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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

This paper is concerned with the highlights and statistical history of the Schlarnan High School football team located at Danville, Illinois. This study begins with the 1946 season and continues through the end of the 1969 season, which includes 24 seasons of football.

The sources of data for this study were the school yearbook named the Summit; the school newspaper, the Hilltopper; the Danville daily newspaper, the Danville Commercial News. Information obtained from the Summit and the Hilltopper were used primarily in the appendixes. A limitation in this paper is that the only source of material used in the body of text is from the Danville Commercial News. The captions and stories were taken directly from the original articles. Throughout the thesis quotes in parenthesis were added by the writer in order to clarify facts not expressly stated in the newspaper articles.

In the summer of 1945 the W. G. Harishorn home was purchased at 2112 North Vermillion. In the fall of 1945 about 50 students began their freshman year by attending classes in St. Patrick's Grade School. In the fall of 1946 Schlarnan High School was opened.¹ The first year there were only freshmen and sophomore classes which totaled 103 students.²

¹ The Danville Commercial News, June 5, 1969.

² Ibid., September 28, 1946.

This study is divided into chapters according to the coaches' tenure at Schlarnan High School. Since Mr. Paul C. Shebby served as head coach for 18 of the 24 seasons, it was decided to divide his tenure into three chapters. Chapter 2 is the era of Andy Young, 1946-1947; Chapter 3 is the Beginning Years of Paul C. Shebby, 1948-1953; Chapter 4 is the Middle Years of Paul C. Shebby, 1954-1959; Chapter 5 is the era of Joe Springer, 1960; Chapter 6 is the End of the Era of Paul C. Shebby, 1961-1966; Chapter 7 is the era of Richard Zasada, 1967-1969; Chapter 8 is the Summary of Years 1946-1969.

The appendix is divided into three areas. Appendix A is the team rosters; Appendix B is the yearly schedules, game results, points scored; Appendix C is the Schlarnan won and lost record against each opponent.

Chapter 2

ERA OF ANDY YOUNG

Mr. Andy Young was Schlarnan's first football coach. A graduate of Illinois State University in 1943, where he received two letters in football, one in baseball, three in track, he also was Captain of the track team.

Mr. Young was employed at Laubhoff Grain Company and received special permission from the Illinois High School Association to coach at Schlarnan since he was not employed as a teacher.

1946 FOOTBALL SEASON

Schlarnan Catholic High School, which opens the 1946 grid season at Rossville Saturday, has been accepted as a new member of the Illinois High School Athletic Association according to information received by Sister Anita Jane, Principal, from Albert Willis, executive secretary of IHSA. Andy Young, coach of all sports at the new high school has seven tilts on the years grid chart. Entire squad of 27 will travel by bus to Rossville.¹

Rossville 11 Opens Season With Triumph

Scoring one touchdown in every quarter and adding three extra points, Rossville High School griddero handed Schlarnan Catholic High School a 27-0 defeat. It was the opening game for both schools and the first football game for the new Schlarnan High School.²

¹The Danville Commercial News, September 20, 1946.

²Ibid., September 22, 1946.

Schlarman Shut Out by Danville F-S

Coach Arnold Ave's frosh-soph Danville High School footballers scored second and last quarter touchdowns to defeat Schlarman at Danville Athletic Field Wednesday afternoon, 13-0.³

Schlarman 11 Blanked by Hoopeston

Scoring touchdowns in the second and fourth quarters, Hoopeston Freshmen-Sophomore football team routed Schlarman Catholic High School of Danville, 12-0 here Saturday afternoon. Schlarman made several scoring threats but lacked the climax runner to finish the drive. It was Schlarman's third straight defeat.⁴

Westville F-S Tops Schlarman in 30-12 Contest

After seeing a 6-0 lead vanish in the first quarter, Westville's Junior Tigers came back to score an impressive 30-12 win over Schlarman Catholic High School. Jerry Smith passed to Gene Biava, Schlarman's right end, who ran 20 yards and crossed untouched. Schlarman's second touchdown, in the second period, came as a result of a pass from Don Strader to Mike Bateman from Westville's 35.⁵

Oakwood Juniors Rout Schlarman

Oakwood's Freshmen-Sophomore crew pushed across two touchdowns in the third quarter to defeat Schlarman Catholic High School of Danville, 19-13. Schlarman had taken a 13-6 halftime lead with touchdowns scored on Don Straders pass to fullback Hall and Gene Smith's off tackle smash

³Ibid., September 26, 1946.

⁴Ibid., October 6, 1946.

⁵Ibid., October 13, 1946.

good for 28 yards.⁶

Catlin Drubs Schlarnan 11 In 31-0 Rout

Coach Carter Walton's Wolverines blanked Schlarnan Catholic High School of Danville, 31-0. Schlarnan was in scoring position frequently but lacked the scoring punch to put the ball through the stout defenders. Don Strader was the main offensive man for Schlarnan.⁷

Georgetown Fresh-Sophs 26-0 Winner

Danville Schlarnan Catholic High School football team closed its 1946 season Saturday by dropping a 26-0 decision to Georgetown Freshmen-Sophomore eleven.⁸

1947 FOOTBALL SEASON

Coach Andy Young will issue football equipment to 1947 players Monday. Young expects a squad of 35. Opening game is September 12 at Westville.⁹

Westville Rips Schlarnan 39-7

Schlarnan scored its' lone tally in the fourth period when Zeke Bratkowski recovered a Westville fumble on the Westville 49. Strader passed to Bateman three times, the final one for 14 yards and a touchdown. Strader threw to Bateman again for the extra point. Westville simply outmaneuvered the scrappy Schlarnan team.¹⁰

⁶Ibid., October 20, 1946.

⁷Ibid., November 2, 1946.

⁸Ibid., November 10, 1946.

⁹Ibid., August 24, 1947.

¹⁰Ibid., September 14, 1947.

Rantoul Rips Schlarmen 45-6

Rantoul had no trouble in slaughtering Schlarmen High of Danville here Friday night 45-6. Don Strader, Schlarmen's quarterback, sparked a drive in the last quarter which saw him score on a pass.¹¹

Schlarmen's Extra Point Wins 7-6

Danville Schlarmen's Hilltoppers won their first 1947 football clash here Sunday, edging the Ottawa Catholic High eleven, 7-6. After three unsuccessful tries through the line with the ball on the six, Strader elected to pass, he let loose an aerial which end Mike Bateman leaped high for in the end zone - and came down with. Strader pulled a quarterback sneak for the extra point.¹²

Ridgefarm Scores 33-0 Victory Over Danville 11

Cosch Paul Staries' Ridgefarm High School football team blanked Coach Andy Yeung's Danville Schlarmen High School 11 Friday 33-0. The triumph came easier than anticipated by Ridgefarm following the Schlarmen victory scored against Ottawa Catholic High School.¹³

Oakwood Dominates Offense in Victory over Schlarmen, 19-0

Oakwood Comets had too much power for little Schlarmen of Danville here Friday night and won handily 19-0. The Hilltoppers, under new gold helmets, were not so completely outclassed that the spectators would feel like leaving, however.¹⁴

¹¹ Ibid., September 20, 1947.

¹² Ibid., September 29, 1947.

¹³ Ibid., October 4, 1947.

¹⁴ Ibid., October 11, 1947.

Trinity Squad In Win Over Schlarnan 11

Trinity of Bloomington reserves ran over Danville Schlarnan here Sunday at Garfield Park for three quarters and won handily, 23-6.

Schlarnan made its lone score in the final period, Don Strader flicking a pass to Mike Bateman for the touchdown. Strader's pass for an extra point was knocked down.¹⁵

Catlin's Long Runs Beat Schlarnan 11 On D.H.S. Field, 26-0

Unleashing long runs when it appeared they were definitely behind the eight ball, the Catlin High School Wolverines turned back a determined but outmanned Danville Schlarnan prep eleven Friday night on the gridiron of Danville High School. It was the end of the season for both teams. Schlarnan, coached by Andy Young and playing but it's second year of football, salvaged one triumph during the season. Young, by the way, announced his retirement from coaching.¹⁶

Summary

During Andy Young's two years as football coach at Schlarnan High School, his teams won 1 game and lost 13. Playing only a Freshman-Sophomore schedule in 1946, Schlarnan scored 25 points to their opponents 158, losing all seven games. 1947 saw Schlarnan playing a varsity schedule. Schlarnan won 1 game and lost 6. Their opponents outscored Schlarnan 191 to 26.

¹⁵Ibid., October 27, 1947.

¹⁶Ibid., November 1, 1947.

Chapter 3

THE BEGINNING YEARS OF PAUL C. SHEBBY

Paul C. Shebby, chief of the special services division at the Danville Veteran's Hospital, has accepted the position of athletic director at Schlarman High School, Msgr. F. A. Cleary, school board president announced Thursday.

Shebby, who coached the famous Charley Trippi in high school, will succeed Father John Sweeney as director.

Shebby attended the Stroudsburg State College in Pennsylvania. He did graduate work in physical education at Northwestern University.

From 1936 through 1942, Shebby supervised the physical education program at Pittston High School in Pennsylvania. It was at Pittston that Shebby had Trippi, who later rose to All-American fame at Georgia. Two of the teams Trippi played on for Shebby were undefeated.

In January 1942, Shebby enlisted in the Army Air Force. He served two years in the CBI with the Air Transport Command, six months as instructor in the Army Special Service School at Washington and Lee University, and 18 months as director of physical reconditioning at the Army General Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia.¹

¹The Danville Commercial News, August 5, 1948.

1948 FOOTBALL SEASON

Schlarman Wins Grid Opener 12-0 (Ridgefarm)

Captain Zeke Bratkowski was the main offensive unit for the Hilltoppers, as he scored both touchdowns and made considerable gains all evening. Center Bud Rathbun was the defensive standout for the Hilltoppers. The victory started Coach Paul Shebby of Schlarman off on the right foot. It was Shebby's first game and Schlarman's first major win in three seasons.²

Hilltoppers Rout Catlin for 2nd Win

Danville Schlarman eleven rolled over the Catlin Wolverines 20-7. Zeke Bratkowski passed to end Mike Bateman for two touchdowns, and Jerry Stitt for one T.D. Bratkowski also placed kicked two extra points. Schlarman's Bratkowski stepped behind his own goal and let loose with a 90-yard punt. This distance is pretty close to the high school record. Center Bud Rathbun of the Hilltoppers played his usual hard hitting game and was responsible for a large number of tackles.³

Toppers Hit Paydirt Two Times in 4th

The Crusaders of Ottawa Catholic defeated Danville Schlarman 25-19. The win broke up a two-game Schlarman winning streak. Fullback Zeke Bratkowski ripped through center from the five and Schlarman's first score, his kick for the extra point, was wide. In the final period Bratkowski threw a 40-yard pass to end Mike Bateman in the end zone. The Hilltoppers recovered a Crusader fumble on the Ottawa 17 and scored

²Ibid., September 12, 1948.

³Ibid., September 17, 1948.

on the next play on a pass from Bratkowski to Bateman. Bratkowski's extra point placement was good.⁴

Oakwood 11 Sink Schlarman

The Schlarman Hilltoppers of Danville dropped their second straight game as they bowed before the Oakwood Comets, 27-0. The Hilltoppers made a few scoring threats, but were still lacking their early season form. Tom Vogt and But Rathbun were the standouts for the Hilltoppers.⁵

Trinity Ties Schlarman 11 on Wet Field

Schlarman's Hilltopper's and the Saints of Trinity (Bloomington) locked horns in a 6-6 deadlock. It was the first tie in Schlarman's three years of football. Fullback Zeke Bratkowski crashed through the middle from the one-yard line for the touchdown. Bratkowski's try for the extra point was no good with the ball bouncing off the goal post.⁶

Bratkowski Big Ace For Shabby Crew

Danville Schlarman Hilltoppers won a thrilling 19-12 victory over a stubborn St. Teresa, Decatur Bulldog eleven. The first play in the second quarter found Bratkowski crashing over from the eight to knot the score at six-all. Bratkowski's placekick was wide. Tom Vogt went over from 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards out for the Hilltopper's 2nd T.D. Bratkowski's placekick was good. On four consecutive pass plays, all from Bratkowski, Schlarman

⁴Ibid., September 27, 1948.

⁵Ibid., October 2, 1948.

⁶Ibid., October 10, 1948.

scored, the fourth to end Wayne Brady, for the touchdown. Bratkowski's place kick was partially blocked.⁷

Rantoul Tramples Schlarnan

The Rantoul Eagles roared over the Danville Schlarnan Hilltoppers 47-18. Bratkowski plunged over from the two for the first score. Bratkowski's try for the extra point was wide. Gene Smith banged over from the two, again Bratkowski's kick was wide. A pass from Strader to Bratkowski was good for the third T.D. For the third time Bratkowski's kick was no good and the Hilltopper's scoring was over for the evening. Bill Pitlick was perhaps the best lineman, getting a large number of tackles as well as opening up holes. The Hilltoppers really missed the services of center Bud Rathbun, out with injuries.⁸

75-Yard-Run Wins, 6 to 0, For Westville

A 75-yard run back on a Danville Schlarnan punt gave Westville High School a 6-0 victory in the closing minutes. It was in the last minute and one-half of play in the final period when Zeke Bratkowski of the Hilltoppers booted a 55 yard kick to Jim Morefield who returned it 75 yards for the only score of the game.⁹

The 1948 football team won three games, lost four and tied one. Schlarnan was outscored by its opponents 130-94.

1949 FOOTBALL SEASON

Toppers Drop 1949 Opener by 6-0 Score

Trinity High School cashed in on one of three scoring chances and

⁷Ibid., October 15, 1948.

⁸Ibid., October 23, 1948.

⁹Ibid., November 7, 1948.

made it stand up for a 6-0 victory over Schlarnan of Danville.

O. J. Klein, the big bruising fullback who is more at home on defense than offense, was Schlarnan's best running back. The 195-pound youngster pounded into the Trinity line 12 times and gained 51 yards for a four point average. Jerry Stitt, reserve end, made a definite bid for a No. 1 job on Shebby's eleven with some brilliant defensive play.¹⁰

First Quarter Jitters Costly as Schlarnan

Loses to Ottawa, 18-7, in Dedication Game

First quarter jitters cost Schlarnan heavily at Drummy Field Sunday as Marquette of Ottawa took an 18-7 victory to ruin the dedication ceremonies of the Hilltopper new stadium. Klein scored Schlarnan's touchdown from the two-yard stripe and Hendricks added the extra point with a plunge. It would be hard to single out any performer in the Schlarnan line for honors. But Captain Ed Lutchka certainly deserves praise.¹¹

Schlarnan Tops Saybrook, 33-6, for 1st Win

Schlarnan finally got its offense into high gear at Drummy Field Saturday and rolled to a 33-6 victory over Saybrook for its first win in three tries this season. Just about everything happened in the game including the longest run from scrimmage in Danville prep football this season, a 95-yard jaunt by sub halfback Bob Peraysk of Schlarnan. John Seely scored the first touchdown from 13 yards, Dick Hendricks added the extra point on a plunge. Hendricks scored the second touchdown on a one

¹⁰Ibid., September 19, 1949.

¹¹Ibid., September 26, 1949.

feet plunge. Klein made the extra point. Klein added the third touchdown on an eight yard run. Hendricks failed in a try for the extra point. Curt Mattan recovered a Saybrook fumble on their 55. In just two plays the Hilltoppers had another touchdown. O'Mourke carried the final 17 yards to run the count to 26-0. Hendricks added the extra point. Parsysk, who was playing in his first game this season, took the ball from the five and sailed 95 yards into the end zone. Ed Smith's try for the extra point was no good.¹²

Schlarman Rolls Past Catlin, 30-0, Runs up 340 Yards Rushing

Schlarman won its second game in as many weekends by outmanning Catlin 30-0, on our flooded Drummy Field Saturday afternoon. John Seely got Schlarman's first touchdown with a 46 yard sprint. Hendricks added the extra point with a plunge. Klein broke through the middle for four and the second touchdown. Hendricks added the extra point. Klein scored again from 23 yards, and plunged for the extra point. In the third period Schlarman scored with an 80 yard drive with Klein going over from the seven yard line and Hendricks adding the extra point. Schlarman ended the scoring in that period when Mike Mesash trapped Nixen in back of the Catlin goal for a safety and two points.¹³

Toppers Upset Urbana for Third Victory, 12-6

About 3,000 persons turned out to see Urbana in their "breather" game in mid-schedule Friday night and that is exactly what happened.

¹²Ibid., October 2, 1949.

¹³Ibid., October 9, 1949.

Schlarnan of Danville left them breathless with a rousing 12-6 victory. Klein scored the first touchdown going over from the two. Hendrick's extra point plunge was short. Hendrick's passed to Jim Strader for 27 yards to make the score 12-6 with just two minutes left in the game. O. J. Klein and sophomore halfback, Dick Hendricks were the workhorses. Between the two they handled the ball 58 times out of the 74 times Schlarnan ran plays. Klein got his 101 yards on 23 carries the hard way. Hendricks had 71 yards in 23 tries. Hendricks also took to the air for 12 throws and completed seven of them for another 106 yards.¹⁴

Last Quarter Rally Fatal To Hilltopper Eleven, 21-7

Schlarnan High of Danville had St. Teresa of Decatur reeling in the third quarter Saturday night but couldn't put over the knock out blow and the home club exploded in the fourth to win, 21-7. Schlarnan's touchdown was scored by Hendricks from the two and Klein plunged for the extra point. The defeat ended a three game winning streak for the Hilltoppers and gives them a 3-3 record for the season.¹⁵

Schlarnan Wins 4th by 14-0 Over Paris

Schlarnan of Danville set a new record for the school by staggering past Paris, 14-0. The victory was the Hilltoppers fourth of the year against three defeats and gives coach Paul Shebby's crew their most successful season in the schools' three-year grid history with one game left on the schedule. O. J. Klein climaxed a 54 yard march with a six-yard off tackle smash. Dick Hendricks plunged for the extra point. The

¹⁴Ibid., October 15, 1949.

¹⁵Ibid., October 23, 1949.

Hilltoppers scored again in the fourth period on a 55-yard sustained drive with Hendricks going the last 33 yards on a brilliant run. This time Klein plunged for the point to make the final count read 14-0.¹⁶

Schlarnan Homecoming Wrecked by Tigers, 13-7

Westville reared to two first half touchdowns and hung on in the final periods to take a 13-7 victory over Schlarnan at Drummy Field. The first time it had the ball the Hilltoppers scored. John Seely did the work with a brilliant 63 yard scamper and Klein smacked for the extra point.¹⁷

The 1949 Schlarnan football team won four and lost four. Named to the All Vermillion Count team were: Bud Rathbun, 1st team Center; Ed Lutchka, 1st team Tackle; John Seely, 2nd team Back; O. J. Klein, Honorable Mention Back. O. J. Klein was the leading rusher with 468 yards gained, 7 yards lost, for a total of 461 yards in 103 attempts, for a 4.5 average. O. J. Klein also was the leading scorer with six touchdowns, five extra points, for 41 point total. Schlarnan outscored its opponents 110 to 70, and led in total net yards 1711 to 1147.

1950 FOOTBALL SEASON

Schlarnan Drops Georgetown 14-7

Schlarnan of Danville opened its bid for its most successful football season by scoring a touchdown early in the fourth period to beat Georgetown's tough team, 14-7, before 4,000 overly excited fans. From the four O. J. Klein took a pitch out, raced to his left and scored

¹⁶Ibid., October 29, 1949.

¹⁷Ibid., November 6, 1949.

standing up. La Combe skirted the end for the extra point. O. J. Klein got his second touchdown scoring from the one. La Combe ran for the extra point. Dick Hendricks completed four of nine passes good for 66 yards.¹⁸

Toppers Held Early Lead To Beat Marquette, 26-19

O. J. Klein scored from the two, Johnny Seely added the extra point on a sweep. Klein toured left end for the second touchdown from the 2-yard line. La Combe's attempted run for the extra point failed. La Combe got the 19th point on an off tackle smash from the three and Seely added the extra point on a run. Seely then scored from the 17 yard line in back of a covey of Schlarnan blockers but the extra point failed.¹⁹

Schlarnan High, shooting for its best football season in the short history of the school, was dealt a sharp blow last week by the Illinois High School Association. The Association ruled Schlarnan Guard Richard (Elespy) Klein was ineligible when he competed against Georgetown in Schlarnan's 14-7 victory. Upon learning this Coach Paul Shabby immediately sent a letter of apology to Georgetown and officially forfeited the game. The forfeit makes the Hilltoppers record for the year 1-1 going into today's battle with Bloomington Trinity. Klein has since been ruled eligible and will play against Trinity.²⁰

Schlarnan Rushes to 20-13 Victory Over Favored Bloomington Trinity

Schlarnan's thundering herd upset favored Bloomington Trinity at Drummy Field Sunday afternoon and did it in a convincing manner. O. J.

