

## Football Findings

*Artifacts From The First 100 Years of  
American Football*

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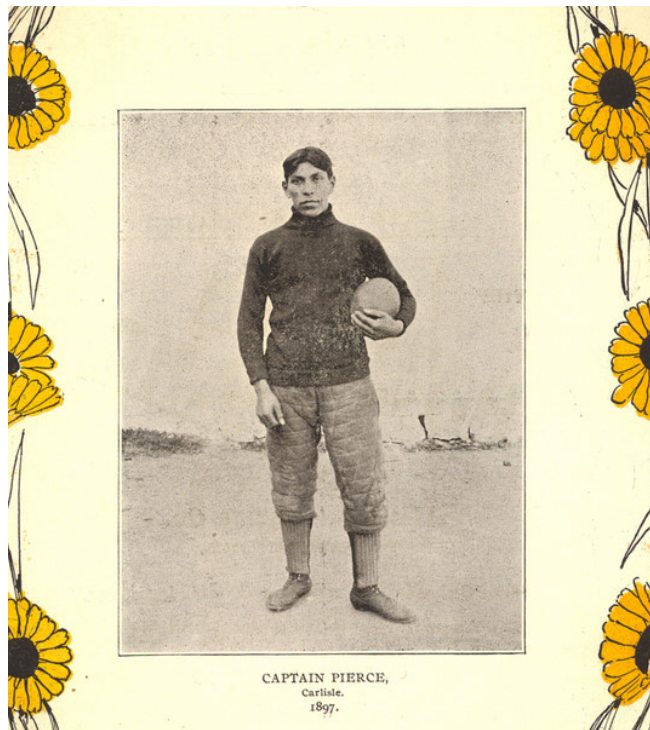
### Carlisle Indian Industrial School

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In 1893 Richard Henry Pratt, Superintendent of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, permitted students to organize a football team on two conditions:

- 1) You must never slug. Because if you slug another player the people who are watching the game will say that you are just savages.
- 2) In two, three, or four years, the Carlisle football team will whip the biggest team in the country.

Carlisle fielded a football team and in their second season scheduled games with Yale and Penn. The next year, 1896, they added Harvard and Princeton to their schedule. Although they lost to these “big four” teams, Walter Camp wrote that Carlisle “shows they are in the first class.” By 1898 a photo of the Carlisle team and Captain Pierce appeared in the Yale Princeton game program.



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