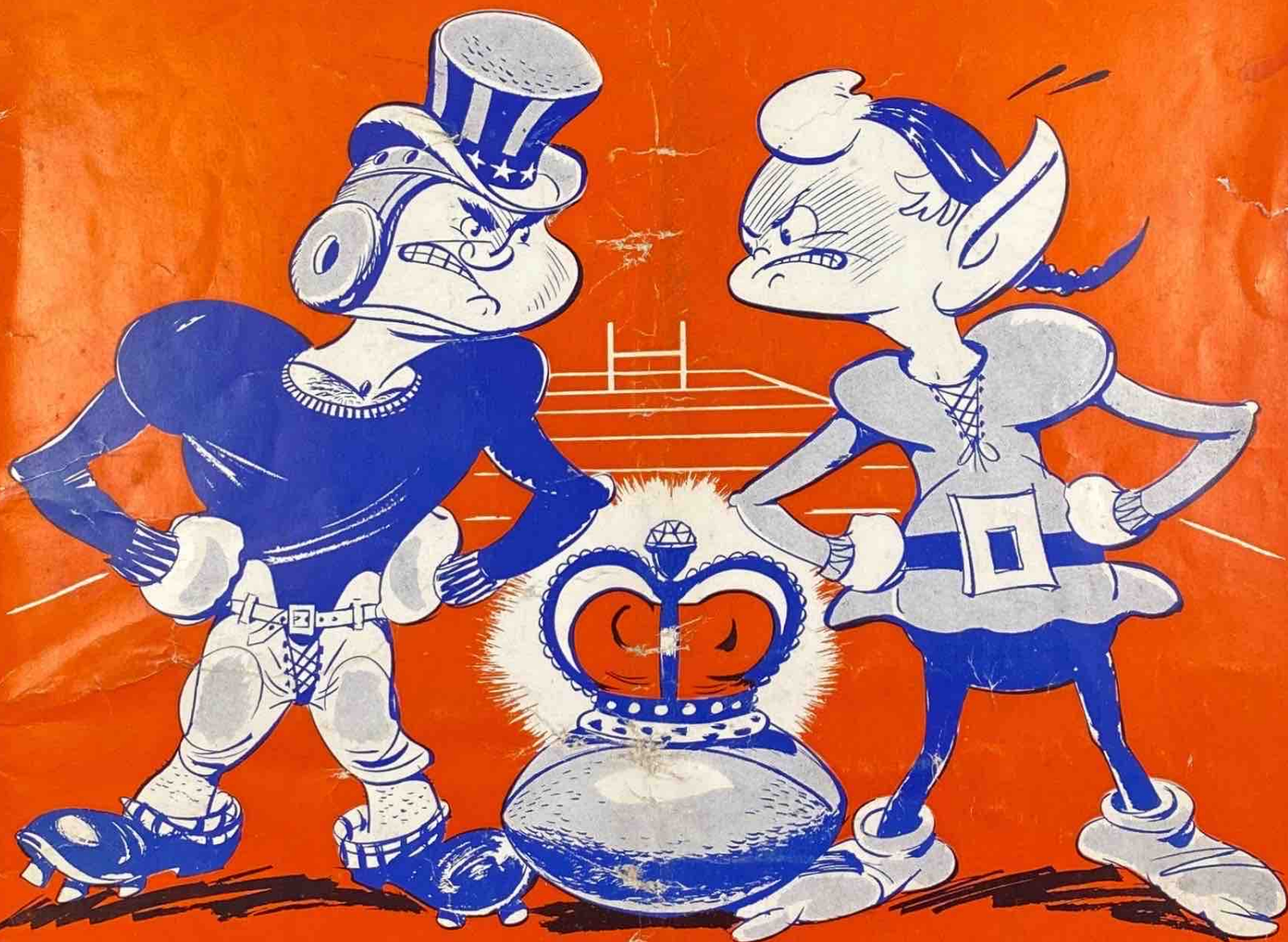


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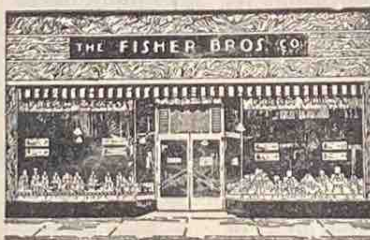
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All-America Conference Still Full of Fight After Successful Opening Season

By Gene Ward
New York Daily News

A few coaches have had their official heads severed and a few teams are going in the red this year—so the All-America Conference is being counted out by various critics, honest and otherwise, who seem to go about their refereeing with a blithe disregard for the facts in this football case.

They seem to overlook the stickout facts that the supposedly prostrate gladiator over whom they are tolling the count, still is full of fight, that the youngster has a lot of rooters after only one season of competition, and that he may have his weak spots, but he's a Samson in the dollar department.

There are these pertinent factors, too, to be considered before shouting "ten and out"—that the All-America Conference was not hatched over-night nor are its backers a batch of fly-by-night operatives who went into the thing on a get-rich-quick basis.

Those cheering loudest for a demise of the AAC are, of course, National Football Leaguers who very conveniently have forgotten the troubles of their own circuit's birth and the many child ailments which assailed it during its slow rise to maturity.

Miami, Buffalo and Brooklyn may be having poor financial years in the new AAC, but the NFL went through many revisions in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Boston, etc.—several franchise switchings, owner and coaching changes—and even now it still has its aches and pains in Detroit, Los Angeles, Boston and, perhaps, even Chicago where the Cardinals are only beginning to use black ink instead of red.

So far, with not even a full campaign under its belt, the AAC, led by Cleveland, has matched the NFL in showmanship, shrewd maneuvering and big time operating. It has the money and the men, or vice versa. It was prepared to drop dough while getting the kinks out.

A roll-call of its backers should be proof enough of the serious intent of the All-America Conference to stay in business for a long, long time.

Not even the most loquacious of the AAC critics can convince us that Arthur B. McBride is going to run out of the long green here in Cleveland . . . nor Don Ameche, Louis B. Mayer and Ben Lindheimer in Los Angeles . . . Dan Topping of the New York Yankees . . . Buffalo's Jim Breuil, wealthy oilman . . . Chicago's John L. Keeshin, the trucking king . . . Anthony J. Morabito, the big lumber dealer of San Francisco . . . Brooklyn's Jerry Smith of Street & Smith Publications.

It seems in this corner that these men are far too astute to have gone into a new football league on a

quick-win-or-quit basis. Nor has the AAC's campaign been geared for a short reign.

It has gathered in as good, if not a better, batch of football players than now play in the NFL, and in Cleveland's Paul Brown, New York's Ray Flaherty, Los Angeles' Dudley DeGroot and San Francisco's "Buck" Shaw, it has coaches to match any in the old league.

It has a balanced schedule with every team playing every other team on a home-and-home basis, the only true competition capable of producing the champ. The sports public never has gone for cheese champs in any sport, but in some cases they've had to like 'em or lump 'em, because that's all that's been dished up.

Not that the National Football League hasn't produced some great championship clubs, like the Bears of 1940, and who could forget 'em, but the NFL has been going along from year to year using an expedient, "soft-and-hard" schedule arrangement with some teams getting the breaks and some getting the bangs in a purely "box-office" set-up.

But if the AAC packs a solid punch on its side of this argument, the NFL also carries a lot of weight, particularly with its thousands of loyal fans. Quite naturally, there has been strong resentment on the part of NFL owners. They feel that, having poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into building up professional football in this country, there is no reason on earth they should welcome a competitor. Perfectly natural.

The NFL did the spade-work. At times it had all it could do to keep itself going. And some men—Tim Mara, George Halas, Curly Lambeau, and others—have devoted a lifetime to seeing that professional football has been put on an honest and decent basis.

Some day, it is our firm belief, the two leagues will get together for their own good and the good of the game.

Meanwhile, we are cheering the All-America Conference from the sidelines. We're on the side of the fans. We look at it this way:

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Arthur McBride's Formula for Success: "Be Better Than the Next Fellow"

By Herman Goldstein
The Cleveland News

Arthur B. McBride, whom his friends know as Mickey, is a short, sturdy, graying man who parlayed a newsboy's pennies over the years into a million bucks or more.

He likes to talk to people about getting on in the world and he inevitably comes to the same formula: "You have to be better than the next fellow."

No matter what your job is, or your business is, McBride declares, you won't achieve (and don't deserve) to succeed, unless you are better than the next fellow. And when he took on the strange new job as owner of a professional football team, his Cleveland Browns, he set the same goal for himself.

Today the Browns are playing the New York Yankees for the first championship of the new All-America Conference. They must win this game to be champions, but they have already twice defeated today's final opponents, the Yankees.

That was the operation on the field. The business operation has been even more spectacularly better than the other fellow's. The Browns have set new attendance records for professional football, have outdrawn all other teams at home, have become, in a city allegedly a very poor football center, within the first year of operation a million-dollar business. At home and abroad the Browns have drawn well over a million dollars in gross receipts—not including today's championship contest.

McBride doesn't take any personal credit for the achievement. He can't play football, can't coach a team, hasn't put on a show or peddled tickets. What he did was to present the goal, and supply the means.

McBride's start in the building of his better team is one of my favorite stories.

He was never an athlete and had only a mild interest in sports, except golf. He became, in fact, enough of a bug at golf to become a spectator at tournaments, which is a labor of love. You don't sit to watch the golf stars perform—you pound the fairways and rough and the best sprinter sees the most shots. By practice and by watching, McBride became a very good golfer. Last summer, for instance, he had a golf party for his associates in the club, the coaches, the kibitzers from the sports pages and radio and whatever football players were in the city. The day's best score was a 77, and it was scored by McBride himself.

Football was just a game to him until his two handsome sons went to Notre Dame and inevitably enrolled him in the great army of unofficial Notre Dame alumni. Then, unexpectedly, he found himself the owner of a franchise, but nothing else, in the new league organized by Arch Ward of the Chicago Tribune.

McBride started to get a team and a business with characteristic directness. "Who," he went around asking, "was the best football coach in the country?" Whoever it was, that was the man McBride wanted. McBride asked me that question, and he asked it of others. There was no single answer, because the subject is a matter of opinion and impossible of decision. McBride signed Paul Brown and Brown was

the kind of coach he wanted for the job he wanted. And he paid him accordingly, a salary plus other considerations believed to be the best in the profession.

Then came a vitally important next step. Brown was made general manager as well as coach, the complete boss of the operation with a free hand to organize the office and his own coaching staff, to hire players, to supervise the business and promotion side, to spend money how and where he thought necessary. There was a single responsibility. In contrast, it might be noted, in other All-America cities where the operation was divided there has been not only a lack of success but internal difficulties. In Cleveland, McBride has paid the bills, Brown has run the business. Never have I seen even a hint of anything but a complete hands-off policy on the part of the ownership.

McBride isn't the only owner of a football team who knows very little about football, but he is one of very few who knows enough to keep hands off.

Brown's free hand, which has led to the tremendous success of the club, has also been a lavish hand. Paul has the biggest coaching staff in the pro field. He has bought all and the best equipment required. He hired George Bird away from Massillon to create the sensational—but expensive—girls' band, the Musical Majorettes. He paid top salaries to hand-picked players. It all cost a lot of money.

In the organizing process, John Brickels, who started things here while Brown was still stationed at Great Lakes, once hesitantly remarked to McBride, "We're spending a lot of money." Which McBride shrugged off with, "I haven't told you to stop, have I?"

Before there was as much as a dime in return, McBride had poured close to \$300,000 into the club. The only comment he made: "I've given Paul everything he asked for. He has the tools and now it's up to him to do the job."

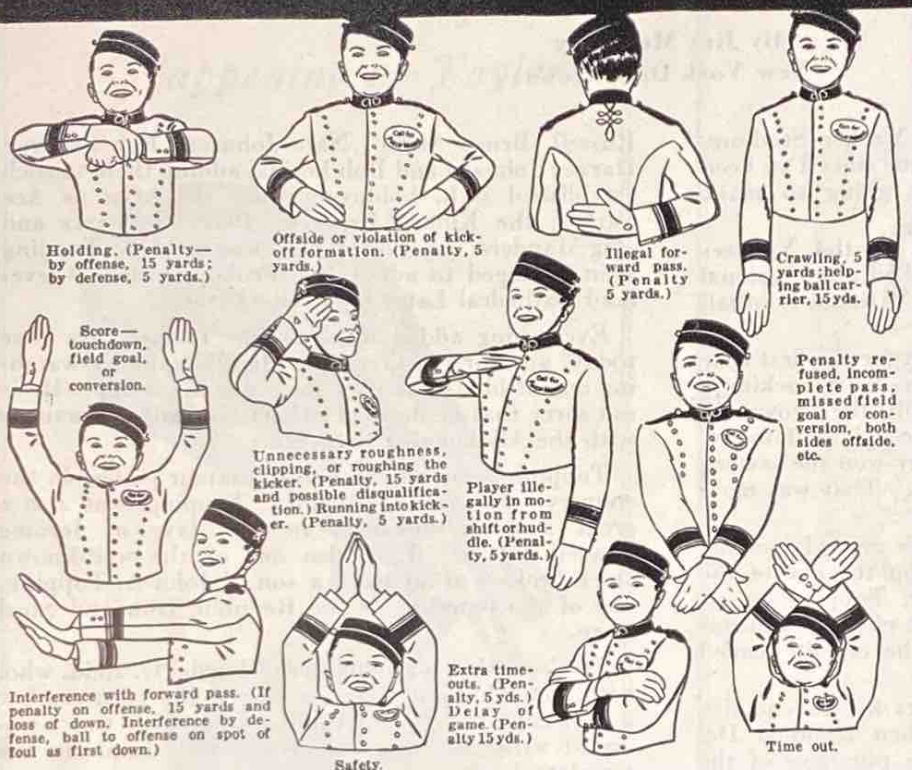
Brown has had a winner on the field and the operation has been a winner financially although the profit will not be nearly as much as a million-dollar business would indicate. Brown has met the formula, to be better than the other fellow.

I have known McBride many years, and in the two years he has had the franchise have talked many times with him. Never do I recall him thinking in terms of profits out of football except on a "maybe" basis, and "eventually." He fully expected to lose money for some years, and to wait a long time before even getting his investment back. Cleveland, of course, had never before supported major professional football.

