

# Haines, Miller Head Coaches



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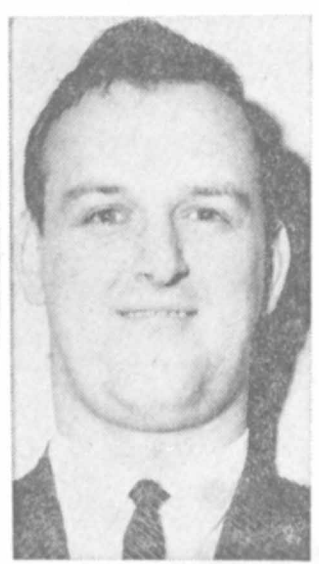
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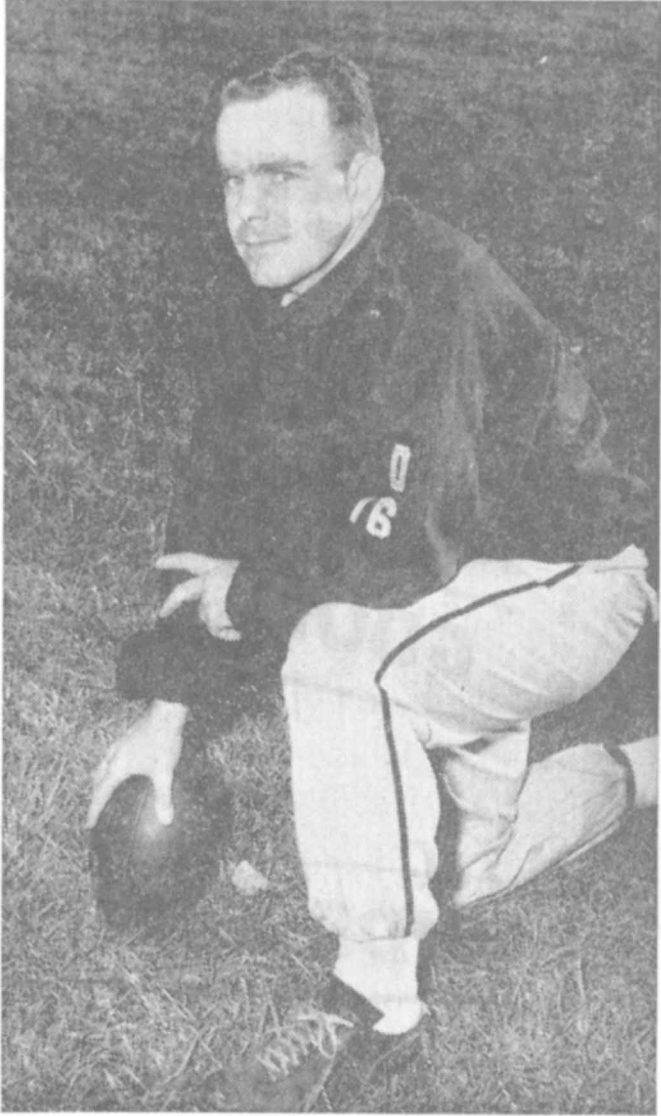
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DICK HAINES, Dover Grid Coach



JIM MILLER, Dover Cage Coach

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shoat. Kelker's end play was superb and he and Foutz scored touchdowns with Foutz kicking the extra point.

Foutz also played the heroics in the tight squeeze over Uhrichsville, scoring all the points. His initial tally came late in the third canto.

Everyone played an outstanding game against Massillon, but it was Foutz who punched the ball across to paydirt midway through the final frame. Kelker had almost slipped in a few plays later, but was forced out of bounds.

Akron North and New Philadelphia provided the toughest tests the following year, bowing 7-0 and 12-7, respectively. Other wins were over Newcomerstown 39-0, Coshocton 13-0, Wooster 27-7, Orrville 34-0, Uhrichsville 52-0, Ravenna 26-0, Massillon 18-0 and Dennison 18-0.

The following year, 1933, Wooster and Akron Central proved to be the most stubborn, but the rugged Tornadoes conquered both by 6-0 scores. Doc Kelker was picked on the mythical All-Ohio High School eleven.

In 1934, Dover appeared to be on the way to another fine campaign when it swamped Newcomerstown 26-0 in its opener. But the following week Coshocton proved to be too much to handle and the 19-game streak was broken 33-7. At the end of the season Dover's slate stood at 4-3-1.

In 7 seasons, Rearick guided Dover to 51 wins against just 13 losses and 4 deadlocks.

Those 2 unbeaten seasons were the second and third in the glorious history of Dover, the first coming in 1962 under Coach Joe Herman. Only 2 ties "marred" that slate.