¹⁸Ibid., September 16, 1950.

¹⁹Ibid., September 23, 1950.

²⁰Ibid., October 1, 1950.

Klein used his 195 pounds to batter the Trinity line to the tune of 106 yards rushing in 15 tries for a seven yard average. Klein bashed his way into the end zone from the two and Billy La Combe added the extra point on an end run. From the seven Hendricks bounced his way through the entire Trinity team for the touchdown. Seely ran over the extra point on a status of liberty play. Hendricks capped a 68-yard advance by plunging over from the one.²¹

Schlarman Wins 3rd in Row, Beats Catlin by 34-21

Schlarman's first team was in the game long enough to roll up four touchdowns on improved Catlin Friday night and the seconds had enough to build a 34-21 victory. Bill La Combe went off right tackle for the touchdown from the five. Seely added the point on an end run. O. J. Klein, the 195-pound fullback, broke through the middle of the Catlin defense, shook off the safety man and raced 83 yards for the second touchdown. La Combe got the point on a sprint around right end. On the third play of the second half, Catlin tried to pass from its own end zone. O. J. Klein deflected the ball and John Seely picked it out of midair on the 15 and ran for the touchdown. La Combe again got the point on a run. Seconds later Seely broke around Catlin's left end, cut back to the middle and sailed 51 yards for the fourth touchdown. Eddie Smith scored the point off right tackle. Catlin then scored to make it 28-14. On the kickoff Eddie Smith took a handoff and behind a solid wall of blockers went down the south sidelines for a touchdown - 75 yards. The extra point try was missed.²²

²¹Ibid., October 2, 1950.

²²Ibid., October 7, 1950.

Schlarnan Fights Off Hoopsten Drive to Take 20-18 Victory

Schlarnan had to fight off a determined Hoopsten scoring bid in the final minutes to take its fourth straight victory of the season, 20-18, at Drummy Field. La Combe grabbed a pitchout from Dick Hendricks, pivoted and picked his way 18 yards for the score. John Seely added the extra point on a wide sweep. It didn't take Schlarnan long to add its second touchdown with La Combe taking another pitch for five and the touchdown. Klein snacked up the middle for the extra point and Schlarnan had a 14-6 halftime bulge. Big Jim Strader hauled in a pass from Hendricks on the Hoopsten 25, eluded a tackle on the 20 and scored. The play covered 61 yards.²³

Schlarnan Rushes to 5th Straight Victory, 27-13

Schlarnan, after wearing down St. Theresa of Decatur with some vicious blocking and tackling in the first half, smashed for four touchdowns in the final two periods to take a 27-13 victory at Drummy Field Sunday afternoon. In two plays from the six Hendricks carried the ball into the end zone for the first touchdown and Klein ran the extra point for the 7-0 Schlarnan lead. O. J. Klein punched over from the one. Dick Klein kicked the extra point and the Hilltoppers had a 14-0 lead. Schlarnan scored again just after the third quarter opened. The scoring play was a beauty. Hendricks faded from St. Theresa's 44 yard line and hit La Combe, who was cutting down the east sidelines at full speed, perfectly. La Combe didn't break his stride and raced into the end zone. Dick Klein again kicked the extra point to give Schlarnan a 21-0 lead.

²³Ibid., October 14, 1950.

With the ball on the nine, Dick Klein, moving back to fullback from guard, crushed straight up the middle for the touchdown. His extra point kick was partially blocked.²⁴

Alleman Rally Nips Toppers, 27-26

Alleman High School picked itself from the floor three times in the fourth quarter to slug out a 27-26 victory over Schlarnan here Friday night in about as thrilling a climax to a homecoming celebration you could find. Schlarnan was without its ace linebacker, Richard (Sleepy) Klein, 219 pounds, to close the gap. Schlarnan picked up its first touchdown on a brilliant 37 yard run by Seely. Schlarnan scored again with Hendricks capping a 83-yard drive with a 20 yard pass to Bill La Combe. Schlarnan tackle Joe Sloan intercepted a pass and went 36 yards for the touchdown on the last play of the first half. O. J. Klein bashed for six over left tackle and then came back on the same play for the final four and the score. Hendricks' run for the extra point failed and that was the final difference. Schlarnan had the ball on the Alleman 17 when the gun went off.²⁵

Schlarnan Scores in 4th To Edge Central by 7-6

Schlarnan exploded all over the place for everything but touchdowns here Friday night but finally managed a 7-6 victory over a stubborn South Bend Central Catholic eleven in sub-freezing temperatures. It was the Hilltoppers seventh victory in eight starts this year. Again it was

²⁴Ibid., October 23, 1950.

²⁵Ibid., October 28, 1950.

the fleet running of Hurricane John Seely who kept Schlarmann in the game but the final payoff was a 22-yard pass play on which Dick Hendricks found halfback Billy La Combe wide open in the end zone. But it remained for little John to punch out the winning point. Seely stomped for 131 in 10 tries for a 13 yard average.²⁶

Schlarmann's 1st Half Splurge Beats

Immaculate Conception, 21-19, in Finale

Schlarmann's vaunted offense couldn't produce any second half touchdowns at chilly Drummy Field Sunday afternoon but the defense held up for a 21-19 victory over Immaculate Conception of Elmhurst. Schlarmann took the opening kickoff for a touchdown. The drive ate up 73 yards in 10 plays with La Combe cutting over the Elmhurst right tackle and then to the sidelines for 12 and the touchdown. Seely ran the extra point. Schlarmann's second drive went 66 yards in 12 plays with O. J. Klein bettering into the end zone from the three. Seely again ran the extra point. Hendricks hit Jim Strader with a bullet pass and behind perfect blocking went 53 yards for the touchdown. Klein bulled his way for the extra point. The victory finished up the Hilltoppers 1950 season with eight victories in nine starts.²⁷

The forfeit to Georgetown was reversed because Richard (Sleepy) Klein was later ruled eligible. Named to the All-Vermillion County 1st Team were: Richard Klein, Guard; Dick Hendricks, Back; O. J. Klein, Back. 2nd Team: Curt Mattan, Tackle; Oren Testa, Guard; John Seely, Back.

²⁶Ibid., November 4, 1950.

²⁷Ibid., November 13, 1950.

Honor Roll: Jim Strader, Lee Mulcahey, Joe Markauskas. Richard (Sleepy) Klein was named to the special mention on the Champaign News-Gazette All-State Team.

John Seely was the leading rusher for the 1950 Hilltoppers. In 78 attempts he gained 723 yards, lost 11 yards, for 712 total yards and a 9.1 average. The scoring leader was O. J. Klein with nine touchdowns, five extra points, for 59 total points. Schlarnan outscored its opponents 195 to 146, and led in total offense 2,769 yards to 1849 yards.

1951 FOOTBALL SEASON

Extra Point Defeats Toppers at Urbana

For 59 minutes and 58 seconds Friday night, the Schlarnan Hilltoppers held a six point lead over the Urbana Tigers. But the Tigers refused to give up. They took advantage of those two seconds remaining to score six points and tie the ball game and then win it. Hendricks made a left end sweep from the seven for the touchdown. On the try for the extra point, a pitch out play to La Combe, the ball was fumbled and though La Combe picked it up, he was downed before he made the necessary two yards.²⁸

Schlarnan Humbles Spalding

The Municipal Stadium here rocked with the power of the Schlarnan Hilltoppers Sunday afternoon as they displayed an aerial and ground attack which overpowered Peoria Spalding's Irish 27-13. Hendricks went off tackle and slanted into pay dirt. La Combe slipped over for the extra

²⁸Ibid., September 15, 1951

point. Hendricks plunged over from the two yard line. On the extra point play, Seely ran the ball but a clipping penalty on the Toppers nullified the play. After the ball was on the two yard line, Hendricks pitched the ball out to La Combe who scored. Hendricks threw to Seely for the extra point. Hendricks scored on an 18 yard right end sweep. He plunged for the extra point.²⁹

Schlarnan Overpowers Trinity's Saints, 32-7

The Schlarnan Hilltoppers needed but 16 plays and eight minutes to score their first touchdown in a 32-7 rout of Trinity here Thursday night. Hendricks went off right tackle for the score. A pitchout from Hendricks to Seely was good for the point. Seely scored on the 23 yard Statue of Liberty play. Dick Hendricks went off tackle for the point. Hendricks pitched out the right side to La Combe who went around the end and into pay dirt standing up. The extra point try failed. La Combe went off the right end from the 20 for the touchdown. Again a handoff try for point failed. On the second play of the final period, Grogan passed to Davis for the final Schlarnan touchdown.³⁰

Schlarnan Tops St. Teresa In Driving Rain, 13-0

Schlarnan alashed to a 13-0 victory over St. Teresa here Saturday night in a mud-packed football game. Seely scored on a Schlarnan standard, the Statue of Liberty, from the four. Dick Hendricks bulled over for the extra point. La Combe circled right end for the score, but Seely fumbled

²⁹Ibid., September 24, 1951.

³⁰Ibid., September 28, 1951.

on the extra point try. The game was played in a driving rain, limiting offensive work for both squads.³¹

Schlarnan Tied by Marquette, 7-7

An underdog Marquette of Ottawa football team upset the homecoming plans of the Schlarnan Hilltoppers at Drummy Field Saturday afternoon when the well-oiled Shabby grid machine sputtered when the final scoring punch was needed. Late in the final quarter, Schlarnan's main spark plug, Dick Hendricks, suffered an ankle injury which sidelined him except for passing plays. Hendricks hit substitute Frank Cherbousky in the left flat and he scampered over the goal line. Hendricks took the ball on a reverse and went into the end zone standing up for the extra point.³²

La Combe Sparks 27-6 Victory for Schlarnan

Bill La Combe filled the shoes of Dick Hendricks for the Schlarnan Hilltoppers Friday night. And he did the job admirably. On the 10th play of the game La Combe hit pay dirt on a left end run. La Combe intercepted on the 15 and, on the next play, Seely scored. The Statue of Liberty worked for the extra point. Parsatka fell on an Indianapolis Attucks fumble on the six yard line. La Combe went over two plays later. A penalty nullified the extra point try although the run by Seely was short. The final Schlarnan tally came in the third quarter on a pass from La Combe to Tom Alberts for seven yards into the end zone.³³

Alleman Stops Schlarnan 27-7, Using Ground Attack

A powerful grid machine came out of the North to crush Schlarnan

³¹Ibid., October 6, 1951.

³²Ibid., October 14, 1951.

³³Ibid., October 20, 1951.

High School, 27-7. They gained 236 yards on the ground while the hard charging line held Dick Hendricks and company to a mere 23. Schlarnan's touchdown came in the fourth quarter with the score at 20-0. Hendricks tried three aeriels, all incomplete. Then on the fourth down he pitched to Dean on the 25 for the score.³⁴

Schlarnan Swamps Central

The Schlarnan Hilltoppers charged back with a vengeance on wind-swept Drummy Field Saturday afternoon to trounce the hapless South Bend Central Catholic Crusaders, 32-6. John Seely called first for the home team. La Combe exploded on his 68-yard touchdown gallop. On the 19 on a spread formation play, Hendricks romped over for the touchdown. La Combe went over on a 18 yard romp into pay dirt. Jim Falcenio fell on a fumble on the Central 40. La Combe made five yards, and then Hendricks unreeled a 35 yard touchdown sprint.³⁵

The Schlarnan, Hall of Spring Valley game has been cancelled because of snow on the Hilltopper field and the road conditions from Spring Valley. Schlarnan thus completes its 1951 football season.³⁶

The 1951 Schlarnan football team won five games, lost two, and tied one. They outscored their opponents 151 to 69, and led in net total yards 1,849 to 1,583.

Named to the Chicago Daily News All-State Football Team Special Mention were Dick Hendricks and Curt Mattan, Honorable Mention, Bill La Combe. The Champaign News Gazette All State Football Team named Dick

³⁴Ibid., October 29, 1951.

³⁵Ibid., November 4, 1951.

³⁶Ibid., November 9, 1951.

Hendricks to its Honorable Mention List. John Seely was named Captain and Dick Hendricks was Most Valuable for the 1951 Hilltoppers.

Dick Hendricks and Bill La Combe were almost equal in total yards gained. Hendricks in 102 attempts gained 764 yards, lost 80, for a total of 684 yards and a 6.8 average. La Combe in 93 attempts gained 707 yards, lost 26, for a total of 681 yards and a 7.3 average.

The scoring race was just as close with La Combe scoring eight touchdowns, one extra point for a total of 49 points. Hendricks scored seven touchdowns, six extra points for a total of 48 points.

1952 FOOTBALL SEASON

Schlarman Hilltoppers Open Football Season

With Win Over Ambrose 12-0

The Schlarman Hilltoppers opened the 1952 grid campaign Sunday afternoon with a 12-0 victory of St. Ambrose of Davenport, Iowa. Dean went around the right side of the line and leaped for the first touchdown. Dean's pass to Grogan for the extra point was incomplete. On the second play of the final quarter Ahrens went the necessary three yards for the touchdown. Vic Fato intercepted two passes.³⁷

Schlarman Hilltoppers Defeat Dugger, 34-14

Schlarman scored first, Ahrens went around end for nine yards and the score. Dean plunged for the first of the four extra points he made. Ahrens went the last eight yards for the second touchdown. Ahrens scored again in the third when he made a beautiful running catch of a Dean pass which totaled 40 yards. Jim Dage skipped through left tackle and cut right for eight yards and the touchdown. Ahrens, the big fullback went

³⁷Ibid., September 15, 1952.

23 yards around the right end to complete the scoring.³⁸

Peoria Spalding Down Schlarnan Toppers, 20-0

Powerful Peoria Spalding ended Schlarnan's undefeated string, 20-0. The strain of three games in eight days told on the Hilltoppers. With Maurice Parzarka out the whole game and Chuck Ahrens injured and unable to play the majority of the game, the Schlarnan offense and defense slipped below standard. Dick Doan and Ray Grogan connected on several passes, but they couldn't connect near the goal line.³⁹

Culver Military Academy Gridders Trounce Schlarnan Hilltoppers

The 727 cadets of Culver Military Academy marched across the football field but their football squadron took to the air to soon over the Schlarnan Hilltoppers, 33-0. The Hilltoppers were hampered throughout the game by injuries and one of the key defensive players, Tary Stockness, pinched a muscle in his hip and didn't play at all in the second half.⁴⁰

Schlarnan Hilltoppers Tripped by Urbana Running Attack, 26-12

Grogan scooted around his own right end for the first tally. With the ball inside the one yard line Doan smashed over for the second score. There were less than two minutes playing time remaining when the final touchdown was scored. The Toppers have now won two and lost three.⁴¹

Marquette Defeats Schlarnan by 14-6

Marquette let Schlarnan score a first period touchdown and then went on to defeat the invaders here Saturday night, 14-6. Ahrens scored

³⁸Ibid., September 18, 1952.

³⁹Ibid., September 22, 1952.

⁴⁰Ibid., October 5, 1952.

⁴¹Ibid., October 11, 1952

from the four for Schlارman's touchdown.⁴²

Undefeated St. Teresa Falls to Schlارman, 20-7

The rains came to Drummy Field Sunday afternoon and nothing could have been more pleasing to the Hilltoppers. Ahrens smashed through the middle from the two for the touchdown. The clinching touchdown for Ahrens came early in the final period. After smashing his way to the seven, he went off tackle to score. Schlارman took over on the Teresa 29 and with Ahrens carrying on six of the eight plays, grabbed the insurance tally. Grogan plunged for the extra point. Behind vicious line charging and hard downfield blocking, Ahrens made 145 yards on 28 carries.⁴³

Schlارman Loses to Hall in Football Finale, 19-12

Hall scored first, Schlارman came right back and ground out 55 yards, with Chuck Ahrens making the touchdown. The extra point try failed. Ray Grogan intercepted a pass and ran to the one, and he scored from there. But again the extra point attempt failed. It left Schlارman's 1952 record at three wins and five losses.⁴⁴

Schlارman was outscored by its opponents 133 to 96. Statistics were not available for the Hall of Spring Valley game, but through seven games it showed Ahrens as the leading rusher. In 71 attempts he gained 404 yards for a 5.7 average. Schlارman had 1,245 total yards to its opponents 1,252.

⁴²Ibid., October 19, 1952.

⁴³Ibid., November 3, 1952.

⁴⁴Ibid., November 8, 1952.

1953 FOOTBALL SEASON

Schlarman Beats Mattoon 6-0, on Mulcahey's Pass

Schlarman's Hilltoppers pounded on the victory door five times here Friday night before Ed Cogerty gained admission to touchdown territory on a six-yard pass from Francis Mulcahey early in the fourth quarter. The result was a hard fought 6-0 win over Mattoon's Green Wave. Statistically the game was almost a toss-up with Schlarman gaining 155 yards to 146 yards for the hosts.⁴⁵

Powerful Peoria Spalding Hands Schlarman First Setback, 33-7

Experience and depth, as well as sheer power, overpowered the Schlarman Hilltoppers in huge Municipal Stadium here Sunday. The potent Irish of Peoria Spalding crushed the Hilltoppers, 33-7. Dick Mayoras tutored the final drive for a touchdown and flipped a 14-yard pass to end Jim Williams which kept the Blue and Gold from being shut out.⁴⁶

Schlarman Loses in Final Seconds

A blocked pass attempt in the final 30 seconds brought St. Ambrose a 6-0 victory over Danville Schlarman. With fourth down on the St. Ambrose 36 yard line, Schlarman's Francis Mulcahey faded back to pass. His arm was hit and the ball popped into the air and into the arms of Don Metzger who ran 58 yards for a touchdown.⁴⁷

Schlarman Falls to Dugger 6-0, in 1st Home Night Tilt

Penalties and fumbles completely ruined five very good scoring

⁴⁵Ibid., September 19, 1953.

⁴⁶Ibid., September 28, 1953.

⁴⁷Ibid., October 3, 1953.

opportunities for the Schlarnan Hilltoppers Friday night as they bowed to Dugger, Ind. 6-0. The Hilltoppers outgained the visitors on the ground, but Dugger was successful through the air for their only gains.⁴⁸

Schlarnan Topples Urbana From Unbeaten List, 13-6

With bulldozing Chuck Ahrens and a hard running Ray Grogan pacing their best ground attack of the season, Schlarnan's Hilltoppers toppled Urbana's Tigers off the unbeaten football pedestal. Chuck Ahrens, the bulldozer went over from the two. Grogan's pass to Mulcahey for the extra point fell incomplete. In the fourth quarter Grogan scored on a quarterback sneak. Pate ran right end for the 13th point.⁴⁹

Marquette Dampens Topper Celebration

The crippled Schlarnan Hilltoppers, trying to avenge last years homecoming tie couldn't dent the big Marquette of Ottawa defense Sunday and bowed to the visitors, 19-0. Ray Grogan's high school career was ended as he fractured his left arm on the second play of the second quarter.⁵⁰

Game Schlarnan Bows to Flyers By 35-8

Outmanned but not outfought, the Schlarnan Hilltoppers gave East St. Louis a Halloween scare in the first half at Drummy Field, but the Flyers exploded for 21 points in the third quarter and went on to win their 17th straight game, 35-8. The Hilltoppers capitalized on a safety when the Flyer's pivot man centered the ball over the head of the punter and out of the end zone. Mulcahey's 48 yard pass to Walt Such set up the

⁴⁸Ibid., October 10, 1953.

⁴⁹Ibid., October 17, 1953.

⁵⁰Ibid., October 28, 1953.

Hilltoppers score late in the third quarter. The pass put the ball on the Flyer's three, Mayeras tossed to Mulcahey for the touchdown.⁵¹

Hilltoppers Win, 21-14 Over Decatur St. Teresa

Chuck Ahrens and Dick Mayeras led a scrappy injury-ridden Schlarman Hilltopper grid machine to a sparkling 21-14 victory. Mayeras sneaked across from the two-foot line for the six points; then passed to Jim Williams for the point. From the two, Ahrens tallied but a penalty nullified the score and he had to repeat the plunge three plays later for the 21st and final point.⁵²

Schlarman Drops Finale

With its collective eye on an undefeated season, the Joliet Catholic Hilltoppers sprung record-breaking Bob Wright loose for four touchdown sprints as the undermanned Schlarman team lost its season finale to the visitors, 38-0. The game finished the Schlarman football season with a 3-6 record.⁵³

Chuck Ahrens was the leading rusher, in 114 attempts he gained 551 yards, lost 41, for 510 yards total, and a 4.5 average. The leading passer was Mulcahey, in 45 attempts he completed 18 good for 373 yards. Chuck Ahrens and Richard Mayeras were tied for scoring each with two touchdowns.

⁵¹Ibid., October 31, 1953.

