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The 2016 college football season has already kicked-off and with additional games being played all Labor Day Weekend.

Even with today's high-scoring offensive units, it will not be likely that any team will surpass the 100+ point total in its first game of the season...if this happens, the list below would have to be revised at some point.

TCFH subscriber, Andy McKillop has researched the following games where the winner topped the century mark—and beyond.

Source: Andy's website, FootballGeography.com

**Most Dominating
Opening Game Victories
in College Football
History**

Season	Team		Opponent	Score
1913	Florida	vs.	Florida Southern	144-0
1919	Utah St.	vs.	Idaho St.	136-0

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1914	Oklahoma St.	vs.	Phillips (OK)	134-0
1919	Chicago (IL)	vs.	Great Lakes (IL)	123-0
1911	Nebraska	vs.	Nebraska-Kearney	117-0
1922	Alabama	vs.	Marion Military Institute (AL)	110-0
1920	Texas A&M	vs.	Daniel Baker (TX)	110-0
1913	Georgia	vs.	Alabama Presbyterian	108-0
1925	Washington	vs.	Willamette (OR)	108-0
1904	Minnesota	vs.	Twin Cities Central HS (MN)	107-0
1916	Sewanee (TN)	vs.	Cumberland (TN)	107-0

Most Dominating Opening Game Victories in College Football History (All Levels)

Season	Team		Opponent	Score
1923	Dayton (OH)	vs.	Central Normal (IN)	161-0
1919	Tulsa (OK)	vs.	Oklahoma Baptist	152-0
1917	Detroit (MI)	vs.	Toledo (OH)	145-0
1913	Florida	vs.	Florida Southern	144-0
1919	Utah St.	vs.	Idaho St.	136-0
1914	Oklahoma St.	vs.	Phillips (OK)	134-0
1920	Montana	vs.	Carroll (MT)	133-0
1912	Cincinnati (OH)	vs.	Transylvania (KY)	124-0
1919	Chicago (IL)	vs.	Great Lakes (IL)	123-0
1901	Clemson (SC)	vs.	Guilford (NC)	122-0

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Source: Gastonia Daily Gazette, Oct. 27, 1933

Grid Gossip

By Hugh A. Query

There is a belief current that the current football players of by-gone days were taller, heavier, and more rugged than those of the present day, writes Parke H. Davis, national football statistician. Distance evidently lends enchantment to the view.

An assembly of the personal statistics of the players of the United States reveals that this belief is not founded upon fact. Indeed the contrary is true. The players of the present are Taller, heavier and probably equally as rugged as the men of the past. This characteristic of men to associate greater height and size with the representatives of the past has always prevailed.

Forty and more years ago we pointed to Walter Heffelfinger of Yale, six foot, two and one-half inches and weighing 210 pounds, as our representative giant, and down the years Walter has come as the classic giant of the sport.

This fear there are more than 60 players taller and heavier than Walter Heffelfinger. Any discussion of the giants playing football this fall would have to begin a full half inch above the mark where Walter Heffelfinger left off.

In short, Heffelfinger, mathematically today, would not even be the starting minimum, for there are more than 100 players fully as tall and heavy as he was.

There are 35 players on our records standing six feet, three inches, and probably half as many more not discovered. Among these are several of national pre-eminence in their play: Charles B. Bernard, center of Michigan; Frank J. Butler, center of Michigan State;

Barton Cummings, tackle of Illinois; John M. Hutchinson, tackle of the Army; Edward Krause, tackle of Notre Dame; Bernard Masterson, halfback of Nebraska; Walter Mueller, end of California at Los Angeles, and Peter Zaremba, tackle of New York University.

All of these men have been accorded honorable mention in All-America discussions.

Fourteen men have been found who measure six feet, four inches. Notable among these are Mark Brasnyo, tackle of St. Mary's, and Peter Kopscak, end of the Army.

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In the bracket marked six feet and five inches we find nine players.

Standing forth among them for fame and skill are "Ted" Rosequist, tackle of Ohio State, and Jack Torrance, tackle of Louisiana, weighing 275 pounds and the largest man in all football.

Now we move up another inch to the line labeled six feet and six inches. Here we find two players and, curiously, upon the same team, New York University. These two men are Jim Ruddy and Stephen Shields, both tackles.

The cry is "Still they come." And still we climb, on up to six feet, seven inches. Here we find the tallest player in all football, Edward

Meinhower, tackle of the University of North Dakota, he weighs 245 pounds and is every inch a football man, fast, lithe and athletic.

For those who long to be in the society of giants, I suggest they visit our football fields any Saturday.

