

South and Southwest Pace Prep All-Star Picks

Won Highest Ratings

Among Nation's High School Gridders



DAVID HUDSON, E
Pensacola, Fla.



LEROY MILLS, T
Memphis, Tenn.



RALPH REEL, G
East Chicago, Ind.



MAX FUGLER, C
Ferriday, La.



SAM BOWLBY, G
Davenport, Ia.



TOM McNEELEY, T
Arlington, Mass.



DERON JOHNSON, E
San Diego, Calif.

Seven Teams Named From Experts' Poll

2,395 Players Nominated; Fugler Only Repeater in Choices for First Squad

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The ninth annual National High School All-America football team attracted 2,395 nominations, representing senior high school athletes who starred during the 1955 gridiron campaign. Taking part in the poll were 1,305 sports writers, 992 broadcasters and 290 telecasters.

The task of gathering the data was handled by Mose Simms, chairman of the football committee of the Wigwam Wisemen of America, a benevolent organization of this city's sportsmen who originated the Prep All-America idea several years ago.

"I'd say, off-hand, that this year's selections are the result of the most complete coverage ever made in high school football," Simms told THE SPORTS NEWS. "I've traveled approximately 12,000 miles and watched some 200 teams play or work out during the 1955 season, while gathering the returns for our annual poll.

"In addition to the newspaper, radio and television critics, opinions of college coaches, prep football talent scouts, gridiron officials, high school coaches and others closely associated with the prep sport were solicited in charting the 1955 squad. Because of the bulkiness of the selections, the nominees were grouped into seven teams, with players from the South and Southwest drawing five positions on the first team."

All-Star Game in August

As in the past, all of the players named to the seven teams will be eligible to play in the 1956 All-America Prep Classic, scheduled for the latter part of August in Crump Stadium, Memphis, Tenn., provided they meet the requirements of the selecting committee, as well as the East and West coaches who will be in charge of the play on the field, and have graduated from high school.

The first All-America Prep Classic was scheduled for Manning Stadium, Lynn, Mass., the second week in August, 1948. However, when 18 of the first-stringers who were to play in the contest turned up in the National Guard, it was decided to call off the game rather than fill their places with boys from the lower selections.

One of those picked on the 1948 team which didn't play was the late Harry Agganis, the Red Sox first baseman who died last summer. Harry, who in his collegiate days became an All-America star at Boston University, had been named captain of the first All-America Prep team.

Since the first classic was played, in 1949 at Corpus Christi, Tex., Coach Harold (Red) Drew of Alabama has piloted the East to six victories and a 6 to 6 tie (1954). Sammy Baugh, head coach at Hardin-Simmons, was in charge of last year's West team which bit the dust, 20 to 14, in a real thriller.

On the 1955 team, Max Fugler of Ferriday (La.) High School is a repeater, having graduated to the first string center job after being nominated



CHARLES MILSTEAD, B
Tyler, Tex.



JAMES COX, B
Collingsdale, Pa.



JIM STINETTE, B
Corvallis, Ore.



CLAUDE KING, B
Vicksburg, Miss.



JOHN DRESSER, B
Toledo, O.

Dave Kaiser, Spartan Hero, Michigan Prep Star in 1953

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—That many members of the annual All-America Prep football team eventually become collegiate stars was clearly emphasized in the recent Bowl Games when several of the top performers turned out to be products of the mythical high school squads of a few years before.

Dave Kaiser, whose field goal in the last seven seconds won for Michigan State, 17 to 14, in the Rose Bowl, played in the Prep All-America game of 1953 as a player from Alpena, Mich. Ronnie Knox, UCLA star whose pass tied the score, 14 to 14, in the fourth quarter, also played in the '53 All-America Prep Classic, though his West team lost, 22 to 15.

Paige Cothren, outstanding at fullback, and John Blalack, who saw service at quarterback for Mississippi, which won the Cotton Bowl Game, 14 to 13, also were members of the 1953 Prep All-America eleven.

In the Orange Bowl, Jerry Tubbs of Oklahoma was outstanding at center as his Sooners were victorious, 20 to 6. Tubbs, from Breckenridge, Tex., High, played on the '53 All-America Prep team.

Harold Brown, end, and Phil King, halfback of Vanderbilt, saw service in the Gator Bowl against Auburn. Both played in the 1953 All-America High School Classic.

Stan Flowers of Georgia Tech played a bang-up game as his team beat Pittsburgh, 7 to 0, in the Sugar Bowl. Stan, as a product of Central High in Memphis, Tenn., was named to the '53 Prep All-America team.

to the third squad last year, though only a junior in school. His play stood out on a Class A Louisiana state championship team that has rolled up a string of 39 straight victories during the past three years. Besides being named to the Class A All-State eleven, Max also landed All-Southern honors at center the past season.

