

# Tygers Open 57th Football Season Tonight

## Cleveland East High Tests 'New' Tygers

Mansfield Senior High School inaugurates its 57th season of scholastic football tonight against Cleveland East at Arlin Field.

The Tygers will be favored to extend their current winning streak to eight straight decisions over an East team which has not extended Mansfield for the past five seasons. Mansfield has lost only two of its last 25 starts—both to Hamilton.

## East High Opens At Mansfield

By BEN FLIEGER

Cleveland Press Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — East High School will open the 1957 football season at Mansfield tonight with its third head coach in three years.

This casualty rate compares with any in the collegiate and professional mastering business but for different reasons. Winning isn't an or-else item at East.

Paul Anderson quit for industry in 1955; Irv Misstein, the '56 boss, is specializing in reader training at Willoughby.

NO STRANGER

In charge now is Lou Ralston. He's no stranger, there, having excelled as a Blue Bomber lineman before achieving a slightly wider fame at Baldwin-Wallace College a decade ago.

His is no snap job with Mansfield as a muscle-loosener and Benedictine, Cathedral Latin, John Adams and Col-linwood to be tackled later in the East Senate.

One ailment, apparently incurable, is the squad's size—numerically not physically.

"It's the same as when I played here," Ralston remembered. "We lost to Mansfield only 7-6 in 1946 and a shortage of reserves hurt us then."

FAST FALL OUT

"Eighty-four boys signed up for football in the spring. Fifty showed up for practice in August. Now we're down to 35."

"I've been satisfied with the scrimmages. The spirit is there, they're hitting hard but aren't quite sure of themselves."

Poundage East has in abundance. Tackles Tom Knuckles (200) and Cedric Lewis (200), Guards Paul Burzanko (210), Mike Lewis (175) and Clark Kellogg (220), End Bob Taylor (175) and Center Bill Slacas.

Kellogg, a basketball all-scholastic, looks like a possibility for football honors, too. He's been a tiger as the middle man on defense and his basketball background and height (6-4) make him a good end target offensively.

In the backfield, Quarterback Larry Menz and Fullback Bob Madison are the only seniors with steady employment. The halfbacks will probably be Jones White, a sophomore, and Art White, a junior.

## Shelby Gets Dog Mascot

SHELBY — "Shelby," a Whippet dog given to Shelby High School as a mascot by the grid boosters, will appear tonight during the Shelby-Ashland grid game here.

The dog was purchased from a kennel in Virginia. It is the first time that the Whippets have ever had a live mascot.

The dog is being kept and trained by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall B. Hopkins.

## Huron Valley Opens Tonight Against Milan

PLYMOUTH — Huron Valley will open defense of its North-Central Conference football championship here tonight against Milan at 8 o'clock.

Huron Valley, a consolidation of New Haven and Plymouth high schools, will spring loose Halfback Ed Taylor, Ohio's leading Class A scorer last year with 132 points. His total of 25 touchdowns was second only to Bob Ferguson of Class AA Troy who tallied 31.

## Widdoes Entering 9th Campaign At Ohio U

ATHENS, O. — Carroll Widdoes is in his 11th collegiate coaching season here where 53 candidates have reported for his ninth Ohio University football team.

With 1956 being his first losing season (2-7), Widdoes' Ohio University coaching record now stands at 40 wins, 30 defeats and four ties. Coupled with two highly successful seasons at Ohio State University, one a 9-0 season which earned him national Coach of the Year honors, and another at 7-2, his all-time record for 10 years is 56 wins, 32 losses and four ties.



HOW IT'S DONE—Coach Bob Carroll of Butler High School is showing Dick Hall, sophomore fullback, how to take a hand-off from the quarterback. Watching are: End Lynn Beveridge (28) and Halfback Gary Meeks (34). This trio will see plenty of action as the Bulldogs host Cardington tonight. (News-Journal Staff Photo.)

## Butler Hi Opens In Home Tiff

BUTLER — Butler High School will have nine veterans in the starting lineup here tonight when the Bulldogs open their 1957 football campaign against Cardington.

A promising sophomore, Dick Crunkilton, will guide the Bulldogs from the quarterback slot. Co-captains Gary Meeks and Russ Wareham will be running from the half-back positions and Dick Hall will be at fullback.

Meeks, a 6-3, 175-pounder, and Wareham, 6-2, 180 pounds, are both three-year lettermen. Hall, 5-9, 180 pounds, also is a veteran.

SINGLE WING TEAM

Last year, Butler closed out a 5-3-1 season by edging Cardington, 7-0. Cardington, a T-formation outfit last season, is now running from the single wing.

Starting on the line for the Bulldogs will be Lynn Beveridge, 160 pounds, and Commodore Johnston, 160, at ends; John Gleason, 155, and Steve Meeks, 155, at tackles; Wayne Snyder, 160, and Don Bowman, 150, at guards; and Carl Bowman, 200, at center.

Only non-letter winner in the starting forward wall is Meeks, a sophomore sensation in pre-season scrimmage games for the Bulldogs.

