

1963 Season Pictures and Newspaper Articles

GOOD RESERVE STRENGTH

Ballard's Bombers Have 17 Returning Lettermen

If experience holds the key to the Hawkeye Central Nine conference championship this season — and most coaches agree that it is an important part — then Ballard seems to have the edge as pre-season football drills continue.

The Bombers have 17 lettermen back this season, of which 13 are seniors and four are juniors.

Finishing second in the conference last year with a 6-1 mark and 7-1 overall, the Red & White have won 18, lost 6 and tied one under Coach Gresham Roskamp. The upset loss to Nevada last season was the only loss in the past two years, as Ballard was undefeated two years ago.

Lost to the team through graduation will be six men, including all-conference tackle Jerry Persons. Other graduates are Art Heggen, offensive & defensive end; Daryl Zanker, defensive guard; Dennis Lee, tailback; Mike Antil, center; and Kay Finch, tackle.

"We have 38 out for varsity ball, and we think that our team is stronger than last year

possibly the strongest since I've come here," commented Roskamp, who is starting his fourth year as coach at Ballard.

The Bombers will once again use the single wing offense, "with", according to Coach Roskamp, "a possibility of some passing." He added that he has two or three boys that can pass when needed.

Returning from last year's squad are seniors Roger Anderson, Bob Berrett, John Elder, Ron Elder, Richard Heggen, Marlin Klonglan, Dennis Johnson, Terry Larson, Dave McHone, John Twedt, Robert Twit, Bill Wilson and Don Wilson.

Juniors back are Lyle Byrd,

Phil Jones, Dave Shepley and Elmer Vespestad.

1962 Record

Ballard	Opponent
15	No. Polk 7
28	Colo 12
68	United 0
35	Ogden 7
14	W. Marshall 6
20	Story C. 0
6	Nevada 12
27	Maxwell 13

Assisting Coach Roskamp with the team this season are Dick Lowery, line coach; Robert Jensen, freshman coach; and Robert Donnelly, 8th grade coach. Lowery replaced Charles Bunn, who resigned this spring.

The squad held their first practice under the lights at the new football field Saturday night, as the team held an inter-squad scrimmage. The new field, sodded last spring, has been watered and fertilized regularly through the summer.

Complete 1963 roster:
Sophomores: Dale Hill, Wayne

Cline, Ronnie Martvedt, Ron Twedt, Mike O'Donnell, Bruce Tomlinson, Ken Longnecker, Sammy Sutter, Keith Klonglan, Richard Wheeler, David Nerness, Danny Sheldahl and Dwayne Heintz.

Juniors: Leonard Pierce, Jack Ross, John Scott, Elmer Vespestad, Jacob Sandve, Dave Shepley, Tom Blaskovich, Lyle Byrd, Phil Jones and Ron Gardner.

Seniors: Marlin Klonglan, John Twedt, Dave McHone, Terry Larson, Dennis Johnson, Lenny Ringgenberg, Richard Heggen, Robert Twit, Jesse Spencer, Bill Wilson, Don Wilson, John Elder, Ron Elder, Bob Berrett and Roger Anderson.

