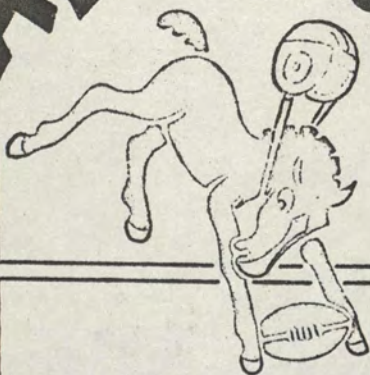


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ALL AMERICA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE



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THE ALL-AMERICA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
1947 Schedule

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| Aug. 29 - Los Angeles at Chicago* | Oct. 24 - New York at Chicago* |
| 31 - Brooklyn at San Francisco | 26 - Baltimore at Los Angeles |
| 31 - New York at Buffalo | 26 - Brooklyn at Buffalo |
| | 26 - Cleveland at San Francisco |
| Sept. 5 - Buffalo at Cleveland* | |
| 5 - Chicago at New York* | Oct. 31 - Chicago at Brooklyn* |
| 7 - Brooklyn at Baltimore | |
| 7 - Los Angeles at San Francisco | Nov. 2 - Baltimore at New York |
| | 2 - Cleveland at Buffalo |
| Sept. 12 - Cleveland at Brooklyn* | 2 - San Francisco at Los Angeles |
| 12 - New York at Los Angeles* | |
| 14 - Baltimore at San Francisco | Nov. 7 - Baltimore at Chicago* |
| 14 - Chicago at Buffalo | 9 - Brooklyn at Cleveland |
| | 9 - Los Angeles at Buffalo |
| Sept. 19 - Brooklyn at Los Angeles* | 9 - San Francisco at New York |
| 19 - Buffalo at Chicago* | |
| 21 - Baltimore at Cleveland | Nov. 16 - Baltimore at Brooklyn |
| 21 - New York at San Francisco | 16 - Los Angeles at New York |
| | 16 - San Francisco at Cleveland |
| Sept. 26 - Cleveland at Chicago* | Nov. 21 - San Francisco at Chicago* |
| 28 - San Francisco at Buffalo | 23 - Buffalo at Baltimore |
| 28 - New York at Baltimore | 23 - Cleveland at New York |
| | 23 - Los Angeles at Brooklyn |
| Oct. 3 - Brooklyn at Chicago* | Nov. 27 - Cleveland at Los Angeles† |
| 5 - Buffalo at Los Angeles | 27 - San Francisco at Brooklyn† |
| 5 - New York at Cleveland | 30 - Buffalo at New York |
| 5 - San Francisco at Baltimore | 30 - Chicago at Baltimore |
| Oct. 12 - Baltimore at Buffalo | |
| 12 - Brooklyn at New York | Dec. 7 - Buffalo at San Francisco |
| 12 - Chicago at San Francisco | 7 - Chicago at Los Angeles |
| 12 - Los Angeles at Cleveland | 7 - Cleveland at Baltimore |
| | 7 - New York at Brooklyn |
| Oct. 17 - Buffalo at Brooklyn* | |
| 19 - Chicago at Cleveland | Dec. 14 - Championship game, winner |
| 19 - Los Angeles at Baltimore | of Eastern vs. winner of |
| | Western division |

* Friday Night Games

† Thanksgiving Day Games

ROSTER OF PLAYERS

CENTERS

NAME	Weight	Age	Height	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
HANDLEY, Dick	215	25	6'1"	Fresno State	Fresno, California
KODBA, Joe	200	25	6'	Purdue	South Bend, Indiana
PHILLIPS, Mike	208	25	6'	Western Maryland	Clifton Heights, N.J.

GUARDS

FRENCH, Barry	225	25	6'	Purdue	Lafayette, Indiana
HIGGINS, Luke	210	26	6'	Notre Dame	Edgewater, New Jersey
LIO, Augie	230	29	6'	Georgetown	Passaic, New Jersey
MARINO, Vic	205	28	5'8"	Ohio State	Akron, Ohio
YOKAS, Frank	217	23	5'11"	No College	Rock Island, Illinois
ZORICH, George	215	28	6'2"	Northwestern	Rensselaer, Indiana

TACKLES

HEKKERS, George	245	24	6'4"	Wisconsin	Burbank, California
KASAP, Mike	255	26	6'2"	Illinois	Oglesby, Illinois
KLUG, Al	212	26	6'1"	Marquette	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
LANDRIGAN, Jim	245	24	6'4"	Holy Cross	Wakefield, Mass.
MELLIUS, John	210	30	6'	Villanova	Kingston, Penna.
PERPICH, George	235	27	6'2"	Georgetown	Hibbing, Minnesota

