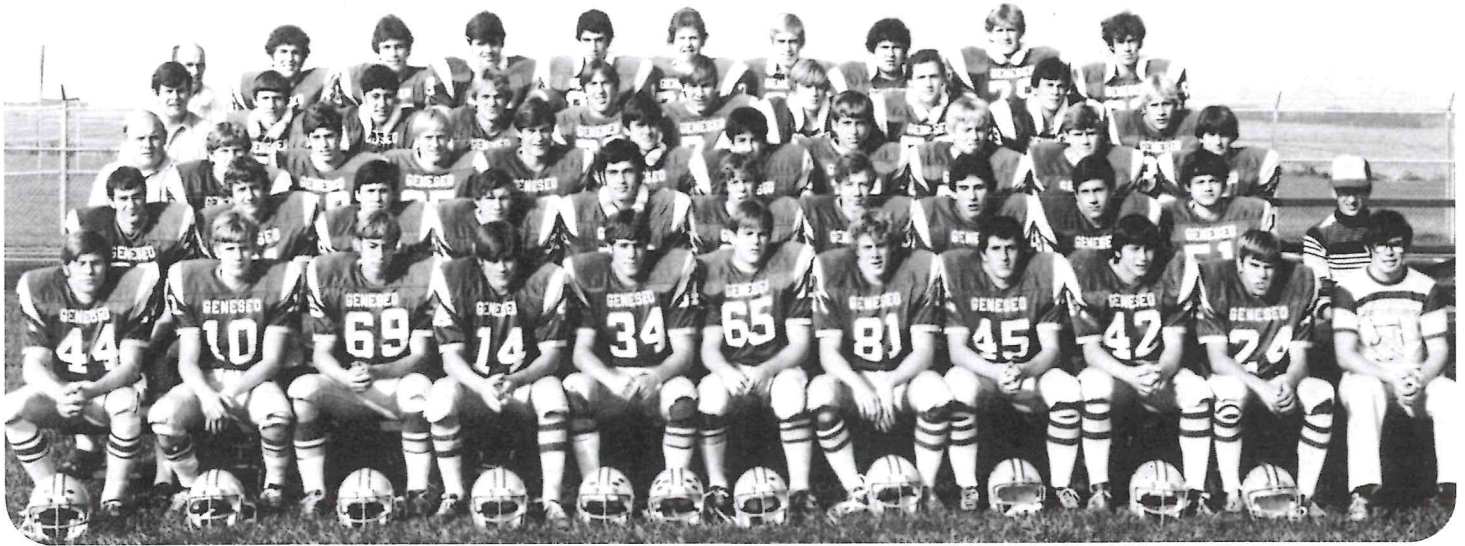


1977 3A FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS (12-1)



The Green Machine pulled through for another amazing season. They finished second in the NCIC. The Green Machine started playoffs with a bang, as they scored three touchdowns in the first three minutes! Avenging an earlier season loss to Rochelle, the Green Machine was able to pull out an 18-6 victory. The next week's game continued to show the promise of the Leafs, as they got Geneseo another playoff win, 55-8, against Bishop McNamara. The semi-final game against Geneva seemed to be problematic, as the game was tied, and the opposing team was talented. But the Green Machine showed them who was boss in the last 63 seconds of the game. Geneseo took the lead and won the game, 21-14. The fans weathered through Mother Nature's severe temperatures, and the Leafs didn't disappoint in the State Championship game. In winning the game against Metamora, the Green Machine became the first wild card entry to win a state title in playoff history and was also the first team in the 3A division to win back-to-back State Championships. With Geneseo history being made, the Green Machine made it another unforgettable year.



1977 RECORD

Geneseo 28 Pleasant Valley, IA 0
Geneseo 28 North Scott, IA 0
Geneseo 9 Macomb 0
Geneseo 30 Mendota 6
Geneseo 13 Hall Township 0
Geneseo 0 Rochelle 7
Geneseo 31 Rock Falls 10
Geneseo 35 Princeton 0
Geneseo 30 Kewanee 22

PLAY-OFFS

Geneseo 18 Rochelle 6
Geneseo 55 Kankakee McNamara 8
Geneseo 21 Geneva 14
Geneseo 34 Metamora 0