On defense, Jerry Parker, 145-pound letterman, and Sophomore Larry Cochran, will replace Don Bowman and Crunkilton as halfbacks.

## Wildcats Boast Husky Forwards

EVANSTON, Ill. — Northwestern's starting football line averages 212 pounds per man.

Heaviest member of the forward wall is Gene Gossage, 233-pound sophomore tackle. Another sophomore who appears to have clinched a starting role is Jack Siatta, 210-pound guard. Other starters, all lettermen, are: Ben Napolski, 217, and Cliff Peart, 205, ends; Andy Overko 218, tackle Al Viola, 205, guard, and Frank Bennett, 200, center.

## Pont Holds Marks

John Pont, Miami University (O) football coach, holds three all-time records made during his undergraduate career at Miami in 1949-51.

Center Released

DETROIT (UP) — The Detroit Lions have released Carl Osterloh, Crene Coeur, Mo., during his undergraduate career at Miami in 1949-51.

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## Bulldogs Barking Again Stark Teams Rate High

By BILL LEVY  
INS Sports Writer

Another Ohio high school football campaign opens tonight and as in so many past seasons, the line for the Buckeye State throne forms behind two-time champion Canton McKinley and Massillon both of Stark County.

A statewide survey by International News Service on the eve of the 1957 grid season shows McKinley a choice to nail down its third straight state crown.

LONG WIN STREAK

McKinley, sporting a 20-game, two-season unbeaten streak, opens its season tonight against comparatively weak Cleveland Lincoln. Massillon's first-game foe is Akron South.

McKinley is packed with veterans from last year's team, which climaxed an all-winning season with a 34-7 triumph over Massillon. Massillon, which finished fifth in the final INS ratings, lost two games.

It is entirely possible the two Stark county Giants will make it to their November date—the final game of the season—with perfect records.

Fremont Ross, which finished second to McKinley last season in the state championship chase, has 11 lettermen from its all-winning team and is expected to have little trouble in making Columbus Franklin Heights its 21st straight victim tonight.

ROSS QUESTION

Whether Ross, which has a big team, but without the speed of some recent aggregations, can post a third straight undefeated season is a question mark.

Mai Mackey, INS "Coach of the Year" last season, is working again at Fremont after recovering from a heart attack which felled him during the 1956 campaign.

Another team with a two-year unbeaten string, Troy, could do it again this season. Troy, which wound up seventh in the final INS ratings last season, will bank on Bobby Ferguson, a second-team All-Ohio choice last season. Troy opens against Dayton Kiser tonight.

Things do not look as bright for some other top tenners of a year ago, however.

Youngstown Ursuline, undefeated in 10 games and rated third last season, is expected to take its lumps, with Youngstown South and Campbell emerging as the powers in that area.

Mansfield, with four lettermen—all of them second-stringers—could have plenty of trouble. Barring the unexpected the Tygers will come no where near their magnificent 9-1 record and fourth place finish of a year ago.

Shelby Whippets are expected to field one of the top clubs in the Mansfield area.

## Madison Hi Grid Data . . .

Year	W	L	T	Coach
1956	10	1	0	Davis
1955	10	1	0	Davis
1954	10	1	0	Davis
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1952	10	1	0	Davis
1951	10	1	0	Davis
1950	10	1	0	Davis
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1926	10	1	0	Davis
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1911	10	1	0	Davis
1910	10	1	0	Davis
1909	10	1	0	Davis
1908	10	1	0	Davis
1907	10	1	0	Davis
1906	10	1	0	Davis
1905	10	1	0	Davis
1904	10	1	0	Davis
1903	10	1	0	Davis
1902	10	1	0	Davis
1901	10	1	0	Davis
1900	10	1	0	Davis

In southern Ohio, Middle-town's Middies got the pre-season rave notices. The Middies, Cathedral Latin and er Ohio Conference, with Lima and Springfield also non which finished 10th in the sporting potent clubs. Mans-state last season after posting field has dropped out of the an undefeated record, has veterans back at six positions and has the making of another Catholic, rated as the best in crackerjack club.

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Another opening game league and could crack the headlines pits Dayton Chamade and Dayton Roosevelt very well against Canton McKinley in a scrimmage segregated as the strongest clubs son.

Zanesville, champion of the Central Ohio League, also has the list of statewide powers the nucleus of a repeater.

## Ashland Begins Slate Saturday

By HOWARD HONAKER

ASHLAND — Ashland College Coach Bob Brownson expects to field a bigger and faster grid club when the Eagles open their campaign against Manchester, Indiana at Redwood Stadium Saturday night.

"The Eagles have a lot more class and desire this season," the Ashland mentor stated. Ashland has shown steady improvement at each practice session and may be a power to be reckoned with in the Mid-Ohio League this year.

Several newcomers to the squad are expected to bolster the team considerably. One of the most promising newcomers is Ralph Lepre of Con-nellsville, Indiana. The freshman flash has been handling the Eagles' quarterback chores and looks very good, as a field general and passer.

