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SPIRIT IS AT ITS PEAK FOR THANKSGIVING DAY GRID BATTLES

FIRST KICK-OFFS AT 8:00 A.M.

The 23RD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY FOOTBALL CLASSICS of the N.B.C. will be held at Paul Revere Park on Thursday morning. Fifteen games will be played which means that more than 400 boys will see action on the gridirons. We will start the morning off in terrific fashion as three top notch games have been scheduled for 8:00 A.M. How could a more typical picture of American Youth be presented than to see all these eager football players converge upon the battlefield from all directions to settle major disputes of football supremacy. There's sure to be plenty of fireworks in store for the many spectators as champions are crowned, and feuds, arising from neighborhood rivalries, are settled. The games will also mark the wind-up for several leagues;-----a banner season in which more than 220 games have been played will reach its climax.

To be in tip-top shape, many of the teams are holding extra practice sessions for the biggest games of the year. Though the spirit of some teams seemed to lag in the early part of the season, it has been built up to a peak in recent weeks. Lately the fight and spirit has been outstanding. So if we Don't have perfect weather, don't let it stop your team, but play all the harder. Remember, a victory on Thanksgiving Day will make it a season to be remembered regardless of your team standing.

Starting line-ups, scores and highlights of the various games will come over the public address system to keep everyone informed. The National Anthem will be played before each game and college music will be heard during the quarters and halves. Officiating will be handled by N.B.C. Alumni Members and Leaders, and the N.B.C. Dads will be on hand to help with the program wherever needed. Refreshments will be served to all the players after each game in the basement of the fieldhouse.

Our motto of the week is "FIGHT TO WIN" and we're sure that the several hundred boys on the gridirons next Thursday will give their "all" for the team they're proud of.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL THE PLAYERS: The games on Thursday WILL BE PLAYED whether it snows or rains and no matter how cold it is -- that's traditional at N.B.C. This should be one of the finest athletic events of the year - - everyone has done their share to make it so -- now it's up to all of you to put forth your best efforts in every minute of the game! Every boy should be ready to play at least 1/2 hour before the starting time so the lineups can be announced over the loud speaker system. When the Star Spangled Banner is played before each game you should stand at attention; hold your helmet in your left hand and the other hand should be across your heart. Immediately after the National Anthem is played the whistle over the loud speaker will start the games. Be prepared to play on a muddy gridiron; wear long stockings and gloves if necessary. The locker rooms in the fieldhouse will be open at 7:30 A.M. for your convenience.

GRIDIRON NO. 1

8:00 A.M. - RENEGADES VS STAGS - This game will exhibit power football at its best. Both teams are big in the forward wall, with Ray Urankin, Chuck Murawski, Ron Beir, Al Meyer, and Jim Hagen carrying the Renegade's load. Mike Ryan, Dennis Vitellaro, Fred Beir, "Butch" Freer, and Joe Spitali make up the Stags front line. Both teams run off the "T" with Ron Gordon, Larry Cutler, and Bob Brucato doing the ball carrying for the Stags. Larry Schneider, Bruce Thom, Mike Colesar and Jim Swaggerty will try to roll over the Stags with their power plays. Both teams have exceptional kickers in Ray Ruankin and Dennis Vitellaro. Urankin, along with Murawski, will be the target of Thom's passes, while Gordon will do his pitching to Freer and Spitali. The records of the two teams are not very impressive, but both teams have improved of late and are really gunning for a victory in the biggest game of the year.

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GRID RIVALS CLASH ON THURS.!

GRIDIRON NO. 1 cont'd.

11:00 A.M. - BRAVES VS BLACKHAWKS: - This should be one of the best games of the day. Both teams possess hard running backs in Joe Duignan and Tom Greene of the Blackhawks, and Darrel Davis and Allen Johnson of the Braves. Chuck Del Favero will do the signal calling for the Braves and will throw a few passes to his ends, Paul Anhalt and Bill Hainke. Tom Fair, who missed most of the season because of a broken arm, is expected to quarterback the "Hawks." But if Tom isn't ready to play Chuck Adamak will do the passing. The Hawks have two fine receivers in Tom Dohr and Bob Diebold. The Blackhawks will call on John Kolesar to do the kicking, while Davis and Johnson share the kicking duties for the Braves. Both teams have good defensive units, with Jelen and Diebold leading the Blackhawks' attack. Don Schulze, Dennis Sans, Vic Vitullo, and Ron Kennedy are the Braves stalwarts. Both teams are confident in victory, which should make the game very interesting, because only one team can win. Which will it be?

