

Prep All-Americans to Play Young Pennsylvania Stars

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America Prep football classic, scheduled for Baton Rouge, La., in late August.

They must, of course, meet the requirements of the selecting committee as well as the coaches of the East-West Game, as this contest has become known. Also, they must be seniors who will have graduated from high school in 1961.

One month prior to this game, 33 of the outstanding members of the National High School All-America squad will be flown to Hershey, Pa., to oppose the Pennsylvania "Big 33" in the fourth annual "Pennsylvania vs. the World" football game, the proceeds of which go to the Girl and Boy Scouts Funds.

Big-Name Coaches

Coaches for the 1961 All-America prep classic have not yet been selected but, in the past, these games have been directed by such outstanding men as Red Drew and J. B. Whitworth, formerly of the University of Alabama; Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf, ex-University of California coach and now a scout for the San Francisco 49ers; Wes Fry, also a former coach at the University of California; Coach Sammy Baugh and former Coach Wayne Millner of Hardin-Simmons; Bernie Bierman, one-time Minnesota coach; Lloyd Jordan, former coach at Harvard; Bill Glassford, formerly of Nebraska; Coach Johnny Vaught, Mississippi; Will Walls, personnel director of the Dallas Texans; Ralph Hatley, physical education director, Memphis State, and many others.

Pat Screen, singled out as captain of the '60 team because of his spectacular feats as a triple-threat quarterback for his New Orleans Jesuit High eleven, scored 107 points in nine regular-season games.

"He directed his team with the finesse of a Johnny Unitas and stood out above all the other players," declared Charles Gaudin of the New Orleans States-Item.

Admitting that college scouts had been watching this youngster for at least three years, Jesuit Coach Ken Tazetti called Pat "definitely an outstanding college prospect."

"Best Prep in Louisiana"

Another who rated Screen highly was Bill Keefe of the Times Picayune, who described him as "the best high school football player in Louisiana." Charles Wicker, also of the Times Picayune, pointed out that Screen was a member of the American Legion National championship baseball team from Jesuit High last year and was named to the All-Southern grid selection at the close of the football season.

"As an example of his remarkable ability," Wicker declared, "I'll simply point to his performance in the final football game of the season, a game in which he played only a few minutes due to a forearm injury. He carried the ball only twice, scoring a touchdown on a 94-yard run and gaining 17 yards on his other try. Then he caught a 23-yard touchdown pass."

Center honors went to Clay Harkleroad of Dobyns-Bennett High, Kingsport, Tenn. Named on the Associated Press Tennessee All-State prep selection, Clay was shifted from tackle to center the past season and played linebacker on defense. In one important game, against Bristol, Tenn., he was credited with 14 tackles and was the big man in holding Bristol once for three successive downs inside the one-yard line.

According to Hal Hamrick of Radio Station WKPT, Kingsport, "Harkleroad was one of the main reasons why Coach Bill Jasper's Indians were considered the best defensive team in the state. He was on the outstanding player list in the state every week in the season and played a major role in Kingsport's Big Seven and state championships for two straight years. At least ten colleges are hot on his trail at this time."

Don Allgood, sports editor of the Kingsport Times-News, quoting Coach Jasper, reported: "It simply would

First Contest Called Off— 18 on National Guard Duty

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Although the first All-America prep classic was scheduled to be played in 1948, at Manning Stadium, Lynn, Mass., in the second week of August, the series did not get under way until the following year.

All plans had been completed for the 1948 inaugural, the stadium was prepared, the teams selected and invited and plane tickets sent to the individual players. At the last minute it was discovered that 18 first-stringers were serving in the National Guard.

After considering the suggestion that substitutions be made, the officials of the game decided that the quality of play would be lowered considerably and that it would be better to postpone the game for one year.

As a result, the first game was played at Corpus Christi, Tex., in 1949, the East winning, 12 to 7.

not have been possible for Kingsport to repeat as state champs without Harkleroad's standout play at center." By no coincidence, said Allgood, Clay's peak performances came in the toughest games, three of which were won by a single touchdown while another was a two-point loss.

Massillon, O., long a hot-bed of prep football, landed one of its foremost players, Lawson White of Washington High, at a guard position. Named on the Associated Press All-Ohio eleven, White made 54 tackles and helped on two dozen others as his team rolled to the state high school championship. He had the fewest breakdovns (on which more than three yards were yielded on a play) among all of his team's defensive regulars.