ENDS

BAUMGARTNER, Bill	202	26	6'2"	Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minnesota
BECHTOL, Hub	205	21	6'3"	Texas	Austin, Texas
DAVIS, Lamar	185	26	6'1"	Georgia	St. Simons, Georgia
GETCHELL, Gorham	225	27	6'4"	Temple	Jenkintown, Penna.
JONES, Ralph	200	25	6'3"	Alabama	Florence, Alabama
MEYERS, Gilbert	200	27	6'2"	Wake Forest	Baltimore, Maryland
SIGURDSON, Sig	202	28	6'3"	Pacific Lutheran	Seattle, Washington

QUARTERBACKS

CASE, Ernie	170	26	5'11"	U.C.L.A.	Los Angeles, Cal.
GALVIN, John	185	26	5'10"	Purdue	Chicago, Illinois
NEMETH, Steve	175	24	5'10"	Notre Dame	South Bend, Indiana
SCHWENK, Wilson	200	27	6'2"	Washington U.	St. Louis, Missouri

HALFBACKS

BLACK, John	185	26	5'11"	Miss. State	Philadelphia, Miss.
DUDISH, Andy	185	25	5'11"	Georgia	Crawford, Georgia
HILLENBRAND, Bill	188	25	6'	Indiana	Evansville, Indiana
MOBLEY, Doc	155	25	5'7"	Hardin-Simmons	Houston, Texas
TERRELL, Ray	190	28	6'	Mississippi	Oxford, Mississippi
WARDIAN, John	170	22	5'8"	No College	Johnstown, Pa.

FULLBACKS

CASTIGLIA, Jim	208	28	5'11"	Georgetown	Washington, D. C.
MERTES, Bus	205	25	6'	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa
WRIGHT, John	225	26	5'11"	Maryland	Baltimore, Maryland

BIOGRAPHY OF CLUB PRESIDENT

ROBERT RIDGWAY RODENBERG

The president of the Colts has managed to cram what amounts to several fairly crowded lifetimes into his 38 years up to the present.

He was born at East St. Louis, Illinois, on November 8, 1909, and went on the move almost immediately. The son of the late William A. Rodenberg, Congressman from Illinois, Bob found himself moved from his birth-place to Washington, D. C., at the tender age of six weeks.

But that was only a sort of pre-basic training for globe-trotting. After that first short hop, the youthful Rodenberg was somewhat stabilized in Washington for schooling. His education took him through John Eaton primary school; Devitt Prep; Stuyvesant School, Warrenton, Virginia; Tabor Academy, Marion, Massachusetts; Harvard University, and Babson Institute, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts. He graduated from the last in 1932 and away he went.

Spain was the first stop, until Bob decided the newspaper profession was for him. He joined the Washington Herald in 1933, put in a year as a reporter and was off to Mexico. Five months later he was back with the Herald, to stay until 1937, when he got a job covering Congress for the now-defunct Capitol Daily.

In almost no time at all the wandering reporter had bobbed up in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as English editor and columnist with the 'Imparcial.'

Shortly after the Washington Herald got him back, but not for keeps. R.R.R. and several friends banded together to form the public relations firm of Sartwell, Smure, Rodenberg and Barrett. The others may still be public relationing for all we know, but Bob was shortly trying something new with the Reynolds Metals Company of Richmond, Virginia. When next seen Rodenberg was in New Mexico studying the possibilities of buying a newspaper in that territory.

He almost wound up with Sante Fe's leading daily but by some quirk arrived back East instead producing movie shorts. This series, which appeared in 1940-41 was called 'International Forum' and featured such figures as Dorothy Thompson, Fanny Hurst, William L. Shirer, Ralph Ingersoll, Admiral Harry S. Yarnall, Wythe Williams, Linton Wells and Senator Claude Pepper.

In March of 1942, the Colt prexy enlisted in the Army. His Uncle Sam then handled his itinerary and did so well that R.R.R. in service covered 40,000 miles on a round-the-world tour of duty.

BIOGRAPHY OF CLUB PRESIDENT (Continued)

Assigned to the Quartermaster Corps, as an enlisted man Rodenberg got back to journalism as a columnist on the Camp Lec Traveler. It didn't last. In seven months he was in Officers' Training School, learning about brass at the Army Administrative School at the University of Florida.

Next stop was the Military Intelligence Training Center at Camp Ritchie, Maryland. In March 1944 he sailed to the Pacific as first lieutenant on a secret mission.

From India he was sent on an intelligence operation behind the Jap lines in Burma. Landing on a makeshift air field atop a mountain, he spent four months behind the Nip lines with guerrilla fighters.

After V.E. Day, Rodenberg was transferred to China with the O.S.S. He was sent to Hsian, northernmost outpost in China. Later, after V.J. Day, Bob was one of the first Americans to arrive in Peking, still patrolled by armed Japs.

Following his discharge as a captain, Rodenberg was admitted to Walter Reed Hospital to undergo lengthy treatment for recurring malaria and black fever, contracted in the jungles.