Much attention has been called to the fact that Davidson played most of last Saturday's game against Duke's second team, but little has said of the fact that Duke played against Davidson's second team for no small part of the contest. A check-up if the statistics reveals that the two teams exactly the same number of substitutes, each coach sending in fourteen new men.

The punting of Johnny Mackorell, Davidson triple threat back, in the Duke came last Saturday, brought much favorable comment from spectators. The Hickory lad averaged 37.5 yards per try against the Blue Devils, and the Duke kickers, McAninch, Laney and Rossiter were to average only 35.5. Mackorell booted one ball over 60 yards, which is the longest kick that has been made on Richardson Field this year.

Besides his brilliant punting Mackorell managed to gain over three yards every time he ran with the ball, and passed well. He was on the receiving end of the pass thrown by Wingfield which scored Davidson's only touchdown. During the second half the triple threat back called the signals for the Presbyterians, and merited the Newton and McEver.

Purdue is being mentioned as a team that may beat out Michigan for the Big Ten championship this fall. It should turn out that way upon the shoulders of one of the "Mules of Notre Dame—and an ex-Marine at that—Noble Kizer.

Nobody ever stepped into a tough coaching assignment than Kizer took over three years ago, when Jimmy Phelan, after winning a championship, left the Indiana institution to go west. Kizer was left with a handful of veterans of the great team.

At Notre Dame he had been a guard on the Four Horsemen team. He and Rip Miller, now coaching at Navy, were regarded by Rockne as the best guards he ever had. So at Purdue it was expected that he

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would produce strong lines. As a matter of fact, Purdue has had some splendid backfields during Kizer's three years, including the 1933 outfit, and Kizer's main worry has been to build that line.

With all but two of his regular linemen of last year lost by graduation, the young coach from Plymouth, Ind., finds himself again with a job on his hands.

Kizer happens to be one of the men who went to Notre Dame to study. After returning from a stretch in the marines (sic), he finished his high school course at Plymouth. He starred at basketball and though he received many invitations from schools where the cage game was strong, he chose Notre Dame, because it was near his home. His mother was in ill health.

Rockne noticed Kizer as a freshman, and placed him at regular guard on the varsity in 1922, 1923, and 1924. In '24 the year of the Four Horsemen, Kizer was picked on every team as All-Western guard and made many All-America elevens.

It was incidental that he became line coach at Purdue with Phelan.

After graduation he took a job with the Studebaker Corporation at South Bend, and Prexy Erskine granted him leave to help put some power in that Purdue line. That's how he became a coach.

When Kizer's mother died in 1924, the entire student body at Notre Dame visited the little Methodist church in Plymouth for the funeral services.

Teams with at least 4 On-Field National Championships

By Tex Noel, Executive Director, IFRA

North Dakota State began its march for a sixth straight CSD title with an opening-game victory in overtime, defeating Charleston Southern, 24-17.

The Bison are one of 9 college division (NCAA CSD/1AA; II; III and the NAIA teams) that has won at least 4 on-field championship games over period of a number of years.

Mount Union, playing in NCAA III, has hoisted the Amos Alonzo Stagg Game trophy 8 times between 1993-2006.

Of the 11 accomplishments listed below—by 10 schools—only three have won consecutive championships in at least four straight seasons.

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- These teams include: Augustana IL, D3; 4, 1983-86; next is Carroll MT also winners of 4 straight between 2002-05 and NDS, every season since 2011.

NDS has not only been successful in winning titles in the CSD; but prior to this in NCAA II; as the school claimed 5 championships in this division as well, between 1983-89, prior to moving to the CSD Level.

4 or more Divisional National Championship Titles

Mount Union OH, NCAA III; 8-14...1993-2006

Texas A&I, NAIA; 6-11...1969-79

Georgia Southern, NCAA 1-AA; 6-16... 1985-2000

Wisconsin-Whitewater, NCAA III; 6-8...2007-14

Carson-Newman, TN NAIA I; 5-7...1983-89

North Dakota State, NCAA II; 5-8...1983-90

North Dakota State, NCAA CSD; 5-5...2011-15

Augustana IL, NCAA III, 4-4...1983-86

Youngstown State OH; 4-7...1991-97

Carroll MT NAIA; 4-4...2002-05

Grand Valley NCAA II; 4-5...2002-06

Walter Camp to Witness Stanford-California Game

By *The Stanford Daily*, Volume 66, Issue 37, 21 November 1924

Walter Camp, former Stanford football mentor and well-known authority on football, will be in the stands at the Big game tomorrow.

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Camp has made a special trip from the East and will witness the Stanford-California contest tomorrow to get first-hand dope on some of the so called "All-American material" of the Pacific Coast. Stanford University was founded in the fall of 1891.

The first football game was played with California the following spring and resulted in a Cardinal victory. At that time Walter coached the varsity squad and remained here during the first three seasons.