McBride got into the business solely because of the failure of the Rams. He felt the Rams' operation was a poor thing for the city. After all, he is a businessman, in varied lines, and his base is Cleveland. He believed that a successful pro football team would be a good thing for Cleveland in general, would stir up civic interest, would tell the world that Cleveland is a great city, would liven things up.

And here we are today, Cleveland playing for the professional football championship, win, lose or draw today, a job well done all around.

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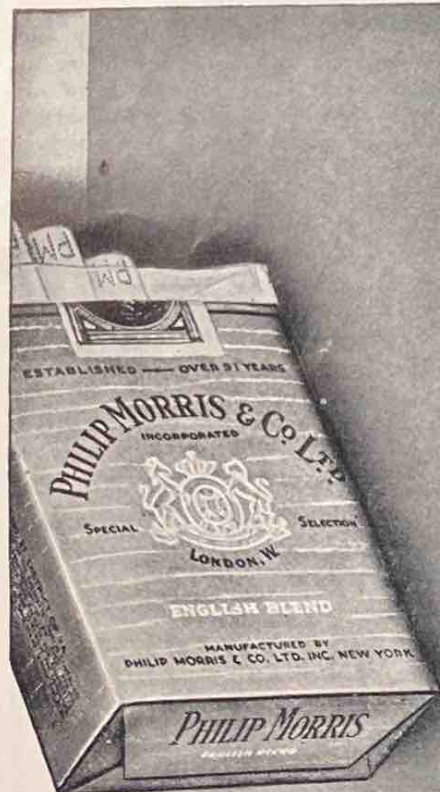
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New York Yankees are Topping's First Football Winner In 11 Years

By Jim McCulley
New York Daily News

At a recent press conference in Yankee Stadium, Dan Topping said: "For the first time since I've been connected with pro football, I'm going to make money out of the venture."

The handsome young president of the Yankees was thinking of the 11 years he backed a professional football club in Brooklyn, under a National Football League franchise.

He couldn't be sure of it then, but for the first time in his life as a pro football magnate, he is backing a winner. The Yankees may not whip the Browns in the All-America Football Conference play-off today, but they have been a success. They won the eastern division championship for Topping. That was more than he had ever had before.

Talking to those gathered at the annual meeting of the San Francisco Press Club on the eve of the inaugural of the AAFC campaign, Topping, president of the New York entry, made clear his reasons for jumping from the N.L. into the circuit headed by Jim Crowley.

"In Brooklyn, I fought for years for an equality of schedule," Topping said. "When I joined Del Webb and Larry MacPhail in the purchase of the baseball Yankees and sought to shift my N.L. franchise to the Yankee Stadium, I asked once again for the sort of home schedule our fans deserved. When this was denied me, I decided to cast my lot with the new conference."

As soon as Topping, then out of the Marines only a short time (he was discharged holding the rank of major), moved into the new circuit, he set about vigorously at the task of creating a winner. The club's slogan became, "Football in the Yankee Tradition." That meant winning football. It meant the considerable expenditure of time and money.

Topping already had hired Ray Flaherty as coach. Together, they went out and hired such stars as Frankie Sinkwich, Bob Kennedy, Spec Sanders, Jack

Russell, Bruce Alford, Nate Johnson, Bob Sweiger, Harvey Johnson and Bob Perina, adding them to such established N.L. holdovers from Brooklyn as Ace Parker, the Kinard Brothers, Perry Schwartz and Pug Manders. A colorful club was molded. Topping then managed to add Eddie Prokop, former Cleveland Cathedral Latin high school star.

Everything added up, and the Yankees are here today, and for the first time Dan Topping is watching one of his teams play for a championship. He is not sorry that he decided to cast his football fortunes with the All-America Conference.

Topping is one of the finest amateur golfers in the country. His father, Henry J. Topping, was also a great amateur linksman in the days of Jerome Travers. Henry J. is also one of the well-known stock brokers of his time, a son of John A. Topping, one of the founders of the Republic Iron and Steel Corp.

Dan's mother is a daughter of Daniel G. Reid, who, with Bet-a-Million Gates, cornered the corn market a half century ago. Grandpa Reid also was associated with the renowned William B. Leeds in the tin-plate business.

Topping bought into football in 1934, purchasing 50 per cent of the Dodgers (B.F.L.) stock from his friends Chris Cagle, of Army fame, and the fabulous Shipwreck Kelly. His Brooklyn club had hardly any success, artistically or financially. It finished second twice in the eastern division of the N.L. under Jock Sutherland.

The youthful former Marine Major believes that professional football is only just coming into its own. He expects one day to see it develop on a par with major league baseball, with farm clubs and minor pro football leagues spread all over the country.

And, eventually, a World Series of football between the two major leagues of the gridiron.

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Cleveland 44, Miami 0
Cleveland 20, Chicago 6
Cleveland 28, Buffalo 0
Cleveland 24, New York 7
Cleveland 26, Brooklyn 7
Cleveland 7, New York 0
Cleveland 31, Los Angeles 14
San Francisco 34, Cleveland 20
Los Angeles 17, Cleveland 16
Cleveland 14, San Francisco 7
Cleveland 51, Chicago 14
Cleveland 42, Buffalo 17
Cleveland 34, Miami 0
Cleveland 66, Brooklyn 14

Won 12, lost 2

Scored 423 points to opponents' 137

NEW YORK YANKEES

New York 21, San Francisco 7
New York 21, Buffalo 10
New York 17, Chicago 17
Cleveland 24, New York 7
New York 21, Buffalo 13
Cleveland 7, New York 0
New York 21, Brooklyn 10
New York 31, Los Angeles 17
New York 24, Miami 21
New York 17, Los Angeles 12
New York 10, San Francisco 9
Chicago 38, New York 28
New York 21, Brooklyn 7
New York 31, Miami 0

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Brown Maintains Winning Pace in Professional Football Ranks

By Bob Yonkers
The Cleveland Press

When Nate Wallack, portly, personable praise agent for the Browns, requested this deathless document on Paul Brown he coyly suggested that we dispense with the usual biographical baloney and dwell instead upon the subject's personality, philosophy, psychology and technique.

"Most of the people who will gobble up these fine programs at moderate prices are thoroughly familiar with Brown's background," pointed out natty Nathan.

"They know he was born in Norwalk 37 years ago; they know he has a charming wife and three fine looking sons; they are acquainted with his remarkable coaching records at Massillon High School, Ohio State University, Great Lakes and Cleveland.

"What they would like to know," carried on wordy Wallack between bites on his eighth straight hamburger, "is what makes Brown a successful coach."

That sounded like an easy assignment. The entire matter could be settled with the sage observation that Brown has been successful simply because he has had the good fortune of being at the helm of teams which invariably outscored their opponents.

Even Wallack could mastermind the Browns to an occasional victory if he had Otto Graham pitching to Dante Lavelli and Mac Speedie, Edgar Jones sweeping off tackle and around the ends, Marion Motley exploding through the middle and Lou (The Toe) Groza splitting the uprights with amazing regularity from anywhere between the goal lines.

With that wealth of classy material at a coach's command his job should be a picnic—or so it would seem to the uninitiated.

That would be a ridiculous conclusion, however. Actually, the Browns' spectacular performances in their march to the western division championship of the All-America Conference reflect the ingenuity and supreme self-confidence of a man who has been compared by several qualified football authorities with the universally respected, revered and immortalized Knute Rockne.

This writer must regretfully report that he never had the privilege of knowing the idolized Rockne, but he has heard and read thousands of words about the late Notre Dame coach's stirring oratory and his celebrated strategy, resourcefulness and psychology.

We are not in a position to compare Rockne and Brown. However, we have been associated with the latter ever since he came to Cleveland, and it is our impression that if getting the most out of a squad of 33 men with varied tastes, temperaments and personalities constitutes coaching greatness then Paul Brown is a great coach.

We have been informed that Rockne was fiery, intense, keen, amiable and understanding. Brown also possesses those characteristics. He is not given to do-or-die pep talks for which the Rock was famous, but can, in a few chosen words, "coke up" his athletes for the battle ahead.

It was mentioned above that Brown is extremely self-confident. This is not to be interpreted that he is cocky, egotistical or conceited. It simply means that he firmly believes in his own system and that it

can result in success for any team willing to absorb his teachings.

For instance, when he addressed the Browns for the first time at training camp in Bowling Green last August, he quietly asserted, "Just have faith in me and in anything I tell you to do. It might seem like the wrong thing at first, but I have a reason for everything I do. All I ask is your co-operation and we'll have a lot of fun and win a lot of games."

"I don't know most of you fellows right now, but we'll get to know each other's likes and dislikes within a few days. I know what you men are capable of doing on the football field. I won't ask you to do the impossible."

"But I want you to do your best at all times. One year from now I want you to be known as the killer-dillers of professional football—the darling football team of the country."

Yes, five months ago Brown told a group of men who never had played on the same team before that he was expecting them to win the championship of the All-America Conference.

He did not say they would win the championship because he was the coach. He only made it clear that their individual capabilities could be welded into a well-balanced, sharp-tackling, hard-hitting unit if they were willing to rely on his judgment and leadership.

The players had faith in his coaching ability. They were impressed by his record at Massillon, Ohio State and Great Lakes. They gave him the respect from the outset that he had fought for and finally won when he essayed the jump from a high school coaching post to one of the most treacherous assignments in collegiate football.

Brown, brutally frank at times, was not the most diplomatic person in the world when he stepped into the Ohio State job. The story goes that shortly after accepting the post he paid a visit to Columbus and, upon being introduced to one of the regulars of the 1940 team Brown extended his hand and curtly observed, "You'd better render out some of that lard if you want to make my ball club next season."

"I cordially hated Brown for a while because of that remark," admitted the player. "I sized him up as a fresh guy who figured he could bring his rah-rah stuff from a high school job and stuff it down our throats."

"But three weeks after he took over the squad he had everyone of us in his corner. He convinced us that he had plenty on the ball. I found out in a hurry that I really had to get down to playing weight or lose my job. He wanted his teams lean and fast, and he proved to us that speed could offset weight in college ball and produce victories. I've been all for him ever since."

By stressing speed, blocking and tackling, Brown has succeeded in turning out some of the most entertaining elevens ever watched in high school, college, service or pro football. The team that is playing the New York Yankees down there for the championship this afternoon is, without a doubt, the best-conditioned aggregation in the All-America Conference. It has paid dividends.

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Playing for Pro Grid Championships is Old Story to Flaherty, Yankee Coach

By Joe King
New York World-Telegram

The great match of the All-America Conference today presents an interesting coaching alignment, with the newest of the successful pro tutors, Paul Brown, opposed to Ray Flaherty, who ranks as an old master in the trade.

Brown breaks in as a pro with even more acclaim than another celebrated "college coach," Jock Sutherland, who amazed the old hands with his brilliant helmsmanship as Dan Topping's man in Brooklyn in 1940.

That's why it will be exciting to see what Brown can do—in a show-down, pay-off battle—against Flaherty, the only coach who has won titles in both pro leagues.

Ray is a genuine "old pro," one of the fabulous characters who go back to the barnstorming days—Wilson's Western Wildcats, if you please—and he is a pro all the way.

As a player, he was an All-Star end with the Giants. Steve Owen called Red Badgro and Flaherty, "two red-headed murderers," as the Giants swept to three straight eastern titles, 1933-34-35.

Flaherty took the magic touch with him to the Redskins as a coach, because he won the title from Owen in his first year with George Preston Marshall, 1936, and proved it wasn't accidental by holding it the next year. Red no longer has to prove anything. He boasts one of the remarkable records in the business. Flaherty never coached a team with a losing record, in seven years with the Redskins and one with the Yankees.

Cleveland fans, who were in the National League then, will recall the most humiliating whipping in pro history, the 73-0 shellacking the mighty Bears inflicted on the Redskins, as Flaherty's team disintegrated before his eyes. It was something to remember, and the "red-headed murderer" did. In the '42 playoff, he exacted fullsome revenge. His ends and tackles pounded Sid Luckman into the ground. The proud T-man—the Bears boasted he seldom had to sit down, so well did they protect him—was humiliated in his turn. He finally withdrew from the game—helpless—and Charley O'Rourke finished the 14-6 downfall of the Bears, who had been unbeaten in the season, and ranked as overwhelming favorites. This was as much an upset, as complete a beating the way the game was played, as was the spectacular 73-0 game.

Flaherty is an outstanding defensive technician as well as a daring offensive tactician, a combination which is so rare among coaches, who generally tend one way or the other.

With his attention to fundamentals, and his chess-brain picturization of the other fellow's probable moves, he is one of the tightest defenders, one of the hardest to score on, in the leagues.

The writer would say Flaherty's dominant defensive trait is complete mastery of end and tackle play, to contain a foe's offense in the middle, and automatically restrict his gains. His tackles at Washington were man-size all the way with such All-Stars as Turk Edwards, Wee Willie Wilkin and Jim Barber. The

latter, and an All-League end of Redskin days, Bob Masterson, are coaching aides to Flaherty now, and are in great measure responsible for the rock-ribbed Yankee line.

Incidentally, the fans today, in Flaherty's opinion, will see one of the hardest-fought games in pro history. Not only because it is today, and means all. Also because that has been the style all season in the Conference.

"That is obvious and natural," explains Flaherty. "We have a league that is young and eager. The men are not nearly so old as the average player in the National League, and can and do block and tackle for 60 minutes, play harder all the way, than they do in the other league. You know those old stars like Luckman, Baugh and such no longer can travel hard all the way. The standard of play in this league has consistently been more strenuous than that of the National League."

Flaherty, being an "old pro" has had a colorful as well as a successful career. He was an all-Pacific Coast end with Gonzaga College in his home town of Spokane, Wash., before signing with Wilson's Western Wildcats, one of C. C. Pyle's ventures, in 1926. He first came to New York as an official of Pyle's "bunion derby" from Los Angeles to New York. He spent two years as a player with Pyle's National League Yankees in the Yankee Stadium, 1927-28. That was the Red Grange team. He returned to the Stadium this year in a new league during the "war," strictly as an innocent bystander, because he had signed with Topping long before Dan knew he would have to break with the old league.

Flaherty played five years under Owen in the Polo Grounds, ending in '35, with a year out to coach his alma mater, Gonzaga. After seven years with the Redskins, he enlisted in the Navy after the '42 season, and was Welfare and Athletic Officer of the Fourth Fleet.

