

All-America Prep Grid Teams to Clash

East-West Tilt Slated for August Selected as Finest of Football's Younger Set

Texas Promoter on Tour to Select Location for Non-Profit Game

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Mose Simms

Mose Simms blew into town the other day with a new football promotion. That, in itself, isn't too unusual. For Mose Simms without a new football promotion would be like ham without eggs, soap without water, thunder without lightning.

But this time, the colorful Texan has dipped into the high school ranks and he's going nation-wide in his scope. It's a prep all-star football game he has under his bonnet and for the occasion, big Mose has rounded up the best talent in the nation, which he describes as the "All-America high school teams."

In lining up his selections, Simms wrote 134 sports editors from one end of the nation to the other. On first call, 89 responded while 19, who had been away from their desks, replied later on. This, Simms insists, is indication enough that the men who write about sports feel that his idea is sound.

"Only seniors in high school will be eligible for my All-America game," the big man from the Southwest explained. "And no boy will be permitted to play more than once. It would be run off on an East vs. West basis, with the Mississippi River as the dividing line. And, as I've made clear to coaches I've visited everywhere, the whole venture would be a non-profit promotion."

Simms proposes that whatever funds are raised be placed in a special pool to pay doctor bills for players injured in school football games.

Game Slated for August

"So far," he continued, "we haven't picked a site for the big game, which will be played in the third week of August. I am making a tour of the country to select a location. Already I've visited Cleveland, and looked over the Municipal Stadium there; Tulane University's Stadium in New Orleans; Detroit, where we probably won't be able to get Briggs Stadium, because the Tigers will be playing there; and a few other spots. I'm going out to Los Angeles to see about the Coliseum there. Also, I have in mind the Cotton Bowl at Dallas."

In Simms' communiques to the sports editors, he requested them to select the outstanding gridder in their territory. Results were astonishing. Even Mose, who seldom visualizes anything too fabulous, was unhorsed by the replies which he described as "out of this world." So there was nothing left for the promotional director to do but follow up many of these letters with



MARTY KIOUSIS, tackle, Cathedral Latin of Cleveland, Ohio



CAPT. HARRY AGGANIS, back, Classical of Lynn, Mass.



MICKEY McMULLEN, back, South of Denver, Colo.



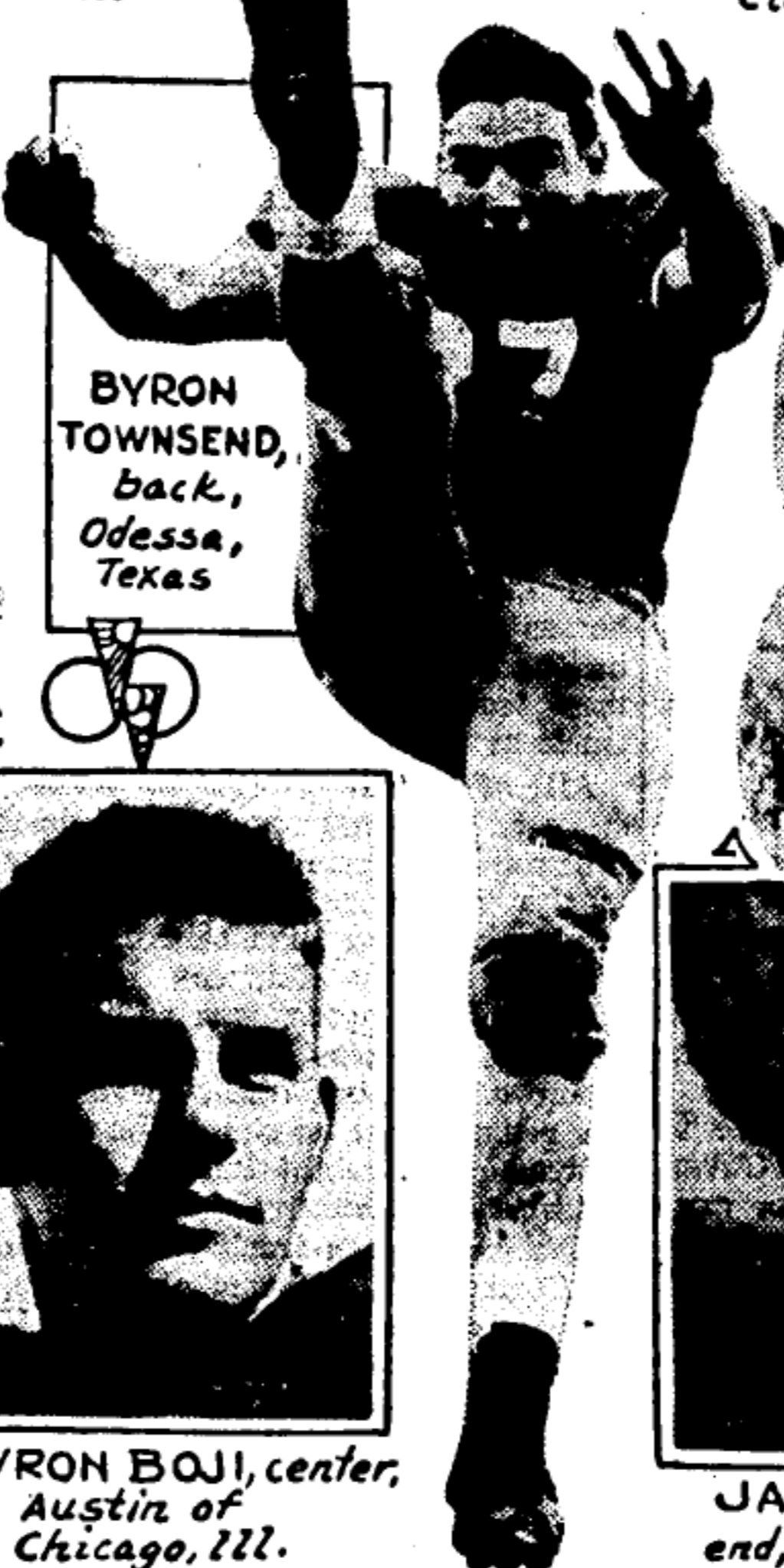
JOHNNY MAROLO, tackle, Hempstead, L.I.