After leaving here he went to Yale for a short stay and is now considered one of the greatest football authorities in America.

Woodrow Wilson and Calvin Coolidge have been great football fans, according to Parke H. Davis, Princeton alumnus. Wilson was a coach of football at Princeton and also at Wesleyan. Coolidge, in his college days, was a keen observer of the football world, and today he is still well in touch with rules and schedules. "He is qualified," Mr. Davis says, "to attend any conference of football coaches."

From the IFRA Archives...

Consecutive Winning Seasons

Overall Rank into 2016	No. of Seasons	Schools=49 (54 Accomplishments) [Min. 3 Games; Win % over .500]	Division (s)	Seasons
1	60	Linfield	NAIA/NAIA I/NAIA II/NCAA III	1956-2015c
2	47	Princeton	Major College	1876-1922
3	42	Central IA	Small College/NCAA III	1961-2002
	42	Harvard	Major College	1881-1923^
5	40	Nebraska	Major College/1A	1962-2001
	40	Ithaca NY	College Division/NCAA III	1971-2010
7	39	Yale	Major College	1876-1914
	39	Notre Dame	Major College	1893-1932
	39	Florida State	Major College/1A/BSD	1977-2015c
10	38	Alabama	Major College	1911-1950+

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	38	Baldwin-Wallace	Small College/College Division/NCAA III	1967-2004
<u>12</u>	37	California-Davis	College Division/NCAA II	1970-2006
	37	Mount Union	NCAA III	1979-2015c
<u>14</u>	36	Pacific Lutheran	NAIA/NAIA II/NCAA III	1969-2004
<u>15</u>	33	Florida	NCAA 1A/BSD	1980-2012
<u>16</u>	32	Carson-Newman	NAIA I/NCAA II	1979-2010
<u>17</u>	31	Penn	Major College	1883-1913
	31	Eastern Kentucky	NCAA 1AA/CSD	1978-2008
	31	Hardin-Simmons	NAIA/NCAA III	1992-2012
<u>20</u>	32	Washington & Jefferson	NCAA III	1984-2015c
	29	Lycoming	NCAA III	1975-2003
	29	Dayton	NCAA III//1AA	1977-2005
	29	Dickinson State	NAIA	1978-2006
<u>24</u>	28	Virginia	Major College	1888-1915*
	28	Oklahoma	Major College/1A	1966-1993
	28	Wisconsin-La Crosse	NAIA II/NCAA II/NCAA III	1970-1997
	28	Augustana IL	NCAA III	1979-2006
<u>28</u>	27	Michigan	Major College	1892-1918
	27	Pittsburgh	Major College	1913-1939

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	27	Carnegie Mellon	NCAA III	1975-2001
<u>31</u>	26	Penn State	Major College	1939-1964
	26	Alabama	Major College/1A	1958-1983
	26	Grambling	Small College/NAIA/1A/II/1AA	1961-1986
	26	North Dakota State	NCAA II/1AA	1976-2001
	26	Montana	NCAA 1AA	1986-2011
<u>37</u>	25	Dartmouth	Major College	1901-1925
	25	St. John's MN	NCAA III	1987-2011
<u>39</u>	24	Texas	Major College	1893-1916*
<u>40</u>	23	Widener PA	NCAA III	1979-2002
	23	Michigan	NCAA 1A	1985-2007
<u>42</u>	22	Clarion	College Division/NCAA II	1964-1985
	22	Detroit Mercy	Major College	1927-1950#
	22	Tennessee State	Small College/NAIA/1A/II/1AA	1965-1986
	22	Virginia Tech	1A/BSD	1993-2015c
<u>46</u>	21	Vanderbilt	Major College	1915-1935
	21	Holy Cross	Major College	1919-1939
	21	Northern Illinois	Small College	1929-1949
	21	USC	Major College/1A	1962-1982
	21	Ohio State	Major College/1A	1967-1987
	21	Penn State	Major College/1A	1967-1987
<u>52</u>	20	Washington & Jefferson	Small College	1890-1909*
	20	Army	Major College	1919-1938

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20 Marshall

NCAA 1AA/1A

1984-2003

Ranking underlined indicates a tie for this position.

**-Began 1st season playing college football*

^-No Team 1885

+ -No Team: 1918-WW I; 1943-WW II

c=Current

Bo Carter Presents **College Football Hall of Famers...***born and passed away during the month of September*

1 (1904) Johnny Mack Brown, Dothan, Ala.

1 (1916) Ed Bock, Ft. Dodge, Iowa

1 (1950) Phillip Fulmer, Winchester, Tenn.

