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Source: The Sporting Life... 1916 **A Famous Star of the Past** *Willie Heston, of Michigan, Compiled Record as & Halfback That Has Never Been Equaled—His Remarkable Point Total*

By Frank G. Menke

Time cannot dim the glory that is Willie Heston's; the onrushing years cannot efface the memories of the greatest halfback that America has ever produced.

A decade and more has passed since the great Wolverine halfback hung up his uniform for the last time. Yet his deeds are as fresh in the minds of foot ball lovers as they were in the era when he was tearing lines to ribbons with his powerful, bull-like rushes. And the tales of Heston's triumphs will thunder down through the vales of history to echo and re-echo for the next generation—and the next— and the next.

Heston was the irresistible force—the human juggernaut. He hurled his compact, marvelous body into, the most powerful human walls that ever were produced and split them a sunder. Every team that played Michigan during the regime of Heston had orders to "Get Heston!" And none succeeded. Four men, six men, eight men, oftentimes threw themselves into the pathway of the charging Wolverine. And he crashed into—and through—those defenses as a bowling ball zips through the tenpins

HOW ECKERSALL, STOPPED HESTON

Only one man—Walter Eckersall, of Chicago—ever was able to stop Heston temporarily. He accomplished it with a trick, but Heston quickly thwarted it. "Ecky," like the other Michigan foes, first tried to halt the Heston rushes by tackling him as he came at him. And, of course, he failed.

"Don't try that any more." was Coach Alonzo Stagg's orders to Eckersall. "Hereafter tackle Heston from behind. Let him get past you, if necessary. Then, because you are faster you can catch up to him. And throw yourself at the back of his legs."

Heston was "dumped" by Eckersall several times by that method. Fielding Yost and Heston quickly got together and mapped out a plan whereby the fleetest of the Michigan players was to do nothing else but "box" Eckersall every time a Michigan play was made. And from then on, when Eckersall tried to tackle Heston from behind he found himself blocked.

Heston, during his four years as a Michigander, scored 93 touchdowns for a total of 465 points. It is a record that has withstood the onslaught of all gridiron stars since then—an achievement that may rank foremost for all time.

HESTON'S "RUSH" RECORD

If all of Heston's gains were added together and divided by 110 yards—the touchdown distance in his day—they would show that Heston gained enough ground alone to score 300 touchdowns—and more. An instance of his ground gaining power is shown in the recital of his work against Chicago in 1903. The entire Wolverine squad gained 260 yards by rushing—and of this Heston alone gained 237 yards!

The Wolverine star never placed his own interest above those of his team. He ever was willing to sacrifice individual glory for that of his mates—and his team. Often during his amazing career, when he had earned the right to carry over the ball for a touchdown, he surrendered it to one of his mates.

HIS UNSELFISHNESS

The best illustration of this came in the famous 6-6 game that Minnesota and Michigan played. It was one of the few games Michigan failed to win during the

four years Heston battled under the Wolverine standard. Michigan got the ball on its own 45-yard line. In twelve crashes into the tremendous Minnesota line the ball was carried over for a touchdown.

And Heston alone carried the ball on 11 of those charges. To score on Minnesota in that game—to batter through that supposedly impregnable line—was the greatest ambition of Heston's life. Foot ball experts declared that Heston couldn't do it.

With his 11 charges he carried that ball 57 yards and rested it then upon Minnesota's three-yard line. One more rush—and the ball would be over.

One more chance to carry it and Heston's ambition would be realized. Just another crash into that line and Heston could have accomplished what many had called impossible. And Heston—did he ask to carry the ball? Did he insist upon finishing the charge he had started and earned on with much demoniacal.

No, Heston submerged his own desires. He remembered that Joe Maddock, one of his mates, too, had yearned for the joy and the glory of scoring on Minnesota.

And so he jumped over to the quarterback as the teams lined up for the last Wolverine charge, and whispered:

“Give the ball to Joe this time.”

And the quarterback, although surprised, followed Heston's orders. Maddock took the ball, lunged for the line, and with Heston back of him and pushing with all his superb strength, went over for a touchdown, while the Michigan stands volleyed and thundered their plaudits for the man who had scored for Michigan—Joe Maddock.

Such a man was Willie Heston.

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College Football in 1915...

And now we come to touchdowns scored by forward passes, either directly into the end zone, or far more often to a player who thereupon covered the remaining distance by a run. Those who are

fond of arguing the relative merits of the running, passing and kicking attack will be interested to know that the actual statistics covering all touchdowns made this fall by all the college elevens of the United States, excepting only those touchdowns which were made from plunges within the 5-yard line, disclose that the most frequent method of scoring has been by forward passes.

o *From The Sporting Life...The Best Foot Ball Alibis*

Some remarkable alibis have been used explaining defeats, but Johnny Bender, formerly a star at St. Louis University ns a player and later coach at the Mound City and at Washington State College, comes out with the best in years. Bender is coaching the Kansas Aggies and he declares that the Kansas Normals jobbed him out of the annual game by using a disc harrow on the field.

