

1920 Season review...

# LITTLE BIG SIX MAY HAVE EIGHT UNITS IN 1920

With Oberlin asking for admission to the Little Big Six association the league will probably expand from a six to an eight-school league. Elyria, Lorain, Norwalk, Sandusky, Bellevue and Fremont are present members. If Oberlin is admitted that it is expected that Lakewood high will be asked to join and fill out the league.

The league plays a five-game football and basketball schedule and interschool track meets in addition to the annual track classic is held. With eight teams in the league it is planned to revive baseball and tennis may also be adopted as a major sport.

# FOSTORIANS PLAY FOOTBALL HERE ON EARLY FALL DATE

Student Manager Harold Held, at the Fremont high, has negotiated a piece of work that will bring joy to the football fans of Fremont. He has booked the famous Fostoria high school team for a game in this c'ty on Saturday, Sept. 25. This means that one of the big dates for the 1920 grid team will be played early in the season. Fremont and Fostoria have been trying to get together on the gridiron for several seasons but something or other persisted in bobbing up to spoil the agreement. This year the affair has been satisfactorily arranged and Tuesday a contract was sent to Fostoria and when signed up in due form it will mean that the two teams will alternate dates for a few years at least.

Fostoria is always some pumpkins in the high school football circles in northwestern Ohio and to take them on for an early game comes in the form of a gigantic undertaking. The financial end of the arrangement will be well taken care of, however, as the up-the-Lake-Erie-track gridders are foemen at any stage of the game and would draw a crowd in Zion City on Sunday.

Coach Vanorsdal will start the fall training work about the middle of August and will have most of his candidates in form before melancholy September sets in. With a couple of minor engagements under its belt Fremont high will no doubt be set for battle and be in as good a condition as the other F. H. S. team. The booking of Fostoria is a feather for Mr. Held's well known hat band.

# LORAIN'S BIG STAR A PYGMY COMPARED TO FREMONT GIANT

Lorain papers and dispatches from Lorain appearing in other papers proclaim that that city is all chestied up over the fact that its high school football team has the heaviest player in the Little Big Six organization.

We allowed Lorain to rejoice for a couple of days at least before we found it necessary to saw 'em off. Their big man is known to the world as Kenneth Johnson, who plays a guard position and he is credited with 217 pounds of advoirdupois. This is all well and good and the boy will have to be given credit but after a little research work it has been found that the Lorain giant is a mere trifle. Compared to Urban Hughes, new guard on the Fremont high squad, Johnson is in the pygmy class. Young Hughes weighs 225 pounds and is very close to being six feet high. He is well proportioned, remarkably fast for a big man, and physically he is as hard as nails. This big student reported for duty last year but didn't make a very strenuous effort to make the varsity. This year he is at it hammer and tongs and has already cinched his job. When Hughes gets to going on the gridiron among the other units in the L. B. S., some of the fellows who try to knock him off will resemble a fresh cream puff trying to interfere with the progress of a steam roller. Come on Lorain, give us another one to beat.

The F. H. S. football squad that has been in training at Camp Timmons, Catawba Island, for the past two weeks, under the personal direction of Coach Warren Vanorsdal, returned home Saturday afternoon. The warriors are as brown as the pro-

verbial berry and as fit as fiddles. The two weeks' siege of outdoor work gave the boys a wonderful start and they not only got in some good signal practice and team drill but have been finely conditioned as well.

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# REAL BEAR TALES FROM F.H.S. CAMP

Coach Vanorsdal of the high school football squad, is not given to sending out "bear" stories regarding his team of grid warriors but he has a good source from which to send out tales of hard luck from his camp. Wilfred Gahn, star center, is out with a broken leg; J. T. O'Farrell, promising halfback, is laid up with a bruised shoulder, and Garvin, a promising back field recruit, is on the shelf for a few weeks with a badly cut knee, an injury he received in a ball game Sunday.

The team that faces the Alumni bunch in the Saturday game will be picked from a select crew of 16 men that should make big hay. Harold Boyer, back, has recovered from a leg injury and is back on the job with all sails set. McCarthy, Hughes and Gabel are showing up well in the trial for positions on the varsity and despite early season injuries the big purple and white gang looks the class. The varsity backfield will be composed of Wendler, H. Boyer, Eesley and Towner Smith.

The entire outfit showed up well in Wednesday evening's work.



