Pierce defense led by Neil Welch stonned the Bees cold.

The Bloomfield defense which has not yielded a touchdown in the last two games was again led by Curt and Neal Alexander, Joe and John Skrivan, Mike St. Onge, Jack and Jerry Downie, Dale Trenhaile, Dennis Suhr and Curt Strom.

Loren Friedrichsen and Ron Suing were the offensive leaders as they combined for 111 yards and 81 yards rushing respectively. Dean Suing, Jack Downie, Jim Wilson, Dennis Huttman and Curt Strom also played an important offensive role.

Seniors who finished their BHS grid careers were, Curt Alexander, Neal Alexander, Les Carlow, Jack Downie, Jerry Downie, Jim Joachimsen, Gary Lowin, Dennis Lukens, Mike St. Onge, Curt Strom, Dennis Suhr, Ron Suing, Ron Taylor and Dale Trenhaile.

Game Statistics				
	Bees	Bluejays		
Rushing	215 yds.	52 yds.		
Passing	97 yds.	19 yds.		
Total	312 yds.	71 yds.		
First Downs	11	3		
Fumbles	2	0		
Fumbles Lost	1	0		
Penalties	70 yds.	15 yds.		
Punting	31.6 yds.	18.9 yds.		
Score by Quarters:				
Bloomfield	7	13	0	0
Pierce	0	0	0	0

Nov. 21, 1963



B Club



Bloomfield
High School
Bloomfield, Nebraska

This Emblem **B** Is Awarded

_____ Curt Alexander _____
for Football

during the school year ending May 22 1964

Presented this 12 day of May 1964

Donald D. Wisch _____ *Robert D. Baker* _____
Sponsor Superintendent

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Three from BHS on Conferenec All-Stars

Curt Alexander, St. Onge, Friedrichsen on First "11"

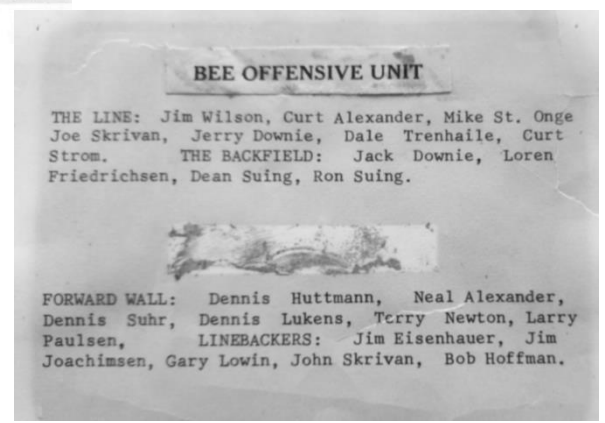
On Monday evening, Nov. 18, Northeast Nebraska Athletic coaches met at Crofton to make their selections for the 1963 all-conference first and second football teams. Players were picked on all-around ability and season performances. However, they were not selected for a particular position since many played equally well on offense and defense.

Conference champion, Laurel, and runner-up, Bloomfield, each placed three players on the first eleven. Creighton followed with two selections, and Plainview, Pierce and Crofton each placed one player on the first string.

All-conference first team selections: Mel Donner, Crofton; Curtis Alexander, Mike St. Onge and Loren Friedrichsen, Bloomfield; Herb Saloum and Ron Finke, Creighton; Gerald Ellingson, Plainview; Dave Manz, Greg Guinn and Rod Kvolis, Laurel, and Neil Weich, Pierce.

Second team selections were Cletus Arens and Dennis Donner, Crofton; Jack Downie and Jerry Downie, Bloomfield; Bob Falter, Creighton, Rod Basler and James Hoffart, Plainview; Gary Newton and Dennis Sutton, Laurel; Don Weber and Stan Wragge, Pierce.

Curt's high school football career ended with a good season. He was always very proud of that season. For years he kept a small wooden trophy with a football player on top. I don't recall what it said on the trophy but it likely had something to do with being named All Conference player or the team's 2nd place conference finish. Unfortunately it got broken and could not be repaired. He still held onto it for a while, but finally parted ways with it. All that remains is this typed list of the offensive and defensive units for 1963 that had been inserted in a metal frame on the front.

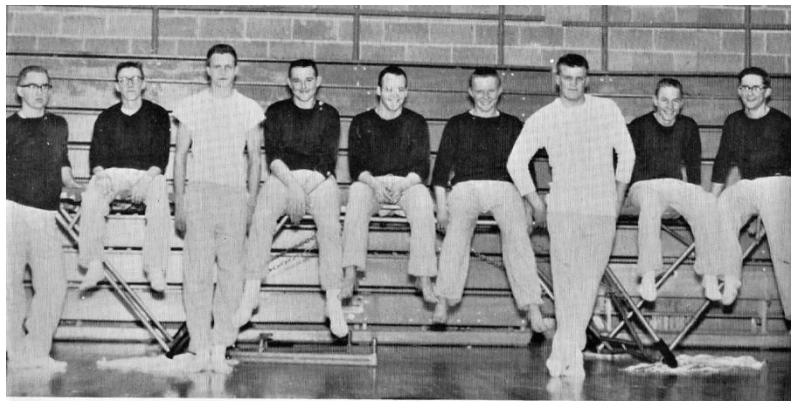


Below are two last photos from the 1963-64 annual.

