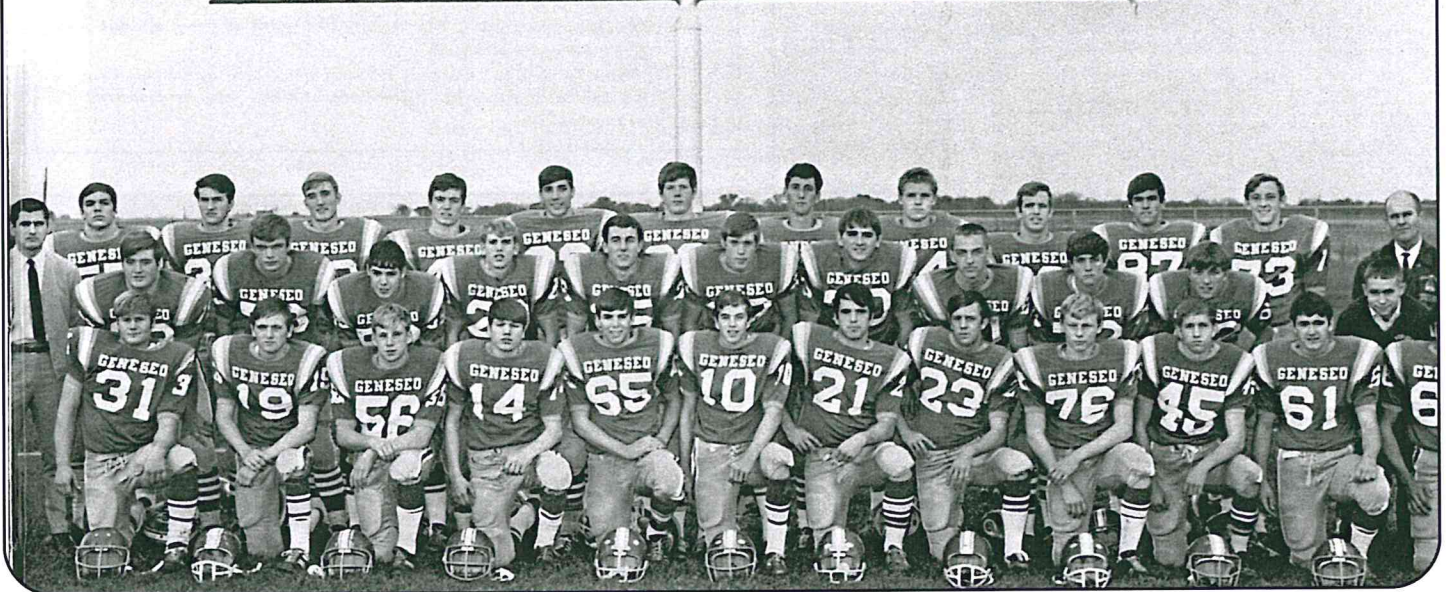


# 1970 FOOTBALL TEAM

Playful arguments were the only way to settle the score prior to 1974 when the IHSA began the State Playoffs. Most observers of high school football in 1970 had no arguments over just which team was number one in Illinois that year. Named "Mythical State Champions," the Leafs were rated number one in both the AP and UPI polls. Coach Bob Reade's Green Machine extended the unbeaten streak to 49 as the season ended, but it was in week eight when the Leafs secured their spot as top team in Illinois. Pre-game hype rivaled what was to come 40 years later in the social media age as the unbeaten Ottawa Pirates came to Geneseo. The Pirates themselves had won 60 of their previous 64 games under Coach Bill Novak. In front of 13,000 fans on what would later be named Bob Reade Field, the Leafs fell behind six-nothing early. The home team responded with 42 unanswered points to claim the history-making triumph. Afterwards, Novak said, "(Geneseo) was the finest club any of my teams has played against in my 24 years as coach at Ottawa."

## *Leafs attain state record in '70*



Row 3—D. Edwards, V. Pattarozzi, B. Wiese, V. Boblett, A. Nitz, J. Hart, A. Fuqua, S. Emmerson, J. Gentry, R. Bauwens, M. Wachtel, Coach Reade; Row 2—Coach Clary, J. Gray, B. Carlson, R. Nelson, D. Hutchinson, D. Arnold, R. Penney, R. Sand, J. Schweninger, D. Martins, S. Owens, J. Kleinau; Row 1—R. Lind, B. Skelton, M. Pratt, R. Hull, M. Kempfer, R. Anderson, T. Nelson, R. Parrish, M. Kinzer, R. Schmell, R. Noel, G. Schram



Doug Arnold  
Senior Halfback  
Team Quad Captain—1970  
All NCC—1970



Vic Boblett  
Senior Halfback  
Team Quad Captain—1970  
All NCC—1969-70  
First Team All State—1970  
Champaign News Gazette  
Chicago Daily News  
Illinois Prep Sports Special  
Lectured Morning Star



Rick Penney  
Senior Quarterback  
Team Quad Captain—1970  
All NCC—1969-70  
First Team All State—1970  
Chicago Daily News (Captain)  
Rockford Morning Star  
Chicago Today



Tom Nelson  
Junior Fullback  
All NCC—1970



Jim Gray  
Senior Tackle  
All NCC—1970



Steve Emmerson  
Senior Tackle  
All NCC—1970



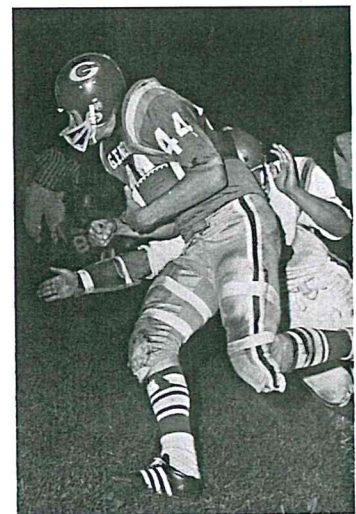
Jerry Hart  
Senior End  
Team Quad Captain—1970  
All NCC—1969-70



Rick Bauwens  
Senior Center  
All NCC—1970



Rick Lind drives for yardage versus Freeport



Vic Boblett turns the corner versus Mendota

# ***FAST FACTS***

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**Seniors and Juniors Never Lost**  
**a Varsity Football Game**  
**Played in front of**  
**13,000 people**  
**in the Ottawa Game**