ED LISTOPAL, guard, Patterson Park of Baltimore, Md.



BILL SANS, end, Lincoln of San Francisco, Calif.



BYRON TOWNSEND, back, Odessa, Texas



BILL BOWERS, back, Canoga Park of Los Angeles, Calif.



BYRON BOJI, center, Austin of Chicago, Ill.



JAMES MUTSCHELLER, end, Beaver Falls, Pa.

OSCAR WOLFE, guard, Warren Easton of New Orleans, La.

personal visits to see if such great athletes, as described by the scribes, actually existed. Much to his satisfaction, Simms found they not only existed but were being pursued from all sides by college representatives proffering athletic scholarships.

"Probably the greatest of them all, in my estimation at least," declared Texas Mose, "is Harry Agganis, 18-year-old 180-pound Lynn Classical

High back of Lynn, Mass. Boy, what a record that youngster has! Well, we've made him captain of our first team. But there are others, almost as great, and they'll get their chance to show our whole nation just how good they are when we conduct our big all-star game next August."

John Baumgartner, 185-pound back of Ramsay High School in Birmingham, Ala., ranks a close second, ac-

ording to Simms, but because he is not a senior and still has time ahead of him to make the All-America team, he was relegated to the third squad. This youth's sensational playing carried Ramsay to the prep championship last year as his team engaged the Woodlawn Colonels of Birmingham in the annual Crippled Children's Clinic game Thanksgiving Day. Baumgartner passed for one touch-

down, ran for another on a 35-yard dash after fumbling the ball, and kicked a tremendous 102-yard punt from toe to end of the roll. Harry Wismer, broadcasting the game over the Alabama network, described the kick as the greatest he had seen. Ramsay won, 25 to 0.

Zipp Newman, sports editor of the Birmingham Age-Herald, supplies the additional information that Baumgartner is a great baseball prospect. He's a pitcher.

Introducing an All-American

Another player Simms recommends as one of the greatest prep players in the United States is Byron Boji, center of the Austin High School eleven of Chicago. Recipient of the Noble E. Kizer Memorial Trophy that goes annually to the outstanding prep gridder of Chicago (36 public high and 16 Catholic teams), this young man has received, so far, 22 scholarship offers. He leans toward the Universities of Michigan or Illinois.

It is Simms' plan to present each boy selected on the All-America high school team with a special plaque, suitably engraved, designating him as an All-America player.

The 44 boys chosen on the four teams will be divided according to sections, East vs. West, for the August classic. Then, next fall, sports editors, news service writers and radio announcers will be polled again for the 1948 team.