“Physical education was a highly stressed program at Bloomfield High during the 1963-64 school year. Students conditioned themselves into tip-top form, but participated in various athletic games. Under the direction of Mr. Haun, Mr. Wisch, and Mr. and Mrs. Rossmiller, students took part in physical education tests consisting of calisthenics, dashes and other isometric drills. Wrestling, boxing, volleyball, indoor baseball, touch football, basketball, weightlifting, tumbling, trampoline, and other events completed a successful physical education program at B.H.S.”



Curt often said that George Haun was “really tough” on us. That could have been in PE, football or the MATH classes he taught. In any case, he must have been well liked because the class of 1964 dedicated the yearbook to him for “the values of good sportsmanship, thinking for ourselves and making decisions which he taught us.”




Left to right: Dennis Heavrin, Leland Freeman, Brent Wearne, Mick Howder, Ron Suing, Dennis Sazama, Curt Alexander, Norman Mackeprang, Richard Jacob.

The physical education program at Bloomfield High included various athletic programs designed to entertain both the public and participants.

The “jumping jacks” of B.H.S. performed during halftime at home basketball games and thrilled the audience with their acrobatics. Hours of practice were required to demonstrate the difficult twists, turns, and flips performed by the trampoline team.

Senior Year at Bloomfield HS was over

Sixty-Ninth Annual
COMMENCEMENT
OF THE
BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
1964



Baccalaureate
COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1964
8:00 P. M.

Commencement
COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1964
8:00 P. M.



Baccalaureate

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1964

8:00 P. M.

Processional Band
(Congregation will remain seated during Processional)

Hymn—"Faith of Our Fathers" Congregation

1. Faith of our fathers, living still, In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy When'er we hear that glorious word!
(Refrain) Faith of our fathers, holy faith, We will be true to thee till death.
2. Faith of our fathers, we will strive To win all nations unto thee;
And thro' the truth that comes from God Mankind shall then indeed be free.
(Refrain)
3. Faith of our fathers, we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how, By kindly words and virtuous life.
(Refrain)

Invocation Rev. John F. Bartelson, Jr.

"Sing and Rejoice" (James) Mixed Chorus

Sermon Rev. John F. Bartelson, Jr.

Psalm 150 (Lewandowski) Mixed Chorus

"O Man Thy Grief and Sin Bemoan" (Williams) ..
..... Mixed Chorus

Benediction Rev. John F. Bartelson, Jr.

Recessional Band

Commencement

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1964

8:00 P. M.

Processional Band
(Audience Stand)

Invocation Rev. John F. Bartelson, Jr.

"Halls of Ivy" Senior Chorale

Senior Addresses: "The Fuller Life" —

Health Connie Merchen

Education Judy Backer

Citizenship Donna Whitney

Social Living and Religion . Lawanda Steuck

"I'll Walk with God" (Brodzsky) Sextet

Presentation of Class Mr. H. D. Bettenhausen
Principal, Bloomfield High School

Presentation of Diplomas Mr. Everett Kuhl
President, Board of Education

Awarding of Class Honors Mr. Robert D. Baker
Superintendent of Schools

"It's Not an Easy Road" Faculty Quartet

Benediction Rev. John F. Bartelson, Jr.

Recessional Band

CLASS ROLL

CURTIS DALE ALEXANDER	GARY LEE LOWIN
MARY JEAN ANDERSON	DENNIS LEE LUKENS
JUDY MARLENE BACKER	JANET LUSH
KURTIS RAY BUSSKOHL	DALE McDONALD
LESLIE GENE CARLOW	LARRY DEAN MCKIBBON
JACK LEE DOWNIE	NORMAN HENRY MACKEPFRANG
JERRY LEE DOWNIE	JUDITH EVELYN MEFFORD
LAREEN MARIE HANSEN	CONNIE FAY MERCHEN
CAROL JEAN HART	RICHARD ALLEN MUMM
BEVERLY JANE HARMS	BARBARA ELLEN NIPP
PHILIP ELMER HILFPIKER	FAITH ANN PEITZMEIER
RUTH IRENE HILFPIKER	MICHAEL LLOYD ST. ONGE
JEROME DAVID HUTTMANN	EUGENE CARL SCHROEDER
RICHARD ARTHUR JACOB	LARRY MARVIN SCHUETT
JAMES CONLEY JOACHIMSEN	LONNY MELVIN SCHUETT
BARBARA JEAN JOHNSON	LAWANDA ADELE STEUCK
TANDY JEAN KEY	CURTIS DEAN STROM
DAVID A. KOHTZ	RONALD LEE SUING
LINDA FAYE KOOPS	RONALD LEE TAYLOR
DAVID LEE KRIZ	DIANE IRENE THOMPSON
MARCUS EDWARD KRONBERG	DALE ROBERT TRENHAILE
CONNIE LOU LANGEMEIER	DENNIS LEE WACKER
ARDYCE RAE LARSON	BRENT DOUGLAS WEARNE
LESLIE LEE LEMKE	DONNA MAE WHITNEY

CLASS MOTTO

"Today we follow; Tomorrow we lead."

