

# Good Passers on West Virginia Eleven

## High Grid Teams Are Invited to Big Game

JACKSON'S MILLS, West Va., Sept. 15.—Twenty-one Central West Virginia high school football squads will be asked to attend the opening game of the West Virginia Collegiate season of 1922, when Wesleyan and West Virginia get together at South Side Park, Fairmont.

Invitations were sent today to the squads of Fairmont, Fairmont East Side, Fairmont Normal, Morgantown, Grafton, Buckhannon, Shinnston, Weston, Victory, Clarksburg, Elkins, Salem, Cameron, Bridgeport, Pullman, Pennsboro, West Union, West Milford, Kingwood, Belington and Lenoir, asking them to attend the game in a body and it is anticipated that the large majority, or more than three hundred individual players will attend.

It has originally been intended that Fairmont and Buckhannon High schools should play a preliminary game just before the "main go" but a visit from Frank Ice, Fairmont High mentor, decided a change, so that these two leading state teams will meet in the morning at ten o'clock instead of as a preliminary.

## AIR ATTACK IS AVAILABLE FOR SPEARS' TRIBE

Several Men Show Passing Class of 1919 Squad of Gridders.

JACKSON'S MILL, Sept. 15.—It would take but little effort on the part of Dr. C. W. Spears, head coach of the West Virginia University football team which closes its preliminary training period here tomorrow with a match game between two picked teams for the championship of the camp, to develop a baffling overhead attack which could be made the equal of the thorough air program the Mountaineers had in 1919.

In Homer Martin, Nick Nardicci, Wayne Funk, "Betty" DeVaughn, Wendell Hough, John Bruce, Brewster and several others the Mountaineer leader has a group of high class passers and any one of them could take care of the heaving end capably. With so many passing "brains" on his squad Dr. Spears would have little trouble to build up a passing game which would add to the team's strength and variety of attack.

During the practice season here Coach Rodgers has given the men mentioned above special instruction in passing and under his tutoring they have rapidly developed into the best group of pigskin hurlers West Virginia has had since his day. Martin, because of his experience and all-around knowledge of the particular department, is the best of the lot, but Wayne Funk is a close second. Nardicci is an almost sure bet for third with DeVaughn, Bruce, Brewster and Hough competing on a par.

Funk's deadly accurate passing has stood out prominently in each morning workout and in the former Spakersburg High School star Dr. Spears has a man who can be depended on at any time to put the air attack into operation. Few of his passes are ever fumbled and all the ends and backs claim that it is extremely easy to handle his throws. With such an array of passing timber under him it would not be any surprise if Coach Spears turned the whole situation over to Coach Rodgers with instructions to develop a first class air attack for emergency purposes.

## LITTLE CHANGE IN GRID RULES

Billy Evans Discusses This Feature For Gridiron Fans of City.

While a number of minor changes have been made in the football rules, only a few of them materially affect the style of play. In reality most of the changes mean little or nothing from the spectators' point of view.

As a matter of fact, the only change of real interest to football fans is the new feature known as the "try-for-a-point" play.

It will be recalled that this play was substituted for the goal after touchdown. For years there had been a cry for the elimination of that play. Last season the rule makers wiped it off the books and substituted the "try-for-a-point" feature.

During the past month I have talked with a number of leading coaches in the east on the new play. They seem to be divided in opinion. Some argue that it will provide a big thrill, while others say that it is just as senseless as the goal after touchdown.

This new play will be watched with interest by coaches, experts and fans, since it is something radically different. The early games should provide some dope on the value of the play as a thrill producer.

In the "try-for-a-point" play, the side scoring the touchdown is permitted to bring the ball out to any point not less than five yards from the goal line, or to any greater distance they choose, and there a scrimmage is formed with the scoring side in possession of the ball.

The attacking side can make any play which is legal in ordinary scrimmages, and try to score either by placement, drop kick, run or forward pass. If successful in putting the ball over the line on any single play or kick a field goal, one point is added to their total.

The only other feature that interests football fans is the fact that on all shift plays the man removed from one position to another must come to a dead stop, so that when he starts again it will be from a standstill.

Last year the shift plays caused many disputes, it being alleged the players were in motion at all times, making it a very difficult matter to stop the play.

Despite the definite change, the shift play is certain still to cause plenty of trouble for the football officials.

## GLASSIES MEET OHIO NINE NEXT

Two Fast Games Expected When Newark Champions Play Monongah Glass.

Local baseball fans are looking forward with much pleasure to the baseball games to be played at South Side Park tomorrow afternoon and Traction Park Sunday afternoon between the Helsey Glass Co team of Newark, Ohio, champions of the Newark City League and the Monongah Glass Co. team of this city.

