

DOVER—A City Laden With A Great Athletic Tradition

Tornadoes Rank With Grid Elite

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When you list Ohio's school-boy football elite, such as Massillon, Canton McKinley, Niles, Bellaire, Lorain and Lancaster, don't forget Dover. For it belongs.

When the Tornadoes first took to the field in 1896 until the present, Dover victories have almost doubled the losses.

The slate reads 277 won, 174 lost and 41 tied.

Against mighty Massillon Dover stands 3-2-1; McKinley 0-5-5; Lancaster 6-8-0; Bellaire 3-3-1.

Marks involving some of Dover's other foes are Cambridge 21-6-1; Uhrichsville 43-6-4; Wooster 15-16-7; Coshocton 28-8-3, and Zanesville 8-11-1.

Oh, yes, New Philadelphia. Tornado fans would just as soon not mention it. Quaker eleven's hold the upper hand 33-19-8.

Times change on the gridiron scene just like all other phases of life. Whereas early Dover teams had no paid coach and played games on a pick-up basis and wore the skimpiest of uniforms, now they are under proper supervision, have the best in equipment and the schedule is lined up years in advance.

Dover's brightest era was in the early 1930's when it waltzed past 29 consecutive opponents without tasting defeat.

Fellows like Jim Gano, Frank (Doc) Kelker, Leroy Espenschied, Art Zuchegno, Trevor Rees, Don Godfrey, Dick Klar, Russ Graves, Don Foutz, Earl Maurer, Dale God-

frey, Tom Mason and Glen Polen started the string in 1931 under Coach Herman (Bup) Rearick.

That season was launched with wins over Carrollton 40-0 and Coshocton 13-6. Wooster broke the spell 23-0, but then the streak began.

Going down under the thundering Tornadoes were Orrville 22-0, Akron North 37-7, Millersburg 9-0, Uhrichsville 13-0, Ravenna 20-0, Massillon 6-0, Newcomerstown 27-6 and New Philadelphia 27-6.

Rearick used 45 players in the romp over Carrollton and "bit his nails" as superior line work brought the nod over Co-

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Boxing Was 'Hot Stuff'

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Perhaps one of the hottest sports ever to hit the Dover area 20, 30 and even 40 years ago was the fast-moving crowd-gathering sport of boxing.

During those years, Dover was virtually "put on the map" because of its big name professional boxers, most of whom were locally trained and managed.

Many fans will recollect such headlines as the "Alabama Kid", Tony Leone, Zeke Jones, Frankie Fabiano, Bobby Biederman, Sam Shack and many others.

The sport grew rapidly in Dover and New Philadelphia and went strong for many years until "fizzling out" in the 1950s.

Later on, wrestling made a strong bid in this area but was not as prominent as boxing.

The miff - pushing sport first spurred into this area around the early 1920's. Probably the best pugilist at the time was Leone, managed and trained by John Capozella. Both lived in Dover.

Dutch Senhauser of Dover also played a major role in the big name boxers in the area and he along with Capozella became well-known through their proteges.

Leone drew large crowds in this area and all around Ohio. He was a welterweight, then a middleweight and even fought in the heavy weight division.

Tony's name usually was spread over the area newspapers for being a fighter with terrific speed and pile-driving punches.

One such article appearing in The Daily Reporter Jan. 23, 1928, read:

"Carl Cavelli of Massillon and Leone go into action again soon. Cavelli and Leone have been matched before and have put up a mighty nice fight. Many fans who remember the last battle are anxious for the going to ring them into action again. Tony is working out daily in the Community A.C. training quarters."

Several days later headlines revealed that Leone had won the 10-round bout.

Following Leone, the Alabama Kid came onto the scene here.

Capozella, who still resides at 403 W. 5th St., Dover, was "the Kid's" manager and trainer.

John still remembers the story of the famed Negro boxer. "The Kid was only 16-years-old when he knocked on my

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1942 COL CHAMPS. Ben Wilson, center; Clyde Law (left) and Vernon Leuck, guards; Frank Altesiano (left) and Tony Young, tackles; and, back

row, Bill Schumacker (left), John Mari, Dan Petrella, Bob Phillips, Nick Incarnato and Dave Marshall.

YMCA Known Far And Wide

The YMCA is a world-wide fellowship - united by common loyalty to Jesus Christ for the purpose of developing a Christian personality and building a Christian society.

This is the statement of purpose YMCA's throughout the world follow. And Dover YMCA belongs among the best when it comes to attaining its goal.

Thousands of Tuscarawas Countians have benefited from the YMCA's physical facilities, participating in a variety of activities such as basketball, swimming, fencing, judo, slymnastics etc.

The local YMCA is known far and wide for its outstanding programs down through the ranks. Perhaps its most proficient work, however, comes in swimming.

