



Garland "Buddy" Noll, a 1958 graduate, was offered a professional baseball contract twice. However, he declined in favor of college education at the University of Missouri where he was a running back for Dan Devine and a member of Devine's 1959 Orange Bowl team.

He was a two-time letterman in football and a three-time letterman in baseball. Noll had a career rushing mark of seven yards per carry at Edwardsville and rushed for over 1,000 yards when Edwardsville had back-to-back seasons of 5-3-1.

As the starting center fielder both seasons, he batted .380 and .388. Upon graduation, his final two baseball seasons produced a combined 33-9 record. Noll was the 10th player from that era to be elected to the EHS Athletic Hall of Fame, and many consider the 1950s as the pinnacle years of Edwardsville sports. Noll was a member of the 1987 EHS Athletic Hall of Fame class.