1963 Schedule

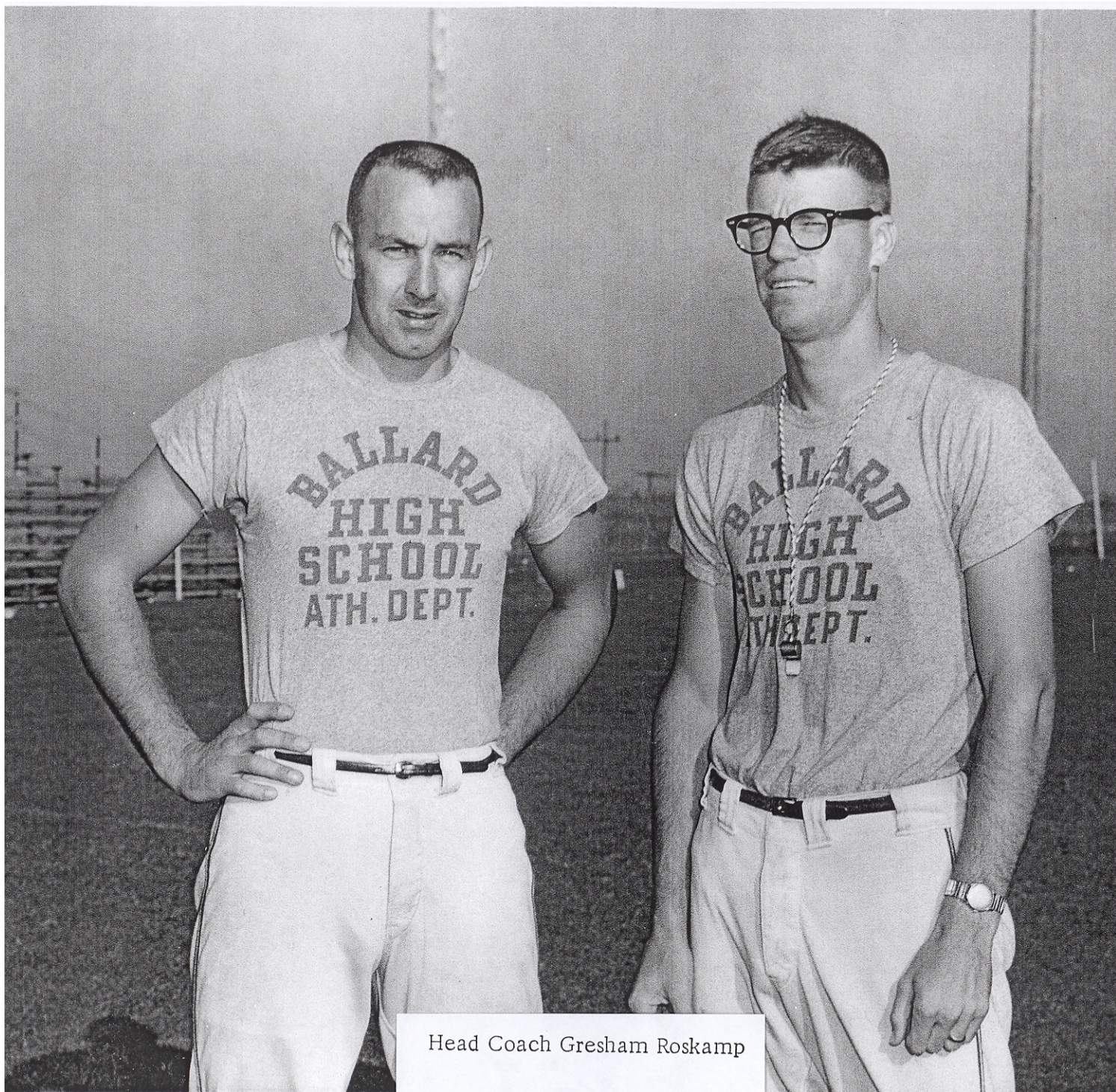
Sept. 13—North Polk
Sept. 20—Colo*
Sept. 27—United*
Oct. 4—Ogden*
Oct. 11—at West Marshall*
Oct. 18—Story City*
Oct. 25—at Nevada*
Nov. 1—at Maxwell*
Nov. 5—at Indianola

