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Source: 1931 Game Program: Central Michigan at Michigan

Funny Football Stories

By: John W. Heisman

Whose Ox Is Being Gored?

Harris Moriarity is President of the Southern Football Officials Association, while Ed. Tutwiler, of Birmingham, was a famous Virginia quarterback thirty years ago and is still some official himself.

All set? Well, one day Moriarity referees a game between Alabama Poly (Auburn), Louisiana State, in Montgomery. Boarding his train for home that night he enters the diner and bumps into old friend Tut, who smiles audibly at him, shakes hands with him, laughs gleefully, waves him to a seat and continues his hyena snorts and chuckles.

"Take your time", munnurs Harris, "but if it's good you might divide." "Righto! Well, Harris" I have ~ compliment for you. Wait- here's an aspirin take that first", giggles Tut. "Well, I happened to be in Montgomery today and was among those present at the game. A young Auburn alumnus sat down beside me and he read your name off the score card. Says he: "I know Harris well-we played together as kids. Yep, finest fellow in the world- Vice President now of a big bank in Birmingham and referees big games all over the South. Yeah, great chap, Moriarty- Salt of the earth, you bet!"

Moriarity squinted suspiciously. "Is there not some mystery behind this friend's admiration?" he questioned.

"Undoubtedly", replied Tut, "I've only begun. Well, the game started with my friend, who didn't know much technical football, rooting like a maniac for Auburn. You remember that 18 yard run the Auburn quarterback made the first rattle out of the box? You called 'foul interference' on it, took the run away and set Auburn back 15 yards. My friend- I mean yours- just gave a low whistle. Pretty soon the Auburn fullback ripped through L. S. U.'s line for 12, and again my companion started to whoop things up, but the umpire had detected 'holding' by an Auburn lineman and, of course, it was up to you to assess the penalty, which you did while friend Auburn stared at you in speechless amazement. Presently the linesman reported 'Off-side' on Auburn, and again *you* had to do the dirty work."

"Yeah, I remember all right," growled Harris. "Go on."

"Well, your boyhood friend sat in stunned silence now till Snider (Olympic runner) got loose for Auburn on that 55 yard run. The play came right toward us and, as Snider tore past, the Auburnite jumped to his feet, waved his arms wildly and yelled: 'Run, son!- Run like hell!-Nothin' 'tween you and the goal line but that dirty, lousy, stork-legged crook that's refereein'. .. Have a little water with you aspirin, Harris?"

Heaping Coals Of Fire

Coaches, as a rule, control themselves pretty well but they, too, are apt to "fly off their trolley" if they think a player isn't trying or is unnecessarily stupid.

Some years ago William H. Dietz, of Carlisle Indian football fame, was head coach at Oregon State College. Assisting him was an earnest young coach who, unfortunately, was not as long on patience as he might have been. On the squad was Simpson, a green country lad of enormous size and strength; he was keen to make the team but his awkwardness often made him not only slow but dumb as well.

One practice session the assistant quite lost patience with Simp and began rawhiding him unmercifully. Fearing his prospects of making the team were going glimmering, Simp became wholly unnerved and pulled one boner after another. One final, excoriating epithet from the coach and the poor lout burst into a torrent of agonized tears.

Till now Coach Dietz had had no part in the proceedings, but believing the big boy was doing the best he could, he calmly stated his belief and bade his assistant say no more. Came then the denouement. (sic) Sobbing bitterly the huge hulk of a lad choked out: "N-never m-m-mind, C-c-coach. Let him g-g-go on: he-he's doin' me g-g-goo-oo-ood! Oh-h, Boo-hoo-hoo-o-o!" Vision the picture of the three at that instant, and say whether you would have laughed or wept.

A Double Triple-Threat

Here's one about a northern boy who was prone to "tart things" in a hurry and repent at leisure.

In Phil Putnam, Coach Dan Root, of the Normal School at Spearfish, S. Dak., had a fast back of great possibilities, his only drawback being a tendency to become over-vigorous with his natural weapons.

Now, no one felt half as badly over these failings as Phil himself, still his mates couldn't resist "kidding" him a bit one day. Phil took it all right, but when Coach Root thought it had gone far enough he interrupted with.

"Well, boys, Phil will get hold of himself one of these days, and when he does he'll be rated the best triple-threat in the state-mark my words."

Putnam dashed the back of his hand over his misty eyes and swallowed hard. Presently a rainbow grin appeared and he came back with: "Why, Coach, I'm a real triple-threat now. 'When I'm in the game they never know whether I'm gonna bite, kick or punch-and neither do I."

The Peacemaker

And that reminds me of the day, in 1929, when Chicago and Iowa were at each other's throats and both teams were being repeatedly penalized for rough play.

In the second half Coach Stagg sent in for Chicago a rather small sub center. Hurrying on, the sub forgot to remove heavy horn spectacles that he wore, and in these he was a picture of meekness personified.

Apologizing to the referee he sent them off by the trainer, then gingerly took his place over the ball.

