

Prep and Collegiate Coaches Drool Over Wigwam Squads

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ines, it was decided to select seven teams. "Eut," Simms went on, "I'll have to admit there's very little difference between some of the players named on the first team and some of those placed on the second."

Players placed on the seven teams, as well as those listed in the honorable mention group, will be eligible to play in the eleventh annual All-America Prep football classic, scheduled for Crump Stadium, Memphis, next August. They must, of course, meet the requirements of the selecting committee as well as the East-West Game coaches. Also, they must be high school graduating seniors.

Immediately after this contest, 33 of the outstanding players from both teams will be flown to Hershey, Pa., to compete against the Pennsylvania All-Stars at Hershey Stadium in a game to be sponsored by the Wigwam Wisemen, with proceeds going to charities.

Baugh, Bierman Former Coaches

Coaches who have directed the boys in past East-West Prep All-America classics include: Red Drew and J. B. Whitworth, formerly of the University of Alabama; Coach Johnny Vaught, Mississippi; Will Walls, assistant coach at Colorado; Bill Glassford, formerly of Nebraska; Ralph Hatley, physical education director, Memphis State; Weems Baskin, assistant coach at South Carolina; Lloyd Jordan, former coach at Harvard; Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf, ex-University of California coach and present scout for the San Francisco 49ers; Wes Fry, also a former coach at the University of California; Mike Machalski, ex-Texas coach; Bernie Bierman, one-time Minnesota coach; Coach Sammy Baugh and former Coach Wayne Millner of Hardin-Simmons.

Selected as captain of the 1958 Prep All-America team was Eddie Erdelatz, Jr., son of the Navy's grid coach. Young Erdelatz, overwhelmingly selected for the fullback position, led his St. Mary's High eleven of Annapolis, Md., to its second straight undefeated season and furnished the spark that downed Annapolis High, 21 to 12, in St. Mary's "big one" of the year. Young Eddie rushed for 70 yards, set up the winning touchdowns in the second half and ran for all of his team's extra points.

Center honors went to 190-pound Jim Murphy, star lineman of Bishop McDevitt Catholic High of Harrisburg, Pa. Considered one of the top gridgers in Pennsylvania, Big Jim has had many college scholarship offers and has been selected to play with the All-Pennsylvania Prep All-Stars against the All-America team in Hershey, Pa., next August.

Top Lineman in Pennsy

A fine offensive blocker and a hard-hitting competitor, Murphy recently was selected by the Harrisburg Old-Timers' Association as Pennsylvania's outstanding lineman of the year. He was named to the all-state Pennsylvania team by unanimous choice and Jim's coach, Tony Cernugel, who is probably his greatest fan, had this to say about the young man: "Murphy does so many things so well that he's constantly surprising us. He could be a regular on almost any college football team right now."

At one of the guard posts, Gary Kinchen of Baton Rouge, La., High School, drew rave notices from the critics, who proclaimed him as undoubtedly the best guard to come out of Louisiana prep ranks in the past ten years. Weighing an even 200 pounds and measuring 6 feet 2, Gary expects to attend Louisiana State, whose freshman coach, Pop Strange, refers to him as "one of the finest linemen prospects I've seen in five years—quick, aggressive and facing a fine future on the gridiron." Ed McKeever, former Notre Dame, Cornell and LSU coach, calls Kinchen "a fine defensive player who also is above average as an offensive high school blocker and one of the college stars of tomorrow."

The other guard on the mythical team, Claude Hamon of Harding High in Oklahoma City, has seen some service at tackle and end. No less than Coaches Bud Wilkinson of Oklahoma and Cliff Spoegle of Oklahoma State list him as the outstanding high school lineman of Oklahoma for 1958. Tipping the beam at 201, Claude was named to the All-State team and, according to John Cronley, sports editor of the Daily Oklahoman, "barring injury, Hamon will make a mark for himself in college football."

The pride of Iowa prep circles is Don

Many NFL and College Stars Were Prep All-Americans

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Many football stars of the past season, both on the college and pro gridirons, gained their first national recognition as members of earlier All-America Prep squads as announced by THE SPORTS NEWS.

Among these ex-Prep All-America players who stood out on collegiate fields in 1958 were: Billy Cannon of Louisiana State's undefeated Sugar Bowl team; Bob Harrison, Oklahoma's outstanding lineman; Nick Pietrosante and Bronko Nagurski of Notre Dame; Don Stone of Arkansas and Billy Stacey of Mississippi State, who caught three passes and scored three touchdowns for a new record in the Blue-Gray game at Montgomery, Ala.

Pro stars who were Prep All-Americans include: Phil King, brilliant rookie back of the New York Giants, and Raymond Brown and Jim Mutcheller of the Colts, who saw action in the championship finale.