This season marks his return to football, with the magic touch untarnished.

His Redskin record, with Baugh as his ace, bears a closer inspection. He won the eastern title four times out of seven seasons, and won 55 games, lost only 21 and tied three. In the east-west playoff, he holds the advantage on the Bears, two decisions to one, despite the 73-0 affair. But he stands all even in intersectional competition, because of a playoff defeat by the Packers.

Flaherty loves the outdoors, its living room and its virile sports, which is natural in a native of the great reaches of the new Northwest. He is, in fact, a thorough-going athlete. He played pro baseball on and off for 10 years, with a short hitch with the Braves as a left-handed first baseman. At golf, which he also plays southpaw style, he took the Idaho Amateur title in 1941. He recently married.

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JOHN BRICKELS, Backfield Coach

Graduate of Wittenberg College . . . Assistant football and basketball coach at New Philadelphia (O.) High School in 1930 and 1931 . . . Head coach in both sports at same school from 1932 to 1938 . . . Head basketball coach, assistant in football at Huntington (West Va.) High School from 1938 through 1944 . . . Head basketball coach, assistant grid mentor at West Virginia University in 1944-1945.

FRITZ HEISLER, Guard Coach

Graduate of Miami University (Oxford, O.) . . . Assistant to Paul Brown at Massillon High School from 1938 through 1940 . . . Freshman football coach at Ohio State University in 1941 . . . Coached Navy V-5 team at Depauw University in 1943.

CREIGHTON MILLER, Backfield Coach

Graduate of Notre Dame University . . . Backfield coach at Notre Dame in 1944 . . . Also coached at Yale in 1945.

BOB VOIGTS, Tackle Coach

Graduate of Northwestern University . . . Co-football coach at Illinois Wesleyan in 1939 and 1940 . . . Line coach at Yale University in 1941 . . . Line coach at Great Lakes Naval Training Station in 1942 and 1943.

WM (RED) CONKRIGHT, End-Center Coach

Graduate of Oklahoma University . . . Played pro football with Chicago Bears and Cleveland Rams from 1937 through 1944 . . . Scouted and coached ends for Rams in 1945.

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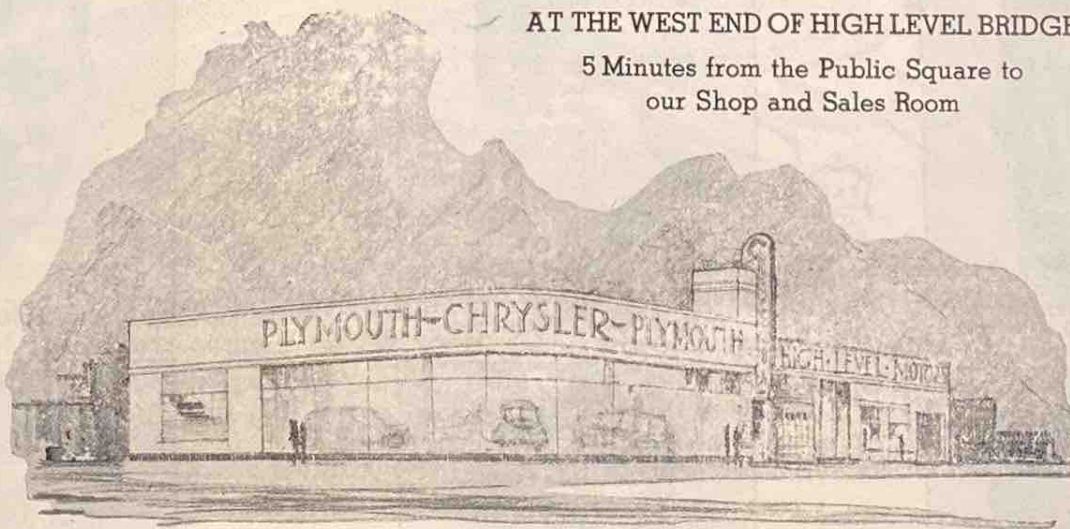
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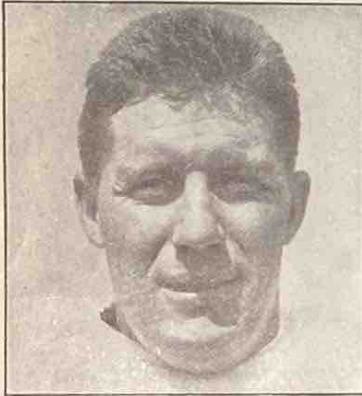
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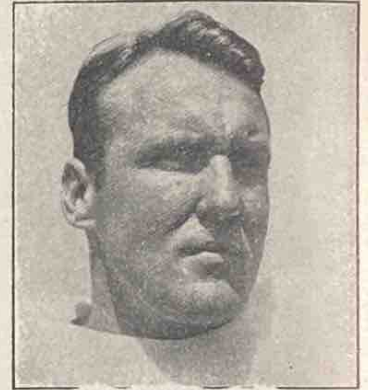
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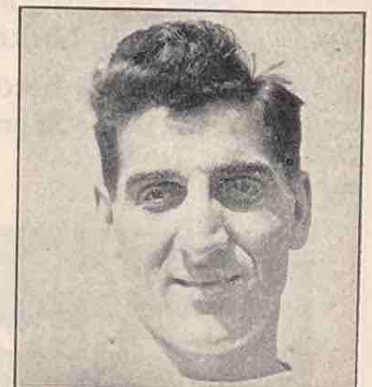
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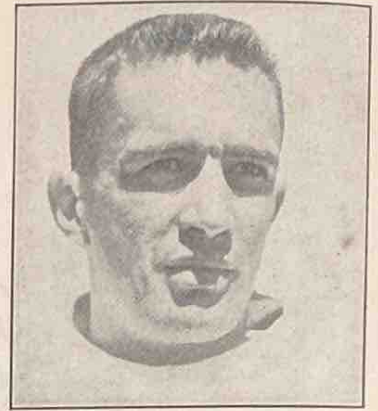
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ADAMS, CHESTER (Chet)

TACKLE
Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 24, 1916. After winning all-scholastic honors at South High School in Cleveland, Adams played college football under Don Peden at Ohio University for three years. Made first team All-Ohio tackle in 1937 and again in 1938. The 1938 Bobcats upset Illinois, 6 to 0. Played with ex-Cleveland Rams from 1939 through 1942 and with Green Bay Packers in 1943 when Rams did not field a team. Entered the Army in February, 1944 as private and was discharged as first lieutenant in June, 1946. Served in the Corps of Military Police.

AKINS, ALBERT G. (Al)

HALFBACK
Born in Spokane, Washington, on June 13, 1921. An all-around athlete who has shown equal adeptness at football, baseball, basketball, golf and track. Selected for All-City honors in basketball while playing for John Rogers High in Spokane. Starred at halfback for two years at Washington State College. Al won All-Northern division honors as a basketball guard in addition to starring for three years in the college outfield and for one year on the track squad as a sprinter. In 1944, he had the highest batting average of any collegian in the nation, hitting .656. His brother, Frank, was the second leading ground gainer in the National Football League last year, while playing with the Washington Redskins. Served 32 months in the Marines, leaving USMC with rank of first lieutenant. Saw service in Guam, Saipan and Japan and won the Unit Citation.

BLANDIN, ERNEST (Ernie)

TACKLE
Born in Augusta, Kansas, on June 21, 1919. Big Ernie started his grid career as high school fullback, switching to the tackle post under Red Dawson at Tulane University. Also played basketball at high school and established school discus throwing record. Named All-Southeastern Conference tackle and honorable mention Associated Press All-America in 1940. In 1941, Ernie was picked on eight major All-American teams including Collier's and United Press. Chosen on seven all-opponent teams. Starting tackle on East team in Shriner's East-West game in New Orleans in 1941. Played with College All Stars against Los Angeles Rams this year. Served three and a half years in the Navy, including a year in the Marshall Islands and three months in Hawaii. Starred on Georgia Pre-Flight club in 1942 and with 1945 Pearl Harbor All-Stars.

CHEROKE, GEORGE

GUARD
Born in Jenners, Pennsylvania, on January 2, 1921. Chosen All-Valley guard in senior year at Shadyside (O.) High School. Won state scholastic wrestling championship in 165-pound class in 1938 and in heavyweight division in 1939. Played guard under Paul Brown at Ohio State. Practiced his chief hobby—weight lifting—even in Browns' training camp where he had some of his own muscle building equipment. Was in the Army Air Forces more than four years, 19 months of which were in the European Theater. Rose to rank of captain. Played two years of service football, in 1942 with strong Second Air Force eleven and in 1945 with Air Transport Command team.

COLELLA, TOM

HALFBACK
Born in Albion, N. Y., on July 3, 1918. Has four years of professional football experience, having played with Detroit in 1942 and 1943 and with the Cleveland Rams in 1944 and 1945. Scored two touchdowns in Rams' upset victory at Green Bay last season which started his mates to the world's title. Played at Canisius College in Buffalo, N. Y., where he was selected for two years on the little All-America teams. Served in the Marine Corps from July, 1942, to August, 1943.

COPPAGE, ALTON (Cop)

END
Born in Hollis, Oklahoma, on February 8, 1917. Won all-state honors in football, basketball and track. After starring for three seasons at University of Oklahoma, Coppage played with Chicago Cardinals of National League from 1940 through 1942. Started the first pro contest he ever saw and was a regular thereafter. Served in the Army Air Corps for 31 months; was overseas with 20th Air Force. Played with the Army All-Stars against Navy All-Stars at Hawaii in 1945. Teamed up with such stars as Bill Dudley, Jack Russell, Martin Ruby and Jack Jacobs.

EVANS, FRED (Dippy)

HALFBACK
Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 23, 1921. After being chosen as all-state back at South Bend Riley High School, Evans continued his football at Notre Dame where he proved

to be a hard runner. Played with present teammates John Yonakor and Lou Rymkus at Notre Dame. Served in Army Air Corps for three years from February, 1943, until January, 1946. Starred for Randolph Field's football eleven in 1944 which won the national service championship with 12 victories in as many starts. Played with Fort Worth A. A. F. in 1945 which tied for first place in the A. A. F. League.

FEKETE, GENE

FULLBACK
Born in Sugar Creek, Ohio on August 31, 1922. At Findlay (O.) High School, Fekete shined as football and basketball player. One of few athletes to be chosen on All-Ohio scholastic teams in both sports. Played under Paul Brown at Ohio State in 1942 when the Buckeyes were acclaimed Western Conference and national football champions. Displayed great ability as a power runner. Was nation's fourth leading collegiate scorer in 1942 with 96 markers. Also played varsity basketball at Ohio State. Served in the Army from April, 1943, until June, 1945. Returned to Ohio State after discharge from Army to complete his education.

GATSKI, FRANK (Gunner)

CENTER
Born in Farmington, West Virginia, on March 12, 1922. After four years as center on the grid team and two years of baseball participation in high school, Gatski entered Marshall College, played three years as varsity center, graduating this past June. Returned to college to get his degree after completion of three and a half years service in the Army Infantry, including 18 months in the E. T. O. Came up the hard way. Raised in coal mine district of West Virginia, where his father was killed in a mining accident. But he wears a perpetual grin which has won him many nicknames, including "Gunner," "Li'l Abner" and "Joe Palooka."

GRAHAM, OTTO (Otts)

QUARTERBACK
Born in Waukegan, Illinois, on December 6, 1921. An All-State performer in high school, Graham went on to stardom at Northwestern where he became an All-America football player and one of the best all-around athletes in the history of the Evanston institution. With the Wildcats he was a triple threat performer whose feats in 1943 gained him the Chicago Tribune trophy as the most valuable player in the Western Conference. Typical of Graham is his statement that his greatest football thrill occurred in the College All-Star-Washington Redskins' game in 1943 when he blocked out two men to shake teammate Bob Steuber loose on a 50-yard punt return for a touchdown. Later in that same contest, Graham intercepted a pass and returned 95 yards for six points that helped the collegians whip the pros, 27 to 7. Entered the Navy on February 14, 1944, and was discharged September 19, 1945. Sparked North Carolina Pre-Flight to its 21-14 surprise victory over Navy in 1944. Was selected for two seasons at Northwestern on the All-America basketball team and played this past winter with Rochester in the National Basketball League. Passed to Elroy Hirsch for a touchdown in College All-Stars' surprise 16-0 triumph over Los Angeles Rams in this year's Chicago Tribune classic.

GREENWOOD, DON (Slooie)

HALFBACK
Born in Detroit, Michigan, on February 18, 1922. An end at Missouri, quarterback at Illinois and fullback for the ex-Cleveland Rams, Greenwood has been used at right halfback by Paul Brown. Best college season was in 1944, when he ripped off several long touchdown runs for Illinois. Returned kickoffs 87 and 80 yards against Pittsburgh and scored on long distance jaunts against Indiana, Ohio State, Iowa, Northwestern and Great Lakes. Was transferred from halfback position to fullback by Cleveland Rams last year because of injuries to Rams' other fullbacks. Playing strange position in first season in National League, he gained 376 yards in 101 attempts for an average of 3.7 yards. First played college ball at Missouri for two seasons before enlisting in Army Air Corps. Played with College All-Stars against Green Bay in 1945.