Here is his explanation:

"The Aggies, being very light, were depending on footwork and the forward pass in the game last week. Knowing this, the Normal management caused the field, to be double disced, knowing, that the slow field would not affect their players, who were depending on weight and not speed to win for them. Then an inch of rain fell, arid the field was transformed into a quagmire in which the Aggies bad not chance at all to work the formations on which they had depended. This is the first recorded use of a plow in winning a foot ballgame.

- ❖ This is almost a duplicate of an alibi furnished by the University of Oregon 10 or 12 years ago, when, with a team doped to beat the Oregon Aggies 30 or 40 to 0, they returned from Corvallis with a scoreless tie. On that occasion, Oregon men maintained, the Aggies plowed a ditch of 10 yards wide across each end of the field, 25 or 30 yards from the goal, and then turned the fire hose on the soft ground, making a quagmire of the field and making scoring across those barriers impossible.
- ❖ Another prize alibi was given a few years ago by a Baker University correspondent, who declared that the Baker team's weakness against Haskell was caused by the fact that one of the leading Baker players had poisoned himself by eating paw paws.

Source: *Sporting Life*...**Walk Off With Goal Post**

By Chandler D. Richter

A few hours after Columbia had beaten Wesleyan, the East goal post and cross-bar on Columbia's field mysteriously disappeared.

It was over this post this Howard Miller, Columbia's brilliant halfback, had kicked his 47-yard drop kick, which was enough to have won. For good measure, however, Miller added three more field goals and scored a touchdown, making 19 points for the Morningside Heights eleven.

It is said that several friends of Miller sawed down the posts and took it to his home in New Rochelle, where it will be planted in the back yard as a souvenir of the wonderful kick.

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Source: Stars of an Earlier Autumn...*NATIONAL CHAMPIONS of 1915*

William B Hanna/New York Sun, Editor and Walter Trumbull, New York World, Cornell Tom Tharp (Football Official)Harvard* (*Ranked 3rd and 2nd, respective in the polls the NY Sun and NY World*)

Source: *Sporting Life*, 1894...FOOT BALL OR NO FOOT BALL****

The Question Discussed by Professors Wilson and Wilder.

Profs. Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton, and Burt G. Wilder, of Cornell, discussed the question, "*Ought Foot Ball to be Encouraged?*" recently before the Art Club of Philadelphia. The former took the affirmative. The meeting was called by the Contemporary Club, and Dr. Harrison Allen, who presided, introduced the speakers.

THE AFFIRMATIVE

"The question has two sides to it," said Prof. Wilson. "Are we going to encourage the game for the sake of others, or are we going to encourage it for the sake of the game itself? It seems to me unquestioned that anything which the colleges can control they should continue to control in the future for the sake of the athletics of this country, because you will observe that it is only by leadership of gentlemen that this thing can be kept manly and clean.

"Notwithstanding the fact that the game of cricket has become popular in England, it is, nevertheless, a gentleman's game. They set the standard. The question therefore is, Are manly influences and gentlemanly influences to control foot ball and preside over it? I think I can show you that college men can play better ball than others, and, therefore, they can maintain their leadership, and it will win, as it has in the past, in the leadership of the most manly crowd."

Then, taking up the other side of the question, Shall the game be encouraged for the sake of the game itself? he said: "I must give a most unhesitating affirmative, because I believe it develops more moral qualities than any other game of athletics. Ordinary athletics produce valuable qualities precision, decision, presence of mind, and endurance. No man can be a successful athlete without these four qualities.

"This game produces two other qualities not common to all athletics, that of co-operation, or action with others, and self-subordination. These are things to be encouraged, and they unquestionably come from the game of foot ball. In to understand all its developments.

"Why is it that Harvard don't win in foot ball? President Eliot says they don't play well because of the elective system of-studies, and I think he is practically right. The elective man is never subject to discipline. Let me assure you that the years in which Princeton was defeated were the years when she had not sense enough to win or, in other words, the men organizing didn't have the qualities of generalship.

"Will the increase of foot ball discourage studiousness? You say it withdraws the attention of the student from his studies. It is the undergraduates that are going to play foot ball. I believe it ought to be the object of college faculties to forbid graduates to play foot ball, as they are now in that field of life where they must specialize themselves."

Professor Wilson held that foot ball contests should be played only in the large cities. He had heard the game called a "prize fight" and a "bull fight," but it was because the men who played were in their athletic suits. The only reason they did not appear in evening dress was because it was inconvenient, and, as to the large gate receipts, the players did not share in them, as the money was devoted to keeping grounds in order, maintaining an organization, etc.