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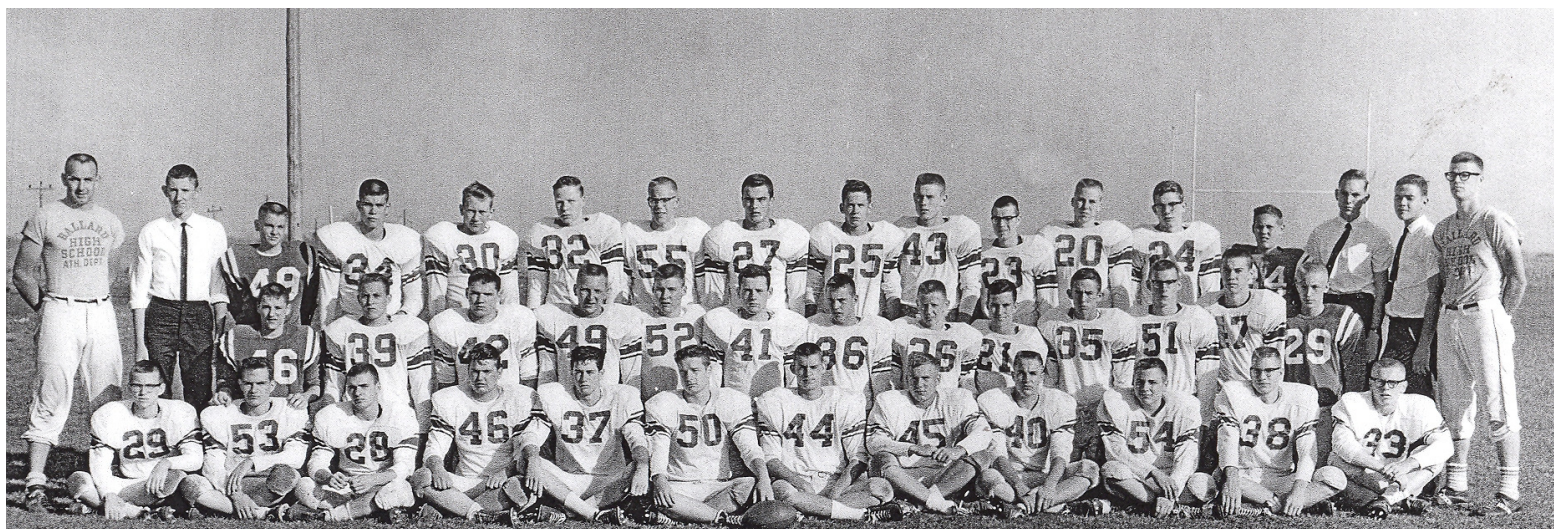
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Head Coach Gresham Roskamp

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Assistant Coach Richard Lowery