CLASS COLORS
Peach and White

CLASS FLOWER
White Carnation

CLASS SPONSORS

Mr. Clarence Carson - Miss MarJean Johnson - Mr. Germain Leber

Class Roll

Curtis Dale Alexander
Mary Jean Anderson
Judy Marlene Backer
Dorothy Chae Baker
Kurtis Ray Busskohl
Leslie Gene Carlow
Jack Lee Downie
Jerry Lee Downie
Lareen Marie Hansen
Carol Jean Hart
Beverly Jane Harms
Philip Elmer Hilfiker
Ruth Irene Hilfiker
Jerome David Huttman
Richard Arthur Jacob
James Conley Joachimsen
Barbara Jean Johnson

Tandy Jean Key
David A. Kohls
Linda Faye Koops
David Lee Kris
Marcus Edward Kronberg
Connie Lou Langemeier
Ardyce Rae Larson
Leslie Lee Lemke
Gary Lee Lewis
Dennis Lee Lukens
Janet Lush
Dale McDonald
Larry Dean McKibbon
Norman Henry Mackepfrang
Judith Evelyn Mefford
Connie Fay Merchen
Richard Allen Mumm

Barbara Ellen Nipp
Faith Ann Peitzmeier
Michael Lloyd St. Onge
Eugene Carl Schroeder
Larry Marvin Schuett
Lonny Melvin Schuett
Lawanda Adele Steuck
Curtis Dean Strom
Ronald Lee Suing
Diane Irene Thompson
Dale Robert Trenhaile
Dennis Lee Wacker
Brent Douglas Wearne
Donna Mae Whitney
Ronald James Wrage

Class Motto

TODAY WE FOLLOW, TOMORROW WE LEAD

Class Flower

WHITE CARNATION

Class Colors

PEACH AND WHITE

Bloomfield High School



This Certificate That
Curtis Dale Alexander

has satisfactorily completed the Course of Study prescribed by the Board of Education for the High School and is therefore entitled to this
Diploma

Given this twentieth day of May, 1964.

Everett J. Kuhl
President of Board of Education
Ellen E. Smalley
Secretary of Board of Education

Robert D. Baker
Superintendent
Nancy D. Bettenhausen
Principal

The last annual Curt and Neal photo May 1964



I had never heard the story about how Curt ended up going to Kearney State to play football until I talked to the other gentleman pictured with him in the news photo at right. Mike told me that at some point during their senior year, they were at school for some event and got pulled into the locker room by Coach Wisch. There was Al Zikmund, the head football coach at Kearney State College. It seems Don Wisch played some pretty good football for Zikmund in his college days. He tipped off his old coach that he had a couple guys that he thought could make the grade in his program. So Coach Zikmund asked the two if they would like to come to Kearney and play football in the fall. They both said yes.

It is hard to believe that the family could afford to send Curt to college. A Digest of Education Statistics chart gives the average cost of tuition plus room and board at a 4 year public institution in 1964 as about \$950. That may have been a bit less in Nebraska – I did find the price per credit hour for Kearney State College was \$9.00 in 1964.. The summer after high school Curt worked for the local Co-op in Bloomfield and according to his Social Security record, he made a total of \$947 that entire year. There had to have been some parental help, or maybe a gift or loan from an aunt or he would likely have had to take out a loan from the bank. Anyway, off to college he went. Mike recalled that Curt drove a green 1955 Ford Fairlane.

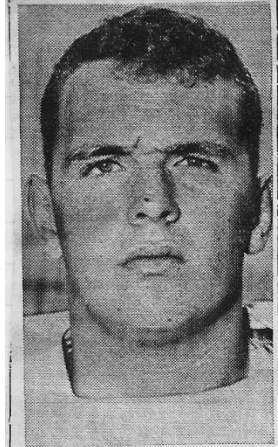
There were no scholarships for these boys. They WERE given jobs at the college; working for the company that provided meals on campus. They basically got to wash dishes – sprayed the food off trays as they were sent through and fed them into a dishwashing machine. They earned a minimal wage (perhaps \$1.00 - \$1.25 per hour at that time).

Then there was football. They were big tough guys in their football conference. They had NFL aspirations! Then they went to Kearney and discovered a lot of big tough older guys. Of course the freshmen were fresh meat for those older guys to push around in practice. It was humbling.