THE NEGATIVE

Professor Hurt G. Wilder, of Cornell University took the negative side of the question, and said that he played foot ball forty years ago, but it was eighteen years since, after a most careful consideration of his own experience and observation of what was going on in his own university and in others, that he hart come to the conclusion that there should be no intercollegiate athletic contests whatever. He had hoped to hear Professor Wilson discuss the difference between foot ball as it is and as it might be.

He believed that the student of an American university was worthy of being told that he should lay aside all kinds of competition which pertain to athletic sports when he ceases to be a boy and begins to be a man. If it is true, he said, that college men are the best foot ball players, it is because the young men of the colleges are the power of the land'. If foot ball be so noble a mine, if it be a game which has such possibilities for the training of youth, why, then, doe: an ex-foot ball captain, under his own name, state that an umpire in the shape of a perfect sport should be employed to keep the" young men in order?

Professor Wilder believed that it was possible to have the game so modified as to become the best outdoor cold-weather exercise for vigorous young men, who like personal contact with their fellowmen.

He was in favor of a game rid of its present undesirable features. The surest way, he said, to do away with foot ball would be to compel every student in a university to play unless asked by his parents to be excused.

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Editor's Note: *Very little is known about George Trevor; an early sportswriter and his accomplishments.*

He is credited with selecting a National Champion, 1876-1945; without a designation which were retroactive.

Considering that his initial top-team was named 16 years before he was born—123 years ago Friday, July 31—it is safe to say most of his early choices were predated.

He compiled a list of the best Blocking backs and blocking lineman that appeared in Dr. L.H. Baker's book, *Football: Facts and Figures* ©1945; appearing on page 140 in the publication.

A quick search online has produced the following.

George Trevor (Sportswriter. Born, Cooperstown, NY, July 31, 1892; died, Port Chester, NY, Nov. 17, 1951.) Of all the college football writers of his era, George S. Trevor was easily the most renowned. Trevor graduated Yale in 1915, taught military strategy at the Army War College (1917-18), wrote advertising copy, and joined the Brooklyn *Eagle* in 1922 as a sportswriter. He moved to *The Sun* in 1926 and began selecting the paper's all-America football team, the oldest and most respected in the country among newspapers. Trevor also wrote annual football prospectuses for major magazines and was soon recognized as an authority. Trevor was the last principal writer for a major paper to write his copy in longhand for transmission to his office (which was done in those days by telegraphers in the press box). When *The Sun* was sold to the *World-Telegram* Jan. 4, 1950, Trevor worked briefly at the combined paper. He is credited with creating the phrase "Mr. Outside" (Glenn Davis) and "Mr. Inside" (Doc Blanchard) for the famed World War II running backs at West Point. The press box at Yale Bowl was dedicated to his memory and when then-coach Herman Hickman introduced him to the Yale squad at a pre-season practice in 1951, Hickman said that, excepting Walter Camp (*q.v.*), "He has done more for Yale football than anyone."

--Source: New-York Historical Society's Bill Shannon Dictionary of New York Sports

Here is a composite listing of Trevor's National Champions.

**George Trevor National
Champions**

Year	Team	Year	Team
1888	Yale	1918	Pittsburgh
1889	Princeton	1919	Centre
1890	Harvard	1920	California
1891	Yale	1921	Cornell
1892	Yale	1922	Princeton
1893	Princeton	1923	Yale
1894	Yale	1924	Notre Dame
1895	Yale	1925	Dartmouth
1896	Princeton	1926	Stanford
1897	Pennsylvania	1927	Illinois

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1898	Harvard	1928	Georgia Tech
1899	Princeton	1929	Notre Dame
1900	Yale	1930	Notre Dame
1901	Harvard	1931	Southern California
1902	Michigan	1932	Colgate
1903	Princeton	1933	Princeton
1904	Pennsylvania	1934	Minnesota
1905	Yale	1935	Princeton
1906	Yale	1936	Minnesota
1907	Yale	1937	Pittsburgh
1908	Harvard	1938	Texas Christian
1909	Yale	1939	Texas A&M
1910	Team Unknown	1940	Minnesota
1911	Princeton	1941	Minnesota
1912	Harvard	1942	Ohio St.
1913	Harvard	1943	Notre Dame
1914	Army	1944	Army
1915	Colgate	1945	Army
1916	Pittsburgh		Army
1917	Georgia Tech	1946	Notre Dame

➤ All-Time list of **Blocking Backs and Blocking Linemen+**

Blocking Backs

*Ernie Pinckert, So. Calif, (sic), 1931
Walter Runge, Colgate, 1905
John McCauley, Rice, 1935
Earl Britton, Illinois, 1924
Bill Morley, Columbia, 1899
Sam Chapman, California, 1937
Bob Hamilton, Stanford, 1936

