



What Happened to The All Star Team of 1943?

“We coaches don't like to be asked: “How many boys will you lose to the armed forces?” We don't lose them. We contribute them.”

- Harry Stuhldreher, Wisconsin Badgers football coach, 1942

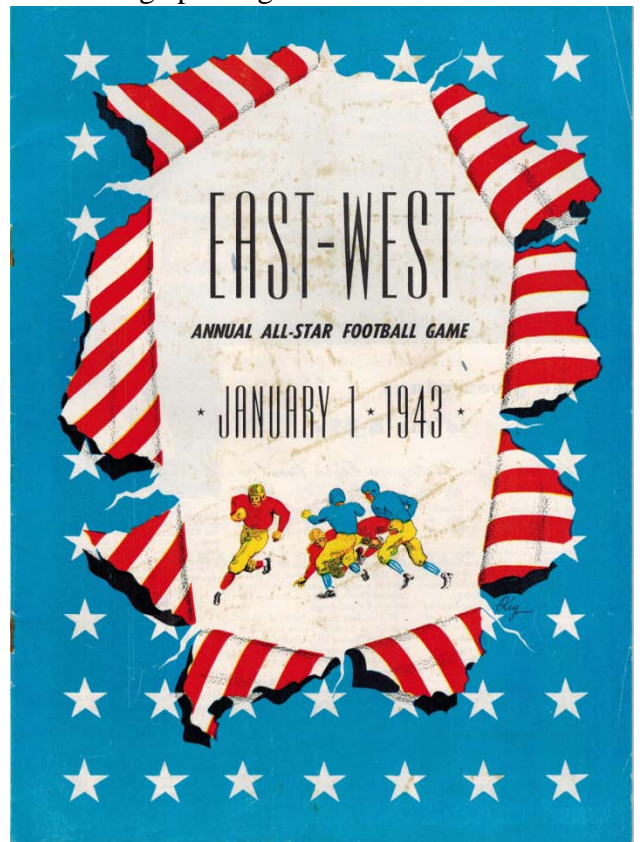
For most of us in Grant County the story of Dave Schreiner, small town Lancaster boy who went to college and became an All-American is old news: He was a two time first-team All-American end, Big Ten Conference Player of the Year in 1942, and the first Badger to catch three touchdown passes in the same quarter. The story of his eventual entry into the Marine Corps, and his death on June 21, 1945, the last day of the battle of Okinawa is also well known.

In the Cunningham Museum are a considerable number of mementoes of his life, most having belonged to his mother. One of those is a program for the East-West Shrine All-Star Game, held in Kezar Stadium in San Francisco on January 1, 1943. Dave was among the greatest college football players of the 1942 season chosen to play in that game. It was the last college football game he ever played. The East won 13-12. The AP reported: *“Going into the game as 10 – 7 favorites, the East started out with a flourish by grabbing a touchdown five minutes after the opening kickoff on a beautiful, looping, 34 yard pass from Paul Governali of Columbia to Dave Schreiner, Wisconsin's All-American end.”*

When I looked inside the program I found to my surprise that the east All Stars had autographed their photos. These fellows largely looked confident and happy. This amidst a horrible war that they must have known they would be called upon to fight in. What happened to the other young men who played in that game so long ago?

Paul Governali, the quarterback from Columbia who tossed the early touchdown to Schreiner, was the runner up for the Heisman Trophy in 1942. In the eight game season he set college passing records with 19 touchdown passes, a 52 percent completion rate, and 1442 total yards. He turned down offers from pro football and baseball teams, choosing instead, as so many young men of that great generation did, to enlist in the Marines. He served three years, and then played pro football until 1949 when he went into coaching. He coached San Diego State to an undefeated season in 1956. He finished his working life as a professor of physical education. He died in 1978 at the age of 57.

Edmund “Ed” Murphy of Holy Cross had already escaped death before the All- Star game. On the evening of November 28, 1942 he and some of his teammates were on their way to the Cocoanut Grove nightclub to celebrate a 55-12 shellacking of the favored Boston College team that afternoon. They were intercepted by an aid to Boston's mayor, Maurice Tobin, who asked them to make an appearance at a party he was throwing at the Parker House. They sent some young women on to hold their seats and went to the Mayors party. That night the Cocoanut Grove burst into flames. It was the worst nightclub fire in history. One of the young women sent ahead died with 491 others and the other was scarred for life. Murphy became a high



school teacher and coach. In 2007 at the age of 87 he won the shot-put and discus competitions in his age group at his county's Fit for Life Games. He is still alive.

