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BHS Grads Captained Hawkeye, Cyclone Grid Teams in the Same Year

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Until we're shown conflicting information, we'll make this boast on behalf of the Boone community.

In the long football history of the University of Iowa and Iowa State College/University, no other Iowa community has ever been the hometown of grid captains at both those

universities in the same year.

In occurred in the 1940 collegiate football season.

The captain of the Iowa Hawkeyes that season was Mike Enich and the Iowa State Cyclone captain was Tom Smith.

Both were graduates of Boone High School and played football for the Treadors side-by-side, Enich as the fullback and Smith as the quarter-

back. In a strange circumstance, they both finished their collegiate careers as outstanding linemen.

At Iowa, Enich began his college career as a sophomore back under Coach Irl Tubbs. But, when Dr. Eddie Anderson took

over the Hawkeye coaching position, he moved Enich to tackle and he became an All-American, one of the best in the nation.

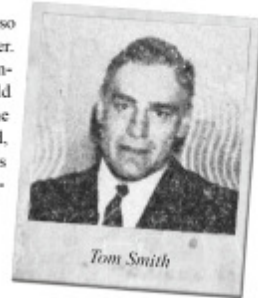
Anderson stated flatly, "Enich is the best tackle in football."

At Iowa State, Smith also started as a back but was later converted to a line position by Coach Jim Yeager.

Not only did Smith block

and tackle, he was also the Cyclone signal caller.

Coach Yeager commented, "Smith could make any team in the country. He's a guard, but he calls our signals and set up our defensive formations."



Tom Smith



Mike Enich

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