Two opposing guards glared down at him, and at each other. Then one turned to the little Maroon sub and derisively snarled: "What did you come in for to make peace?"

Fractious

There flashes back on the screen of memory the superb self confidence of a spry chunk of ebony I once saw essay the game in the Far South. The contest was between two colored teams, and milling around with one squad was a diminutive but wiry-looking eel who was wild to get into the game despite his patent lack of rule knowledge.

"Cap'n," he pleaded, "Yo' alls jess let me 'play one o' dem half backs or three-quatah places an' I allows to sprizen you all. Runnin' wid de ball is whar I shines at. Yessah, I leads wid de ball and intahfence sho follows me". But the huge captain refused to start "Shrimp".

In the second half, however, wearying of Shrimp's importunities, he let the later go in at right end. No sooner had play been resumed than the runt signaled his entrance by capturing a fumble. Like a streak from a garden hose he squirted out of the crush and instantly headed for his OWN GOAL twenty yards away. In almost the twinkling of an eye he had scored a safety on himself. Like a thunder cloud his entire team swooped down upon him as, with a superb nonchalance, the runt drew himself up and beat them to it.

"Well, Cap'n, yo' all sees. Jes' as I tells you- efen yo' all han's me de ball I kin skittle away lik dat evahtim. Jes' yo keep me at one ob dem frackshum places an' I guaranteezes to win de game fo' yo' all. Yessah, I sho kin play de frackshums."

The Captain found his breath: "Play frackshums" he bellowed, "Play nothin' you means. No. suh, you cain't play not evum one-tenth ob a tiny li'l bits ob baby frackshums-nevah no moah-not any nuffin-nowpar! I done tried you at end-and you is done reached yo' end. Ah specifies you' to know dat dis yeah is a team ob gennulmens, yo' bootleggin' mis'ry in de hard! Git outen dis game"!

Then Broke Caesar's Mighty Heart

We all have all heard of instances of where even white players have lost their sense of direction in a football game, but surely only once has a player tackled a team mate and thereby deprived the latter of a probable touchdown.

This happened in a game in 1922, between Oregon State and Washington Normal College. Joe Burks was center on the latter and he had played a fine game for three straight years. This would be the last game of his career, the one regret of which would be that never once had he scored a touchdown.

It's late in the game and Oregon is winning decisively. But here, with the ball at midfield, their center makes 'a wild snap. Like a rocket Burks is through and after it. As he picks it up on a fine high bound another Normal player takes out their tall back who alone is near enough to nail Burks, and this leaves Joe a clear field for touchdown.

Joe's heart and feet give a simultaneous leap - three of them, in fact, and then Joe seems to collide with a freight train. Fancy his dumfoundment when he finds he has been felled by his own guard, Billups. A very quiet sort of chap, as a rule, never had anyone suspected that Burks was such a supermaster of English undefiled and otherwise, especially the latter. The torrent sounded something like this:

"Why, you-you big, dumb clunk of a boiled cabbage head! You haven't made a decent tackle all year; and now-just when I get the only chance of my life to make a touchdown-you horn in like a chuckle-headed hoot owl and make the first real tackle of your life-on ME! And why?-Why?-you nit-wit son of a sea cook—Why?"

With pure agony searing his twitching features Billups contritely drawled out:

"Joe, I'm awful sorry, but all afternoon that ball has been goin' only one way, and I was afraid *you* might-a caught the habit and would head the wrong way too."

"Head the wrong *way—might—might be* and so you—Oh, Gumdrops and Bologna!" And Joe gave it up.

Needed A Pocket

Ripe judgment is superior to any general coaching instructions, but green players are expected to follow coaching rules closely till they have acquired judgment.

Dr. Mike Bennett, Coach of the University of the South (Sewanee) had been talking tenacity and everlasting GO to his team.

"A lineman", said he, "must outcharge his opponent not merely occasionally but always: each time he fails to dispose of his man he leaves his own backs without protection. So, if you realize at any stage that you're no longer charging with 100 per cent of your full effectiveness you might better come out and let a fresh sub take your place."

Now this is said by all coaches to all squads, but it's mere exhortation- they never really expect a player to come out of the game of his own volition unless he's hurt.

The next day Sewanee faced a stiff opponent and Bennett was delighted with the way a green tackle of his was turning muscle loose. Turning to his hopefuls on the bench chortled:

"There! You see how Jake's going? He's charging with everything he's got every time and we're winning the game right through his position." Hardly are the words out of the coach's mouth when the game halts and- Horrors! Jake is coming out. Yes, he slouches across the side line and flops to the ground saying:

"Put another man in, Coach."

Figuring the lad must be badly hurt, Dr. Bennett hurriedly sends in a sub, then turns and asks: "What's the matter, Jake—where're you hurt?"

"Hurt," echoes Jake. "Why I'm not hurt at all."

"What- then why in Halifax did you come out?"

"Because I lost my charge."

