

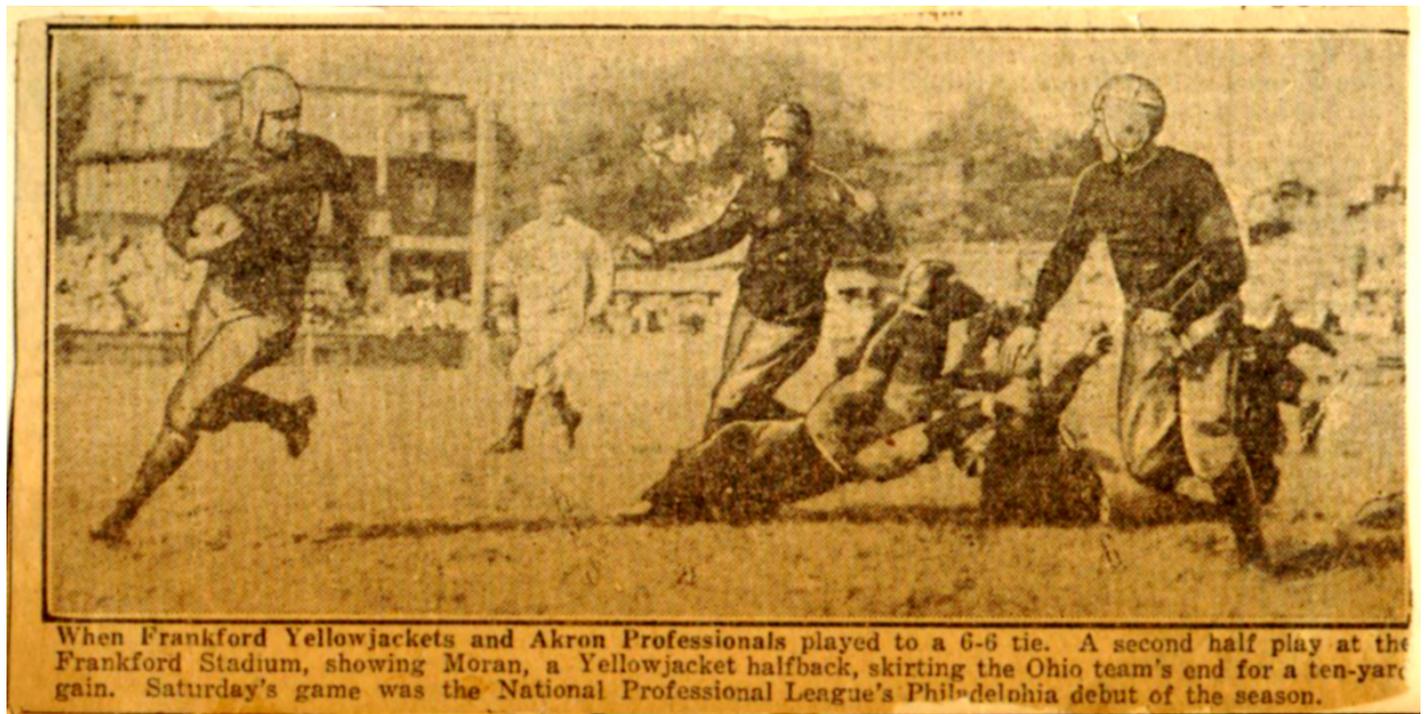
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Artifacts From The First 100 Years of American Football

The 1926 NFL Championship

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Before 1933, the NFL championship was determined by the best winning percentage of league games. This created some problems in prior years when schedules were not set in stone and games could be added at the end of the season. In 1925 the Chicago Cardinals added a few games against a Milwaukee Badgers team that was so weak they had to recruit high school players to finish the season – that and the suspension of the Pottsville Maroons for playing an exhibition game in Philadelphia made for a very controversial championship. In 1926 there was no major controversy and the championship was won by the Frankford Yellow Jackets. This was my father's rookie year, and he was the leading scorer for the team before being sidelined for a few games with an injury.