⁵²Ibid., November 7, 1953.

⁵³Ibid., November 16, 1953.

SUMMARY

In this six year span from 1948 through 1953, the Millteppers won 26 games, lost 22 and tied 2. Some of the highlights during this period were: 1948, Zeke Bratkovski got off a 90 yard punt against Catlin. 1949, Bob Percysk had a 95 yard touchdown run from scrimmage. The 1950 team had a record of 8 wins, 1 loss, the best record for a Milltepper team. John Seely set a season rushing record with a net of 712 yards for a 9.1 average.

Chapter 4

THE MIDDLE YEARS OF PAUL C. SHEBBY

1954 FOOTBALL SEASON

For the first time in the history of the school, Coach Paul Shebby, the head Scholarman mentor, will have an assistant to aid his football tutoring. Tom Gallivan, just completing work on his master's degree, will be getting his first taste of football coaching as he helps Shebby prepare for the toughest schedule in the school's history.¹

Teppers Top Wave, 12-7 (Mattoon)

First score came on the third play of the second quarter, Mayeras caught a punt on the Hilltopper 20. Dick jogged to his right and began picking up blockers. Three or four key blocks were thrown and Mayeras turned on the steam to the goal line for a 80 yard touchdown. The run for the extra point failed. From the nine Dick Mayeras tossed a short pass to Giacene who crossed the goal line. The pass for the extra point failed.²

Peoria Spalding's Clutch Field Goal Beats Scholarman

An eight yard field goal, against the coach's instruction, with just nine seconds remaining in the game beat the Scholarman Hilltoppers 9-6. On the Spalding 18 and with about four minutes remaining in the

¹The Danville Commercial News, August 31, 1954.

²Ibid., September 18, 1954.

half the Schlarnan "double play", Kelly to Mayeras to Rinkus worked for the touchdown. The extra point pass play failed.³

Schlarnan Rallies to Tie Terre Haute Club, 13-13

The Schlarnan Hilltoppers played a great second half at Drummy Field Friday night, scoring one touchdown to come from behind and tie fast Terre Haute Schulte, 13-13. Pat Ahrens recovered a fumble on the Schulte 12 yard line. Then from the seven, Mayeras, on a keep play, out through and dived across to score. Kelly plunged for the extra point. After two line plays from the nine, Mayeras hit Rinkus in the end zone and the end made a diving catch and slid across the end zone on his stomach. On the extra point try, Kelly let the ball slip out of his hands and the game was a 13-all tie.⁴

Schlarnan Beaten, 21-7, By Moose

Mooseheart's Red Ramblers capitalized on three big breaks to hand Schlarnan's Hilltoppers a 21-7 setback Saturday afternoon. After two running plays failed to work from the 7, Mayeras hit Kelly with a touchdown pass. The Hilltopper quarterback then fired to Chuck Rinkus for the extra point.⁵

Urbana Drops Scrappy Teppers

Dynamite Dick McDade exploded twice on Frummy Field Friday night and the Urbana Tigers defeated the hard fighting Schlarnan Hilltoppers, 19-6. The Hilltoppers touchdown came on the last play from scrimmage of the game. Dick Mayeras went back to about the 40, eluded two Urbana

³Ibid., September 27, 1954.

⁴Ibid., October 2, 1954.

⁵Ibid., October 10, 1954.

players, and threw to Pat Ahrens who made a fine catch in the end zone.⁶

Rantoul Downs Schlarnan, 18-7

Rantoul's speedy Eagles needed only a strong first half to side-track Schlarnan Hilltoppers Friday night. With 9:30 left in the game Ahrens elanted across for the touchdown from the three. Richard Mayoras ran for the extra point.⁷

Marquette Drops Schlarnan, 32-6

The undefeated Crusaders of Marquette High School of Ottawa added the Schlarnan Hilltoppers to their list of vanquished foes, 32-6. Schlarnan's only gains came through the air as Richard Mayoras completed 18 of 29 passes for 133 yards and one touchdown. He hit a variety of receivers after taking to the air in the second quarter and Big Dick Davis caught the touchdown pass from the 4 in the fourth quarter.⁸

E. St. Louis Drops Schlarnan, 28-7

East St. Louis Flyers, one of Illinois top teams, made Schlarnan's game Hilltoppers their 28th straight victim Friday night by beating the visitors, 28-7. From the one foot line, Dick Mayoras tried a quarterback sneak which failed, but on the next play Don Mayoras plunged over tackle for the score. Dick tossed to Pat Ahrens for the extra point.⁹

Schlarnan Cuffs St. Teresa At Homecoming Tilt, 19-6

The Schlarnan Hilltoppers pleased a chilly homecoming crowd at

⁶Ibid., October 16, 1954.

⁷Ibid., October 23, 1954.

⁸Ibid., October 25, 1954.

⁹Ibid., October 30, 1954.

Drummy Field Friday night by defeating the St. Teresa Bulldogs of Decatur 19-6. With the ball on the Bulldog 27, Glascone took a handoff and faked a run, then threw downfield to Dick Davis who grabbed the ball, shook one tackler on the 10 yard line and went over for the touchdown. On the St. Teresa 41, Dick Mayeras, from a spread formation, went all the way for Schlarnan's second touchdown. On the first play of the fourth quarter from the one Dick Mayeras plunged for the final touchdown for the Hilltoppers.¹⁰

Schlarnan Drops Final Game, 26-0 To Joliet Catholic

Quarterback Lou Vears Sunday afternoon piloted, passed and ran the Joliet Catholic Hilltoppers to a 26-0 triumph over the Schlarnan Hilltoppers. Three times the Schlarnan team moved inside the Joliet 20 yard line, but twice they fumbled and once were stopped on the ground. Two other drives were halted by pass interceptions.¹¹

The 1954 Schlarnan football team won two games, lost seven, and tied one. J. D. Gogarty and Alan Reid were named Co-Captains. J. D. Gogarty was also named Most Valuable.

Richard Mayeras was the leading rusher, in 111 attempts he gained 472 yards, lost 103 yards, for 369 total yards, and a 3.3 average. The leading scorer was again Richard Mayeras with four touchdowns, and one extra point for twenty-five points.

¹⁰Ibid., November 6, 1954.

¹¹Ibid., November 15, 1954.

1955 FOOTBALL SEASONChampaign Beats Schlarman, 20-6

The battle of statistics was a standoff, but they don't pay off in statistics. That's the lesson Schlarman learned Friday night as it dropped a 20-6 up-and-down the field football opener to the Champaign Maroons. With 20 seconds played in the second quarter, Don Mayeras shot through the line for 21 yards and the touchdown. Don Dietsons' kick for the extra point was blocked.¹²

Schlarman Routa Morris, 41-0

Schlarman's regulars played little more than half the game Friday night. The touchdown hungry Hilltoppers ran and passed through, over and around the befuddled Redskins for a 41-0 victory. The touchdown parade: Dick Mayeras cut off tackle on a quarterback keeper play for four yards. Don Mayeras ran through the middle of the line for 54 yards. Dick Mayeras skirted right end for 19 yards. Don Mayeras plunged a yard for the touchdown. Dick Mayeras fired to Mike Kelly who raced 55 yards to the goal. Quarterback Ed Bell fumbled the snap from center but Jewell Butler, a 141 pound sophomore halfback, scooped up the ball and shot through the middle of the line on his way to a 77 yard touchdown run. Don Dietson kicked 5 extra points.¹³

Teppers Win, 12-7

The Schlarman Hilltoppers pushed over two first half touchdowns and stopped the vaunted Schulte High gridgers for a 12-7 upset victory.

¹²Ibid., September 17, 1955.

¹³Ibid., September 24, 1955.

Schlarnan scored quickly. Dick Mayoras' 18-yard run featured the drive and he chalked up the TD with a six yard carry. Brother Don added the second touchdown when he plunged across from the one-foot line.¹⁴

Pair of 6's Win - - Schlarnan 66-6!

You won't believe this unless you saw the game. But Schlarnan didn't try to pour it on fumbling and bewildered Corpus Christi of Callesburg. Don Mayoras started the 10 touchdown attack by returning the opening kickoff 90 yards to the goal. Don Dietsen kicked the first of his six extra points. Dick Mayoras fired a 35-yard pass to brother Don, who juggled the ball but held on and strolled across the goal. The touchdown recap after the 13-0 start follows: Jewell Butler ran end on a reverse for eight yards. Dick Mayoras returned a punt 65 yards. Dick Mayoras fired a 35 yard pass to Ren Reimann who ran 13 yards into the end zone. Don Mayoras scored for the third time when he ran 46 yards unmoledated through the center. Mike Haura, a swivel-hipped sophomore, broke loose for 13 yards. Haura again, this time on a dart and dodge excursion for 46 yards. Freshman Joe Strake intercepted a pass, then came back with runs of 39 and 10 yards to score. Sophomore end Marvin Smith hauled in an opponent's pass and reced 33 yards for the final six points. Needless to add, the 66 was a new scoring record.¹⁵

Urbana Trips Spirited Toppers On Freak Play in Final Seconds

It was a game that won't soon be forgotten. Schlarnan's Hill-toppers, a courageous band of hard charging football "iron men" who

¹⁴Ibid., October 2, 1955.

¹⁵Ibid., October 10, 1955.

fought to win rather than battle for a tie - lost a 12-6 decision to Urbam's rugged Tigers Friday night on a freak play in the final seven seconds. Dick Swearingen smacked the Schlarnan line for no gain, but before the whistle halted the play, he pitched the football to Jeff Matthews who scampered the payoff seven yards to a touchdown. Schlarnan scored as Dick Mayoras, from the 5, after beautiful faking pulled out and moved off tackle. Don Dietzen's kick was wide.¹⁶

Schlarnan Rallyes to Beat Rantoul Champions, 19-6

Schlarnan's Hilltoppers spotted Rantoul a touchdown, then to the delight of the Homecoming fans fought back with three touchdowns to post a 19-6 victory. Dick Mayoras scored from the one. Don Dietzen's kick put Schlarnan ahead to stay, 7-6. Dick Mayoras unleashed his passing arm and hit Ben Reimann on the 10, all alone, Reimann strolled into the end zone. Dietzen's kick was blocked. The Toppers tallied on Dick Mayoras' two-yard off tackle smash.¹⁷

Alert Schlarnan Top Tough Marquette, 18-13

The hard-charging, quick-thinking Schlarnan Hilltoppers gambled on its aerial offense and took advantage of Ottawa Marquette's mistakes for a 18-13 triumph in the rain and mud at Drummy Field Friday night. With a first down on the five, after two shots at the line by Dick Mayoras, Mike Kelly skirted left end for the score. Dick Mayoras passed seven yards to Pat Ahrens in the end zone on the last play of the first

¹⁶ Ibid., October 15, 1955.

¹⁷ Ibid., October 22, 1955.

quarter. Dick Mayoras passed to Don Mayoras for the final score.

Schlarman tried to plunge for each of its extra points and all failed.¹⁸

Teppers Drop St. Teresa for 6th Time in Row, 26-7

Schlarman's Milltoppers arrived 30 minutes late Friday night, but they wasted no time once they took to the gridiron. Pat Ahrens took the opening kickoff on his 12-yard line, broke to his left and raced 88 yards for a touchdown. The second touchdown came when Ahrens gathered in a deflected pass for the TD. From the two, Ahrens ran left end for the score and Dietzen passed to Ahrens for the 19th point. Mike Haura ran up the middle for the final 10 yards. Dick Mayoras passed to Ken Redenbaugh for the extra point.¹⁹

Schlarman Come Off Floor to Tie Mooseheart, 19-19

Down for a "19 count" at half time, Schlarman's courageous Milltoppers came off the floor to gain an astounding 19-19 draw with fast and tricky Mooseheart Friday night. Mike Kelly, although twice hit by three tacklers, fought his way the final 26 yards for the first Schlarman touchdown. Dietzen's kick was short and wide. Pat Ahrens ran around left end 15 yards for the payoff. Don Dietzen passed to Ron Reimann for the extra point. Junior Don Mayoras broke loose for a 33-yard touchdown run midway in the final period to tie the score. The extra point attempt was blocked.²⁰ Schlarman ends their campaign with a 6-2-1- record.

Mike Kelly was named Most Valuable, and John Sungail was named

¹⁸Ibid., October 29, 1955.

¹⁹Ibid., November 5, 1955.

²⁰Ibid., November 12, 1955.

Captain. The rushing leader was Don Mayoras. In 59 attempts he gained 520 yards, lost 29, for a total of 491 yards and a 5.5 average. The leading passer was Dick Mayoras who completed 38 passes in 66 attempts for 671 yards. Don Mayoras was the leading scorer with 10 touchdowns, for a total of 80 points. Schlarnan outgained their opponents in total net yards 2347 to 1822 and outscored them 213 to 90.²¹

Richard Mayoras and John Sungail were named to the First Team Chicago Daily-News Little All-State team. Receiving Honorable Mention were Joe Ratteretti and Pat Ahrens.²²

1956 FOOTBALL SEASON

Springfield Tip Toppers, 14-13

Lady Luck, a real fickle gal last night, switched her affections to Springfield in the final five minutes and the visitors strode off Drummy Field with a pulsating 14-13 victory over Schlarnan's determined Hilltoppers. Jewel Butler scooted across from the two. Mayoras passed to Reimann for the extra point. Mayoras carried over on a quarterback sneak. Mayoras, attempting to run for the extra point from a kicking position, saw the ball sail past him and he was spilled 15 yards from the goal.²³

Rantoul Flashes Past Hilltoppers

A rash of early "fimblesitis" combined with a bad case of Rantoul speed spelled out a 19-14 setback for Schlarnan Friday night. Trailing

²¹Ibid., November 13, 1955.

²²Ibid., November 23, 1955.

²³Ibid., September 15, 1956.

19-0 the Toppers Mike Maura took the kickoff on the 15-yard line. Maura handed off to Don Mayoras and the Topper quarterback shot down the sidelines for 85 yards and a touchdown. Mayoras ran for the extra point. On a fourth down and two to go play, Mayoras busted up the middle for seven yards and the touchdown. Jewel Butler added the extra point on a plunge.²⁴

Schlarnan Falls To Terre Haute Schlute, 33-12

The powerful Golden Bears of Terre Haute Schulte High School bulldozed the center of the Schlarnan football line to grind out a 33-12 victory in the inter-state battle. Mayoras started Schlarnan's fireworks when he scooped up the kickoff and rolled 61 yards to the Schulte 26. From the one Jewel Butler smacked over to break the ice for Schlarnan. The conversion try by Mayoras was wide. Mayoras opened the Bear defense with a pass, then on the next play faked a handoff, cut back across the field past the line of scrimmage and danced 76 yards for the Hilltoppers second touchdown.²⁵

Champaign Devastates Topper Defenses, 53-0

Schlarnan won the toss of the coin but it was the only thing the outnamed Hilltoppers won Friday night at Drummy Field. Schlarnan made only one serious scoring threat while absorbing its fourth setback, one which turned out the worst in the school's gridiron history.²⁶

²⁴Ibid., September 22, 1956.

²⁵Ibid., September 28, 1956.

²⁶Ibid., October 6, 1956.

Urbana Defeats Hilltoppers, 31-6

Schlarman was the perfect football host at Drummy Field Friday night. The listless Hilltoppers gave the ball away seven times - four on fumbles and three on pass interception - to enable Urbana to post a 31-6 victory. With first down on Urbana's 22, Mayoras ran for six yards and Jewel Butler picked up a first down on the nine. Three plays later, Mayoras battled his way through the line and fell across the goal.²⁷

Schlarman Surprises Joliet Catholic, 14-13

A race against the clock, a goal line stand and a dramatic game-saving fumble - recovery all in five breath-taking minutes as the Schlarman Hilltoppers upset a highly-favored Joliet Catholic grid team, 14-13. Jewel Butler scored his first six pointer of the day on a perfectly-executed double reverse. Butler plunged for the extra point. In the last five minutes, Don Mayoras threw a spread pass to Jewel Butler who threaded his way 36 yards to score. Then Butler dove over the goal line for the game winning 14th point.²⁸

Toppers Beat Marquette, Statue Play Clicks, 19-7

Schlarman dusted off the oldest play in its bag of football tricks - the Statue of Liberty pass - to set up its game breaking touch-down on the way to a 19-7 victory over winless Ottawa Marquette Friday night. In the first quarter Mayoras, Butler and Maure led the drive with Butler scoring on a five-yard jaunt. Dean faded back to pass. End Bonnie Reinmann circled in back of him, took the ball and sped 26 yards to Marquette's 18. Five plays later Butler plunged over from the two. Carey ran for the extra point. In the final minutes, Maure, Butler,

²⁷Ibid., October 13, 1956.

²⁸Ibid., October 22, 1956.

Carey and Dean needed only seven rushes to add the final six points. Haura made it official with a half-yard burst off tackle.²⁹

Teresa Wacks Toppers

Shades of Oklahoma. The St. Teresa Bulldogs, using the famed Oklahoma option play throughout the game, scored two touchdowns in the third quarter to spark a 25-14 triumph over the Schlarnan Hilltoppers at Drummy Field. In the second quarter Don Mayaras scored on a three yard plunge. Mike Haura ran over the extra point. Jewel Butler scored the second touchdown on a fine 34 yard double reverse run. Haura ran over for the extra point.³⁰

Schlarnan Drops Mooseheart, 26-0

The Schlarnan Hilltoppers earned their first victory in the three-year series with Mooseheart when they closed their 1956 football season with a 26-0 triumph over the Child City Red Ramblers here Saturday afternoon. Mayaras hit Herman Kummerle on a 12-yard pass play for Schlarnan's first touchdown. Mayaras uncorked a 50-yard pass to Ron Reismann, who reared into the end zone. Mayaras ran the extra point. In the third quarter Mayaras went over from the 18-yard line and Jack Carey plunged for the extra point. Mayaras skipped around end for an 18 yard touchdown romp. The victory gave the Hilltoppers a 3-6 record for the season.³¹

Statistics were not available for the Mooseheart game. However,

²⁹Ibid., October 27, 1956.

³⁰Ibid., November 3, 1956.

³¹Ibid., November 11, 1956.

through the first eight games Don Rayner was the leading rusher. In 109 attempts he gained 544 yards, lost 79, for a total of 465 yards, and a 4.3 average. Schlarnas was outscored by its opponents 195 to 118, and trailed in total net yards 1549 to 2107.

1957 FOOTBALL SEASON

Schlarnas Defeats Morris, 9-0

The game was scoreless late in the third quarter when Jack Carey blocked a punt, and Morris recovered it in it's own end zone. That was the turning point of the game. Schlarnas scored two points on the safety and the Morris dke was broken. Haura scored the touchdown going over from the three. Stinson shook free from several tacklers and fought his way over the goal for the extra point.³²

Toppers Defeat Rantoul, 13-12

The Schlarnas Killtoppers showed they wouldn't quit when behind as they rallied in the second half to defeat the Rantoul Eagles 13-12, at Drummy Field Friday night. In the second half Lynn Sparks recovered a fumble on the first play from scrimmage and in seven plays Butler plunged for the Schlarnas score. In the final quarter Butler went up the middle for seven yards and the second Schlarnas TD. Quarterback Dean ran for the extra point.³³

Potent Champaign Breaks Schlarnas Defenses, 33-0

Champaign's Moroon's ran their unbeaten string to 23 games Friday

³²Ibid., September 14, 1957.

³³Ibid., September 21, 1957.

night by running through and over Schlarnan's crumbling defenses, 33-0. Schlarnan's timing was off and its ball handling poor, part of which could be traced to a week's layoff. But there was no doubt as to the superior team.³⁴

Thomas Stars As Urbana Tips Toppers, 20-0

Baseball is a game of inches, what about football? But the inches went right for the Urbana Tigers and wrong for Schlarnan here Friday night as the Hilltoppers bowed to the power of Steve Thomas and the passing of quarterback Ron Moore, 20-0. The Hilltoppers played their finest game so far this year as they battled the highly favored Tigers to the final few minutes. Mike Raura, Jewel Butler and Tom Doan did a yeoman job in the ball carrying department, while Ed Bell, George Petrulis and several other linemen were outstanding on defense.³⁵

Mooseheart

School officials at Mooseheart called Monday and announced that they would have to cancel the game at Schlarnan Friday night. Influenza has reached the epidemic stage at the school, and they don't want to expose other communities.³⁶

Toppers Beaten, 21-7

Cold, damp weather and a strong Ottawa-Marquette defense combined to dampen the homecoming spirits of the fans in the game at Drummy Field Saturday night which saw the Crusaders emerge as 21-7 victors. Late in

³⁴Ibid., October 5, 1957.

³⁵Ibid., October 12, 1957.

