

-ST. JOE GRID-

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while toiling for Chauncey-Dover.

Five men guided St. Joseph's gridiron fortunes prior to Teynor—Danny Contini (2 years), Jack Castagnola (2), Joe Drotovick (5), Charles Lucas (1) and Joe LaScola (3).

Won-loss records were Contini 1-4-0 and 7-1-0; Castagnola 1-5-2 and 2-4-1; Drotovick 4-4-0, 9-0-0, 3-5-0, 5-2-2, and 1-8-0; Lucas 2-7-0; and, LaScola 2-4-3, 1-6-2 and 1-7-1.

St. Joseph's has had more than its share of troubles over the years, mainly scheduling difficulties and the small number of boys in the school.

But some good comes out of everything and, because they are forced to go far and wide to find opponents, the Ramblers have been able to play some of Ohio's finest teams. And although they seldom come close to matching size with their adversaries, the Ramblers have held their own through plenty of desire and pure guts.

It was Contini, a Dover native and a 1929 graduate of Dover High, who accepted the challenge of starting the sport for St. Joseph's.

Coaching football wasn't new to him even then, however, for he held the top job at St. James High in Orlando, Fla., 2 seasons prior to taking the job here.

St. Joseph's made a wise choice in picking Contini for the post, because he certainly knew the game.

He was an All-State end at Broadview College during his 2 years there and, after moving to Rollins College at Winter Park, Fla., grabbed additional glory when he was named to the All-Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Assn. first team.

The initial Rambler aggregation fell 25-12 to Midvale in its first outing, but stormed back the following week to upend Flashing 19-13 when Vince (Flash) Rondinello cracked over the goal from the 5-yard line in the fourth quarter.

St. Joseph's had moved into scoring position on the strength of passes from John Petrella to Sam Baio (2) and Ted Rondinello (1).

Other members of that squad were Louis Endres, Harold Weigand, Andy Penso, Pat Adams, Joe Brady, Eugene Contini, Rudy Bauer, Ray Hagerman, Neil Douth, Joe Congilio, Ralph Festi, Ed Rieger, Art Mosley and Tony Cenci.

The 1951 aggregation culminated the season undefeated with a 26-6 decision over arch-rival Dennison St. Mary's, led by Mascotti's 2 touchdowns. Also crossing paydirt were Don Yosick and Barney Lawless. Don Plotz and Lawless converted.

Also playing that campaign were Vince Kyle, Dick Devney, Russ Mullady, Jerry Campo, Ron Weigand, Tom Meechan, Gabe Mattevi, Jim Chadroe, Dick Dieoma, Roger Bambeck, Norm Recla, Ted Valentine, Andy Yosick, Mick Leone, Alex Webster, Chuck Casagran, Terry Capozella and Joe Lab.

They outscored the opposition 401-40 and 21 of the points were "given" to Malvern which fell 54-21. This squad "bombed" 2 foes, Augusta and Strasburg, by 83-0 tallies.

The ball bounced the other way in 1962 when Akron St. Mary's scored a 76-0 triumph. Leading the charge for the unbeaten 1961 club was Tom Young who scored 74 points and Roger Lammers with 44.

Few could have asked for a more exciting ending to any season. The foe, as it usually was for the windup, was Dennison St. Mary's.

Nearly 3,000 fans crammed Dennison High Stadium for the battle. The Waves, under the popular Paul Drotovick, had lost just once, 26-22 to Wheeling Bishop Donohue, and had tied Newark Catholic 12-12.

When the turmoil subsided, the Ramblers had an 8-0 victory and immediately laid claim to the mythical state Class A championship.



SAMMY MASCOTTI. One of the hardest runners in St. Joseph's history, Mascotti scored 192 points in a single season. Ohio selection in 1963.

Little Nick Pace, 125 pounds soaking wet, played the top role. St. Joseph's took advantage of a bad Wave pass on a punting situation and quickly moved to the 3-yard line.