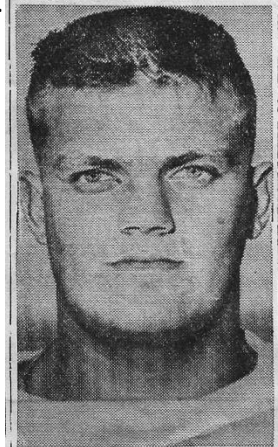
Thrust into a much bigger community than little Bloomfield, getting beat up on the football field and washing dishes on the side probably wasn't quite what they imagined when they agreed to go there! And there were the girlfriends left at home! They went home every weekend they had a chance.

The other players shown in this group photo with Curt were identified using the roster and were from Wahoo, Leigh and Scribner, Nebraska. It is unknown if they were pictured together because all were from a certain area or if there was another reason.

Two BHS Gridders on Kearney State Squad



Mike St. Onge

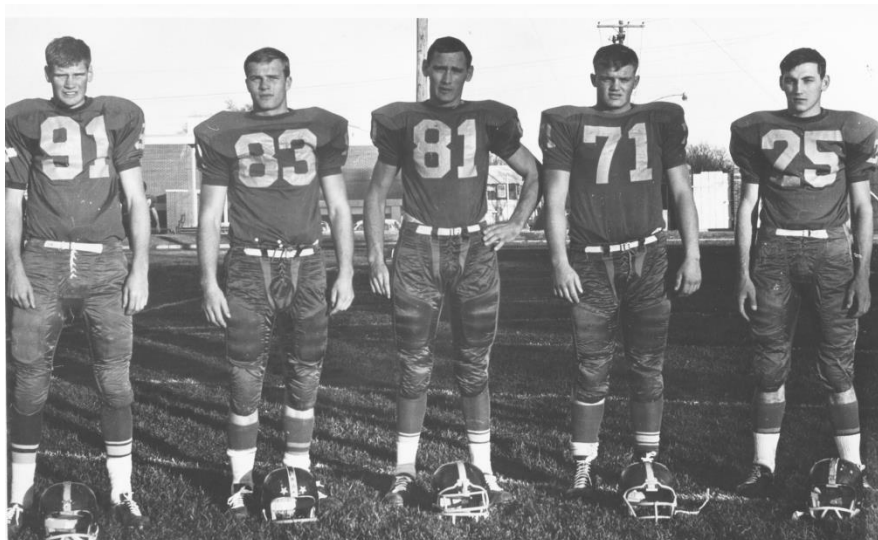


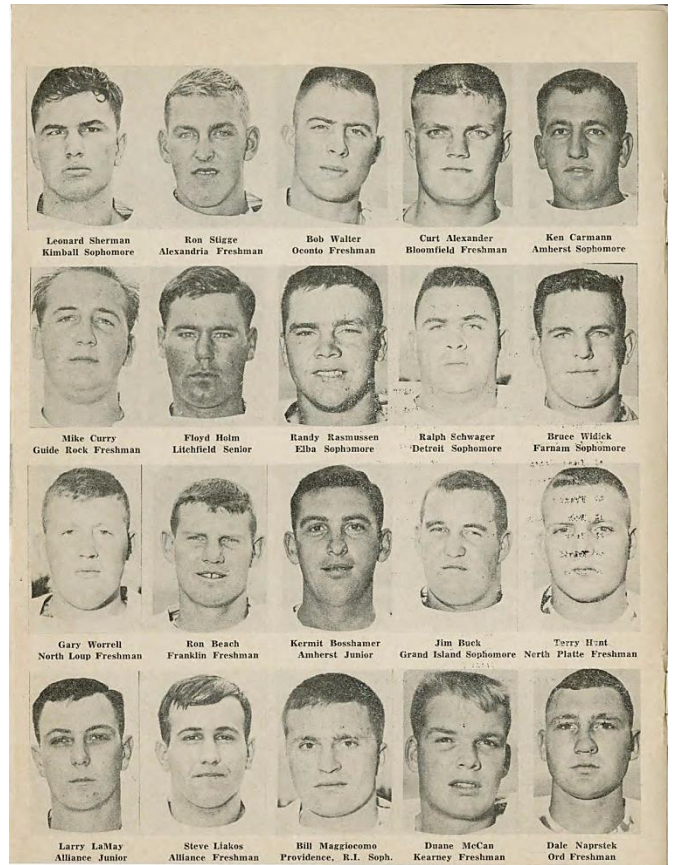
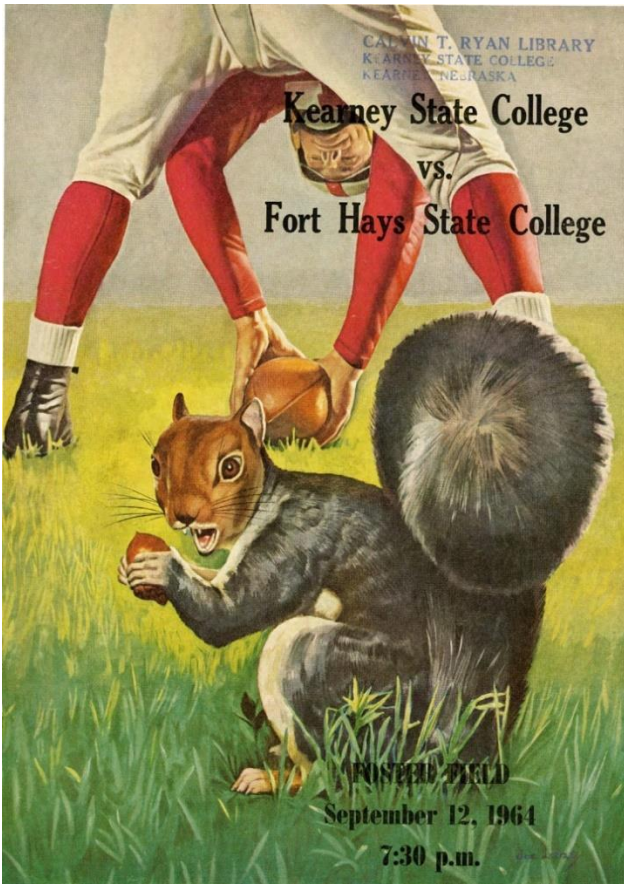
Curt Alexander