Blocking Linemen

Huntington Hardwick, Harvard, 1914
Jim Welsh, Colgate, 1923
Ray Montgomery, Pittsburgh, 1929
Wm Heffelfinger, Yale, 1891
Ralph Chapman, Illinois, 1914
Bert Metzger, Notre Dame, 1930
Maurice Smith, Notre Dame, 1920

Duane Purvis, Purdue, 1934
Nello Falaschi, Santa Clara, 1936
Edward Hill, NYU, 1928

John Brown, Vanderbilt, 1929
Seraphim Post, Stanford, 1928
Frank Schwab, Lafayette, 1922

+ Appeared in Dr. L.H. Baker's book,
Football: Facts and Figures ©1945; page
140.

*Correct spelling is Erny; per USC Media
Guide

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Alumnus Football ©1941

By Grantland Rice

Bill Jones had been the shining star upon his college team.
His tackling was ferocious and his bucking was a dream.
When husky William took the ball beneath his brawny arm
They had two extra men to ring the ambulance alarm.

Bill hit the line and ran the ends like some mad bull amuck.
The other team would shiver when they saw him start to buck.
And when some rival tackler tried to block his dashing pace,
On waking up, he'd ask, "Who drove that truck across my face?"

Bill had the speed-Bill had the weight-Bill never bucked in vain;
From goal to goal he whizzed along while fragments, strewed the plain,
And there had been a standing bet, which no one tried to call,
That he could make his distance through a ten-foot granite wall.

When he wound up his college course each student's heart was sore.
They wept to think bull-throated Bill would sock the line no more.
Not so with William - in his dreams he saw the Field of Fame,
Where he would buck to glory in the swirl of Life's big game.

Sweet are the dreams of college life, before our faith is nicked-
The world is but a cherry tree that's waiting to be picked;
The world is but an open road-until we find, one day,
How far away the goal posts are that called us to the play.

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So, with the sheepskin tucked beneath his arm in football style,
Bill put on steam and dashed into the thickest of the pile;
With eyes ablaze he sprinted where the laurelled highway led-
When Bill woke up his scalp hung loose and knots adorned his head.

He tried to run the ends of life, but with rib-crushing toss
A rent collector tackled him and threw him for a loss.
And when he switched his course again and dashed into the line
The massive Guard named Failure did a toddle on his spine.

Bill tried to punt out of the rut, but ere he turned the trick
Right Tackle Competition scuttled through and blocked the kick.
And when he tackled at Success in one long, vicious prod
The Fullback Disappointment steered his features in sod.

Bill was no quitter, so he tried a buck in higher gear,
But Left Guard Envy broke it up and stood him on his ear.
Whereat he aimed a forward pass, but in two vicious bounds
Big Center Greed slipped through a hole and rammed him out of bounds.

But one day, when across the Field of Fame the goal seemed dim,
The wise old coach, Experience, came up and spoke to him.
"Oh Boy," he said, "the main point now before you win your bout
Is keep on bucking Failure till you've worn the piker out!"

"And, kid, cut out this fancy stuff - go in there, low and hard;
Just keep your eye upon the ball and plug on, yard by yard,
And more than all, when you are thrown or tumbled with a crack,
Don't sit there whining-hustle up and keep on coming back;

"Keep coming back with all you've got, without an alibi,
If Competition trips you up or lands upon your eye,
Until at last above the din you hear this sentence spilled:
'We might as well let this bird through before we all get killed.'

"You'll find the road is long and rough, with soft spots far apart,
Where only those can make the grade who have the Uphill Heart.
And when they stop you with a thud or halt you with a crack,
Let Courage call the signals as you keep on coming back.

"Keep coming back, and though the world may romp across your spine,
Let every game's end find you still upon the battling line;

For when the One Great Scorer comes to mark against your name,
He writes - not that you won or lost - but how you played the Game."

(Used by permission of Rice's family.)

From the IFRA Archives...

Flip-Flopped: Different No. 1 and No. in the final polls for a given year

- **AP's No. 1 and 2 were flipped in the Coaches Poll**

1954 Ohio State-UCLA
1957 Auburn-LSU
1965 Alabama-Michigan State
1978 Alabama-USC
1990 Colorado-Georgia Tech
1991 Miami FL-Washington
1997 Michigan-Nebraska

- **Same #1 in both polls; but a Different #2**

1968 Ohio State (AP)-Penn State; (UPI)-USC
1971 Nebraska (AP)-Oklahoma; (UPI)-Alabama
2007 LSU (AP)-Georgia; (USA Today)-USC
2008 Florida (AP)-Utah; (USA Today)-USC

- **AP's #1 and #2...Different than UPI's 1-2**

1970 Nebraska-Notre Dame (AP); Texas-Ohio State (UPI)
1973 Notre Dame-Ohio State (AP); Alabama-Oklahoma (UPI)

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Bo Carter presents...College Football Hall of Famers born and died during the month of August