GROZA, LOUIS R. (Chief)

TACKLE
Born in Martins Ferry, Ohio, on January 25, 1924. Played left tackle three years at Martins Ferry High School. Earned ten high school letters, three each in football and basketball and four in baseball. Served as captain of each team in senior year. Selected on All-Valley team twice, in 1940 and 1941. Chosen All-State tackle in 1941. Co-captain in Ohio-West Virginia All-Star game, 1941. Named All-Ohio in basketball also in

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No.	Name	Pos.	Age	Wt.	Ht.	College	Home Town
20	Scarry, Mike	C	26	208	6'	Waynesburg	Euclid, Ohio
22	Gatski, Frank	C	24	210	6'2½"	Marshall College	Grant Town, W. Va.
24	Maceau, Mel	C	24	205	6'1½"	Marquette	Milwaukee, Wis.
30	Willis, Bill	G	24	206	6'2½"	Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio
32	Houston, Lindell	G	25	205	6'	Ohio State	Massillon, Ohio
34	Cherokee, George	G	25	200	5'9"	Ohio State	Shadyside, Ohio
36	Ulinski, Ed	G	25	200	5'11"	Marshall College	Ambridge, Pa.
39	Kapter, Alex	G	24	205	6'	Northwestern	Waukegan, Ill.
42	Adams, Chester	T	29	228	6'4"	Ohio University	Cleveland, Ohio
44	Rymkus, Lou	T	26	229	6'4"	Notre Dame	Nappanee, Ind.
46	Groza, Lou	T	22	225	6'3"	Ohio State	Martins Ferry, Ohio
48	Blandin, Ernie	T	27	249	6'3"	Tulane	Cleveland, Ohio
50	Yonakor, John	E	25	218	6'5"	Notre Dame	Dorchester, Mass.
52	Young, George	E	22	202	6'3"	Georgia	Forty Fort, Pa.
55	Harrington, John	E	24	195	6'3"	Marquette	Milwaukee, Wis.
56	Lavelli, Dante	E	23	194	6'	Ohio State	Hudson, Ohio
58	Speedie, Mac	E	26	192	6'3"	Utah	Los Angeles, Cal.
59	Coppage, Alton	E	29	187	6'1"	Oklahoma	Hollis, Okla.
60	Graham, Otto	QB	24	190	6'1"	Northwestern	Waukegan, Ill.
62	Lewis, Cliff	QB	23	170	5'11"	Duke	Lakewood, Ohio
64	Schwenk, Wilson	QB	26	205	6'2"	Washington U.	St. Louis, Mo.
66	Saban, Lou	FB	24	200	5'11"	Indiana	LaGrange, Ill.
70	Fekete, Gene	FB	24	205	6'½"	Ohio State	Findlay, Ohio
74	Smith, Gaylon	FB	29	200	5'11"	Southwestern	Euclid, Ohio
76	Motley, Marion	FB	26	218	6'1"	Nevada	Canton, Ohio
80	Akins, Albert	HB	25	192	6'1"	Washington State	Spokane, Wash.
82	Lund, Bill	HB	21	178	5'10½"	Case	Akron, Ohio
84	Terrell, Ray	HB	27	180	6'	Mississippi	Pennsgrove, N. J.
85	Greenwood, Don	HB	24	190	6'	Illinois	Willoughby, Ohio
90	Jones, Edgar	HB	26	192	5'10"	Pittsburgh	Scranton, Pa.
92	Colella, Tom	HB	28	182	6'	Canisius	Buffalo, N. Y.
99	Evans, Fred	HB	25	184	5'11"	Notre Dame	South Bend, Ind.

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Starting Lineup

LE Speedie 58	LT Blandin 48	LG Ulinski 36	C Scarry 20	RG Willis 30	RT Rymkus 44	RE Lavelli 56
QB Graham 60						
LH Jones 90			RH Terrell 84			
FB Motley 76						

SQUAD LIST

20 Scarry, c ✓	46 Groza, t ✓	66 Saban, b ✓
22 Gatski, c ✓	48 Blandin, t ✓	70 Fekete, b ✓
24 Maceau, c ✓	50 Yonakor, e ✓	74 Smith, b ✓
30 Willis, g ✓	52 Young, e ✓	76 Motley, b ✓
32 Houston, g ✓	55 Harrington, e ✓	80 Akins, b ✓
34 Cherokee, g ✓	56 Lavelli, e ✓	82 Lund, b ✓
36 Ulinski, g ✓	58 Speedie, e ✓	84 Terrell, b ✓
39 Kapter, g ✓	59 Coppage, e ✓	85 Greenwood, b ✓
42 Adams, t ✓	60 Graham, b ✓	90 Jones, b ✓
44 Rymkus, t ✓	62 Lewis, b ✓	92 Colella, b ✓
	64 Schwenk, b ✓	99 Evans, b ✓

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LE Masterson 55	LT F. Kinard 44	LG Baldwin 21	C Robertson 22	RG Riffle 35	RT N. Johnson 43	RE Alford 51
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QB
Cheatham 60

LH
Sanders 81

RH
Wagner 87

FB
Prokop 72

SQUAD LIST

21 Baldwin, c	40 Palmer, t	75 Johnson, b
22 Robertson, c	41 Piskor, t	70 Kennedy, b
25 Sossamon, c	51 Alford, e	76 Manders, b
30 Karmazin, g	50 Burrus, e	61 Morrow, b
31 G. Kinard, g	52 Conger, e	88 Parker, b
35 Riffle, g	55 Masterson, e	83 Perina, b
32 Yackanich, g	53 Russell, e	73 Proctor, b
45 Bentz, t	57 Schwartz, e	72 Prokop, b
43 Johnson, t	56 Stanton, e	81 Sanders, b
44 F. Kinard, t	60 Cheatham, b	80 Sweiger, b
		87 Wagner, b

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21	Baldwin, John	C	25	225	6'3"	Centenary	Abilene, Tex.
22	Robertson, Tom	C	25	225	6'2"	Tulsa	Tulsa, Okla.
25	Sossamon, Lou	C	24	207	5'11"	South Carolina	Gaffney, S. C.
30	Karmazin, Mike	G	24	210	5'11"	Duke	Philadelphia, Pa.
31	Kinard, George	G	28	205	6'1"	Mississippi	Jackson, Miss.
32	Yackanich, Joe	G	22	215	5'9"	Fordham	Beaver Meadows, Pa.
35	Riffle, Charles	G	27	215	6'2"	Notre Dame	Warren, Ohio
40	Palmer, Derrell	T	25	245	6'2"	Texas Christian	Fort Worth, Tex.
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43	Johnson, Nate	T	25	240	6'3"	Illinois	Benton, Ill.
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51	Alford, Bruce	E	24	200	6'2"	Texas Christian	Fort Worth, Tex.
52	Conger, Melvin	E	26	225	6'3"	Georgia	Atlanta, Ga.
53	Russell, John	E	25	215	6'2"	Baylor	Waco, Tex.
55	Masterson, Robert	E	30	225	6'1"	Miami U.	Bergenfield, N. J.
56	Stanton, Henry	E	25	200	6'2"	Arizona	Clifton, Ariz.
57	Schwartz, Perry	E	29	215	6'1"	California	San Francisco, Cal.
60	Cheatham, Lloyd	QB	27	205	6'1"	Auburn	Nauvoo, Ala.
61	Morrow, Robert	HB	27	220	6'	Illinois Wesleyan	Normal, Ill.
70	Kennedy, Robert	FB	25	195	5'11"	Washington State	Atherton, Calif.
72	Prokop, Edward	HB	24	200	5'11"	Georgia Tech	Cleveland, Ohio
73	Proctor, Dewey	HB	24	215	5'11"	Furman	Dillion, S. C.
75	Johnson, Harvey	FB	26	210	5'11"	William & Mary	Bridgeton, N. J.
76	Manders, Clarence	FB	32	200	6'	Drake	Des Moines, Iowa
80	Sweiger, Robert	HB	26	200	6'1"	Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minn.
81	Sanders, Orban	HB	26	195	6'1"	Texas	Temple, Okla.
83	Perina, Robert	HB	24	205	6'1"	Princeton	Irvington, N. J.
87	Wagner, Lowell	HB	23	193	6'	Southern California	Gardena, Cal.
88	Parker, Clarence	HB	31	180	5'11"	Duke	Portsmouth, Va.

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Center Row (left to right): Backfield Coach Creighton Miller, End-Center Coach Red Conkright, Marion Motley, Dante Lavelli, Alex Kapter, George Cherokee, Bob Kolesar, Lindell Houston, Leonard Simonetti, Mike Scarry, George Groves, Eddie Ulinski, John Harrington, Tackle Coach Bob Voigts, Head Coach Paul Brown.

Back Row (left to right): Trainer Wally Bock, Alton Coppage, John Rokisky, Bud Schwenk, Ernie Blandin, Mel Maceau, Bill Willis, Frank Gatski, Mac Speedie, George Young, John Yonakor, Lou Rymkus, Lou Groza, Chet Adams, Backfield Coach Blanton Collier, Backfield Coach John Brickels, Gaylon Smith not present when picture was taken.

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Assistant Coaches are Unsung Heroes of Browns' March to Division Title

By Harold Sauerbrei
The Cleveland Plain Dealer

The unsung blocking backs and rugged linemen, clearing paths for the sensational brilliance of runners who dash into end zones and newspaper headlines, long have been made figures of romance in football. What about the assistant coaches who help pave the way for a head coach's success; who help establish the team's offensive and defensive systems before each game and who are rarely mentioned when a team is hailed for a victorious season?

Today it seems appropriate to pay tribute to the men associated with Head Coach Paul Brown of Cleveland—a group who have made their boss's job a little easier, who contributed much to the Browns' drive for representation in this championship battle with the New York Yankees and whose work today may have a distinct bearing on the final score.

They were selected by Brown with the same discreet judgment as that displayed by Arthur B. McBride in picking a head coach for his team. The assistants are Bob Voigts, former Northwestern All-America and Blanton Collier, whom Brown met at Great Lakes; Johnny Brickels, an old friend and former high school coaching rival; Fritz Heisler, who once played for Paul at Massillon High School and later assisted him in coaching the Tigers and Ohio State University, and William F. (Red) Conkright, noted for his ability to round up talent. Another aide, Creighton Miller, assisted at training camp and during the first few games before resuming his studies at the Yale University Law School.

Assistant coaches today, at least in the Paul Brown system, have duties more specific than reporting for practice every afternoon to instruct players on how best to play their position. Being an assistant to Brown is full-time employment, frequently requiring 16 and 18 hours a day. "There are times when I feel guilty taking these men away from their families so much," Paul has been heard to say.

Above it was stated the work of Brickels, Conkright, Voigts, Heisler and Collier today may have a bearing on the final result. Let me give you an example:

Perhaps sometime during the game you will glance down to the Cleveland players' bench. Among the massive members of the team will be Voigts, himself a man of sizable dimensions who used to throw his weight around at a tackle position in behalf of Northwestern's Wildcats. He will be crouched in front of the bench, a telephone in one hand and a pencil and

pad in the other. His mission is to jot down information about what is happening on the field as sent him by Collier, Heisler, Brickels and Conkright, who are situated high in the stands. The data consists of little things not easily discernible from the sidelines but sometimes of vital importance in winning football games.

High above the gridiron the four assistant coaches assemble information that to the layman seems insignificant. Heisler checks the guards, Brickels the tackles, Conkright the ends and Collier the back-field men. They send a vast amount of news that makes the play caller's duty on the field much easier.

For instance, in the case of the guards and tackles, Heisler and Brickels will determine at what angles they charge or whether they go straight through and what the conditions are in their different methods of striking. Conkright files data on the ends and whether they are smashing or drifting. Collier watches the secondary to see how they are covering the Cleveland pass receivers, and who covers the man in motion in the T-formation.

It's a sort of football triple play, Heisler, Brickels and Conkright pass their dope along to Collier, who assembles it with his, phones it to Voigts, who then passes it along to Brown. Voigts and Brown decide which of their plays should work with the information at hand. This they pass along to the quarterback through frequent substituting.

Conditions, of course, change throughout the game. Substitutions are made constantly and each player plays a different type of game. Some may have a peculiarity which a team can take advantage of. Sometimes those long runs result from more than a speedy pair of legs and good blocking.

This system is not an exclusive feature of games involving the Browns. Most teams use it, including many high school elevens. But where the Browns' system is different comes from the fact that an entire staff mans the phone booth. Most teams use only one man at the phone.

Does this aid to winning football games sound complicated? It is only part of the assistant coaches' duties. You should take a gander at one of the scout reports turned in to Brown by one of his helpers. Brickels, Heisler, Conkright and Collier have traveled in excess of 50,000 miles scouting other conference teams in the last four months.

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1941, in which year he was selected as most valuable player on the state championship team. Entered Ohio State and played under Coach Paul Brown, winning a freshman letter before entering the Army's Medical Department in the Infantry. In service three years, spending six months on Leyte, five months on Okinawa, two in Hawaii and six in the Philippines. Only service sports participation was a year on the 96th Division basketball team. Upon separation from service, Groza chose to return to Ohio State to complete work toward his degree, but at the same time play pro football.

HARRINGTON, JOHN (Pinky)

END

Born in Reedsburg, Wisconsin, on April 15, 1922. Won all-scholastic honors as quarterback and captain of Reedsburg High School team in 1939. Also starred in basketball, baseball and tennis in high school. Played two years as varsity end at Marquette prior to entrance in Army Air Forces. Played end with Second Air Force Superbombers in 1944, AAF All-Stars in January, 1945, and Fourth Air Force Flyers in 1945. Served in Central Pacific before ending his tour of duty as a first lieutenant early this year. With the Browns, he was reunited with ex-Marquette teammate Melvin Maceau.

HOUSTON, LINDELL (Lynn)

GUARD

Born in Carbondale, Illinois, on January 11, 1921. Has played high school and college football for Paul Brown and now serves in the pro ranks under his former tutor. At Massillon (O.) High School, Houston was on a team that lost but one game and tied one contest in two years. Was chosen on the All-Ohio high school squad. At Ohio State, Houston made the all-Big Ten teams in his sophomore year and most of the All-America selections the next season—1942—when the Bucks were Western Conference and national champions. Started for the College All-Stars against the Chicago Bears in the Chicago Tribune's 1944 charity contest. Was in the Army from May, 1943, until February, 1946. Served in New Guinea and the Philippines. Coached the Fort Bragg football team in 1943 which won five out of six games.

JONES, EDGAR (Special Delivery)

HALFBACK

Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on May 6, 1920. Was three sport star—football, basketball and baseball—at Scranton High School. Earned nickname of "Special Delivery" early in his football career because of his specialty of turning in long touch-down runs. Played football for three seasons at University of Pittsburgh. Was sensational in his first college appearance, throwing 50 yard pass in final two minutes to enable team to lick Carnegie Tech. Starred for Panthers in 1941 when they upset Rose Bowl-bound Fordham team, 13 to 0. Holds college record for most yards on pass interceptions, having returned six aeriels for 215 yards in 1941. Entered Navy in April, 1942, and was discharged in October, 1945. Played with San Diego Navy in 1942 with Honolulu Navy teams in 1943 and 1944 and with Fleet City Blue Jackets in 1945.