Ironically, Rearick was a member of that team, along with Capt. Ike Truebey, Wally Lahmers, Buss Andreas, Carly Contini, Bill Beitner, Johnny Gephart, Norm Godfrey, and others.

Going down before those Tornadoes were Minerva 15-7, Cadiz 39-0, Akron Garfield 20-3, Wadsworth 41-0, Uhrichsville 6-0, Millersburg 37-7 and Carrollton 46-6. The ties were 7-7 against Wellsville and 6-6 against that longtime nemesis, New Philadelphia.

The records go on and on

with fine teams, but it wasn't until 1942 that another Crimson eleven could claim to have gone through an entire season unscathed. That year's team won the Central Ohio League title under Glen O. (Dutch) Furbay.

Feeling the weight of Dover's power that time around were Uhrichsville 21-12, Bellaire 34-7, Zanesville 30-0, Lancaster 40-0, Chillicothe 38-0, Marietta 34-0, Newark 21-13, Coshocton 21-9, Cambridge 54-7 and New Philadelphia 40-0.

Furbay's slate shows 85 wins, 50 losses and 5 ties.

Several "lean" years followed the 1942 session and then Dick Haines, the current boss, came on the scene to guide the Tornadoes to the heights once again. Haines' personal ledger shows a 45-20-6 mark, including an 8-0-2 listing for 1961.

Conquered by "Haines' Henchmen" were Akron South 16-8, Uhrichsville 32-0, Coshocton 24-0, Cambridge 42-6, Ashland 22-20, Bellaire 24-6, Salem 30-6 and New Philadelphia 16-12. The ties were back-to-back against Wooster, 8-8, and Mansfield Madison, 20-20.

Stalwarts for Haines that season were Ed Luthy, Donn Foutz, Jim Meese, Jay Furbay, Jim Hershberger, John Terakedis, Ron Callentine, Jerry Bryan, Don Davidson, Bill Miller, Steve Weber, Ron Stalder, Jim Trotter, Dave Lawrence, Jim Sweitzer and John Krause.

Just as everyone has their ups and downs, so, too, have the Tornadoes. For instance: In 1923, they crushed Apple Creek 91-0 as Robert (Dutch) Miller scored 6 touchdowns and Herbert Zollar 5. In 1956 the shoe was on the other foot as an opponent waltzed 72-0. That was New Philadelphia.

In addition to Kelker, 2 other gridiron gladiators have brought fame and glory Dover's way through All-Ohio honors — Dan Fronk in 1953 and Jerry Murphy a year later.

The first unbeaten season in Tornado annals ended in a game played in ankle-deep mud on "Turkey Day" at Tuscora Park.

Ike Trubey was the hero for Dover that day, never missing a play and scoring the touchdown to tie the count and keep Dover's record unblemished.

Dover missed a chance for the victory when a "touchdown" by

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nado Bill Herman reaped All-Ohio honors for his regular season prowess.

Some of the teams through the 1940's more than held their own and the 1951-52 club did all right behind sparkplug Jake Lengler, but none has come so close to the top of the heap as their predecessors.

The picture has taken a drastic change since then, as Dover has been able to floor a winning combine just 4 times in the past 13 seasons, including the current one.

It was 62 years ago, 1903, that basketball was introduced in Dover by Charlie Teeters, who taught at the high school.

Also on the initial aggregation were Clyde Gay, John Hopkins, Felix Huffman and Ross Weber.

Some of the stalwarts on the following great teams were:

Gray, Harry Weber, Albert Rinderknecht, Louis Weinsz, Robert Waldon, Marvin Hill, Ernie Godfrey, Claude Hertzig, Norm Zellars, Fred Swanger, John Marshall, Ivor Goodrich, Herbert Zollars and Kenny Rice.

In the early days they played their games in Beller's Roller Rink which now houses the Weaver Motor Co. In 1922 they shifted to Memorial Hall and just 2 seasons ago moved into a spanking new gymnasium.

There were no definite rules and Teeters played right along with the others.

One of the greatest games that first year was Dover's 11-7 win over Steubenville with Teeters pitching in what proved to be the winning points after being thrown and lying flat on his back.

Later years produced such stars as "Goosey" Hill, "Greenie" Waldron, Edgar Harris, Don Marshall and the Miller boys.

As usually happens, records, team and individual, set in the olden times fall under the relentless pursuit of the younger generation.

Lengler holds the "oldest" record at Dover, the one-game point total of 45 set Feb. 9, 1951, against Coshocton. Other marks are Terry Swartzwelder's 1,009 career points, Jim Sweitzer's 429 single season tallies and the 96 team markers run up against Barnesville in 1958 tournament play.