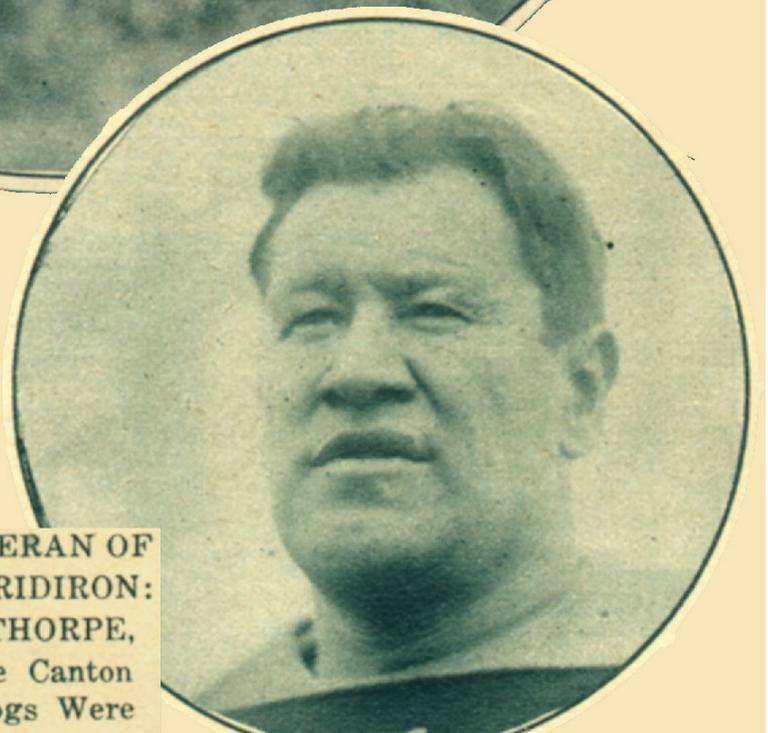


Coming into December, Frankford had a 12 – 1 – 1 record and the Chicago Bears were 11 – 0 – 1 so the December 4 game between these two league leaders was looked upon as the championship game, even though several more games remained on the schedule which could have altered the outcome.

Frankford beat the Bears 7 to 6 and went for a win and a tie in their last two games, giving them a 14 – 1 – 2 record over the second place Bears at 12 – 1 – 3. For winning the championship each team member was given an engraved watch.

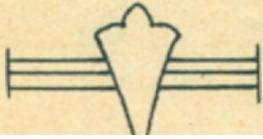


THE
PRO-
FESSIONAL
GAME:
MORAN OF
THE
FRANKFORD
YELLOW
JACKETS
Is Tackled by
Babcock of the
Canton Bull-
dogs. Frank-
ford Won. 17-0.



A VETERAN OF
THE GRIDIRON:
JIM THORPE,
Whose Canton
Bulldogs Were

(Times Wide
World Photos.)



Overwhelmed,
17-0, by the
Frankford Yel-
low Jackets in
Philadelphia on
Oct. 23.



HAP MORAN

WHO STARTED THE
HOME FIRES BURNIN
AGAINST THE CARDINALS
LAST WEEK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
FIRST HALF															SECOND HALF																																		
CARDINALS 7 JACKETS 0															JACKETS 33 CARDINALS 7																																		

DONT FOOT BALL
PLAYERS HAVE
THE PRETTY
RED CHEEKS. THO?



Yo-Ho

TIME OUT
TILL I GET
MY BANDAGE
CHANGED



SAY'S
SPRINGSTEEN



AS THERE WAS NO
GAME ON SUNDAY THE
BOYS STAYED IN AND WROTE
HOME

P.S. NOW YOU TELL ONE.
"SLIM CHANCE"

WHO WOULDNT WANT
TO BE A DONKEY?

HALT



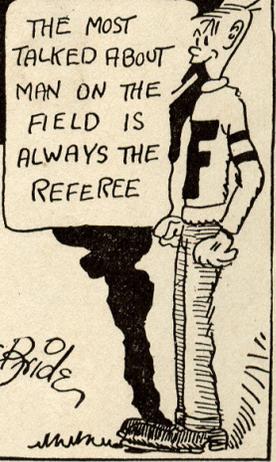
REED
STOPS
'EM

ERVIE NEVERS
AND
DOLUTT
ESKIMOS.



NOW
D'GONE
IT!