Then came the Colts.

THE COACHES

CECIL ISBELL, Head Coach

If the Colts handle the pastime of Football in the manner that their coach did as a player, they are mighty likely to create consternation and then havoc in All-America Conference ranks. Cecil's talents with the pigskin find him something of a gridiron immortal at the ripe old age of 32.

It may be quite some time before the game evolves anything to rival the Isbell-to-Hutson passing combination that had the National Football League on the verge of jitterdom for five years.

Isbell, who hails from Houston, Texas, left Purdue University as an All-American back in 1938 and at once began throwing his weight -- as well as a football -- around in the NFL. His fame as a passer grew and grew, in spite of the fact he was operating in the choicest of choice company. As the Green Bay Packers' ace flipper, Cece was tossing against such dead-eye rivals as Slingin' Sammy Baugh, Sid Luckman and Davey O'Brien.

Disregarding such discouraging competition, the curly-haired Texan fired away at the remarkable Don Hutson until together they built an all-time pro record in 1942. Cecil hit Hutson with 74 completions for 1,211 yards, 17 of them going for touchdowns. But as good as Hutson was, his incomparable catching wasn't wholly the making of Isbell's reputation. Cece hit other receivers almost as many times that year to compile a grand total of 146 completions.

However, you can't get away from Isbell-to-Hutson. The duo wrote a couple of fancy oddities into the books. In the Pro Bowl game of 1939, with the ball on his own two-yard line, Isbell gave Don the office, dropped behind the goal line as his mate galloped blithely up the field and cut loose a 69-yard heave. Hutson gathered it in and skipped to a touchdown, the play covering 103 yards.

They collaborated again in 1942 on the shortest pass on record -- a midget-sized job that traveled an official four inches, if you can believe it. With the ball on the Cleveland Rams' 4-inch line and the opposition dug in and braced to do or die and hold that line against the almost inevitable plunge, the unpredictable Isbell sent Hutson into the end zone and calmly tossed him the canteloupe while the linemen futilely banded their heads together.

In 1943 Cecil left the pros flat and returned to his Alma Mater as backfield coach. The next season he took over as head coach at Purdue, to remain until Colt President Bob Rodenberg lured him back to the play-for-pay ranks as the youngest mentor in the game.

THE COACHES (Continued)

At Purdue, during the war years when football manpower was notable only by its absence, Cecil's Boilermakers won fourteen and tied one of thirty games. In the mad scramble that was the 1945 Big Ten race, Isbell and the Purdues won seven of ten to wind up as co-owners of the conference championship.

Before ever playing a game, the foxy new coach threatens to make as much trouble for the pros as a mentor as he did while a player. He plans to harrass and confound them with a neat little booby-trap which rejoices in the name of the 'Upsy-Downsy Line.' If his upsyng and downsyng forwards don't make the competition wish fervently that he'd never thought of such thing, Cecil is going to be sorely disappointed.

O. DON EDMONDS, Assistant Coach

Edmonds, the Colts backfield coach comes to Baltimore after ten years as a successful high school mentor at La Porte High School in Indiana. Edmonds' work with La Porte impressed Head Coach Cecil Isbell, who sought him soon after he had signed to pilot the Colts. Edmonds is a native of Georgetown, Illinois. He starred at fullback with the Indiana Hoosiers in 1930, 1931 and 1932. During this time he spent one year under the tutelage of Pat Page and two seasons under E. C. Hayes. After graduating in 1933 he stayed on at Indiana as assistant to Hayes. In 1934 he taught and coached at Newman, Illinois. He left at midyear and took a job as assistant coach of football and dean of men at Murray State Teacher's College in Kentucky. He remained there for two and a half years before going to La Porte in 1937.

TOM STIDHAM, Assistant Coach

You can say for the Colts' line that it is in good hands with Stidham. Tom has been head coach at several top universities but he is now and has been from the start a line specialist.

That start was made at Checotah, Oklahoma; High School, in the town where Tom was born on March 27, 1905. Checotah, in case you don't know it, is located by Stidham as being on the "main line of the Katy railroad," Checotah H.S. happens to have football because the game was inaugurated there by Tom's brother.

Since Tom is one part Indian to fifteen parts Irish, he used the minority sixteenth to play his college football at tackle for the Haskell Institute Indians. That was in 1924, '25 and '26. In that final year he played on an undefeated team.

The next season Tom started the coaching career that is still going. From 1927 through 1934 he coached at Northwestern University. Then he went to the University of Oklahoma for the next two years as line coach under Biff Jones. In 1937 Jones left to replace Dana X. Bible at Nebraska and Tom took over as Oklahoma head coach and athletic director.

His Sooners of 1938 put Oklahoma on the gridiron map. They went undefeated to give the school its first Big Six title and first bowl game, in the 1939 Orange Bowl against Tennessee.