1 (1929) Joe Palumbo, Beaver, Pa.	2-(d – 1992) Jim Weatherall, Oklahoma City, Okla.
1-(d-2013) Dick Kazmaier, Boston, Mass.	3 (1898) Gordon Locke, Denison, Iowa
2 (1901) Charley Caldwell, Bristol, Va.	3 (1932) Jackie Parker, Knoxville Tenn.
2 (1905) Billy Nicks, Griffin, Ga.	3 (1934) Don Holleder, Rochester, N.Y.
2 (1933) Matt Hazeltine, Ross, Calif.	3 (1938) Maxie Baughan, Forkland, Ala.
2 (1937) Billy Cannon, Philadelphia, Miss.	3-(d – 1972) Vince Pazzetti, Bethlehem, Pa.

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3-(d – 1977) Ralph Baker, Portland, Ore.

3-(d – 2011) Bubba Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.

4 (1908) Frank Carideo, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

4-(d – 1981) Jack Green, Nashville, Tenn.

4-(d-2010) Gary Johnson, Shreveport, La.

5 (1940) Roman Gabriel, Wilmington, N.C.

5 (1946) Gary Beban, San Francisco, Calif.

5 (1952) Freddie Scott, Grady, Ark.

5-(d – 1978) Dutch Clark, Canon City, Colo.

5-(d – 1986) Les Lautenschlaeger, New Orleans, La.

6 (1902) Harry Wilson, Mingo Junction, Ohio

6 (1906) Ken Strong, West Haven, Conn.

6 (1907) Jerry Dalrymple, Arkadelphia, Ark.

6 (1920) Steve Lach, Altoona, Pa.

7 (1928) Ron Schipper, Zeeland, Mich.

7 (1945) Alan Page, Canton, Ohio

7-(d – 1962) Vince Stevenson, Philadelphia, Pa.

8 (1970) Trev Alberts, Cedar Falls, Iowa

8-(d – 1987) Myles Lane, New York City

8-(d – 1988) Alan Ameche, Houston, Texas

9 (1899) Ed McGinley, Chester, Pa.

9 (1955) Doug Williams, Zachary, La.

9 (1967) Deion Sanders, Ft. Myers, Fla.

9-(d – 1970) John McEwan, New York, N.Y.

9-(d – 1972) Joe Skladany, Pittsburgh, Pa.

9-(d – 1990) – Max Starcevich, Silverdale, Wash.

9-(d – 1999) Riley Smith, Mobile, Ala.

10 (1961) Billy Ray Smith, Fayetteville, Ark.

10 (1970) Gino Torretta, Pinole, Calif.

12 (1915) Alex Wojciechowicz, South River, N.J.

12 (1930) Jack Scarbath, Baltimore, Md.

14-(d – 1958) Henry “Red” Sanders, Los Angeles, Calif.

14-(d – 1966) Duke Slater, Chicago, Ill.

14-(d – 1985) Murray Shelton, Columbia, Md.

14-(d – 1999) John Pingel, Palm Beach, Fla.

14-(d – 2002) Kyle Rote, Baltimore, Md.

15 (1929) Doug Porter, Memphis, Tenn.

15 (1950) Sam Cunningham, Santa Barbara, Calif.

15-(d – 1981) Lynn “Pappy” Waldorf, Berkeley, Calif.

16 (1862) Amos Alonzo Stagg, West Orange, N.J.

16 (1913) Bobby Wilson, Nacogdoches, Texas

16 (1921) Dick Wildung, Scotland, S.D.

16 (1924) Art Weiner, Newark, N.J.

16 (1930) Frank Gifford, Santa Monica, Calif.

16 (1935) Bill Glass, Texarkana, Texas

16 (1946) Ron Yary, Chicago, Ill.

16-(d – 1943) Albert Benbrook, Dallas, Texas

16-(d – 1947) Clint Wycoff, Buffalo, N.Y.

16-(d – 1951) Jimmy Leech, Hamden, Conn.

16-(d – 2011) Pete Pihos, Winston-Salem, N.C.

17 (1884) Lone Star Dietz, Rice Lake, Wis.

17 (1905) Raymond “Rags” Matthews, Ft. Worth, Texas

18 (1890) Everett Bacon, Westbrook, Conn.

18 (1943) Cosmo Iacavazzi, Scranton, Pa.

18-(d - 1977) John Cain, Memphis, Tenn.

18-(d – 1994) John Weller, Princeton, N.J.