10:00 A.M. - COMMANCHES VS DEMONS - It will be the single wing vs the "T" formation in this battle of Junior League giants. The Demons have a hard charging line in Bob Franzen, Fran Rubin, Tim Tinnes, and John Brechel. This deligation will be faced with stopping the league's fastest backfield of Skip Reinhart, Dick Ferrera, Bill Fisher and Dennis Crow. The Commanches rely mostly on ground gains, but Crow's passes to Lindsay and Ahern will be expected. The Demons have a hard charging backfield in Pat Mucolante, John Hoffman and Brechel. Mucolante also does the passing with Dick Labich as his favorite target. Carl Buss, Wayne Gutowski, Ron Anderson, and Bernie Laufmann will try to stop the charges of the Demons' line. Both teams have fine kickers in Gutowski and Labich. The Commanches may pull a surprise by changing their backfield throughout the game, because they can play thirteen of the teams eighteen players in the backfield. The Commanches have defeated this season, including a 7 to 6 win over the Demons, however they will be out to **AVENGE THE TROUNCING THE DEMONS HANDED THEM LAST THANKSGIVING DAY!**

11:00 A.M. - ROYALS VS LEATHERNECKS - This game perhaps will be a deciding factor to settle the championship of the Frosh League. The Leathernecks, Jokers and Scorpions are in a tight race for the title which puts the Royals in the spoiler's role. The Leathernecks have a well balanced team with Karl Kleitsch, Stuart Citron, Bob Fitzsimmons, and Mike Klein. Klein will do his passing to Sol Schwartz and Mike Gantert. The Royals will rely on the running of Ray Bujak and Jerry Wetta. Char Krusinski will do the passing to Cascio and Evens. The Royals have a big line of Mike Grimes, Sam Garbarino, Tom Cortese, Dick Johnson, and Krusinski. The Leatherneck's line consists of Mike Gantert, Dan Shapiro, Don Johnson, Joe Jensen and Ken Karper. Grimes and Shapiro will be called on to do the kicking. The spirit of both teams is high, so the game ought to provide many thrills, so don't miss seeing it!

12:00 Noon - EAGLES VS SPIDERS - This game won't have any effect on the Frosh league standings, but still should provide many thrills. The records of the two teams are not very impressive, but they have improved lately and are hoping to end this season with a win. The Eagles will pin their hopes on a backfield of Ray Stamer, Fred Kelleher, Dave Schilling and Doug Taylor. Kelleher will also be called on to do the passing. An oddity in his passing is a jump basketball pass, over the line, to Joe Weber. Along with Weber, Jim Scott will be the target of some passes. The Spiders will open with a backfield of Tom Stone, George Grelok, and Tom Borek, but their main threat will be their passing. Either Tom Garrity or Bob Bartlett will be called on to do the passing. Also Garrity, Bartlett, and the backfield men will be the pass receivers. Both teams have good kickers with Weber and Kelleher doing the Eagles' kicking, while Garrity, Jim Kneip and Bartlett boot for the Spiders. Each team is counting on this game to end the season with a **BIG VICTORY!**