³⁶Ibid., October 14, 1957.

the fourth period Joe Strake intercepted a Crusader aerial, he outran the entire Marquette defense 80 yards for the Toppers only score. Maura plunged for the extra point.³⁷

Toppers' Rally Falls Short, 12-7

With a blocked punt and a sustained drive producing a pair of touchdowns in less than eight minutes, the Terre Haute Schulte gridgers edged the Schlarnan Hilltoppers, 12-7, at Drury Field Saturday night. Schlarnan's lone touchdown came when Willie Stinson went over tackle for the TD, Maura plunged for the extra point.³⁸

Schlarnan Loses Grid Finale, 38-6

Joliet Catholic scored three times in the first seven minutes and twice in the final period to hand the Schlarnan gridgers a 38-6 thumping in the finale here Sunday afternoon. Schlarnan's only score came when Tom Dean sneaked over for the six points late in the second period.³⁹

Schlarnan finished the 1957 football season with two wins, and five losses. Schlarnan was outscored by its opponents 136 to 42. Statistics were available for only five of the seven games. They showed Jewel Butler as the leading rusher. In 75 attempts he gained 391 yards, lost 37, for a total of 354 yards and a 4.7 average.

Jewel Butler was named Most Valuable, and Ed Bell Captain. Named to the Champaign News-Gazette All-State Special Mention was George Petrulis, Honorable Mention Ed Bell. Receiving Honorable Mention on the Chicago Daily News All-State were Jewel Butler and Mike Maura.

³⁷Ibid., October 27, 1957.

³⁸Ibid., November 3, 1957.

³⁹Ibid., November 11, 1957.

1958 FOOTBALL SEASON

Peoria Central Beats Teppers in Debut, 14-7

The game was a battle of Schlarnman's passing game against the visitor's ground attack. With the ball on the two Sparks faded to pass, was hit but tossed the ball to Joe Strake, his safety valve. Strake battled his way into the end zone. On a fake kick for the extra point, Sparks passed to Pete Davis for the seventh point.⁴⁰

Rantoul Gains Revenge from Schlarnman, 25-2

Rantoul's Eagles, superior in nearly every phase of the game, pounded Schlarnman's football forces, 25-2. Rantoul piled up 248 yards from scrimmage and limited the visiting Teppers to 73 yards. After Schlarnman was stopped on Rantoul's $1\frac{1}{2}$ yard line, Christenson went back to punt out of trouble but he fumbled the pass from center and was tackled in the end zone by Tom Ogerthy and Schlarnman picked up two points on the safety.⁴¹

Teppers Overpower Central Catholic, 38-7

Striking twice in the first four minutes of the game, the Schlarnman Hillteppers played their most impressive football of the young season Friday night in defeating the Knights of Lafayette Central Catholic, 38-7. Schlarnman started it's scoring by banging for six points with the game just four offensive plays old. Stinsen slanted off tackle with the ball on the 5 for the first score. The extra point was good on a Sparks to Nelson Davis pass. John Karushis plunged into the end zone

⁴⁰Ibid., September 14, 1958.

⁴¹Ibid., September 14, 1958.

from the two for the second touchdown. Strake gathered in a punt on his own 30, went across the field and handed off to Stinson, cutting the other way. Stinson bowed to the right, picked up speed, and went all the way to score. Kerushis clicked on his first pass attempt of the night and hit Nelson Davis for a 35 yard touchdown. Then Stinson caught a Kerushis pass for the extra point. Schlarnan's final two touchdowns both came on aerial thefts. Nelson Davis grabbed the first and went 44 yards, while Butler grabbed the second and romped 35 to pay dirt.⁴²

Schlarnan Jolts Champaign, 24-19

The Schlarnan Hilltoppers pulled the biggest upset of the young football season Friday Night as they handed the Champaign Maroons their second straight defeat, 24-19, before a cheering homecoming crowd at Drummy Field. Stinson scored Schlarnan's first touchdown on a one yard run. His 30 yard run with the pass from Sparks came with 6:01 left in the third quarter. With 5:01 left in the game, Stinson crashed through the left side of his line to burst 15 yards and the third touchdown of the night. Champaign fumbled the kickoff and Topper Tom Cogerty snatched it. From the four yard line Stinson left no doubt. Up the middle, his favorite play, into the end zone and the Toppers led for the first time in the ball game, 24-19.⁴³

Moose Defeat Toppers, 19-6

Willie Stinson supplied the biggest thrill of the day as he rambled 80 yards on a kickoff return for the Hilltopper's only points of the afternoon. Schlarnan had several fine scoring opportunities,

⁴²Ibid., September 20, 1958.

⁴³Ibid., October 4, 1958.

being inside the Roccoheart 30 four times and once penetrating to the six, but couldn't strike pay dirt again.⁴⁴

Schlarman Defeats Paris, 19-0

With Willie Stinson scoring twice on long runs and passing 25 yards for a third score, the Schlarman Hilltoppers spoiled Paris' football homecoming celebration, 19-0, Friday night. Stinson blocked a Paris punt and the Toppers recovered on the Paris 40. On the first play from scrimmage Willie sped around right end for 40 yards and a 6-0 lead. Lynn Sparks' pass to Stinson for the extra point fell incomplete. It was third down and 28 yards to go on the Hilltoppers' 21, when Stinson, on a double reverse, ran through the entire Paris team for a spectacular 79-yard scoring run. Strako's pass to Pete Davis for the extra point failed. With the ball on the Paris 25 Stinson passed to Bill Slykne who caught the ball on the five and fought his way into the end zone. Lynn Sparks ran for the 19th point.⁴⁵

Sub Back Leads Urbana Past Schlarman, 13-6

David Mackey scored all 13 of his team's points as the ailing Tigers dropped the grade-plagued Hilltoppers, 13-6 in an exciting football struggle at Drummy Field. From the one, Stinson lined up two yards deeper than usual and under a full head of steam crashed into the end zone. Sparks kick for the extra point was blocked. Sparks' punted six times in the game for a 49.5 average, his best effort was an unbelievable 69 yards.⁴⁶

⁴⁴Ibid., October 12, 1958.

⁴⁵Ibid., October 18, 1958.

⁴⁶Ibid., October 24, 1958.

Toppers Lose Rainy Struggle With Marquette

Marquette's big and powerful Crusaders defeated a determined Schlarnan of Danville team, 6-0, here Sunday in a homecoming game played in a steady rain. Schlarnan had one excellent chance to score, on fourth down Girouard missed a first down by inches and Marquette took over on its 10.⁴⁷

Schlarnan Defeated by Schlute

Schlute's charging backfield proved too much for the Schlarnan Billtoppers here Friday night as the Golden Bears rolled on to their sixth consecutive football win of the season, 26-7. Schlarnan's lone tally came early in the first period. Dick Alexis recovered a fumble on the Terre Haute one foot line. On the first play from scrimmage Sparks plunged for the score. Bryan Williams kicked the extra point.⁴⁸

Joliet Catholic Clips Schlarnan by 41-7 Count

From the first scoring drive until the final gun, the visitors were in command. It was a frustrating night for the Billtoppers from start to finish. On the first play of the second period Sparks failed to Stinson up the middle once more, then flipped a short pass over to Bill Slytas standing in the end zone. Bryan Williams booted the extra point.⁴⁹

Schlarnan finished up the 1958 season with 3 wins, and 7 losses. They were outscored by their opponents 170 to 116, and trailed in total yards 2,372 to 1,597. Bill Slytas was named Captain and Most Valuable.

⁴⁷Ibid., October 27, 1958.

⁴⁸Ibid., November 1, 1958.

⁴⁹Ibid., November 8, 1958.

The leading rusher was Willie Stinson, in 120 attempts he gained 683 yards, lost 102, for a net of 581 and a 4.8 average. Willie was also the leading scorer with 10 touchdowns, 1 extra point, for 61 points. Lynn Sparks completed 52 passes in 103 attempts for 529 yards.

1959 FOOTBALL SEASON

Peoria Central Shreds Tepper Defense

Central's Lions, regarded as "darkhorses" in the Peoria area prep race, shredded the Danville Schlarnan defenses Friday night for a convincing 26-0 season opening football victory. Offensively Schlarnan looked like a winner at times. Four times the Teppers coved within Central's 30 yard line and once advanced as far as the nine before a pass interception halted the drive.⁵⁰

Hilltoppers Ramble Past Rantoul

With explosive Willie Stinson scoring three touchdowns and passing for a fourth, the Schlarnan Hilltoppers beat Rantoul 25-6. The Teppers wasted little time in crossing the Rantoul goal. Howard Shields recovered a fumble on the 13. Ren Girouard skirted left end for 12 yards and Stinson powered across for the first score. Stinson carried across from the two for the second touchdown. Stinson fired a 12-yard strike to Bryan Williams for the third touchdown. Stinson gathered in a screen pass from Lynn Sparks and followed a host of blockers to the goal 23 yards away. Williams place kick completed the 25-point tally.⁵¹

⁵⁰ Ibid., September 19, 1959.

⁵¹ Ibid., September 25, 1959.

Hilltoppers Rally to Top Lafayette

Trailing by one touchdown after the first period, the Schlarnan Hilltoppers struck on long passes and smart running plays to defeat Lafayette's Central Catholic, 24-6. The Schlarnan offense got into gear early in the second period. They scored on an end around play with Bryan Williams lugging the ball the final yards. Late in the same quarter Stinson blazed on a double reverse for a 70 yard touchdown gallop. In the third quarter Stinson caught a Sparks aerial and the play covered 67 yards. The final TD was a 37 yard run by Stinson.⁵²

Teppers Fall To Champaign In 20-6 Duel

Schlarnan's quick-striking Hilltoppers scored first but Champaign got the most "runs" in a slam-bang football offensive battle. With the ball on the Champaign seven, Howard Shields broke up the middle and almost unnoticed scored standing up. Bryan Williams' kick for the extra point was short and wide. Statistically there was little to choose between these two rivals. The Teppers displayed their finest blocking and tackling on the season against a tried and true foe.⁵³

Teppers 'Dangle' Eisenhower, 24-20

Stinson to Sparks to Williams. That was the connection wired by Coach Paul Shabby in the closing minutes at Drummy Field Friday night. Schlarnan moved from the opening kickoff to its first touchdown - a Sparks to Williams pass for five yards. The Teppers scored again on the first play of the second quarter when Stinson went plunging and driving

⁵²Ibid., October 3, 1959.

⁵³Ibid., October 9, 1959.

12 yards and dived over the goal line. Stinson bulled 42 yards to pay dirt for the third touchdown. With only 1:40 remaining in the game and behind 20-18, Stinson took the ball and headed to his right as if going to run the end. Then he stopped and threw the ball about 20 yards laterally across the field to Sparks. Sparks then fired down the sidelines 90 yards to Bryan William's standing all alone in the end zone.⁵⁴

(Kankakee) Kays Edge Toppers At Homecoming, 7-6

It could have been a tie. It should have been a tie. The game featured two contrasting offenses on rain-drenched Drummy Field. Willie Stinson, the Toppers all-state, halfback candidate, put on another great display. The tie possibility arose shortly after Stinson ran the right end and literally flew into the end zone from $\frac{1}{2}$ yard out. Five minutes and 37 seconds remained in the game. Stinson spotted Dave Mayuras in the end zone and let fire. But before Mayuras had a chance to gather in the ball he was hit from behind and the ball fell harmlessly to the turf. But the officials detected no interference and the score stood at 7-6.⁵⁵

Big Urbana Fullback Beat Toppers, 20-6

Pile-driving Verna Green, a 6-4, 225-pound fullback, wrecked Schlarnan last night. In the third quarter, on a third down play Stinson fired a 35-yard pass to Howard Shields who worked his way in back of the Urbana secondary. He took the ball in stride and just made it into the end zone before the Tigers sailed him. Bryan Williams' kick for the extra point was partially deflected by Green and sailed wide to the right.⁵⁶

⁵⁴Ibid., October 17, 1959.

⁵⁵Ibid., October 24, 1959.

⁵⁶Ibid., October 31, 1959.

Schulte Overcomes Schlarnan, 26-18

Willie the Wonderful Stinson warmed the cockles of Schlarnan's fans hearts Thursday night with a dazzling display of broken field running in his farewell football appearance at Drummy Field. He ran over, around, through and above Terre Haute Schulte tacklers for three touchdowns. Willie broke up the middle, cut past the several would-be tacklers, and danced his way 47 yards into the end zone for the first touchdown. The try for the extra point failed. Then Stinson went on another eye-popping excursion through the entire Schulte defense. He broke up the middle, cut to his left, and with a good block from Dave Mayuras scampered into the end zone. The extra point try went amiss. With fourth down and three for a touchdown, Willie belted off right tackle for the score. Stinson scampered 51 yards down the sidelines to the six. Shields fumbled on the next play and Schulte took over.⁵⁷

Joliet Catholic Defeats Schlarnan in Snow, 24-6

Two first period breaks led to touchdowns and Joliet Catholic upset Schlarnan, 24-6, in a snowy, football icicle here Friday night. Schlarnan never could get it's ground attack going. Willie Stinson threw a 45 yard pass to sophomore halfback Bob Sumila in the final minute to set up Schlarnan's only touchdown. After the long pass which put the ball on the nine, Lynn Sparks passed to end Mike Gordon for seven yards on the two. Then Stinson slanted off tackle and Schlarnan kept from being shut out in the finale.⁵⁸

⁵⁷Ibid., November 6, 1959.

⁵⁸Ibid., November 14, 1959.

The 1959 Schlarnan football team won three and lost six. Willie Stinson was named Most Valuable, Tom Brennan was named Captain. Willie Stinson was named to the Champaign News Gazette All-State, Chicago Daily News Little All-State, Chicago American All-Northern, Chicago American All-State, Outstanding Commendation.

The leading rusher was Willie Stinson. In 101 attempts he gained 772 yards, lost 65, for a net of 707 yards and a 7.0 average. Stinson was also the leading scorer with 13 touchdowns for 78 points. Lynn Sparks completed 26 passes in 59 attempts for 412 yards. Schlarnan was outgained in total net yards, 1884 to 1875. The Hilltoppers were also outscored 155 to 115.

Summary

In the six year span from 1954 through 1959, the Hilltoppers won 19 games, lost 33, tied 2. In 1955 Schlarnan scored 213 points, a school record. Richard Rayman and John Sungail became the first Hilltoppers to be named 1st team Little All-State. In 1959 Willie Stinson set a school scoring record with 13 touchdowns for 78 points. Stinson's 707 net yards rushing is 2nd to John Seely's 712 in 1950 for a single season.

Chapter 5

ERA OF JOE SPRINGER

Joe Springer, Schlarnan football assistant for four years, has been elevated to the head grid coaching position, the Schlarnan school board has announced. Springer takes over from Paul Shabby, who will continue as head basketball and golf coach in addition to serving as athletic director. Shabby also will assist in football. The new football coach is a native of Princeton, Illinois, where he starred as a prep in football, basketball, track and golf. He received his bachelor of science degree in 1954 from the University of Notre Dame. At Notre Dame Springer served as vice president of the junior class, and as captain of the track team. Springer enlisted in the Army medical corps. He later was transferred to special services and competed as a member of the Army track team in Europe. He won the European Army competition and reached his vaulting peak of 14-5 while in service. Springer was honorably discharged in August, 1956, and soon afterwards was named as assistant to Coach Shabby in football and basketball and as head coach in track.¹

1960 FOOTBALL SEASON

Schlarnan Dazzles Mooseheart, 25-7

Schlarnan's Hilltoppers struck quickly by land and air Saturday night to make Joe Springer's debut as head football coach a winning one. The Teppers shook off early misfortunes as Mayuras again found the lanky

¹The Danville Commercial News, June 1, 1960.

Williams for a 6-yard payoff pitch with 4:41 remaining in the first quarter. Truman Butler negotiated the final five yards in an off-tackle burst. Williams kicked the 19th point. On third down Davis ran to his right for another apparent pass. But he tucked the ball under his arm and scampered 25 yards into the end zone. Williams' kick was blocked. Grites sprinted 14 yards off left tackle into the end zone to end Schlarmas's scoring.²

Rantoul Stops Hilltoppers, 19-6

Larry Jackson didn't score a touchdown last night but he was the surf-burster as Rantoul ground out a 19-6 victory over the Schlarmas Hilltoppers. Mayras fired a five-yard strike to 6-5 end Bryan Williams. As Rantoul's defenders converged on Williams, he lateralled the ball to fleet Tom Grites. Grites shifted into high gear and sped another 42 yards into the end zone. Loss evened Schlarmas's record at 1-1.³

Lafayette Team Stalls Topper Rallyes, 19-13

Frustration inside the 15-yard line plagued the Schlarmas Hilltoppers Friday night as Lafayette Central Catholic capitalized on a blocked punt and two Topper misplays for a 19-13 football triumph. From the two Tom Grites plunged for the touchdown. John James grabbed a Mayras pass for the extra point. Girouard eluded through for the final three yards. Schlarmas tried the fake kick-forward pass play, but it was ruled incomplete.⁴

²Ibid., September 18, 1960.

³Ibid., September 24, 1960.

⁴Ibid., October 1, 1960

Champaign Rolls Past Schlarman 27-6

A grinding ground attack which amassed 434 yards and four touchdowns was too much for the Schlarman Hilltoppers Friday night as Champaign put a damper in the homecoming celebration, 27-6. The Hilltoppers brightened the near-capacity crowd estimated at 2,500 in the final four minutes of the game when Dave Mayoras gathered in a pass from Truman Butler for a six pointer. The play covered 55 yards.⁵

Toppers Strike Quickly, Beat Georgetown, 26-12

Schlarman uncorked three long touchdown punches and one short scoring jab last night to decisively Georgetown prep football forces, 26-12. Clarence Davis broke through Georgetown's defense to partially block a punt. The ball rolled free to the Schlarman 48. Here Dave Mayoras gathered it in and set sail down the east sidelines. He went unhindered all the way into the end zone. Tom Grites ran the extra point. From the three Mayoras sneaked across. Davis ran the extra point. Mayoras arched a soft toss to Davis who gathered in the ball at the line of scrimmage, and scampered 67 yards for the touchdown. Davis failed on his try for the extra point. Davis blocked a kick and Truman Butler scooped it up and ran 25 yards for the score. Mayoras' try for the extra point failed.⁶

Toppers Beat Robinson With 2nd Quarter Salvo

Schlarman's quick-striking Hilltoppers fired a three touchdown salvo in the second quarter to earn a 20-6 football victory over highly-regarded Robinson on Friday night. Girouard wove his way through the

⁵Ibid., October 8, 1960.

⁶Ibid., October 15, 1960.

Robinson defense for the final 13 yards. Davis ran for the extra point. From the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Girouard sheet off three tacklers and bulled his way into the end zone. Mayeras passed to John James for the 14th point. Davis then launched a 40-yard aerial toward the opposite sideline. Butler beat his man and gathered in the ball, shifted into high gear and scampered into the end zone. Grites' run for the extra point failed.⁷

Urbana Edges Toppers, 14-12

Two inches separated Schlarnan from victory Friday night. The underdog Hilltoppers missed a crucial first down by that narrow margin and the Urbana Tigers eked out a 14-12 win. Mayeras plunged over from the one. Davis tried to run for the extra point but was stopped. Davis scored on a two yard plunge. Again Davis tried an extra point plunge after his touchdown, but was stopped.⁸

Penalties Help Schulte Defeat Schlarnan, 14-7

Two major penalties and one very questional call by an official, cost Schlarnan two touchdown drives and set up a Schulte touchdown as the Golden Bears of Schulte High defeated the Hilltoppers, 14-7. Mayeras on a fake up the middle, went 29 for the score. Mayeras booted the placement.⁹

Eisenhower Overpowers Toppers in Finale, 33-7

Eisenhower's Panthers struck for three touchdowns in a 6 minute 15 second stretch of the second quarter and went on to overpower Schlarnan, 33-7. Mayeras capped a 71-yard march with a four-yard sneak. The

⁷Ibid., October 22, 1960.

⁸Ibid., October 29, 1960.

⁹Ibid., November 5, 1960.

extra point came on a fake kick with Mayuras taking the snap and tossing to James in the corner of the end zone.¹⁰

The 1960 Schlarmann football team won three games and lost six. Mark Meyer was named Captain and Clarence Davis Most Valuable. Ron Girouard was named to the Chicago American All-State Team.

The leading rusher was Clarence Davis. in 74 attempts he gained 419 yards, lost 42, for a net of 377 yards, and a 5.0 average. David Mayuras completed 38 passes in 82 attempts for 420 yards. He also led in scoring with 6 touchdowns, 1 extra point for 37 points.

The Hilltoppers were outscored 151 to 122, and trailed in net total yards 2,308 to 1,945.

SUMMARY

Joe Springer was head coach for only the 1960 season. His team won three games, and lost six. Springer has taken a position in the Danville public school system.

¹⁰Ibid., November 12, 1960.