TO
DAYS
GAME



THE MOST
TALKED ABOUT
MAN ON THE
FIELD IS
ALWAYS THE
REFEREE

Jackets and Bears in Championship Battle Today

WINDY CITY ELEVEN HAS NOT LOST A GAME. JACKETS ENTER THE
TITULAR FRAY MINUS SEVERAL STARS

Again we witness the annual battle between the Chicago Bears and the Frankford Yellow Jackets. This is always the big game for the Northeast eleven. Although they have never been able to beat the Windy City aggregation. But this is the year for upsets and President Holden, of the F. A. A., expects his team, the best ever to sport the colors of Frankford ,to upset the dope and down the Bears. Even though the local eleven will be minus the services of Jones, Moran and Reed, they still have a fighting machine and Coach Chamberlin and his mates "will give their all" as a victory means Frankford clinches the National League Pennant.

The Bears have not lost a game, but have tied two while the Jackets have lost one and tied one, the defeat being inflicted by Providence, 7-6.

The windy City eleven is without doubt, the greatest pro grid team in the country.

The Bears are coached by Dutch Sturna-

man, who plays left halfback, and George Halas, right end. Both of these men learned their football at Illinois and have been with the Bears since the team was organized.

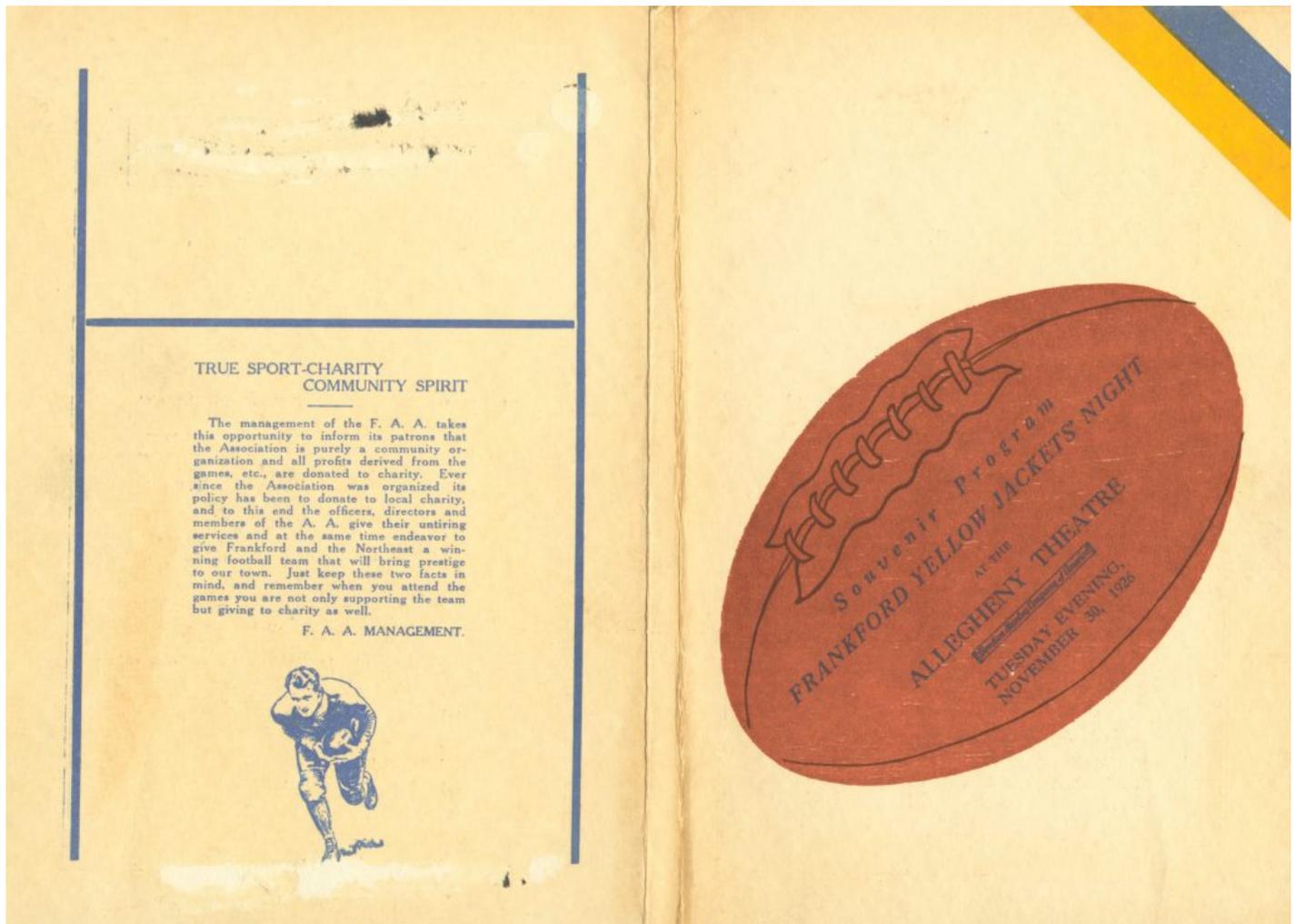
The members of the Bears' backfield are Walquist, Illinois, who has a reputation as a forward passer and an open field runner. Paddy Driscoll, Northwestern University, who was captain of the Chicago Cardinals from 1920 up to 1925. Knop completes the regular backfield. He also is a former Illinois player. Other members of the Bears are Hink Tyman, All-American tackle, Nebraska; Don Murray, Wisconsin; Muller, Illinois; Trafton, Notre Dame, considered the greatest center in pro football; Evans, Harvard; Romney, Chicago; Hanny, Indiana; McMillin, Illinois; Fleckenstein, Iowa, and Bryan, Chicago; Healey, of Dartmouth; and Buckler, of Alabama.