GAMES ON GRIDIRON NO. 2

8:00 - WILDCATS VS KINGS - This should be another Prep League thriller with the Wildcats in the role of spoilers. The Kings still have an outside chance for the title, but the Wildcats have different ideas. The "Cats" have already upset the top two teams in the league, and are out for another upset that could wind up their season successfully. The Kings, however, are riding high and by use of the T., Notre Dame spread, and single-wing, plan to deceive their opponents. John Lunkes does the plunging and Tony Ryan and John Aokermann are tricky backfield speedsters. The Kings passing attack will be from Pellikan or Zingshein to Wally Combiths and Fritz Bayer. Outstanding defensive players are O'Brien, Wolf, and Bayer, and the kicking will be done by Pellikan and Combiths. The Wildcats will call on Bob Aronson to do most of the running, but employ chiefly a passing game with the chief receivers being Manning and Gibney. Gibney incidentally is one of the finest broken field runners in the club and also a great defensive player. Other good defensive men are Rogalla, Bob Scholtes and Bob Disch. Gary Semmerling will try to set the Kings back on their heels with his punts, and he shares the kickoff spot with Rogalla, Gibney and Manning. If these two teams keep up their fine play of the last few weeks it should really be a slam bang affair.

9:00 - MONARCHS VS MARINES - This will be one of the finest games as it brings together two great teams with great drive and spirit to win. The Marines are in first place but the Monarchs, under the guidance of their coach, Bob Schuster, are now a great running ball club - in fact so good that they trounced the Monarchs on Armistice Day by a score of 25 to 0. The Monarchs will be running their plays from the "T" formation, single wing and will use several variations of these formations. John Lovitz, Ray Imburgia and Allen Camauf are the star backfield performers, and brother, they're really good! The passing will be handled by Ken Langdon who'll throw to Frank Lovitz. The Marines will have Brian Schmitzer and Kenny Larson as their line plungers. Mike Schollmeyer, already having scored 11 touchdowns this season, along with Kennie Lentsch will be threats every time they take the ball as their fine open field runners. The mighty defensive men of the Marines are Wachholz, Cole, Rolkosky, Schollmeyer and Blessa, while Langton, Camauf, Blaser and the Lovitz brothers will enjoy stopping the drives of their opposing Marines. **WILL THE MARINES BE ABLE TO AVENGE THAT RECENT DEFEAT? THEY'RE SURE THEY CAN -- HOW ABOUT IT MONARCHS?**

10:00 - TIGERS VS APACHES - A championship is at stake! Both teams have beaten each other in previous battles but are confident of a victory on Thanksgiving Day. The Apaches will be after their third straight football title, but the Tigers have different ideas. They have a great defensive line led by Grutchka, Boring and O'Reilly and in the backfield they have "Triple Threat" Weniger along with Bob Richards and Bill O'Connor who'll carry the mail. They also have two fine ends in Mike Lynch and George Breust. For the Apaches "Blookbuster" Jim Heavey, Art Reinhart and Jim Bunch rate with the top backs in the club and they'll make it a wide open contest. Heavey is one of the best runners to come up in a long time and is also a threat with his passes to George Helinken and Cassiter Hagan. Defensive standouts for the Apaches are the Hagan brothers and Denny Kloss. This game will rank among the best and will be worth while for everyone to watch. Can the Apaches win for the third straight year? The Tigers must have the answer!



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GAMES ON GRIDIRON NO. 2 cont'd.

SCORPIONS VS JOKERS - The Scorpions need this game to assure themselves of their second football title - but will the Jokers, who have faded recently, stop now? They've been only team to trouble the Scorpions regularly. Last year on Thanksgiving Day they outplayed the Scorpions but had to settle for a tie; this year each team has won one. The teams are real neighborhood rivals to say the least. The Scorpions have the best passing attack in the Club with Cluever tossing them to Jerry Moon, a great receiver, Ray Ruth, John Best, Tom Adams or Tom Czke. The Jokers will counter with their running attack led by Clarke "Hurricane" Halfman who is a great shifty speedster when he's carrying that pigskin. Halfman also does an excellent job in calling the signals. Other fine runners for the Jokers are George Coleman and Dennis Rued. Both teams boast big forward walls, Ed Timm, Bob Harrison, Dan Weissman, Russ Abraham and Ted Duke compile the Jokers' line, while Chuck Oliva, Ray & Ron Ruth, Cluever, Moon and "Tulip" Hagstrom make up the front line for the "Scorps". The Jokers also have the best blocking of any team in the Club, thanks to their coach, Dick Labich. A victory for the Jokers will make up for the poor showing of late which has made the Scorpions feel pretty sure of another title.