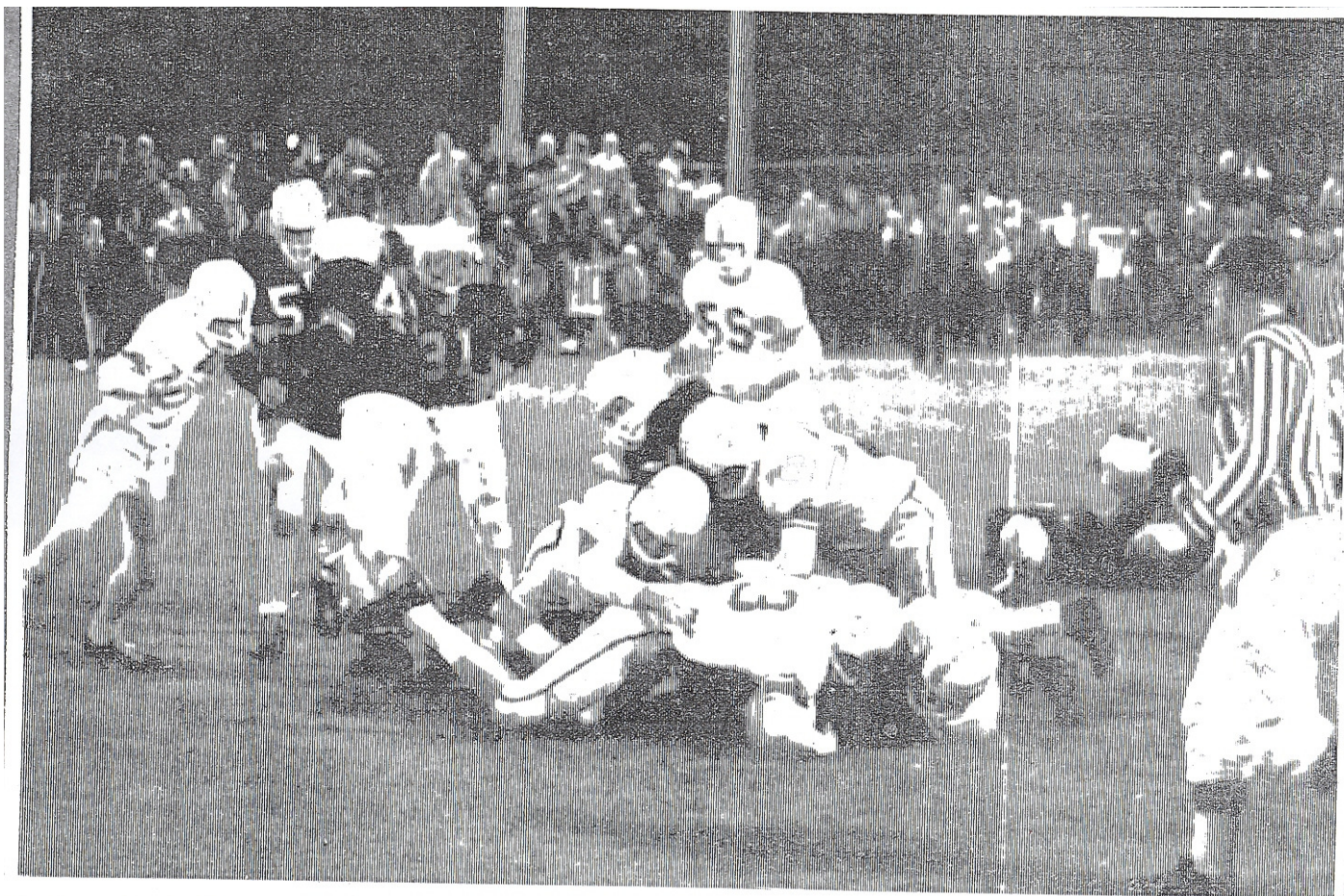


FRONT ROW: J. Scott, J. Spencer, D. Sheply, D. McHone, D. Wilson, L. Byrd, P. Jones, R. Anderson, E. Vesperstad, L. Pierce, B. Berrett, R. Heggen. SECOND ROW: B. Tomilson, R. Gardner, J. Elder, D. Johnson, T. Larson, R. Elder, B. Twit, W. Cline, D. Nerness, T. Blaskovich, R. Mortvedt, J. Ross, J. Sandve. BACK ROW: Coach Roskamp, Trainer F. Rohde, K. Klonglan, J. Twedt, M. Klonglan, D. Hill, S. Sutter, B. Wilson, L. Riggengerg, D. Sheldahl, R. Wheeler, M. O'Donnell, D. Hentz, K. Longnecker, Trainer L. Nelson, MANAGER A. Freeland, Assistant Coach Lowery.



Front Row: D. McHone, R. Anderson, D. Johnson, J. Twedt, B. Twit, B. Wilson, R. Heggen. Back Row: L. Riggengerg, J. Spencer, J. Elder, M. Klonglan, T. Larson, R. Elder, D. Wilson, B. Berret.