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## BILL EMMONS WILL AID FOOTBALL COACH IN ROUNDING TEAM

Twenty-eight stalwart high school huskies have settled down for the final grind that will either lead them to a cinched position on the varsity team or relegate them to a job with the hard working second string. Coach Vanorsdal has had his hands full in trying to give personal attention to this big squad of men and "Big Bill" Emmons, star tackle on last year's championship eleven, has been appointed assistant coach and will have charge of the line candidates. Bill knows a lot of football and if he has the faculty of imparting half of his knowledge learned in the school of experience and hard knocks on the gridiron to the boys under his care, he will be one jewel of an assistant to the coach.

Bill will hold his first school next Monday afternoon after the boys start their regular practice on Thompson field. Coach Vanorsdal also wishes some of the big F. H. S. alumni squad to come out and help him whip the purple and white team into shape for the Fostoria game. There are many wise football men in Fremont who could spare the time to answer to the S. O. S. If all the former stars would flock to the standard, there would be at least one star coach for every budding star on the lot. Let's all do our bit.

Next Monday evening will see Bob Hetrick, recruit halfback, and J. T. O'Farrell, another star man, reporting for work. They have recovered from their injuries and are ready for active service.

Next Monday noon the following members of the high school squad will enjoy luncheon as the guests of the Exchange club: Towner Smith, Edburn Eesley, Harold Wandler, Robert Hetrick, Leonard Garvin, Tim McCarthy, Myron Miller, Mervin Thurn, Amos Boyer, Urban Hughes, Louis Gabel, Capt. Bill Ross, Robert Pence, Walter Mehan, Ralph Gust, Bob Lease, Henry Stahl, Tom Stahl, J. T. O'Farrell, Mervin Hughes, Fred Lawrence and Earl Thurn. If any of the squad has been overlooked, he should report to Coach Vanorsdal and make preparations to get in on the eats that are going to be something different from the ordinary routine of training menus.

# Sports

BY "COLONEL" O'FARRELL

## FREMONT HIGH IN FLYING START WON FROM ELYRIA TEAM

There is a very dull rumble reverberating in Little Big Six football circles and it's all due to a piece of work that resulted in the meetings organization units on the gridiron Saturday afternoon.

Saturday could rightfully be called the getaway day of the season in the tidy little high school organization. Bellevue met Lorain and was swamped 67 and 0. Sandusky high laced Norwalk 19 and 0, and now comes the cause of the aforesaid rumble. Fremont took a fall out of the fast, powerful Elyria team and did it to the music of a 13 and 0 score. Bellevue's defeat was expected. Lorain was laying for revenge for the beating it took from the "Cultivator City" last fall and a defeat that lost the big town team the league championship.

All reserve power was turned on to trim the Bellevue crew and probably no trick was left unturned to run up the big score. Sandusky was expected to trample on the prone forms of the Maple City eleven and in this case the dope mixture was concocted perfectly and according to prescription.

Elyria, by reason of a good showing against teams of class, was expected to walk over Fremont and wipe its feet on the purple and white door mat. Fremont's miserable experience at Fostoria had made Elyria's chances appear the brighter. Not a very great many of the faithful expected F. H. S. to conquer but many fans hoped for a low score. When the news came leaking over the wires early Saturday evening to the effect that the men of Capt. Billy Ross had did themselves proud and had larruped the enemy 13 and 0, quite a bit of rejoicing could be noticed in the places where followers of athletics gather to talk over events of the day.

Coach Vanorsdal and his big fellows had evidently been doing some work out there in the lonely confines of Thompson field for the past two weeks. It appears that ever since

the Fostoria machine passed over the laundry of F. H. S. that there has been something doing in the line of preparation. Experience is the greatest of teachers and the Fremont lads certainly must have benefitted greatly by the lesson learned up the L. E. & W. Ry. tracks. It was here that overconfidence played a good football team a mean trick and this same person, Old Man Confidence, will not mingle with the squad in the future. They are off him for life.

The fellows went down to Elyria Saturday afternoon to meet a team that was fully as big as themselves and considered by many as a speedier aggregation. Expert (?) football judges in and around league towns had given Elyria a chance for the pennant but all this has been classified and tabulated for the files. It comes under the heading of work that has tauriform, or in other words it is shaped like bull.

Coach Vanorsdal's regulars shot into the pastime and before five minutes of play had passed, a touchdown was scored. The counter was made principally on straight football and the work of the Fremont outfit simply took the Lorain county folks off their feet. Another marker was notched in history in the second quarter and the half was called with the score 13 to 0 in favor of the team that was expected to take home a trimming. Wendler missed one of his tries at goal but this hard effort called for no criticism as "Wendy" had been doing his share in the going.