12:00 Noon - GORILLAS VS CORSAIRS - Both teams are out of championship contention, but each intends to do its best for a Thanksgiving victory consolation. The Gorillas will be depending on Larry Michalski for the short gains and Bob Chadwick for his break-away runs. Their passing will be done from a tight T formation - Chadwick to Bill Walsh or Chuck Pospisil being the best combinations. The defensive standouts for the Gorillas are Walsh and Fred Kidd, while the kicking is done by Chadwick and Larry Michalski. The top backs for the Corsairs are Dick Ettelt, John Schwan, and Jim Vertuoci. Carl Marx and Charles Prousser do most of the pass receiving from the tosses of Schwan and Fred Vertuoci. The Corsairs are counting on Jim Sklena, and the Vertuoci brothers to break up the Gorilla plays, while Fred Eben, Marx and Ray Cottini do the kicking. Both teams will be up for this game!

GAMES ON GRIDIRON NO. 3

8:00 - BLUEJAYS VS ACES - The Bluejays have already wrapped up the league championship by remaining undefeated, but the Aces have set their sights on a big upset. A victory for the Tokyo Aces could very well put them in second place, a berth for which they have battled the Warriors all season. The Bluejays main offensive threats are Bob Krahl, Ron Jarock and Ron Rybioki all being good open field runners. They will also employ a fine passing attack...Bob Krahl to Phil Lo Presti. The Aces will also have to cope with the Bluejays staunch defense, led by Wally Grossman & Lo Presti. The Aces use both the T-formation and single wing offenses, with Bob Conklin and Kevin Coleman providing some tricky stepping, Conklin is the Aces triple-threat man. Can the Aces do it???

9:00 - Warriors vs Jaguars - Last year it was the late little Jimmy Casey who ran all over the gridiron to score three touchdowns and three extra points to whip the favored Warriors by a score of 21 to 14. The Jaguars won't have Jimmy this year as you will all recall the tragedy which happened on the first day of vacation. The Warriors main backfield threats are Garry Loughran and Buss, Loughran providing the line plunges and Buss the open-field running. The defensive "Aces" of the Warriors are Leo Brandenberger and Fred Nioki. The Jaguars will try to crack this defense with Frank Aubry and Frank Pehsenfeld, who would like to do nothing more than run the Warriors right off the gridiron. Joe Gatz to Tom O'Reilly or Tom Schneider, will provide a passing attack for the Jaguars. John Albinger and George Christakes will bolster the Jaguars defensive platoon, while Joe Gatz and Frank Aubry will do the kicking. Nothing more than the name of JIM CASEY should be needed to inspire the Jaguars!

10:00 - BEETLES VS FLYING TIGERS - The teams won't be battling for a championship but a Thanksgiving Day victory is really worthwhile. The Beetles will depend upon the running of John Delles, Dick Schumann and Bill Fink to carry them to victory, but some of the fine defense men of the Flying Tigers such as Don & Herb Swanson and the ChvoJosek brothers will have other plans for these young men. Defensive stars for the Beetles are Bill Fisher, Fred Patzold and Ray Wolf, one of the hardest tacklers in the league. The Flying Tigers started the season off in great style but slumped later on, however they'll be fighting at their best to keep the Beetles from overtaking them in the standings.

11:00 - CARDINALS VS HORNETS - Beginning with the kick-off until the final whistle of the game, the Hornets are predicting a tough battle for the first place Cardinals. The threats of the Hornets include Ken Przysiocki and Joe Ryan who say they will plunge through the Cards' line and win the game by a large margin. The Cardinals however will present some tough opposition with their ball carriers, Bob Mauer and Jim Ball. They also have "fireball" Soroe who has gone over for a number of touchdowns this season. With the enthusiastic rivalry of the Hornets vs the opposing strategy of the Cards, this will be the highlight of the Baby League games.