Physical Director Tom Patton, who heads the capable tank staff, deserves the lion's share of credit for the program's success. Under his guidance, a countless number of boys have learned valuable lessons such as fair play, sportsmanship, cooperation and how to accept victory and defeat like gentlemen.

The local swimmers have enjoyed tremendous success, compiling a 393-119 record from the Cadets through the Preps and Juniors to the Intermediates (high school age).

Included in the fantastic total are 12 Northeast Ohio League championships.

The ultimate in success in the water was achieved Jan. 24-25, 1964, when 10 lads set a world

record for a 50-mile swim with a time of 14 hours, 12 minutes and 52.4 seconds.

Making the "trip" were Wally Morton, Trevor Buehler, Dave Taylor, Jim Kappeler, John Gerber, Ray Kendle, Jim Edwards, Dana Savage, Les White and Skip Crawley.

Calisthenics also plays a vital role in the YMCA's "building" of youth and in this field, too, the locals have proved their superiority.

Performing a number of different events, such as pushups, hop-skip-and-jump, etc., Trevor Buehler has emerged as champion of Ohio the past 2 years with respective 492 and 486 points out of a possible 500.

And in 1962 Rick Eckert garnered 485 to take honors. The

previous year Gary Cercone finished second.

One of the most sought after YMCA awards is the Charles E. Wilson Memorial Award which goes to the boy who best exemplifies the spirit of competitive swimming and who has shown outstanding ability as a leader in service to others.

The award was set up in memory of young Wilson who was killed when struck by an auto while on a Boy Scout hike in 1952. Six boys have received the coveted award—Bill Foraker, 1956; Dale Packer, 1957; Marvin Stockett, 1959; Jeff Holzworth, 1960; Tom Wilson, 1961; and Jim McIlvaine, 1962.

Tuscarawas Countians can in-

deed be proud of its YMCA, for it has captured 6 consecutive awards for being outstanding throughout the Ohio - West Virginia area in attaining what every YMCA set out to do.

Here are some of the local activities at the local YMCA:

Basketball — Senior League organized in 1945, but dropped this year because of an insufficient number of teams; Junior League — Started in 1956 and still going strong with 14 teams entered, the largest in its history; Industrial — Began in 1951 and dropped in 1957 because of lack of interest;

Learn to Swim — A men's campaign organized in 1954 to give every man in the county an opportunity to learn how to swim. More than 500 men have taken advantage of the chance;

A 4th grade program was started in 1950 and from then until now about 4,500 have participated;

Leader's Clubs — Started in 1950 to give those interested a chance to serve this community. As a unit, the clubs give 5,000 hours per year in volunteer service. District recognition came in 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964.

Former YMCA leaders who have gone into YMCA work are Dale Packer, secretary at Dayton Central, and Tom Armstrong, secretary at Sunbury, Pa.

The leaders attended the Pan American games, New York

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Giants Were Tops

Care to name what you think is the greatest football team in Dover's long and illustrious history?

If you're with the majority, it is the 1908 aggregation billed as the Canal Dover Giants.

A semi-pro team, the Giants were paid "as much as \$2 and all the beer they could drink."

That touted eleven was acclaimed state champions after disposing of an equally - tough Columbus Panhandle crew. Also that year, the Giants rolled up 158 points against a Lorain Athletic Club combine — a record that still stands as the world's best single-game football output.

Playing on that 1908 squad were R. W. Machan, Jacob Lentz, Grover (Dode) Rosenberry, the McCoy brothers, Joe Powitski, Harry Zimmerman, Joe Rees, Dick Hamilton, Brains Weidrick, Chuck Nolty, Frank Moore, Herb Defenbacher, Frank Best, Ferrell, Dick VanAllman, Dusty Rhoades, Frank VanTilburg, Crookston, Charley (Gawkey) Sharp, Paul Sanford McAllister and Coach Herb Wightman.

Doverite Fritz Weber helped reunite Machan, Lentz and Rosenberry last June at the Willard T. McKeever residence here.



1927 STATE CHAMPIONS. FRONT ROW — ART Schlundt (left), Ray Low, Bup Rearick, Ralph Buehler, Ike Trubey and Bill Beitner. BACK ROW —

Coach Joe Herman (left), Carl Braun, Frank Slaughter, Ted Yourkievitz and Manager Sam Ream.

2 State Cage Championships

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An ancient axiom has it that history always repeats itself, and Doverites will just have to be patient and firm in their hope that it will as far as basketball here is concerned.

It's been nearly 3 decades since Dover has had a truly outstanding cage combine — in 1936-37 when it lost 46-40 to champion Hamilton in the state tournament.

Twice Dover has ruled the roost as Ohio schoolboy basketball champion — 1927 and 1933. Two other Tornado quintets, 1904 and 1907, claimed the title but official recognition was withheld until 1923 when the Ohio High School Athletic Assn. was formed.

And in addition to the Hamilton loss, Dover finished just one game away from the crown in 1929—the year Dayton Strivers won 36-22.

