

South, Southwest Dominate Prep All-America

Schoolboy Standouts

Win National Laurels



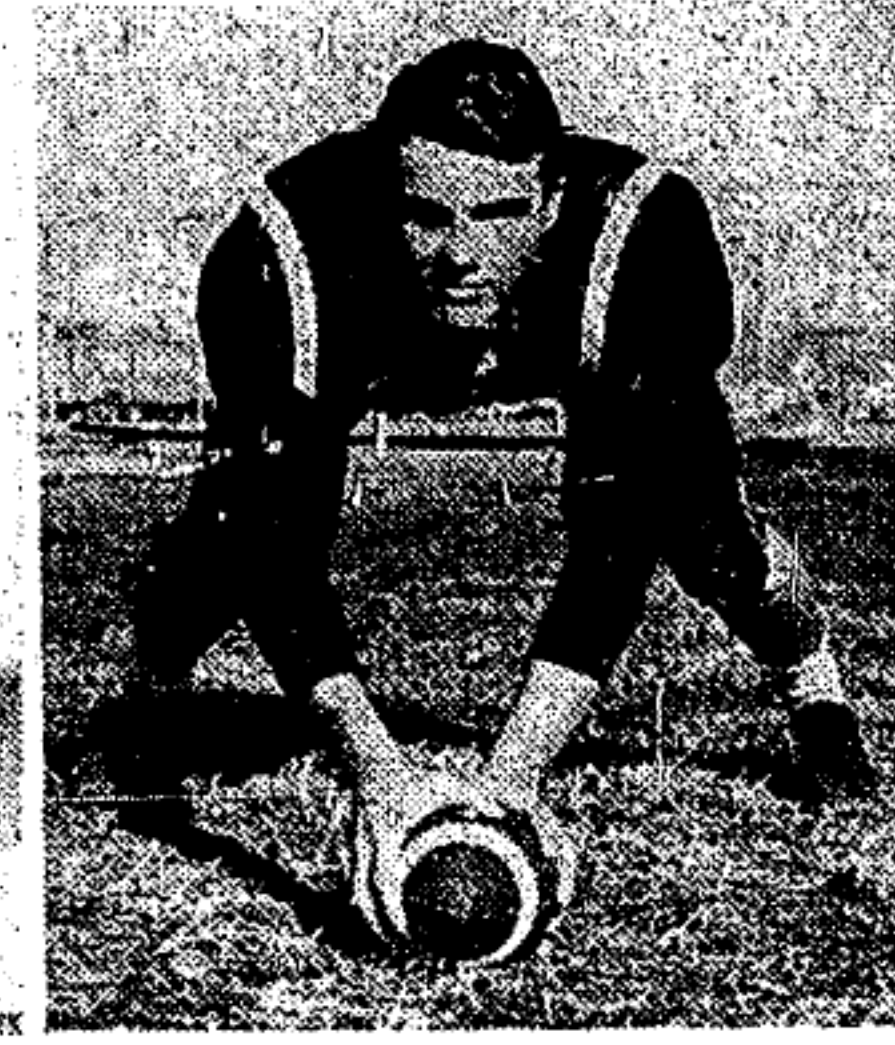
GARY TROUT, E
Schenectady, N. Y.



BERT WILDER, T
Greensboro, N. C.



BO STRANGE, G
Baton Rouge, La.



BOB DANIELS, C.
Wichita, Kan.



CHUCK DOSTAL, G.
Cedar Rapids, Ia.



RICHARD DAVIS, T
Memphis, Tenn.



HENRY O'STEEN, E
Anniston, Ala.

Geo. Johnson, Sonora, Tex., Captain of Mythical Eleven

2,555 Senior Stars Nominated for Seven Clubs;
Players Eligible for All-Star Game in Memphis

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OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.

A tabulation of 2,978 ballots from prep gridiron experts throughout the nation revealed that 2,555 senior athletes were nominated for the tenth annual National High School All-America football team for 1956. The experts consisted of 1,229 sports writers representing daily newspapers, 1,009 radio sports announcers, 307 sports telecasters, 310 football game officials and 123 college gridiron talent scouts.

Once again the data was assembled 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 football team idea ten years ago.

"This was quite a job," admitted Simms as he explained to THE SPORTING NEWS that he and members of the football selecting committee traveled over 30,000 miles and watched some 1,300 teams play during the 1956 grid campaign.

