

## YEAR :1957

<b>HEAD COACH:</b>	NOAH HICKMAN	<b>RECORD:</b>	6 - 1 - 2
<b>ASST COACH:</b>	JACK STROMBERGER	<b>ASST COACH:</b>	JACK REEDER

W/L/T	OPPONENT	WE	OPP	TOUCHDOWNS & COMMENTS
W	MORTON	36	13	Galland 2 (5, 65 yd runs), Holford 2 (35 yd run, 37 yd pass from Romani), Hirstein (57 yd run), Jones 25 yd run
W	U HIGH *	12	7	Holford 2 (10, 22 yd runs)
W	RICHWOODS	33	12	Romani 2 (6, 34 yd runs), Essington 2 (2 31-yd passes from Romani), Holford 4 yd run
W	NORMAL *	13	8	Romani 2 (70 yd pass incpt rtn, 1 yd run)
W	FARMINGTON	19	14	Romani 3 (1, 1, 5 yd runs)
W	CLINTON *	26	8	Romani 3 yd run, Galland 9 yd run, Hirstein 2 yd run, Holford 9 yd run
T	CHILLICOTHE	13	13	Galland 2 (65, 6 yd runs); Jay Hopp had 8 tkls; Romani had 54 yd pass to Essington)
T	TRINITY *	20	20	Romani 23 yd run, Holford 2 yd run, Galland (75 yd rtn of lateral from Romani on a punt rtn)
L	PONTIAC *	13	26	Hirstein 1 yd run, Galland 1 yd run; (Romani had a 65 yd run)
<b>REGULAR SEASON TOTAL</b>		<b>185</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>Corn Belt Conference 2nd 3-1-1</b>

**ALL-CONFERENCE:** JERRY ESSINGTON E; FRED FOSTER G; JAY HOPP C; MEL ROMANI QB; KEN HOLFORD B

**WEEK-TV ALL-STAR:** MIKE WALDECK

**CHICAGO AMERICAN ALL-NORTH 1ST TEAM:** MEL ROMANI

**CHICAGO DAILY NEWS ALL-STATE FIRST TEAM:** MEL ROMANI

**CHAMPAIGN NEWS-GAZETTE ALL-STATE TEAM:** MEL ROMANI

**SQUAD MEMBERS:** Jerry Essington, Dennis Willhardt, Fred Foster, Jay Hopp, Dennis Brunnenmeyer, Dan McMillian, Steve Gresham, Mel Romani, Ken Holford, Spence Galland, Lanny Hirstein, Mike Waldeck, Pete Van Dyke, Gary Kuykendall, Vic Rosenburg, Rod Bachman, Bob Cochran, Dick Hunger, Wendy Jones, Dale Lingenfelter, Steve Lott, Louis Peck, Bill Roper, Jim Snavelly, Reg Willis, Al Wilson, Steve Roosevelt, Charles Thompson, Terry Davison, Ken Wiegand, Larry Arvin, Jim Johnson, Doug Dingleline

**MANAGERS:** D. Meyer, B. Wind

**NOTES:**

1. This was the First Year for the Corn Belt Conference: U High, Normal, Trinity, Clinton, Pontiac, and Washington.

2. The game with Trinity was re-scheduled due to a flu epidemic on the football team.

3. Mel Romani scored a game-tying TD on the last play of game that took 14 seconds as he ran all over the field to cover the last 23 yards.
4. Pontiac stopped WCHS 15-game win streak and won the Corn Belt Conference Championship.
5. The Morton game at Washington had one of the largest crowds (2000) in many years.
6. One of the Starting Line Ups was: Essington, Gresham, Van Dyke E; Willihardt, McMillian, Waldeck, Snavely T;  
Foster, Cochran, Brunnenmeyer, G; Romani, Holford, Hirstein, Galland, Foster Backfield.
7. Mel Romani starting varsity as a freshman he was the first 12-letter winner (football, basketball, baseball) in WCHS's history to this date.
8. Mel Romani was the Team Captain.
9. Over 4,000 spectators were expected to the Chillicothe game and it was attempted to move the game to a larger stadium as both teams were 6-0.