"You lost what?" "My charge in—my charge! On that last play I didn't take that bird out and we never gained an inch over him."

"You lost your charge!" screamed Mike. "Say, do you think I've got an electric battery in my pocket or a power house under the bench to re-charge you with?"

"Well, Coach, I try to do exactly what you tell us to do, so when I fizzled on that last charge I figured I'd better come out so you could put in a fresh man."

Then Coach Bennett had some more explaining to do. In the second half the youngster went back in and signally helped to pull the game out of the fire.

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Book Review:

Encyclopedia of Armed Forces Football by John Daye

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In a twenty-five year time frame Author John Daye has researched, written and compiled the extensive history of the United States Armed Forces Football from 1917 to 1955. He has developed the most comprehensive listing of Armed Forces teams, games, leagues and players that I have read in all of my years studying and collecting football related items. In what I consider to be a true labor of love, Mr. Daye has done an exceptional job in this encyclopedia.

I have enjoyed over the years reading and studying the many men who played on these great war and non wartime teams. Although some of these men went on and or were professional players, there were many who only played the game in this avenue. It is in this context that their accomplishments were recorded and preserved for the history of the game. I personally have gone over the book twice now examining each year and team in an easy read and understood format. I also have enjoyed viewing many different Armed Forces football program covers along with individual player and team photos.

To me this area of football history has been both overlooked and underappreciated to a large degree. This encyclopedia has made up this void of football history. Mr. Daye is to be commended for undertaking this task of preserving this area of football history. The encyclopedia is a must read and must have for any football library, fan and or football historian.

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IFRA Remembers

➤ **Obituaries**

Joseph Patrick O'Malley, Sr., University of Georgia; he was 83. He earned second team All-SEC and Honorable Mention All-American.

Romano Romani, 84, Eastern Oregon; where he was a Little All American football player and was into the school's Hall of Fame in 2003.

Eddie LeBaron, an All-America football star at the University of the Pacific in the 1940s (1946-49); he was 85.

➤ **Hall of Fame**

John DeLuca, Muhlenberg.

➤ **Courtesy of the National Football Foundation's CHALKTALK**

- ❖ *Halls of Fame:* 2007 NFF National Scholar-Athlete **Jacob Tamme** (Kentucky) is among four 2015 inductees into the Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame. Joining him in the class are **Doug Buffone** (Louisville), **Aaron Jones** (Eastern Kentucky) and **Gil Mains** (Murray State).

Former football players **Jeff Bostic** (Clemson), **Joe Bostic** (Clemson), **Freddie Combs** (North Carolina State) and **Jerry McGee** (Duke) were announced as members of the 2015 State of North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame Class.

College Football Hall of Famer **Art Shell** (Maryland Eastern Shore) has been elected to the State of South Carolina Football Hall of Fame. Former Clemson safety **Brian Dawkins**, former South Carolina quarterback **Dan Reeves** and former Wofford wide receiver and current Carolina Panthers owner **Jerry Richardson** join him in this year's class.

College Football Hall of Fame coach **John Gagliardi** will be inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame at the 51st annual banquet on Thursday at the Denver Marriott City Center.

College Football Hall of Famer **Ty Detmer** (BYU) will be inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame on April 9. Joining him in the 2015 Class are former Dallas Cowboys VP of Player Personnel **Gil Brandt**, former Ouachita Baptist (Ark.) safety **Cliff Harris** and former Grambling State defensive back **Everson Walls**.

College Football Hall of Famer **LaDainian Tomlinson** (TCU) was inducted into the Breitbard Hall of Fame today. The hall honors athletes who have excelled athletically in San Diego or who are native San Diegans and have achieved athletic fame elsewhere.

- ❖ *Obituaries:* Dartmouth All-American **Don McKinnon** passed away Jan. 25. He was 73... **Jackie Sandefer**, a halfback on **Bud Wilkinson's** 1956 national championship team at Oklahoma, passed away Jan. 27. He was 78... Former North Dakota State fullback **Tyler Jangula** passed away Feb. 1. He was 28... Broadcaster **Dick Nelson**, "the voice of Lakers football" at Grand Valley State (Mich.) for 37 years, passed away Feb. 1...

Chuck "Concrete Charlie" Bednarik, a 1969 College Football Hall of Fame inductee from the University of Pennsylvania, passed away March 21. He was 89 years old.

Born May 1, 1925, in Bethlehem, Pa., Bednarik attended Liberty High School, where he began his football journey. A formidable force at 6-foot-2 and 235 pounds, Bednarik led the football team to an undefeated season as a junior. Following his graduation, he entered the United States Army Air Forces, and he served as a B-24 waist-gunner with the Eighth Air Force.

By the time Bednarik entered Penn in 1945, he was already 20 years old, and he had flown 30 combat missions over Germany as a gunner. Bednarik operated as a 60-minute player at center and linebacker, even in a time where rules allowed for free substitution.