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18-(d-2010) Steve DeLong, Knoxville, Tenn.
18 (1951) Greg Pruitt, Houston, Texas
19 (1946) Bob Johnson, Gary, Ind.
19-(d - 1979) Walter Gilbert, Auburn, Ala.
19-(d – 1982) Fritz Crisler, Ann Arbor, Mich.
19-(d – 1985) Bobby Reynolds (Neb.), Lincoln, Neb.
20 (1908) Beattie Feathers, Bristol, Va.
20 (1917) Ed Molinski, Scranton, Pa.
20 (1927) John Rauch, Philadelphia, Pa.
20-(d – 1946) Fielding Yost, Ann Arbor, Mich.
20-(d – 1998) Fred Sington, Birmingham, Ala.
20-(d-2010) Johnny Bailey, Houston, Tex.
21 (1928) Bud McFadin, Rankin, Texas
21 (1945) Willie Lanier, Clover, Va.
21 (1954) Archie Griffin, Columbus, Ohio
21 (1959) Jim McMahon, Jersey City, N.J.
22 (1878) Henry Seibels, Montgomery, Ala.
22 (1880) Bill Roper, Philadelphia, Pa.
22 (1899) Don Lourie, Decatur, Ala.
22 (1909) Mel Hein, Redding, Calif.
22 (1940) Bill McCartney, Riverview, Mich.
22 (1956) Wes Chandler, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.
23 (1874) Bill Hickok, Harrisburg, Pa.
23 (1885) Howard Jones, Excello, Ohio
24 (1887) Albert Benbrook, Chicago, Ill.
24 (1893) Paul Des Jardien, Coffeyville, Kan.
24 (1940) Jim Holder, Wichita Falls, Texas

24-(d – 1967) Mike McKeever, Montebello, Calif.
24-(d – 1973) Gaylord Stinchcomb, Findlay, Ohio
24-(d – 1978) Ernie Rentner, Glencoe, Ill.
24-(d – 1989) Dan Hill, Durham, N.C.
25 (1900) Chuck Carney, Chicago, Ill.
25 (1953) Doug English, Dallas, Texas
25 (1965) Cornelius Bennett, Birmingham, Ala.
26 (1876) Gary Cochran, Driftwood, Pa.
26 (1912) Aaron Rosenberg, Brooklyn, N.Y.
26 (1918) Harry Smith, Russellville, Mo.
26 (1928) Jerry Claiborne, Hopkinsville, Ky.
26 (1933) George Welsh, Coaldale, Pa.
26 (1952) Donnie Shell, Whitmire, S.C.
27 (1908) Frank Leahy, O'Neill, Neb.
27-(d – 1958) Bobby Marshall, Minneapolis, Minn.
28 (1945) Jim Lynch, Lima, Ohio
28-(d – 1967) Bruce Smith (Minn.), Alexandria, Minn.
29 (1896) George McLaren, Pittsburgh, Pa.
29 (1924) Clyde Scott, Dixie, La.
29 (1939) Bob Ferguson, Columbus, Ohio
29 (1950) Tommy Casanova, New Orleans, La.
29-(d – 1933) Frank Cavanaugh, Marshfield, Mass.
29-(d – 2001) Eric Tipton, Newport News, Va.
30 (1915) George Cafego, Whipple, W.Va.
30 (1940) Lance Alworth, Houston, Texas
30 (1955) Marvin Powell, Ft. Bragg, N.C.
30-(d – 1976) Merle Gulick, Ajijic, Mexico
30-(d – 1977) ErbyPinckert, Los Angeles, Calif.
30-(d – 2013) Leo Lewis, Columbia, Mo.
31 (1906) Bill Spears, Jasper, Tenn.

31 (1918) Kenny Washington, Los Angeles, Calif.

31 (1952) Gary Johnson, Shreveport, La.

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Obits: Former Wyoming, Colorado State, Navy, Houston, Purdue and Texas State assistant coach **Clarence A. "Dan" Daniel** passed away June 23. He was 82... Former Tennessee football player **Pete Athas** passed away June 28. He was 67... Northern Arizona football player **Michael DeGroot** died June 30. He was 22... Former Notre Dame football player **Robert Benson** passed away June 30. He was 85... Former Minnesota tight end **Charlie Sanders** passed away July 2. He was 68... Former Notre Dame star Tom Longo passed away July 2. He was 73... **Forrest Behm**, a 1988 College Football Hall of Fame inductee from the University of Nebraska, passed away June 29. At age 95

Former Montana State defensive back **Eryon Barnett** died July 4... Former Winston-Salem State (N.C.) football player and assistant coach **Dwaine Jackson** died. He was 50... Former Alabama quarterback **Ken Stabler** passed away July 8. He was 69... **Lyman Hellums**, who served for 41 years as color analyst of the Ole Miss Rebels' Football Radio Network, passed away July 4. He was 89... Former Eastern Michigan football player and former high school football coach **Gary Lee Cole Sr.** passed away July 4. He was 81... Former Louisiana-Monroe football player and longtime high school football coach **Jimmy "Chick" Childress** passed away July 12. He was 83...