They missed the same bowl again the following year by a single point, being edged out 7-6 in an upset by Missouri after winning seven straight. Who went to the Orange Bowl that year? Why, Missouri did.

Stidham moved to Marquette as head coach in 1941 and remained 5 years, until he cast his lot with the pros as line coach with the Buffalo Bills (nee Bisons) last year. He came to the Colts at Coach Isbell's request soon after the Baltimore team organized.

Tom has been married since 1928 and has one son, John Thomas, now nearly four years old. Stidham is probably the only football coach there is who owns a drugstore in Milwaukee -- at which he is always wondering how the ice cream is selling.

NICK CAMPOFREDA, Assistant Coach

Big Nick is Baltimore's own contribution to its football team's coaching staff. Born in the Monumental City January 14, 1914, Campofreda had a big edge on his colleagues in the matter of housing -- he already had one, complete with Mrs. Campofreda and three little Campofredas.

Graduating from Loyola High School in 1932 with All-State honors in both football and baseball, Nick hied himself to Western Maryland, then something of a hotbed of football under Dick Harlow. A mainstay in the line of one of Harlow's niftiest Green Terror elevens, Campofreda wound up being named captain and best bet on the All-State team. Further afield, he was named on the All-Eastern and All-Italian All-American (bet you didn't know there was one) elevens.

The high spot of Nick's collegiate athletic career, however, was the night he pinned a 12-second kayo -- shortest intercollegiate knockout on record -- on Slad Cutter, Navy's national heavyweight champion. Western Maryland came up to its Navy match suddenly minus a heavyweight, its one and

THE COACHES, (Continued)

only heavy hors de combat. Coach Charlie Havens' questing eye lit on the big grizzer, Campofreda. He took Nick aside and, trying to keep the pity from his voice, said, "You, my boy, are it."

A few minutes in the gym sufficed to show the willing but unwitting footballer how to hold his hands up so he wouldn't look too bad. The fight went on. Nick strode from his corner, closed his eye, swung, then opened his eyes to find Cutter colder than dry ice. He has never fought since -- except to quell obstreperous friends and strangers when occasion demands.

Although he rested on this astonishing laurel as a boxer, Nick did go in for professional wrestling to grunt and groan with the best. He grappled, quote - anywhere and everywhere there was a buck to be made -- unquote. He went to the mat three times for the world championship, twice with Jim Londos and once with Babe Sharkey. Unfortunately, he says, it was their turn to win all three times.

Nick is not new to professional football, either. He played with the Chicago Bears, Detroit Lions and Washington Redskins.

His previous grid master-minding experience came with a couple of his Alma Maters -- as freshman coach at Western Maryland and line coach at Loyola High.

ANDY HEWLETT, Assistant Coach

Hewlett is a graduate of Davidson College, and since his college days has been serving various pro-baseball and pro-football organizations as a scout. Last season he was with the Pittsburgh Pirates ivory hunting crew. He served in a scouting job for the Colts prior to joining the coaching staff, and covered the South in search of talent for the Baltimore eleven.

JOHN (TARZAN) TAYLOR, Assistant Coach

Tarz Taylor, the Colt assistant line coach has long been associated with the game of football. He starred during his college playing days at Ohio State and continued with the grid sport as a professional with the Chicago Bears, the Canton Bulldogs and Brooklyn. He first coached at Michigan State and later became line coach at Marquette University. He came to the Colts and joined Tom Stidham, another ex-Marquette mentor.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

THE ENDS

BAUMGARTNER, WILLIAM R. (BILL)

Born in Duluth, Minnesota on April 17, 1921. Played 3 years with Duluth Denfeld High School. Was captain of the team in 1938 when it won the Lake Championship. Earned 4 varsity football letters at the University of Minnesota under Coach Bernie Bierman. Member of the Gopher eleven which won the 1940-1941 conference and national championships. Saw 23 months of service as a Navy Air Force pilot and in 1944 sparked the Bunker Hill Naval Air Station team to an undefeated season.

BECHTOL, HUBERT E. (HUB)

Born in Amarillo, Texas on April 20, 1926. Played three years of football at the Lubbock Texas High School. Was captain of team in senior year. Entered Texas University and under the tutelage of Coach Dana X. Bible became one of the greatest ends in the history of the Southwestern Conference. Bechtol received All-America recognition in 1944, 1945 and 1946. Was enrolled in the Navy V-12 and V-6 programs for 2 years. Hub is married and has an infant son.

DAVIS, LAMAR R. (RACEHORSE)

Born in Brunswick, Georgia on June 15, 1921. As a halfback was chosen on the All-Georgia team while attending Glynn Academy in Brunswick. Entered University of Georgia and won four letters in football under the tutelage of Coach Wallace Butts. In addition to football was star sprint man on track team. Entered service in 1943 and was 20 months in European Theater of Operations. Emerged from Army a 1st. Lieutenant. While at Georgia helped his team win a 9-0 victory over the UCLA eleven in the Rose Bowl game of 1943.