1 (1973) Zach Thomas, Pampa, Texas

1-(d – 1979) Aaron Rosenberg, Los Angeles, Calif.

2 (1925) Eddie Price, New Orleans, La.

Twice led the SEC in rushing: first in 1949, with 1178 yards...a year later had 1000 rushing

season with 1137 yards—in becoming the first NCAA RB to surpass 3000 RY in a career.

2 (1948) Terry Bradshaw, Shreveport, La.

Threw 22 TD passes as a senior in 1968; while leading the nation in TO...had 7 games over 300+ passing yards.

2 (1960) Leonard Smith, New Orleans, La.

Known for blocking kicks—FG, PAT, Punts while playing for McNeese State.

3 (1930) Tom Scott, Baltimore, Md.

3 (1966) Bennie Blades, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

3-(d – 1989) Augie Lio, Clifton, N.J.

4 (1874) Clint Wyckoff, Elmira, N.Y.

4 (1894) Bart Macomber, Chicago, Ill.

4 (1916) Roland Young, Ponca City, Okla.

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- 4 (1932) Vince Dooley, Mobile, Ala.
- 4-(d – 1933) Bill Hickok, Harrisburg, Pa.
- 4-(d – 1967) Chet Gladchuk, Northampton, Mass.
- 4-(d – 1983) Buddy Young, Terrell, Texas
- 4-(d – 2011) Lee Roy Selmon, Tampa, Fla.
- 4-(d – 2012) Dr. George Savitsky, Ocean City, N.J.
- 5 (1873) Dave Campbell, Waltham, Mass.
- 5 (1909) Harry Newman, Detroit, Mich.
- 5 (1939) Billy Kilmer, Topeka, Kan.
- 5 (1946) Jerry LeVias, Beaumont, Texas
- 5-(d – 1978) Arnold Galiffa, Glenview, Ill.
- 5-(d – 1984) Chuck Carney, Manchester, Mass.
- 5-(d – 1992) Harold Burry, New Castle, Pa.
- 5-(d – 2002) Frankie Albert, Palo Alto, Calif.
- 6 (1879) Gordon Brown, New York City
- 6 (1890) Bill Sprackling, Cleveland, Ohio
- 6 (1901) George Wilson, Everett, Wash.
- 6-(d – 1972) Charlie Berry, Evanston, Ill.
- 6-(d – 1992) Pat Harder, Waukesha, Wis.
- 7 (1883) Bob Maxwell, Chicago, Ill.
- 7 (1902) Mort Kaer, Omaha, Neb.
- 7 (1923) Emil “Red” Sitko, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
- 7 (1951) Bert Jones, Ruston, La.
- 7-(d -1954) Pop Warner, Palo Alto, Calif.
- 7-(d – 1982) Thad “Pie” Vann, Jackson, Miss.
- 7-(d – 1985) Bruiser Kinard, Jackson, Miss.
- 8 (1904) Bud Sprague, Dallas, Texas
- 8 (1912) Bob Hamilton, Sewickley, Pa.
- 8 (1915) Duffy Daugherty, Emeigh, Pa.
- 8 (1952) Anthony Davis, San Fernando, Calif.
- 8-(d – 1935) Ted Coy, New York, N.Y.
- 8-(d – 2015) Ron Beagle, Sacramento, Calif.
- 9 (1878) Willie Heston, Galesburg, Ill.
- 9 (1908) Bill Murray, Rocky Mount, N.C.
- 9 (1941) Pat Richter, Madison, Wis.
- 9 (1944) Jim Grabowski, Chicago, Ill.
- 9 (1949) Joe Theismann, New Brunswick, N.J.
- 9-(d – 1963) Willie Heston, Traverse City, Mich.
- 10 (1883) Andy Smith, DuBois, Pa.
- 10 (1902) Jim Crowley, Chicago, Ill.
- 10 (1936) Ron Harms, Houston, Texas
- 10 (1940) Buck Buchanan, Gainesville, Ala.
- 10 (1945) Marlin Briscoe, Oakland, Calif.
- 10-(d – 1952) Jonas Ingram, San Diego, Calif.
- 11 (1897) Stan Keck, Greensburg, Pa.
- 11 (1908) Biggie Munn, Grow Township, Minn.
- 11 (1913) Paul Bryant, Moro Bottom, Ark.
- 11-(d – 1973) Belford West, Cooperstown, N.Y.
- 11-(d - 2010) Ron Kramer, Fenton, Mich.
- 12 (1891) John Brown, Canton, Pa.
- 12 (1964) Lynn Thomsen, Sioux City, Iowa
- 12-(d – 1951) Frank Murray, Milwaukee, Wis.
- 12-(d – 1975) Joe Alexander, New York City
- 13 (1898) Glenn Killinger, Harrisburg, Pa.
- 13 (1904) Joe Aillet, New York City
- 13 (1906) Chuck Carroll, Seattle, Wash.
- 13 (1915) Clint Frank, St. Louis, Mo.
- 13 (1922) Ziggy Czarowski, Chicago, Ill.
- 13-(d – 2000) Thurman “Fum” McGraw, Ft. Collins, Colo.
- 13-(d – 2003) Ron Burton, Framingham, Mass.
- 14 (1907) John Baker, Denison, Iowa

