



### 1961 Elmhurst Travelers Semi-Pro Football Team

Top Row: #88 Don Busch, #53 Jerry Schropp, #54 John Forden, #85 Jim Lavan, #33 Pat Albanese, #53 Darrel Corbett, #60 Dale Berman, #76 Len Jacobson, #75 Charles Smith, #46 Charlie Thomas

Third Row: #67 Jack Kellerman, #70 Fritz Fiorelli, #45 Roman Strzala, #21 Tom Nagle, #74 Art Grob, #65 Jack Benner, #71 Roger Moos, #84 Gene Larsen, #32 Phil Newman, #83 Herman Frazier, Al Klaeren

Second Row: Jim Kulton, #34 Jim Alexander, #20 Willie Lightfoot, #24 Bob Cook, #35 Wayne Mills, #81 Milt Cully, #30 Jim Oldham, #78 Mel Woods, #68 Jack Perry, #72 Chester Moore, Al Dobbeck

First Row: Jack Gazelle, #66 Sam Robinson, #23 Marty Denmark, #26 Butch Hansen, #51 Gerry Auchstetter, #16 Bill Owen, #55 Larry Schmidt, #89 Willie Schmidt, #63 Dave Radford, #10 Norm Nissen, #43 Curtis Griswold, Coach George Kulton

*Aside from the AFA National Association's concerns for bringing recognition to today's market of semi-pro type teams and leagues - its desire to keep alive the memories of those who were associated with this level of the sport for the past 100 years has come to the forefront in the formation of the AFA's Alumni Clubs. Operating under the umbrella of the AFA's non-profit tax exempt corporation, the American Football Association has begun issuing "Charters" to team, regional and state alumni organization who qualify for official Alumni Club status.*

The Elmhurst Travelers Semi Pro Football Team played in the Bi-State, Tri State and Central States Leagues from 1927 – 1968. They played teams from Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Racine, Two Rivers, Cudahay, Delavan, Madison (WI), Calumet City (IN) and the Chicago Hornets, Aurora Clippers and Chicago Panthers of Illinois.

The Elmhurst Travelers, coached and owned by George Kulton (AFA Hall of Fame Class of 1986), compiled a record of 292 wins, 79 losses, 29 ties and had 11 undefeated seasons from 1927 – 1968.

Coach Kulton sold the team in 1968 to Rockford, Illinois. They are 36 Elmhurst Travelers in the American Football Association’s Semi-Pro Hall of Fame.

The Elmhurst Travelers Football Alumni Association was started in 2008 to rekindle old Traveler friendships.

**Elmhurst Travelers Football Alumni Association Board of Directors**

Roman E. Strzala, President	AFA Class of 2002
Larry Schmidt, Secretary	AFA Class of 2008
Jack Perry, Treasurer	AFA Class of 2010
Andy Tranchita, Director	AFA Class of 2011
Mike “Chico” Cain, Director	AFA Class of 2006
Eugene “Chick” Cichowski	AFA Class of 2009

**Elmhurst Travelers Alumni**

<p>Jerry Auchstetter          Jim Bejna - AFA Class of 2009          Dale Berman - AFA Class of 2011          Mike "Chico" Cain - AFA Class of 2006          Eugene "Chick" Cichowski - AFA Class of 2009          Ron "Butch" Hansen - AFA Class of 2010          Robert Harrison - AFA Class of 2011          Simeon Hendrickson - AFA Class of 2012          Bobby Hitz - AFA Class of 2015          James Kulton - AFA Class of 2010          Eugene Larsen - AFA Class of 2014</p>	<p>Carl "Bill" Neal - AFA Class of 2011          Jack Perry - AFA Class of 2010          Larry Schmidt - AFA Class of 2008          Roman E. Strzala - AFA Class of 2002          Walter Thiel - AFA Class of 2015          Gary Thomas - AFA Class of 2007          Andy Tranchita - AFA Class of 2011          Ben Ward - AFA Class of 2010          Mal Yarke - AFA Class of 2009          Thomas L. Miniscalco - AFA Class of 2017</p>
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