Chapter 6

END OF THE ERA OF PAUL G. SHEBBY

After a year's absence, Shebby returns for his 13th season as head football coach. He handled the freshman - sophomore squad last year while Joe Springer directed the varsity. Springer resigned this summer to take a position in the Danville public school system.¹

1961 FOOTBALL SEASON

Touppers Strike Early; Win Opener, 25-13

Schlarnan's Hilltoppers, exploding for two quick touchdowns and driving for two more before the intermission, opened their 1961 football season with a 25-13 victory over rangy Mouseheart. Dave Mayoras, a versatile field general, slipped through guard on a keeper play for 52 yards into the end zone. The lefty-kicking Mayoras added the extra point and Schlarnan owned a 7-0 lead. Schlarnan's second touchdown was set up by a 59 yard run by Howard Devine. The third touchdown came when Mayoras rolled out around the right side for five yards and the score. A bad snap from center foiled the extra point try. Tom Grites, after some nifty faking in the backfield, took a Mayoras handoff and skirted right end for 20 yards and the final Schlarnan score. The try for the extra point was fumbled.²

¹The Danville Commercial News, August 27, 1961.

²Ibid., September 17, 1961.

Schlarnan Fights Back to Drop Rantoul, 22-7

Kiffed over Rantoul's go-ahead touchdown in the closing seconds of the first half, Schlarnan's aroused Hilltoppers struck back in spectacular fashion to post a 22-7 victory over the tiring Eagles Friday night at Drummy Field. From the Rantoul 1, Mayoras sneaked across for the final yard. His left kick for the point after sailed wide to the right. Off a double reverse Grites tossed a 12-yard pass to Mayoras. Rantoul's Dave outsped the surprised Schlarnan secondary the final 14 yards into the end zone. His kick was good and Schlarnan led 13-7. Mayoras again called for the double reverse pass. The execution was perfect and again Grites fired the payoff strike to Mayoras. Mayoras kicked the extra point and it was Schlarnan, 20-7, with 7:08 left in the game. Final points came on a safety with 41 seconds to play.³

Central Catholic Kicks Toppers 1st Loss, 19-7

A long run, a short pass and a dramatic interception earned the quick-striking Lafayette Central Catholic Knights a 19-7 victory over the Schlarnan Hilltoppers of Danville, Illinois. Ron Girouard, twice sidelined after blows on the head, scored Schlarnan's touchdown with less than six minutes gone in the ball game. From the 10, he blasted through and twisted over the goal line. Mayoras came through with a left-footed conversion.⁴

Champaign Toppers' Victim, 15-7

Schlarnan's hustling Hilltoppers surged back from the 7-0 first quarter deficit, literally played Champaign off its feet and took away

³Ibid., September 23, 1961.

⁴Ibid., September 30, 1961.

a 15-7 upset package last night before a homecoming crowd of some 2,500 football fans at McKinley Field. Mayaras scored on a rollout from the five. His kick for the extra point was wide. Then Girouard slammed across for the final two yards. Grites picked up a bobbled snap from center and battled his way into the end zone for the 13th point. From a spread formation the ball was centered into the end zone. May downed the ball and Schlarnan's John James dived on top of him to make sure he stayed put. A safety was ruled and Schlarnan held a "safe" 15-7 lead.⁵

Teppers Beat Georgetown

Smashing to its third touchdown early in the fourth quarter, the Schlarnan Hilltoppers yielded a pair in the closing minutes, but spoiled the Georgetown homecoming part, 20-12, Friday night. Mayaras banded off to Grites for the final four and the first touchdown of the game. On the extra point try, Grites partially fumbled the ball trying to set it on the tee for Mayaras. Girouard plunged into the end zone for the second Hilltopper touchdown. This time Mayaras booted the extra point. Mayaras moved out to the right as to throw, then sidestepped one man and worked his way through the defenders for 29 yards and a touchdown. Again his extra point boot was good.⁶

Teppers Win Homecoming Test, 18-0

Schlarnan's Hilltoppers, spoilers in successive homecomings at Champaign and Georgetown, celebrated their own with an 18-0 blanking of stay-on-the-ground Decatur Eisenhower last night at Drummy Field. From the eight Mayaras scored on a rollout play to his right. The try for

⁵Ibid., October 7, 1961.

⁶Ibid., October 14, 1961.

the extra point failed. Ron Girouard returned the second half kickoff 62-yards and a touchdown. A bad pass from center again cost Schlarnan a chance for an extra point. Mayoras negotiated the final seven on a keeper play for the third touchdown. His kick for the 19th point was low.⁷

Urbana Cashes Breaks to Drop Toppers

Capitalising on a pair of first period Schlarnan fumbles, then applying the "coup de grace" on the wierdest play of the season, Urbana traded touchdowns for time and defeated Schlarnan 34-14. Schlarnan broke the ice when Girouard plunged five yards through the middle. Mayoras scored on a three yard rolleut touchdown gallop. Mayoras scored both extra points. The weird play came about as Mayoras fumbled, the ball popped straight over the goal line and into the arms of Roderick, who then took off on his 100 yard gallop.⁸

Toppers Explode Past Schlute For 6th Win

A 70 yard touchdown gallop with an intercepted fumble sparked the Schlarnan Hilltoppers toward a 34-6 Dad's Night victory over Tarre Haute Schulte. Tom Parlow, a guard, grabbed the elusive ball late in the first quarter and galloped all the way from the Schlarnan 30 to touchdown territory. Schlarnan's second touchdown was an eight yarder by Ron Girouard. Gritas racked up a TD on a 34 yard strike. Ron Girouard charged through the Bear defense to go 94 yards for a touchdown. His younger brother, George, completed the act by grabbing a Schulte aerial and ripping off a 34 yard touchdown run. Mayoras scored three extra points, and McIntyre scored one.⁹

⁷Ibid., October 21, 1961.

⁸Ibid., October 28, 1961.

⁹Ibid., November 4, 1961.

Toppers Tip Culver, 27-20

Dave Mayoras passed for two touchdowns and scored once himself as the Schlarnan Hilltoppers capped their most successful football season since 1950 with a 27-20 victory over Culver Military Academy. Schlarnan scored the first time it got the ball. Mayoras climaxed the drive with a four-yard flip to James. Mayoras kicked the first of his three extra points. From the 16 Mayoras scooted the remaining distance on a bootleg run to his right. His kick made it 14-6. From Culver's 26, Mayoras lofted a perfect pass to Girouard who gathered in the ball as he crossed into the end zone. Mayoras' kick made it 21-6. Grites carried the final three yards to score. Mayoras' kick sailed wide but only 3:32 was left in the game.¹⁰

The 1961 Schlarnan football team won seven games and lost two. The Hilltoppers outscored their opponents 182 to 118, and led in total net yards 2707 to 1862.

Danny Jackson was named Captain and Ron Girouard Most Valuable. The leading rusher was Ron Girouard who, in 126 attempts, gained 725 yards, lost 36, for a net of 689 yards and a 5.5 average. David Mayoras completed 38 passes in 118 attempts for 606 yards. He also was the leading scorer with 11 touchdowns, 14 extra points for a total of 80 points.

1962 FOOTBALL SEASON

HHS Whips Toppers, 26-0

Darville's Vikings capitalised on a second quarter break, but in the final analysis it was crisp blocking and hard tackling that spelled

¹⁰Ibid., November 12, 1961.

out a 26-0 victory over Schlarnan's Hilltoppers last night. A crowd estimated at 7,000 filled every section of Drummy Field to witness this history making clash, the first gridiron meeting between the local schools.¹¹

Rantoul Drops Toppers, 13-7

Several of the games in the spirited Schlarnan-Rantoul rivalry have been better played. But none was more exciting than last night's now-its-your-ball-no-it-isn't-tussle. Devine carried on fourth down, the tireless halfback fought for every inch to nudge the ball into the end zone. On a fake kick try for the extra point Mc Intyre lofted a pass to Langdon who was all alone in the end zone.¹²

Boylan Downs Toppers, 21-6

Rockford Boylan, led by pile-driving sophomore fullback Roger Fox, proved the better "mudders" Sunday in beating Schlarnan's serial-minded Hilltoppers, 21-6. Devine tossed a screen pass to Mc Intyre. The Schlarnan quarterback threaded his way into the end zone. Mc Intyre tossed to Langdon for the extra point, but a penalty nullified the play. On the next try Mc Intyre fumbled the snap from center.¹³

Schlarnan's Undermanned Forces No Match for Champaign, 41-0

Illinois' third-ranking prep football team didn't rest on it's press clippings here last night. The lightning thrusts of the Champaign Maroons overpowered the undermanned Schlarnan Hilltoppers, 41-0, in an outstanding display of football's basic rules.¹⁴

¹¹Ibid., September 15, 1962.

¹²Ibid., September 22, 1962.

¹³Ibid., October 1, 1962.

¹⁴Ibid., October 6, 1962.

Lafayette Catholic Whips Scholarman

Lafayette Catholic's swift-striking Knights paraded for six touchdowns last night to dampen Scholarman's homecoming festivities at Drummy Field, 42-6. Scholarman avoided a shut-out late in the fourth quarter when quarterback Dick Mc Intyre capped a 49-yard march with a six-yard run on a power sweep to the right.¹⁵

Kiesenhower Tops Toppers

A pair of second quarter touchdowns triggered a 24-0 victory for the Decatur Kiesenhower Panthers over the winless Scholarman Hilltoppers last night. Devine was the Scholarman workhorse, carrying the ball 10 times for a net 40 yards.¹⁶

Vaunted Urbana Reaps Fast Winless Toppers, 47-6

The ball was on the Urbana 43 when Scholarman's Pete Langdon went back into deep punt formation. Pete took the snap from center, faked a kick, raised up and looped a screen pass to Danny Mayoras. Mayoras, a 135 pound sophomore, took the ball in stride, shot past a couple of surprised Tiger defenders, shook off another and outraced the final pursuer into the end zone. It was about the only thing the Hilltoppers could talk about with any degree of enjoyment.¹⁷

Scholarman Wins First Game, 13-6

The Scholarman Hilltoppers of Danville ended a seven-game losing streak here last night, defeating Little Flower High School, 13-6. Howard Devine scored the first touchdown on a four-yard run. A run for the

¹⁵Ibid., October 13, 1962.

¹⁶Ibid., October 20, 1962.

¹⁷Ibid., October 27, 1962.

extra point failed. George Girouard fired to Dennis Gaudio on a 19 yard scoring play. Dick Mc Intyre rolled out to the right and charged over for the extra point.¹⁸

Culver Defeats Schlarnan

The once beaten Culver Military School Cadets used their power and passing abilities to sweep the Schlarnan Hilltoppers, 40-18. Dan Mayeras grabbed a Culver pass and raced 32 yards. In the third quarter Dick Mc Intyre went over. The last touchdown of Schlarnan's season was scored by Howard Devine.¹⁹

The 1962 Schlarnan football team won one game and lost eight. The Hilltoppers were outscored 260 to 56, and trailed in net yards 1446 to 2280. Dick Mc Intyre was named Most Valuable and Mark Innes Captain.

Howard Devine was the leading rusher in 91 attempts he gained 296 yards, lost 50, for a net of 246 yards and 2.7 average. Dick Mc Intyre completed 47 passes in 95 attempts for 364 yards. He also was the leading scorer with 3 touchdowns and 1 extra point for 19 total points.

1963 FOOTBALL SEASON

Danville Power Defeats Schlarnan, 32-13

Danville's power game proved too much for Schlarnan's outmanned football forces last night. The Toppers marched 89 yards in 14 plays with Mayeras scoring from the one. Paradise's run for the seventh point

¹⁸ Ibid., November 4, 1962.

¹⁹ Ibid., November 11, 1962.

failed. Kendall fired a picture-pass for 44 yards to end Dannie Gaudin. Rex Salycruss ran the extra point.²⁰

Schlarman Shackles Paxton, 12-0

Schlarman combined its ground-air attack with a sturdy defense last night to make its Western Conference football debut a winning one at Drummy Field. From the 15, Salycruss skirted left end, turned on the speed to escape two would-be tacklers and shot into the end zone. Salycruss' pass for the extra point failed. Salycruss called a screen pass. Jim Yecius, an elusive sophomore halfback, caught the pass and slipped into the end zone. John Hendrick's pass for the point after failed.²¹

Rantoul Steps Toppers, 20-6

A powerful punning game, coupled with a pair of "ifs" earned the Rantoul Eagles a 20-6 triumph over the Schlarman Milltoppers. From the Rantoul three young Jim Yecius slugged over for Schlarman's lone touchdown. Dan Salycruss completed 11 of 18 passes for 100 yards.²²

Champaign Speeds By Toppers, 34-6

Champaign's speedy Maroons struck quickly and often last night to deal Schlarman's football force a 34-6 reversal. Paradise made a neat grab of a deflected Salycruss pass on the Champaign four. Three line smashes later Paradise crashed over for the TD.²³

Tough Topper Defense Beats Hoopston, 13-0

The Schlarman Milltoppers twice broke through a defensive battle of giants for a 13-0 Western League victory over the Hoopston Cornjerkers.

²⁰Ibid., September 15, 1963.

²¹Ibid., September 21, 1963.

²²Ibid., September 28, 1963.

²³Ibid., October 5, 1963.

From the three Yocius flew over the Hoopeston defenders to just penetrate the goal line. Tim Hendricks booted the extra point. Holycross started to cut around his left end, moved through a hole off tackle, then bowed to the sidelines and went all the way.²⁴

Yocius Sparks Toppers Past Gibson, 30-20

A pair of diminutive halfbacks, Schlarmann's Jim Yocius and Gibson City's Tom Schlickman, provided football fireworks last night as the Hilltoppers of Schlarmann pleased a homecoming crowd with a 30-20 Wausesa League victory. Mayores faked a forward pass on the Gibson 34. He cut to his right and started down the sidelines. He was hit on the 15 and flipped a lateral to Dennis Gaudio who raced on to the end zone. Then Gaudio caught a quick pass for the extra point. Late in the second period a bad center pass on a punting situation gave Schlarmann a safety. Yocius went eight yards on a short side smash and carried two defenders over the goal. He plunged for the extra point. Holycross, after slanting off tackle, raced down the sidelines for 57 yards, put the hosts on top, 23-6. Yocius threaded through the defenders for the final touchdown from 26 yards out. His extra point provided the final margin.²⁵

Urbana Bumps Toppers, 27-6

Schlarmann had the chance last night. But the Toppers couldn't cash in on a big break late in the fourth quarter. So instead of gaining a possible tie with Urbana's Tigers, they dropped a 27-6 non-conference football decision. Schlarmann got its TD near the end of the half. Yocius dived up the middle for the final yard. Holycross' run for the

²⁴Ibid., October 12, 1963.

²⁵Ibid., October 19, 1963.

extra point failed.²⁶

Schlarnan Rattles By Oakwood, 39-6

Schlarnan could do no wrong on the ground as it's grid ference ralled over Oakwood last night, 39-6. Holyeross ran a left end reverse for 53 yards, crossing the goal line untouched. Tim Hendrick's booted the point. Holyeross then moved out on the play he scored on previously and rushed the final 26 to pay dirt. Schlarnan moved over in 8 plays with Yocius going the final yard. From the one Paul Monson pushed over for the fourth Schlarnan score. Holyeross scored his third touchdown on a 70 yard run on the first play from scrimmage of the second half. Gary Smith then ran 41 yards around end to score.²⁷

Schlarnan Downs Watsoka in Fog

On a foggy night in Danville-town, Schlarnan's Hilltoppers demonstrated the football superiority over a young, big, but sluggish Watsoka team, 27-0. Danny Mayoras smuck across from the one, Hendricks' kick made it 7-0. Ron Holyeross scored on a two-yard burst off tackle. Charley Paradise on two bulldozing smashes scored from the four. Mayoras fired a 15-yard scoring pass to Danny Kummerle. Tim Hendricks' kick for the extra point was blocked.²⁸

Culver Wears Down Toppers In Finale, 16-6

Culver Military's sturdy Eagles wore down Schlarnan's young Hilltoppers in the second half yesterday to post a 16-6 season-ending football victory at Drummy Field. From the Culver 32 Ron Holyeross slashed through the left side of the line, cut to his right and raced into the end zone.

²⁶Ibid., October 26, 1963.

²⁷Ibid., November 2, 1963.

²⁸Ibid., November 6, 1963.

Tim Hendricks' kick for the seventh point was low.²⁹

The 1963 Schlarmann football team won five games and lost five. The Hilltoppers outscored their opponents 158 to 155, but trailed in net yards 2302 to 2513. Richard Schingel was named Captain and Paul Janosik Most Valuable.

Ron Holycross was the leading rusher, in 112 attempts he gained 716 yards, lost 49, for a net of 667, and a 6.0 average. Ron was also the leading scorer with 8 touchdowns, 1 extra point, for 49 points. Dan Mayoras completed 61 passes in 105 attempts for 618 yards.

Named to the All-Wausseau Offensive Team were: Dick Clark, Paul Janosik. Defensive Team: Dave Cavinder, John Hendricks, Dan Mayoras. Honorable Mention Offense: Ron Holycross. Honorable Mention Defense: Richard Schingel, Tony Carp, Charley Paradiso.

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Schlarmann "Reverses" Darville, 12-0

Schlarmann sits prouder than ever on its Hilltop today. Her football forces beat Darville, 12-0, last night for the first time in this three-year intra-city rivalry. Mayoras called for the double reverse. Hensen got the ball, felled his interference around the left side, watched Clark throw the big block, and sidestepped the final Darville defender for a 27-yard scoring play. Tim Hendricks' kick for the seventh point was wide. Charley Paradiso blasted nine yards on a "sucker play" in the final minute of the game. Hendricks' kick was blocked.³⁰

²⁹Ibid., November 10, 1963.

³⁰Ibid., September 23, 1964.

Teppers Beat Paxton, 25-14

Schlarnan basked in the glory of its Danville victory for a quarter, then came storming back to beat Paxton, 25-14, in a wind-blown Wausesa Conference opener for both teams. Bulldozing Charley Paradise cleaned off tackle the final 22 yards. The extra point kick failed. Schlarnan scored in nine plays. Dan Mayeras went the final yard and Tim Hendricks kicked the extra point. They moved 52 yards for the third TD, Paradise negotiating the final 11 yards. Darrell Smith got the TD on a two-yard run up the middle. Smith then kicked the extra point.³¹

Rantoul Drops Teppers, 19-14

Quarterback Danny Smith dashed Schlarnan's Wausesa Conference title hopes last night by scoring two touchdowns and setting up another with a dazzling 74-yard gallop as the Rantoul Eagles edged the Hilltoppers, 19-14. Mayeras scored on a two-yard thrust and Tim Hendricks' kick was perfect. Paul Henson ramed over the six. Hendricks' kick was good.³²

Champaign Bears by Teppers, 56-13

Lightning struck nine times in the form of touchdowns last night at Schlarnan's Drummy Field as Champaign's astonishing-fast Maroons blitzed the Hilltoppers, 56-13. Schlarnan on a well-executed 79-yard scoring march capped by Dan Mayeras' one-yard sneak. Charley Paradise barely sneaked in on a fourth down, six-inches-to-go situation. Hendricks' kicked the extra point.³³

³¹Ibid., September 26, 1964.

³²Ibid., October 3, 1964.

³³Ibid., October 10, 1964.

Schlarman Drops Hoopston, 19-7

Schlarman didn't have to punt. Hoopston ended up with minus yardage on the ground. Monson appeared to have the touchdown on a two-yard smash. But he fumbled. Alert John Bial recovered in the end zone and Schlarman had its first touchdown. Monson carried the final three times, the last for two yards and the TD. Mayoras fired a long pass to Lanter who outfought a defender for the ball on the Hoopston 25. He broke away and rambled into the end zone. Tim Hendricks' kick was good.³⁴

Toppers Defeat Gibson, 19-6

Unable to run outside against Gibson City's ganged-up defense in the first half, Schlarman changed its tactics after the intermission last night and powered its way to a 19-6 Wausesa Conference football victory. Darrell Smith got the score on a driving, spinning run up the middle for 22 yards. Tim Hendricks' kick was wide. From the 17, Paradise rumbled the middle, cut to his right and rambled into the end zone. Hendricks' kick was wide. Ren Halyuras sprinted off tackle and outraced the secondary for a 17-yard touchdown. Smith kicked the 19th point.³⁵

Toppers' Rally Fails

A gallant try but time ran out. That was the story last night for Schlarman as Decatur Eisenhower fought off the Hilltoppers, 18-12, in a thrilling football contest. From the three Smith crashed over. Mayoras passed to Ren Halyuras for 34 yards and then the Hilltoppers

³⁴Ibid., October 17, 1964.

