

Bob Fowell and His Middies Will Practice Here on Friday for Clash With Penn

Center Is Real Brains of a Football Eleven

Capable Pivot Man Must Be Able to "Snap" Ball Back Properly and to Diagnose Opponents' Play. Is Keystone of Team

By LUD WRAY
Former University of Pennsylvania Center Who Received All-American Mention in 1919

OF ALL the positions on a football team, center is the most exacting and requires the greatest amount of natural ability and constant use of the thinking cap. The mere snapping back of the ball is in itself the smallest factor that enters into the play of the ideal pivot man.

Any man with little training may think it is to be the ball back to the man behind him, but it takes one with the make-up of a football player and one who can combine a quick thinking with natural ability to play the position of center in all that it requires.

In taking up the play of center it is first advisable to note the physical requirements and also the mental ones necessary for greater efficiency. There is a certain position on a football team that permits a greater variation in regard to height and weight than that of center.

For a college team a center should be from five feet ten to six feet in height and must weigh from 165 pounds to 185 pounds. Naturally a schoolboy playing the position should be in proportion to those of his own team and their opponents.

There are certain essentials that are absolutely necessary before a player can be regarded as a center. His opponents' plays speedily and accurately, have the speed and that innate ability to go in front of the line and to take the smallest amount of delay, and on the offense must be able to send the ball back to the man carrying it under the most trying circumstances.

A center without brains is about as valuable as one without hands. It takes a quick-witted player to take the natural ability to play the position and play it properly. Naturally there are many of mechanical centers who can toss the ball back who play fairly well on the defense. But they never gain the fame that the man does with brains nor are they of as much value to their team as the thinker.

Like Other Linemen
The offensive position of the center is similar to that of the other linemen in that he is to be further back than the other in order that he cannot be pushed over easily.

A center must be able to develop his charge to greater extent than the tackles and guards for the reason that he has, in addition to the duty of passing the ball, the necessity of keeping the center of the line in the line in opening holes for the backfield.

A finished center or one that has been thoroughly drilled should be able to pass with either his right or left foot forward, according to the side on which the formation starts. If the quarterback calls for the right foot, the center's right foot should be forward so that he will have nothing to interfere with giving the runner a lead with the ball as possibly might be the case if his right foot were back. His leg in the latter case would interfere.

This is especially true when passing for kick formations. The manner in which a center grips the ball is highly important, especially if the pass is to be end over end and not of the spiral variety. This is an important part of the play of a center. He must be able to pass in any way called for without making a mistake.

Billiard Stars in Action Today
Three-Cushion League Experts Chalk Their Cues for Action.

OTTO REISELT PLAYS LOPEZ
Today saw the start of the Three-Cushion League billiards championship. The opening salute was fired this afternoon at Sol. Allinger's billiard suite, 1309 Market street, in which Otto Reisel, always a contender with the best, tackled Frank Lopez, the Spanish wonder.

PLAY ANNEX LEAGUE GAME
Visitation and St. Columba Meet in Third Day's Contest

Amateur League Opens Tonight
The Philadelphia Amateur Basketball League opened its 1922-23 season tonight, when the Louraine Club, champions of last year, played Tacony on the latter's floor.

Kensington Signs Players
The Kensington A. A. has signed Van Gilder of Broadway Cycle, Kensington has signed with Salem, November 4, and November 15, and with the latter club, for games address J. H. Dillier, 1111 Broadway street, or phone Kensington 0922.

TRIO OF HAVERFORD PLAYERS



Harvey Harmon, Haverford coach, is turning out good football players from green material along the Main Line. Three of his proteges are pictured above. Allen, half-back, is on the left, and bridge him is Wilbur, the quarter. The inset is of Dusty Rhoads, an end

PHOENIXVILLE HIGH SUPPLANTS IT IN CLASS OF UNDEFEATED FOOTBALL ELEVENS

Coach Wright Has Eighteen Penn Crews on Schuylkill

Four Men for Varsity Boat and Six for Junior Varsity Must Be Developed—Mattison's Loss Severe Blow

By JOSEPH T. LABRUM
The chill winds that blow across the Schuylkill and kick up ripples on the otherwise placid stream hold no terrors these fall afternoons for Coach Joseph Wright and his University of Pennsylvania rowing squad.

Eighteen crews, with eight huskies in each, clad in heavy waders raced up and down the river yesterday afternoon with Coach Wright, megaphone in hand, giving directions from his motorboat.

The fall program of Pennsylvania this year has been highly successful, according to the portly Wright. As many as twenty crews have been on the river in a single afternoon. Two hundred and eighty men have signed up for the sport, the largest in the history of the University at this time of the year.