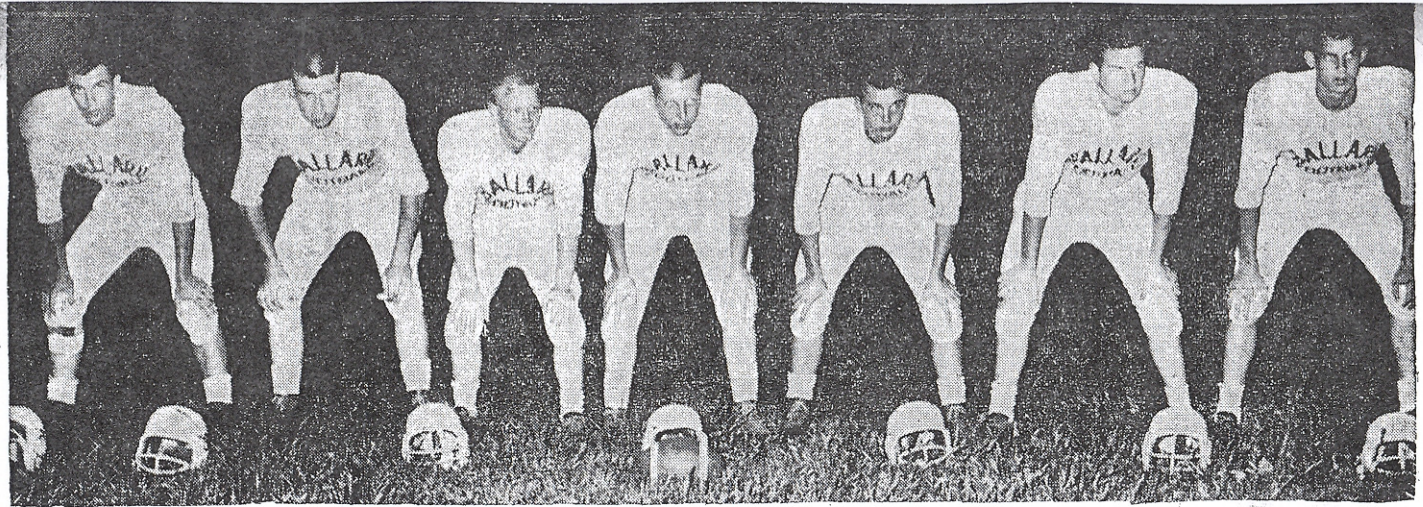
1963 Seniors



Ballard defense

Steve Lively, West Marshall back, is stopped at the line of scrimmage by a host of Ballard defenders in the game at State Center last night. Ballard's defense held the West Marshall trojans to six

points in the West Marshall Homecoming. The Bombers crossed the goal line seven times to roll up a 49-6 victory. (Tribune Photo by Walt Foley)



Probable Starting Line For Sept. 13 Ballard Opener

THESE LINESMEN ARE EXPECTED to be starting when Ballard opens their 1963 football season for the first time on their new field against North Polk Sept. 13. Linesmen are (our l. to r.) Bill Wilson, Terry Larson, Richard Heggen, Dennis Johnson, Robert Twit, Lyle Byrd and Phil Jones. Not pictured are the backfield members, which, according to Coach Gresham Roskamp, will be Elmer Vespestad (WB), Ron Elder (Spinback), John Elder (Blocking back), and Don Wilson (Tailback).



These 17 Players Could Hold Key To Conf. Title

THE KEY TO THE CONFERENCE championship could lay in the hands of these returning lettermen at Ballard. The 17 back from last year's squad number more than any other league's veterans. Back this year are (l. to r.) Front row: Lyle Byrd, Rich Heggen, Don Wilson, Roger Anderson, Ron Elder, Robert Twit, Bill Wilson, and Phil Jones. Back row: Dave Shepley, Terry Larson, John Elder, Dave McHone, Dennis Johnson, Elmer Vespestad and Bob Berrett. Not pictured is Marlin Klomglan.