Mike St. Onge, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. St. Onge, and Curt Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Alexander are members of the Kearney State College 1964 football team.

Both young men are 1964 graduates of Bloomfield Community high school and were all-conference selections their senior year.

Mike is listed on the Kearney roster as a 197-pound guard and Curt a 221-pound tackle. Both young men are freshmen at Kearney State College.





There are 73 players on the roster and each one of them was pictured but only the page with Curt on it appears above.

Kearney State

Fort Hays State

No.	Player	Hometown	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age
0	Dave Backes	Columbus St. Bon.	Fr.	HB	5-8	148	18
1	Mark Ward	Fairbury	Jr.	QB	5-7	201	21
2	Ron Laux	Hildreth	Fr.	QB	6-0	171	18
3	Clark Norblade	Axtell	Jr.	HB	5-10	186	20
4	Bill Backes	Columbus St. Bon.	Sr.	HB	5-10	161	21
5	Norman Sheets	Trumbull	Jr.	HB	5-10	195	20
6	Ronald Koteles	Detroit St. M.	Fr.	FB	5-9	186	20
7	Jim Little	Grand Island	Sr.	HB	5-10	182	23
8	Bill Shonka	Columbus St. Bon.	So.	FB	5-9	166	19
9	Larry Parker	Alma	Fr.	QB	5-10	175	25
10	Dave Aspegren	Harvard	Fr.	FB	6-0	176	18
11	Lee Jacobsen	Elba	Fr.	FB	6-1	197	18
12	Neil Kaup	Oxford	So.	QB	6-1	170	19
13	Jim Lindau	Kearney	Jr.	QB	5-11	167	20
14	Francis Crocker	Blue Hill	Fr.	FB	6-0	211	20
15	Jerry Stuckert	Bushnell	Jr.	HB	5-9	162	19
16	John Curtis	Brady	Sr.	HB	5-10	189	21
17	Douglas Martin	Farnam	Jr.	HB	5-9	161	20
18	Jim Schmaderer	Stuart	Fr.	HB	5-7	160	20
19	Wayne Gappa	Loup City	So.	QB	5-11	164	22
20	Dennis Walker	Sargent	So.	HB	5-9	163	22
21	Wayne Smith	Stapleton	So.	HB	6-0	160	20
22	Keith Staehr	York	Fr.	HB	6-0	171	18
23	Dan Hoesly	Creston	So.	QB	5-10	172	18
24	Bob Sands	Aurora	Jr.	QB	6-0	185	18
25	Dave Dostal	Scribner	Fr.	FB	6-1	168	18
30	Lonnie Schmaderer	Alliance	Fr.	HB	5-7	150	18
31	Joe Patterson	Jerome, Ida.	Fr.	HB	5-8	153	18
32	Melvin Schmaderer	Loup City	Fr.	HB	5-9	161	18
37	Bill Morse	Sargent	Fr.	FB	5-11	174	18
50	Roger Elschor	Newman Grove	Fr.	C	5-9	182	18
51	Jim Jones	Amherst	So.	C	5-11	209	20
52	Willis Wiseman	North Platte	Fr.	C	5-10	190	21
53	Ed Kruml	Erickson	Jr.	C	6-1	220	22
54	John Daske	Amherst	Fr.	C	5-9	212	18
55	Dan Grim	Sargent	Fr.	C	5-11	186	20
56	Duane McCan	Kearney	Fr.	G	5-11	177	18
57	Terry Hunt	North Platte	Fr.	G	5-10	188	18
58	Curt Ronnekamp	Gothenburg	Fr.	C	5-10	197	18
60	Lynn Ritz	Arcadia	So.	G	5-10	178	21
61	Dale Naprstek	Ord	Fr.	G	5-11	177	18
62	Ron Beach	Franklin	Fr.	G	5-11	191	18
63	Jim Buck	Grand Island	Fr.	G	5-10	185	18
64	Mike St. Onge	Bloomfield	Fr.	G	5-10	197	18
65	Kermit Bosshamer	Amherst	Jr.	G	6-1	195	20
66	B. Maggicomo	Providence, R.I.	So.	G	5-11	196	20
67	Steve Liakos	Alliance	Fr.	G	6-4	232	19
68	Larry Stengel	Kearney	Fr.	G	5-11	201	21
69	Larry LaMay	Alliance St. Agnes	Jr.	G	5-11	195	20
70	Gary Rasmussen	Elba	Jr.	T	6-0	210	21
71	Curt Alexander	Bloomfield	Fr.	T	6-2	221	18
72	Floyd Holm	Litchfield	Sr.	T	6-1	209	21
73	Ralph Schwager	Detroit St. M.	So.	T	5-9	236	21
74	M. C. Crowley	Wyomre	Sr.	T	5-11	218	21
75	Ken Carmann	Amherst	So.	T	6-4	232	19
76	Randy Rasmussen	Elba	So.	T	6-1	251	19
77	Gary Worrell	No. Loup-Scotia	Fr.	T	5-9	218	18
78	Bruce Widick	Farnam	So.	T	6-0	233	21
79	Leonard Sherman	Kimball	So.	T	6-2	198	19
80	Tom Aspegren	Harvard	So.	E	5-11	170	19
81	Richard Dostal	Scribner	Jr.	E	6-3	195	20
82	Dick Burr	Eddyville	Fr.	E	6-0	198	18
83	Myron Inselman	Leigh	So.	E	6-1	176	18
84	Larry McCord	Superior	Sr.	E	6-0	198	22
85	Bob Waller	Oconto	Fr.	E	6-1	184	18
87	Ernie Nickens	Alliance	So.	E	6-1	187	20
88	Gary Dubbs	Wood River	Fr.	E	6-2	198	19
89	Jim Richardson	Kearney	Jr.	E	6-0	193	19
90	Gene Keith	Kearney	Fr.	E	5-9	161	18
91	Jim Sandstedt	Wahoo	Fr.	E	6-3	182	18
92	Ron Stigge	Alexandria	Fr.	E	6-0	176	18
93	Lambert Krolkowski	G.I. Cath.	Fr.	E	5-11	178	18
94	Mike Curry	Guide Rock	Fr.	E	6-3	243	17