"We had more complete coverage this time than ever before," Simms added. "Besides the newspaper, radio and TV critics who regularly cover the games, we also solicited the help of college coaches, collegiate talent scouts assigned to the high school field and others closely associated with prep football so that we'd miss nobody in our annual roundup of talent."

"As was the case last year, we were forced to divide the nominees, 2,555 of them, into seven teams, due to the bulkiness of the field. And when we got down to the final show-down, the competition was so stiff for top honors that several boys listed on the second team, such as Mickey Flynn of Anaheim, Calif., Myron Pottios of Charleroi, Pa., and Bobby Saunders of Manassas, Va., were nosed out by the slightest of margins. For the third straight year, the team was dominated by selections from the South and Southwest, though Ohio and Pennsylvania, hotbeds of prep football, each landed a player on the All-America top team."

Eligible for Memphis Game

All of the players named on the seven teams, as well as those on the honorable mention list, will be eligible to play in the ninth annual 1957 All-America Prep Classic football game in Crump Stadium, Memphis, Tenn., the latter part of next August, 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. Then, too, the youths must have graduated from high school to be eligible for places on either the East or West team.

The original All-America Prep Classic, scheduled for Manning Stadium, Lynn, Mass., in the summer of 1948, had to be called off when 18 players named to the first two teams were found to be in the National Guard. It was decided to cancel the contest rather than play it with substitute forces.

Harold (Red) Drew, Alabama coach, has piloted the East team ever since the series began and up until last summer his Eastern elevens had swept to seven straight victories. But the tide finally turned in 1956 when Sammy Baugh, Hardin-Simmons coach, led the West to a 23 to 7 triumph.

Selected as captain of the 1956 All-America prep eleven is George John-

All-America Team of Decade Selected; Agganis Is Captain

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — After conducting the annual poll to select the All-America prep team for the past ten years, Mose Simms took time-out to name his All-America Prep eleven for the past decade. It follows:

Center—Jerry Tubbs, Breckinridge, Texas (1953) Oklahoma U.; Guards—Billy Ray Smith, Augusta, Ark. (1953) Arkansas, and Alex Karras, Gary, Indiana (1954) Iowa; Tackles—Les Richter, Fresno, Calif. (1947) California, and Jimmy Van Buren, Atlanta, Ga. (1951) Cornell; Ends—Bill McColl, San Diego, Calif. (1947) Stanford, and Donald Dohoney, Ann Arbor, Mich. (1949) Michigan State.

Quarterback—Paul Cameron, Burbank, Calif. (1949) U. C. L. A.; Halfbacks—John Lattner, Fenwick High, Chicago (1949) Notre Dame, and Bobby Marlow, Dothan, Ala. (1948) Alabama; Fullback—Rick Casares, Jefferson High, Tampa, Fla. (1949) Florida, and Honorary Captain—(Quarterback) Harry Agganis, Lynn, Mass. (1947) Boston U.

son, 187-pound triple-threat quarterback of the Sonora High School team at Sonora, Texas. The 18-year-old, 5-foot-11-inch athlete led all the scorers in 12 games—38 touchdowns, 32 extra points and two field goals.

At center, Bob Daniels, 18-year-old star lineman of the Wichita East eleven, had the edge on the field. On both defense and offense, Daniels played a big part in the Kansas team's success the past season and was most sought by visiting collegiate coaches throughout the area. He averaged 15 tackles a game and in one contest was credited with 31.

Guard Chuck Dostal, Roosevelt High, Cedar Rapids, Ia., was rated by coaches of opposing teams as the toughest lineman their elevens faced all season. All-Iowa State for the second straight year, this 17-year-old 190-pounder was referred to as "the best lineman I ever coached" by his own tutor, Roosevelt Coach George Hidinger. Speedy, he made 17 tackles and was credited with forcing three fumbles in the important 13 to 13 tie with top-rated Davenport High.

At the other guard berth, Clarence (Bo) Strange of Baton Rouge, La., took highest honors. Ted Castillo of the Baton Rouge Advocate had this to say of the 195-pound, 6-foot-1 son of Louisiana State University's freshman grid-



MURRAY HALL
Greer, S. C.



RON HARTLINE
Lawton, Okla.



CAPT. GEORGE JOHNSON, QB
Sonora, Tex.



RED WORRELL
Centerville, Pa.



WALT ROECKER
Cincinnati, O.

coach, Clarence (Pop) Strange: "In my eight years of covering prep sports in this section, I have never seen a guard as good as Strange on either offense or defense. Sounded in the good old fundamentals of blocking and tackling, Bo should make a great college player."

