

## Notes by Ned

## THE EAGLE EYE

Much has been written this season about the ineffectiveness of the Ashland offense, and there have been rather few points per game. Therefore, the casual statement that we are 99 points better than the University of Alabama should attract some notice. Yes, through the concrete and reliable evidence of comparative scores, Ashland is at least 14 touchdowns better than the Crimson Tide.

Lest there be any scoffers who claim Alabama is no real power, take a gander at a few other gems recently gleaned from the season records as of two weeks ago. The Eagles lord it over Ohio State by 51 points, over mighty Maryland by 37, over UCLA by a comfortable 30, over Notre Dame by 42, over Oklahoma by 41, etc., etc., etc.

All these margins, mind you, were developed off Ashland's 6-0 loss to Slippery Rock, probably the least impressive performance to date. From the Ashland-Slippery Rock thing to the hefty margin over OSU involves 40 comparisons and as many teams. It was developed by upward steps through eastern schools to Penn's game with California which put the comparisons on a national level. All was not rosy in the development however as we came out with a 107 point deficit to Lafayette.

Anyone doubting the veracity of my claims may have the privilege of looking at the whole evolution, and is invited to improve on it, if possible. The prime tools of comparison are the upset and the slaughter, so careful perusal of post-season records should produce even more impressive results.

## Game Notes:

From certain sources it was learned that Wilmington went away with a healthy respect for Marion Zody's crunching play . . . The game proved to be one of the season's roughest, costing Duckworth a broken tooth and Augenstein a broken finger . . . Hunt's face bar may be credited with saving his features from the impact of the place-kick he blocked after the Wilmington touchdown . . . Brownson was apparently disappointed again with the series of calls throughout the game which saw the Eagles beating their brains out against the center of Wilmington's rugged line instead of taking advantage of the Quakers' vulnerable left end slow secondary.

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## Intramurals Revived

Intramural manager Frank Devec has announced a meeting for all those interested in entering a team in this year's intramural bowling league. The meeting will be held next Monday at 4:30 in the Student Union. Last year's league proved very popular until organizational difficulties caused its downfall.

Ashland Records  
Hundredth Victory

Ashland's 25-0 win over Ohio Northern was more than just a successful Homecoming Game, for it marked a milestone in Ashland College sports' history. It was Ashland's one-hundredth win in 32 seasons of intercollegiate football competition.

Football was first played at Ashland in the year 1902. The 1905 team went undefeated against a schedule of high schools and academies. The first season of intercollegiate competition occurred in 1920, and except for a lapse of three years during the war has been played ever since. In that time, Ashland has had only twelve winning seasons against eighteen losing years and two schedules in which the Eagles broke even.

The 1920 team opened A.C. football inauspiciously by dropping game number one to Heidelberg by an appalling 74-0 count. However they came on to nip Kent State, 6-0, and Wadsworth High School 33-0 before losing to John Carroll, 20-0.

After the 1920 season, the Eagles had fairly good success until the 1931 season, winning 46, dropping 32 and tying six, and compiling seven winning seasons. However, from the 1930 season until the season of 1945, Ashland did not field a winning football team. In the late 30's, the Eagles plumbed the depths by compiling an eighteen game losing streak.

Since 1945, Ashland has been up and down—and up again. George Donges' fine 1948 team rang up a fine 6-1-2 mark, losing only to always tough Heidelberg. The coming of Bob Brownson has seen the upsurge of Ashland as a real small college power once more.

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Ashland's Eagles are only two treacherous games away from a second straight Mid-Ohio League title. Still ahead are the luckless but dangerous Defiance Yellow-Jackets and the tough Bluffton Beavers who are still hoping for a piece of the league title. The best effort of Defiance so far was in their 7-7 tie with Wilmington whose ability was shown here last Saturday.

Against Wilmington's Quakers, Ashland was pressed to the utmost to squeeze out their 7-6 win. After the game, most of the Ashlanders were willing to credit the Quakers with being second only to Indiana Central as an opponent. Missing their leading ground gainer, Wayne Joyce (see the "Eagle Eye"), the visitors stormed onto the field apparently determined to win it for him. For most of the first quarter, in fact, they virtually ran Ashland off the field.