Word from the Ohio city is to the effect that the Helsey team is one of the fastest semi-professional teams in Ohio and has had a wonderful season this year, winning better than 80 per cent of the games played. Many former college players are in the lineup of the Helsey team and due to the fact that they have been playing together all season, averaging two and three games a week, the team is as well organized as a professional club.

Realizing that it will meet the stiffest opposition of the present year in the brace of games over the weekend, the local team is working hard to be in the best of condition for the games. The management of the local team would like to win the two games on the local lot and save the playing of a third and deciding game in the Ohio city. However, the Glassies are going to win one of the games played here or know the reason why.

"Chuck" Trader will be worked in the game at South Side Park Saturday afternoon and Rat Long will draw the assignment for the game at Traction Park Sunday afternoon. The largest crowds of the season are expected to witness these games which will probably be the last big games of the present season.

## WRIGHT SHOWING UP WELL AT BROADDUS

PHILIPPI, W. Va., Sept. 15.—Bernard Wright, the Fairmont flash in high school ranks two years ago, sprang into prominence in local football circles this week when he was placed at the quarterback position on the Broaddus College team.

Wright had been playing at halfback until Wednesday. Conley, who had been showing splendidly at the general's position, was injured, and Latto placed Wright in his position. In the first scrimmage Wright used such splendid judgment, and ran the team so well that it appears now that he will be hard to displace.

In the first scrimmage Wright made the only spectacular run of the "game," when he ran 50 yards through a broken field for a touchdown. He has been passing well too. When Wright came he did not show much ability as a passer. Latto liked his form, and has worked hard on him, and the result is that he is considered as one of the best passers among the thirty candidates Coach Latto has.

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## PAT HERRON TO COACH INDIANA; WARNER PRODUCT

West Virginia Will Be One of Teams Indiana Will Meet.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 17.—James ("Pat") Herron, famous Pitt Panther end of a half dozen or more years ago, and for the last two seasons assistant to Pop Warner, left yesterday morning for Bloomington, Ind., where he will assume the duties of head football coach at the University of Indiana.

Herron accepted the terms offered him late Wednesday. His contract calls for one year only, and he takes the place of Jumbo Stehm, regular Hoosier mentor, who was recently granted a year's leave of absence because of illness. The plum is one of the richest ever plucked by a Pitt man, and is a well-deserved tribute to Herron's ability.

Pat first became a regular in 1914, and, with Red Carlson as a running mate, played right end on the powerful Pitt elevens of that season and 1915 and 1916 without missing a single game of importance. In his last two years he was given a place on Walter Camp's second all-American team and drew from Pop Warner a statement that he was "the most thoroughly developed and best-rounded end Pitt ever had."

In his last year in a Panther uniform he net "gains" around his wing by Pitt's opponents was a loss of 12 yards. The longest single advance made by enemy runners through Herron was one of five yards. Those figures speak louder of his ability than columns of praise, although Pat did receive "puffing" galore from sport critics the country over.

Herron came to Pitt from Monesson High School. He had played very little football there, but when the Pitt freshmen found themselves up against it for material they called on him. His first game was against Johnstown high. He played full-back and was the bright light of the contest.

At the outbreak of the World War Herron enlisted with the nation's air forces. He received his ground work at Ithaca, N. Y. and went overseas with the first detachment of American aviators, commissioned a first lieutenant. He served two years at the front and was credited with bringing down one enemy plane and a balloon.

Upon his return to the United States Pat completed his law course at the university and was admitted to the bar in 1920. Since that time he has practiced law in Pittsburgh and during the fall acted as end coach and assistant to Warner.

A brother, Bill Herron, is a member of the Pitt varsity swimming team. Pat faces a real test at Indiana. The Hoosiers have been only fairly successful in the Western Conference for the last several years, and have been considered one of the weaker elevens of the Big Ten. This fall Coach Herron must groom his squad to meet the Michigan Aggies, Depauw, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Notre Dame, West Virginia and Purdue.

The "big" game of the lot, from an Indiana viewpoint, is the finale with the Purdue Boilermakers.

## Hello Russ



This is Russell Meredith, captain of the West Virginia football eleven for this season. "Russ" has been wanting to know why his picture has not appeared in The West Virginian this year, and he was informed that one would be "in there" just as soon as a real good one could be secured. The N. E. A. has turned the trick for us. Hope "Nugget" is happy now and a victory in that contest will see Pat rising high.