Former Florida Athletics Director and LSU head coach **Bill Arnsperger** passed away July 17. He was 88... Former Lake Forest (Ill.) football player **Richard Crohn** passed away June 30. He was 87... Former Western State Colorado football player and longtime high school football coach **Don Miller** passed away July 5. He was 79... Former Middle Tennessee State football player **Loyal Jobe Jr.** passed away July 7. He was 62... Former Syracuse halfback and Hobart (N.Y.) head football coach **George Davis** passed away July 10. He was 89... Former Tulane wide receiver **JaJuan Dawson** died July 12. He was 37... Northwood (Mich.) head football coach **Pat Riepmann** passed away July 14. He was 54... **Doug Layton**, who spent nearly 30 years in the radio booth for Alabama football, passed away July 15. He was 81... Arkansas Tech football player **Zemarc Holt** died July 19. He was 21...

Pat Shires, a 1951 National Champion and quarterback for College Football Hall of Fame coach Robert Neyland's final Tennessee team in 1952, passed away July 26. He was 83... Former Vanderbilt record-breaking running back **Frank Mordica Jr.** passed away July 18. He was 57... Former Boston University football player **Jimmy Norris** passed away July 18. He was 65... Former California football player and UC Davis assistant football coach **John Papp** passed away July 18. He was 85... Former Texas A&M football player Clifford Watson passed away July 18. He was 81... Former Alcorn State running back **Bobby Huell** passed away July 20. He was 65... Former Tennessee State sports information director and longtime HBCU administrator **Wallace Dooley**

Jr. passed away July 21... Former UCLA football player **Willie Smith** passed away July 21. He was 69... Former Southwestern (Texas) Director of Athletics **Dr. Carla Lowry** passed away July 23. She was 76... Former Detroit Tech football player **Mike Kostiuik**... **Jim Weaver**, the former Virginia Tech athletics director and 2009 recipient of the NFF's John L. Toner Award, passed away July 1 at his home in Blacksburg, Va., after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 70 years old.

Halls of Fame: Former quarterback **Julian Edelman** and former safety and current Alabama head coach Nick Saban have been elected to *Kent State's Varsity "K" Hall of Fame*... Tulane will honor its "Katrina Class," all 308 student-athletes who represented Tulane during the 2005-06 year, by inducting them into the Tulane Athletics Hall of Fame on Nov. 6... Former football **players Joe Burns, Dan Dyke and Jakie Rudolph** have been elected to the *Georgia Tech Sports Hall of Fame*... Former All-America linebackers **Keith Mitchell and William Thomas** have been elected to the *Texas A&M Lettermen's Association Hall of Fame*... Former football **player Dean Adams** has been elected to the *Eastern Washington University Athletics Hall of Fame*... **Former football players Blake Brockermeier, Michael Huff, David Kristynik, Randy Peschel and Vince Young and former head coach Fred Akers** will be inducted into the *University of Texas Hall of Honor* this fall... Former football captain **Ebert Van Buren** has been elected to the *LSU Athletics Hall of Fame*... Former football players **Sheldon Brown and Kenny McKinley** have been elected to the **University of South Carolina Athletics Hall of Fame**... Former wide receiver **Jarett Dillard** has been elected to the *Rice Athletics Hall of Fame*... Former head coach **Jimmy Satterfield and former defensive back Rodney Johnson** have been elected to the *Furman Athletics Hall of Fame*...

Honored...retired numbers: Michigan announced plans to retire the jerseys associated with some of its greatest football legends during a ceremony at the Nov. 28 game against Ohio State. Those being honored include 1972 NFF Gold Medal recipient and U.S. President **Gerald Ford** (#48) and College Football Hall of Famers **Tom Harmon** (#98), **Desmond Howard** (#21), **Ron Kramer** (#87), **Bennie Oosterbaan** (#47) and the **Wistert** brothers (#11) -- **Albert, Alvin and Whitey**.

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Pre-Season No. 1's

By Tex Noel, Editor, TCFH

The debate has begun; with releasing of the 48th annual—25th under the heading of the *USA Today*—**Coaches' Pre-Season Top 25 College Football Poll**.

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First released in 1950; running through the 1952 season; following a lapse 18 seasons (1953-70); the poll picked-up where it did prior to the 1952 season...that is accurately prediction the season's No. 1 team prior to the season.

The coaches have been accurate with the naming of the final poll 6 of the 24 polls released, in exclusively, 1950-2014 (with the 2015 to be determined following the season.)

This includes the *United Press, 1950; United Press International 1971-90* and various headings under the *USA Today, since 1991*.

Following its triumph in the initial *College Football National Championship Game*, following the 2014 season, Ohio State was widely accepted as being the top team when Pre-Season polls were released during the summer of 2015.