Guards on All-State Teams

Guards on the All-America team, Ralph Reel of Roosevelt High School, East Chicago, Ind., and Sam Bowlby of Davenport (Ia.) High, were named to the all-state teams in Indiana and Iowa, respectively.

Both the Indianapolis News and Indianapolis Times honored Reel on their All-State first teams. Reel is described by Heze Clark of the Times as "one of the best guards ever to play in northwest Indiana; great college timber."

Jack North of the Des Moines Register-Tribune, who has been picking All-State teams in Iowa for 40 years, regards Bowlby as "a great all-round performer on Davenport's state championship team and very definitely a potential college star."

Said Hal Hart of Television Station WOC-TV, Davenport: "Bowlby made 57 clean tackles during the regular 1955

Cream of Scholastic Crop

FIRST TEAM

Position	Player	Age	Hgt.	Wgt.	Hometown
Center	Max Fugler	17	6-1	197	Ferriday, La.
Guard	Ralph Reel	17	6-1	230	East Chicago, Ind.
Guard	Sam Bowlby	17	6-2	210	Davenport, Ia.
Tackle	LeRoy Mills	19	6-4	247	Memphis, Tenn.
Tackle	Tom McNeely	18	6-3	238	Arlington, Mass.
End	Deron Johnson	17	6-2	200	San Diego, Calif.
End	David Hudson	18	6-2	210	Pensacola, Fla.
Back	Charles Milstead	18	6-3	183	Tyler, Tex.
Back	John Dresser	18	6-1	192	Toledo, O.
Back	James Cox	17	6	189	Collingsdale, Pa.
Back	Jim Stinette	18	6-2	200	Corvallis, Ore.
Back	Claude King	17	5-10	161	Vicksburg, Miss.

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Player	Hometown
C	Dave Hurd	Three Rivers, Mich.
G	Mike Muehlbauer	Buffalo, N. Y.
G	Donald Stalling	Rocky Mt., N. C.
T	Bob Erickson	Denver, Colo.
T	Don McAllister	Louisville, Ky.
E	Rich Morgan	East St. Louis, Ill.
E	Jim Huston	Massillon, O.
B	Raymond Stickney	Key West, Fla.
B	Tom Robbins	Rochester, Minn.
B	Roger Minger	Omaha, Neb.
B	Wahoo McDaniels	Midland, Tex.
B	Roy Swift	Fairfield, Ala.

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Player	Hometown
C	Sam Stellatella	Nutley, N. J.
G	Darrell Foaker	Wilmington, Del.
G	Robert Hain	Davenport, Ia.
T	Pete Morgan	San Francisco, Calif.
T	Ernie Westwood	Clairton, Pa.
E	Curtis McClintock	Wichita, Kan.
E	Lanc Olson	Green Bay, Wis.
B	Larry Duett	Corpus Christi, Tex.
B	Billy Kyser	Camden, Ark.
B	Tom Lewis	Decatur, Ga.
B	Pat Healy	Towson, Md.
B	Harvey White	Greenwood, S. C.

FOURTH TEAM

Pos.	Player	Hometown
C	Earl Kohlhaas	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
G	Sam Caudle	Ablene, Tex.
G	Robert Yates	Montpelier, Vt.
T	Fred Murphy	Atlanta, Ga.
T	Roger Shoales	Norwalk, Conn.
E	Connie MacBerry	Spartanburg, S. C.
E	Lynn Gleaves	Provo, Utah
B	Brewster Hobby	Midwest City, Okla.
B	Mac Wylie	Havre, Mont.
B	Ken Weakley	Charleston, Mo.
B	Ken Kirk	Tupelo, Miss.
B	Jack Hublou	Bismarck, N. D.

FIFTH TEAM

Pos.	Player	Hometown
C	Arthur Browning	Portsmouth, Va.
G	Mack Henington	Belen, N. M.
G	Bill Peterson	Oklahoma City, Okla.
T	Earl McKipe	Worland, Wyo.
T	Harold Brost	Yankton, S. D.
E	Howard Hurt	Beckley, W. Va.
E	Wayne Ernst	Caldwell, Ida.
B	Billy Cannon	Baton Rouge, La.
B	George Green	Washington, D. C.
B	Larry Bielas	Center Line, Mich.
B	Tom Clark	Reno, Nev.
B	Bobby Lauder	Foley, Ala.

SIXTH TEAM

Pos.	Player	Hometown
C	Tom Holt	Ft. Madison, Ia.
G	Bob Harrison	Gilroy, Calif.
G	John Feurtado	Miami, Fla.
T	Jerry Thompson	Ada, Okla.
T	John Raksmis	Columbia, Tenn.
E	James Putman	Birmingham, Ala.
E	Monty Stickle	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
B	Bobby Lackey	Weslaco, Tex.
B	Denny Baker	Coos Bay, Ore.
B	George Greathouse	Phoenix, Ariz.
B	Oliver Flor	Seattle, Wash.
B	Charles Abbott	Blytheville, Ark.