Lawson Rated Top Lineman

Rated by opponents as the top lineman they faced, Lawson doubled on offense occasionally as the short side guard on an unbalanced line and performed flawlessly. His value to Washington High can be realized from the fact that his team lost the only game he missed in his senior year.

At the other guard position, Hoyt Keeney of David Douglas High, Portland, Ore., received all sorts of recognition, including All-Oregon State honors and Lineman of the Year in the Portland area on the Helms Foundation selection for 1960. Keeney led his team in tackles with 169 in 12 games, while his blocking on offense stood out.

A pair of youths from the deep south captured the tackle jobs. Pat Watson of Meridian (Miss.) High was selected to the All-State and All-Big Eight Conference grid teams for two straight years and was named the "Outstanding High School Player in Mississippi" by UPI.

Hurled Touchdown Pass

In singing his praises, Billy Rainey, sports editor of the Meridian Star, told THE SPORTING NEWS: "An example of this boy's versatility came up late in the season when Pat was placed in the backfield during a game. He threw one of the two touchdown passes his team completed during the entire season. It went for 56 yards."

Sought by ten of the 12 Southeastern Conference schools as well as several other major colleges, Watson has signed with Mississippi State University, whose head coach, Wade Walker, called him "the best high school lineman in the South."

Jimmy Guy, at the opposite tackle, was a unanimous choice for All-State honors in Georgia and was named Georgia's "Lineman of the Year" by the Atlanta Journal and Constitution. In his fabulous four years of prep competition, Jimmy booted 111 of 142 points-after-touchdown and five of eight field-goal attempts.

One of these enabled his Waycross team to beat Wayne County High, 23 to 20, for the Georgia AA Region One championship. So far, Guy has re-

College Teams Well Stocked With Ex-Prep All-Americans

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Here are some of the outstanding All-America prep stars who played in the All-America classics of 1958-59 or '60 and who will be seen in important backfield roles on the 1961 collegiate gridirons:

Quarterbacks Larry Libertore and Bobby Dodd, Jr., and Fullback Donald Goodman, Florida; Halfback Mike Lind, Notre Dame; Fullback Warren Maccaroni, VPI; Fullback Charles Orr, and Halfback Jackie Pope, Tennessee; Fullback James Dillar and Halfback John Elsberry, Oklahoma State; Halfback Tommy King, Minnesota; Fullback Noel Martin, Nebraska; Halfbacks Wendell Harris and Steve Ward and Quarterback Lynn Amedee, LSU; Halfback Mitch Dimkirk, UCLA; Halfback Tom Winningder, Georgia Tech; Halfback Robert Santiago, New Mexico, and Halfback Bill Piper, Alabama.

Other backs in this group include: Halfback Mel Sandersfeld, Oklahoma; Quarterback Terry Baker, Oregon State; Halfback Louis Slaby, Pittsburgh; Quarterback Eddie Feely, Florida State; Halfback Ray Poage, Texas; Halfback Louis Guy and Fullback Wendell Blackwell, Mississippi; Halfback Jimmy Burson, Auburn; Halfback Bill Jackson, Georgia, and Halfback Pat Culpepper, Texas.

All-America prep grads who will be seen in the line: Harold Erickson and Bobby Caldwell, Georgia Tech; Carl Choate, Baylor; David Morgan, USC; Pete Case, Georgia; Ralph Smith, Mississippi; Art Brandstatter, Jr., Michigan State; George Wittmer, Ohio State; Ronnie Payne and Billy White, Oklahoma; Jerry Hillebrand, Colorado; Roy Winston, LSU, and Bill Battles, Alabama.

ceived scholarship offers from Georgia, Georgia Tech, Auburn, Clemson and Florida universities.

Wayne Waff, another southern boy, copped one of the end positions with his brilliant performances for Cradock High, Portsmouth, Va. An outstanding first baseman in baseball and a fine center in basketball, Waff, aided by his height (he's six-six), grabbed 35 passes for 511 yards and seven touchdowns and had 71 receptions for 958 yards in three years of play. He kicked 12 extra points, completed one of three passes thrown for 19 yards, handled eight kickoff and punt returns, had a pass interception and recovered a fumble on defense.