³⁵Ibid., October 24, 1964.

quarterback sneaked over from the one.³⁶

Toppers Rout Oakwood, 81-6

Oakwood never got started. Schlarnan never was stopped. It was a new school scoring record for the Toppers. The topper touchdown parade: TD-1 Paradise ran eight yards. Darrell Smith kicked the extra point. TD-2 Paradise scored from the 10. Smith again kicked the extra point. TD-3 Frank Sebat scored from the one. Smith kicked the extra point. TD-4 Sebat galloped around end for 14 yards. The snap for the extra point was bad. TD-5 Brian Smith scored from two yards. TD-6 Paradise scored from 19 yards, with Smith kicking the extra point. TD-8 Greg Cookus galloped around right end for 34 yards to make it 53-0 at the three quarter mark. TD-9 Iocius ran a yard for the score. A Dean to Kummerle pass added another point. TD-10 Dean sneaked across for the six points and Mousen ran the extra point. TD-11 Mousen broke off tackle for 58 yards. Cookus ran the point. TD-12 Mousen intercepted and ran 30 yards for the final six pointer. Eric Eberhardt took a Dean pass for the 81st point.³⁷

Toppers Whip Watseka, 32-0

Churnin Charley Paradise scored two touchdowns last night to win the Wauseca Conference scoring title and lead the Schlarnan Hilltoppers to a season-closing 32-0 football victory over Watseka. Paradise scored on a two-yard snash. Ren Helycrum scored on a 25-yard end-around play. Darrell Smith scored on a five-yard run up the middle. Paradise broke up the middle for a 50-yard touchdown jaunt. Smith kicked the extra point.

³⁶ Ibid., November 1, 1964.

³⁷ Ibid., November 7, 1964.

McManara tossed 11 yards to Kuesmerle for the final TD. McManara passed to Kuesmerle for the extra point.³⁸

The 1964 Schlarnan football team won six games and lost three. The Hilltoppers set a new scoring record by scoring 227 points to their opponents 126. They also led in total net yards 2920 to 1609. Charley Paradise was named Most Valuable and Pat Grady Captain.

Charley Paradise was the leading rusher. In 66 attempts, he gained 431 yards, lost none for a net of 431 and a 6.5 average. He also was the leading scorer with 10 touchdowns for 60 points. Dan Mayeras completed 38 passes in 97 attempts, for 567 yards.

Named to Wausaca Conference All-Star Offensive Team were: Dick Clark, Charley Paradise. Defensive Team: Frank Sebat, Darrell Smith. Honorable Mention Offense: Tom Crumley. Honorable Mention Defense: Tom Gwulak, Danny Mayeras.

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Vikings Sail Past Toppers, 25-7

Dominating play throughout, the Danville Vikings sailed past Schlarnan's Hilltoppers with vital aerial yardage last night, emerged with a 25-7 victory and gained a 3-1 edge in this intra-city football rivalry. Schlarnan got its consolation touchdown in the fourth period on a fifty 18-yard run by sophomore halfback Danny Deas. Smith ran across the the extra point.³⁹

³⁸Ibid., November 14, 1964.

³⁹Ibid., September 22, 1965.

Toppers Whip Paxton, 7-0

Schlarnan scored on a "broken" pass play in the first quarter, frittered away seven more scoring chances last night and settled for a 7-0 football victory over punchless Paxton. Quarterback Danny McNamara faded back to pass. Seeing no receivers McNamara ran to his right, picked up a couple of blockers, felled his interference and cut back toward the middle. He proceeded to drive his way through several would-be tacklers and into the end zone. Brian Smith ran across for the extra point.⁴⁰

Blocked Kick Earns Toppers 7-6 Victory

Last night Coach Paul Shebby's determined Hilltoppers took a 7-6 win over the slightly tarnished Rantoul Golden Eagles. Dan McNamara scored on a 21-yard quarterback sneak. McNamara added the extra point in the same fashion. McNamara also blocked the Rantoul extra point kick.⁴¹

Toppers Bow to Champaign by 27-0 Count

Cashing in on two breaks, the land-loving Harbors took a 13-0 lead in the first quarter, withstood a couple of Schlarnan threats, then took the rare (for them) aerial route for two second half touchdowns.⁴²

Toppers Upset by Hoopston

The Cornjerkers took advantage of Schlarnan's early fumbleitis to take the lead, boosted its advantage to 18-6 with less than nine minutes to play then fought off the Hilltoppers for an 18-12 victory. McNamara passed to Sturhardt for a touchdown. Brian Smith's run for the

⁴⁰Ibid., September 25, 1965.

⁴¹Ibid., October 2, 1965.

⁴²Ibid., October 9, 1965.

seventh point failed. Danny McNamara capped a 61-yard march by taking a short pass from Danny Dean and scampering 24 yards down the sidelines. Dean's run for the extra point was short.⁴³

Toppers Down Gibson 14-0

The victory kept Schlarnan tied for the Wauseca Conference lead with a 3-1 record. Brian Smith scored on a three-yard run. Sophomore Danny Dean ran the ball across for the extra point. From the Gibson City 24 Danny Dean took aim and fired a pass to Dennis James who stepped into the end zone. Quarterback Danny McNamara ran up the middle for the extra point.⁴⁴

Eisenhower Trips Toppers

Decatur Eisenhower's potent Panthers made Coach Paul Shebby's Schlarnan Hilltoppers their sixth football victim of the season last night by crunching out a 25-0 victory at Drummy Field.⁴⁵

Toppers Whip Oakwood 40-0

Schlarnan's alert Hilltoppers charged into a tie for the Wauseca Conference football lead last night, downing fumble-prone Oakwood 40-0 for their fourth league success in five tries. Dean went over from the five. McNamara ran for the seventh point. McNamara crashed for two yards and the touchdown. Dean ran for the extra point. Ray Bial recovered a blocked punt in the end zone for a touchdown. McNamara ran for the extra point. McNamara ran seven yards to score. Greg Cookus tallied on a two-yard smash. Freshman Mark Heffman kicked the 34th point. McNamara

⁴³Ibid., October 16, 1965.

⁴⁴Ibid., October 23, 1965.

⁴⁵Ibid., October 30, 1965.

flashed up the middle for 35 yards to cap a 46-yard advance.⁴⁶

Waukegan Tips Toppers for Title 12-6

For the third straight year the Hilltoppers finished in second place in the Waukegan Conference. Waukegan's rugged Warriors staved off a last-minute rally by the younger Toppers last night to take a 12-6 victory in their championship football game at Drummy Field. Danny McNamara capped the drive by barreling through two Waukegan defenders after catching a pass from Danny Doan on a 16-yard play.⁴⁷

The 1965 Schlarman football team won four games and lost five. The Hilltoppers were outscored by their opponents 113-93, and trailed in total net yards 1467 to 1747. Tom Crawley was named Most Valuable and Dan McNamara Captain.

Sophomore Danny Doan was the leading rusher. In 100 attempts he gained 433 yards, lost 78, for a net of 355 yards and a 3.6 average. He also was the leading passer completing 29 passes in 47 attempts for 326 yards. Dan McNamara was the leading scorer with 7 touchdowns, 4 extra points for a total of 46 points.

Named to the Champaign News Gazette All-State Honorable Mention was Tom Crawley. Named to the Waukegan Conference All-State Offensive Team: Eric Eberhardt. Defensive Team: Tom Crawley, John Fertaly, Ray Bial, Greg Jones. Honorable Mention: Mike Thornton, Jim Carey, Danny McNamara.

⁴⁶Ibid., November 6, 1965.

⁴⁷Ibid., November 13, 1965.

1966 FOOTBALL SEASONSchlarmen Cuts Down Danville 24-13

Opportunist Schlarmen struck in lightning-like fashion last night to defeat error-plagued Danville 24-13 at Drummy Field and record their second victory in the five-game intra-city football series. Jim Carey intercepted a pass and belted 34 yards before he was hauled down on the Danville 3. Dean rambled it across. McIntyre's kick was wide to the left. Dersey Boyd fumbled, and Dean gathered in the ball and stepped into the end zone. Woods batted down Mayaras' pass to Eric Eberhardt for the extra point. Behind perfect blocking Mayaras threaded his way through the Danville defense for a 63-yard touchdown run. Boyd blocked Dan McIntyre's kick for the extra point. Mayaras caught Danville's deep defense napping and arched a soft toss to end Dennis James who gathered in the ball and turned on his after-burner to outrace his Viking pursuers. The play covered 69 yards.⁴⁸

Toppers Defeat Paxton 28-7

Four players tallied touchdowns for Schlarmen as it survived a shaky start and won 28-7. Greg Cookus cut off left tackle from four yards to score. Dean ran for the extra point. From the 11 Doug Mayaras surprised the Paxton defenders by rolling to his left and romping into the end zone untouched. Dean ran for the extra point. Greg Jones picked off a Bob Peterson pass at the Paxton 23 and ran for a touchdown. Dean passed to Eberhardt for the 21st point. Dean took a handoff from Mayaras and shipped off right guard, out to his left and raced 26 yards for the touch-

⁴⁸Ibid., September 17, 1966.

down. Dean ran for the extra point.⁴⁹

Toppers Ramble Past Rantoul 34-0

Striking from long and short range, in the air and on the ground, the unbeaten Toppers defeated long-time rival Rantoul 34-0. Mayoras hit Dennis James on a nifty down and out pass maneuver good for 40 yards and the TD. A run for the extra point failed. The second score came on a 47-yard end sweep by tiny speedster Danny Catney. Danny Dean, hit at the line of scrimmage on a sweep, spun loose and ran backward into the end zone for the 13th point. Greg Cookus ran for 11 yards and then the final five on a five second effort run. Dean's pass to Eberhardt made it 20-0. Dean on a roll out passed to Eberhardt good for 16 yards and the fourth touchdown. Cookus ran for the 27th point. Mayoras lofted a perfect strike to James, who gathered in the ball and stepped the final yard into the end zone. The play covered 47 yards. Dean blasted around the right side for the final point.⁵⁰

Champaign Drops Toppers

Champaign Maroons hit Schlarnan with a 14-point salvo in the space of nine seconds in the first quarter en route to a 34-7 triumph in this battle of football unbeatens. Alertness also played a big part in the game as Champaign picked off four Topper passes and recovered two fumbles. Mayoras skirted left end on a rollout for 13 yards and the TD. Dan McIntyre kicked the extra point.⁵¹

⁴⁹Ibid., September 24, 1966.

⁵⁰Ibid., October 1, 1966.

⁵¹Ibid., October 8, 1966.

Toppers Bump Hoopston

Last night the Schlarnan first team started slowly-if scoring one touchdown in the opening quarter can be called a slow getaway. Then the Toppers hit Hoopston with 28 points in the second quarter for a 35-0 lead. Dean ripped up the middle the final six yards and added the extra point on a run. Danny Catney sprinted around left end for the score from the five. Danny McIntyre kicked the extra point. Jones scooped up a fumble and streaked 41 yards into the end zone. McIntyre's kick made it 21-0. Dean scored on a driving, spinning run from 11 yards. McIntyre kicked the extra point. Stevens rumbled over the right side from the one for the touchdown. McIntyre again was perfectly true with his kick for the 35th point. The alert Toppers recovered six Hoopston fumbles and intercepted one pass.⁵²

Toppers Near Wauseca Title

Four down, one to go. That's the story for Schlarnan's Hill-toppers in their drive to win the school's first Wauseca Conference football title after they defeated determined Gibson City 14-7 last night. Dean scored from the five, and then ran for the extra point. Dean scored again from the three. Mayoras' pass for the extra point was good to Eric Eberhardt. Gibson City never penetrated Schlarnan territory in the final quarter.⁵³

Toppers Beat Inspired Oakwood 26-19

There was no cheering in the dressing room. The Toppers knew full

⁵²Ibid., October 15, 1966.

⁵³Ibid., October 22, 1966.

well that they had not played one of their better games albeit a 26-19 triumph over inspired Oakwood. After a scoreless first quarter, Doan sprung on a block by Doug Mayaras scored on a 23-yard run around right end. Danny McIntyre's kick was wide. Doan ran the pet power play to the right for the final 15. McIntyre's kick made it 13-6. Doan followed crisp blocking from the nine around his right side to make it 19-6. Doan's pass for the extra point failed. Doan ran the power play for seven yards to cap a 12-play drive covering 60 yards. All four of the touchdowns came on power sweeps by halfback Danny Doan.⁵⁵

Toppers Down Watsoka 14-0

The victory was the eight in nine starts for Coach Paul Shebby's charges and matched the school record set by the storied 1950 team. Danny Doan rolled to his right and tallied on a five-yard run. Doan, who called the plays after quarterback Doug Mayaras was soundly jolted before the end of the first half, added the extra point on a run. Mayaras hit end Eric Eberhardt on a down-and-out pass pattern from the 12 to score with six minutes to play. Dan McIntyre kicked the 14th point.⁵⁶

The 1966 Schlarman football team won eight games and lost one. To tie the school record. The Hilltoppers outscored their opponents 214 to 86, and led in total net yards 2488 to 1470. Danny Doan was named Most Valuable and Dennis James Captain.

⁵⁴Ibid., October 30, 1966.

⁵⁵Ibid., November 5, 1966.

⁵⁶Ibid., November 11, 1966.

Danny Doan was the leading rusher. In 142 attempts he gained 823 yards, lost 42, for a net of 781 and a 5.5 average. He was also the Conference and Eastern Illinois scoring leader with 13 touchdowns, 10 extra points for a total of 88 points. A new school record. Doug Mayoras completed 43 passes in 95 attempts for 803 yards.

The Wauseca Conference Champions had the following players named to the Wauseca Conference All-Star Offensive Team: Danny Doan, Dennis James, Ray Bial. Defensive Team: John Fertaly. Honorable Mention: Jack Orsulak, Doug Mayoras, John Shields, Glenn Collier, Greg Cookus. Danny Doan was also named to the Chicago Daily News Little All-State Team.

Summary

In the six year span from 1961 through 1966 the Hilltoppers won 31 games and lost 24. Some of the highlights during this six year span were: 1st Schlarman - Danville game in 1962; 1st Wauseca Conference game in 1963; a new single game scoring record of 81 points against Oakwood in 1964; a season scoring record of 227 points in 1964; an individual season scoring record of 88 points by Danny Doan in 1966; 1st Wauseca Conference Championship in 1966. Coach Shabby has been at Schlarman for 19 years, serving as head football coach for 18 years. His overall record was 76 wins, 79 losses, 4 ties.

Chapter 7

ERA OF RICHARD ZASADA

Richard Zasada, a 1965 graduate of Notre Dame, has been named Schlarnan football coach, the Schlarnan High School Board announced today.

The 6-foot, 250 pound Zasada was a member of the 1963 and 1964 Notre Dame teams. He played four years of varsity football at Bishop Timon High School in Buffalo, N.Y. where he was chosen on the all-city and all-western New York teams. He received honorable mention on the prep All-American squad.

At Schlarnan he also will coach a spring sport and teach world history.¹

1967 FOOTBALL SEASON

Schlarnan Beats Danville 13-2

Schlarnan's hustling Milltoppers, showing football savvy and the desire to block and tackle with authority, made a shambles of Danville's vaunted line last night. The score gave little indication of how completely the surprising Milltoppers dominated the contest. From the Danville 10 Mayaras called his own signal and ran the right side into the end zone. Danny McIntyre's kick was true and it was 7-0. With 4:16 left in the third quarter Mayaras rolled to his right for six yards and

¹The Danville Commercial News, May 25, 1967.

a first down at the six and came back with the same play to the other side for the clinching touchdown. Davis blocked McIntyre's kick. Dean was the top ground gainer with a net of 70 yards in 12 rushes for a 5.8 average.²

Toppers' late Drive Beats Paxton 7-0

Selden having possession of the football, Schlarnan made good on one last drive last night to defeat stubborn Paxton 7-0. Chris Carter ranned the middle for three with 1:11 remaining. Mayeras got the final yard on the next play on a quarterback sneak with 61 seconds remaining. Dan McIntyre's kick was true.³

Toppers Thump Rantoul 32-0

Danny Dean got his scoring revenge and Doug Mayeras and Glenn Collier teamed up in a remarkable passing exhibition last night as the undefeated Schlarnan Milltoppers rambled past Rantoul 32-0. With 20 seconds left in the first quarter Dean bulled over from the one. Dan McIntyre booted the extra point. A 35-yard Mayeras to Collier bomb set up Dean's 3-yard run for the touchdown on the following play. McIntyre kicked the point. Dean scored his final touchdown with 1:40 left in the third quarter after moving the ball 64 of the 66 yards Schlarnan marched. Mike Shield's scored on an 8-yard burst, the kick failed. Schlarnan's final score came from the Topper 35. Collier broke open and was an easy target for a Mayeras pass. He reached the end zone with little more than

²Ibid., September 16, 1967.

³Ibid., September 23, 1967.

a look from the Eagle's defense, the play covered 65 yards, kick failed.⁴

Schlarman Upsets Champaign

Senior Dan McIntyre booted an extra point with 53 seconds remaining last night as the Toppers rudely upset previously unstoppable Champaign Central 14-13 before a large Champaign Homecoming crowd. With the ball on the one yard line Pee Wee Rohrscheib blasted off tackle for the touchdown. McIntyre booted the point. From the Champaign 47 Doan came up with the big play of the drive, firing a 43-yard strike to end Glenn Collier who lugged it to the four with 1:31 remaining. Mayoras plunged for two yards before handing the ball to Doan for the touchdown. McIntyre kicked the extra point.⁵

Unbeaten Toppers Step Past Hoopeston 20-6

Despite the win, Schlarman was far from impressive as it stretched its win streak to 10 games overall. The Toppers scored on a 12-yard pass from Mayoras to Glenn Collier. Dan McIntyre booted the extra point. Mayoras took the ball over from the one. McIntyre booted the extra point. The Toppers started their final scoring march with three minutes remaining. With the ball on the 5 Doan carried it in with little argument. McIntyre's kick went awry.⁶

Defense Keys Toppers' Win Over Gibson

The offense sputtered amidst penalties, dropped passes and inspired Gibson City goal line stands. Trailing 6-0 at the half Schlarman

⁴Ibid., September 30, 1967.

⁵Ibid., October 7, 1967.

⁶Ibid., October 14, 1967.

charged back after the intermission. Doan the workhorse halfback who carried 30 times for 131 yards, got the drive in gear. Mayoras fired a strike to Glenn Collier, his lanky end who got loose some 30 yards down field, and rambled into the end zone, the play covered 50 yards. McIntyre's kick was off a fraction to the left. From the two Doan boomed over right guard for the touchdown. Danny McIntyre's kick, following an off-side penalty was true and Schlarnan had its 13-6 lead with 6:34 to go.⁷

Georgetown Spills Toppers

Georgetown, once a highly-regarded football power, took a giant step in that direction again last night at Drury Field as it ground out a 10-6 victory over injury-riddled Schlarnan in a battle of Eastern Illinois' two football unbeaten. Mayoras tossed a perfect strike to Glenn Collier who outraced his defender for the score. The play covered 27 yards. Usually reliable Dan McIntyre's kick for the extra point was wide to the right. Schlarnan's effectiveness was hampered by the immobility of Mayoras, coupled with Doan's absence in the second half. Doan saw no action in the second half as he reinjured his neck.⁸

Toppers Strike Early to Beat Oakwood 28-7

Schlarnan struck swiftly last night to defeat Oakwood 28-7 and clinch at least a share of its second straight Wauseca Conference football title. Dan Doan skirted right end for three yards and the touchdown. Dan McIntyre's extra point was good. Senior halfback Pee Wee Rohrscheib

⁷Ibid., October 21, 1967.

⁸Ibid., October 28, 1967.

carried the final yard with 1:55 left in the quarter. McIntyre's kick made it 14-0. With 30 seconds left in the quarter Mayoras let loose with a scoring bomb to Collier covering 75 yards. McIntyre's kick was good. Schlurman's final touchdown came with 2:54 left in the game. Pass plays of 50 and 20 yards from Mayoras to Collier netted the TD. McIntyre ended the scoring with his extra point kick.⁹

Toppers Win 2nd Straight Title

Repulsing several threats by Watseka, Coach Dick Zanada's patched-together troups made a first quarter touchdown stand up for a 6-0 victory at Drummy Field last night. Schlurman's scoring strike was a 33-yard pass play from Doug Mayoras to Glenn Collier. Danny McIntyre's kick for the seventh point was wild. They're the undisputed and unbeaten champions of the Wauseca Conference for a second straight year.¹⁰

The 1967 Schlurman football team won eight games and lost one. The Milltoppers outscored their opponents 139 to 84. And led in net total yards 2759 to 1209. Glenn Collier was named Most Valuable and Danny Doan Captain.