KAPTER, ALEX (Tata)

GUARD

Born in Waukegan, Illinois, on March 26, 1922. A seven-letter man at Waukegan Township High School, Kapter was honored with All-State selection in 1939 and All-Suburban League in 1938 and 1939 and All-County in 1939. Played with Brown teammate Otto Graham at Waukegan and then joined him again at Northwestern. In 1943 as a senior, Alex captained the Wildcats and was chosen on the All-Big Ten team and received All-American mention. Played service football with the powerful Iowa Pre-Flight eleven in 1944. Was a Naval pilot. Three brothers all play semi-pro football.

LAVELLI, DANTE

END

Born in Hudson, Ohio, on February 23, 1923. Quarterbacked his high school team to county championship and also starred in basketball and track. Started Ohio State's 1942 season at left end while a sophomore, but was injured in Southern California game and saw little service thereafter. Entered the Army in 1943 and served in France, Belgium and Germany. Re-entered Ohio State following army discharge but chose to play pro football and has been one of the pleasant surprises of the Browns' 1946 season with his superlative pass receiving.

LEWIS, CLIFF (Lou)

QUARTERBACK

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 22, 1923. Lewis was an all-scholastic football and baseball star at Lakewood High School. Spent one season at Staunton Military Academy where he won football, basketball and baseball awards. Made the varsity squad at Duke in his freshman season and was a regular the next

year before he entered the Navy. Starred for the Blue Devils in their upset 29 to 26 victory over Alabama in the 1945 Sugar Bowl Classic. In 1945 Lewis was understudy to Charley O'Rourke at quarterback post with Fleet City, national service champion. Played in the same backfield with Harry Hopp, Buddy Young and Andy Uram.

LUND, BILL

HALFBACK

Born in Akron, Ohio, on October 27, 1924. Played with Cuyahoga Falls High School and won all-conference laurels as quarterback and halfback. Also starred in basketball and track. Twice captained Case School of Applied Science gridders. Won All-Ohio halfback berth in 1943 and 1944. Was triple threat back who ran, passed and kicked well. Also won varsity letters in basketball and track. Participated in dash events and broad jump with track squad. Won the national A. A. U. broad jump championship at Randall's Island, N. Y., in 1944 with leap of almost 25 feet. Ran 100 yard dash consistently in 9.7 seconds during college meets. Served as ensign aboard Navy destroyer in Pacific Theater during war.

MACEAU, MEL (Mac)

CENTER

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on December 25, 1921. Starred for three years as Marquette University center after winning honors in football, basketball and track in high school. Was regular on Marquette eleven that upset Wisconsin in 1941. "Mac" served for more than three years in the Army Air Forces, including 27 months in the China-Burma-India theater. Won two Bronze Stars and Presidential Unit Citation. Played basketball for the Army Airways Communication System "China Champs" which won titles in 1943-44 and 1944-45.

MOTLEY, MARION

FULLBACK

Born in Leesburg, Georgia, on June 5, 1920. First attracted attention of Paul Brown when he was starring for Canton McKinley's football team against Brown's Massillon High School club. Also was member of high school basketball squad. Motley's high school coach, Jimmy Aiken, brought him to University of Nevada where he captained the football team and won All-America honorable mention. Entered the Navy and played for Brown at Great Lakes. Sparked the Sailors to their surprise 39 to 7 decision over Notre Dame in final game of 1945 season. Now with the Browns, Motley is playing under a former coach for the second time.

RYMKUS, LOU

TACKLE

Born November 6, 1919, in Royalton, Illinois. Starred at tackle for Tilden Tech High School in Chicago for four years, winning All-City honors three years plus All-State and most valuable player award in 1938. Was shotput ace and copped city heavyweight wrestling crown in 1939. Received All-America mention at Notre Dame, where he played under Elmer Layden and Frank Leahy. In 1942, was named most valuable player on Irish squad. Played tackle for Washington Redskins in 1943. Was chosen on all-pro second team in his first year in pro loop. Entered Navy in March, 1944, as athletic instructor and served until early this year. Stationed nine months at Pearl Harbor after playing on undefeated Bainbridge Naval Training Station team in 1944.

SABAN, LOU

FULLBACK

Born in Brookfield, Illinois, on October 13, 1921. Saban has been winning "Most Valuable Player" awards since his high school days at La Grange, Ill. There he was an outstanding player, being chosen on the all-conference and all-state teams. At Indiana University under Bo McMillin in 1941 and 1942, he was a blocking quarterback and a vicious line backer. In 1942 was selected as the most valuable individual on the Hoosiers' squad; also captained the team. Was star performer on Indiana track team, winning Big Ten championships in the shotput and discus. Started for College All-Stars against Chicago Bears in 1944 and almost sparked team to upset victory over pros. Scored one touchdown, place kicked three points after touchdown and backed up the line in sensational fashion. Played with All-Stars against Los Angeles Rams this year. Entered the Army in 1943 and attained the rank of first lieutenant at the time of his discharge just before the current football season.

SCARRY, MIKE (Mo)

CENTER

Born in Duquesne, Pennsylvania, on February 1, 1920. Scarry starred for little Waynesburg College when that western Pennsylvania school was opposing such powerhouses as Pittsburgh, Duquesne, Fordham, West Virginia and others. Won three

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Assistant Coaches are Unsung Heroes

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Two men are assigned to every game. They concentrate on one team at a time and, for the most part, confine their attention to the defenses because to win football games you must score points and how to attack to the best advantage depends on the other side's defensive measures; not on their offense. When the game is over they review their notes and sit down to rewrite the data.

This operation requires not less than eight hours, often much more than that. It covers 30 typewritten pages, which include a diagram of every play used by the team and vast amounts of information on each individual player. The copies are mimeographed and each of the Browns receives a copy to study closely the week before a game.

The assistants are in constant conferences with Brown. When the team plays on Sunday, Monday is a day off for the team and the coaches. But from Tuesday through Saturday the coaches meet in Brown's home from 8:30 to 12, discussing the scouting reports and going over moving pictures. They usually return for another session after dinner in the evening. That one often lasts until midnight.

Nor will the coaches relax when the season is completed today. It has been emphasized that duty with the Browns is a year around proposition.

After the bowl games are over, which will be thoroughly covered by the staff, work will be started on the 1947 season.

Heisler and Collier are termed by Brown as "football technicians." They make a thorough study of

every little detail in football. Starting next month, Heisler and Collier will make a statistical study of the movies of every game the team has played, determining what plays worked best, under what conditions they were effective, how often they were used and how much yardage each play made during the season, etc. They will study all of the opponents' plays and attempt to form more effective defensive systems. This will be a day after day assignment that won't be completed much before the Browns go into training for another campaign next August.

Conkright is the team's chief scout for new playing material. When the Browns had clinched the All-America's western division championship, Red immediately set out on an extensive tour, hunting for likely looking football players. He prepared the Browns' draft list and will be contacting the athletes the Browns hope to sign.

Voigts and Brickels will join with Brown in making personal appearances, spreading the word about professional football in Cleveland. The management has prepared, under Heisler's direction, a sound picture showing the Browns in training, on trips and in games. It will be shown at various clubs and lodges and other gatherings throughout the state starting early next month. They will do a lot of speaking and help with the ticket promotion.

So you see the assistant coaches are prominent in Cleveland. This has been an amazing football season. There has been a team of players with physical and mental speed, headed by a brilliant head coach. And the organization has been made complete by Voigts, Brickels, Conkright, Collier and Heisler, who can think fast and move fast.

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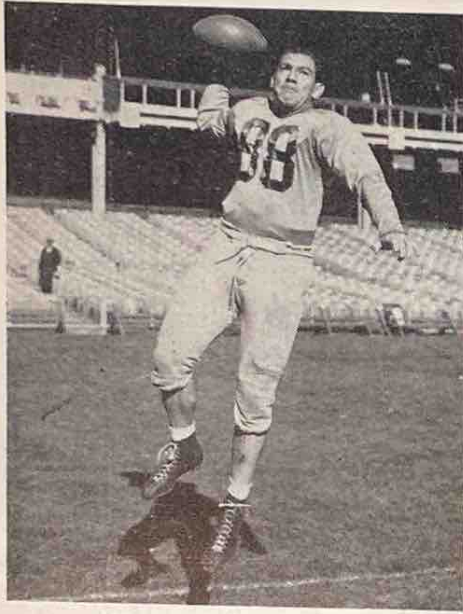


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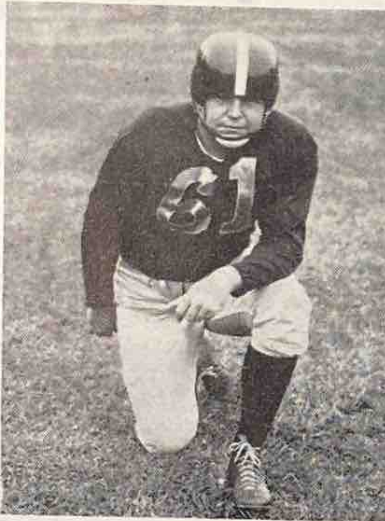
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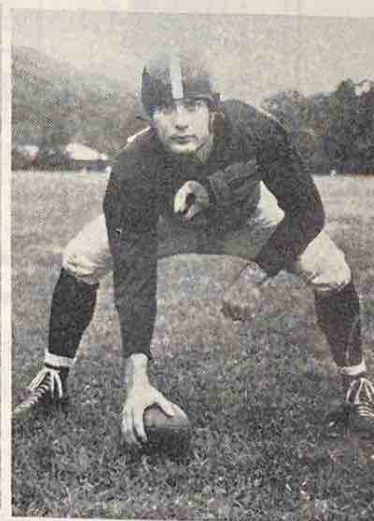
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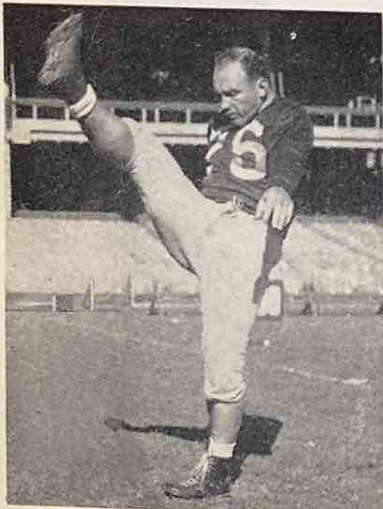
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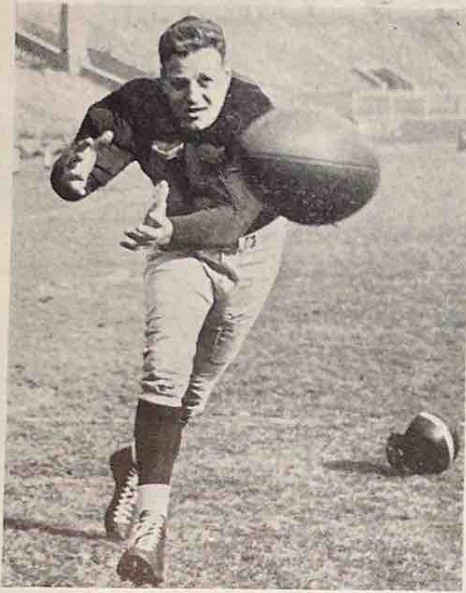
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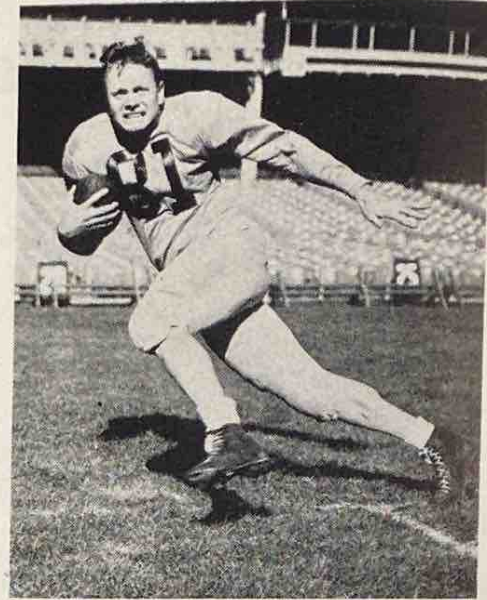
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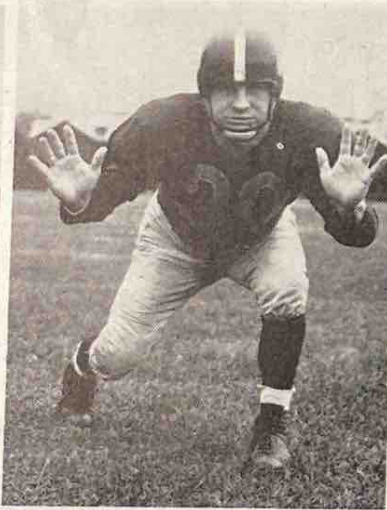
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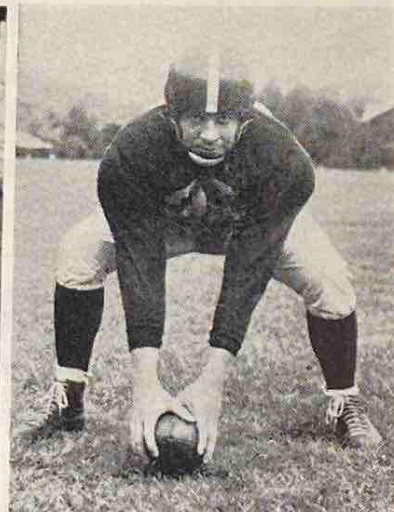
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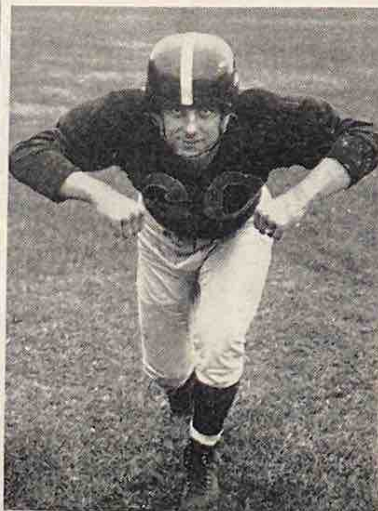
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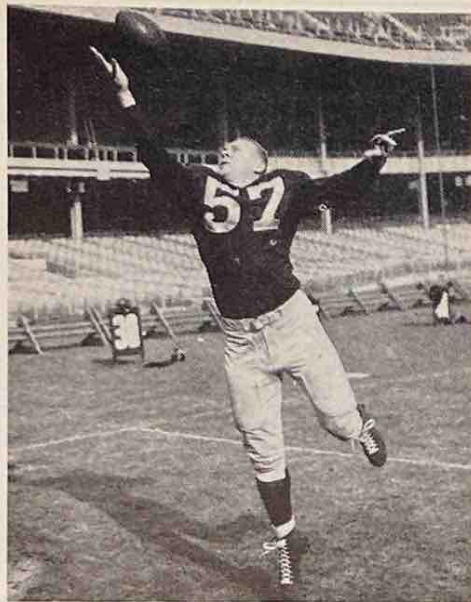
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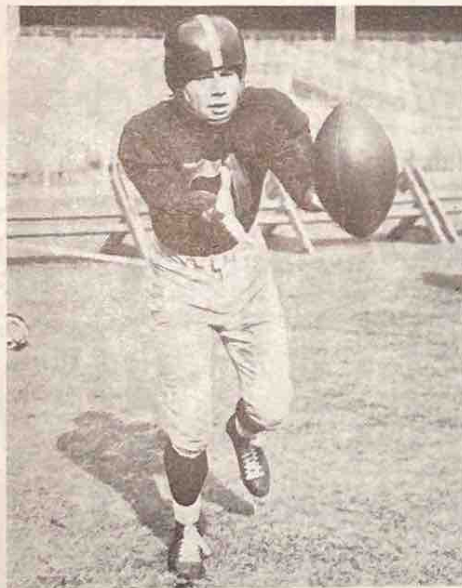
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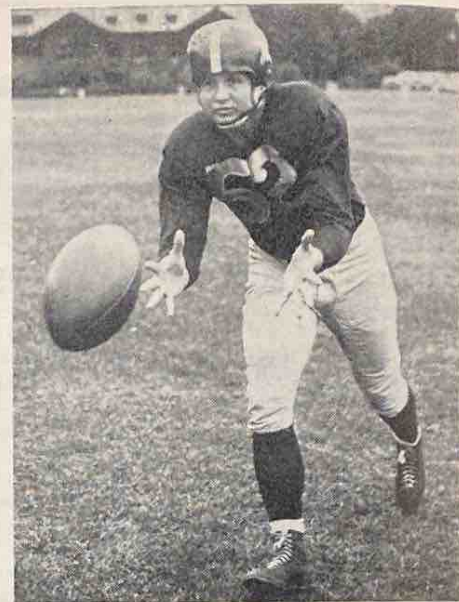


