

# 1961 Pictures and Newspaper Articles

## Shoot For Improved Record

"We definitely are going to try to improve on last year's mark as we were not satisfied with that record."

That is the way Ballard High School football coach Gresham Roskamp sums up his hopes for this year's Bombers.

"If the fellows will only think that they can do it, I'm sure we will be able to do it," Roskamp told the Journal.

As a team the 1961 edition of the Bombers will pack few surprises over their counterparts of 1960 and 1959. The starting lineup will include almost the same names found on the 1960 roster when the Bombers noted a season record of three wins, four defeats and one tie.

Only three positions were left vacant by graduation last spring with the results, that for most of the team, it will be their third year together. The slots remaining to be filled before the Bombers take the field on Sept. 15 against North Polk are at guard and tackle.

"We're still young in the line. There is only one senior in the line," notes Roskamp.

"We've got fair speed. I'd say we've got a fair ball club all the way around. We're not very deep. Maybe we're one deep at every position. Injuries are going to hurt us."

Already one player has fallen victim to injuries and will probably be out of the lineup for about six weeks. Sophomore wingback Bill Wilson dislocated the large bone in his wrist during practice Tuesday. He was considered the squad's second string wingback.

"We think we'll be a stronger passing team this year than we ever have been," says Roskamp.

Roskamp, however, does not plan to over emphasize his passing attack.

"We'll definitely be running," the mentor notes. "We'll try to balance it."

Coming back to help the Bombers better their '60 record

are ten letter winners from last year's squad. They are guard John Elder, guard Art Heggen, tackle Jerry Persons, end Steve Shaeffer, end Ron Elder, spin back Ken Tweedt, blocking back Larry Gardner, wingback Phil Cline, center Rich Gardner and

tailback Ron Rosenfeld.

Roskamp remains hopeful about the three slots that remain to be filled.

"We feel that they will be filled equally as well as they were last year. The boys filling them are younger fellows but we feel

they will do a capable job."

Taking a quick look at the Hawkeye Central Eight Conference Roskamp noted:

"I would pick Nevada. But, I think there are three or four teams that are capable of pulling upsets at any time—including

ourselves. It's going to be a more even conference than it was last year."

"We still wish that we had more leaders out," Roskamp adds. "Certainly this year looks better than any year we've ever had before."



BALLARD'S BOMBERS will get their severest test this season when they meet the defending conference champion Ogden Bulldogs tonight. Coached by Gresham Roskamp, the 25-man squad is undefeated so far this season. The team includes: (front row, left to right) Terry Larson, Jerry Persons, John Elder, Roger Anderson, Orville Byrd, Bob Twit, Mike Antill, Ron Elder.

(SECOND ROW) John Tweedt, Bill Wilson, Dave McHone, Richard Gardner, Kay Finch, Ken Tweedt, Jim Ihle, Art Heggen, (rear) Richard Heggen, Larry Gardner, Jerry Ryerson, Harold Pierce, Steve Shaeffer, Dennis Ray, Don Wilson, Ron Rosenfeld and Phil Cline. A Ballard victory tonight would leave Nevada and the Bombers tied for the league lead. (JOURNAL PHOTO)



# Ballard extends victory string, 32-0



## In his hands

Nevada end Dave Ruffert seemingly 'has it made' in the pass play above during the Ballard — Nevada game last night but Ballard defensive man Bill Wilson moved in quickly and

spoiled the would-be perfect pass play that would have gone for much needed yardage. (Tribune Photo)

The Ballard Bombers rolled over Nevada with ease last night at Nevada, 32-0, to rack up their seventh straight victory of the season and their sixth straight Hawkeye Central Eight conference win.

A stunned Nevada crowd saw the Cubs mauled on the home field with vicious tackling and blocking from a Ballard team that made it clear early in the game they liked to play football and they like to play it hard with one goal in mind—to win.

And win they did, scoring in the first quarter with Don Wilson going over from four yards out. Ron Rosenfeld trotted across for the point after touchdown to make it 7 to 0 when the clock slowed snake eyes.