Danny Doan was the leading rusher for the third straight year. In 175 attempts he gained 674 yards, lost 44, for a net of 830 yards and a 4.7 average. Doan was tied with Glenn Collier for the scoring lead, they both had 7 touchdowns for 42 points. Doug Mayoras completed 55 passes in 113 attempts for 1039 yards.

⁹Ibid., November 4, 1967.

¹⁰Ibid., November 11, 1967.

Named to the Wausesa Conference All-Star Team were: Dan McIntyre, Doug Mayoras, Danny Dean, Glenn Collier, Mike Stevens. Honorable Mention: Delbert Cornwell, Chris Carter, Pee Wee Rohrscheib, Tom Lang. Chicago Daily News Little All-State Special Mention: Danny Dean, Mike Stevens. Honorable Mention: Glenn Collier, Dan McIntyre, Doug Mayoras. Chicago American All State Football Squad: Doug Mayoras. Outstanding Commendation: Dan Dean.

1968 FOOTBALL SEASON

Danville Strikes Late to Conquer Schlarnan 12-6

A slumbering giant through most of the second half, the Danville Viking's came alive in the final 7½ minutes last night behind the running of Tommie Davis and Greg Orlington to beat plucky Schlarnan 12-6 at Drummy Field. On a third down play Mayoras battled for 10 yards around end to the Danville five. He then scored on a neat cutback maneuver. He had two cracks at a tie-breaking extra-point kick, but on each occasion his effort was short.¹¹

Freak Return Costs Toppers

Schlarnan was a 14-7 loser to Paxton Friday night in its Wausesa Conference football opener. Mayoras threw a 59-yarder to Karinski on a down-out-down and scored the touchdown himself on a two-yard sneak. Mayoras kicked the extra point.¹²

¹¹Ibid., September 14, 1968.

¹²Ibid., September 21, 1968.

Rantoul Blanks Toppers 18-0

Schlarman couldn't stop Rantoul's aerial artist Del Ryan. Schlarman couldn't muster a consistent attack against Rantoul's grudging defense. Rantoul 18, Schlarman 0. It was that simple.¹³

Maroons Edge Toppers 20-19

The Toppers lost their fourth football game of the season last night in Drummy Field, 20-19 to a heavily favored Champaign team that was expected to win by two to four touchdowns. Mayoras got the first touchdown on a two-yard plunge. Mayoras' kick failed. Mike Shields got a touchdown on a one-yard plunge. Mayoras' kick failed. Mayoras scored from the seven and converted to make it 20-19.¹⁴

Toppers Blank Hoopston 27-0

Schlarman's aroused Hilltoppers, sparked by the hard running of "old pro" Doug Mayoras and freshman Rick Christian, knocked Hoopston from the ranks of the football unbeatens last night by scoring a 27-0 upset at Drummy Field. Mayoras ran the final 13 yards on a rollout play. His kick was no good. Christian ranned up the middle the final two yards. Mayoras kicked the extra point. Shields scored on a 1 yard run. Mayoras kicked the extra point. Mayoras intercepted and ran 33 yards for the TD. His conversion kick was good.¹⁵

Toppers Whip Gibson 35-0

The Toppers won their second straight shutout last night, beating

¹³Ibid., September 28, 1968.

¹⁴Ibid., October 5, 1958.

¹⁵Ibid., October 12, 1968.

Gibson City 35-0 and holding the Greyhounds to 33 net yards. Shields scored from four yards out. Mayoras kicked the first of his five extra points. Mayoras cut inside on an apparent sweep to the left to cover the last 11 yards. Joe Henderson scored on a 33 yard punt return. Jim Kaminski grabbed a Mayoras pass over the middle shook off several tacklers and scored. The play covered 21 yards. Mayoras ended the scoring when he ran 68 yards on a keeper around right end.¹⁶

Schlarnan Defeats Georgetown 28-13

The Schlarnan Hilltoppers, led by the passing of quarterback Doug Mayoras, scored their third straight football victory last night, defeating Georgetown 28-13. Mayoras passed 11 yards to Jim Kaminski for the first touchdown. Mayoras' kick was good. Mike Shields ran two yards for a TD. Mayoras kicked the extra point. Mayoras passed 20 yards to Joe Henderson. Mayoras again kicked the extra point. Henderson scored on a one-yard run. Tom Owens kicked the extra point.¹⁷

Oakwood Drops Toppers 13-6

Oakwood upset Schlarnan's football forces 13-6 in an air battle last night at Drummy Field. The Toppers struck for a 6-0 lead on a 76-yard pass play from Doug Mayoras to Bob Gleber. Tom Owens' extra point kick failed.¹⁸

Toppers Whip Watseka 25-13

Doug Mayoras ended a brilliant prep football career last night by

¹⁶Ibid., October 19, 1968.

¹⁷Ibid., October 27, 1968.

¹⁸Ibid., November 2, 1968.

scoring three touchdowns and kicking one extra point in leading the Schlarnan Hilltoppers to a 25-13 Wauseca Conference victory over the Watseka Warriors at Blake Field. From the one Mayoras dove into the end zone for the score and kicked the seventh point. Mayoras dropped back to pass on the Watseka 12, lost control of the ball, but scooped up his fumble and scrambled into the end zone. His kick failed. Mayoras fired a 67-yard scoring strike to Christian. Mayoras was stopped short on his extra-point run. Mayoras scored on a three-yard run. He missed the extra point kick.¹⁹

The 1968 Schlarnan football team won four games and lost five. The Hilltoppers outscored their opponents 153 to 103, and led in net total yards 2446 to 1642. Doug Mayoras was named Most Valuable and Mike Shields and Jim Kaminski Co-Captains.

Doug Mayoras was the leading rusher, passer, and scorer. In 142 attempts he gained 673 yards, lost 61, for a net of 612 yards and a 4.4 average. He completed 55 passes in 146 attempts for 970 yards. He scored 11 touchdowns, 14 extra points, for 80 points to tie him for second place with Dave Mayoras who scored 80 points in 1961.

Named to the Wauseca Conference All-Star Offensive Team: Jim Kaminski, Doug Mayoras. Defensive Team: Doug Mayoras. Honorable Mention: Paul Woodworth. Chicago Daily News Little All-State Special Mention: Doug Mayoras. Rockford Morning Star and Register-Republic All-State Football Team Honorable Mention: Doug Mayoras.

¹⁹Ibid., November 9, 1968.

1969 FOOTBALL SEASON

Vikings Whip Toppers 44-0 in Grid Opener

Danville's explosive Vikings struck Schlarmen with a seven touchdown salvo Saturday night to score a 44-0 victory in their season football opener before some 4,500 fans at Whitesell Field. It was the most lopsided score in the eight-year history of the intracity series which now shows Danville in front 5-3.²⁰

Paxton Drops Toppers 21-7

The Toppers dropped their home opener to highly regarded defending Wausaca Conference champion Paxton 21-7. The Toppers scored on a six-yard pass from Gondsur to Dan Keana. Bill Trigalet kicked the extra point.²¹

Toppers Rally to Tie Rantoul

Rank underdog's, Coach Dick Zasada's battling bantams rallied for a fourth quarter touchdown and a deftly-executed two-point conversion pass to tie Rantoul 14-14. Gondsur arched an 18-yard scoring strike up the middle to halfback Joe Tevebaugh. Bill Trigalet's extra point kick was wide to the left. On fourth down Dan Keana wriggled his way off right guard for the final six inches. On the extra point try the poised Gondsur passed to Dan Keana who gathered in the ball before tumbling into the end zone.²²

²⁰ Ibid., September 14, 1969.

²¹ Ibid., September 20, 1969.

²² Ibid., September 27, 1969.

Maroons Defeat Toppers 47-0

The Champaign Central Maroons coasted to their third win in four starts by overpowering Schlarmann last night 47-0 at Centennial Field.²³

Schlarmann Nips Cornjerkers

A fourth down play made up on the sidelines by Schlarmann coach Dick Zassada sparked the Toppers to their first football win of the season Friday night, 13-12 over Waukegan Conference foe Hoopston. Dan Kemna plunged over from the one and Trigalet kicked the extra point. Gondsur threw a five-yard touchdown pass to Joe Tewebaugh for the eventual winning points.²⁴

Toppers' Rally Downs Gibson

It was the second straight win for the Toppers and raised their season record to 2-3-1. George Tilton zipped off left guard the final two yards. Trigalet's kick was wide. On fourth down Kemna again rammed the middle. He fumbled but the alert Gondsur pounced on the ball in the end zone for the touchdown. Trigalet's kick was wide again and Schlarmann led 12-6.²⁵

Late Schlarmann Rally Tops Georgetown 13-7

Schlarmann came up with another second half rally Friday night at Drummy Field, that edged the Buffaloes 13-7. George Tilton got the score on a 16-yard screen pass from Gary Gondsue. Dan Kemna scored on a two yard blast over tackle for the winning touchdown. Bill Trigalet kicked

²³Ibid., October 5, 1969.

²⁴Ibid., October 11, 1969.

²⁵Ibid., October 18, 1969.

the extra point.²⁶

Toppers Fall to Oakwood

Schlarman's Hilltoppers suffered their fourth setback of the season last night as Oakwood's Comets sloggged to a 14-0 Wauseca Conference football victory. Both teams ran 92 plays from scrimmage with Schlarman leading in net yards 159-154.²⁷

Watseka Edges Toppers 20-18

Schlarman's amazing Toppers finally ran out of miracles - three seconds from the end of an upset win over Watseka that would have given them a .500 football season. Dan Kenna threw a 29-yard halfback pass to brother Doug for the touchdown. Bill Trigalet's kick for the point was wide to the right. Dan Kenna ran 18 yards on a reverse for a touchdown, but Trigalet's kick hit the crossbar. Dan Kenna scored on a one-yard blast.²⁸

The 1969 Schlarman football team won three games, lost five and tied one. The Hilltoppers were outscored by their opponents 185-77. They trailed in total net yards 1412 to 2064. Mike Mc Donnell was named Most Valuable and Tom Shields and George Tilton Co-Captains.

Dan Kenna was the leading rusher and scorer. In 121 attempts he gained 466 yards, lost 43, for a net of 423 yards and a 3.5 average. He scored 6 touchdowns, 1 two point conversion, for a total of 38 points. Gary Gonsur completed 35 passes in 104 attempts for 448 yards.

²⁶Ibid., October 25, 1969.

²⁷Ibid., November 1, 1969.

²⁸Ibid., November 8, 1969.

Named to the All-Wauseca Offensive Team were: Mike McDonnell, Tom Shields. Defensive Team: Doug Kemna, Mike McDonnell. Honorable Mentions: George Tilton, Dan Keans.

SUMMARY

In the three year span, 1967 through 1969, the Hilltoppers won 15 games, lost 11, and tied 1. They won the Wauseca Conference Championship in 1967. Coach Dick Zasada is still serving as head coach at this time.

Chapter 8

SUMMARY OF THE YEARS 1946 - 1969

In the twenty-four years that football has been played at Schlarmann High School, the Hilltoppers have played against 42 different teams.

In the first year of football, 1946, Schlarmann played only a freshman - sophomore schedule. In 1947 they started a varsity schedule. Through the 1969 season the Hilltoppers have won 95, lost 109 and tied 5.

The coaches and their records:

Coach Andy Young	1946-1947: Won 1, Lost 13.
Coach Paul Shebby	1948-1959, 1961-1966: Won 76, Lost 79, Tied 4.
Coach Joe Springer	1960: Won 3, Lost 6.
Coach Richard Zasada	1967-1969: Won 15, Lost 11, Tied 1.

Some of the highlights and Schlarmann records: 1948, Zeke Bratkowski, a 90 yard punt against Catlin; 1949, Bob Perayak 95 yard run from scrimmage; 1951, John Seely had 712 net yards rushing; 1953, 1st home night game vs. Dugger; 1955, 213 points, season scoring record; 1959, Willie Stinson 707 net yards rushing, 2nd to John Seely in 1951; 1961, David Mayoras scored 80 points, a season scoring record; 1962, 1st Schlarmann - Danville game; 1963, 1st Wauseca Conference game vs. Paxton; 1964, 81 points against Oakwood, single game scoring record, 227 points new season scoring record; 1966, Danny Dean 781 net yarda rushing, a new record. Dean also set a new scoring record of 88 points, 1st

Wausseau Conference Championship; 1967, Danny Doan 830 net yards rushing to erase record he set in 1966; 1968, Doug Mayoras scored 80 points to tie for second place with his brother Dave.

Since entering the Wausseau Conference in 1963, the Hilltoppers have won the championship twice. The 1950, 1966, and 1967 teams all had 8-1 records. Schlarsman has never had an undefeated team.

A P P E N D I X

Appendix A

TEAM ROSTER'S

1946 Football Team

Mike Bateman
 Eddie Latchka
 Dennis O'Riley
 Doug Davis
 David Davis
 Ed Bratkowski
 William Kuchefski
 Harold Rathbun
 Jerry Smith
 Dale Hall
 Don Strader
 Gerald Stitt
 Gene Smith
 Tom Vogt
 Steve Aquino
 Miles Murphy
 Lloyd Wiseman
 Don Craft
 Donald Russian
 Conrad Russian
 Bob Noble
 Leselle Brady
 Frank Bett
 Lee Perry
 Bill Gross
 John O'Rourke
 Bill Pitlik

1947 Football Team

Don Strader
 Gerald Smith
 Dale Hall
 Steve Aquino
 Gene Biava
 Bud Rathbun
 Joe Slean
 Ed Bratkowski
 Doug Davis
 Mike Bateman
 Ed Latchka
 Gerald Stitt
 Lloyd Wiseman
 (continued)

(1947 Team Continued)

Miles Murphy
 Dennis O'Riley
 John O'Rourke
 Bill Pitlik
 Wayne Brady
 David Davis
 Bill Gross
 Glen Trinkle
 Tom Towne
 Charles Shields
 Bob Parusyk
 Joe Marks
 Bob Kadas
 Bob Orson
 Jim Strader
 Jack Sheehan
 Dave Brady
 Tom Vogt
 Gene Smith
 Bob Hobing
 Ray Randall
 Frank Bett

1948 Football Team

Mike Bateman
 Dale Hall
 Lloyd Wiseman
 Ed Latchka
 Doug Davis
 Miles Murphy
 Jim Strader
 Dick Hendricks
 Oren Testa
 David Davis
 Gene Smith
 Ed Bratkowski
 John O'Rourke
 Ed Fovee
 Don Strader
 Wayne Brady
 John Seely
 Glen Trinkle
 (continued)

(1948 Team Continued)

Bill LaCombe
 Harold Rathbun
 Joe Markham
 Frank Bett
 Bill Pitlik
 Gerald Stitt
 Tom Vogt
 Bob Parusyk
 Henry Schroeder
 Leselle Brady
 Tom Alberta
 Jim Brecken
 Curt Mettan
 Mike Mesach
 Tom Bett
 Ren Stitt
 Jim Falconie
 Ed Smith
 Bob Webster
 Jim Hardgrove
 Bob Kadas
 John Cheek
 Francis Culp
 Sam McCool
 Bill Price
 Bill Pushkac
 Joe Slean
 Jerry Smith

1949 Football Team

Bill Gross
 Curt Mettan
 Joe Markham
 Ed Latchka
 Jim Strader
 Bill LaCombe
 O. J. Klein
 David Davis
 Bill Pitlik
 Frank Bett
 Oren Testa
 John O'Rourke
 (continued)

(1949 Team Continued)

Jim Seely
 Robert Dealow
 Miles Murphy
 Harold Rathbun
 Glen Trimble
 Gerald Stitt
 Dick Hendricks
 Joe Sloan
 Bill Puskac
 Tom Bott
 Phil Latchka
 Bob Persayk
 Fred Bell
 Ron Stitt
 Tom McPeak
 Ed Smith
 Jim Falconio
 Mike Messiah
 Dick Dean
 Jim Bracken
 David Wallace
 Frank Cherbousky
 Ray Randall
 Les Filisky
 Ron Dealow
 David Christian
 Tom Alberta
 Tony Davis
 Henry Schroeder

1950 Football Team

Bill Brandon
 Vic Pate
 Leonard Karuzis
 Francis Mulcahey
 Tony Davis
 Ken Mettan
 Harold Polesynski
 Ed Gogerty
 Jim Enge
 Ed Moretto
 Tom King
 Bob Carson
 Vince Mulcahey
 Ray Grogan
 Dick Dean
 Tom McPeak
 Chuck Ahrens
 Ed Smith
 (continued)

(1950 Team Continued)

Tom Bott
 Eric Rudans
 Ron Stitt
 Jim Falconio
 Glen Trimble
 John Seely
 Lee Mulcahey
 Jim Strader
 Oren Testa
 Dick Klein
 Curt Mettan
 Jim Resater
 O. J. Klein
 Frank Cherbousky
 Charles Lattuada
 Joe Sloan
 Tony Stockanes
 Bill LaCombe
 Maurice Parsatka
 Dick Hendricks
 Joe Markauskas
 Bob Persayk

1951 Football Team

Chuck Ahrens
 Curt Mettan
 Tony Stockanes
 Tom Bott
 Ron Stitt
 Vince Mulcahey
 Jim Bracken
 John Seely
 Dick Dean
 Dick Hendricks
 Bill LaCombe
 Tom Alberta
 Jim Enge
 Maurice Parsatka
 Ken Mettan
 Howard Grogan
 Tom King
 Jim Runyon
 Rick Hardgrove
 Alan Reid
 Paul Faulstich
 Vic Pate
 Mark Walker
 Jim Falconio
 Don Rauscher
 (continued)

(1951 Team Continued)

Ed Gogerty
 Eric Rudans
 Gene Brooks
 Jim Resater
 Tony Davis
 Ray Grogan
 Francis Mulcahey
 Frank Cherbousky
 Tom McPeak
 Leonard Karuzis
 Les Filisky

1952 Football Team

Maurice Parsatka
 Tony Stockanes
 Les Filisky
 Tom McPeak
 Dick Dean
 Tony Davis
 Jim Enge
 Don Rauscher
 Francis Mulcahey
 Ken Mettan
 Chuck Ahrens
 Mark Walker
 Ray Grogan
 Jim Williams
 Gene Brooks
 Jim Hardy
 Steve Chantos
 Bob Miller
 Walter Such
 Vic Pate
 Ed Gogerty
 Jim Runyon
 Tom King
 Ray Timm
 J. D. Gogerty
 Jerry Cromwell
 Rick Hardgrove
 Richard Davis
 Richard Strader
 Allen Reid
 Paul Faulstich
 Don Grogan
 Mike Key
 Dick Mayoras
 Don Dietson
 Alex Andersen
 (continued)

(1952 Team Continued)

Pat Ahrens
John Sungail
John Zilko
Fred Faulstich
Dennis King
Bill DeVore

1953 Football Team

Francis Mulcahey
Chuck Ahrens
Vic Pate
Ed Gogerty
Gene Brooks
Dennis King
Allen Reid
Walter Such
J. D. Gogerty
John Sungail
Mark Walker
Harold Pelsinski
Ken Mettan
Steve Chantos
Jim Williams
Ray Grogan
Dick Mayoras
Don Mayoras
Ken Redenbaugh
Don Grogan
Don Dietzen
Mike Kelly
Vic Pate
Dennis King
Pat Ahrens
Bill DeVore
Tom King
Alex Anderson
John Zilko
Fred Faulstich
Charles Truskowsky
Bob Bernardi
Mike Elliott
John Lutchka
Mike Young
Wally O'Neil
Bob Dalbey
Frank Ghera
Herman Kuernerle

1954 Football Team

Fred Faulstich
Nelson Christian
Rennie Smith
Bob Bernardi
Don Dietzen
Richard Davis
Paul Faulstich
Ed Bell
Ken Redenbaugh
Dave Gogerty
Richard Strader
Alex Anderson
Allen Reid
Alan Bennett
Herman Kuernerle
Bob Dalbey
Dennis King
John Hartz
Pat Ahrens
Mike Young
George Petrulis
Mike Kelly
Ron Reimann
James Betkis
John Sungail
Mike Wise
Billy DeVore
Mike Haura
Chuck Rinkus
John Mackiewicz
Joe Rattonetti
Charles Truskowsky
Phil Giaccone
Don Mayoras
Dick Mayoras

1955 Football Team

Fred Faulstich
Bob Bernardi
Don Dietzen
Mike Elliott
John Lutchka
Ed Bell
Ken Redenbaugh
Andy Symanski
Nelson Christian
Alex Anderson
Marvin Smith
Herman Kuernerle
(continued)

(1955 Team Continued)

Bob Dalbey
Dennis King
John Hartz
Pat Ahrens
Tom Dean
George Petrulis
Mike Kelly
Ron Reimann
Jim Betkis
John Sungail
Joe Strako
Mike Haura
Don Mayoras
John Mackiewicz
Joe Rattonetti
Charles Truskowsky
Wendell Stephenson
Dennis Seibert
John Carey
Jewel Butler
Dick Mayoras