This year Buckeye eleven has been tabbed as the team-to-beatin the forthcoming season. This was OSU's fifth time being chosen as the coaches' choice as the Pre-Season spot of #1 by the coaches—and have never made the coaches' choice stick by being named season-ending National Champion.

Should the 2014 Champions, as expected being selected as the top team in AP Poll, it would be the eighth time that OSU was its pre-season number one.

Forty-one times the reigning champion would also represent the respective selector's choice as their Pre-Season No. 1—including 22 by the writers and broadcasters (AP). Of this total, 6 teams would make the early poll shine—as its final choice to National Champion.

Fifth teen teams have appeared as the No. 1 team in a combined coaches poll, 1950; 1973-2015...with perennial powers Nebraska, USC and Florida State sharing top-honors with 6 appearances with the Cornhuskers and Seminoles each claiming a pair of season championships (Nebraska, one.)

In contrast, Big 12 power Oklahoma has been selected as AP's Pre-Season No. 1 a total of 11 times, with the last such ranking coming in 2011.

USC and OSU have been ranked as AP's No.1 a total of 14 times—with each claiming 7 top-spots.

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- **Coaches' Poll No.1 Teams**

Rank #1- NC	Last Pre-Season #1	Coaches Poll Teams
6-2	2000	Nebraska
6-1	2012	USC
6-2	2014	Florida State
4-1	1989	Notre Dame
4-2	2011	Oklahoma
4-0	2015	Ohio State
1-1	1951	Tennessee
3-0	2002	Miami FL
3-0	2009	Florida
1-0	1952	Michigan State
1-0	1981	Michigan
1-0	1982	Pittsburgh
1-0	1984	Auburn
1-0	2008	Georgia
1-0	2013	Alabama

- **AP's Poll No.1 Teams**

Rank #1- NC	Last Pre-Season #1	AP Poll Teams
11-4	2011	Oklahoma 2-0 1981 Michigan
7-0	1998	Ohio State 1-1 1951 Tennessee Michigan
7-1	2012	USC 1-1 1952 State
6-2	2014	Florida State 1-0 1955 UCLA
6-0	2000	Nebraska 1-0 1959 LSU
5-0	1971	Notre Dame 1-0 1960 Syracuse
4-1	2013	Alabama 1-0 1961 Iowa
3-0	2002	Miami FL 1-0 1964 Mississippi
3-0	2009	Florida 1-0 1968 Purdue
1-0	1982	Pittsburgh
1-0	1984	Auburn
1-0	1997	Penn State
1-0	2008	Georgia

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In terms of accuracy, or not...

AP	10 of 64	UP-UPI	6 of 26	USA TODAY	4 of 32
1951	Tennessee Michigan State	1951	Tennessee Michigan State	1993	Florida State
1952	Oklahoma	1952	Nebraska	1994	Nebraska
1956	Oklahoma	1971	Nebraska	1999	Florida State
1974	Oklahoma	1975	Oklahoma	2004	USC*
1975	Oklahoma	1977	Notre Dame		
1978	Alabama	1985	Oklahoma		<i>*Later vacated</i>
1985	Oklahoma				
1993	Florida State				
1999	Florida State				
2004	USC				
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Lighting-up the Scoreboard...statresearch on scoring accomplishments

After trying for a number of years to convince the Rules Committee—which in the early years of college football was the governing body—Walter Camp finally succeeded in having a set number of value for scoring accomplishments.

This was in 1883; since that time 77 schools have topped all others at least once by having the highest single-season for Most Points in a Season; regardless of the level a team participated in.

Mount Union (OH, D3) in 2014 established the all-time mark 878 points scored; surpassing the previous mark of 837 points that Pittsburg (KS, D2) tallied in 2004.

Teams in the Top 10 single-season leaders have scored at least 700+ points; with the two teams above being the only ones to surpass the 800-plus plateau.

Teams with the Most Single-Season Highest Number of Points Scored

No.	COLLEGE	YEAR	Record	PF	Classification
8	Mount Union	2014	14-1	878	NCAA III
7	Yale	1900	12-0	336	Major College
5	Oklahoma	2008	12-2	716	Bowl SubDivision
4	Harvard	1891	13-1	588	Major College
4	Pennsylvania	1898	12-1	392	Major College
4	Tulsa	1942	11-0	434	Major College
3	Minnesota	1905	10-1	542	Major College
3	Arizona State	1973	11-1	519	Major College
3	Nebraska	1983	12-1	654	NCAA 1-A
3	Georgia Southern	1999	13-2	747	NCAA 1-AA
2*	St. Xavier IL	2010	13-1	670	NAIA
1	Sioux Falls	2009	15-0	755	NAIA

*Most Points Scored in 2 and 1
accomplishments

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