GETCHELL, CHARLES G. (GETCH)

Born on August 14, 1920 in Abington, Pennsylvania. Played end at Temple University and after graduating in 1943 entered the professional ranks with the Philadelphia Eagles. The war interrupted his grid career and Getchell saw duty in the Pacific with the Marines. While in the service he played one season with the Camp Lejeune eleven. Besides football Getchell is an outstanding basketball star and last year was a member of the Tranton professional five in the American League.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES, Continued

JONES, RALPH C. (DEACON)

Born in Florence, Alabama on February 15, 1922. Earned two prep school letters and was captain of the team in his senior year. First attended Union University at Jackson Tennessee, playing end on the varsity eleven for two seasons being selected on Southern Inter-Collegiate All-Star team in 1942. While in the Navy he played for Alabama and was captain of the Crimson Tide team in the Sugar Bowl in 1945. Transferred to Great Lakes Naval Training Center and performed for that great team for one season. Last year Jones was with the Detroit Lions.

MEYERS, GILBERT P.

Born on November 25, 1920 in Baltimore, didn't play high school ball until his senior year. But once persuaded by Coach Harry Lawrence to try out for the flank slot on the City College eleven, Meyers made All-Maryland on the Collegian eleven that won the state championship without being scored upon. At Wake Forest College he was picked as Freshman end on the All-North Carolina State team. Served with the Army parachute corps in Europe and played football for the 82nd. Airborne division grid squad. Meyers is 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs an even 200.

SIGURDSON, SIGURD F. (SIG)

Born in Seattle, Washington on November 27, 1918. Played no football in high school, but made up for it at Pacific Lutheran College. There he earned four pigskin letters and was squad captain one season. Spent over two years in the Marines, playing through two grid campaigns with the Eltoro Marine eleven. Entered professional football with the Tacoma Indians, and received honorable mention on the All-Coast pro team. Sigurdson stands 6 feet 2½ inches and weighs 206.

THE TACKLES

HEKKERS, GEORGE (DUKE)

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 18, 1923. Helped pace the Blackburn High School football team to two championships; 1938, 1939. In 1940 made the All-State team. Entered Wisconsin University and played on the varsity for two seasons before enlisting in the Army Air Forces in 1942. Flew an A-26 during the African campaign. While in service, played football for the 1st Air Force team, making the first string All-Service eleven. Last year was a regular tackle for the Miami Seahawks. Hekkers is married and has a two year old son.

KASAP, MIKE

Born in Ogelsby, Illinois on November 20, 1922. Regular tackle on the LaSalle Peru Township High School team for four years. After graduation entered Illinois University and performed for the Illini in 1941 and 1942 before joining the Marines. While with the Leathernecks attended the V-12 course at Purdue and was instrumental in the 1943 championship won by the Boilermakers that season. After his hitch with the Marines, Kasap returned to his original choice of schools and finished his college days at Illinois in 1946. He started the 1947 season with the Buffalo Bills and came to Baltimore in a cash deal and has proved a power in the line.

KLUG, ALFRED (AL)

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on December 19, 1920. Was general handyman on the Bay View High School team in Milwaukee where at one time or another he played every position except center and quarterback. Played at Marquette University under Paddy Driscoll and Tom Stidham for three years and was mentioned on several All-America teams. Klug kicked the winning point for the East in the East-West 13-12 thriller in 1943. Served in the Navy three years and was discharged a lieutenant. Came to Baltimore in a player trade from the Cleveland Browns.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES, Continued

LANDRIGAN, JAMES M. (BIG JIM)

Born on May 31, 1923 in Everett, Massachusetts. At Wakefield, Massachusetts, High School he played football for four seasons, was an All-State and All-New England selection, and in 1941 was squad captain. After graduation he went to Dartmouth for one year, but it was at Holy Cross that he earned his collegiate grid spurs. Held down a tackle post at Holy Cross for two pigskin campaigns. Served as a First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps and earned two battle stars, two unit citations, and the purple heart for his work in the Pacific theater. Landrigan towers 6'4" and scales 235.

MELLUS, JOHN G.

Born on June 16, 1917 in Plymouth, Pennsylvania. Played college football at Villanova where he earned three letters and was co-captain of the undefeated Wildcat team of 1937. Entered pro ranks with the New York Giants and was selected on the All-National League team in 1939, and 1940. Joined the army in 1942 and performed for the Camp Davis and Camp Lee teams during his tour of duty. In 1942 he was a member of the Army All-Stars. Last year Mellus was with the San Francisco 49ers. He came to Baltimore in a conference deal to help strengthen the weaker teams.

PERPICH, GEORGE R.