12:00 Noon - Ravens, Indians vs Copperheads, Spades - This game will be another of the newly organized Baby League. Due to the shortage of players, two teams will stand in opposition to the other teams. Both sides have an equal chance to win. Hammerquist and Labich of the Spades and Kuhle and Carr from the Copperheads will be paving the way to victory for their side. Their opponents have some good players also. Winnikates on the Ravens will be in top shape Thursday. He is the spirit of his team, especially on the gridiron. He has made a number of touchdowns this season and has also shown good ball handling to win. Doherty and Lovits are also in line for mention for their excellent play. It'll be a good game.

FOOTBALL STANDINGS						PREPPER "A"					
	WON	LOST	TIED	SHORT	POINTS		WON	LOST	TIED	SHORT	POINTS
JUNIOR						MARINES	9	5	3	0	10½
COMMANCHES	7	0	0	0	7	MONARCHS	9	6	2	0	10
BLACKHAWKS	5	2	2	1	5½	FLYING TIGERS	7	7	3	0	6½
DEMONS	2	5	1	0	2½	BEETLES	6	9	2	0	7
STAGS	2	3	1	1	2	DEUCES	0	4	0	0	0
RENEGADES	1	7	2	0	2	PREPPER "B"					
BRAVES	2	6	0	0	2	BLUEJAYS	14	0	0	0	14
FROSH						ACES	7	6	0	1	6½
SCORPIONS	11	3	0	1	10½	WARRIORS	6	8	0	0	6
LEATHERNECKS	9	4	2	0	10	JAGUARS	0	13	0	0	0
JOKERS	8	5	1	0	6½	PREPPER "C"					
SPIDERS	5	6	3	0	6½	WON	LOST	TIED	SHORT	POINTS	
ROYALS	5	7	1	0	5½	CARDINALS	8	0	1	0	6½
EAGLES	1	14	1	1	1	COPPERHEADS	2	2	3	1	3½
PREP						HORNETS	2	4	1	0	2½
TIGERS	13	4	1	0	13½	RAVENS	1	4	1	0	1½
APACHES	12	3	1	0	12½	SPADES	1	4	0	0	1
KINGS	10	6	1	0	10½	INDIANS	0	5	1	0	½
GORILLAS	6	12	0	0	6	PANTHERS	0	3	0	0	0
WILDCATS	3	11	2	0	4	Note: Standings include games thru Saturday, Nov. 20					
CORSAIRS	3	11	1	0	3½						



GAMES FOR THIS WEEK

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Tues. Nov. 23, 6:00 - Braves - Stags
 THUR. NOV. 25, 8:00 - RENEGADES- STAGS
 THUR. NOV. 25, 9:00 - BLACKHAWK- BRAVES
 THUR. NOV. 25, 10:00 - COMANCHE- DEMONS

FROSH LEAGUE

Mon. Nov. 22, 5:00 - Royals - Spiders
 THUR. NOV. 25, 11:00 - JOKERS - SCORPIONS
 THUR. NOV. 25, 11:00 - ROYALS * LEATHERNECK
 THUR. NOV. 25, 12:00 - EAGLES - SPIDERS

PREP LEAGUE

Mon. Nov. 22, 4:00 - Gorillas - Kings
 THUR. NOV. 25, 8:00 - WILDCATS - KINGS
 THUR. NOV. 25, 10:00 - TIGERS - APACHES
 THUR. NOV. 25, 12:00 - GORILLAS - CORSAIRS

PREPPER "A" LEAGUE

Mon. Nov. 22, 4:00 - Monarchs - Beetles
 Tues. Nov. 23, 4:00 - Marines - F. Tigers
 THUR. NOV. 25, 9:00 - MONARCHS - MARINES
 THUR. NOV. 25, 10:00 - BEETLES - F. TIGERS

PREPPER "B" LEAGUE

Mon. Nov. 22, 4:00 - Jaguars - Aces
 THUR. NOV. 25, 8:00 - ACES - BLUEJAYS
 THUR. NOV. 25, 9:00 - JAGUARS - WARRIORS

BABY LEAGUE

THUR. NOV. 25, 11:00 - CARDINALS- HORNETS
 THUR. NOV. 25, 12:00 - RAVENS - COPPERHEAD
 THUR. NOV. 25, 12:00 - INDIANS - SPADES

Note: The above schedule is final for the football season.