Former Arizona head football coach **Jim LaRue** passed away March 29. He was 89... Former Alabama A&M kicker **Chance Wilson** died March 28. He was 25... Former Stephen F. Austin State football player **Tracy Groom** died March 29. He was 52... Former Virginia Tech president **Paul Torgersen**, a big backer of the Hokies football program, passed away March 30. He was 83... Former Arizona State football player **Robert Z'Dar** passed away March 30. He was 64... Former Georgia Tech All-ACC safety **Riccardo Ingram** passed away March 31 after a six year battle with Brain cancer. He was 48... **Charlie Bussey**, the first Academic All-American in any sport in Clemson history and quarterback of Clemson's first ACC Championship football team in 1956, passed away April 2. He was 80... Former Memphis football player **Terdell Middleton** passed away April 3. He was 59... Former Midwestern State (Texas) football player **Frank Maykus Jr.** passed away last week. He was 80...

NFF Board Member and SEC Commissioner **Mike Slive** will be presented with the Football Bowl Association's Champions Award at the FBA's Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tenn., on April 14.

College Football Hall of Famer **Bo Jackson** (Auburn) was named the recipient of the 2014 PwC Doak Walker Legends Award, which honors former running backs who excelled in college and went on to distinguish themselves as leaders in their communities. He will accept his trophy at the Doak Walker Award Presentation Banquet on Friday in Dallas.

➤ **Honored**

*Butler (Indiana, CSD) named its football press box after its long-time SID, Jim McGrath.

***Maxwell Football College Football Award winners:** Marcus Mariota - Oregon (*Maxwell Award*), Scooby Wright III - Arizona (*Chuck Bednarik Award*), Dan Mullen - Mississippi State University (*The George Munger College Coach of the Year Award*), Andy Talley - Villanova (*The Philadelphia Insurance Tri-State Coach of the Year Award*), Rasheed Bailey- Delaware Valley College (*The Philadelphia Insurance Tri-State Player of the Year Award*) Jim Kelly (*The Thomas Brookshier Spirit Award*), and Verne Lundquist and Gary Danielson (*MFC Excellence in Broadcasting Award*).

*Former University of Iowa head football coach **Hayden Fry** will be honored with the inaugural *Legends Award* at Southern Methodist University.

The Legends Award, presented by the SMU Lettermen's Association and Department of Athletics. It honors an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to the success and legacy of the SMU Athletics Program that fall outside of the realm of athletic success.

➤ **From within the membership**

Mike Higgins was recently honored as the Dumas High School (TX) student council's "Good Dude Award" during a recent basketball game against Hereford. Mike was escorted to mid-court and given a cake, a certificate and two nice rounds of applause. "I am very grateful and flattered," he would later say.

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Knute Rockne was here

George Edmonston, Jr. [george.edmonston@orst.edu]

Conducting lectures in classrooms and demonstrations on the sawdust turf of old Bell Field, Rockne entertained coaches from across the West Coast itching for a chance to pick up a few pointers from the man responsible for building what was at time the best football program in America.

Rockne was at the height of his fame during his four-year stint in Corvallis. His 1919 and 1920 squads were unbeaten (he turned in five of these in his career).

He had won a national championship in 1924 and would win one again in '29.

In 1922 he introduced four running backs sportswriter Grantland Rice would later immortalize with the moniker, "The Four Horsemen." In 1925, his boys had crushed a good Stanford team in the Rose Bowl, 27-10.

Rockne loved a crowd and was both teacher and entertainer in his public appearances. It was his aim to impart a certain ethical attitude towards life, that is, the values young people should carry with them to ensure responsible citizenship. He rarely did an interview, write an article, or teach a coaches clinic without touching on the subject.

OSU in the 1920s was certainly not in the mainstream of America's football elite, a fact which begs the obvious question: why was Rockne in Corvallis, and not once but four times?

The full answer may never be known. However, it is almost certain much of his motivation was centered around three special friendships he had with members of the OSU coaching staff: Head Coach Paul Schissler, former Head Coach and Notre Dame football star Sam Dolan, and Head Track Coach and Trainer Michael "Dad" Butler.

Rockne and Schissler first met in 1923 when Schissler's Lombard College eleven lost a hard-fought game to Notre Dame, 14-0, and the only loss the future OSU coach would suffer at the small Illinois school of 350 students. Later, Rockne would write a letter of recommendation for Schissler for the Corvallis job, and when the Beavers traveled to New York to play New York University in Yankee Stadium in 1926, Rockne made a 200-mile roundtrip to visit Schissler's team during a mid-trip workout at Chicago's Soldier Field.

Sam Dolan, OSU head coach from 1911-13, was a star player for the Irish and was still well-known around his alma mater long after his departure. Rockne liked Dolan a lot, often referring to him as "Rosey."

"Dad" Butler knew Rockne as a boy and had actually coached the young man at the Chicago Athletic Club, where Butler was the manager. The likeable track coach would later leave OSU to go to Detroit where he was one of three ring-side judges at a 1939 Joe Louis world heavyweight championship fight in that city.