Have Chance To Win Loop Crown Friday Night

BALLARD'S BOMBERS WILL HAVE a chance to capture the Hawkeye Central Nine Conference Championship Friday night against Maxwell, as they assured themselves of at least a title share last week when they beat Nevada 7-0. All they must do is beat Maxwell to take the crown. Team members are (l.to r.) Front row: Dave Shepley, Dave McHone, Don Wilson, Ron Elder, Lyle Byrd, Phil Jones, Roger Anderson, Elmer Vespstad and Leonard Pierce. Row two: Rich Heggen, Ron Gardner, John Elder, Dennis Johnson, Bob Twit, John Twedt, Marlin Klonglan, Wayne Cline, Dave Nerness, Tom Blaskovich, Ron Mortvedt and Jack Ross. Row three: John Scott, Dale Hill, Bob Berrett, Jesse Spencer, Terry Larson, Sam Sutter, Bill Wilson, Lenny Ringgenberg, Dan Sheldahl, Dick Wheeler, Mike O'Donnell and Duane Heintz. Back row: Trainers Fritz Rohde and Loren Nelson; mgr. Alan Freeland, Keith Klonglan, Jake Sandve, Ken Longnecker, Bruce Tomlinson, Head Coach Gresham Roskamp and ass't. Coach Dick Lowry.

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Bomber Scoops

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Ballard Bombers Post Outstanding Record Winning Eight Out of Nine in 1963 Season

By BOB BERRETT

The 1963 football season is over. The Bombers won the Hawkeye Central Nine championship with a 7-0 record, and finished the season with an overall record of 8-1.

Looking back on the season as a whole, Coach Gresham Roskamp said, "We had a very enjoyable season, not only because we won our share of ballgames, but that we worked as a team. We had no dissention on the team during the year."

The coach continued, "We are going to miss the number of seniors that will graduate. It will be difficult to find adequate replacements for them."

The graduating seniors are Ron Elder, Don Wilson, John Elder, Terry Larson, Denny Johnson, Robert Twit, Marlin Klomglaan, Richard Heggen, Roger Anderson, Bob Berrett, Bill Wilson, Jesse Spencer, Lenny Ringgenberg, John Twedt and Dave McHone.

The coach stated, "Our line came along very well this year. This is the best line that we have ever had."

He continued, "Our entire team was very well balanced. Our backs could run through the right and left side of the line without favoring one of the sides."

"Defensively, we were a tougher ball club than last year," states Coach Roskamp, "but we made more mistakes, which led to many of the yards gained against us."

According to Coach Roskamp the highlights of the season were the win that the team had against Nevada and the way the Bombers played against Indianola. "Regardless of getting beat by Indianola, I feel the kids played up to their capacity. This is where the most enjoyment comes."

Coach Roskamp anticipates that next year's ball club will be smaller, and less experienced. He says, "It is difficult to win in the HCN with a ball club which is not made up of many seniors. We don't anticipate as good a team next year as this year. If the seniors come through next year, we will be respectable."

Ballard placed four men on the '63 all-conference first team and two men on the all-conference second team.

Ron Elder and Bob Twit were unanimous choices at back and lineman, respectively. Don Wilson and John Elder also made all-conference first team. All four men are seniors.

Dennis Johnson and Terry Larson, seniors, were picked on the second all-conference team as linemen. Elmer Vespstad, junior, received honorable mention as a back.

Ron Elder led the team in scoring with 125 points this season. He also was the leading tackler on the team.

This season the Bombers defeated North Polk, Colo, United Community, Ogden, West Marshall, Story City, Nevada and Maxwell. Their only loss was to Indianola.

Features from the Bleachers

By TERRY LARSON

Conference Title

Ballard ended conference action Friday, Nov. 1, with a sound trouncing of the Maxwell Rockets, 52-7. The win gave the Ballard Bombers the conference title for the second time in the last three years. Ballard first won the title in 1961 with a perfect, 8-0 season's record. In 1962 Ballard was edged by the Nevada Cubs, 12-6, to lose the conference title and finish in second place with a 7-1 record.