And if you don't remember Mose Simms, he's the gent who gained his chief fame by leading the little St. Mary's football team of San Antonio, Tex., across the nation to gridiron fame a few years ago. They wore red, white and blue uniforms, played with red, white and blue-colored footballs. Shortly after the close of the war, Mose reorganized the Oklahoma City University football eleven and is on leave of absence now from his job there as athletic director.

All-Star Scholastic Choices

From All Points of the Compass

FIRST TEAM

Position	Player	Age	Hgt.	Wgt.	School	City
Center	Byron Boji	17	5:10	185	Austin	Chicago, Ill.
Guards	Ed. Listopal	18	6:1	205	Patterson Park	Baltimore, Md.
	Oscar Wolfe	18	6:1	215	Warren Easton	New Orleans, La.
Tackles	Martin Kiousis	18	6:1	200	Cathedral Latin	Cleveland, O.
	Johnny Marolo	17	5:11	190	Hempstead	Long Island, N. Y.
Ends	Bill Sans	18	6:2	200	Lincoln	San Francisco, Calif.
	James Mutscheller	17	6:1	198	Beaver Falls	Beaver Falls, Pa.
Backs	Harry Agganis	18	6	180	Classical	Lynn, Mass.
	Byron Townsend	18	6	175	Odessa	Odessa, Tex.
	Bill Bowers	17	5:10	170	Canoga Park	Los Angeles, Calif.
	Mickey McMullen	17	6	190	South	Denver, Colo.

SECOND TEAM

Position	Player	Age	Hgt.	Wgt.	School	City
Center	Bob Griffin	18	6:1	189	Frederick	Frederick, Okla.
Guards	Russ Shogram	18	6	190	East	Wichita, Kan.
	Paul Rouse	18	5:11	175	Central	Knoxville, Tenn.
Tackles	Eldon Peterson	19	6:3	235	Story City	Story City, Ia.
	Dick Logan	17	6:2	200	Mansfield	Mansfield, O.
Ends	George Maloof	17	6:1	190	Marist	Atlanta, Ga.
	Ed Weir, Jr.	17	6	185	Lincoln	Lincoln, Neb.
Backs	Bill Farris	18	6	180	Wilson	Portsmouth, Va.
	Leon Lippman	17	6	180	El Camp	El Camp, Tex.
	Dave Marcelli	17	5:10	175	Poly	San Francisco, Calif.
	Bobby Boettcher	18	6:2	185	Clifton	Newark, N. J.

THIRD TEAM

Position	Player	Age	Hgt.	Wgt.	School	City
Center	Tom Geaghan	17	6:2	180	Baptist	Bangor, Me.
Guards	Bo Reid	17	6:4	186	Ackerman	Ackerman, Miss.
	McGowan Hunt	17	6:4	186	McGill	Mobile, Ala.
Tackles	Marion Campbell	18	6:1	205	Chester	Chester, S. C.
	Robert Evans	17	6	200	Roman Catholic	Philadelphia, Pa.
Ends	Bob Rooney	17	5:9	165	St. Louis U High	St. Louis, Mo.
	Bill Glazier	17	6	180	Mesa	Mesa, Ariz.
Backs	Keith Flowers	17	5:11	175	Perryton	Perryton, Tex.
	Dick Arledge	17	6	195	Chillicothe	Chillicothe, O.
	Lee Hedges	17	5:9	176	Fair Park	Shreveport, La.
	John Baumgartner	16	5:9	185	Ramsay	Birmingham, Ala.

FOURTH TEAM

Position	Player	Age	Hgt.	Wgt.	School	City
Center	Seik. Miyachiro	18	6	189	Hilo	Hilo, Hawaii
Guards	Jim Seib	16	6	172	Memorial	Evansville, Ind.
	Joe Zeni	17	5:10	178	Carlsbad	Carlsbad, N. M.
Tackles	Ken. Kirkpatrick	17	6	195	Lewiston	Lewiston, Ida.
	Bill Beckman	17	6:2	200	Sam Houston	Houston, Tex.
Ends	William McColl	18	6	185	Muskogee	Muskogee, Okla.
	Len Sheppard	17	6	200	Lower Merion	San Diego, Calif.
Backs	Carl E. West	17	6:1	220	Amory	Ardmore, Pa.
	Gordon Pendleton	18	6	190	Thornton	Amory, Miss.
	Dick Gregory	17	5:9	170	Billings	Saco, Me.
						Billings, Mont.