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10	Leo Hayden	Goodland	So.	QB	5-10	177	19
11	Max VanLangham	Concordia	Jr.	QB	5-6	253	20
12	Bob Johnson	Logan	So.	QB	5-9½	152	19
14	Bob Niles	Richfield	Fr.	QB	5-11	155	18
15	Tom Gardiner	Garden City	Fr.	QB	6-0	166	18
20	Gary Lingie	McPherson	Jr.	HB	5-10	179	20
21	Jan Kilbourne	Hugoton	So.	HB	5-9	152	19
22	Jack Johnson	Kansas City	Sr.	HB	5-9	171	21
23	Bob Anthony	Kensington	Jr.	HB	6-0	163	20
25	David Meats	Concordia	Fr.	HB	5-6	166	18
29	Steve Worley	Clay Center	Sr.	FB	6-0	184	21
31	Bud Estes	Bucklin	Fr.	FB	6-0	213	17
32	Hank Sellers	Hays	Fr.	FB	5-11	184	18
33	Tom Stevens	Winchester	So.	FB	5-8½	180	18
35	Bernie Blewins	Yates Center	So.	FB	6-0	220	20
40	David Hays	Ellis	Jr.	HB	5-8½	185	19
41	Ron Morel	Palco	So.	HB	5-8½	148	19
42	Don Washington	Ft. Riley	Fr.	HB	5-10	148	20
43	Gordon Mauch	Clyde	Sr.	HB	5-9½	186	21
50	Fred Brungardt	Hays	Fr.	C	5-7	198	18
51	Paul Monty	Concordia	Jr.	C	6-0	191	20
52	Jim Eisenhower	La Crosse	So.	C	6-2	181	21
53	Doug Odycke	Hutchinson	Fr.	C	5-9	182	18
60	Ken Drelling	Victoria	Sr.	G	5-11	217	21
61	Bill Barnett	Gem	So.	G	5-9	214	19
62	Bob Van De Creek	Enterprise	Fr.	T	6-2	211	18
63	Dave Jones	Dodge City	Sr.	G	5-11	200	25
64	Steve Base	Rozel	Jr.	G	6-1	209	20
65	Dennis Bean	Phillipsburg	So.	G	5-8	194	19
66	Charley Myers	Goodland	Fr.	C	6-0	190	18
67	Bill Ham	Concordia	Jr.	G	5-11	188	20
70	Larry Noffsinger	Phillipsburg	So.	T	6-2	200	20
71	Roger Clark	Wellington	Fr.	T	5-11	185	18
72	Ron Darst	Bucklin	So.	T	6-1	212	19
73	Jim Erickson	Scandia	So.	T	5-9	211	21
74	Greg King	Clay Center	Fr.	T	5-11	168	17
75	Clark Engle	Abilene	Sr.	T	6-0	220	22
76	Dudley Fryman	Rossville	Jr.	T	6-0	209	20
77	Bill Chase	Wichita	So.	T	6-2	196	19
80	Don Francis	Phillipsburg	So.	E	6-2	213	20
81	Harv Frigon	Clay Center	Fr.	E	6-0	183	18
82	Joe Oberzan	Lawrence	Fr.	E	5-10	160	21
83	Francis Weers	Seward	Fr.	E	6-0	222	22
84	Kent Niles	Richfield	Sr.	HB	5-7	158	21
85	Jerry Hibberd	Olathe	Fr.	HB	5-10	156	18
86	Larry Thurlow	Hill City	Sr.	E	6-2	176	21
87	Charley Adams	Colby	So.	E	5-10	168	18