Anderson, 6-foot-4, 240-pound dynamic tackle of the Atlantic, Ia., High eleven, who landed one of the tackle spots on the 1958 Prep All-America combine. Fast for a big man, Don accounted for over half of his team's tackles as Atlantic High was winning 17 of 18 games the past two years. The farm youth tosses the weights in track, stars as a guard on the basketball team and also is a star of his school's baseball nine. He accomplished the ultimate goal of all linemen in his final high school game when he intercepted a pass and ran 20 yards for a touchdown.

Sought by 20 Universities

According to Phil Chinitz, sports editor of the Atlantic News-Telegraph, all of the town's football-minded citizens insist Anderson is a prime candidate for collegiate All-America honors. The youngster has offers from some 20 major universities but leans rather heavily toward Iowa's Rose Bowl champions. Selected on the Iowa Press Association's All-State team, Don also landed a place on Jack North's Des Moines Register All-Iowa prep eleven. At the other tackle spot on the All-America prep squad, Jim Raffini, six feet tall and weighing 220 pounds, earned his laurels by helping lead the Washington Park High outfit of Racine, Wis., to the Big Eight Conference championship. His vicious line play was a big factor in landing for his coach, Jim Thompson, coach-of-the-year honors.

The appreciative Thompson had this to say in recommending young Raffini for top grid honors for the past season: "Jim was our sparkplug. Always first to report for practice, he was a leader in every sense of the word. He carried the battle and inspired our boys to greater heights than we ever expected. An excellent tackle, Raffini is the answer to a coach's prayer, on both offense and defense. I predict that this boy will become one of the college football greajs." Raffini plans to enter Wisconsin.

Arthur Graham, Jr., of Matignon High, Cambridge, Mass., made his best pitch for All-America honors by scoring 100 points, a state record for an end. While his forte was catching passes, Arthur also backed the line on early downs and would play safety on kicking downs. He returned four punts for touchdowns during the past season.

"Could Play Any Position"

According to Jerry Nason, sports editor of the Boston Globe, "Graham is a big, rugged boy who could play any position on a football field and do a good job. It was a pleasure watching him on offense and as a defensive linebacker. Arthur is one of the best prep players to come out of New England in years. He has desire, determination and doesn't know the meaning of the word 'let-up.' He's a leader both on and off the gridiron, and certainly belongs on the National Prep All-America football squad."

Teaming with Graham at the other end is Albert Paul of Greenville Senior High, Greenville, Miss. He led his undefeated team to the Big Eight title and was labeled "the best prep player in the state of Mississippi" by Bobby Ervin of the Jackson Daily News.

"Paul made the All-Mississippi State team and has signed a grant-in-aid pact at Mississippi State College," Ervin announced.

His future coach, Wade Walker of Mississippi State, elated over the boy's

NFL Considers Player Pension Plan for \$100 a Month at 65

By JOE KING
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.

A player pension plan was taken under consideration by owners of the NFL at their annual meeting here, January 23. The magnates discussed ways and means of activating the scheme, with a committee of players headed by Bill Pellington of the Baltimore Colts. Bill Dudley was the insurance advisor.

The project was left open by the meeting; many details would have to be resolved before the suggested \$338,000 starting kitty could be raised. This sum, proposed by Pellington, would be made up of \$125,000 in player contributions, and the remaining \$213,000 from a possible variety of sources.

The players stressed the fact that they were not demanding anything, but simply were asking co-operation in establishing the fund. They listed potential sources of revenue which might be tapped for their benefit.

The clubs might play six additional pre-season exhibitions, Pellington pointed out, with receipts earmarked for the plan.

The NFL title game might be expanded to be decided on a two-out-of-three-game basis.

Don't Want Money From Clubs
Monies derived from the Pro Bowl game and from the Chicago All-Star game could be assigned to the player benefit.

Pellington thought that something could be worked out if serious thought was given the proposition by the magnates. He emphasized that the players did not want to take any money directly from the clubs, because this obviously would hurt those outfits in weaker financial position.

The plan, as devised by Dudley, would require at least 75 per cent player participation, to be workable, and to be approved legally.

The anticipated benefit would be \$100 a month at age 65, for athletes who had worked in the NFL for five years. A six-year man would draw \$110, a seven-year player \$120, etc.

Commissioner Bert Bell previously stated he believed a pension impractical. Now he says he has an open mind on the subject and voiced the possibility that it is feasible. He said he wanted to study the plan thoroughly.

There was little of note in the draft picking which opened the meeting, because the top-name collegians already had been selected last December, and the coaches started here at the fifth round, to go through the 30th.

Complete Draft List

GREEN BAY

Randy Duncan, Iowa quarterback; Alex Hawkins, South Carolina back; Boyd Dowler, Colorado back; Andy Cvercko, Northwestern guard (from Pittsburgh); Willie Taylor, Florida A&M center; Bobby Jackson, Alabama back; Gary Raid, Willamette tackle (from New

desire to attend his school, commented: "Albert has fine hands, is quick and has the desire to be one of the top ends in Southeastern Conference football."