Although Dover has had many great moments, so, too, has it had some tough times. Like in 1915-16 when it was unable to rent the Beller Rink and had to play all its games on the road. And without any practice!

An interesting highlight favoring Dover came in 1950 when Bob Staples sank a foul shot after regulation play ended to beat Steubenville 66-65 in district tournament action.

Many of the 1927 champions "warmed up" the previous season by winning 14 of 15 regular season games, losing 32-

29 to Massillon in the third game, and taking 2 of 3 tournament contests, bowing 30-20 to Zanesville.

There was no such indication of brighter things to come in 1932 when the Tornadoes finished 8-14.

Faced with several days of idleness before making their debut in the state tournament in 1927, the Tornadoes tried to line up some stiff competition to help them remain sharp. But such teams as Canton McKinley, Akron Central, Sharon, Pa., and Farrell, Pa., wanted no part of "Hermann's Heroes" even for a practice round.

Finally, Akron South agreed to "take on" the Doverites and provided just what Hermann wanted — a stiff test. So tough was the battle, that the Crimsons were forced to the wire before escaping with a 20-18 victory. Four long spectacular shots by Trubey and a pair by Low, near the end of the game, turned the tide.

Columbus writers didn't give the "Hermannites" much of a chance for winning the title against the toughest teams in the state.

Following a 23-16 win over Mansfield, however, the critics played a different tune and picked the Tornadoes to weave their way into the finals.

Low paced the Crimsons over Portsmouth, touching the nets for 15 of his team's 20 points.

In the grand finale, it was the great defensive work of Trubey and Beitner that paved the way for the Doverites, (plus Beitner's scoring 11 points). Another big factor was the board work of Slaughter, especially under Toledo's basket.

With the count 23-21, Dover "froze" the ball for a full minute and a half to lock up the championship.

Hermann was the envy of all Ohio coaches and his generalship won him high praise. He shouldered the scouting burden, sending his players to their rooms when not in actual competition.

The March 21 edition of The Daily Reporter that year printed: "Only through the ability and efforts of Coach Joe Hermann could a team ever have survived 3 games in the state tourney this season, for critics say that 8 of the best teams ever to play in a state tournament competed in the one at Columbus this year."

"Dover players were not permitted to see any of the tournament games except those in which they played. Coach Hermann took all the worries on himself. After sending his players to their rooms to rest, Hermann scouted the other games and doped out his plan of attack against the teams he was to play. Before the game he told the Dover squad what to do — and the players did it."

That same Reporter issue also mentioned: "Dover High won the state basketball title back in 1907, but in those days no state or district tournaments were held and there was no official recognition of a championship team."

"On Feb. 21, 1907, Dover defeated West High of Cleveland 18-15 in an overtime period of play. West was the admitted champion of northern Ohio and Dover the champion of central Ohio."

"The Dover team was comprised of Robert Waldron, Jacob Godfrey, Marvin Hill, Carl Krantz and Dr. Max Shaweker. Referees were Charlie Teeters, then Dover High principal, and Pasini of Cleveland. "The year before Dover came within one point of winning

## -DOVER CAGE-



FRANK (DOC) KELKER. Considered, in most corners, as Dover's all-time greatest athlete. An All-Ohioan in football and basketball in high school, he went on to gain All-American honors at Western Reserve. Doc was the only Negro named to the latest Silver Anniversary All-America team, which is picked every 25 years.

the state championship from Central High of Cleveland.

"Dover High had premier basketball teams for a number of years in that period of 20 years ago. Some of the stars were Clyde Gay, Harry Weber, Al Rinderknecht, Louis Weinsz, Ernie Godfrey, the late Edgar Harris and others."

Six years later, March 17, 1933, critics predicted that Dover would be a heavy scorer in the state tournament on the basis of its average of 40 points in games won. And Rearick, captain of the '27 champions, was the youngest coach in the tournament at the ripe old age of 24.

"We'll beat Massillon, too," Rearick said after his lads turned back Springfield 26-17. "We knew all along we were better than Springfield. Massillon beat us once this year, by 7 points (26-19). We're glad to get this chance to make up for that game today."

And made up for that loss they did, knocking off the tough Tigers 26-24 when Harold Braun snagged a bucket in overtime. Then Rearick's Raiders' whacked Marietta 34-23 for the title, Doc Kelker and Dick Klar leading the way with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Reports on the game didn't say if the Tornadoes "burned" the nets from the hoops, but they did mention that a broken basket gave the teams an extra 15 minutes of rest at halftime.