Bo Carter presents: The Date of Birth and Death of College Football Hall Famers' who were born or passed away in the month of April

APRIL

1 (1889) John Dalton, ????,
Neb.

1 (1884) Hugo Bezdek, Prague,
Bohemia

1 (1898) Joe Alexander, Silver
Creek, N.Y.

1 (1929) Bo Schembechler,
Barberton, Ohio

1-(d – 1965) Frank Wickhorst,
Oakland, Calif.

1-(d – 1996) Bob Hamilton, Palm
Springs, Calif.

1-(d – 2013) Jack Pardee,
Centennial, Colo.

2 (1871) Marshall Newell,
Clifton, N.J.

2 (1880) Harold Weekes, Oyster
Bay, N.Y.

2 (1917) Hugh Gallameau,
Detroit, Mich.

2 (1930) Bill McColl, San Diego,
Calif.

2 (1965) Don McPherson,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

2-(d – 1976) Walter Gordon,
Berkeley, Calif.

3 (1903) Andy Gustafson,
Aurora, Ill.

3 (1926) Joe Steffy,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

3 (1934) Jim Parker, Macon, Ga.

3-(d – 1994) Tom Hamilton,
Chula Vista, Calif.

3-(d – 2006) Marshall Goldberg,
Chicago, Ill.

3-(d – 2007) Eddie Robinson,
Ruston, La.

4 (1891) Bob Butler, Glen Ridge,
N.J.

4 (1907) Bill Banker, Lake
Charles, La.

4 (1917) Chet Gladchuk,
Bridgeport, Conn.

4 (1947) Ed White, San Diego,
Calif.

4 (1951) John Hannah, Canton,
Ga.

4 (1965) Jessie Tuggle, Spalding
County, Ga.

4-(d – 1967) Guy Chamberlin,
Lincoln, Neb.

4-(d - 1978) Jack Hubbard,
Torrington, Conn.

4-(d – 1989) Harvey Jablonsky,
San Antonio, Texas

5 (1871) Pop Warner,
Springville, N.Y.

5 (1951) Brad Van Pelt, Owosso,
Mich.

5-(d – 1982) Dick Colman,
Middlebury, Vt.

5-(d – 1993) Skip McCain,
Princess Anne, Md.

5-(d – 1996) Frank Hoffman,
Potomac, Md.

6 (1901) Pooley Hubert,
Meridian, Miss.

6 (1934) Aurealius Thomas,
Muskogee, Okla.

6 (1944) John Huarte, Anaheim,
Calif.

6 (1965) Sterling Sharpe,
Chicago, Ill.

**7 (1859) Walter Camp, New
Britain, Conn.**

**7 (1900) Edgar Garbisch,
Washington, Pa.**

**7 (1954) Tony Dorsett,
Aliquippa, Pa.**

**7 (1961) Gabe Rivera, Crystal
City, Texas**

**7-(d – 1986) Bert Metzger,
Hinsdale, Ill.**

8 (1924) Jim Martin, Cleveland,
Ohio

8 (1955) Ricky Bell, Houston,
Texas

8 (1967) Anthony Thompson,
Terre Haute, Ind.

9 (1871) John Minds, Clearfield
County, Pa.

9 (1898) Paul Robeson,
Princeton, N.J.

9 (1921) Vince Banonis, Detroit,
Mich.