Hubbs in Brother's Steps

Ken Hubbs, Colton, Calif., High's sensational quarterback, who was named to the same position on the mythical All-America outfit, is a triple-threat star. Garland Rose, sports editor of the Colton Daily Press, described Kenny as "a fine T-quarterback who runs his team very well; an excellent passer; a speedster who ran the roll-out and option plays like a college senior and one of the state's better punters. He's also an adept broken-field runner."

"Although his Colton High team was outmanned in every game the past season, Hubbs' spark and drive carried the 17-player squad to the semi-finals of the Southern California CIF championship. He was truly a great leader."

Ken follows in the footsteps of his brother, Keith Hubbs, a former member of the National High School All-America selection who starred in the All-America Prep classic. Keith is now a member of Brigham Young University's football team and played a prominent part in helping his eleven beat Utah last fall for the first time in 17 years.

Bill Barnes, new coach at UCLA, admits that young Hubbs would be a welcome sight on his Los Angeles campus.

"Kenny is a fine sport, top student and a real leader," Barnes said. "He plays baseball, high jumps in track and is brilliant in basketball. In other words, you'd say that he is a natural in all sports. I feel certain he will become a great college athlete."

George Canale, 176-pound, 18-year-

Tapped by Rams



Tom Franckouser

(York): Clellon Mayfield, South Carolina end; Bob Larapa, Texas Western back (from Cleveland); George Dixon, Bridgeport back; Sam Tuccio, Mississippi State tackle; Bob Webb, St. Ambrose back; Larry Hall, Missouri Valley College, guard; Jim Hurd, Albion, back.

CHICAGO CARDINALS

Bill Stacy, Mississippi State back; Jerry Wilson, Auburn end; James Butler, Vanderbilt back; Ken Beck, Texas A. & M. tackle; Maurice Schleicher, Penn State end; Ted Bates, Oregon State tackle (from Washington); Thomas Redmont, Vanderbilt tackle; Mac Lewis, Iowa center (from Detroit); Gary Ferguson, SMU tackle; Emil De Cantis, North Carolina back; Floyd Faucett, Georgia Tech back; Ed Edmondson, Hardin-Simmons, end; Pat Lambert, Richmond, end.

PHILADELPHIA

J. D. Smith, Rice tackle; Wray Carlton, Duke back; Jim Grazione, Villanova quarterback Nick Mumley, Purdue tackle; Al Benecick, Syracuse, guard; Willmer Fowler, Northwestern back; Gene Johnson, Cincinnati back; Rollie West, Villanova back; Art Powell, San Jose State, end; Howard Keys, Oklahoma State, tackle; Dick Stillwagon, Purdue, back.

WASHINGTON

Don Allard, Boston College quarterback; Emil Karas, Dayton tackle; Jim Wood, Oklahoma State end; Bob Wetoska, Notre Dame end (from Green Bay); James McFalls, VMI tackle; Don Lawrence, Notre Dame tackle; Mitchell Ogiego, Iowa quarterback (from Pittsburgh); James Kenny, Boston University end (from Chicago Bears); Gene O'Pella, Villanova end; Dick Haley, Pittsburgh back; Ron Toth, Notre Dame back; Gerard Marciniak, Michigan guard; Roger Wypyszynski, St. Norbert's tackle; Billy Shoemaker, LSU end.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dave Baker, Oklahoma back; Dan James, Ohio State center (first round choice from Pittsburgh); Bob Harrison, Oklahoma, center; Ed Dove, Colorado back; Monte Clark, Southern California tackle; Frank Geremia, Notre Dame tackle; Anthony Bavaro, Holy Cross tackle; Don Rogers, South Carolina tackle; Don Colchico, San Jose State end; Lewis Aiken, Vanderbilt end; Robert Green, Florida back; Bronko Nagurski, Notre Dame tackle; Jack Hays, Trinity (Tex.) back; Bill Korutz, Dayton center; Bill Lopsky, W. Va. guard.

DETROIT

Nick Pietrosante, Notre Dame back; Charles Horton, Baylor guard; Mike

Rabold, Indiana tackle (second round choice from Pittsburgh); Ron Koes, North Carolina center; Ron Luciano, Syracuse tackle (third round choice from Baltimore); Art Brandiff, VMI back; Bob Grottkau, Oregon guard (fourth round choice from New York); Dick Guesman, W. Va. tackle (from Pittsburgh); Ben Donnell, Vanderbilt center; John Linden, Oregon tackle; Carl Smith, Tennessee back; Jack Larrow, Purdue back; Harry Jacobs, Bradley guard; Ron Stehouwer, Colorado State tackle; James Steffen, UCLA back.