Repeats as All-State

Townsend Clarke, who captained his Rogers High eleven at Newport, R. I., was an inspirational leader, named to the All-State selection for the second straight year. He took the other end position on the mythical All-America team when he received the overwhelming acclaim of the New England grid critics.

A good pass-receiver, Clarke's hard tackling, blocking and all-out type of play stamped him as Newport's best lineman since the days of John Mellekas of the Chicago Bears. Clarke, an honor-roll student, is president of the Student Council and the Senior Class and has received many college offers, though he probably will wind up at the U. S. Naval Academy.

In the backfield, Fred Mazurek of Redstone High, Republic, Pa., named to one of the quarterback posts, was a standout who so far has been besieged with 71 college offers. He was placed on the All-State Pennsylvania team and likewise landed on the famed Pennsylvania Big 33 selection. Several enthusiastic writers called him "the greatest player in Redstone High's history, including Frank Filchok, current coach of the Denver Broncos."

Charles F. (Brute) Kramer of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, declared: "Mazurek is the best all-around quarterback I have seen in high school football in 25 years. He is a sound leader, an excellent passer, a brilliant runner and a cracker-jack kicker. Besides that, the boy is a straight-A student and a concert pianist."

Mazurek rushed for 1,014 yards on 153 carries, scored 13 touchdowns

Pro Clubs Draft 10 Players From '56 Prep All-America

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—From the field of 48 boys selected off the 1956 National High School All-America squad to play in the East-West All-America prep football game in Memphis, Tenn., the following summer, ten were recently drafted by professional clubs for the 1961 season. These players, the high schools and universities they attended and the drafting clubs, follow:

PLAYER	POS.	PREP SCHOOL	UNIV'STY.	DRAFTED BY
Clarence Strange	G	Baton Rouge, La.	L. S. U.	Philadelphia
Bob Benton	T	East St. Louis, Ill.	Ole Miss.	New York Giants
Donald Goodman	FB	Sr. High, Miami, Fla.	Florida U.	Dallas Cowboys
Marion Pottios	FB	Van Voorhis, Pa.	Notre Dame	Pitts. Steelers
Glynn Gregory	B	Abilene, Tex.	So. Methodist	Dallas Cowboys
Ronnie Hartline	B	Lawton, Okla.	Oklahoma U.	Detroit Lions
Marlin McKeever	T	Catholic High, L. A.	So. California	Los Angeles Rams
Mike McKeever	G	Catholic High, L. A.	So. California	Los Angeles Rams
Nell Plumley	T	Medford, Ore.	Oregon State	San Fran. 49ers
Bill Kilmer	FB	Azusa, Calif.	UCLA	San Fran. 49ers

and three extra points for 81 points. He completed 36 of 51 passes for 669 yards and five touchdowns. He passed for three extra points and gained 1,683 yards total offense of his team's 3,087 yards.

The third of the quarterbacks, Mike Brown of Ferndale, Mich., a Detroit suburb, is generally regarded as the best prep quarterback ever developed in the Detroit area that includes some 200 high schools.

An All-Michigan State selection for two straight seasons, Mike's 1960 totals include: 74 of 153 passes for 1,057 yards and 20 touchdowns; rushing—kept on option 51 times for 240 yards, three touchdowns; returned seven punts and kickoffs for 185 yards; received one pass for 52 yards and a TD; kicked ten extra points and punted 21 times for a 37.6 average.

Smart Signal-Caller

"Brown fires the ball like a pro," commented Jim Higginbottom of the Detroit News. "He is smart enough to have called all plays as Ferndale won two straight Eastern Michigan League championships. Mike's rated as the team's best tackler, too."

Though he has attracted many college scouts, Mike says he's bound for the U. of Michigan.

At the halfback positions, Ernie Koy, Jr., son of the one-time major league outfielder with the Dodgers, Cardinals, Reds and Phils, probably tops the field. Many Texas sports writers and broadcasters say he was the best prep player in the Lone Star State, but his coach at Bellville High, Allen Boren, goes beyond that by simply saying: "I honestly believe that Ernie is one of the finest backs in the entire country!"

