

# Just Chattin'!

By W. W. EDGAR

THIS IS the time of the year when the sports pages of the public prints are filled with all-star teams at every level—from high school up through the pro football ranks.

Started by Walter Camp, former Yale star, years ago, the custom has grown all out of proportion and now, instead of honoring the outstanding players, the myriad of selections only causes confusion.

In Camp's day, his selections were considered the official All-America choices. It was the highest honor attainable to be chosen for his team. All this has changed now, and now All-America teams are chosen by every news service, the writers, the officials and before we know it, the locker room attendants will be coming out with an All-America team.

With the printing of these All-Star teams the old arguments quickly re-again in an attempt to compare the ability of one of this year's stars with another of a bygone era. And they also get to comparing teams as units.

AS ONE who travelled the sports trail for quite a few years I often am asked to compare, for example, Nitre Dome's famous team that included "The Four Horsemen," with Fritz Crisler's 1947 Michigan team that won the Rose Bowl game. Or to compare either of them with the 1925 Michigan team that the late Fielding "Hurricane" Yost called the best he ever had coached.

At the same time I am constantly being asked to compare this fellow and that fellow who played a star role with "Red" Grange in his heyday. And which was the better—"Dutch" Clark, who helped make the Lions famous in the '30's, or Grange—or to compare each of them with the player considered the greatest of them all—Jim Thorpe.

To one and all there is only one answer—there is no fair way to make a comparison. Each player in a different era and under different conditions.

The rules have changed through the years. Even the shape of the football has changed. It is now a pointed missile made for throwing instead of the old egg-shaped ball designed for kicking or to keep the foot in football.

THROUGH the years when boxing was at its peak during the reign of Joe Louis as heavyweight champion of the world, I was often asked "Which was the better, Jack Dempsey or Joe Louis?"

Again, any comparison would be unfair—for the simple reason that times have changed. We have a different set of rules, better equipment and the styles have changed.

What has happened in the world of sports is happening in other fields, too. One is often asked to compare presidents. For instance, it has been said that LBJ hopes to be rated the greatest president of all time.

Maybe so, but how would you compare him with Washington, of Lincoln, or Teddy Roosevelt, or the other Roosevelt, FDR?

Each was great in his own time, but could you imagine Abe Lincoln running for president today. His TV image would be his ruin. Yet when he was in the White House he earned a place of lasting memory.

Instead of comparing athletes or public officials from different eras, let's be content to do the fairest thing—let's just say "He was the best of his time."

That should be honor enough for any man.

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Sergeant Gets Billet

Army Sergeant Gary P. Canfield, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Canfield, 32212 Hees, Livonia, is assigned to the 50th Artillery Group, Snelling Army Air Defense Site, Minn., as a motor sergeant. Sgt. Canfield entered the Army in 1959. He attended Bentley High School.

# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa: This is what I want for Christmas. Magic with clothes. Sussy home-maker vacuum cleaner. Barbie dress. Hand-down. This is all I want. Thank-you! Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Marcy Lynn Vok  
Florence, Garden City

Dear Santa: I am a little boy—2½ years old. My name is Brian Summers Butcher.

I would like for you to come to my house Christmas Eve.

I have been a good boy. Please bring me a road grader, a record player, dump truck and some surprises.

Thank you.  
Brian Summers Butcher  
Golfview, Livonia

Dear Santa: My name is Jeff Garczynski. I am 5 years old and I want a red car and a towed truck even a cement truck and a game and some puzzles and that's all I want. I have a brother that name is Paul and he might want a cement truck and a Mustang and a little gas pump. That's all Jeff and Paul want.

Thank you Santa Claus.  
Jeff and Paul Garczynski  
Lathers—Livonia

Dear Santa: Our names are Linda and Lore Lewis would you please bring us a Suzzie HomeMaker also for Linda: Dishes, games, books, dishes. For Lorrie: dishes, games, books, cake mixer. for Mike: Toys.

Love:  
Linda, Mike, Lorrie  
Jamison, Livonia

Dear Santa: My name is Debbie. I am 7 years old. My sister Pam is 4. You are very nice. I hope you bring us some toys for Christmas. I'm coming to see you. Tell Mrs. Santa Claus Hi. We have both been very good so you better bring us some toys. Pam is scared of you, but I am not. I hope you have a nice Christmas. You are a jolly fat thing.

Debbie and Pam Owens  
Hix, Livonia

Dear Santa Claus: My name is Carolyn Urban. I am 2 years old. I am usually a pretty girl. For Christmas I would like walking doll, pull toys, candy, telephone.

Carolyn  
Tomahawk, Westland

Dear Santa Claus: My name is Cathy Urban. I am almost 6 years old. I live at 2436 Tomahawk. I have been a pretty good girl all year.

For Christmas I would like, walking doll, wallet, purse, dress, school clothes, coloring books, crayons.

Cathy  
Westland

Dear Saint Nicholas: What I want for Christmas 1. Baby first step, 2. Baby Magic, 3. snugglybun with 6-way playail, 4. Cudly, 5. Suzy Smart, 6. I little no name, 7. penny bite set, 8. mouse house, 9. Katie Kach-nos, 10. Magic Garden Home Medication, 11. pee wee, 12. I have a brother that name is Paul and he might want a cement truck and a Mustang and a little gas pump. That's all Jeff and Paul want.

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Dear Santa: I want a regular bikes for Christmas. A gold bike with handle bars and three speeds. A Schinn bike.

Cred Jones  
Leona, Garden City

Dear Santa: My name is Linda Urban. I am 3 years old. I live at 3408 Tomahawk. I have been a good girl most of the time.

For Christmas I would like game, cards, walking doll, color books, crayons, candy.

Love,  
Linda  
Tomahawk, Westland

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Cred Jones  
Leona, Garden City

Dear Santa: I would like a guitar, a saxophone, laser beam gun, 3408 Tomahawk. I have been a good boy:

Love Mark Davis.  
Garden City

Dear Santa: My name is Mary. I am in third grade and 8 years old. I have been a good girl and I want for Christmas, 1. tea set, 2. mouse trap game, 3. black board, 4. sweater, 5. ironing board, 6. easy bake oven, 7. doll house, 8. finger-paints.

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## Santa Claus Sets Up Post Office at Paper

From now until Christmas there will be space, given through special permission from Santa Claus, to use *The Observer* for a post office. We will not have a number of our regular features until after the Santa Claus season. All children's letters, space will permit, addressed to Santa Claus, 33050 Five Mile Road, Livonia will be printed in the paper, and letters will be answered personally.

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Dumper stickers are the rage these days. You can get them boasting the horn of your favorite political candidate, proclaiming a special event or observance, relaying a message or for just plain nonsense.

We have fallen bug to the craze.

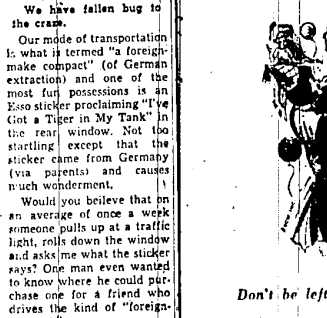
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