1956 Football Team

James Wicoff
Bill Sylkas
Mike Wise
Bob Bernardi
Charles Fransens
Mike Elliott
John Lutchka
Ed Bell
Lynn Sparks
Andy Symanski
Nelson Christian
Lawrence Gordon
John Karushis
Joe Unakis
Herman Kuernerle
Bob Dalbey
Willie Stinson
Jim Tonn
Marvin Smith
Tom Dean
George Petrulis
Richard Alexie
Ron Reimann
Jim Betkis
Dick Bredarick
Don Rice
(continued)

(1956 Team Continued)

Joe Strako
 Mike Maura
 Don Mayoras
 John Mackiewicz
 Joe Rattonetti
 Charles Truskowsky
 Wendall Stephenson
 Dennis Seibert
 Jack Carey
 Jewel Butler
 Charles Robinson
 Clint Tilton

1957 Football Team

Jerry Young
 Bill Slykas
 Tom Cogerty
 Richard Alexis
 Truman Butler
 Tom Jennings
 Henry Szilagyi
 Ed Bell
 Lynn Sparks
 Andy Symanski
 Nelson Christian
 Lawrence Gordon
 John Karushis
 Ron Hardgrove
 Mike Curtis
 Ralph Stitt
 Willie Stinson
 Jim Tonn
 Marvin Smith
 Tom Doan
 Carl Unholz
 Tom Brennan
 Nelson Davis
 Jim Betkis
 Richard Broderick
 Bill Faulstich
 Joe Strako
 Mike Maura
 Steve Kuchefski
 George Petrulis
 John Alkire
 John Hawes
 Wendell Stephenson
 Frank Vettorell
 Jack Carey
 Jewel Butler
 Howard Shields

1958 Football Team

Jerry Young
 Bill Slykas
 Tom Cogerty
 Richard Alexis
 Truman Butler
 Tom Jennings
 Henry Szilagyi
 Pete Davis
 Lynn Sparks
 Tom Welch
 Bruce James
 Lawrence Gordon
 John Karushis
 Ron Hardgrove
 David Mayoras
 Mike Hallenberger
 Willie Stinson
 Michael Grogelre
 Ron Girouard
 Michael Zedrick
 Carl Unholz
 Tom Brennan
 Nelson Davis
 Jim Wicoff
 Tony Malcosky
 Bill Faulstich
 Joe Strako
 Joe Sungail
 Steve Kuchefski
 Bryan Williams
 John Alkire
 John Hawes
 Joe Stack
 Richard Henderson
 Tom Grites
 Steve Janoski
 Howard Shields

1959 Football Team

Lynn Sparks
 Ron Hardgrove
 David Mayoras
 Arthur Taggart
 Truman Butler
 Howard Shields
 John James
 Willie Stinson
 Tom Grites
 Bob Sumila
 Tom Zotter
 (continued)

(1959 Team Continued)

Ron Girouard
 Jerry Young
 Andy Price
 Carl Unholz
 Mark Meyer
 Danny Jackson
 Tom Brennan
 Tom Cogerty
 Steve Janosik
 Mike Zedrick
 Jack Hardy
 Jim Taggart
 Mark Reddy
 Henry Szilagyi
 Steve Kuchefski
 Tom Welch
 Mike Hallenberger
 Steve Tilton
 Tom Young
 Frank Kuchefski
 Pete Davis
 Bryan Williams
 Bruce James
 Richard Henderson
 Mike Gordon
 Don Warren
 Joe Stack
 Pat Zedrick

1960 Football Team

Dick McIntyre
 Tuck Meyer
 David Mayoras
 Truman Butler
 Robert Lang
 Joe Stack
 Clarence Davis
 Tom Grites
 Bob Sumila
 Ron Girouard
 Howard Devine
 Mark Reddy
 Mark Meyer
 Dan Jackson
 Pat Wolgast
 Steve Janosik
 Bob Ghera
 Steve Tilton
 Bruce James
 Pat Zedrick
 (continued)

(1960 Team Continued)

Bob Chantos
 Virgil Campbell
 Tom Welch
 Joe Ludden
 John Vilkanskus
 Frank Kuchefski
 Joe Sungail
 Pete Davis
 Bryan Williams
 Dick Henderson
 Mike Gortien
 John James
 Terry Tison

1961 Football Team

Richard McIntyre
 Mark Smith
 David Mayaras
 George Girouard
 Robert Lang
 Howard Devine
 Tuck Meyer
 Tom Grites
 Fred Van Horn
 Ren Girouard
 Phil Davis
 Pat Zedrick
 Richard Schingel
 David Kirk
 Dan Jackson
 Pat Welganot
 David Smith
 Tom Farlow
 Robert Ghera
 Tony Carp
 Virgil Campbell
 Michael LaTourelle
 Robert Chantos
 Frank Lesko
 Duane Dorwart
 Russell Smith
 Michael Welch
 Joe Ludden
 Mark Lucas
 Tom Tinson
 Henry Schroeder
 Frank Kuchefski
 John Hendricks
 Pete Langdon
 David Cavinder
 (continued)

(1961 Team Continued)

John Vilkanskus
 John James
 Robert Kuchefski

1962 Football Team

Mark Smith
 Ken Kendall
 George Girouard
 Dan Mayoras
 Gary Smith
 Tony Rimshas
 Charles Paradiso
 Howard Devine
 Jerry Pachciarz
 Frank Sebat
 Paul Monson
 John Harmon
 Paul Janosik
 Richard Schingel
 Terry Ries
 Mike Tevebaugh
 Tom Orsulak
 Henry Schroeder
 Dick Clark
 Bob Ghera
 Tony Carp
 Phil Davis
 Pat Grady
 Paul Wolfe
 Frank Lesko
 Duane Dorwart
 Al Rampone
 Dennis Gaudio
 Mark Lucas
 Tom Tison
 Russell Smith
 Frank Kuchefski
 Dick McIntyre
 Bob Kuchefski
 Ron Holycross
 David Cavinder
 John Vilkanskus
 Pete Langdon
 Joe Ludden

1963 Football Team

John Hendricks
 Jim Yocius
 Ken Kendall
 (continued)

(1963 Team Continued)

Dan Mayoras
 Gary Smith
 Dan McNamara
 Richard Schingel
 Charles Paradiso
 Dennis Gaudio
 James Ceader
 Greg Cookus
 Paul Monson
 Jim Donaldson
 Paul Janosik
 Bob Kuchefski
 Tom Orsulak
 John Bial
 Richard Clark
 Tony Carp
 Broc Siefert
 Mike McDonald
 Pat Grady
 Rick Lanter
 Tom Crawley
 George Chiaramello
 Danny Kuennerle
 Don Lang
 Albert Rampone
 Brian Smith
 Jack Crawley
 Tim Hendricks
 Ron Holycross
 Marty Schutsuis
 Jim McNamara
 David Cavinder
 Paul Wolfe

1964 Football Team

Terry Gravemeyer
 Jim Yocius
 Ken Kendall
 Dan Mayoras
 Dan Bolton
 Dan McNamara
 Paul Monson
 George Chiaramello
 Darrell Smith
 Frank Sebat
 Greg Cookus
 Tony Monson
 Mark Orsulak
 Don Lang
 Jim McNamara
 (continued)

(1964 Team Continued)

John Bial
 Pat Grady
 Lewis LaTourelle
 Mike Thorlton
 Ray Bial
 John Syzmanski
 David Lehnis
 Tom Crawley
 Charles Paradiso
 Broc Siefert
 Bill Young
 Richard Clark
 Tom Orsulak
 Dan Kuenmerle
 Tim Hendricks
 Ren Helyoross
 Brian Smith
 Chet Woodworth
 Rick Lanter
 Paul Wolfe

1965 Football Team

Steve Atcheson
 Dennis Ledwon
 Delbert Cornwell
 Phil Strader
 Doug Mayoras
 Dan Catney
 Dan McNamara
 Dan Doan
 Sam Haun
 Bob Biage
 Greg Cookus
 Brian Smith
 Roger Schackman
 Mike Shields
 Eddie Sumila
 Mark Orsulak
 Justin Attutis
 Ralph Davis
 Chet Woodworth
 John Fertaly
 Rick Boyers
 Dan McIntyre
 Jim Carey
 John Shields
 Tom Crawley
 Sam Saladino
 Ray Bial
 Bill Young
 Mark Hoffman
 (continued)

(1965 Team Continued)

John Novic
 Bill Bial
 Eric Eberhardt
 Greg Jones
 Mike Thorlton
 Dennis James
 Joe Timko

1966 Football Team

Dennis Ledwon
 Mike Stevens
 Joe Henderson
 Doug Mayoras
 Danny Catney
 Jim Kaminski
 Danny Doan
 Mike Shields
 Sammy Haun
 Ed Sumila
 Greg Cookus
 Delbert Cornwell
 Mark Orsulak
 Mark Hoffman
 Ralph Davis
 Jody Cantrell
 Joe Fonte
 Robert Biage
 Jim Greglak
 Dan McIntyre
 Rogert Schackmann
 Jim Carey
 John Shields
 John King
 Sam Saladino
 Ray Bial
 John Fertaly
 Monte Martin
 John Novick
 Dennis James
 Eric Everhardt
 Greg Jones
 Mike Anglum
 Mario Biava
 Glenn Collier
 Lee Birk

1967 Football Team

Doug Mayoras
 Mark Feldman
 Joseph Henderson
 (continued)

(1967 Team Continued)

George Tilton
 Scott Rodman
 Joseph Tevebaugh
 Dan Doan
 Mike Shields
 Sam Haun
 Chris Carter
 Craig Catney
 James Devine
 Mark Hoffman
 John Novick
 Delbert Cornwell
 Pat Doan
 Bob Young
 Dan McIntyre
 Paul Woodworth
 Tom Shields
 Mike Stevens
 Tom Owens
 Mike Reddy
 Steve Schingel
 Tom Lang
 Gary Wall
 Monte Martin
 Harry Rohrschieb
 Roger Schackmann
 Jim Kaminski
 Mike Anglum
 Mario Biava
 Glenn Collier
 Mike McDonnell

1968 Football Team

Doug Mayoras
 Rick Christian
 Joe Henderson
 George Tilton
 Dan Kemna
 Joe Tevebaugh
 Doug Kemna
 Mike Shields
 Gary Gondzur
 Filiberto Agusti
 Bob Thornton
 Tom Shields
 Bill Anaya
 Tim Green
 Larry Smith
 Jeff Shadley
 John Hirt
 Paul Woodworth
 (continued)

(1968 Team Continued)

Tom Owens
Andy Hawley
Mike Reddy
Tom Lang
Ron Roth
George Sedlmayr
Bill Trigalet
Jim Kaminski
Phil Strader
John Farrell
Jeff Rushin
Mike McDonnell

1969 Football Team

Mark Bial
Gary Gondzur
Filiberto Agusti
George Tilton
Dan Kemna
Joe Tevesbaugh
Doug Kemna
Jeff Shadley
Bill Timko
Jeff Poskey
Kevin Fahey
Ken Delanois
Tom Shields
Bill Anaya
Mike Meyer
Ted Pasierb
Mike Pasierb
Larry Smith
John Hirt
Mike McDonnell
Greg Parks
Gilbert Downey
Charles Petro
Ron Roth
George Sedlmayr
Bill Trigalet
Marty Breen
Phil Strader
Tim Green
Jeff Rushin

Appendix B

YEARLY SCHEDULES, GAME RESULTS, POINTS SCORED

1946 Won-0 Lost-7

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Rossville	0	27
Danville (F-S)	0	13
Hoopeston (F-S)	0	12
Westville (F-S)	12	30
Oakwood (F-S)	13	19
Catlin	0	31
Georgetown (F-S)	0	26
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL POINTS	25	158

1948 Won-3 Lost-4 Tied-1

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Ridgefarm	12	0
Catlin	20	7
Ottawa Catholic	19	25
Oakwood	0	27
Bloomington Trinity	6	6
St. Teresa Decatur	19	12
Rantoul	18	47
Westville	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
TOTAL POINTS	94	130

1947 Won-1 Lost-6

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Westville	7	39
Rantoul	6	45
Ottawa Catholic	7	6
Ridgefarm	0	33
Oakwood	0	19
Bloomington Trinity	6	23
Catlin	0	26
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL POINTS	26	191

1949 Won-4 Lost-4

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Bloomington Trinity	0	6
Ottawa Marquette	7	18
Saybrook	33	6
Catlin	30	0
Urbana	12	6
St. Teresa Decatur	7	21
Paris	14	0
Westville	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>
TOTAL POINTS	110	70

1950 Won-8 Lost-1

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Georgetown	14	7
Ottawa Marquette	26	19
Bloomington Trinity	20	13
Catlin	34	21
Hoopeston	20	18
St. Teresa Decatur	27	13
Allenan	26	27
Central Catholic	7	6
Immac. Conception	<u>21</u>	<u>19</u>
TOTAL POINTS	195	143

1952 Won-3 Lost-5

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
St. Ambrose	12	0
Dugger	34	14
Spalding	0	20
Culver	0	33
Urbana	12	26
Ottawa Marquette	6	14
St. Teresa Decatur	20	7
Hall Spring Valley	12	19
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TOTAL POINTS	96	133

1951 Won-5 Lost-2 Tied-1

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Urbana	6	7
Spalding	27	13
Bloomington Trinity	32	7
St. Teresa Decatur	13	0
Ottawa Marquette	7	7
Indianapolis Attucks	27	6
Allenan	7	27
Central Catholic	32	6
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TOTAL POINTS	151	69

1953 Won-3 Lost-6

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Mattoon	6	0
Spalding	7	33
St. Ambrose	0	6
Dugger	0	6
Urbana	13	6
Ottawa Marquette	0	19
East St. Louis	8	35
St. Teresa Decatur	21	14
Joliet Catholic	<u>0</u>	<u>38</u>
TOTAL POINTS	55	157

1954 Won-2 Lost-7 Tied-1

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Mattoon	12	7
Spalding	6	9
Terre Haute Schulte	13	13
Mooseheart	7	21
Urbana	6	19
Rantoul	7	18
Ottawa Marquette	6	32
East St. Louis	7	28
Joliet Catholic	0	26
St. Teresa Decatur	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>
TOTAL POINTS	83	179

1956 Won-3 Lost-6

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Springfield	13	14
Rantoul	14	19
Terre Haute Schulte	12	33
Champaign	0	53
Urbana	6	31
Joliet Catholic	14	13
Ottawa Marquette	19	7
St. Teresa Decatur	14	25
Mooseheart	26	0
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TOTAL POINTS	118	195

1955 Won-6 Lost-2 Tied-1

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Champaign	6	20
Morris	41	0
Terre Haute Schulte	12	7
Galesburg C. Christi	66	6
Urbana	6	12
Rantoul	19	6
Ottawa Marquette	18	13
St. Teresa Decatur	26	7
Mooseheart	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>
TOTAL POINTS	213	90

1957 Won-2 Lost-5

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Morris	9	0
Rantoul	13	12
Champaign	0	33
Urbana	0	20
Mooseheart	CANCELLED	
Ottawa Marquette	7	21
Terre Haute Schulte	7	12
Joliet Catholic	6	38
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TOTAL POINTS	42	136

1958 Won-3 Lost-7

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Peoria Central	7	14
Rantoul	2	25
Lafayette Catholic	38	7
Champaign	24	19
Mooseheart	6	19
Paris	19	0
Urbana	6	13
Ottawa Marquette	0	6
Terre Haute Schulte	7	26
Joliet Catholic	<u>7</u>	<u>41</u>
TOTAL POINTS	116	170

1960 Won-3 Lost-6

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Mooseheart	25	7
Rantoul	6	19
Lafayette Catholic	13	19
Champaign	6	27
Georgetown	26	12
Robinson	20	6
Urbana	12	14
Terre Haute Schulte	7	14
Decatur Eisenhower	7	33
TOTAL POINTS	122	151

1959 Won-3 Lost-6

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Peoria Central	0	26
Rantoul	25	6
Lafayette Catholic	24	6
Champaign	6	20
Decatur Eisenhower	24	20
Kankakee	6	7
Urbana	6	20
Terre Haute Schulte	18	26
Joliet Catholic	<u>6</u>	<u>24</u>
TOTAL POINTS	115	155

1961 Won-7 Lost-2

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Mooseheart	25	13
Rantoul	22	7
Lafayette Catholic	7	19
Champaign	15	7
Georgetown	20	12
Decatur Eisenhower	18	0
Urbana	14	34
Terre Haute Schulte	34	6
Oulver	<u>27</u>	<u>20</u>
TOTAL POINTS	182	118

1962 Won-1 Lost-8

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Danville	0	26
Parrot	7	13
Boylan Con. Catholic	6	21
Champaign	0	41
Lafayette Catholic	6	42
Decatur Eisenhower	0	24
Urbana	6	47
Chicago Little Flower	13	6
Calver	<u>18</u>	<u>40</u>
TOTAL POINTS	56	260

1964 Won-6 Lost-3

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Danville	12	0
Parrot	25	14
Parrot	14	19
Champaign	13	56
Hoopston	19	7
Gibson City	19	6
Decatur Eisenhower	12	18
Oakwood	81	6
Watseka	<u>32</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL POINTS	227	126

1963 Won-5 Lost-5

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Danville	13	32
Parrot	12	0
Parrot	6	20
Champaign	6	34
Hoopston	13	0
Gibson City	30	20
Urbana	6	27
Oakwood	39	6
Watseka	27	0
Calver	<u>6</u>	<u>16</u>
TOTAL POINTS	158	155

1965 Won-4 Lost-5

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Danville	7	25
Parrot	7	0
Parrot	7	6
Champaign	0	27
Hoopston	12	18
Gibson City	14	0
Decatur Eisenhower	0	25
Oakwood	40	0
Watseka	6	12
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
TOTAL POINTS	93	113

1966 Won-8 Lost-1

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Danville	24	13
Paxton	28	7
Rantoul	34	0
Champaign	7	34
Hoopeston	35	0
Gibson City	14	7
Georgetown	32	6
Oakwood	26	19
Watseka	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL POINTS	214	86

1968 Won-4 Lost-5

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Danville	6	12
Paxton	7	14
Rantoul	0	18
Champaign	19	20
Hoopeston	27	0
Gibson City	35	0
Georgetown	28	13
Oakwood	6	13
Watseka	<u>25</u>	<u>13</u>
TOTAL POINTS	153	103

1967 Won-8 Lost-1

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Danville	13	2
Paxton	7	0
Rantoul	32	0
Champaign	14	13
Hoopeston	20	6
Gibson City	13	6
Georgetown	6	10
Oakwood	28	7
Watseka	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL POINTS	139	44

1969 Won-3 Lost-5 Tied-1

	<u>Sch</u>	<u>Opp</u>
Danville	0	44
Paxton	7	21
Rantoul	14	14
Champaign	0	47
Hoopeston	13	12
Gibson City	12	6
Georgetown	13	7
Oakwood	0	14
Watseka	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>
TOTAL POINTS	77	185

Appendix C

SCHLARMAN WON AND LOST RECORD AGAINST EACH OPPONENT

<u>OPPONENTS</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>TIES</u>
Bloomington Trinity	2	2	1
Catlin	3	2	
Champaign	3	11	
Chicago Little Flower	1	0	
Culver Military Academy	1	3	
Danville	3	5	
Davenport, Iowa St. Ambrose	1	1	
Decatur Eisenhower	2	4	
Decatur St. Teresa	7	2	
Digger	1	1	
East St. Louis	0	2	
Elmhurst Immaculate Conception	1	0	
Galasburg Corpus Christi	1	0	
Georgetown	6	1	
Gibson City	7	0	
Hoopeston	7	1	
Indianapolis Attucks	1	0	
Joliet Catholic	1	5	
Kankakee	0	1	
Lafayette Catholic	2	3	
Mattoon	2	0	
Mooseheart	3	2	1

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(Schlarman Won and Lost Record Against Each Opponent Continued)

<u>OPPONENTS</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>TIES</u>
Morris	2	0	
Oakwood	5	4	
Ottawa Marquette	4	7	1
Paris	2	0	
Parton	5	2	
Peoria Central	0	2	
Peoria Spalding	1	3	
Rantoul	7	10	1
Ridgefarm	1	1	
Robinson	1	0	
Rockford, Boylan Central Catholic	0	1	
Rock Island Alleman	0	2	
Saybrook	1	0	
South Bend Central Catholic	2	0	
Springfield	0	1	
Spring Valley Hall	0	1	
Terre Haute Schulte	2	5	1
Urbana	2	12	
Watska	5	2	
Westville	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>—</u>
TOTALS	95	102*	5

*Does not include 1946 season when Schlarman played only a Freshman -
Sophomore schedule and lost all seven games.

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