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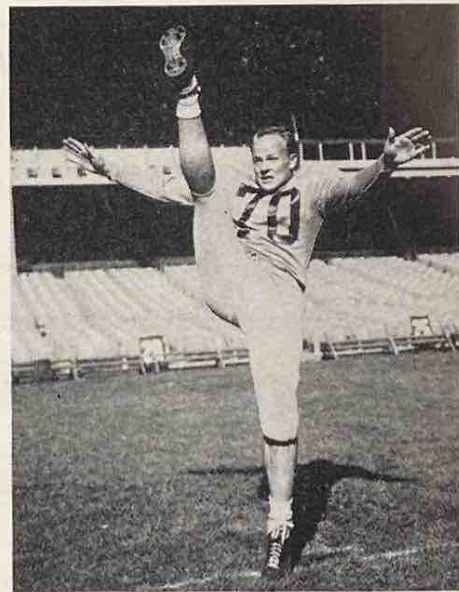


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BRUCE ALFORD (Spider)

END

Alford is a black-haired Texas lad who was nicknamed "Spider" as soon as Bruiser Kinard saw him in the first Yankee passing drill. Waco, Texas is proud of Bruce. He played high school football there and was All-State left end in 1939. Texas goes in for wide-open football, and his pass catching ability came in handy when he moved on to Texas Christian under Dutch Meyer, where Emery Nix was the passing star of the moment. Alford won All-Conference honors and was mentioned on several All-Americans. He played against Fordham at the Polo Grounds in 1941 and scored a pair of touchdowns in the Orange Bowl game against Frank Sinkwich's Georgia team in the wild-eyed 40-26 battle won by the Georgia eleven.

JOHN BALDWIN (Jack)

CENTER

Jack has been a center, football and basketball, throughout his athletic career which has stretched from Gladewater, Texas High School to Centenary College in Shreveport, La., to the California shipyards and then to the Second Air Force at Colorado Springs. In high school he dabbled in field events on the track and field teams, tossing the shot, discus and javelin. He was selected All-State center at Gladewater, and three times had a pleasure which rarely comes to a center. He intercepted two passes for touchdowns, and fell on a kick-off in the end zone for a third. He has been trying to duplicate that ever since.

ROMAN BENTZ (Griz)

TACKLE

Bentz was born at Iron Ridge, Wis., in 1919, and high schooled at Horican, Wis. At Tulane (1939-1942) he was All-Southeast in 1941. He played for Camp Grant, Illinois, an Army Base, in 1943, and with the San Francisco Clippers (pro.) while in service in 1944. He was twice selected for the Chicago All-Star game. He had a year with the Washington Redskins in 1943, and Ray Flaherty remembered him when lining up the Yankees for 1946. Last year at Fort Warren, Wyoming, Bentz played in a dozen games, including two games against Fleet City, and others against the El Toro Marines, Fourth Air Force, University of Minnesota and Great Lakes.

HARRY BURRUS

END

Harry graduated from Big Springs, Texas, High School at the tender age of 15 years, and so had been permitted to play only one year of secondary school football. He made up for lost time at Hardin-Simmons and in the service, however. At Hardin-Simmons (1938-1941) he won All-Conference and Little All-American ranking, and was the leading scorer of his team in all three varsity seasons (56 points was his best season). He went into the Army in 1942, but didn't play until 1944 when he visited Ebbets Field with Randolph Field for a battle with the First Air Force, scoring the touchdown which led to a 12-6 victory over Glenn Dobbs & Co. On the other end of the line was Jack Russell, also of the Yankees. Randolph was unbeaten in eleven games in 1944 and scored upon only three times. In 1945 Burrus moved over to the Ft. Worth Skymasters and Bruce Alford, also of the Yankees, was a co-end.

LLOYD CHEATHAM

QUARTERBACK

Was born in Nauvoo, Alabama, and that's no typographical error. He was both a guard and a back for Carbondale High School and moved on to Auburn where Jack Meagher made him a blocking back in his freshman year. He has been tossing rib-crushing blocks ever since. He went from Auburn to the Chicago Cards for the season of 1942 and, while in service, played at Bainbridge and with Jack White's Navy All-Stars at Pearl Harbor.

MELVIN CONGER (Mel)

END

Mel is a "Go-ja" boy all the way. He was born in Atlanta, and played on the championship Boys' High team in 1939. He was picked All-Georgia State, and played end on the University of Georgia 1941 eleven as a sophomore. The war interrupted his athletic ambitions, and Mel trained as a gunner in B-17's and B-24's. When the war ended he was attached to the Office of Strategic Services.

HARVEY JOHNSON

FULLBACK

Harry Johnson is the William and Mary fullback whose field goal upset Dartmouth, 3 to 0, in 1941 and Navy in the 1942 season opener, 3 to 0, both boots of about 25 yards. A native of Bridgetown, New Jersey, Harvey was a baseball, basketball, track and football star for that Southern New Jersey school and won all-state football honors his final season (1936), then was twice all-state at Staunton (Va.) Military. At William and

Mary, he won All-Conference and All-South honors and also played in the North-South game. During the war he was twice All-Service fullback at Bainbridge and played in '45 with the great Fleet City team which has produced so many football Yankees. Another Yankee in the Chicago All-Star victory over Los Angeles Rams this year.

NATE JOHNSON

TACKLE

The opponents of Benton, Ill., High School's eleven back in 1934 through 1937, must have had a deal of trouble handling Nate Johnson. Big Nate weighed a mere 195 and measured 6 feet 3 inches when he was a youngster. He rues the fact that he hasn't developed greatly as to height, but is consoled by the fact that he has broadened somewhat and now is in the pink of condition at 240. Nate went from Benton High to Illinois where he played under Bob Zuppke in that veteran coach's last three years there. Nate was declared the team's most valuable player in 1941. He really came into his own as a football player while in service when he played with Great Lakes in 1942. He was a substitute tackle behind his current line coach, Jim Barber, at Great Lakes, and kept several pro players on the bench. Interesting little visits to New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands kept Big Nate off the football field in 1943 and 1944, but he made up for it by playing some 20 games with Fleet City (1945) and with the Service All-Stars (early 1946).

MICHAEL KARMAZIN (Mike)

GUARD

Mike made All-American at two different positions two successive years at Duke. He was picked on the 1940 team as a tackle and on the 1941 eleven as a guard, playing in the Rose Bowl after the 1941 season. Mike was born at Monongahela, Pa., and schooled at Norwin High School in Irwin, Pa. He played fullback, guard and tackle in high school, making All-State and Western P. I. L. all-teams. He had some idea of playing a dual professional role, football and baseball, after hitting .350 as a college catcher. As a sideline he also wrestled. From 1942 through 1945 he was with the Coast Guard, playing on the unbeaten Manhattan Beach team in 1942, and then spending the next three years on anti-submarine and escort duty off the Philippines.

BOB KENNEDY

FULLBACK

Bob Kennedy, originally a blocking back at Washington State, got his chance to hit the football headlines when the first-string fullback was declared ineligible an hour before the school's first game in 1941. By the end of his second year at the new job, Kennedy had won All-American honors, had been runner-up in Pacific Coast scoring one year and leader (with 69 points) the next and had, in one afternoon he'll never forget, scored three touchdowns in four minutes. That scoring splurge came against Idaho. Washington State was runner-up in the Pacific Conference both of Bob's seasons at fullback, missing the Rose Bowl selection each year because of a tie and actually beating Oregon State, the Rose Bowl team of 1942. When he reported to the Yankees, Kennedy learned he had another talent—punting ability—which had been hidden in college. In 1944 and 1945 with the Third Army Air Force, Lt. Bob Kennedy was selected on the All-Air Force team both years.

FRANK KINARD (Bruiser)

TACKLE

Here is one of the truly great tackles of professional football. He is the elder of the two Kinards who represented this autumn their fifth team. An All-American in 1936 and 1937 at Ole Miss, Bruiser joined Dan Topping's Dodgers in 1938, made All-Pro four years, and then, in the Navy in 1945, was selected for All-Service honors. He inaugurated his 17th season of football this fall, including scholastic, collegiate, professional and service efforts. Bruiser was born in Pelehatchie, Miss., 30 years ago. At Mississippi he was one of the greatest linemen ever turned out by a southern school.

GEORGE KINARD (Scrapper)

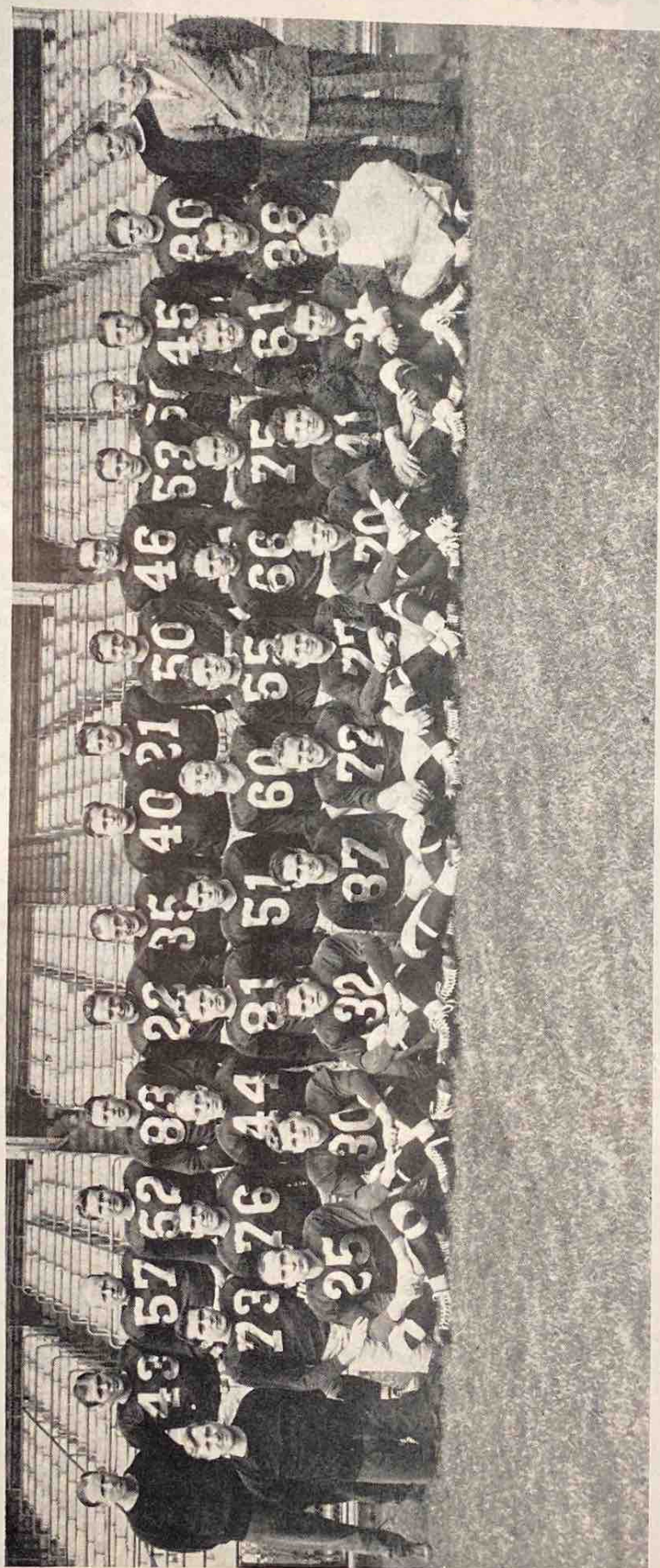
GUARD

Younger brother in one of sport's greatest brother acts, Scrapper played one year with Bruiser at Central High School, Jackson, Miss. Scrapper followed Bruiser to Ole Miss and to the old Brooklyn Dodgers. They played together at Fleet City while in the Navy, and now represent their fifth team. Bruiser acquired his nickname back in high school, but Scrapper was without one until 1945 at Fleet City. He is also known as Socko, Smasher, etc. In 13 years of football, George finally

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NEW YORK YANKEES FOOTBALL TEAM

Eastern Division Champions



Back Row (left to right): Jack White, asst. coach; Nate Johnson, Perry Schwartz, Mel Conger, Bob Perina, Tom Robertson, Chuck Riffle, Derrell Palmer, Jack Baldwin, Harry Burrus, Harley McCollum, Jack Russell, Hank Stanton, Roman Bentz, Bob Sweiger, Jim Barber, line coach; Ray Flaherty, head coach.