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- 9 (1947) Ron Pritchard, Chicago, Ill.
- 9 (1966) Tracy Rocker, Atlanta, Ga.
- 9-(d – 1980) Howard Harpster, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 9-(d – 1983) Jess Neely, Weslaco, Texas
- 10 (1909) Clarke Hinkle, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 10 (1918) Jim Daniell, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 10 (1938) Don Meredith, Mt. Vernon, Texas
- 11 (1903) Jake Gaither, Dayton, Tenn.
- 11 (1916) Sam Chapman, Tiburon, Calif.
- 11 (1916) Danny Fortmann, Pearl River, N.Y.
- 11 (1941) Joe Romig, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 11 (1962) Terry Hoage, Ames, Iowa
- 11-(d – 1948) Jock Sutherland, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 11-(d – 1987) Bill Morton, Hanover, N.H.
- 11-(d -2008) Bob Pellegrini, Marmora, N.J.
- 12 (1870) Winchester Osgood, Port Bananas, Fla.
- 12 (1944) Mike Garrett, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 12-(d – 2013) Frosty Westering, Puyallup, Wash.
- 13 (1897) Jimmy Leech, Collierville, Va.
- 13 (1915) Bob Devaney, Saginaw, Mich.
- 14 (1876) Eddie Rogers, Libby, Minn.
- 14 (1901) Mal Stevens, Stockton, Kan.
- 14 (1926) Harry Gilmer, Birmingham, Ala.
- 14-(d – 2000) Charlie O'Rourke, Bridgewater, Mass.
- 15 (1938) Richie Lucas, Glassport, Pa.
- 15 (1947) Ted Kwalick, McKees Rocks, Pa.
- 15-(d - 2002) Byron White, Denver, Colo.
- 16 (1970) Steve Emtman, Spokane, Wash.
- 16 (1972) Jim Ballard, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
- 16-(d -1981) Lee Tressel, Berea, Ohio
- 17 (1905) Herb Joesting, Little Falls, Minn.
- 17 (1941) Bill Redell, Red Bluff, Calif.
- 17 (1972) Tony Boselli, Modesto, Calif.
- 18 (1913) Pug Lund, Rice Lake, Wis.
- 18 (1931) Harley Sewell, St. Jo, Texas
- 18 (1962) Wilber Marshall, Titusville, Fla.
- 18 (1970) Willie Roaf, Pine Bluff, Ark,
- 18-(d – 2005) Sam Mills, Charlotte, N.C.
- 19 (1883) Germany Schulz, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
- 19 (1892) Ernie Godfrey, Dover, Ohio
- 19 (1907) Jack Cannon, Columbus, Ohio
- 19 (1925) Chuck Klausung, Wilmerding, Ohio
- 19 (1936) Jack Pardee, Exira, Iowa
- 19 (1965) Keith Jackson, Little Rock, Ark.
- 19-(d – 2009) Felix "Doc" Blanchard, Bulverde, Texas
- 20 (1893) Murray Shelton, Dunkirk, N.Y.
- 20 (1915) Eric Tipton, Petersburg, Va.
- 20 (1926) Hub Bechtol, Amarillo, Texas
- 20 (1930) Harry Agganis, Lynn, Mass.
- 20 (1945) Steve Spurrier, Miami Beach, Fla.
- 21 (1935) Jim Young, Franklin Lakes, N.J.
- 21-(d – 1974) – Charles "Chic" Harley, Columbus, Ohio
- 21-(d – 2005) Cliff Montgomery, Mineola, N.Y.
- 22 (1902) Eddie Cameron, Manor, Pa.
- 22 (1907) Barton "Botchy" Koch, Temple, Texas

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23-(d – 1950) Bill Alexander, Atlanta, Ga.	26-(d – 1974) Eddie Anderson, Clearwater, Fla.	29-(d – 2005) Bob Ward, Annapolis, Md.
23 (1916) Bud Wilkinson, Minneapolis, Minn.	26-(d - 2011) Jim Mandich, Miami, Fla.	30 (1871) Fielding Yost, Fairview, W.Va.
24 (1915) Ed Franco, Jersey City, N.J.	27 (1887) Bishop Frank Juhan, Macon, Ga.	30 (1887) Doc Fenton, Scranton, Pa.
24 (1921) Weldon Humble, Nixon, Texas	27 (1941) Lee Roy Jordan, Excel, Ala.	30 (1895) Bernie Moore, Jonesboro, Tenn.
24 (1938) Carroll Dale, Wise, Va.	27-(d – 1995) Bruce Bosley, San Francisco, Calif.	30 (1918) Augie Lio, East Boston, Mass.
24-(d – 1978) Hunk Anderson, West Palm Beach, Fla.	28 (1876) Frank Cavanaugh, Worcester, Mass.	30 (1935) Jon Arnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
25 (1953) Rod Shoate, Spiro, Okla.	28 (1947) Bill Enyart, Pawhuska, Okla.	30 (1941) Jerry Stovall, West Monroe, La.
25 (1954) Randy Cross, Brooklyn, N.Y.	28 (1955) Wilson Whitley, Brenham, Texas	30-(d – 1974) Claude Reeds, McClain, Okla.
25-(d – 1973) Bud Sprague, New York City	28-(d – 1962) Arnett “Ace” Mumford, Baton Rouge, La.	30-(d - 2012) Billy Neighbors, Huntsville, Ala.
25-(d – 1985) Ernie Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.	28-(d – 1981) Cliff Battles, Clearwater, Fla.	
26 (1927) John Ralston, Oakland, Calif.	28-(d – 1993) Ben Schwartzwalder, St. Petersburg, Fla.	
	29 (1914) Darrell Lester, Jacksboro, Texas	
	29 (1920) David Nelson, Detroit, Mich.	

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College Football’s First Redshirt

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Redshirt_\(college_sports\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Redshirt_(college_sports))

The first athlete known to extend his eligibility in the modern era of redshirting was Warren Alfson of the University of Nebraska in 1937. Alfson requested that he be allowed to sit out his sophomore season due to the number of experienced players ahead of him. In addition, he had not started college until several years after graduating from high school, and thus felt he needed more preparation. The year off worked; Alfson was All-Big Six Conference in 1939 and an All-American guard in 1940.