Born in Hibbing, Minnesota on June 22, 1920. Earning four high school letters, he spent one season as captain and was an All-State selection. At Georgetown University he played three seasons on the gridiron, one as captain of the Hoyas. Was picked for the All-East team and mentioned on many All-American teams. Part of the thirty nine months he spent in the Navy saw him playing football with Great Lakes in 1943 and with the All-Service team that same season. Last year Perpich played with the Brooklyn Dodgers. He came to Baltimore in a straight cash deal. During the winter months Perpich studies law.

THE GUARDS

FRENCH, BARRY A. (BEAR)

Born in Chamberlin, South Dakota, on February 12, 1922. Earned three football letters at Washington High School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Was quarterback of his prep school eleven and was twice picked on the All-State team. Played three years at Purdue under Mal Elward and Elmer Burnham. He received the Purdue Freshman football award in 1940 and in 1942 was awarded All-Conference and All-America honors. French was in the army 39 months winning two battle stars and the combat infantry badge. After the war he played service football in Europe and was chosen on the 7th Army All-Star team. In 1946 he returned to Purdue and performed for his present coach, Cecil Isbell.

HIGGINS, LUKE M.

Born on May 3, 1921 in Edgewater, New Jersey. Earned three letters in football at Cliffside (New Jersey) High School and was All-State one year. Was awarded All-State honors for the second season while performing for Seton Hall prep school. Played under Frank Leahy at Notre Dame for one grid campaign. Spent forty months in the army, seeing action in Italy. Higgins stands an even 6 feet and tips the scales at 210.

LIO, AGOSTINO S. (AUGIE)

Born on April 30, 1918 in East Boston, Massachusetts. Played for Passaic (New Jersey) High School for two seasons, making All-State one year. At Georgetown University he earned three pigskin letters, was team captain in 1940. Was All-District three seasons, All-Eastern twice, and an All-America selection in 1940. Broke into pro ranks with the Detroit Lions in 1941 with whom he spent three seasons. Went to the Boston Yanks in 1944 and joined the Philadelphia Eagles in 1946. Was an All-League choice in 1943 and 1945, Lio is 6 feet tall and weighs 230.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES, Continued

MARINO, VICTOR I. (VIC)

Born on October 2, 1918 in Columbus, Ohio. Earned three football letters in high school and was picked on the All-Ohio prep team in 1935. Played for Ohio State for three seasons and was chosen All-Big Ten guard in 1939 while performing for the Buckeye Championship team of that year. Broke into pro ranks with the Columbus Bullies in 1940. Joined the Navy and played with the powerful Great Lakes team in 1942. While in the service saw action in the invasion of Sicily and was the lone survivor of his 24 man boat station when the U.S.S. Maddox was sunk. Was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in that engagement. Marino played last year with the Akron Bears in American Association.

YOKAS, FRANK (YOGI)

Born in Rock Island, Illinois on February 27, 1924. First gained football prominence as a member of the Rock Island Senior High School team when he was picked as tackle on the All-Conference and All-State teams of 1941 and 1942. In 1942 he was also selected as the most valuable player on the mythical eleven. Went into the Navy directly from high school. While with the Tars he played for the Great Lakes Training Center under Paul Brown in 1943 and in 1945 performed for the St. Mary Pre-Flight powerhouse. His spectacular play won him a try-out with the Los Angeles Dons and he made good. This year the Cleveland Browns obtained Yokas in a player trade and he came to Baltimore in another swap. Frank is one of the few players in major league pro football without the benefit of a college proving ground.

ZORICH, GEORGE

Born in Wakefield, Michigan on November 24, 1918. Played three years of high school football, was team captain once, and in 1936 was picked for the Michigan regional team. At Northwestern University he earned three letters under Coach Lynn Waldorf. He was an All-Big Ten guard and accorded All-American mention in 1941. Served in the army as a Lieutenant and was discharged in 1944. Entered pro ball with the Chicago Bears. Put in two and one half seasons with the Bears and a half season with the Miami Seahawks before coming to Baltimore. Was picked for the second string All-National Pro league team in 1944. Zorich is 6 feet 2½ inches tall and scales 215.

THE CENTERS

HANDLY, RICHARD (DICK)

Born in Tulare, California on May 22, 1922. Played center for the Corcoran High School eleven where he won All-Conference recognition. Spent two years at Visalia Junior College and was captain of the team in his last year. In 1942 enrolled at Fresno State and was picked on the All-Coast team. Handly joined the Marines in 1942 and while with the Leathernecks performed on the gridiron for two years with the El Toro eleven. He rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant and upon discharge returned to Fresno State from which he graduated last year. Handly was given a try-out with the San Francisco 49ers and came to Baltimore on a straight cash deal when the Colts needed a line backer of his type.