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- 14 (1934) Dicky Maegle, Taylor, Texas
- 14 (1935) John Brodie, Menlo Park, Calif.
- 14 (1948) Rich McGeorge, Roanoke, Va.
- 14 (1975) Troy Davis, Miami, Fla.
- 14-(d – 1950) John Maulbetsch, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- 14-(d – 1972) Harry Kipke, Port Huron, Mich.
- 14-(d – 1983) Ike Armstrong, Flagship, Conn.
- 15 (1887) John McGovern, Arlington, Minn.
- 15 (1894) Charles “Chic” Harley, Chicago
- 15 (1908) Gene McEver, Birmingham, Ala.
- 15 (1924) Jack Green, Kent. Ind.
- 15 (1928) Reds Bagnell, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 15 (1929) Jerry Groom, Des Moines, Iowa
- 15 (1940) Merlin Olsen, Logan, Utah
- 15 (1961) Dan Marino, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 15 (1971) Will Shields, Ft. Riley, Kan.
- 15-(d – 1978) Larry Bettencourt, New Orleans, La.
- 15-(d – 2001) Tank Younger, Inglewood, Calif.
- 16 (1927) Bob Ward, Elizabeth, N.J.
- 16 (1954) Wilbert Montgomery, Greenville, Miss.
- 16-(d – 1966) Jim Holder, In Combat in Vietnam
- 16-(d – 1986) Darold Jenkins, Independence, Mo.
- 16-(d – 2007) Buster Ramsey, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 17 (1897) Ed Travis, Tarkio, Mo.
- 17 (1909) Bill Morton, New Rochelle, N.Y.
- 17 (1910) Cliff Montgomery, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 17 (1913) James Moscrip, Adena, Ohio
- 17 (1960) Anthony Carter, Riviera Beach, Fla.
- 18 (1910) Ernie Rentner, Joliet, Ill.
- 18 (1926) Skip Minisi, Newark, N.J.
- 18 (1955) Billy Sims, St. Louis, Mo.
- 18-(d – 1959) Jim McCormick, Duxbury, Mass.
- 18-(d – 1982) Ed Travis, Chesterfield, Mo.
- 19 (1873) Sam Thorne, New York, N.Y.
- 19 (1919) Mike Holovak, Lansford, Pa.
- 19 (1921) Charlie Conerly, Clarksdale, Miss.
- 19 (1930) Don Heinrich, Bremerton, Wash.
- 19 (1954) Reggie Williams, Flint, Mich.
- 19-(d – 1933) John Tavener, Columbus, Ohio
- 19-(d – 1944) Francis Schmidt, Seattle, Wash.
- 19-(d – 1952) Hugo Bezdek, Atlantic City, N.J.
- 20 (1943) Tommy Nobis, San Antonio, Texas
- 20 (1972) Ronald McKinnon, Ft. Rucker, Ala.
- 20-(d – 1966) Shorty Miller, Harrisburg, Pa.
- 20-(d – 2001) Abe Mickal, New Orleans, La.
- 20-(d - 2006) Frank “Muddy” Waters, Saginaw, Mich.
- 21 (1934) Brock Strom, Munising, Mich.
- 21 (1940) Sandy Stephens, Uniontown, Pa.
- 22 (1898) Hunk Anderson, Tamrack, Mich.
- 22 (1905) Larry Bettencourt, Newark, Calif.
- 22 (1907) Thad “Pie” Vann, Magnolia, Miss.
- 22 (1922) Ray Evans, Kansas City, Kan.
- 23 (1918) George Franck, Davenport, Iowa
- 24 (1909) George Munger, Elkins Park, Pa.
- 24 (1946) Joe Greene, Temple, Texas
- 24 (1953) Joe Washington, Crockett, Texas
- 24 (1973) Eddie George, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 24-(d – 1977) Harry Young, Richmond, Va.
- 24-(d – 2000) Jerry Claiborne, Nashville, Tenn.
- 24-(d – 2002) Leon Hart, South Bend, Ind.
- 25 (1902) Scrappy Moore, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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27 (1862) Alex Moffat, Princeton, N.J.

29 (1902) Edwin Horrell, Jackson, Mo.