Richard Davis took advantage of his 6 feet, 3 inches and 225 pounds to star at tackle for Messick High School of Memphis, Tenn. Selected on everybody's All-Memphis football team, Richard was named to the All-State and All-Southern mythical elevens and was the only athlete to be named on both the offensive and defensive teams selected by the Memphis Press Scimitar.

Tar Heel at Other Tackle

At the other tackle position is Bert Wilder of Greensboro (N. C.) Senior High who had an outstanding season as his Whirlies tied Fayetteville for the co-championship of the Triple-A conferences. At the completion of the season, he was chosen to represent Greensboro in the annual Shrine Game of the Carolinas at Charlotte. In this battle, he was chosen co-captain of the North Carolina squad and after the game he was named the outstanding player of the two Carolinas.

Gary Trout, who landed an end position, played for three years for Mont Pleasant High in Schenectady, N. Y., and during that time, his school won 18 of 19 games. Gary kicked off, booted for extra points and handled the punting assignments. His coach, Larry Mulvaney, calls him "the finest athlete I have ever seen in high school and probably the greatest prep football player in New York State."

Before he landed the other end posi-

Cream of Kid Gridders

Position	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Hometown
Center	Bob Daniels	6-1	200	18	Wichita (East), Kan.
Guard	Chuck Dostal	6	190	17	Cedar Rapids (Rov'elt), Ia.
Guard	Bo Strange	6-1	195	18	Baton Rouge, La.
Tackle	Bert Wilder	6-3	215	18	Greensboro (Sr.), N. Car.
Tackle	Richard Davis	6-3	225	18	Memphis (Messick), Tenn.
End	Gary Trout	6-4	215	17	Schenectady (Mt. Plea.), N. Y.
End	Henry O'Steen	6-3	200	17	Anniston, Ala.
Back	George Johnson	5-11	187	17	Sonora, Tex.
Back	Murray Hall	6-1	189	18	Greer, S. C.
Back	Ron Hartline	6-1	197	18	Lawton, Okla.
Back	Red Worrell	6	205	18	Centerville, Penna.
Back	Walter Roecker	5-10	193	19	Cincinnati (Beacon), O.

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Player	Hometown
C	Ronnie Slack	Palm Beach, Fla.
G	Richard Syring	Bay City, Mich.
G	John Necessary	Hot Springs, Ark.
T	Nick Maravich	Pittsburgh, Pa.
T	Neil Plumley	Medford, Ore.
E	Richard Price	Vicksburg, Miss.
E	Jack Park	Atkins, Minn.
B	Ronald Grimsley	Canton, Ohio
B	Mickey Flynn	Anaheim, Calif.
B	Fred Hecker	Sioux Falls, S. D.
B	Myron Pottios	Charleroi, Pa.
B	Bobby Saunders	Manassas, Va.

FOURTH TEAM

Pos.	Player	Hometown
C	Bill Laughlin	Baytown, Texas.
C	Merlin Smith	Salt Lake City, Utah
G	Robert Trew	Rowlins, Wyo.
T	Fred Lewis	Huntington, W. Va.
T	Aubrey Linn	Hobbs, N. M.
E	Henry Derleth	Beaver Dam, Wis.
E	Dick Mueller	Louisville, Ky.
B	Virgil Williams	Omaha, Nebr.
B	Tom Clark	Reno, Nevada
B	Glynn Gregory	Aublene, Texas
B	Ron Mullins	St. Joseph, Mo.
B	Jim Tiller	Fremont, O.

SIXTH TEAM

Pos.	Player	Hometown
C	Max Christian	Corpus Christi, Tex.
G	Chuck Allen	Cle Elum, Wash.
G	Lloyd Humphries	Modesto, Calif.
T	Bill Benton	E. St. Louis, Ill.
T	Jack Moran	Hope, Ark.
E	Aaron Thomas	Weed, Calif.
E	Roger Helm	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
B	Elton Upshaw	Monroe, La.
B	Ed Dyas	Mobile, Ala.
B	Mike Harrison	Miami, Fla.
B	Sid Cookerly	Ark. City, Kan.
B	Jerry Gilmer	Kingsport, Tenn.

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Player	Hometown
C	George Ethler	Newport, R. I.
G	Charles Boatman	Alice, Texas
G	Oscar Hauer	Hamilton, Ohio
T	George O'Brien	Denver, Colo.
T	Frank Piscal	Jersey City, N. J.
E	John Halstead	Bay City, Mich.
E	Stan Chapple	Seattle, Wash.
B	Porter Shreve	Washington, D. C.
B	Randy Meadows	Downey, Calif.
B	Lorne Johnson	Lynn, Mass.
B	Chick Granning	Chattanooga, Tenn.
B	Marvin Tibbets	Atlanta, Ga.