KODBA, JOSEPH (JOE)

Born on February 27, 1922 at South Bend, Indiana. Learned his football at Butler University where he played in 1941 and 1942. Joined the Army in 1942 and spent three years in the infantry. After his tour of duty with Uncle Sam, Joe continued his college career but this time at Purdue. His prowess on the football field won him a regular berth on the Boilermaker's eleven and he was selected to play in the North-South game in 1945 and just recently returned from the Chicago Bear - All Star game in Chicago where he was a member of the victorious collegian squad. Kodba played last season under his present coach, Cecil Isbell and was captain of the team in its final game against Indiana.

PHILLIPS, MICHAEL (MIKE)

Born on November 22, 1921 in Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania. Played two seasons of high school football, one as team captain. At Western Maryland College he performed for Coach Charlie Havens for three seasons. Captained the eleven one season and was picked for the All-Maryland team in 1941. Served four years in the Army and upon discharge entered pro grid ranks with the Lancaster All-Stars in 1946. Phillips stands an even 6 feet and weighs 208.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES, Continued

THE QUARTERBACKS

CASE, ERNEST (ERNIE)

Born in Post, Texas on November 23, 1920. Earned two grid letters at Fremont High, Los Angeles, California. Was graduated from U.C.L.A. this past June after quarterbacking the Bruins for three years. Was captain of the U.C.L.A. eleven in 1945 and 1946, guiding them last year to the Rose Bowl. He spent 42 months in the Army as a pilot, was shot down over Sardinia and escaped from an Italian prison camp. His harrowing experience didn't hamper his playing, though, and returning to U.C.L.A., he was elected to the All-Coast team in 1945-46, was term the most valuable coast back in 1946, and was picked as a second string All-American by the Associated Press. Case married a U.C.L.A. co-ed in 1942 and now has two sons and a daughter. During the off-season he studies law.

GALVIN, JOHN E.

Born on December 7, 1920 in Chicago, Illinois. As a high school left halfback he earned three letters as well as All-State and Most Valuable laurels. Played four years of college ball at Purdue, part of which was spent under the tutelage of Cecil Isbell. At Purdue he was switched from left halfback to quarterback, a position to which the 5 feet 10½ inch, 170 pound Galvin is better adapted.

NEMETH, STEVE J.

Born in South Bend, Indiana on December 10, 1922. Alternated between fullback and quarterback slots on the local high school grid squad for three seasons and was twice an All-State selection. Played under Frank Leahy at Notre Dame for two campaigns. Spent time in the paratroops. Nemeth entered pro ball with the Cleveland Rams and was in the starting lineup in the 1946 championship game with the Redskins. Nemeth stands 5 feet 10½ inches and tips the scales at 172.

SCHWENK, WILSON R. (BUD)

Born on August 26, 1918 in St. Louis, Missouri. Started his grid career in Beaumont High School in St. Louis and in 1937 and 1938 was selected as the most valuable player in the state. He continued to star in college and while playing for Washington University of St. Louis, he was chosen on the All-Conference team for three straight years and was also most valuable in 1940 and 1942. After leaving college he played one year with the Chicago Cardinals at halfback, and after a three year hitch in the service, returned to pro ball as a member of the Cleveland Browns Championship eleven. Bud is noted for his passing and will see plenty of action in the Colt line-up this fall.

THE HALFBACKS

BLACK, JOHN T. (BLONDY)

Born in Philadelphia, Mississippi, on August 20, 1920. Played high school football with the Philadelphia High School and won All-State recognition as a halfback on two occasions. Entered Mississippi State and was a regular halfback for three seasons. In 1942 was All-Southeastern Conference and All-America selection. His great speed won him a place on the Southeastern track team. He performed in the 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash and broad jump. He was clocked at 9.6 seconds for his best time in the century. Joined the Marines and spent 19 months in the Pacific area. Blondy saw action in Guadalcanal and landed on D-Day on Okinawa. He played last season with the Buffalo Bills and came to Baltimore late in the training period this year.

DUDISH, ANDREW C. (ANDY)

Born October 13, 1921 in Breslaw, Pennsylvania. Played for Hanover High School, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. and was voted most valuable in the 1938 East-West All-Star tilt when he scored the only touchdown. Entered Georgia and played for four years under Wally Butts. While at Georgia was in the same backfield as Frank Sinkwich and was considered one of the greatest safety men in the South. In 1946 Andy was with the Buffalo Bills and was high up in the standings in punt and kick-off returns. Spent two years in the army. Emerged a 1st Lieutenant. While in the service was a member of the Fort Benning eleven which won the championship in 1943.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHS, Continued

HILLENBRAND, WILLIAM F. (BILLY)

Born in Armstrong, Indiana on March 29, 1922. Won four letters in high school and was captain of the football team in his senior year. He was chosen on the All-State eleven three years and was picked as Most Valuable for two campaigns. Played in the Indiana University backfield under Coach Bo MacMillin. While playing for the Hoosiers, Hillenbrand was twice selected on the All-Big Ten team and in 1942 made the All-America first eleven. He performed last season for the Chicago Rockets and three times broke loose for touchdown runs of over 35 yards. Billy was in the army. He held the rank of 1st Lieutenant in infantry. He is married.