William Edward "Bullet" Daley was an All-America fullback at both Minnesota and Michigan. After playing two years at Minnesota (1941 and 1942) he joined the Navy and was ordered to attend the V-12 Navy College Training Program at the University of Michigan. He played for Michigan in 1943 and finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy voting. He has the unlikely status of having played in Little Brown Jug games for both Minnesota and Michigan. He served in the Pacific Theater during the war, and returned home to play pro football for three years. He became a radio announcer for the Golden Gophers for ten years and later for the Minnesota Vikings. He owns an illustration art gallery in Minneapolis.



Alfred "Al" Klug was a tackle for the Marquette University "Golden Avalanche" football team (Marquette gave up intercollegiate football in 1960). He kicked the extra point after Schreiner's touchdown which ultimately made the difference that gave the East Team the 13-12 win. He served in the Navy and played pro-football for three years. He became a car dealer, and apparently developed a drinking problem. On the night of June 13, 1957, he suffered a skull fracture and a cerebral hemorrhage while being ejected from a bar by a bartender and a liquor salesman for "annoying customers." He died the next morning at the Milwaukee county Emergency Hospital. He was 37 years old.

Joe Sabasteanski, a center from Fordham, was a 16 lb. hammer thrower as well as a football star. Like most of the athletes of his generation he gave up his best years to serve in the Marines for three years. He was discharged in 1946. He played three years of pro football and then became a coach. He died in 1972 at age 51.

Leslie "Les" Horvath, who played both quarterback and running back for Ohio State, won the Heisman Trophy in 1944. He was the first player from Ohio State to win the award. He served in the Navy until 1947 and then played three years of pro football. He became a dentist in Southern California. Less than a month after his death on November 4, 1995, Eddie George of Ohio State became the fifth winner of the Heisman trophy from that school.

Stephen Charles "Flip" Filipowicz, a Fordham running back who was also a talented baseball player, carried the ball across the goal line with time running out to win the game for the East All-Stars. He played both pro football and pro baseball from 1944 to 1948, taking a year off to serve as football and baseball coach at Mount St. Mary's College in 1947. He died at the Veterans Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania in 1975 at the age of 53

John Billman, a guard for Minnesota graduated in 1943 with a degree in Mortuary Science. He was ordered to active duty in the Navy the day after he graduated. He trained in Motor Torpedo Boat Operations and served as a PT boat captain in the South Pacific. He was discharged in 1946, and returned to Minneapolis. After playing a short time in the NFL, he joined his father in the mortuary business, operating three funeral homes. He joined the Naval Reserve and was called to active duty in in the years 1950-1952. He retired in 1983, and established several scholarships for the University of Minnesota. He died March 16, 2012.

Al "Ox" Wistert, a tackle for Michigan, was the second of three brothers to play tackle at Michigan. He was inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame in 1968. He signed with the Philadelphia Eagles

for \$3,800.00 (\$51,037.00 in today's dollars) which was considered exorbitant. He was All-Pro eight of the nine years he played. He then sold insurance for 40 years and is still alive. Apparently he was never drafted into military service. I have not been able to find out why.

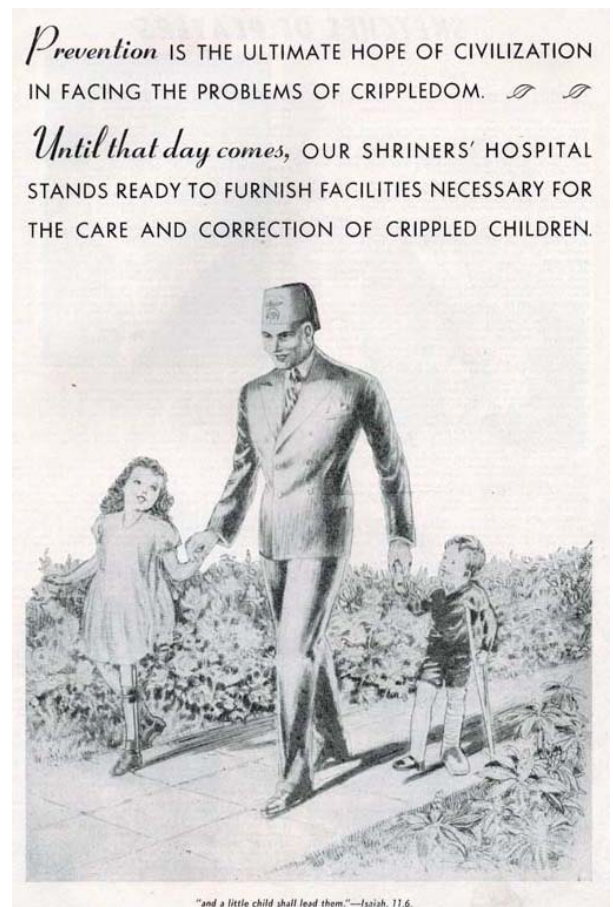
George Frank Ceithaml, quarterback for Michigan died on May 24, 2012 at the age of 91. He was the number 19 pick in the 1943 NFL draft, but chose instead to enter the Navy and serve his country in the titanic battle then being fought. He was commissioned a lieutenant and participated in the landing at Anzio in January 1944 and the D-Day landing in June 1944. In 1946, after the war, the Detroit Lions obtained his rights from the Boston Yanks, but Ceithaml chose not to play pro football. He worked for The Ford Motor Company and in 1957 became a division manager for Investors Diversified Services (IDS), the world's largest investment management firm. He retired in 1983. His obituary boasted that he was "an active volunteer at his grandchildren's elementary school in Laguna Beach."