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27 (1912) Bill Shakespeare, Staten Island, N.Y.

29 (1926) Pete Elliott, Bloomington, Ill.

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27-(d – 1965) Louis Salmon, Liberty, N.Y.

29 (1932) Paul Giel, Winona, Minn.

25 (1907) Ralph "Shug" Jordan, Selma, Ala.

27-(d – 1980) Dexter Very, State College, Pa.

29-(d – 1967) Henry Seibels, Birmingham, Ala.

25-(d – 1962) Jerry Dalrymple, Little Rock, Ark.

27-(d - 1998) Doak Walker, Steamboat Springs, Colo.

29-(d – 1988) Vernon Smith, San Diego, Calif.

25-(d – 1985), Bill Banker, New Orleans, La.

28 (1881) Harry Van Surdam, Hoosick Falls, N.Y.

29-(d – 2009) Ed Sherman, Newark, Ohio

25-(d – 1987) Duffy Daugherty, Santa Barbara, Calif.

28 (1907) Glen Edwards, Mold, Wash.

30 (1937) Bill Carpenter, Springfield, Pa.

26 (1871) Joe Thompson, County Down, Ireland

28 (1919) Tom Harmon, Rensselaer, Ind.

30 (1972) Greg Myers, Tampa, Fla.

26 (1922) Creighton Miller, Cleveland, Ohio

28 (1935) Lou Michaels, Swoyersville, Pa.

30-(d – 2002) Len Casanova, Eugene, Ore.

26 (1951) Dave Casper, Bemidji, Minn.

28-(d – 1976) Bill Reid, Brookline, Mass.

In the August issue of *TCFH*, a reference that there wasn't much information available on the 1916 Notre Dame Freshman Team—as it was an opponent of St. Viator; the first college football team to score to reach 200 or more points scored in a single-game.

IFRA member Cap Gagnon responded with the following.

Captain George Gipp distinguished himself by his extraordinary kicking throughout the season. He played fullback and he played it well. He has the drive necessary for the position and he proved a consistent ground gainer all year. Murphy at quarterback showed considerable class. His generalship was good on all occasions and he displayed a lot of ability with the forward pass. Dent and Farwick played good games at halfback. Norman Barry, hero of many a former interhall "shamble," also played a fine game at halfback during his first collegiate year. The Eaglesbacks gave their best to the team and played good games whenever given the opportunity. Holton came all the way from Texas to contribute his athletic prowess to Notre Dame and he held down the center position admirably all season. Ambrose at guard was about the pluckiest thing on the line. Every game and every scrimmage found him battling away at men twice his size, and he never failed to give a good account of himself. Hayes made a good end and could catch a forward pass on slight provocation. Stanley, McGuire, Stein, Powers, Sullivan, Ryan, Flannigan, Fusick, and Evans, played hard, consistent football and all were better players for their efforts. All these recruits will bear watching, and we venture the

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prediction that the team that flung the colors of Notre Dame from Kankakee to Kalamazoo will do much to plant them in the East and West next year.

Here are the correct names and some details of the later careers of the above-named Freshmen:

- ❖ George Gipp All Time College Great. Future U.S. President (Played by former President Ronald Reagan in the movie *Knute Rockne: All-American*, ed.)
- ❖ Murphy Unknown player.
- ❖ Floyd Dent Did not return to ND.
- ❖ Arthur Farwick Did not return to ND.
- ❖ Norm Barry All American, NFL, NFL Head Coach, 3 terms in Illinois Senate, 25 years as Cook County Judge.
- ❖ Carl Eaglesbach Did not play again.
- ❖ William Eigelsbach Did not return to ND.
- ❖ Barry Holton Back-up lineman, Freshman Coach of the Four Horsemen, in 1921.
- ❖ John Ambrose Reserve lineman.
- ❖ Dave Hayes Starting end-1917. Severely wounded in WWI. Healed well enough to play for the Packers.
- ❖ Basil Stanley Backup lineman. NFL. ND Frosh Coach-1936. 31-6 record as Basketball Coach, Univ. of Arizona.
- ❖ Bob McGuire Back-up lineman.
- ❖ Rollo Stine Starting tackle.
- ❖ John Powers Back-up to Hayes. Cum Laude Grad.
- ❖ Sullivan Unknown player.
- ❖ Jim Ryan Back-up fullback.
- ❖ John Flannigan Back-up tackle. Born in same town as Frank Leahy.
- ❖ Fusick Unknown player.
- ❖ Edward Evans Did not return to ND.

Thanks, Cap for providing this information.

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From the **NCAA Official Statistics**...the *National Average for 1 Team/ Game* since 1937—official statistics era. (Additional stats: Number of 500+ Teams and subsequent per game of each of them average of such, *IFRA Archives*. [Teams that scored at least 500 points always had post-season points added to their season total; before the NCAA inclusion of such on 2002.]])