Outing 1886, Our Monthly Record

The Annual Meeting of the Intercollegiate Foot-Ball Association for 1886, was held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in this city on October 16, on which occasion the college delegates were as follows: Captain R. M. Corwin, '87, and C. L. Hare, '87, represented Yale; Capt. W. A. Brooks, '87, and C.E. Hamlin, '84, Harvard; Capt. H. S. Savage, '87, and R. P. Bradford, '87, Princeton ; Capt. J. C. Wells, '88, and J. M. Stevens, '87, Wesleyan; and Capt. F. W. Graham, '87, and N. B. Young, '87, the University of Pennsylvania. Up to the date of this convention Yale may be said to have had a control.

Having voice at the annual meetings, and in fact has generally run the conventions the past two or three years; but this time the new element from the Pennsylvania University made itself known, and "pooling their issues" with Harvard and Princeton, out-voted Yale and Wesleyan on every important issue. The main point in view for discussion was the question of the schedule of games for the champion cup campaign of 1886, and in settling the issue of the Yale and Princeton games the Princeton delegates advocated the playing of their match with Yale at Princeton. Captain Corwin of Yale, said that such a motion was unconstitutional, as the constitution provides that "the game between the two leaders shall be played on the New York Polo grounds on Thanksgiving day."

Princeton said that the decrees of any of the Faculties of the contesting colleges were paramount to the constitution; that her Faculty last year had forbid her forever from playing on other than the grounds of one of the contesting colleges; that this Faculty decree had set aside the constitution last year, and would have to set it aside this year and in all ensuing years; and that she had played in New Haven last year on Yale's promise to play in Princeton this year.

This Yale denied. Harvard and Pennsylvania viewed the matter in the same light as Princeton, while Wesleyan's idea of the subject corresponded with Yale's. The convention set the game for Princeton. Yale threatened to leave the association, but the threat was not heeded, and the date-making was gone on with, Yale having nothing to say. At last she came to terms, and a new schedule was arranged to suit the majority. On the question of the adoption of a ball it was decided to make the Lillywhite ball No. 5 the regulation ball of the association, the same to be purchased from Spalding Brothers, the American agents on Broadway. No changes were made in the rules, save that of inserting the words "in play" in the place of "until the ball has been put in motion" in rule.

Player kicks for both Lehigh and Lafayette

Source: From the Lehigh media guide:

Lehigh and Lafayette have never played to a scoreless tie. The lowest score in the long series came in 1922 when Lafayette avoided a 0-0 deadlock when "Botts" Brunner kicked a field goal with 45 seconds remaining.

Brunner is the only man to star for both Lehigh and Lafayette. In 1916 he had a field goal in the 50th game of the series, in Easton, helping Lehigh to a 16-0 triumph. In 1921, after stints at Yale and Pennsylvania in the years when true free-agency was the rule, he came back in a Lafayette uniform to help win the annual contest, 28-6 for the Leopards.

Harley, a Marvelous Halfback

Source: Sporting Life, 1916

EVERY time Coach "Hurry Up" Yost sees anything in print about Chick Harley, the Ohio State marvel, it makes him peevish. Harley, who is considered one of the greatest halfbacks of the year in the big nine conference, was scheduled to go to Michigan, but switched and entered Ohio State. Now the Ohio State team, which is one of the leading factors in the conference championship, virtually owes its marvelous showing to Harley. Harley, who is a Chicago lad, has done the miraculous all season.

Last Saturday in the Wisconsin game he made two sensational runs and won the game.

Harley is also a base ball star, and only a year ago had an offer from an American Association team, but turned it down in order to continue his college work.

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Princeton's Great Victory

Source: Outing 1893

The Yale-Princeton game was played at Manhattan field, New York, before 30,000 people. Princeton won the toss, and outplayed Yale from, start to finish.

The Yale team was not in the best shape, as the crowding of three hard games into 13 days had robbed the team of its vitality.

Yale made a desperate fight though, despite the fact that Princeton outgeneraled her in every way. Yale's goal line was unable to stand against the assaults of the Tigers.

At nearly every assault the blue line gave way before the orange and black, while every attempt of Yale to break Princeton's centre was either unsuccessful or the gain was inconsequential.

Yale made a few efforts to get around the ends, but in general they were ineffectual and they returned to their bucking tactics. The flying wedge went to pieces time after time in spite of Butterworth's cannon-ball rushes. On the other hand, the Princeton rush line seldom failed to make headway, while on several notable occasions the Yale ends were skirted for tremendous gains, usually with the pigskin under Phil King's arm. King's playing was the most brilliant ever made on a football field. He not only managed every detail of the game, but he did the meteoric feats.

The Yale work was not brilliant. The men seemed tired, but Butterworth saved the team from utter rout. He stood like a stone wall at the centre all the time, and though overborne by superior force, he ever rallied to the fray and held the wavering blue line wherever possible, going down at the last ditch. Hinkey was a complete failure.

Early in the game he received a blow on the head while tackling which took all the tuck out of him.

It was a defensive game for Yale all through, a complete reversal of all precedent. Her gains were made by punting, which were speedily overcome by Princeton's brilliant rushes.