Pace, the quarterback, called for a dive play, but "checked off" at the line of scrimmage when he spied a huge gap in the line. Following the blocking of Bill Krantz, Pace sneaked over for the game's only touchdown—in the second stanza.

Jerry Rieger put icing on the cake in the final frame when he fackled Wave punter Woody Gross in the end zone for a safety.

The win was the 11th in a row for St. Joseph's and made the Waves shutout victims for the first time in 59 outings. St. Joseph's went on to record 2 more victories the following year before Waynedale snapped the string 14-6.

Listed on the lineup card for that final test were, in addition to Pace, and Rieger, Krantz, Young, Lammers, Jack Evans, Mike Fearon, Gene Martinelli, Mike Youssi, John Cihon, Glenn Myers, Dave Richards, Jim Mari, Dick Bassetti, Nick Incarnato and Dave Fioretto.

Now we come to 1963 and again St. Joseph's went unbeaten and again claimed the state title.

This time the last road block was Wakeman Western Reserve, but the game turned out to be a waltz for the Ramblers. The score was 25-0, Roger Lammers tallying 4 touchdowns and Rich Weaver kicking the extra point.

And the field general that year was just a freshman—Dave Myers who was "pushed" into a starting role 2 days before the opening game when injuries sidelined 2 other quarterbacks.

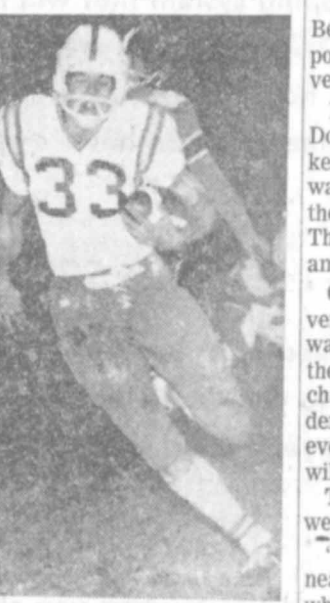
It was this season, remember, that Teynor was named Coach of the Year and Lammers and Mike Fearon were elected All-Ohioans.

Other squad members were Don Lamonica, Tony Zito, Tim Amos, Pete Endres, Glenn Myers, John Biancamano, Dick Major, Bill Marino, Mike Youssi, Joe Douth, Andy Cullison, John Altier, Ron Rieger, Jeff Lammers, Joe Zuchegno, Joe DiGenova, Tom Kline, Joe Tornabene and John Capozella.

Several talented players graduated after that season and the outlook for 1964 wasn't too bright. But "Teynor's Terrors" more than lived up to their reputation, posting a 6-3 record, far exceeding expectations.



BILL KRANTZ. A center, Krantz was named to the All-Ohio football team in 1961.



ROGER LAMMERS. Named to the All-Ohio first team in 1963.



MIKE FEARON. An outstanding defensive player and likewise touch on offense, he captured St. Joseph's "Ane Squad" senior year. Was an All-Ohio selection in 1963.

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All-Stars on a neutral floor, preferably the Cleveland Public Hall on March 8, or any other date. A team that can beat the Celtics certainly will draw a crowd anywhere and the Cleveland Hall with its 11,000 seating capacity would be filled anytime we could meet there."

"Ed Bang, sporting editor of the Cleveland News, today telephoned Manager Benson and asked that the All-Stars meet the Celtics in Cleveland March 8. "The manager of the Indianapolis Omars also called Benson at noon, inviting the Dover outfit to play in Indianapolis anytime."

In the story of that first game it was pointed out:

"The Celtics, minus 2 of their players, Horse Haggerty and Leonard, came to Dover for an 'exhibition' last night. Naturally everyone in the hall, excepting possibly Curly Benson, rather felt that the Celtics would win by a few points merely to keep the crowd keyed up. That has been the Celtics' habit this season on most games."

Nat Holman and Beckmann, it was reported, declined to try for goals a dozen times, instead passing.