MOBLEY, RUDOLPH H. (LITTLE DOC)

Born in Paducah, Texas on December 8, 1921. Two of the four years he played for Paducah High School he was All-District. His first year of collegiate football at Hardin-Simmons College he broke Whizzer White's ground gaining record and earned a spot on the Little All-America team. After serving with the army in France, Germany, Belgium, Austria and England as an automatic rifleman he returned to college and paced the Cowboys to an undefeated season in 1946. Last year he broke his own ground gaining record traveling 1284 yards. Mobley is one of the smallest men ever to play professional football. He tips the scales at 155 pounds.

TERRELL, RAY W.

Born in Water Valley, Mississippi on June 29, 1919. Attended Jeff Davis High School and was captain of the grid squad one of the two seasons he put in as fullback. Earned one letter at the University of Mississippi where he was honorable mention All-America halfback. Entered pro ranks with the Cleveland Browns last year. Was a First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps and served 14 months in the Pacific area. While in the service performed for the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida and Camp Le Jeune, North Carolina. Was selected on the All-Service team in 1943. In 1946 after discharge from the leathernecks, Terrell played in the first backfield for the championship winning Cleveland Browns. He came to Baltimore on a league deal to help strengthen the weaker clubs.

VARDIAN, JOHN J.

Born on September 25, 1924 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. In high school he played four seasons and was team captain once. Made the rare jump from prop to pro ball without the usual college stopover. But was not lacking in experience, having played for Hampton Pool's Fort Pierce Amphibs for two seasons while in service, when he signed with the Miami Seahawks last season. Vardian stands only 5 feet 8 inches and weighs 168 but his shiftiness and speed earned him a place in professional football in 1946.

THE FULLBACKS

CASTIGLIA, JAMES V. (JIM)

Born on September 30, 1918 in Passaic, New Jersey. While at Passaic High School he played three years of football, basketball and baseball. He was captain of all three teams in his senior year. Entered Georgetown University. Continued to play football and baseball being captain in college of both squads. Selected on the All-America grid team in 1940. Played major league baseball as a catcher with the Philadelphia Athletics in 1942 before entering the Army Air Corps. Performed as fullback for the Philadelphia Eagles in the National Football League for four seasons.

MERTES, BERNARD J. (BUS)

Born in Chicago, Illinois on October 6, 1921. Attended Lane Tech in Chicago, earning three letters and captaining the grid team in his senior year. All-State in his final season. Entered Iowa and played under Coach Eddie Anderson. In 1942 war interrupted his college schedule but did not halt his grid career. He became a member of the Iowa Seahawks Pre-Flight eleven and played with the 'Hawks for three seasons while they compiled a 22 win, 2 loss record. In 1944 Bus made the All-Midwest service team. In 1945 he played with the Chicago Cardinals in the National League and last year he was a member of the Los Angeles Dons. Most rabid fans are his three beautiful sisters. Mertes is 6 feet tall and weighs 205 pounds.

PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES, Continued

WRIGHT, JOHN (RED)

Born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 13, 1921. Paced Baltimore City College to high school championship three years in a row. Was team captain 1937 and made the All-Maryland team in 1938-39. Earned three pigskin letters at the University of Maryland. In 1942 the Terp's hard driving fullback was an All-Maryland college selection. Took time out from football for 36 months army service but returned to Maryland last year to become the heavy duty man in Clark Shaughnessy's Terp backfield. Passed up a lucrative pro offer from the New York Giants to come into the Colt fold. Wright's 5 foot 11 inch frame supports 225 pounds of beef.



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BALTIMORE COLTS

1947 Schedule

AT HOME

Sunday	Sept. 7	Brooklyn Dodgers
Sunday	Sept. 28	New York Yankees
Sunday	Oct. 5	San Francisco 49ers
Sunday	Oct. 19	Los Angeles Dons
Sunday	Nov. 23	Buffalo Bills
Sunday	Nov. 30	Chicago Rockets
Sunday	Dec. 7	Cleveland Browns

AWAY

Sunday	Sept. 14	San Francisco 49ers
Sunday	Sept. 21	Cleveland Browns
Sunday	Oct. 12	Buffalo Bills
Sunday	Oct. 26	Los Angeles Dons
Sunday	Nov. 2	New York Yankees
* Friday	Nov. 7	Chicago Rockets
Sunday	Nov. 16	Brooklyn Dodgers
* Night game		

Night game in Chicago starts at 8:30 P. M.

All home games start at 2:15 P.M.

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