

Homecomers Will Recall DHS Football Club of 1925, Team That Scored 63 in One Half

Homecoming week-end is here again. It's a time to reminisce, a time to talk about "the good old days" of Dixon's past. Just when those "good old days" occurred depends largely on your age, but there's hardly a citizen to be found who can't remember many happy moments from the golden past.

Those who attended Dixon high school around 1925, for instance, will be recalling this weekend the great football team Dixon fielded that season.

That was the team that won six games and was tied only by Rochelle (a scoreless tie in a snow-storm) while rolling up 178 points to its opponents 2 points.

Bowers Was Coach

Art Bowers coached this machine. A few of the names on the roster that year were Barney Coas, Neil Reagan, George O'Malley, Harry Wienman, Gus Bondi, Winston (Wink) McReynolds, Miller, Marks, Kerst, Keller, Kinney, G. McNicol, R. McNicol, Kennedy, Segner, Stanley, and a kid named Ronald Reagan, who was out for his first year of football at Dixon high.

The boys opened slowly with a 7 to 0 win over Belvidere. They gained momentum in their second game by whipping a new opponent, Geneseo, by a score of 48 to 0.

By the time Bowers' lads had won a close one from Mendota, 7 to 0, word got around that Dixon had itself quite a football team. McReynolds iced that Mendota game, incidentally with a 55-yard run.

Dixon Swamps Polo

The next week Dixon played Polo and it seemed that an upset might be in the fire when the local team led only 7 to 0 at the half. Whether Bowers delivered himself of an especially brilliant halftime pep talk or the Dixon squad suddenly found that it could not coast on its reputation may never be known. It is recorded, however, that Dixon scored no less than 63 points during the second half to bury Polo, 70 to 0.

With this victory safely under their belts, Dixon's high-powered crew traveled to Sterling for the first of its annual pair of games with the ancient rival.

Edge Sterling, 3-2

The local team managed to edge Sterling 3 to 2, saw its unblemished defensive record vanish when the foes counted a safety, but was glad to settle for the squeaky victory, a victory made possible by the accurate toe of Bill Johnson, who kicked a field goal.

Johnson repeated his heroics the following week against Rock Falls, and this time his field goal gave Dixon not only a 3 to 0 decision but also the championship of the old Rock River conference. To make the victory more spectacular, Johnson kicked his field goal with only 52 seconds of the game remaining on the timer's watch.

After the Dixon crew had polished off Mt. Morris the following week by a 27 to 0 score, they traveled to Rochelle to play the Hubs to a scoreless tie in a blizzard.

Blizzard Hits

"It was snowing so hard the spectators couldn't see the opposite sidelines during most of that game," B. J. Frazer, Dixon high school principal, recalls.

After the Rochelle game, the annual Thanksgiving day battle against Sterling was almost anticlimactic. Dixon won that game, 13 to 0, when McReynolds scored on a 25-yard scamper around end and Charley Keys intercepted an errant Sterling pass to run 95 yards for another touchdown.

Yes, all of that happened in 1925, one year that provided plenty of "good old days" for Dixon football fans.

Led 1925 Team



ART BOWERS

1925 GRID RECORD

Dixon 7, Belvidere 0.
Dixon 48, Geneseo 0.
Dixon 7, Mendota 0.
Dixon 70, Polo 0.
Dixon 3, Sterling 2.
Dixon 3, Rock Falls 0.
Dixon 27, Mt. Morris 0.
Dixon 0, Rochelle 0.
Dixon 13, Sterling 0.
Total points 178.
Opponents' points, 2.

Illini to Whip Indiana Says Gridiron Seer

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NEW YORK, (AP)—The cost of steak has gone up but you can chew on these football selections for the same old price:

Cornell Over Princeton: The game of the season in the East with the winner the likely Ivy league champion. Cornell doesn't have anyone to equal Dick Kazmaier but it has the better balance and Rocco Calvo isn't exactly a slouch when it comes to passing.

Michigan State over Pittsburgh: The Spartans' Don Coleman is one of the country's better tackles.

Illinois over Indiana: The Hoosiers hit their emotional peak against Ohio State last Saturday. The Illini will keep on grinding out yards and victories.

Maryland over Louisiana State: On comparative scores entirely—Maryland defeated Georgia, 43 to 7; LSU did it, 7 to 0. But the Southern conference team will have to hustle for its victory.

Southern California over Texas Christian: Each club registered an upset last week. The Trojans rugged linebacking should decide this one.

Sprinting through the others.

Midwest: Cincinnati over Texas Western, Drake over Iowa State, Kansas over Kansas State, Miami (O.) over Marquette, Michigan over Minnesota, Nebraska over Missouri, Notre Dame over Purdue, Ohio State over Iowa, Oklahoma over Colorado, Tulsa over Wichita, Wisconsin over Northwestern.