Spencer Dumaresq "Spence" Moseley, was the captain and center of the 1942 Yale University football team. His father George Moseley was an All-American football player at Yale in 1916. He was tough. He broke his jaw in his second season at Yale, and continued to play the entire season with a special prosthetic harness. He graduated with honors in 1943 and joined the Marine Corps, serving as a pilot and winning three air medals. He also served in the Korean War, winning a Distinguished Flying Cross. After the war he joined General American Transportation Corporation, and was its president from 1961-1967. He died in May of 1991 at the age of 72.

The men of the 1943 East – West Shrine All-Star game had a greater task than playing football. They had a free world to win in war and in the years after the war, when the United States became the economic powerhouse of the world, and faced the challenges of the Cold War. Most of them were brave and competent, well prepared to do the job on the field and in the world. We don't know how the war affected them. Surely there was trauma and pain. Some may have reached for a crutch, but most climbed with their country out of the ruin of war into a better world. We owe them a lot more than we can ever pay. What a shame that our children, as a whole, know so little about the foundation their world was built on.

What distinguished Dave Schreiner to those who knew him was his character. He was a team player and a generous man. In Terry Frei's book *Third Down and a War To Go*, this story is related; "Years later, [Paul] Governali told the State Journal's Henry J. McCormick that at one of the practices leading up to the game, Schreiner had chided his teammates. When they told him to take it easy, he said, "you kiddin? Gotta get in shape for those kids." The game raised a record \$65,000.00 for the Shriners work with crippled children."

Below are the pages from the All-Star Game program which show photos of the East Team members and their autographs:



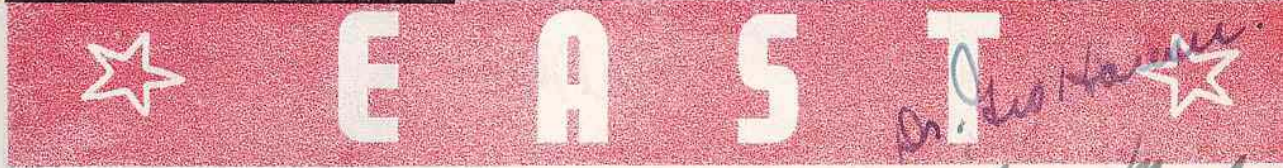


COACHES

ANDY KERR, of Colgate. Veteran among Shrine East-West coaches is handling his sixteenth Eastern team in the 1943 contest. He began his Shrine coaching career in 1927 and has not missed since. With new Coach George Hauser of Minnesota and Dud De Groot of Rochester University, Kerr again selected the Eastern stars.

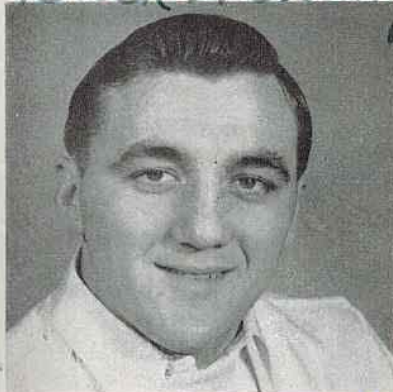


DR. GEORGE W. HAUSER, of Minnesota, was line coach with Bernie Bierman for several years. Is now head coach, and has just finished a very successful season.