CHICAGO BEARS

Don Clark, Ohio State back; Rich Pettibon, Tulane back; Pete Johnson, VMI back; John Adams, Los Angeles State back; Fred Cole, Maryland guard; James Tucker, Chattanooga end (from Philadelphia); Richard Clark, Baylor back; Willie Smith, Michigan tackle (from New York); Maurice Youman, Syracuse tackle; Robert Coronado, College of Pacific end; Edgar Gray, North Texas tackle; Justin Rowland, Texas Christian, end; Gene Jones, Rice, back.

PITTSBURGH

First seven choices traded away. Tom Barnett, Purdue back; Harold Davis, Houston guard; Riley Gunnels, Georgia tackle; Overton Curtis, Utah State back; Bill Pavliksa, Baylor back; Dewey Bohling, Hardin-Simmons back.

LOS ANGELES

Dick Bass, College of Pacific back (first round choice from Philadelphia); Paul Dickson, Baylor tackle; Buddy Humphrey, Baylor quarterback (second round choice from Washington); Don Brown, Houston halfback; Larry Hickman, Baylor back; Tom Franckouser, Purdue end (third round choice from Pittsburgh); half back; Blance Martin, Michigan State back; John Tracey, Texas A. & M. end (fourth round choice from Chicago Bears); Bob Reifsnnyder, Navy tackle (fourth round choice from Pittsburgh); John Lands, Montana end; David Painter, Tulane center; Ed Meador, Arkansas Tech back; William Connors, Jackson (Miss.) State end; Larry Cundiff, Michigan State tackle; Alan Goldstein, North Carolina end; Joe W. Kelly, New Mexico A & M back; Mike Connelly, Utah State, center; Albert Wicher, Baylor end.

NEW YORK

Lee Grosscup, Utah quarterback; Buddy Dial, Rice end; Joe Morrison, Cincinnati halfback; Ellison Kelly, Michigan State guard; Jack Delveaux, Illinois back; Bob Peppé, North Carolina State end; Robert Sawyer, Wyoming back; Charles Flowers, Mississippi back; John Kompara, South Carolina, tackle.

CLEVELAND

Rich Kreitling, Illinois end; Dick Shafra, Ohio State guard; Francis O'Brien, Michigan State tackle; Gary Prant, Michigan end (fourth round choice from Green Bay); Dave Lloyd, Georgia center; John Wooten, Colorado guard (from Detroit); Dick Le Beau, Ohio State back; Bob Denton, College of Pacific end; Gene Miller, Rice tackle; James Prestel, Idaho tackle (from New York); Bob Ptacek, Michigan back (from Cardinals); Kirk Wilson, UCLA back; Bob Zeman, Wisconsin halfback; Gerald King, Kent State guard; Francis Paladani, North Carolina State, tackle; Ray Reese, Bowling Green guard.

BALTIMORE

Jackie Burkett, Auburn center; Dave Sherer, SMU end; Zeke Smith, Auburn center; Hanson Churchwell, Mississippi guard; Palmer Pyle, Michigan State tackle; Harold Lewis, Houston back; Tom Coffey, West Texas State back; Thomas Brown, Minnesota guard; Don Stewart, SMU end; Tom Stephens, Syracuse back; Richard Wood, Auburn back; Rudolph Smith, Mississippi tackle.

High eleven of Des Plaines, Ill., won his halfback berth rather handily as a result of his remarkable play in the West Suburban League, one of the strong prep grid circuits in northern Illinois. Bob gained 1,500 yards in 173 carries, completed 15 of 30 passes for 124 yards and scored 19 touchdowns.

Bill Schrader, sports editor of the News - Gazette of Champaign-Urbana, Ill., a member of the selecting committee, was exceptionally high on young Neuman and predicted that "Bob will be one of the college greajs in the next four years." He added: "This boy is an excellent student, a campus leader, fine physical specimen and modest."

Genung Topped Texas Ballots

Rounding out the six-man backfield on the mythical All-America Prep selection is Johnny Genung, quarterback-halfback of Wichita Falls, Texas State AAAA champions. As a brilliant play-caller, he led his Wichita Falls eleven to the state crown and received more votes than any other back for the Texas All-State team. A magician at passing from the old standard single-wing formation, Johnny also proved a standout ball-carrier. And while he has received 20 scholarship offers, he is undecided where he will attend college.

His coach, Joe Golding, had this to say about Genung: "Johnny led our best team in the past ten years to the state championship and it is a pleasure to recommend him for any honors that may come his way, for he is a deserving boy in every sense of the word." Randy MacPherson, of the Wichita Falls Record-News, called Johnny "a natural leader who does everything right when the blue chips are down, and the main reason his team won the state AAAA title."