After Jim Firestone had taken a reverse handoff on the opening kickoff and returned it 70 yards

to the Wilmington 15, Ashland lost the ball on a fumble and the Quakers were on the move. After an advantageous exchange of punts, the visitors slashed the Ashland defense with a 66 yard drive capped by Mickle's three yard plunge for the score. Mike Hunt shot through to cleanly block the placement; however, saving the winning margin.

Another Ashland fumble gave Wilmington the ball inside the Ashland 30, but the defense stiffened after yielding a first down and the touchdown was averted. Some atrocious calls by the officials had the effect of bringing out the vicious side of the Ashland defense. The Eagles now began to show the "hungry-hound" form that carried them through last season. The offense began to roll at the end of the half, but was cut short by the clock.

In the third period, it proved to be only a matter of time until the Ashlanders smashed over. The Ashland backfield completely out-

flanked the left side of Wilmington's defense, springing Duckworth for 35 yards off a "bastard series" sweep to the Wilmington 32. From that point, a bad series of calls moved the ball nowhere, and on fourth down Yoder dropped back to pass off the single-wing left and fired a perfect strike to the end zone—where it was dropped. Ashland got madder. A bad pass from center on Wilmington's next attempted punt was fumbled giving Ashland the ball on the Quaker 24. From there Zody, Augenstein and Yoder rammed the ball irresistibly to the end-zone, Zody cracking over from the two. A penalty on the extra point put the ball on the one and Zody again belted in, scoring the winning margin.

Zody also was the main factor in safeguarding the lead by booting a low, rolling punt 60 yards to the Wilmington five-yard line. Ashland stalled the Quakers' last drive at mid-field and took over with only a minute and a half to play.

## HOMECOMING TILT SUCCESSFUL

## A. C. Skins Polar Bears, 25-0

The Homecoming Day was beautiful, and the Eagles thoroughly enjoyed themselves by coasting to a 25-0 win over ONU in what will undoubtedly prove to be the year's easiest game. The conglomeration of fans which included former coaches, former players and Queen Dixie Hyatt got an eyeful of half-back Duane Yoder. After three years of relative obscurity, Yoder strided to three touchdowns in a flash of glory in his last Homecoming game.

The game started as a rout with Firestone taking Northern's first punt and handing to Yoder who dashed 77 yards for a score. A poor punt by Ohio Northern set up the second score almost immediately, Ashland retrieving the ball on Northern's 44. Several plays later, Yoder broke out over weak side and went 10 yards for another touchdown. Augenstein added the point by booting his only conversion of the game. Soon after the second period started Yoder sprang loose on a nicely executed reverse, outrunning three Northern pursuers for 84 yards and his final touchdown. Halftime score: 19-0.

The Polar Bears were terribly green, but it may be said to their credit that they remained game

until the Eagles broke their backs with another score early in the fourth period. The Bears summoned all their power in the third period, taking advantage of an Ashland defensive lapse to push over an apparent score. However, one of the Northerners was detected clipping as fullback Tom Young circled in the end zone after a 27 yard run. The touchdown would only have been ONU's second score of the season.

Ashland's last touchdown drive covered 36 yards and consumed most of the third period. Firestone took a Northern punt on the Ashland 2 and only through sheer grit ran it back to the 14. Fullback Mike Hunt was the driving force in the ensuing march, breaking through clean holes on a recently acquired draw play for several long gains. After Bob Adkins put the ball on the six, Mike again slipped through center for the game's last touchdown.

Stalwart play by Ashland's defensive platoon held the Polar Bears to only 5 first downs and 59 yards net offense. Some benchwarmers got a chance to play in the last period and among the more impressive of these were ends Tom Ellis and Pete Easterday.

## Meet the Team

Jim Firestone—A standout at Connellsville, Pa., High, Jim played quarterback his first year at Ashland. Last year he was named to the All-MOL second team at guard. A defensive halfback, Jim is very fast and a hard tackler.

Jim Restle — Jim transferred from Cedarville after his freshman year. A regular last season, Jim had to work hard to regain strong-side tackle post on offense. Like Firestone, Restle is a senior this year.

Dick Hunt—An outstanding competitor, "Mike" is this year sharing fullback duties with Augenstein. He has recovered from a spine injury suffered last year to again become a team leader. He was an all-league back at Geneva High.

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