The second half saw Elyria more settled and desperate. They tried all the tricks that their coach had taught 'em and a little bit more but it was of no avail. Fremont had their number and the 'phone was in the hands of a receiver. Elyria at one time came within 10 or 12 yards of the Fremont line but the Sandusky country brawn perked up long enough to hold for downs and the ball was soon out of dangerous territory. It was a happy bunch of Fremonters that left the lot after the game and their cries of victory made the welkin ring and sent a bunch of Lorain spies home with speed to tell Coach Daniels how it happened and to instruct him to get busy for his meeting with Fremont in the near future.

Coach Vanorsdal in speaking about his team's victory Saturday evening, remarked that the fellows played one grand game and that it was impossible to name the one bright star of the afternoon movement. "They all played good and they all were stars."

When the victory laden crew returned home on old No. 37 Saturday evening at 9:55, a crowd of at least 200 rooters met them at the N. Y. C. station and escorted the warriors down the streets where they put on a snake dance with all the thrills.

Fremont's victory has most certainly sent a shiver into the Lorain game and it now stands to reason that the 1920 pennant will rest between these two teams and the issue will be settled in this city late this month. The F. H. S. victory at Elyria has again revived great interest in football locally. All the world loves a winner and with the good start there is no question but what the boys will have what they deserve, good backing and loyal support in their tramp to a bitter finish with the big school from down where Lake Erie's winds blow chill and strong.

The following is the summary of the first big game of the season in L. B. S. circles and it shows just who is who on either team, cites the goal and touchdown heroes and names the officials who handled the work:

Elyria—0	Fremont—13
Braddon	Gabel
	Left End
Reynolds	Boyer
	Left Tackle
Beal	Thurn
	Left Guard
Krugman	McCarthy
	Center
Tulk	Hughes
	Right Guard
Kofsky	Miller
	Right Tackle
Hurst	O'Farrell
	Right End
Oldfield	Wendler
	Quarterback
Huthman	Ross
	Left Half
Dangerfield	T. Smith
	Right Half
Penfound	Eesley
	Fullback
Fremont	6 7 0 0—13

Substitutions—Fremont: Lease for Ross; Ross for Lease; D. Smith for Gabel; Hetrick for T. Smith; Garvin for Ross. Elyria: Schuster for Reynolds; Fauver for Braddon; Kladney for Beal; A. Chase for Hurst; Forbes for Dangerfield; Hauserman for Gathman.

Touchdowns, Ross, Wendler. Goal, Wendler.

Officials—Referee, T. Neil. Umpire, Lofgren. Head linesman, Wolf. Timer, Wood. Time of quarters, 12½m.

## S. WOLFE'S WHALES SPORT MERRILY AT LORAIN'S EXPENSE

Capt. Stanley Wolfe and his well-



The hopes of the Fremont high school squad were considerably boosted Monday evening, when Wilfred Gahn, star center, who had been out of the game all season, due to a slight fracture of the ankle, put on the spangles and reported for duty. Gahn was by far the best little center in the L. B. S. last season and should again be a bear when it gets the hang of things. He will resort to light practice but will be in there snapping the pill back in the Lorain game. The return of Gahn will slip big Tim McCarthy back to a tackle position.

The greatest interest in football ever noticed in Fremont, has been aroused over the coming Fremont-Lorain game that is scheduled for Thompson field on Saturday, Oct. 30. People who never saw the grid sport before will be out there with the rest of the fans and the rooting is bound to be something terrific. Lorain, as usual, will bring down a bunch of backers and the rivalry will be great on the sidelines as well as in the game. If Fremont succeeds in bouncing one off the visitors, this town will be taken all apart after the game as a victory means another championship for the purple and white team.



## High School Gridders Reap Rewards For Great Work in 1920 Campaign

Friday was a big occasion for Fremont high school football players. The gridders who won championships for the old purple and white and who also covered themselves with fame in last fall's proceedings, reaped the fruits of the campaign in the auditorium when the letters were distributed among the select few. B. H. Swift, Prof. Schweickart and Coach Vanorsdal made speeches that smacked of past victories and future conquests. The addresses had to be short and to the point as the basketball squad was due to take the "rattler" for a game at Oberlin. The remarks of each speaker were received with that copyrighted brand of Fremont high school pep. Garvin, speedy back who worked in several of the big games was allowed a letter as was Harold Boyer, promising veteran, who was injured in the first game of the 1920 season. The other athletes who received the coveted F are: Capt. Ross, Louis Gabel, Amos Boyer, "Sandow" Hughes, Wilfred Gahn, Thurn, Myron Miller, Harold Wendler, Towner Smith, Edburn Eesley and Tim McCarthy. The prospects for the 1921 season are very bright as a host of promising gridders will enter school next fall and this array coupled with the tried veteran and first string men will again put Fremont on the L. B. S. football map with both feet and lots to spare.