Year	Nat'l Avg. 1 Team/G	Team	OSA	# 500+ Teams	Per Game Avg.
1937	10.1	Colorado	31.0		
1938	11.8	Dartmouth	28.2		
1939	11.4	Utah	28.4		
1940	13.3	Boston College	32.0		
1941	13.8	Texas	33.8		
1942	15.7	Tulsa	42.7		
1943	15.7	Duke	37.2		
1944	16.3	Army	56.0	1	56.00
1945	16.1	Army	45.8		
1946	16.1	Georgia	37.2		
1947	15.9	Michigan	38.3		
1948	17.1	Nevada	44.4		
1949	19.4	Army	39.3		
1950	18.9	Princeton	38.8		
1951	19.4	Maryland	39.2		
1952	18.4	Oklahoma	40.7		
1953	17.1	Texas Tech	38.9		
1954	17.4	UCLA	40.8		
1955	16.1	Oklahoma	36.5		
1956	16.5	Oklahoma	46.6		

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1957	15.6	Arizona State	39.7		
1958	16.0	Rutgers	33.4		
1959	15.9	Syracuse	39.0		
1960	15.6	New Mexico State	37.4		
1961	16.0	Utah State	38.7		
1962	16.4	Wisconsin	31.7		
1963	15.8	Utah State	31.7		
1964	15.1	Tulsa	38.4		
1965	16.7	Arkansas	32.4		
1966	17.5	Notre Dame	36.2		
1967	18.4	Texas-El Paso	35.9		
1968	21.2	Houston	42.5		
1969	21.6	San Diego State	46.4		
1970	21.3	Texas	41.2		
1971	20.2	Oklahoma	44.9	2	41.64
1972	20.6	Arizona State	46.6	2	44.29
1973	21.0	Arizona State	44.6	1	42.75
1974	20.2	Oklahoma	43.0		
1975	20.1	Ohio State	34.0		
1976	20.0	Michigan	38.7		
1977	20.8	Grambling	42.0		
1978	20.6	Oklahoma	40.0		
1979	20.0	Brigham Young	40.6		
1980	20.5	Brigham Young	46.7	1	45.83
1981	20.5	Brigham Young	38.7	1	38.69

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1982	21.9	Nebraska	41.1	1	39.54
1983	22.1	Nebraska	52.0	2	46.52
1984	22.1	Boston College	36.7		
1985	22.4	Florida State	39.1		
1986	22.7	Oklahoma	42.4	1	42.33
1987	23.1	Oklahoma	43.5		
1988	23.8	Oklahoma State	47.5	2	45.63
1989	24.1	Houston	53.5	3	43.81
1990	24.4	Houston	46.5	2	43.13
1991	23.1	Florida State	44.2	1	42.25
1992	22.9	Florida State	40.5	1	39.23
1993	24.4	Florida State	43.2	2	40.35
1994	24.6	Penn State	47.8	2	44.08
1995	25.1	Nebraska	52.4	3	47.54
1996	25.5	Florida	46.6	5	43.01
1997	25.5	Nebraska	47.1	1	46.69
1998	25.5	Kansas State	48.0	2	46.00
1999	25.6	Virginia Tech	41.4	5	40.31
2000	26.2	Boise State	44.3	6	41.76
2001	27.2	Brigham Young	46.8	6	40.02
2002	27.3	Boise State	46.6	8	47.72
2003	26.6	Boise State	43.0	4	46.12
2003	26.6	Miami OH	43.0		
2004	26.9	Louisville	49.8		
2005	26.8	Texas	50.2	3	47.66

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2006	24.4	Hawai'i	46.9	3	41.93
2007	28.4	Hawai'i	43.4	12	40.68
2008	27.2	Oklahoma	51.4	12	42.94
2009	27.0	Boise State	42.2	5	39.65
2010	28.0	Oregon	47.0	13	41.24
2011	28.3	Houston	49.3	14	42.37
2012	29.5	Louisiana Tech	51.5	12	42.30
2013	29.4	Baylor	52.4	17	42.66
2014	29.3	Baylor	48.2	12	42.34
2015	29.7	Baylor	48.1	18	40.80

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Source: Official 1946 Rules of the National Pro Football League

GREAT PLAYS? VET OBSERVER RUNS THROUGH THE YEARS

BY DAN DANIEL, New York World Telegram

Great football plays? I have seen lots of them, from Boston to the Rose Bowl, from Atlanta to the Stanford Stadium. But there was one play I confess I never saw.

It was in November of 1910 and the game was played at the old Hilltop Grounds of the Yankees, soon to be abandoned.