"Dover played a watchful waiting game at first and at the same time developed a man-for-man defense that caused the Celts a lot of trouble later on. But Monk Gross grabbed off 4 field goals, Miller 2, Trautwein one and Hess one. The Celts didn't seem to care much," the story related.

During the first half, which ended 20-18 in favor of the Celtics, the score was tied twice.

Miller, who ended the game with 21 points, sparked Dover's third period drive with 4 goals while Hess scored 2 as the locals outscored the Celtics 14-2, the Celt points coming on a Holman goal.

Of the final period it was stated:

"In the last quarter the Celts charged and fought, and at times flashed through the Dover defense with brilliant passing. But they couldn't drop the ball through the net. They took 40 shots during the half, 31 of them within the foul zone. But they were compelled to snap the ball quickly and without aim, because they found themselves guarded more closely than they had anticipated."

Trautwein's defensive play in the second half was described as "beautiful." "While he refused to wager in front of the Celt basket, his teammates continued to roll up points. Schultz who went in for Stanbarger in the second half, acted as running guard, and with Gross, Hess and Miller passed and shot the ball almost at will. Miller's shooting was spectacular, his aim netting his team 8 goals during the half."

Further the article pointed out that "Nat Holman was the only Celt to make any showing during the entire half." Holman paced Celtic scoring with 12 points, while Gross followed Miller in the Dover scoring column with 12.

In the match at Cleveland Bechman led New York with 17 points and Detrick topped Dover with 12.

Noted The Reporter: "Every Dover man played good basketball, considering the fact it was their second appearance of the season on a strange floor. Their passing at times was amazing."

Of the rubber match in Dover it was said: "The score was 36-11 and the figures tell the truth. Dover never had a chance, while the Celtics, under orders to 'play basketball every second,' scored almost at will."

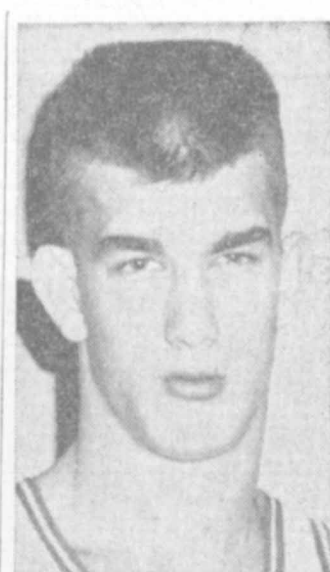
The account of that game went on:

"The game was marred by a near-riot in the fourth period which for several minutes threatened to assume serious proportions."

Johnny Beckmann deliberately struck Detrick in the mouth with his fist. Detrick dropped, and instantly spectators swarmed out on the floor in an effort to reach Beckmann. "One man, a New Philadelphia mill worker, struck Nat Holman, who had jumped in front of Beckmann. Fists began to fly. But cooler heads, both among the players, spectators and officials, succeeded in quelling the disturbance only after Beckmann was put out of the game."

"Beckmann was escorted to the Celts dressing room and guarded until long after the game ended."

"Beckmann accused Detrick of deliberately tripping him in the third quarter while Detrick was sitting on the sideline. Spectators heard Beckmann go up to Detrick and say, 'I'll punch you for that.' "Detrick had just gone back



TERRY SWARTZWELDER. Holds Dover career scoring record with 1,009 points.



EUGENE YOUNG. Better known as "Scrap Iron," he played for Dover High in the 1920's and later became famous as a trainer for Knute Rockne's athletes at the University of Notre Dame. Young also served as trainer for the San Francisco 49ers and is now a lawyer on the West Coast.



JACK EVANS. St. Joseph individual career scoring champion with 965 points. Named to All-Ohio football team, first unit, in 1961 as an end.



RAY MEARS. A Dover native, Mears went on to great success as basketball coach at Wittenberg University where he was named Ohio's best in 1960. After guiding the Tigers to the top in the Ohio Conference year after year, Mears left there to take the head job at Tennessee where he is rebuilding the Vols into a national power.

into the game when Beckmann hit him."