FIFTH TEAM

Pos.	Player	Hometown
C	Bob Fotts	Sidney, Mont.
C	Jodie Holt	Blytheville, Ark.
G	Lanny Dowell	Dallas, Texas
G	Joe Butcher	San Francisco, Calif.
T	Frank Saculla	Hammond, Ind.
T	Burt Owens	Weiser, Idaho
E	Vincent Scott	Wilmington, Del.
E	Gary Kane	Elgin, Ill.
B	Harry Moreland	Fl. Worth, Tex.
B	Ron Fraese	Carson, N. D.
B	David Cloutier	Gardiner, Maine
B	Frank Robotti	Fairfield, Conn.
B	Joe Russell	Jackson, Miss.

SEVENTH TEAM

Pos.	Player	Hometown
C	Buddy Moses	Yazoo City, Miss.
G	Jerry Findley	Memphis, Tenn.
G	Charles Weiss	Austin, Texas
T	Ron Hall	Harrisburg, Pa.
T	Tom Biddison	Baltimore, Md.
E	Henry Clark	Paducah, Ky.
E	Tom Brown	Savannah, Ga.
B	Jim Mares	Jacksonville, Fla.
B	Bob Pasko	Buffalo, N. Y.
B	Pedro Ferguson	Atkins, Ark.
B	Sonny Folkamer	York, Pa.
B	Douglas Palmer	Manchester, N. H.

tion on the All-America team, Henry O'Steen of Anniston, Ala., had been selected Alabama's Class AAA high school lineman of the year in a poll of coaches by the Birmingham Post-Herald. This rangy pass-receiver and phenomenal defensive end also was named on the Birmingham Post-Herald, Birmingham News and Montgomery Advertiser All-State teams; was cited as the finest high school lineman to perform in Etowah County in 1956 by the Gadsden Times; was named Anniston High School's lineman of the year by the Anniston Quarterback Club, and received many other honors. He received numerous collegiate bids and was the No. 1 prep player sought by the University of Alabama. Henry eventually signed with the Crimson Tide on the first eligible day.

At quarterback, Murray Hall, Greer (S. C.) High School youth, was a standout selection. The past season he set a state offensive record of 2,034 yards, passing and running. He scored 145 points which, coupled with 155 in 1955, gave him a two-year record of 300. He completed 17 of 18 passes attempted and caught 22 that were sent his way. His punting average was 41.8 yards for the season. Co-captain of the South Carolina team in the annual Carolina Shrine Bowl game, he accounted for 124 of the 254 yards gained by the southern team. He is being sought by some 20 colleges but has not, as yet, selected his school.

One of the halfbacks on the 1956 All-America team, Ron Hartline of Lawton, Oklahoma, gained all-state honors on the Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman and today is causing more of a furor than any prep football player since Leon Heath came out of Hollis, Okla., in 1946.

"You have to get in line to talk with the kid," announced the veteran Tuisa

University line coach, Jess Thompson, recently. "You meet a coach going in and another coming out when you drive up in front of Ronnie's house."

Many coaches who observed Ronnie's play during the recent season call him a better high school fullback than Heath, the bone-cracking fullback at Oklahoma U. in 1948-49-50. As a senior, the Lawton captain bulled for 1,271 yards in 126 carries for a superb 10.1-yard rushing average while leading his team to ten victories in 11 starts. He scored 14 touchdowns and booted 36 extra points to lead Lawton High in scoring with 120 points.

A Standout Four Years

At fullback, Robert (Red) Worrell got most of his backing from the western Pennsylvania area where rugged football is played and where the 205-pound youngster from Centerville (Pa.) High School has been a standout in the backfield for four straight years. In fact, he was named fullback on the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League all-star team in each of the four seasons and for the last two years was selected as the outstanding back in western Pennsylvania by the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph. The past season he scored 125 points in seven games. An honor student, he plans to study dentistry. Numerous colleges are bidding for his services.

Walter Roecker, awarded the auxiliary backfield post, was an outstanding player for three years as fullback at Roger Bacon High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. He had a 10.3 yard rushing average, 39.5 kickoff return average, 29.7 punt-return figure and a 40.7 punting average. He was the only Cincinnati player to be picked on the all-star teams of all three Cincy papers, the Times-Star, Post and Enquirer.