Fordham met Villanova and some 10,000 fans turned out. No sooner had the contest got under way than a heavy fog rolled in from the sea. Spectators, players, all became mere spectres.

In those days there was no press box. There was just a small table on the sidelines. I remember that I went out on the field and ran behind the plays.

Villanova won, 2 to 0. A safety was the only score. And though I ran behind the backfield, I never saw the one play that counted. Just spectres in the mist.

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Great plays? I saw a few that made football history one November afternoon at the Polo Grounds in 1913. Dartmouth had gone unbeaten and held the Eastern title in its grasp. The Carlisle Indians had lost a few, even with Guyon, Welch and Calac (*Pete, who played with the legendary Jim Thorpe—and at West Virginia Wesleyan.*) Pop Warner had had just a mediocre outfit--up to that November day.

The Indians ran all over the Green. The score was 31 to 10, if memory serves.

It was in that contest, 33 years ago, that Warner first showed the single wing back.

I looked at this strange creation and wondered what it was. I asked Pop after the game. He merely smiled. He put it back in the bag and did not pull it out for many years—not until he went to Pitt.

“I got the idea during a football school I held in Oklahoma,” Warner is reported to have explained.

I saw it that November afternoon at the Polo Grounds in 1913, Carlisle mopping up amazed and chagrined Hanover.

Great plays? How about the forward pass thrown by Red Cagle of Army which Jack Elder, Notre Dame sprinter, intercepted at Yankee Stadium in zero weather in the 1928 game? It happened right at the start and the Irish nursed that 7 to 0 lead comfortably all through the frost-bitten battle, to win just that way.

“Cagle will throw it this way. It will come here. Elder will grab it and run for a touchdown.”

Great plays? How about the great exhibition of passing from Charley Dorais to Rockne as Notre Dame buried Army by 35 to 13 in their first encounter at West Point in 1913?

The pass had been on display since 1906, but had taken hold slowly. Washington and Jefferson had flashed it to advantage in New York in 1912. But it was left for Dorais and Rockne to prove how terrific a weapon it really was as Norte Dame sprang one of the historic upsets of football history.

Dorais and Rock remained at the Point over the weekend and taught the mysteries of the pass to the Cadets, who with Vern Prichard pitching to Merrillat, (*Lou; AA in 1913-14*) snowed under a favored Navy outfit at the Polo Grounds that November.

Great plays? Why, every season, every game of any account, is loaded with them.

WHEN NEBRASKA SMASHED IMMORTAL IRISH OF 1925

BY FLOYD OLDS, Sports Editor, Omaha World-Herald

My all-time thrill game involves two “lasts.” It was the last college appearance of Ed Weir, one of the grandest tackles ever to dig up a football field. And it was the last meeting between two great rivals, Nebraska and Notre Dame, which will renew relations in 1947 after a 22-year break.

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Notre Dame had been beaten only by Army when Coach Knute Rockne brought his warriors to Lincoln on that Thanksgiving day (sic) of 1925. The Ramblers were strongly favored, but that didn't keep everyone in Lincoln from getting steamed up in what probably was the all-time peak of Cornhusker spirit.

And, from the Nebraska players' standpoint, that spirit was reflected in a team which took the field bubbling over with confidence—and had the game won in the first five minutes!

Besides his great tackling and blocking work, Ed Weir was a fine punter. The most important single item in this Nebraska victory over Notre Dame was one of Weir's kicks shortly after the opening kickoff.

With the wind at his back, Weir booted the ball high and far and to the side of the Irish safety man. When it hit the turf and started bouncing crazily toward the goal line, two other Huskers were there waiting—just daring some enemy to pick it up and try to run.

But the ball finally stopped dead on the four-yard line—some 70 yards from where Weir had stood and made his kick!

On the next play Notre Dame's return kick was hurried—by Weir! It was almost straight up into the air, against the wind, and finally came to rest seven yards away from the Irish goal line; only three yards from where it had rested on the previous play!

Coppy Rhodes carried the ball three times and Nebraska had a touchdown. The Huskers scored again in that first quarter, and Weir's placekick in the second half made the victory margin 17 to 0.

In a few games of American college football has one player dominated the picture as did Ed Weir in that final appearance as a Cornhusker. He punted and he kicked extra points and a field goal. He cleared wide paths for Husker runners. He pushed the interference out of the way and clamped his arms around the ball carrier every time Notre Dame runners tried his side of the line. When they went the other way, he ran around and brought them down from behind.

That game remains fresher of all in our memory, probably because it was the last for Nebraska's greatest tackle and the last of a remarkable Nebraska-Notre Dame rivalry which now, happily, is to be revived.

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