SEVENTH TEAM

Pos.	Player	Hometown
C	Jimmy Story	Mayfield, Ky.
G	Arthur Sabourin	Woonsocket, R. I.
G	Robert Therrien	Dover, N. H.
T	Frank Plegge	Little Rock, Ark.
T	Earl Butler	Fayetteville, N. C.
E	Francis Dobrowski	Natrona, Pa.
E	James Shelton	Denton, Tex.
B	Dick Livermore	Shenandoah, Ia.
B	Dolph Camilli	Santa Rosa, Calif.
B	James Crotty	International Falls, Minn.
B	Bill Garrett	Lindsay, Okla.
B	Richard Vollmer	Memphis, Tenn.

season. At 100 yards, Sam will outrun most halfbacks. To top his feats on the gridiron, he's a straight-A student in the class rooms."

LeRoy Mills of Memphis (Tenn.) Messick High School is the huskiest boy on the first squad, checking in at 247 pounds, while his running mate at the tackle positions, Tom McNeely of Arlington (Mass.) High, is not far behind at 238.

Vince Thillen of the Memphis Commercial Appeal claims Mills is by far the best lineman in the mid-South, though he admits his tremendous weight went a long way in helping him gain that distinction. "Prep ball has been easy for LeRoy because, with that tremendous weight, he hasn't had to do much—just shove."

Jerry Nason of the Boston Globe pointed out that McNeely was a standout on the gridirons throughout Massachusetts in 1955, being a unanimous selection on the all-State team for the past two seasons. And Ralph Wheeler of the Boston Herald, adding that Tom was heavyweight boxing champion at Camp Drum, N. Y., last summer, com-

mented: "McNeely, outstanding lineman in Massachusetts the past season, is the same type player as Angie Mosca, our last year's representative on the All-America prep selection, who is now at Notre Dame."

At the ends, Deron Johnson and David Hudson come from opposite parts of the land, Johnson having starred as an excellent kicker at San Diego, Calif., while Hudson drew his rave notices at Pensacola (Fla.) High. Johnson had a 40-plus punting average and was the toast of the Coast last fall. Hudson has been courted by all teams in the Southeastern Conference and plans to study engineering wherever he enrolls for his collegiate career. He's an A student.

Texas, who usually have a lot to say about their prep grid stars, went all-out the past season for Charles Milstead, all-State quarterback at Tyler. No less an authority than Abe Martin, Texas Christian coach, called the gifted Milstead "the best high school quarterback I've ever seen." He adds:

"Milstead is tremendously good. He

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has a lot of poise and his team has poise because of him. Where he really impressed me was on defense. He comes up from that safety position and gets those tackles, and he gets back out there on passes."

Ohio, long a hot-bed of high school football, produced a real star in John Dresser of Toledo DeVilbiss High. The leading prep scorer in Ohio with 162 points in ten games, he was named on the Associated Press All-State team, as well as on many other selections.

Cox Top Scorer in Penn

At the other halfback post, James Cox of Collingsdale (Pa.) High was a standout in eastern prep football. Scoring 207 points in nine games, Cox was the top scorer in Pennsylvania. Called by Villanova's head coach, Francis X. Reagan, "the greatest high school football player I've ever seen," the Collingsdale youth was awarded the Wilmer G. Cromwell Memorial cup by the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials for his outstanding feats last fall, and likewise received the Philadelphia Maxwell Award for the second straight year, representing his selection as the outstanding football player in the Philadelphia sector.

Fullback Jim Stinette of Corvallis (Ore.) High School, as Hal Wehmeier of Radio Station KRUL points out, was one of the Northwest's greatest ground-gainers for three prep seasons. A good student, he has many college offers. One of the collegiate coaches who was attracted by the young man's play is Tommy Prothro of Oregon State whose comment was: "Stinette is the best all-round prep back I've seen."

The twelfth man on the team, an auxiliary back, is Claude King of Vicksburg, Miss., who led the Big Eight Conference in scoring with 126 points.

Six From South, Southwest on 1954 Prep All-America

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Prep stars from the South and Southwest provided the bulk of the players for the National High School All-America football team in 1954 and again this year.

Six of the 12 players on the 1954 team hailed from the South and Southwest, three from the East, two from the Midwest and one from the West.

The 1954 team included Don Usry, Claiborne, Tex., and Ross Coyle, Marlow, Okla., ends; Bronko Nagurski, Jr., International Falls, Minn., and Angelo Mosca, Waltham, Mass., tackles; Gene Saxon, Memphis, Tenn., and Bob Taylor, Paterson, N. J., guards; Jim Sims, E. St. Louis, Ill., center; King Dixon, Laurens, S. C.; Lester Simerville, Atlanta, Ga.; Dick Bass, Vallejo, Calif.; Buddy Davis, Manchester, Va., and Wallace Carlson, Lakewood, N. Y., backs.