Phil Cline scored in the second period with a 54 yard run from scrimmage that brought the crowd to its feet, to make the score at half time 19-0.

The slaughter didn't let up the second half as Rosenfeld burst loose again for a 10 yard run to make the score 25-0. The extra point attempt was unsuccessful.

Don Wilson produced one of the most spectacular plays of the game late in the third quarter when he literally grabbed the ball from Cub end Gary Evans on a pass play, stiff armed Evans to the ground, eluded

two other would-be tacklers and ran 40 yards for a touchdown to make the score 31-0. Larry Gardner added the icing on the extra point attempt and going into the fourth quarter, the Bombers led 32-0.

The fourth quarter turned out to be mostly a defensive effort with neither team scoring.

Ballard had it over Nevada statistically too on the ground except passing yardage. Ballard ran up 285 yards in rushing yardage compared with 59 for Nevada.

The Bombers had 24 yards from passing while Nevada compiled 28. Ballard drew 120 yards in penalties compared with Nevada's 30.

Ballard plays Maxwell away from home next week while Nevada will play Story City.

**Bomber coach Gresham** Roskamp praised his charges after they carried him off the field following the game. He said the Bombers made "few mistakes" on defense.

The mentor praised Rosenfeld and Cline for offense work and Wilson for defensive work in the game. "I think I'd really have to praise the entire team for work on defense to be fair though," he added.

### Scoring by Quarters

Ballard	7	12	13	0—32
Nevada	0	0	0	0—0



# Ballard, Hawks Central Eight champs

## Has undefeated football season

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The Ballard Bombers finished out an undefeated-untied season at Maxwell last night by beating the Rockets 34-13 to become the 1961 Champions of the Hawkeye Central Eight Conference.

In grinding out the victory, the Bombers rolled up 369 yards on the ground and Larry Gardner, fullback, completed passes for 137 yards. Ballard made 16 first downs to Maxwell's six. The rockets gained 197 yards on the ground, but failed to make any yardage in the air.

### Kline Opens Scoring

Phil Kline opened the scoring in the first quarter for the Bombers with a 41 yard touchdown and Ron Rosenfeld scored the point after touchdown.

In the second quarter Rosenfeld went 13 yards for a touchdown, Ken Twedt scored the PAT. In the same quarter, Twedt returned a punt 82 yards only to be brought down on the two yard line by the Maxwell defense. On the next play Rosenfeld went over for the touchdown and Kline scored the PAT to complete the first half scoring.

In the third quarter Larry Gardner completed a pass to Kline for a 50 yard touchdown. Bill Wilson scored the PAT to make the score 28-0.

### Sesker Runs 85 Yards

Then Don Sesker, sophomore back for Maxwell made an 85 yard kickoff return to score the Rock-

ets first touchdown. The PAT was good to end the third quarter scoring.

In the fourth quarter Gardner again completed a touchdown pass, this time to Ron Elder for a 22 yard touchdown. The attempt for the PAT failed and Ballard led 34-7.

In the fourth quarter for Maxwell it was Sesker again on a 50 yard touchdown run, but the PAT failed and the score was Ballard 34, Maxwell 13.

### Praises Team

Ballard Coach Gresham Roskamp had lots of praise for his team's showing during the season. He said they were a great bunch of kids that were enjoyable to work with. He added that they were very coachable, which is the reason for any team going undefeated for a season. He also added that the team played 40 minutes of football and liked it every game.

Roskamp attributed last night's victory to a team effort but singled out Larry Gardner's passing, Ron Elder's receiving and Ken Twedt as standing out on offense. On defense he praised Kline and Don Wilson.

Last night's game wrapped up the season for both teams. Last year Ogden was the Hawkeye Central Eight champion and Ballard finished fifth with a 3-4 won and lost record.

### Score by Quarters

Ballard	7	14	7	6	34
Maxwell	0	0	7	6	13