The completeness of the Celtic victory is shown by the fact that it led 10-2 at the end of the first quarter, 20-5 at the half and 30-9 at the third stop. Beckmann and Leonard led the Celts with 10 points each and Hess was high for Dover with 8.

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door one afternoon." Capozella reflects. He had come from Co-shooton after futile attempts to box there. His manager did not have time to train him.

"The boy was hungry and told me he would fight not for money, but food."

"He had heard of my name because I managed other boys. I gave him his first meal in Dover that day and he ate spaghetti like he hadn't had anything to eat for weeks."

"He was poor and had come from a family of 11 children. He was the oldest."

"Senhauser and I began training him according to a conditioning program we copied from Jack Dempsey."

"Alabama started fighting for me in 1929. The Hagloch brothers (Heinie and Bob) were the promoters."

"Alabama's first fight was in Crater Arena, which now is East School. He fought a boy from Cleveland and knocked him out in the third round."

"The Cleveland claimed a foul, and the following week another match was called in the same place."

"Alabama hit his opponent the same place and knocked him out again."

"This was the real start of boxing in Dover. The fans loved to see this type of sport."

"We would train Alabama every day, doing roadwork in the area and around Red Hill. He received his own personal cook, an apartment, a sportscar and just about everything. We sent most of the money to his parents in Columbus."

"Alabama loved kids and after every fight he would gather all the neighborhood children



WALLY UNSOLD. An outstanding boxer, Unsold at one time planned to take on former world champion Archie Moore.

and take them to the State Theatre and buy them popcorn and candy."

The fall of 1933 was really a great year all around for Dover.

"Jimmy Belmont of Pittsburgh had won the world's middleweight, overweight match from Teddy Yarozs."

"Jimmy came to Dover and wanted to fight Alabama. During that fight in Memorial Hall, Alabama beat Belmont so severely that the referee stopped the fight."

"We then claimed the world's title in this division."

"Even though Alabama, whose real name was Clarence Reeves, was the headliner on an evening of fighting, there were many local boys who filled out the card."

"Maybe this is why boxing was so popular in this area. The fighters were all local boys and the fans knew them."

Among some of the amateur boxers in the area were Fabiano, Biederman, Shack, Jones, a Dover Police captain, Robert (Pee Wee) Swinderman, Bruce (Scarp Iron) Phillippi, George Schwartz and Frankie Mistako. Most of them would work out together in the YMCA and would be sparring partners with the headliners.

Mistako, Ries and several others used to spar with Alabama.

Another top boxer in this area was Wally Unsold of Dover, who turned professional later in his career.

Unsold hung up his gloves 15 years ago and left a very promising ring career in the air. He appeared in 62 bouts, losing only 2. He won 38 by knockouts.

It was in July of 1960 that Unsold and the then current light-heavyweight king, Archie Moore, were to give a 10-round exhibition.

The proposed match came in June of 1960. Vince Risko, a Canton promoter for Moore, saw the proposed match as better than the one which paired 1956 Olympic heavyweight champion Pete Rademacher and Floyd Patterson.

Risko said: "At least I know they will get in there and fight. The bout was tentatively set for Canton Memorial Auditorium, but never came off."

Wrestling made its debut in this area in the early 1950's, but did not compare with box-



One group of Dover Basketeers included, grouped around Coach George Elford: Colby Byron (on floor), Todd Ramsey (left), Rik Haines, Steve Trustdorf, Kirby Terakedis and Ken Korns.

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and executed a series of basketball tricks, including between-the-legs passes, backward flips and bouncing the ball off almost any part of their anatomy to a teammate.

All the time the boys kept time to "Rock Around the Clock," much the same as the Globetrotters jump to "Sweet Georgia Brown."

They also performed the "Blind Empire" routine—hitting the basketball in baseball

fashion and racing around imaginary bases to "score" at home.

