

History



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There was an early independent football team in the middle 1900's under management of W.I. Manny, Frank Churchill, Treasurer, and Duward Wells, mascot. The members of the team were Roy Harper, Mart Johnson, Clyde Briggs, Garnet Fry, George Dunlap, Dick Ingles, Fritz Rottger, Frank Nokes, Bert Newby, J.M. Burnett and Ira Howell. High School Boys played some football after that but it was never a popular sport with the parents as they felt it too rough a game, so it was discontinued.

Football returned to Brown County after nearly thirty years in the Fall of 1950 when Brown County High School played a schedule of six, eight, and eleven man football games. This team played the Reverse teams of Rushville, Jacksonville, and Winchester and competed in six-man football with Bluffs and Chandlerville winning five games while losing one. The lettermen who played for Coach Tom McKinney were Captains Tully Huebner, and Wayne Shepard plus Ed Norvell, Larry Patterson, Gordan Bryant, Stan Walker, J.F. Fry, Franklin Garrison, Dick Butler, Emmett Dobey and Richard Hadley.

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Football at Versailles High School

By Ralph Sides

In 1921, Versailles High was given permission by the School Board to play football with A.H. Unland as their coach. Being inexperienced with football, the team lost all the games during the first half of the season but came back in the second half and won all the games so as to split for the season. Since the number of players were limited each player played both on the defense and also the offense. The first team who played for Versailles consisted of the following: Herman Glaze, Herman DeWitt, Homer Bond, Ray Sides, Paul Sash, Roy Wilson, Donald Bates, and Tommy Bates. During the 1922-23 season Versailles won more games than were lost. However, during the 1923-24 season several players were injured and being unable to replace them it was decided by the School Board to discontinue this sport at Versailles.