In 35 minutes after play was started Princeton had by a series of magnificent assaults carried Yale bodily down the field, and Ward scored a touch-down and King kicked a goal, making the score 6 to 0. In the second half, Princeton played more on the defensive, although the men did brilliant work, and might have scored had it been essential.

Most of the time the ball was in Yale's territory, often coming near the goal line.

The teams and summary:

Yale	Position	Princeton
Greenway.....	Right end.....	Trenchard
Beard.....	Right tackle.....	Lea
Hickok.....	Right guard.....	Taylor
Skillman.....	Centre	Balliet
McCea	Left guard.....	Wheeler
Murphy.....	Left, tackle.....	Holly
Hinkey.....	Left end.....	Brown
Adee.....	Quarter-back	King
Thorne.....	Left half-back.....	Ward
Armstrong.....	Right half-back.....	Morre
Butterworth.....	Full-back	Blake

Final score: Princeton, 6; Yale, 0.

Touchdown: Ward, for Princeton, 1. Goal—King, for Princeton 1.

Referee Mr. Brooks, of Harvard.

Umpire Mr. Dashiell, of Lehigh. Time of game—2:25

This makes the honors even between the two great rival foot ball teams.

Princeton having won first honors in the Intercollegiate Association in 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1885. 1886, 1889, and 1893.

Yale winning the championship in 1881, 1882. 1883, 1887, 1888, 1890, 1891 and 1892.

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RULES OF THE SEASON OF 1896

Rule 24. A side which has made a touch-down in their opponents' goal must try-at-goal, either by a place-kick or a punt-out. If the goal be missed, the ball shall go as a kick-off at the centre of the field to the defenders of the goal.

Rule 25. (a) If the try be a place-kick, a player of the side which has touched the ball down shall bring it up to the goal line, and, making a mark opposite the spot where

the ball was touched down, shall bring it out at right angles to the goal line any desired distance, and there place it for another of his side to kick. The opponents must remain behind their goal line until the ball has been placed upon the ground.

(b) The placer in a try-at-goal may be off-side or out of bounds without vitiating the kick.

Safety. A point in scoring made against a team when one of its players, guarding his goal, receives the ball in some way from one of his own side, and touches it down behind his goal line; or when he himself takes the ball back and touches it down; or when the ball, kicked by one of his own side, bounds back across his own goal line and he then touches it down. The term "safety" is applied because this gives him the privilege of taking the ball out for a kick, and thus relieving the pressure against his goal. A safety scores two points for the other side.

As to the Runner. The handling of the ball by the quarter-back, between the centre-rush and the runner, is made necessary by a rule of the game, which provides that the ball must have touched a third player before any attempt can be made to advance it, and that until such time it shall not be carried or moved forward. Hence the quarter-back is unable to run with the ball himself, and the same prohibition applies to the centre-rush, although, if the ball were passed later to either of these players, this restriction would not be operative.

It is also a rule of the game that the ball shall never be thrown or passed forward from one player to another and any forward pass counts as a misplay, with penalty of loss of the ball.

If in three consecutive downs (unless the ball cross the goal line) a team shall not have advanced the ball five yards or taken it back twenty yards, it shall go to the opponents on the spot of the fourth down. "Consecutive" means without going out of the possession of the side holding it, except that by having kicked the ball they have given their opponents fair and equal chance of gaining possession of it. (1896 Rule)

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Teams with 40 or more consecutive winning seasons

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Rank [^]	No. =50	School	[Min. 3 Games; Win % over .500]	Division
1	57	Linfield OR		NAIA/NAIA I/NAIA II/NCAA III
2	47	Princeton		Major College
3*	42	Central IA		Small College/NCAA III
	42	Harvard		Major College
5*	40	Nebraska		Major College/1A
	40	Ithaca NY		College Division/NCAA III

**All-Time Rank; going into the 2015 season*

30 or more Consecutive Games without a loss

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Games	School	Division	W-L-T	Seasons
60	Augustana IL	NCAA III	59-0-1	1984-87
55	Mount Union	NCAA III	55-0-0	2000-03
54	Morgan State	College Division	48-0-6	1931-38
54	Mount Union	NCAA III	54-0-0	1996-99
47	Texas A&I	NAIA I	46-0-1	1973-77
46	Tuskegee	Small College	42-0-4	1923-28
42	Sioux Falls	NAIA	42-0-0	2008-10
41	Missouri Valley	Small College	40-0-1	1942, 46-48
40	Grand Valley State	NCAA III	40-0-0	2005-07
38	Doane	NAIA/College Division	36-0-2	1965-70
37	Southern	Small College	35-0-2	1947-51
35	North Dakota State	Small College	34-0-1	1968-72
34	North Dakota State	CSD	34-0-0	2012-15
32	Wilkes	College Division	32-0-0	1965-69
31	Morgan State	NAIA/ College Division	31-0-0	1965-68
31	Trinity CT	NCAA III	31-0-0	2002-04
30	Bentley	NCAA II	30-0-0	1993-95
30	East Texas State	NAIA/Small College	29-0-1	1951-53