



## **JERRY LIESS – INDIANOLA HIGH SCHOOL**

As a backfield ace, Jerry starred on the gridiron at Indianola in the mid-1960's. He excelled at both running back and quarterback for the Chiefs, while also roaming the secondary as a ball-hawking safety. Jerry's career totals demonstrate his highly versatile skill-set, as he accumulated 2,585 yards rushing, 1,120 yards passing, 64 total offensive touchdowns, and added an additional 10 touchdowns on defense & special teams. In that span, the Indianola program established itself as a Southern Nebraska 8-Man power-winning the Southern Frontier Conference and the Mid-Valley League Championship, while also going 10-0 in 1966 and claiming the consensus Eight-Man State Title. During his prep career, Jerry earned several honors that included: 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Area, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State, and he was selected to play in the 1967 Nebraska Shrine Bowl Game (an extremely rare honor for eight-man players at the time). Jerry went on to play Junior College Football in McCook and later made Eight-Man coaching stops in both Wallace and Weeping Water. For his efforts, Jerry was known statewide as a talented athlete that excelled in all sports- but he was best known by his teammates and peers as an unselfish player who loved the game. The NEMFCA is honored to now induct him into the 8-Man Hall of Fame Class of 2024.