Curt bragged about practicing at Kearney alongside Randy Rasmussen of Elba. Randy went on to be drafted by the NY Jets in 1967. He started at left guard as a rookie and in only his second season helped the Jets upset the Baltimore Colts in the Super Bowl. He played with the Jets for 15 seasons, 1967-1981.

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★ Mr. and Mrs. L. H. St. Onge accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Alexander, Diane Rose and Faith Peitzmeier, motored to Kearney Saturday where they attended the Kearney-Wayne football game. Following the game they met their sons, Mike St. Onge and Curt Alexander and enjoyed several hours of visiting and touring the campus.

As a freshman, Curt likely never saw any action in the varsity games but he did play (and end up being a starter) with the B team for the "Lopers". The following are articles from the Kearney Hub newspaper.

Sept. 26, 1964

Loper 'B' Team at Hays Mon.

The Kearney State "B" team will get its baptism-of-fire at Hays, Kan., Monday afternoon against the Tiger Junior Varsity squad. The game will be played at Lewis Field Stadium with a kickoff time of 2:30 p.m.

Monday's game is the first of the season for the Loper yearlings and the opener of the annual home-and-home series with Fort Hays. KSC swept the set last Fall en route to a 4-0 campaign, winning 13-7 at Kearney and 20-0 at Hays.

The young Tigers will be directed by Jack Hazlett, a former Hays letterman and Larry Dreiling, a four-year Tiger star (1960-63). Halfback Willie Washington is rated one of the top hands on the Hays JV squad.

The Kearney team is being handled by graduate assistants Bill Peck, Tom Vincent, Elmer Menage and Charlie Hircock.

Peck announced the following lineups for the opener: **Offense: Ends — Dick Burr, Tom Aspegren; Tackles — Curt Alexander, Gary Worrell or Terry Hunt; Guards — Duane McCan, Curt Ronnekamp; Center — Willis Wiseman; Quarterback — Mark Ward; Halfbacks — Dave Backes, Lonnie Shelmadine; Fullback — Dave Dostal.** McCan was a Kearney High line star last Fall. Burr is from neighboring Eddyville and Ronnekamp is Gothenburg product.

Defense: Ends — Burr, Tom Aspegren; Tackles — Leonard Sherman, Bruce Widick; Guard — Bill Maggicomo; Linebackers — Steve Liakos, Dave Naprstek; Halfbacks — Dave Aspegren, Dennis Walker, Joe Patterson; Safety — Shelmadine. Naorstek is an Ord grad.

Oct. 3, 1964

Loper 'B' Team to Host Hays Monday

The Kearney State "B" team, whipped 25-7 by the Fort Hays State JV in its openers will get a chance to square matters when the Hays squad invades Kearney Monday for the return match in the annual home-and-home series.

The battle with the Kansans will be held at Foster Field with a kickoff hour of 2:30 p.m.

Should weather conditions be poor, the game would be played on the practice field west of Cushing Coliseum. KSC officials said. The switch would be made to protect the Foster Field turf.

The KSC squad is being coached by graduate assistants Bill Peck, Elmer Menage and Tom Vincent.

Hays' crew is led by Jack Hazlett and Larry Dreiling, both former Tiger stars.

The Kansans won last week's game on long range wallows.

Peck reports the following lineups for Monday's return fray: **Offense: Ends — Dick Burr, Tom Aspegren; Tackles — Curt Alexander, Gary Worrell or Terry Hunt; Guards — Duane McCan, Curt Ronnekamp; Center — Willis Wiseman; Quarterback — Mark Ward; Halfbacks — Dave Backes, Lonnie Shelmadine; Fullback — Dave Dostal.**

Defense: Ends — Burr, Tom Aspegren; Tackles — Leonard Sherman, Bruce Widick; Guard — Bill Maggicomo; Linebackers — Steve Liakos, Dave Naprstek; Halfbacks — Dave Aspegren, Dennis Walker, Joe Patterson; Safety — Shelmadine.