Wright has his hands filled this year and he knows it. All that he has to do is develop four men for the varsity boat and six for the junior varsity. The squad is there, numerically speaking, but whether it contains finished oarsmen capable of taking the seats of those who have graduated or left school is another matter. Wright is doing considerable experimenting, having five varsity crews rowing daily, out of which he expects to obtain sufficient men to man the vacant oars in the two varsity shells.

The biggest loss to the coach of all came when Mattison, the brilliant stroke of the varsity, announced his intention of going into business. For two years Wright has worked like the proverbial beaver to make a star oarsman of Matty and just when he had the stroke ready to be a dependable he is lost.

It will be recalled that the steering of the Penn team, which was captained by Wright, will describe how the position was played in Friday's Evening Public Ledger.

W. P. H. S. LOSES SWEET
Star Halfback Breaks Collarbone in Practice at Kirkbride Field

Three Other Varsity Men Lost
SWAN, Jellinek and Nowell, all of whom graduated, are the others lost from the varsity boat. All three were capable veterans whose positions will be difficult to fill.

Boots and Saddle
Baby Grand is well placed in the Somerset Handicap at Laurel today.

Latonia—The White Burley Purse for two-year-olds is the feature of the strong card at the Kentucky track today.

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Toronto Buys Red Sox Shortstop
Toronto, Oct. 25.—Announcement is made that the Toronto International League Baseball Club has purchased Frank O'Rourke, shortstop of the Boston Red Sox.

RIDLEY PARK HIGH NOT IN SELECT LIST

Phoenixville High supplants it in class of undefeated football elevens.

BROWN PREP'S VICTORY

By PAUL PREP
The statement that Ridley Park High was in the select circle of undefeated football teams is all well and good, but it is not so much to be noted that it was on the long end of a 12 to 0 score against Ridley Park on the opening day of the season.

Phoenixville has met and defeated three elevens to date and has yet to have its goal line crossed. Following the Ridley Park High victory, Downingtown High was turned back 4 to 0. Next came the Perkiomen Reserves and this squad was defeated 16 to 0. It is a capitulation of the figures of the three games reveals sixty-nine points scored by Phoenixville as against nothing for its opponents.

Phoenixville vs. Norristown
The most important game of the Phoenixville schedule is listed for Saturday afternoon when Phoenixville goes to Norristown to play Coach Zimmerman's team.

Brown Prep, by the use of the forward pass attack, upset the dope by handling Palmyra High, School A 19-0 yesterday afternoon at Palmyra. It was the only football clash of the afternoon.

Soccer Winners
Northeast High, Frankford High, Girard College and Upper Darby High were the victors in the soccer matches yesterday.

CUE CHAMPIONS READY FOR WORLD-TITLE TILT
Greenleaf and Allen Practicing Daily in Preparation for Match

Wilson Laces Bobby Burman
Paulson, N. J., Oct. 25.—Bobby Burman, a well-known cue player, was laced by Wilson today in a match at the latter's home.

SCHOOLBOY HARRIERS WILL COMPETE TODAY
Two Triangular Meets Are Down on the Card

LONG SHOT WINS BIG STAKE AT NEWMARKET
Re-Echo, at 25 to 1, captures the Cambridge Stakes

Prominent Amateur Promoter Dies
San Francisco, Oct. 25.—James Joseph, a prominent amateur promoter, died today.

FOLWELL DRIVES NAVY SQUAD HARD

All Elements of Football Included in Stiff Workout Ordered by Middies' Coach

INTERCLUB GOLF AT GREEN VALLEY

Roxborough and Green Valley Meet in Third Match This Year on Latter's Links

The Green Valley and Roxborough Country Clubs' golf teams will meet for the third time this afternoon. Early in the year Woody Platt played No. 1 on the Green Valley Club, but as he is not yet entirely recovered from the stroke he suffered at Pine Valley last July, he will be absent from this match.

PENNSY RESTORES 6 PER CENT DIVIDEND
The Pennsylvania Railroad directors declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, thereby restoring the old-established 6 per cent per annum rate.

BOY FOUND IN STUPOR FROM DRUG IN BARN
John Newman, fifteen years old, 6027 Skybrook avenue, was found in a stupor today from the effects of chloroform in a barn at Seventieth street and Greenway avenue, where he was employed. He is expected to recover.

TWO WOMEN INJURED IN CAMDEN COLLISION
Mrs. Naomi Hawkins, Wilmington, Del., and Miss Jane Harring, Atlantic City, were badly cut and bruised today when automobiles which they were driving collided on Haddon avenue, Camden. Both women were taken to the West Jersey Homeopathic Hospital.

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