Middle Row (left to right): Red Strader, backfield coach; Dewey Proctor, Pug Manders, Bruiser Kinard, Spec Sanders, Bruce Alford, Lloyd Cheatham, Bob Masterson, Ray Hare, Harvey Johnson, Bob Morrow, Ace Parker.

Front Row (left to right): Lou Sossamon, Mike Karmazin, Joe Yackanich, Lowell Wagner, Eddie Prokop, Frank Sinkwich, Bob Kennedy, Roman Piskor, George Kinard and Ray (Doc) Mauro, trainer.

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letters in both football and basketball, having entered school on a basketball scholarship. Interrupted schooling to enlist in Army and served with the Infantry in the African Campaign. Signed with ex-Cleveland Rams in 1944 and alternated between center and tackle position. Last year captained the Rams to the National League title and was selected on all of the all-pro second teams behind Charley Brock of Green Bay. Signed last summer to coach Western Reserve University basketball team following current football season.

SCHWENK, WILSON (Bud) QUARTERBACK

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 26, 1918. Was "one man" team for Washington University of St. Louis. Gained 1928 yards via rushing and passing in 1941 to establish new collegiate record. Completed 114 out of 234 attempts that year for 1457 yards. Played with Chicago Cardinals of National Football League in 1942 and recorded new mark for the most number of passes attempted in one season. Completed 126 out of 295 aeriels for 1350 yards and six touchdowns. Served with a P. T. boat squadron for 15 months in the Pacific.

SMITH, GAYLON FULLBACK

Born at Lonoke, Arkansas, on July 5, 1917. Won all-state honors in football and basketball in high school and also starred on the track squad. Played halfback at Southwestern University in Memphis, Tennessee, where his outstanding play earned him a place on most of the Little All-America teams. Was also a member of the basketball and track teams. In 1939, Smith joined the Cleveland Rams of the National Football League and for four years was the general handy man of the Rams' backfield, being used at every position wherever the need arose.

SPEEDIE, MAC (Speed) END

Born in Odell, Illinois, on January 12, 1920. All-City back in 1937 at South High School in Salt Lake City, Utah. Also won All-City honors as cage center. Played end for three seasons at University of Utah where he was selected on the All-Rocky Mountain Conference team. Set conference mark in 220 yard low hurdles which he ran in 23.2 seconds. Also is co-holder of 120-yard high hurdles mark of 14.4 seconds. Entered Army in March, 1942, and was discharged as first lieutenant in June, 1946. Served in reconditioning work in the medical corps. Participated in football, basketball and track in the Army. Was "discovered" last fall by Paul Brown when the latter's Great Lakes team met Ft. Warren with whom Speedie was playing. Great Lakes had no trouble with the soldiers... except Speedie.

TERRELL, RAY HALFBACK

Born in Water Valley, Mississippi, on June 29, 1919. Won 14 letters in high school in football, basketball, baseball and track. Captained eight teams in four years in high school and was named to the All-State cage team in two consecutive seasons, 1937-38 and 1938-39. Played football, basketball and baseball at the University of Mississippi and was considered one of the top backs in the Southeast Conference while at Ole Miss. Joined the Marines two months after Pearl Harbor and left the service as a second lieutenant in April, 1946. Spent 10 months in the Pacific plus three months in Japan. Played two years of service ball at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station in 1942 and at Camp Lejeune, N. C., in 1943. On latter team, Ray was named to the All America Service team.

ULINSKI, EDWARD F. (Eddie) GUARD

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on December 7, 1920. Played tackle on Ambridge, Pa., High School team three years, serving as captain in senior year. Won All-County honors in both 1936 and 1937. Also played varsity guard on the school's cage team. Starred at three positions in trio of years on varsity at Marshall College in Huntington, W. Va. Though he shifted from end to blocking back to guard, Ed was named to the mythical All-State team in 1940 and again in 1941, gaining Little All-America mention in the last year. Entered service May 7, 1942, terminating Army career exactly four years to the day, May 7, 1946, as a captain in the Army Air Forces. Played with rival Brooklyn's Glenn Dobbs on Second Air Force team in 1944 and with Fourth Air Force eleven last season.

WILLIS, BILL (Deac) GUARD

Born in Columbus, Ohio, on October 5, 1921. Competed in football, basketball and track in high school, winning all-conference honors in football in 1940. Played at Ohio State from 1942 through 1944 including Paul Brown's Big Ten and national championship eleven of 1942. Was selected All-Big Ten Tackle

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got around to scoring a touchdown at Fleet City when he followed a kick-off into the end zone and downed the ball while the Fourth Air Force safety man blushed.

CLARENCE MANDERS (Pug)

Manders played his greatest game of football, December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day—when he beat the N. Y. Giants in a single-handed manner which was almost unclimby. Gaining a total of 101 yards from scrimmage that afternoon and intercepting a pass for a 68-yard runback, Manders scored three touchdowns as the Brooklyn Dodgers trounced the Giants, 21 to 7. Pug is the brother of Automatic Jack Manders, the great point kicker. He played his first football at Milbank, S. D., High School, made Little All-American and All-Conference at Drake, and was selected All-Pro in 1941 when he was the National League's leading ground-gainer. Before he went into pro football, he played in both the East-West and Chicago All-Star games, showing his versatility by playing end in the latter contest when injuries put several wing stars on the bench. Manders has been in pro ball since 1939, six years with the Brooklyn club and one on loan to Boston.

BOB MASTERSON

A New Jersey boy who was a four-sport star at Roselle, N. J., High, Masterson went to the University of Miami at Coral Gables to move toward the football headlines of the country. He was picked on the Little American and received honorable mention for All-American as well as a place on the All-South eleven. Masterson joined the Washington Redskins in 1938. He was captain of the team in 1942 and 1943 and won All-Pro honors at the end of both seasons. With extra-point kicking added to pass-catching ability, he invariably was up with the top six scorers in the National League. He played for Brooklyn in 1944, Boston in 1945, and started his ninth pro year with the Yankees as player-coach.

ROBERT MORROW

Bob is a fellow who would rather block than eat. He was born in Madison, Wisconsin, May 5, 1918 and played his high school football at Chicago Heights, Ill., later making the Little All-American (1940) at Illinois Wesleyan. Morrow quit college when he married and played three years with the Chicago Cardinals. Now he's finishing work on his degrees during the off-season. Bob played for the Navy All-Stars at Pearl Harbor under Jack White (Yankee assistant coach) and at Camp Peary, Va., under Red Strader (Yankee backfield coach). He refused to return to the Cardinals because he was promised more action with the Yankees.

DERRELL PALMER

A hip injury in high school football at Albany, Texas, changed Palmer from a halfback into a tackle. Doctors said he would never play football again, but Derrell fooled 'em. Made All-District tackle in 1937 and 1938 and then made All-Conference for two years and All-American for one year at Texas Christian, where he co-captained the 1942 team with Yankees Bruce Alford. Palmer played in the Orange Bowl against Frankie Sinkwich's 1941 Georgia eleven and during the war he was a First Lieutenant in the Marines. He played at Pearl Harbor in 1944 and 1945 for the Marines and Navy All-Star squads, respectively. He also lettered in track at college, and at discus and shot put, and was starting tackle in this year's Chicago All-Star victory over the Los Angeles Rams.

CLARENCE PARKER (Ace)

Parker is playing his 15th season of football. He was declared the most valuable player in professional football for his great season of 1940 with the Brooklyn Dodgers. He played throughout the year with a brace on his left leg which gives you some idea of the sort of guy he is. Parker's football career began with Woodrow Wilson High, Portsmouth, Va. He was an All-American at Duke in 1936, his final year, and played five seasons with the Brooklyn Dodgers before the war, being selected for all-pro honors in both 1938 and 1940. For a while it seemed Parker might run a dual major league career in football and baseball. He played two seasons with the Athletics (1937 and 1938), went down to Portsmouth and was bought by the Pirates. When Frankie Frisch insisted he make up his mind whether he wanted to play football or baseball, Ace selected football. He later played for Portsmouth in the Piedmont League, and when he quit the club to go into football training this autumn, Parker was leading the league in hits and total bases and had just bashed a ninth-inning double to ruin a no-hitter for a baseball Yankee of the future, southpaw Jim Schmeible.

ROBERT PERINA

Bob is a halfback and a linguist. He can speak French, Spanish, German, Dutch, Czech and dabbles in English. A New Jersey boy all the way with high school football in home town, Irvington, prep school football at Newark Prep and college football at Princeton. He was picked All-East in '41 and on Tiger team which won Big Three crown twice. Bob is also a basketball and baseball star. In fact, he plays baseball professionally, being property of Boston Braves, farmed out to Hartford this season and was once owned by the Boston Red Sox. In the Marines he fought at Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima, being hit in the head and a leg by shrapnel and receiving the Purple Heart. Lt. Perina also was decorated with the Bronze Star. When the fighting was done he returned and got into five games with the El Toro Marines last year.

ROMAN PISKOR (Ray)

Ray was drafted by Dan Topping's Brooklyn Dodgers before the war after having captained the Niagara University eleven of 1941, but was in the Army Air Corps before he could play. He got plenty of action in service football, however, playing with Bob Neyland's Eastern Army All-Stars in 1942, the Air Base at Greensboro, N. C., (with Charlie Trippi) in 1943, and the Third Air Force (with Bob Kennedy) in 1944. In 1945 he was overseas, and at Tinian on V-J Day. After that he played with the championship service team, the Air Force Hawaiian Flyers. He also played baseball on Army teams with Joe Gordon, Sid Hudson, Taft Wright, and others, having been a .350 hitting catcher in college.

DEWEY PROCTOR

Proctor is a pile driving No. 3 back who was injured in the first Browns-Yankees game this season. A serious Southern lad from South Carolina, he won All-Southern honors at Furman, but found greater headlines during the war when he played for Great Lakes in 1943 and scored the middle touchdown in a 19-13 victory over Notre Dame, previously unbeaten. He got it on a 60 yard scamper. With Bainbridge in 1944, on the Navy All-Stars at Pearl Harbor in 1945. After his senior year at Furman, Dewey was picked for both the North-South game and that snappy little joust played between the South Carolina All-Stars and North Carolina All-Stars at Greenville.

EDWARD PROKOP

Eddie really had a field day against Tulsa in the 1943 Sugar Bowl game. His only points were two points after touchdown, but they were the margin of a 20-18 victory. He ran for 199 yards that day, relieving big John Kimbrough of the Sugar Bowl record and while he was at it, Prokop passed for 69 yards more and his total yardage (268) took away the Bowl mark from Dave O'Brien. That was Prokop's junior year at Georgia Tech. In his sophomore year he played in the Cotton Bowl against Texas. Before he could finish his collegiate career he enlisted in the Marines and visited Okinawa (D-Day plus 7) and for two years played no football at all. Two hundred pounds and a sprinter capable of 10 seconds flat in the 100 and 0:21.3 in the 220. The Cleveland star was second to Hunchy Hoernschmeyer in yards gained in 1943 (Prokop's All-American year). In 269 plays he gained a total of 1,440 yards—634 running, 806 passing.

CHARLES RIFFLE (Chuck)

Chuck made two decisions which led to his professional football career. He was a fullback at Warren, Ohio, High School and played the same position his first two years at Notre Dame. But when he found Milt Piepul and Joe Thesing ahead of him for the fullback job in his junior year, Riffle asked Elmer Layden to put him at guard. A broken leg that year prevented his immediate rise to headlines but he was picked for the Chicago All-Stars after his great 1940 season when he played more minutes than anyone on the Irish squad. The second decision made by Riffle came some time later when, after coaching football at Vincentian Institute in Albany for a few seasons, he decided he would come back to pro ranks "to learn more football." He was with the Cleveland Rams in '44 before going into Service, where he starred with Fleet City in 1945.

