

1963-Undefeated

The most outstanding team and the only team with an undefeated season was the 1963 team coached by Joe Simpson which finished with an 8-0 record. See the picture of this fine group for the names of the members of this team. This team had many fine athletes on it and were truly a team but one would have to believe that Larry Moore, a 5'8 190 lb. halfback, was the outstanding individual. Larry was named on several All State teams and went on to play college football at the University of Missouri. Larry led the Hornets to their two Midwest Conference Championships.

1963 Brown County Football Team Picture



1963 Recollections of '63 with Larry Moore

The last Hornet team to end its season undefeated was nineteen years ago in 1963. The big game of the season was against Pittsfield, also undefeated. The Hornets conquered, 41-0.

According to Larry Moore of Timewell, who played on the '63 Champion Hornet team, the season started out a lot like this year's team; steadily improving with each game. Moore recollected that in '63 the Hornet schedule was different from our current one. At that time, the Hornets took on challengers from Macomb, Rushville, Petersburg, Havana, Beardstown, Unity of Mendon, Pittsfield and Astoria.

The '63 Hornets were only scored on three times during the season and the 82 Hornets stand the same, with only two games to go. Moore said that the two teams played a good defense and were alert in taking advantage of their opponent's mistakes. Moore attributes the success of both teams to a good combination of players and coaches. He added that both teams also had excellent quarterbacks.

"It's hard to talk about those times and keep modest," said Moore when asked to reflect on any special memories he had to share.

Moore pointed out that in '63 there were no state playoffs, and the conference championship was the greatest challenge a high school team ever had.

"The playoffs offer an opportunity to see just how good a team really is, they didn't have the playoffs then, and we always wished we had had the chance to see how far we could go," he concluded.

Statistics for the 1963 team included a 12-6 win over Rushville, 26-0 over Rushville, 28-0 over Petersburg, 46-0 over Havana, 41-0 over Beardstown, 34-6 over Unity of Mendon, 41-0 over Pittsfield and 19-6 over Astoria.