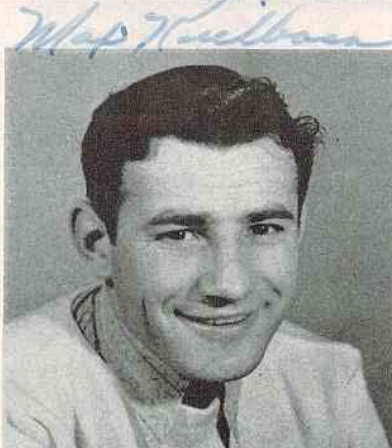
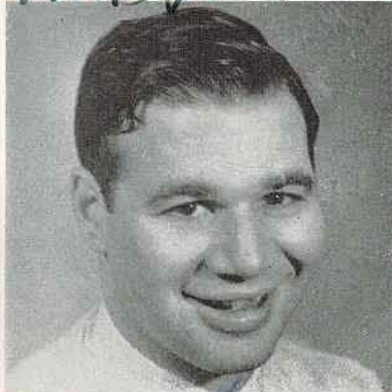
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DAVE SCHREINER
Wisconsin — End



MORT SHIEKMAN
Penn — Guard

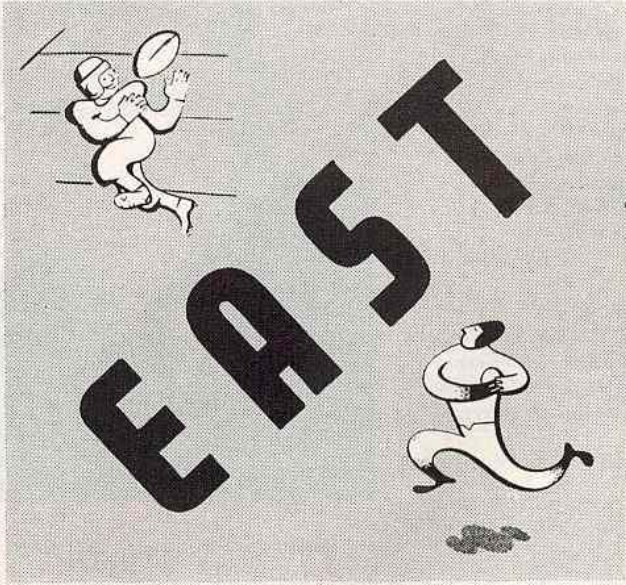
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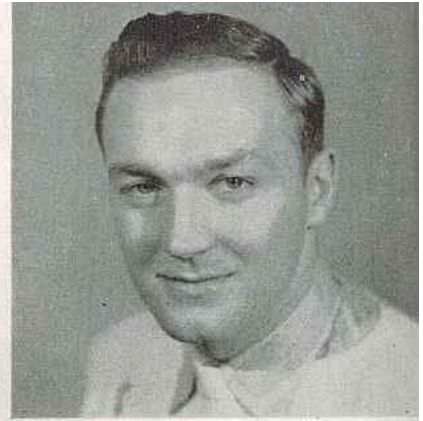
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Colgate — Tackle

George Lynn

GEORGE LYNN
Ohio State — Quarterback

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U. of Iowa — End

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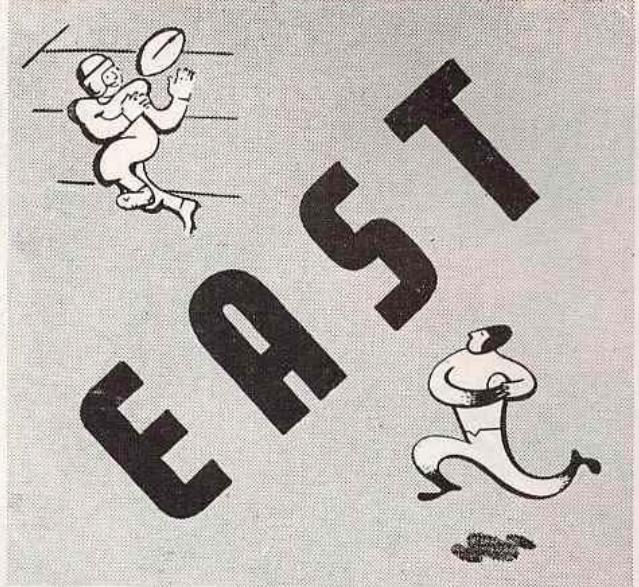


Harry Wright





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Columbia — Halfback



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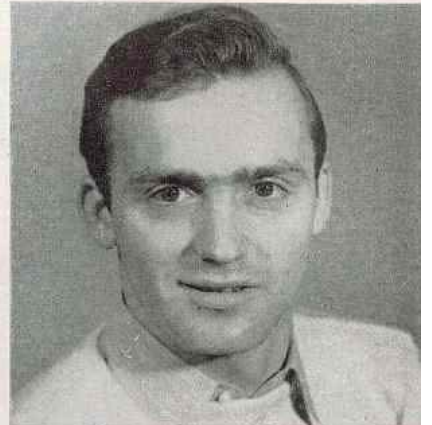
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