TOM ROBERTSON

Tom Robertson never played varsity football in college. He was a star center for Lawton and Duncan High Schools in Oklahoma and moved on to Tulsa seemingly en route to a great collegiate career inasmuch as he had been All-State center in high school. He starred as a Tulsa freshman, but when his coach

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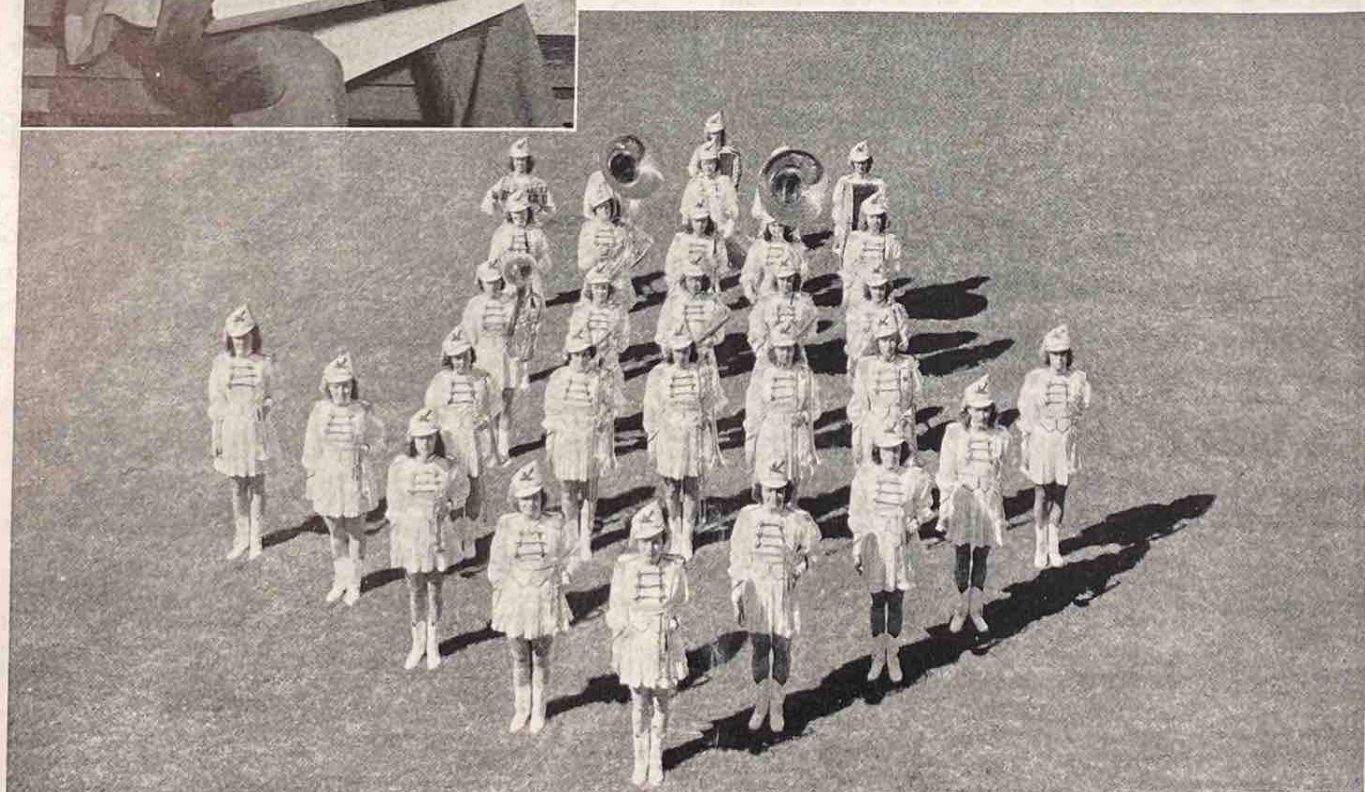
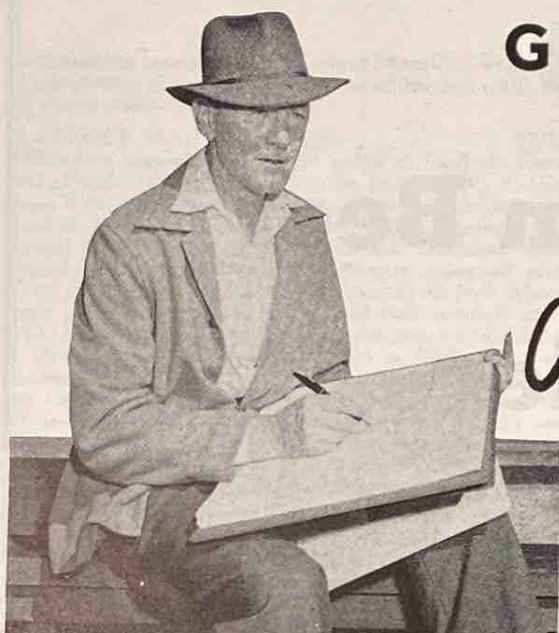
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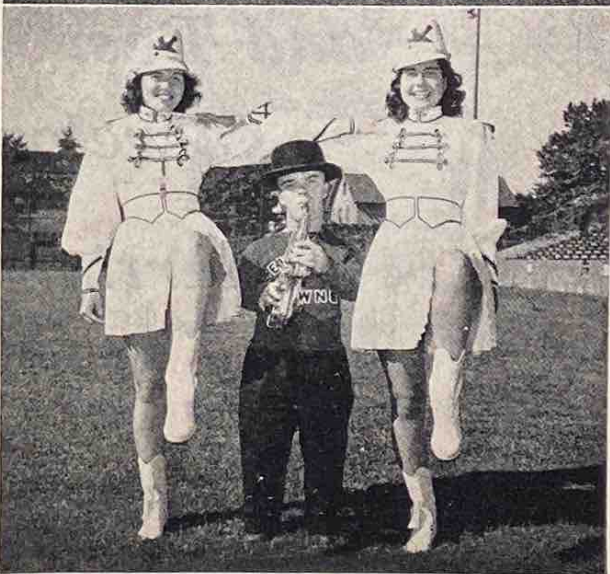
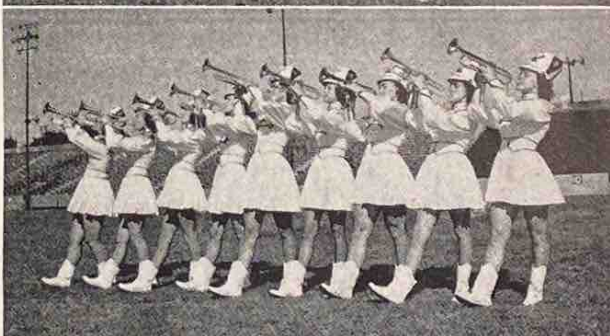
THE man's name is George (Red) Bird and if you had never seen his show you no doubt received a thrilling surprise when he made his debut as the Browns' director of entertainment in the team's All-America Conference opener with the Miami Seahawks at the Stadium September 6th.

For 8 years Bird collaborated with Paul Brown at Massillon and the rave notices tendered his marching band, its renditions and its intricate formations sometimes occupied as much space in the newspapers down there as the accounts of the high school team's triumphs.

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The Bird touch will be reflected this season by 30 pretty girls, each of whom is an accomplished musician and a skillful baton wielder. Recruited from all over the country, this all-girls band has been in training almost as long as the football team, and Bird, who is hard to please, predicts a wonderful time for all who come out to see the show.



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moved on to Kansas Tom decided to go with him. He bumped into the one year ineligibility rule for transfers, and once again played freshman ball for Kansas. His frosh coach there was Mike Getto who recommended him two years later for Brooklyn, and in 1941 Robertson was the National League's line find of the year. He played in Brooklyn also in 1942, then entered the Army. He then made All-Service two straight years at Randolph Field and with the Fort Worth Skymasters.

JOHN RUSSELL (Jack)

END

Jack was declared the nation's best end by coaches assembled for the Chicago-All-Star game in which Russell started at left end and played a vital part in the 16 to 0 triumph over the Los Angeles Rams. Nemo, Texas, was this pass-snatching end's birthplace. He went to high school at Cleburne, Texas, and to college at Baylor, landing on several All-American teams in 1940 and 1941. He played three games in eight days against the Giants, Dodgers and Bears when he was with Bob Neyland's Eastern Army All-Stars of 1942. He then played for Blackland Army Air Force Base, Randolph Field, and finally, after being attached to the 58th Bomb Wing, played for the Hawaiian Flyers, the Air Force's service champions, at Pearl Harbor, scoring three touchdowns in the four games played in the championship tournament.

ORBEN SANDERS (Speck)

HALFBACK

Spec divided his pre-pro football among five different teams—Temple High (Okla.), Cameron Jr. College, Texas U., Georgia Preflight, and North Carolina Preflight. He has been a tail-back all the way through and since junior college days a signal caller. A triple-threat, he is a speedy ball carrier and has been clocked in ten-flat for the hundred. He was second high-scorer in the Southwest Conference, in his first year of football at Texas. A play he likes to recall is a 105 yard runback of a kick while at Cameron. He spent the 1943 "season" in the South Pacific.

PERRY SCHWARTZ

END

Schwartz might have become one of our leading tennis stars, if he hadn't been a mite more interested in football. Ranked in the first ten in California, red-hot center of the game, he played against such players as Don Budge and Fred Perry. He was born in Chicago but brought up in San Francisco where the Schwartzes and the DiMaggios were great friends. He played football for Tamalpais High School and then went to University of California, where he was All-American right end in 1937 and played against Alabama the same year in the Rose Bowl. He joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1938 and was All-Pro left end for three years, 1939 through 1941. He played with the Iowa Seahawks under Don Faurot and Jack Meagher while in service and the Hawks lost only two games in two years—to Notre Dame (14-13), and to Michigan. At sea on the Saginaw Bay, Schwartz was aboard ship off Guam when he heard the V-J Day news. He returned to Fleet City and played six games there in 1945.

HENRY STANTON (Hank)

END

Hank scored touchdowns all the way from Haskell, Tex., where he played high school football, to the Olympic Stadium in Berlin, Germany, where he wound up his war effort. He played two years at Haskell, and then went to the University of Arizona and made the All-Border Conference team of 1941. He enlisted in the army and played with Bob Neyland's Eastern All-Stars of 1942 and then turned to more serious work with the 750th Tank Battalion attached to the 104th Infantry. He was at Bernberg Germany on V-E Day. Continuing on to Berlin with the 82nd Airborne, Stanton was in the first American Football game ever played in the Olympic Stadium and scored two touchdowns there. He also was a .356 hitting first baseman with professional ideas which he gave up when the war came along.

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in 1943 and 1944 and made most of the All-America honor elevens in 1944. Won two track letters at Ohio State, running the 60 and 100 yard dash events. Comes from athletic family, brother Claude having been football, basketball and track star. Coached Kentucky State College football team in 1945, but decided to have his trial with the professional gridders before he resumed coaching career.

YONAKOR, JOHN (Jumbo)

END

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, on August 4, 1921. "Jumbo" climaxed a long, uphill fight in 1943 when his pass-catching prowess and defensive tactics with Notre Dame snared him a place on most of the All-America selections. Just 11 years before, doctors had predicted Yonakor would never walk again as the result of a serious leg infection. But plenty of exercise and determination enabled the boy to overcome his ailment. Scored Notre Dame's first two touchdowns on passes from Johnny Lujack when the Irish whipped Army, 26 to 0, in 1943. Started for the college All-Stars against the Chicago Bears in 1944 and played with Collegians against Los Angeles Rams in 1946. Enlisted in the Marines on June 6, 1942, and was called to active duty 13 months later. Discharged in May 1946. Played football for Camp LeJeune Marines in 1944 and with the Marine All-Stars who opposed an all star Army unit at Hawaii in 1945. Co-captained the Notre Dame track team in 1943. Won the National A. A. U. shotput championship (indoors) in 1944 and was victorious in the Hawaiian A. A. U. meet the next season.

YOUNG, GEORGE (Pordy)

END

Born in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, on May 10, 1924. After starring in football and track and winning the Pennsylvania state high school heavyweight wrestling crown, Young played football for the University of Georgia. Entered the Navy in 1943. Played football for Paul Brown at Great Lakes in 1944, and last season was a member of the Fleet City Blue Jacket eleven which won the national service title.

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LOUIS SOSSAMON (Lou)

CENTER

Lou is the son of the publisher of the Gaffney (S. C.) Ledger, and during the off-season handles his dad's advertising department. At South Carolina Lou was All-State center in 1940, and All-Conference in 1941 and 1942, and won a place on the Associated Press second All-American in 1942. He scored once in college, intercepting a pass, and didn't enjoy that pleasure again until an intra-squad game at Spokane this fall when he grabbed a rival pass and scampered 35 yards to pay dirt. In the Navy he played football for two seasons at Bainbridge, and, after sea duty, played for the Navy All-Stars at Pearl Harbor.

ROBERT SWEIGER (Bob)

HALFBACK

Bob played guard, end and fullback for Central High in Minneapolis and was picked All-City end one year and All-State fullback another. He then went to Minnesota where he played halfback and fullback under Bernie Bierman, his last two seasons making All-Big Ten, and was the New York Giants' No. 2 pick in the pro draft that year. He played with Great Lakes in 1942 but played little football in 1943 and 1944, his overseas years. He was picked for the Pearl Harbor Navy All-Stars in 1945, and was on the All-Service team. He returned to California and joined the Fleet City team late in 1945 and then played for the Los Angeles Bulldogs early in 1946.

LOWELL WAGNER (Wag)

HALFBACK

Wag celebrated his 23rd birthday during the Yankees' training camp seige at Spokane. He was All-City and All-Southern California halfback at Gardena High School. Wag only played freshman football at the University of Southern California when the war intervened. He made six touchdowns in three games on the frosh schedule. He didn't play any football while in the Navy, but in 1944 and 1945 he joined the San Francisco Clippers, gaining all-league honors.

JOSEPH YACKANICH (Joe)

GUARD

Joe played football for Jim Crowley, the Commissioner of the All-America Conference, at Fordham in 1941, and won All-East mention the next year. He spent no time on the football field from 1943 to 1945 because he had more important duties as a Sergeant in the 63rd Infantry fighting up through France and into Germany. Joe was at Morlach, Germany, when the good news came of V-E Day. Switching back to football, Joe has been a tackle throughout his high school (Hazleton, Pa.) and collegiate years, until switched to guard by Ray Flaherty.

Cleveland Barons of the American Hockey League who gained the finals for the championship for the third straight season last April.

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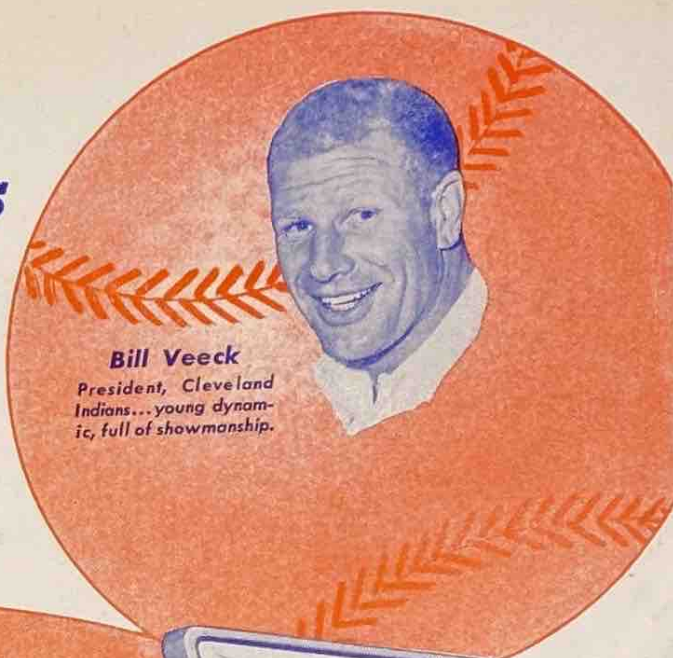
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