IMP ORTANT NOTICES FOR THURSDAY

No doubt it will be either very muddy or else cold on Thanksgiving Day. Bring a complete change of clothing along. So as not to over-crowd the locker rooms in the park the following arrangements have been made.

BOYS PLAYING ON FIELD NO. 1 will use the locker rooms in the fieldhouse.

BOYS PLAYING ON FIELD NO. 2 will use the basement of the clubhouse.

BOYS PLAYING ON FIELD NO. 3 will use the main floor of the clubhouse.

Please use those rooms only and try to keep them as clean as possible. Keep your clothes in order.

IMPORTANT

THE STARTING PLAYERS ON ALL TEAMS OTHER THAN THE JUNIOR AND BABY LEAGUES MUST WEAR A TEAM JERSEY. IF NECESSARY YOU WILL HAVE TO BORROW A JERSEY AS NO BOY WILL BE ALLOWED TO START A GAME UNLESS HE HAS A TEAM JERSEY.

Admission to the movie on Wednesday will be allowed only to those boys who bring either two pencils or two rags. We need this material badly for clubhouse use.

CHRISTMAS PLAY REHEARSALS

Mon. Nov. 22 - 5:00 - E. Clement, G. Bang, A. Andrews, J. Burns, T. Doherty, T. Ford, R. Rojo, W. Sorce, R. Krahl, R. Sorce, J. Lovitz, S. Boring, B. Ofenloch, A. Crenshaw, F. Lantz, D. Naylor.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER GAMES ON THURSDAY

In order to get your refreshments after the game on Thursday you will have to get a ticket from your captain during the half. See that your attendance is checked on the score sheet otherwise you won't get a ticket. This ticket must be used within 20 minutes after your game so don't waste too much time changing clothes This ticket will be your admission to the banquet hall in the fieldhouse. You also must leave the banquet hall 10 minutes to the following hour so the dads can get it in shape for the next teams. **BE NEAT & ORDERLY IN THE BANQUET HALL!**

INDIVIDUAL POINT LEADERS

BABY LEAGUE

D. Milewaki	21	M. Schneider	13
B. Mauer	16	M. Warta	13
J. Ball	16	J. Waters	12
B. Anderson	14	K. Przysiecki	12
E. Clement	14	D. Sauer	11
B. Kobus	14	G. Pelligrini	11
A. Crenshaw	14	B. Ernst	9
J. Maiss	13	R. Friz	9
J. Ryan	13	J. Byrne	9
E. Kuhnle	13	B. Ofenloch	9

PREPPER LEAGUE

H. Buss	23	B. Kosick	20
J. Kelly	22	J. Schmidt	20
R. Imburgia	21	R. Rojo	19
F. Lovitz	21	A. Kosick	19
J. Lovitz	21	D. Schumann	19
A. Gamauf	21	B. Elease	18
K. Coleman	20	J. Koelig	18
R. Rojo	20	L. Brandenberger	18
B. Conklin	20	J. Kelly	18
J. Delles	20		

PREP LEAGUE

R. Chadwick	24	A. Litteken	20
R. Davis	23	T. Richards	20
K. Chadwick	23	E. Ryan	20
B. Walsh	23	L. Michalski	19
W. Combiths	22	L. Kelly	19
G. Helmken	21	B. O'Connor	19
A. Reinhart	21	M. Lynch	19
D. Ryan	21	B. Richards	19
H. Zingsheim	21	T. Keller	19
J. Reynolds	21	J. Ackerman	19
		T. Ryan	19

FROSH & JUNIOR LEAGUES

J. Jensen	24	F. Lavin	20
M. Klein	23	K. Karpes	19
J. Majewski	23	D. Rued	19
M. Gantert	20	D. Johnson	18
S. Citron	20	T. Stone	18
D. Shapiro	20	D. Hagstrom	18

The above includes all points earned through the second period.