## MANY SHIFTS MADE IN LINEUP DAILY

JACKSON'S MILL, Sept. 15.—Coach Spears made some shifts in his Mountaineer varsity lineup yesterday when Captain Russ Meredith was moved back out to left tackle in place of Davis and "Jimmy" Quinlan was placed at guard post along fifth Stron, Pierre Hill, who has been subbing for Tallman in most of the workouts, was at right end also, but there was no indication that this was anything more than an experiment in either case as Meredith was also used for a part of the practice at guard, with Davis in the tackle and Tallman back on the end. With a constantly changing lineup Spears put his charges through a long and tedious scrimmage afternoon. There was no attempt at making touch downs and after each play Spears went into detail as to the various mistakes that were made. Nardicci and Ekberg again featured the scrimmage on the offensive, breaking away for several substantial gains. However, Spears used his varsity line to oppose his varsity backfield and it was almost a stand off in the matter of gaining ground. In fact, the backfield which was fortified with the varsity line would have had possession of the ball most of the time had the rules been rigidly enforced, but Spears has been giving detailed attention to his interferences in the backfield and the quartette of backs which started with Ekberg, Nardicci, Martin and Simon and was later reinforced by Olliker, Bowers and a dozen others kept possession of the ball constantly.

## COACH ICE HAS THREE ELEVEN

Largest Squad in History of West Side School Now Out For Team.

Coach Frank Ice of the Fairmont High School football eleven had three full teams running signals at South Side Park at the same time yesterday afternoon. With three teams in operation Coach Ice had plenty of substitutes to make changes in the lineup of any of the three teams. The squad this season is the largest that has ever turned out for a high school eleven in this city.

After putting his charges through a stiff signal drill Coach Ice spent the rest of the evening in having his backs run back punts, catching passes and ended the day's workout with the grass drill, made famous in this section by Coach Spears of the West Virginia University eleven.

Noel Esketh a guard and Kenneth Hall an end of the 1920 eleven have reported for practice and are showing up in rare form. These two players will make members of the 21 team go the limit to hold their places on the eleven. Other players who are making good with a vengeance and will probably land on the first string are Clare Abbott, Mike Romino and Earl Jones. This trio are all trying for backfield positions and are big and fast.

Callahan and Michie terminal men of the 1921 team have not reported for practice as yet but it is reported that they will join the squad early next week. Fans who have been watching the workouts Giants will pitch for the All Stars this week are of the opinion that the pair will have a hard time to beat out some of the end men who have been out since the opening practice.

## HOW THEY STAND

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Results Yesterday: Pittsburgh 8; Boston, 6; Cincinnati, 7; Brooklyn, 3; New York, 7; Chicago, 6; St. Louis, 9; Philadelphia, 4.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	83	53	.610
Pittsburgh	79	59	.572
St. Louis	76	62	.551
Cincinnati	75	63	.543
Chicago	72	4	.529
Brooklyn	67	70	.485
Philadelphia	48	86	.355
Boston	46	89	.341

Games Scheduled Today.

Pittsburgh at Boston; Cincinnati at Brooklyn; Chicago at New York; St. Louis at Philadelphia.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Results Yesterday: New York 4; Chicago, 1; Detroit, 5; Philadelphia, 2; Cleveland, 4; Washington, 3; St. Louis, 5; Boston, 3.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	86	54	.614
St. Louis	85	56	.603
Detroit	74	68	.521
Chicago	70	71	.498
Cleveland	69	71	.493
Washington	62	75	.453
Philadelphia	57	80	.416
Boston	58	83	.403

Games Scheduled Today.

Boston at St. Louis; New York at Chicago; Philadelphia at Detroit; Washington at Cleveland.

STARS PLAY INDEPENDENTS.

The Midten All Stars and the Bunner's Ridge Independents will meet at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon on the old Fairgrounds diamond. Armstead of the Fairmont Giants will pitch for the All Stars while Petty will be on the mound for the Independents. A large crowd is expected out for the contest.

## WESLEYAN SQUAD IN GOOD SHAPE

Hospital List Growing Less Each Day; Long Work out For Outfit.

BUCKHANNON, W. Va., Sept. 15.—With the Wesleyan grid hospital list growing smaller each day, worry is commencing to lessen around Methodist ball quarters. Radman is out running signals again, and will likely be ready for the regular camp routine in a day or two. Sechrist is rounding into shape slowly, but the big fellow appears every day at practice time and gets in enough work to keep him in trim. It will be some time however before Spence will be able to get into full harness again. Smith and Kishbaugh are recovering nicely and will be in uniform by Monday.

Coach Higgins is extending the grid work far into the evening now. Blackboard signal drills are held every evening, and last evening's session lasted for more than two hours. The Methodist squad is still large enough for three full teams, and Higgins seems yet uncertain as to what combination will fill varsity positions.

The Methodists have held several secret workouts, but indications are that the coming two weeks will see the gates closed permanently to all spectators. The Buckhannon fans have observed "closed days" with much anxiety, and practice is seldom an hour old until the curious are anxiously watching for signs upon which to construct theories. The cathartic steam at the foot ball camp has radiated into Methodist country for miles around.

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