Other outstanding yearlings are Guard Bob Brown from Massillon and Backs Joe Hoagland from Jackson, Harry Wilcoxson from Marlboro, and Larry Whiteside from Hamilton.

Brownson has 14 returning lettermen. They are: Frank Debevec, Al Gamersfelder, Pete Easterday, Dave Lersch, Stan Rickel, Don Walker, Dan McBride, Harley Campbell, Bruce Dunlap, Tom Brown, Bill Duckworth, Gale Rhinehart, Dora Hostetler and Marion Zody.

The probable starting lineup for Saturday's fray will be Gamersfelder and Easterday at ends; Rickel and Lersch, tackles; Brown and McBride, guards; Campbell, center; and Lepre, Hoagland, Zody, and Rhinehart in the backfield.

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## Shelby Hi Plays Ashland Arrows

By JOHN GRAY

SHELBY—The Shelby Whippets will open their 64th season of football here by trying to upset the Ashland "jinx" when they entertain the Arrows on the W. W. Skiles Athletic Field at 8 p. m. Friday in one of the top independent grid games in northern Ohio.

An overflowing crowd of more than 4,000 persons are expected to jam the field if the weather is good.

The Whippets will be meeting the A's for the 45th time to upset Shelby, 19-13. The on the gridiron since the rival-Whippets have 17 letter-winners returning from that squad including nine regulars.

No team, even Mansfield, which was dropped from the grid schedule in 1941, has ever piled up a more impressive win record over the Whippets.

Ashland has won 26 games, lost only 15 and tied three. In the series with Mansfield, which started in 1901, the Tygers defeated the Whippets 25 times, lost 14 games and tied three.

WEIGHT AND SPEED

The Whippets will have plenty of weight in the line and has one of the fastest backfields in this section of the state.

The other seven NOL schools will also be playing outside the circuit with Tiffin Columbian at Port Clinton, Bellevue at Fostoria, Norwalk at Clyde, Bucyrus at Tiffin and Vermilion at Willard Friday night. Upper Sandusky invades Mansfield Madison Saturday night.

In season openers last season, Bucyrus nipped Tiffin Cal-sportscasters will rank the small colleges weekly, just as they will do for the major colleges.

The Lambert Trophy, won by Sycamore last year, never has gone to a small college, though several have finished among the top 10 in the final balloting of the season.

Packers Trade End

STEVENS POINT, Wis. (UP) — The Green Bay Packers have traded Ed Ken- vakey to the Pittsburgh Steel- ers for a 1958 choice in the National Football League draft of college players.

Year	Wins	Losses	Ties
1956	10	1	0
1955	10	1	0
1954	10	1	0
1953	10	1	0
1952	10	1	0
1951	10	1	0
1950	10	1	0
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McNea plans to start: Dave Tanner, 152 and Hercules Payton, 182, ends; Lehr and Bob Hayden, 157, tackles; John Hunter, 164 and Gary McKinley, 154, guards; Dick Baer, 184, center; Jim Balcolm, 158, quarterback; Ray Breinich, 145 and Don Ragsdale, 160, halfbacks and Don Monk, 162, fullback.

Harold Roth, 180, will be the only defensive replacement. He'll go into the line with Hayden dropping back to safety man. Breinich comes out. Tanner, Hunter, Baer, Breinich and Balcolm are the seniors.

SHORT REVIEW

Yesterday the Tygers wound up four weeks of fall drills and McNea pronounced the squad in satisfactory condition. McNea and his staff put the Bengals through a short review of their offensive and defensive patterns. The Play- ers did not wear pads and there was no contact.

McNea said the Tygers would use a diversified attack against East. He said "We'll try to use an offense like Willie Keeler's old baseball idea—hit'em where they ain't."

"We still do not know how our boys will react," McNea added "They seemed a little tired in drills this week. We've had to cram a lot into a short time and we may have worked too hard. We'll know tonight."

"I think this East team is better organized and much stronger than any of recent years. The new coach, Lou Ralston, is well grounded in football. East should give us a better defensive game than they have in a long time."

"We've really concerned with the strength of Clark Kellogg. He's one of the finest athletes we've faced in a long time."

The Tygers attended the Ohio Theater last night.

## Keenest Competition In Football National League Opens 38th Year

By BERT BELL  
Commissioner, NFL

PHILADELPHIA (UP) — The development of the National Football League, now in its 38th year, is one of the most remarkable sports stories of the past half century, in my opinion.

Thirteen teams were represented in Canton, Ohio, in September, 1920, when the American Football Association was formed with Jim Thorpe as president. In June, 1922 George Halas, one of the pioneers of professional football, made a motion that the name of the league be changed to the National Football League and it was unanimously adopted.

In 1926 there were 22 teams in the league, the largest number ever. The least number of teams to play in a season was eight in 1932. Since 1951 the number of teams in the league has remained constant at 12.

Business in the league has not always been as good as it is today. Over the years 42 clubs have gone out of business, an indication that the road to the top has not been strewn with roses.

To bring about the change that has made the National Football League successful, methods were devised which stimulated competition