Name Six Players to All-Conference Team

The Ballard Bombers dominated the All-Conference first team by placing four players on the squad. Ron Elder and Bob Twit were unanimous choices for the first team. Don Wilson and John Elder were also chosen to the first team.

Dennis Johnson and Terry Larson were named to the all-conference second team, while Elmer Vespstad received honorable mention.

Conference Statistics

In winning the Hawkeye Central Nine Conference Title, the Ballard Bombers have shown impressive statistics against their conference foes.

The total statistics for the seven conference games are:

Ballard		Opponents
298	Scoring	32
69	First Downs	54
2,114	Rushing Yards	219
220	Passing Yards	509
333.4	Average Total Offense	104
29	Passes Attempted	114
11	Passes Completed	46
18	Pass Interceptions	2
10	Fumbles Lost	12

Helmets Cracked

Three football helmets were cracked and ruined during the Ballard-Maxwell game. The helmets were those of Ron Elder, John Elder and Dennis Johnson. A combination of brisk, snappy weather and the boys' hard hitting proved too much for the sturdy helmets.

FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Ballard 7-0
Nevada 6-1
Story City 4-3
Ogden 3-4
West Marshall 3-4
Colo 3-4
Maxwell 2-5
United 0-7

This was the sixth football season for the Bombers.

The Bombers began football in the fall of '58 when the Ballard School District was organized.

Dean Cramer, Ballard's first coach, guided the first football team to a 1-3-1 record.

The following season, Ballard had worse luck and recorded a 0-7 record. During the season U. C. conquered Ballard. This was the last victory in the conference for U. C.

A new coach landed at Ballard with hopes of building a new team for the present and future. Coach Gresham Roskamp's 1960 team began the season like the year before, losing four straight before coming up with a victory. They ended with a 3-5-1 record.

The 1961 season saw Ballard compile an 8-9 record, the best record of any Bomber team. This was the first year the Bombers won the HCN conference.

The following year, 1962, the Bombers were on a 14-game winning streak before being defeated by Nevada. This game eventually decided the HCN conference championship. The Bombers completed their season with a 7-1 record and finished second in the HCN.

The overall record of the Bombers for six seasons of play is 27 wins, 17 losses, and 2 ties.

Bombers End Season With 21-18 Loss To Indianola in Non-Conference Game

By DON WILSON

The high flying Ballard Bombers were handed a 21-18 defeat by the Indianola Indians Tuesday, Nov. 5, to end the '63 season. The Bombers maintained their number one rating in Class II, in spite of the loss.

The game featured good old-fashioned football with the defensive lines taking the brunt of the punishment from the power offenses. Neither team managed to sustain a drive in the first quarter, but there was a lot of action.

Ballard kicked off to the Indianola 14 and the Indians returned the ball to the 20. Two plays later they ripped off 25 yards with a half back dive. They were forced to punt three plays later, however, and the Bomber offense took over on their own 28. Ballard moved the ball to the midfield stripe before the Indianola defense stiffened and the Bombers were thrown for a five-yard loss. Roger Anderson booted a 51-yard punt.

Indianola collected a first down with the aid of a fake punt, but Duane Heintz recovered a fumble for Ballard on the Indianola 26, but were not able to gain enough yardage for a first down.

The Indians took over on downs. The Bombers promptly forced them to punt after holding the Indians to minus 2 yards in three tries.

The first quarter ended with Ballard in control of the ball.

As the second quarter got underway Indianola started a scoring bid by intercepting a Bomber aerial on their own 35 and returning it 11 yards to their 46.

INDIANOLA SCORES

The Indians lost 1 yard on the first play of this series of downs, but the second play covered 49 yards to the Ballard 5-yard line. The Indians crossed the goal line in three plays to make the score 7-0 with 9:38 left in the second quarter.

The Indianola kickoff went to the Bomber 8-yard line and Elmer Vespestad returned it to the 23. Ron Elder ran two plays which netted 4 yards. Roger Anderson was stopped for no gain and Ballard was forced to punt. Anderson punted 32 yards to the Indianola 41-yard line.

