

RICH OLIPHANT graduated from Albert Lea High School in 1961 where he led the Tigers football team to its first Big Nine title since 1934. Oliphant joined the football team in 1957 as a ninth-grader and was named All-Conference in both his junior and senior years. During his senior year after finishing 7-0-1 and winning the Big Nine conference he was named MVP and All- State.

After Graduating, Oliphant attended the University of Northern Iowa where he was starting quarterback his junior and senior seasons. At UNI, Oliphant led the team to a conference championship and Pecan Bowl title.

Oliphant also played basketball and baseball for the Tigers and was a three-year letter winner in each sport.