Returning to his high school alma mater to take the head job, he guided the 1933 Tornadoes to the school's second state championship. Playing for Rearick that season were Frank (Doc) Kelker, Dick Klar, Buddy Davis, Harold Braun, Earl Maurer, Don Godfrey, Dale Andreas, Bob Boyd, Sonny Seibert and Tom Humrighouse.

They beat such clubs as New Philadelphia 32-14, Shadyside

34-18, Cambridge 42-19, Uhrichsville 32-26, Springfield 26-17, Massillon 26-24 in overtime and Marietta 34-23.

Rearick's teams won 109 games over the years while losing just 44. His tournament slate was 20-5.

More individual honors came Dover's way in 1933, as Kelker, Braun and Klar all were selected to the all - tournament

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Remember Basketeers?

Just as a book without the last chapter or a movie lacking a final scene, so too would be the recap of Dover sports without the Basketeers.

Formed in 1955 when their originator and coach, George Elford, noticed that a few of his 6th St. Elementary cagers were unusually good at "tricks" during a lull in practice, the Basketeers won the acclaim of countless thousands before being disbanded in March, 1963.

And the group was broken up

then only because the travel involved became too taxing on Elford, who held and still holds a fulltime job at Marsh Wall Products.

"The boys don't want to quit, but the travel is becoming too much for me," Elford said at the time. No one was found to take his place. It's probably just as well, because the Basketeers just wouldn't be the same without Elford.

Members of the original Basketeers were Phil Brewer, Jake

Hammond, Cal Woods, Bob Feutz, Bill Levensgood and Gene Ketter.

Joining the group in following years were Jim Trotter, Bill Davis, Jim Sweetzer, Jim Meese, Terry Simmons, John Terakedis, Keith Marburger, Don Maurer, Steve Trustdorf, Ernie Cato, Kirby Terakedis, Rik Haines, Todd Ramsey, Colby Byrom, Ken Korns, Dean Burkhart and Rich Trustdorf.

Ever since that first year, Elford hand-picked replacements for his "graduates" or those who became high school age.

Waterloo Wonders Made 1935 'Visit'

Tuscarawas County's All-Stars may have been defeated 48-32, but the appearance of the fabled Waterloo Wonders at Dover's Memorial Hall March, 1935, is still a favorite memory for many in this area.

Coach Herman (Bup) Rearick surrounded himself by some of the finest basketball talent in the area in anticipation of the invasion by the Wonders.

Among them were Frank (Doc) Kelker, an All-Ohioan and Dover High 1933 graduate, Buddy Davis, Tony Lamonica, Dick Klar and George Steffey of Dover, and last-namers, LaPorte, Parrish, Cotton, Peckensine of Uhrichsville, and Zimmerman and McGuire of Denison.

The game, originally scheduled to be played in Denison High's gymnasium was switched to Dover, but continued under the promotion of James Baldwin and Bill Woods of Uhrichsville.

Officiating the contest were Kenny Mathias of New Philadelphia and Earl Kinsey of Uhrichsville.

On game night the main match was preceded by a pre-lim between Twin Cities and the Lockport Lagers. The late Jess Dempster scored 8 points to pace the former to a 28-16 victory. Bud Rieger led the latter with 7.

In the feature contest the All-Stars battled the Wonders on even terms during the opening period, which ended deadlocked 8-8. But the Wonders went on to post quarter margins of 30-17 and 33-27 en route to the decision. They had come to Dover sporting a 49-3 record over regular season and tournament action.

Kelker led the Stars with 12 points. Klar followed with 7, while rounding out the point parade were Steffey, 4, Lamonica and Davis 3 apiece, Parrish 2 and Cotton 1.

Imitating the famous Harlem Globetrotters, the Basketeers earned the role of Dover's good will ambassadors. They traveled far and wide, appearing on television on numerous occasions and even in the movie "The Errand Boy" with Jerry Lewis. They also appeared in "Mighty Mites," a series of technicolor shorts released by Paramount Studios.

Although they patterned themselves after the Globetrotters, the Basketeers didn't play any games. But from then on the comparison was striking.

Starting their show with a rapid - fire passing drill, the Dover lads executed 75 passes in 27 seconds.

Then they took off down the floor to one of the baskets for layup shots, alternating hands. And they seldom missed!

Next came a dribbling show which did credit even to the Globetrotters. The boys would dribble the ball between their legs, around their backs and even while lying on the floor.

Then they formed a circle

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1933 STATE CHAMPIONS. SITTING — Bud Davis (left), Dick Klar, Harold Braun and Earl Maurer. STANDING — Manager Pee Wee Swiderman,

Dale Andreas, Sonny Seibert, Doc Kelker, Coach Bup Rearick, Bob Boyd, Tom Humrighouse, Don Godfrey and Manager Red Davis.