1964 Toreador Gridders, The State's Best

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Sports Editor

This fall, some young men are representing Boone High School on the football field for the 112th season.

It all began here in 1896 when Arthur Crary guided the first Boone grid team to a 2-0 record.

In all the years since, there have been just two other undefeated, untied Boone High School teams.

The 1918 squad, guided by the Mendenhall brothers, L. L. and O. H. Mendenhall, posted a 7-0 mark.

The third unbeaten BHS team in history is one long revered. The 1964 squad, under Hall of Fame coach Merle Harris, was 8-0 and in the days of no statewide classifications or divides, it was touted either the first or third best team in Iowa, regardless of school size.

One rating service, the United Press International News Service, gave the Toreadors a first place nod and another, the Associated Press News Service, placed them third best in the state that year.

At the conclusion of the season, some 600 Toreador fans packed the General Walter L. Anderson armory to honor the team and coaches and listen to featured speaker Forest

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