And last but not least came a football sequence. They lined up for a dropkick field goal, using one of the baskets as the goal post. More times than not the ball hit the rim, and occasionally, went in the basket as the crowd roared.

Elford and his Basketeers, sponsored by the Dover Elks Lodge, made their niche in the Dover scene.

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with the City Electric Light & Water Department, was asked by Mrs. George (Edna) Willis: "Why doesn't the city think about constructing a city park, or something to that effect."

It wasn't long before her query was answered. Through the petition-passing efforts of a committee headed by Norm Godfrey the city's officials took the hint and purchased 90 acres of land owned by the Willis family.

Then after the war the city passed a \$100,000 bond issue for a swimming pool and land acquisition. Another 6 acres of land was added to give the city 96 acres for recreational facilities.

And it's Swinderman's job to "run the show."

Several civic groups, such as the Rotary and Lions clubs and the Jaycees, helped construct drinking fountains, etc., but the bulk of the work was city-fostered.

By 1946 the city still was without a full-time recreation director, but it soon had a capable one when Swinderman agreed to tackle the job. Swinderman was in the Army at the time and had the opportunity to see various recreational setups.

The city's initial program was launched in 1946 and ran for 11 weeks during the summer, although Swinderman had just a month to get the ball rolling.

At that time there were 4 playgrounds—at W. 5th St., 2nd St., Dover Ave. and South School—plus ballfields at Crater, W. 5th, W. 9th and the Fairgrounds.

Currently, there are 6 playgrounds and 5 ballfields, with a pair of diamonds in the works, plus an ice skating pond, sled riding track, picnic areas and other equipment available, making it possible for children from pre-kindergarten age to 15 years to enjoy themselves.

The swimming pool never materialized when city officials decided to let the bond issue

lapse. There may have been some good reasons to do so at the time, but all would pale in light of today's needs for such a community facility.

"I hope we can see our way clear to installing something for older groups," Swinderman said, "but it takes money—something that isn't available at this time."

What does all this mean for Dover?

(1) — A variety of skills are developed and degrees of ability are recognized. Interests of all kinds find opportunity for expression. The person who likes to act, draw, do stunts, make nature collections, etc., has a place where these interests may be encouraged and grow. And by meeting others their own age, these same persons will develop additional likes.

(2) — Children are given opportunities for service. Older boys and girls are encouraged to take responsibility for helping with various projects and valuable leadership training is given to those who show willingness and capacity for service.

(3) — Fair play is the rule.

(4) — Activities are carried on in such a way as to develop strong, healthy bodies.

(5) — Every child, including the physically handicapped, receives fair consideration and has an opportunity for happy, satisfying play activity.

(6) — The playground is a place where families and neighborhood groups may play together.

The list could go on and on. With Dover's growing population, more leisure time of its residents and an ever-increasing demand for recreational facilities and activities, the city has a solid base on which to expand into an even more valuable Dover Recreation Department.

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World's Fair and Olympic trials; Volleyball—Set up in 1950 and still going strong;

Fencing—Dick Shark of New Philadelphia won honors and Pauline and Marjory Maurer finished third at Dayton;

In 1955 the local YMCA's physical education department won national honors and received its eligibility certificate granted by the national council;

Judo class organized in 1959 with Bob Ross as instructor; Scuba started in 1960 under the direction of Dean Willis and Bob Doty, Leo Poland now handles the chores;

Marble tournament — In 1950 Joan Waring and Bill Rieger of Dover captured honors and in 1952 it was Paulette Marks of Uhrichville who were the champions. They won district laurels at Canton and took part in the national event at Ashbury Park, N.J.

The list goes on and on.



WYNN LEMBRIGHT. Although a fine athlete at Dover High, he made his niche while at Toledo University where he was an outstanding football player. Wynn was drafted by the New York Giants of the National Football League after his senior year, but had to sit out last season because of a back injury.