Jim McLemore of the Austin American-Statesman, pointing out that Ernie's an outstanding baseball player, too, reported that young Koy scored 124 points during the 1960 grid season. He gained 1,671 yards rushing on 168 carries for a 9.9 average. He punted 36 times for a 41.8 average and in four years of high school competition, Ernie kicked 98 times for a remarkable 39.9 average.

Putt Powell of the Amarillo News and Globe-Times, who is Texas chairman, named Koy the No. 1 Texas schoolboy football player on the 1960 All-Southern team.

Tallied 8 TDs in Last Game

Another to gain halfback honors, Kent Nance of Madera (Calif.) Union High, climaxed his brilliant career by scoring eight touchdowns in his final game for a Northern California prep record. Regarded as Madera Union's greatest player of all-time, Kent's jersey has been retired, the first time in the school's history that this has happened.

By catching six passes for 170 yards and carrying six kicks back for 117 yards in the season's finale, Nance soared his offensive totals to 1,667 yards for the year, an average of 14.2 yards per carry. His longest run from scrimmage was 96 yards.

After Nance had been hit three times in one contest, yet stumbled on for a 32-yard gain, Mickey Masini, coach of the opposing Fresno Edison team, said: "That was the greatest run I've ever seen in high school football." Commented Clovis High Coach Lloyd Leest, after his game with Madera, "We were facing a fully-developed college back when we ran up against Nance." His own coach, Jay Pattee, former Stetson University pilot, calls Nance "the finest high school back I've ever seen."

The young man has at his disposal opportunities to attend Notre Dame,

Gator Bowl Ace Libertore Star of Prep Classic in '59

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Larry Libertore, named the No. 1 player for the winning Florida team in the Gator Bowl contest, December 31, is one of the foremost "alumni" of the Prep All-America classic.

Two years ago, performing for the East, the diminutive quarterback from Miami sparked his club to a 20 to 7 victory over the West before 6,021 at Memphis. Libertore scored two touchdowns and engineered a third.

the Naval Academy, most of the California universities and various other colleges from coast to coast.

Lance Rentzel, third halfback on the All-America team, was a four-sport star at Casady High in Oklahoma City, where he was scouted personally by Mose Simms, who insists he's a cinch to become a future college great. The youngster, who ranks No. 1 on Coach Bud Wilkinson's Oklahoma U. prospects list, led all scorers in the Oklahoma City area with 144 points. He punted for excellent yardage on kickoffs, often booted line drives into the end zone.

Because Rentzel, son of Delas Rentzel, one-time Texas A. & M. great, attends a private (Episcopal) school, he was not eligible for Oklahoma All-State honors, though Casady High has sent a stream of football players into collegiate ranks, mostly in eastern schools. A 9.7-second man in track, as well as a broad-jumper, Rentzel is a star in basketball and batted .350 for his prep championship baseball team.

He had the same average as an American Legion player.

Lugged for 5.8 Average

Fullback Tucker Frederickson of South Broward High, Hollywood, Fla., an all-state standout, scored 17 touchdowns and 11 extra points in nine regular-season games and then added another touchdown in his team's 18 to 7 triumph over South Dade for the Gold Coast championship.

Frederickson gained 1,008 yards in 174 tries for a 5.8 average in the first nine games, then had 24 carries for 121 yards in the playoff.

Against arch-rival Fort Lauderdale, Tucker tallied every point in the 19 to 18 triumph that assured South Broward of the Gold Coast Northern Division crown.

Letters, offering him grants-in-aid scholarships, have been received from Georgia, Georgia Tech and Auburn, while he has been contacted by representatives from Florida, Florida State, Navy, Air Force, Miami, Tennessee, Purdue and Northwestern.

The other fullback berth went to plunging Rich Butkus, 230-pound pile-driving star of Vocational High, Chicago. For the second straight year, Rich landed a place on the Chicago's American all-state prep team, selected by 750 high school coaches.

Commented his coach, Bernie O'Brien, "Rich, who played regularly for three years, was an excellent extra-point and kickoff kicker, averaging nine points a game. He was the best defensive high school player I ever saw. On offense, he was a great blocker and a power-type runner."

In Vocational's 14 to 6 loss to Taft in the Chicago public school championship game, Butkus, who was sidelined until the fourth quarter because of a leg injury, carried five times for 42 yards and scored his team's only touchdown.