The first game between the two elevens was played in 1924, which the Bears won, the score being 13-10.





Also the team was treated to an evening at the Allegheny Theatre to see the new Hollywood block-buster “One Minute to Play” starring Red Grange. What a night!



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FRANKFORD YELLOW JACKETS

FOOTBALL TEAM

No.	Name	College	Wgt.	Hgt.	Position
2.	"Tex" Hamer	Penn	190	6.1	Halfback
3.	Ben Jones	Grove City	206	5.11	Quarterback
4.	"Hop" Morgan	Carnegie	190	6.2	Halfback
5.	"Midge" Hogan	W. & J.	170		Halfback
6.	"Ned" Wilcox	Swarthmore	185	5.11	Halfback
7.	"Hast" Stockton	Gemiga	190	5.11	Fullback
8.	"Two-Bits" Homan	Lebanon Valley	144	3.5 1/2	Quarterback
9.	"Doc" Bruder	W. Va.	178	5.11	Halfback
10.	"Dug" Fotts	W. & L.	235	6.1	Tackle
11.	"Rae" Crowther	Colgate	175	5.11	End
12.	"Bill" Springsteen	Lahigh	200	6.0	End & Center
13.	"Champ" Chamberlain	Nebraska	170	6.0	End
14.	"Joe" Carp	Millikin	190	6.2	Tackle
15.	"Rudy" Comstock	Georgetown	210	5.10	Guard
16.	"Johnny" Budd	Lafayette	242	6.0	Tackle
17.	"Will" Hoffman	Lahigh	235	5.10	Guard
18.	"Suede" Youngstrom	Dartmouth	190	6.1	Guard
19.	"Max" Reed	Bucknell	190	5.8	Center
	"Ed" Weir	Nebraska	192	6.0	Tackle

Danny Coogan, U. of P., Trainer
 Edgar Homer, Assistant Trainer
 "Jimmie" Mullaney, Clubhouse Boy

Through the courtesy of the Stanley Company of America
 we take great pleasure in presenting the following program
 in honor of the Frankford Yellow Jackets.

Allegheny Theatre Souvenir Program

For

Tuesday Night, November 30, 1926

- 7.20 P. M. PATHE NEWS
- 7.30 P. M. RED GRANCE in "ONE MINUTE TO PLAY"
- 9.00 P. M. Address by FRANK W. BUHLER, Managing Director of the Stanley Company of America

Address by THEODORE E. HOLDEN, President of the Frankford Athletic Association

Address by WILLIAM ROPER, Princeton's Famous Football Coach on Sports and Community Spirit

Comedy Talk and Songs by JACKIE CHALLENGER of the Yellow Jackets

Numbers by the YELLOW JACKET BAND and YELLOW JACKET SONG

- (c) SHUFFLE ALONG FOUR
- (d) WEEPING WILLOW
- (e) JACK LAVIER
- (f) GARDEN OF MELODY
- (g) "ONE MINUTE TO PLAY"

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