# Sports

BY "COLONEL" O'FARRELL

## ELYRIA EXPERT PICKS FIVE FREMONTERS FOR ALL-STAR AGGREGATION

W. L. Vaughn, instructor in Elyria high school and former coach of the football teams and an expert who officiated in Little Big Six games this season, has picked an All-League football outfit. He has picked two teams and gives Fremont five jobs on the first eleven, while Lorain got four positions, Elyria one and Sandusky

one. The following is the lineup of the two outfits and a few notes telling why, when and how the fortunate players qualified for the berths:

First Team	Second Team
Ross (F.) Capt.	Lauber (S.)
	Left End
A. Krebs (S.)	Sanford (L.)
	Left Tackle
Thurn (F.)	Johnson (L.)
	Left Guard
Kline (L.)	Krugman (E.)
	Center
Hughes (F.)	Tulk (E.)
	Right Guard
Opfer (L.)	Boyer (F.)
	Right Tackle
Hurst (E.)	McCarthy (F.)
	Right End
Matuszak (L.)	Guthman (E.)
	Quarterback
Wendler (F.)	Buckley (L.)
	Left Half
Smith (F.)	Lopeman (B.)
	Right Half
Williams (L.)	Eesley (F.)
	Fullback

Ross and Hurst at ends are fast and aggressive, being deadly tacklers. Ross played half on offensive and end on defensive which made him a valuable man. He captained his team creditably, and his natural leading ability will place him captain of this all league eleven. Hurst was a good receiver of the forward pass on offensive and good man in helping block the tackle.

Krebs played fullback during the last few games of the season. When he carried the ball it took at least three men to stop him. He played tackle the early part of the season. His weight, strength and endurance made him a good man for the position. His ability as a strong back line man along with his power when playing in the line gives him the tackle position.

Opfer was shifty, fast and heady, his work as a tackle in my opinion ranks him with Krebs. Boyer and B. Smith of Fremont, deserve special mention.

Thurn and Hughes for guards ranked head and shoulders above all other guards in the league. Hughes weighed 235 pounds and Thurn 195, which made it impossible for a man of average weight to move them out. They helped their center on offense with little effort and were strong defensive men.

Tulk of Elyria and Johnson of Lorain, deserve special mention.

Kline and Krugman fought it out for center in the Lorain-Elyria game. Kline outplayed Krugman in this contest on both defense and offense. Kline being a powerful defensive man smeared a great many plays. Both men play a good offensive game although Kline is faster on his feet than Krugman.

Dean of Sandusky, deserves special mention.

It is a toss up between Wendler and Matuszak for quarter. Matuszak has the edge on Wendler on field generalship and free kicking, but Wendler proved to be a better field runner, being heavier and more shifty and draws a half position.

Wendler is without doubt the best open field runner in the league, strong on defense and good in furnishing interference for the man behind him with the ball. Smith is the fastest half in the league. He is aggressive, hits hard, and is a strong defensive man.

Williams is a fast open field runner, shifty, and can hit the line with a powerful drive. He is a strong defensive man, good punter and gets his punts off fast. Mr. Vaughn feels sure these eleven men would make the strongest eleven the association could put on the field.

A few exceptions will have to be taken to the above selections, however. There is no question but what Gahn, of Fremont, is the logical choice for center. He has been playing the keystone job on offensive and doing the quarterback work on defensive and in both positions he excels. He is the class of the league in the center of the line.

Mr. Vaughn gives Williams of Lorain, the fullback position, when Eesley of Fremont, has him cheated a mile. "Buss" is a line plunger without an equal in the league and he knows the ins and outs of his position to the letter. This man's past season's performance stands out without an equal on the fullback job in any team in the league.

Wendler should have been given the quarterback job in place of Matuszak of Lorain. The latter made his big bid for the job in the Elyria battle but Wendler has been going strong in every game played this season. Calling the Lorain player the better field general, does not sound well to the majority who have seen both boys perform.

Miller and Boyer of Fremont, should also have received recognition as tackles on the first string aggregation but as Mr. Vaughn has given us five honored berths when we deserve at least six, we'll have to let it go at that. If some other towns had a crew like the big red team, the entire outfit would have composed the top notch mythical eleven.

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