Kearney's TD in the loss at Hays was scored by Jim Sand-

Oct. 10, 1964

Concordia 'B' Squad Here Monday

The Kearney State "B" team, having split a two-game series with the Fort Hays JV, hosts Concordia College's "B" forces Monday night.

The contest will be held at Foster Field with a kickoff time of 7 p.m.

The Antelope "B" gridders swept a two-game series from their Concordia counterparts last Fall, winning 38-0 here and 33-14 at Seward. Monday's game will be the only contest between the two clubs this season.

Concordia is expected to bring a strong team to Kearney and should offer a stern argument.

The Lopers, coached by graduate assistants Bill Peck, Elmer Menage and Tom Vincent, thumped Hays 37-6 Monday after bowing to the Tiger yearlings, 25-7, at Hays, Kan. September 28.

Peck nominates the following for starting roles Monday: **Offense: Ends — Dick Burr, Tom Aspegren; Tackles — Curt Alexander, Gary Worrell; Guards — Duane McCan, Ron Beach or Bill Morris; Center — Willis Wiseman; Quarterback — Mark Ward or Dan Hosely; Halfbacks — Dave Backes, Lonnie Shelmadine; Fullback — Dave Dostal.**

Defense: Ends — Burr, Tom Aspegren; Tackles — Leonard Sherman, Bruce Widick; Guard — Bill Maggicomo; Linebackers — Steve Liakos, Dave Naprstek; Halfbacks — Dennis Walker, Joe Patterson, Backes; Safety — Shelmadine.

Nov. 7, 1964

Antelope 'B' Gridders Host Broncos Monday

The torrid football rivalry between Kearney State and Hastings College will be renewed here (Foster Field) Monday afternoon, albeit on a smaller scale.

The occasion will be a clash between the "B" teams of the two schools. Kickoff time for the neighborhood argument is 2:30 p.m.

It will mark the first time the junior editions have collided in many years.

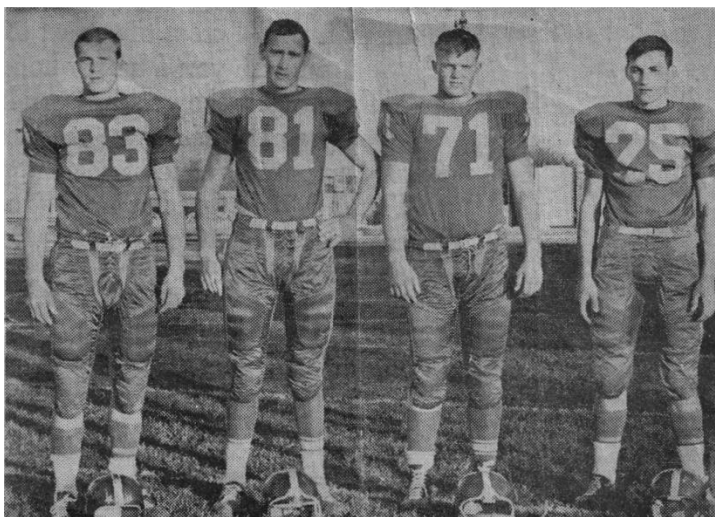
The game marks the close of the season for the Antelope "B" team, currently 2-1.

With a flock of talented freshmen in their corral, the Broncos are expected to field a hard-hitting outfit and fans should be treated to a chiller.

Graduate assistants Bill Peck, Elmer Menage and Tom Vincent handle the Loper squad.

Probable Kearney starters: Offense — Ends — Dick Burr, Tom Aspegren; Tackles — Curt Alexander, Gary Worrell; Guards — Duane McCan, Ron Beach or Bill Morris; Center — Willis Wiseman; Quarterback — Mark Ward; Halfbacks — Dave Backes, Lonnie Shelmadine; Fullback — Dave Dostal.

Defense: Ends — Burr, Aspegren; Tackles — Leonard Sherman, Bruce Widick; Guard — Larry LaMay; Linebackers — Steve Liakos, Dale Naprstek, Dennis Walker, Joe Patterson; Halfbacks — Backes, Shelmadine.



AT KEARNEY — Four eastern Nebraskans completed the 1964 football season at Kearney State College. Playing for the Antelopes during the 7 win-1 loss year were Mike Inselman, sophomore end from Leigh; Rich Dostal, junior end from Scribner; Curt Alexander, freshman tackle from Bloomfield; and Dave Dostal, freshman fullback from Scribner.

This ended Curt's formal education and football career. Nobody can really recall exactly when or why he left Kearney and if we ever talked about it, I have forgotten. In all likelihood, he had a need for a full-time job and knowing Curt, he probably did not care for the class and studying part of college.