The rugged Ballard defense allowed one yard gain in three Indian attempts. The Indianola punt traveled 42 yards to the Bomber 16 and red and white started to roll.

BERRETT PASSES FOR TD

Ron Elder burst up the middle for 37 yards to Indianola's 47-yard line. The Indians held the Bombers for no gain in three plays from scrimmage but a fake punt by Elder netted 14 yards. On another series of downs Ballard was held for no gain on the 33. The next play was a 33-yard touchdown pass from Bob Berrett to Marlin Klonglan with 49 seconds remaining in the half. The PAT failed and the score stood, Indianola 7, Ballard 6.

Indianola collected two quick first downs, but time ran out and the first half ended 7-6, in favor of the Indians.

Indianola kicked off to start the second half. Vespestad made an outstanding runback of 55 yards to the Indians' 26. That was the extent of the drive as the offense failed to materialize and Indianola took over on downs at their own 23-yard line.

The inspired Indians collected 14 yards in two plays but then bogged down and punted from their own 40. The reception of the punt was fumbled and Indianola recovered on the Bomber 24.

After three line plunges and a gain of 9 yards, the Indians picked up a first down on a sweep that placed the ball on Ballard's 13-yard line. The Bomber defense put on a good rush and threw the Indians for a seven-yard loss but the following pass play was good for 20 yards and a TD. The PAT was good. The score stood 14-6, in the Indians' favor.

The kickoff went to the 23 and Vespestad returned it to the 37. The

Indianola defense failed to yield any yardage, and the Bombers again called on Anderson's toe. He came through with a boot of 44 yards to the Indianola 18-yard line.

18-YARD LOSS FOR INDIANS

The Indians ran for 3 yards and then were held for no gain. On the following pass play Indianola connected for 17 yards and a first down. Two plays later they were nailed for an 18-yard loss by the Bomber line. Indianola then punted 37 yards to the Bomber 40 to end the third quarter with the Indians leading 14-6.

Elmer Vespestad started the fourth quarter with an 8-yard run to Ballard's 48-yard line. A sweep to the left lost a yard but Anderson collected a first and ten to the Indians' 43 on the following play. Ron Elder hit the middle of the line and then lateralled to Vespestad for 9 more yards to the 34-yard line. Elder then swept left end for 34 yards and a TD. The PAT failed and the Bombers trailed 14-12.

Vespestad kicked off to the Indianola 10 and a fine runback was made to their own 40-yard line. They gained a first down on Ballard's 48-yard line. The next play, a line plunge, netted 48 yards and a TD with 7:09 remaining to be played. The PAT was good and the score stood 21-12 in favor of Indianola.

Indianola booted the ball to the Bomber 14 and Vespestad returned the ball 20 yards to the 34-yard line. The Bombers went to the air in their final scoring drive as Bob Berrett completed 5 out of 9 passes. The drive was capped by Ron Elder's 5-yard plunge to score. The PAT failed and the score was 21-18 with the Bombers trailing.

With 1:41 remaining in the game, an onside kick failed to travel far enough and Indianola took over on Ballard's 41-yard line. The Indians ran out the clock and handed the Bombers their first defeat in nine starts.

Ron Elder led the Bombers as he collected 124 yards in 23 attempts, giving him a 5.4-yard average per carry. Anderson carried the ball 5 times for 21 yards and Vespestad carried 4 times for 18 yards.

STATISTICS

Ballard	Indianola
9 First Downs	8
162 Rushing Yards	194
64 Passing Yards	48
12 Pass Attempts	4
6 Passes Completed	3
0 Passes Intercepted By	1
1 Fumbles Lost	1
3 Punts	3
40 Average Yards of Punts	39
0 Penalty Yards Lost	15

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ballard	0-6-0-12
Indianola	0-7-7-7