Another sidelight was that Klar committed just one personal foul throughout the entire tournament grind — 7 games. And that came in the windup.

Although they played basketball like supermen, the Tornadoes proved they were human by insisting on dressing in the same quarters as Marietta — because they had used that spot in previous outings.

And Fritz Weber, Rearick's side-kick and first lieutenant, took credit for Braun's winning bucket against Massillon. With the 2 teams tied and in overtime, Earl Maurer looked at Weber and squeezed his hands together. Weber, in the scoring box, reached into his left hip pocket and squeezed Maurer's little felt cap. Braun immediately scored the deciding basket.

More interesting sidelights: Don Godfrey always gave Weber a dime and 2 nickels before each game because, as Godfrey said, "it's lucky."

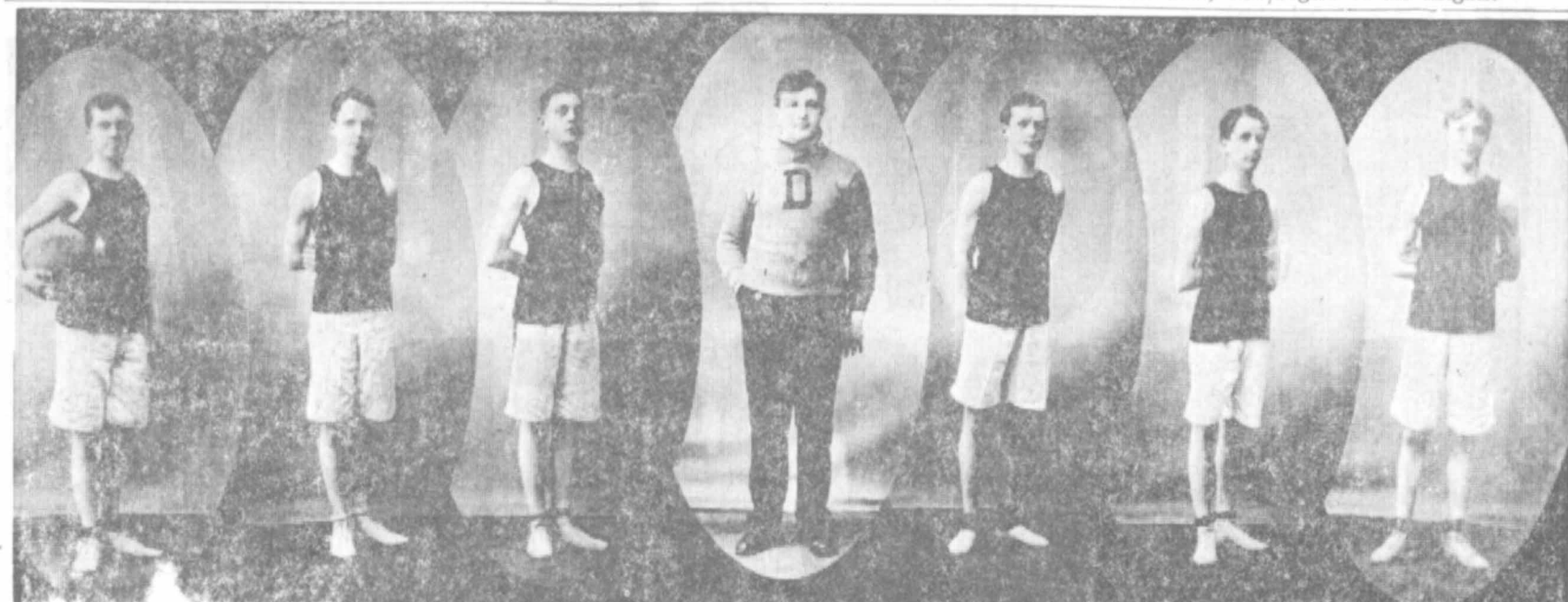
Klar always was the last boy to go onto the floor, Braun the first. "It's the fates," they said. In the regular season loss to Massillon, Klar went onto the floor in the middle of the line.

The champs also went on a "jinx ride" to lose "Old Man Jinx" before the team went to a game.

Meeting at the school, the boys piled into cars. The route was: Down Cherry St. to the alley by the post office, turn left there to Walnut St., north on Walnut to Third St., then over to Wooster Ave. and left there to the Legion Hall. Then they left for their games if away from home.

The champs always played their hunches.

DR. G. I. GOODRICH. Dover's first football coach.



1903-06 DOVER CAGERS. Clyde Gay (left), Harry Weber, Louis Weinsz, Referee Felix Huffman, Bob Waldron, Al Rinderknecht, and Marvin Hill.

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