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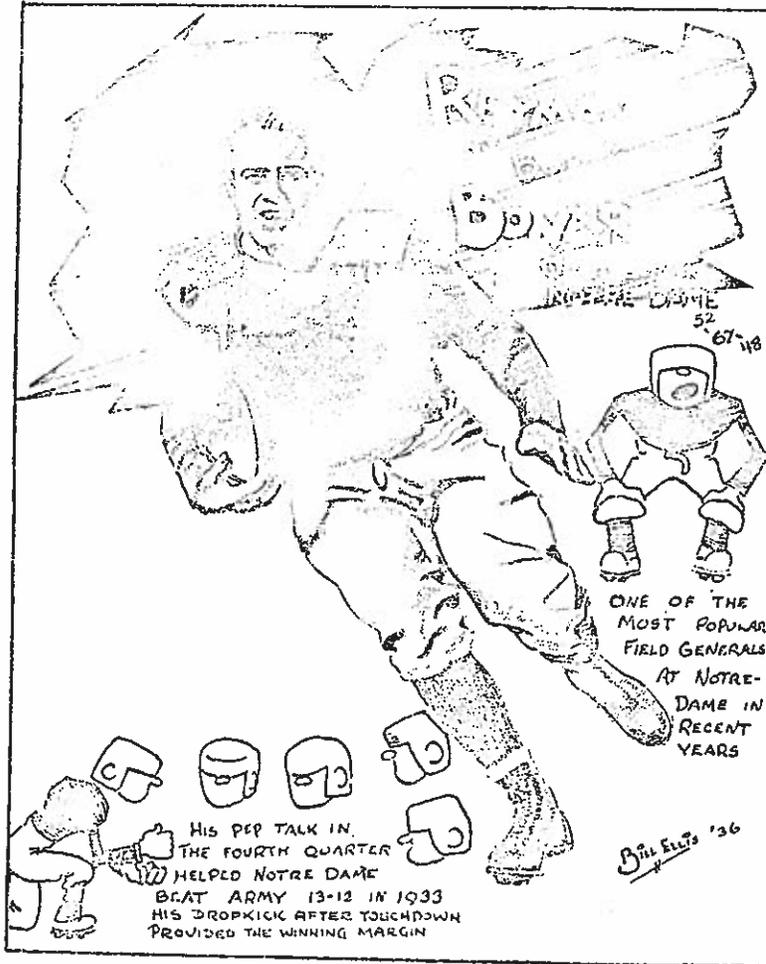
By Joe Prendergast

Tomorrow's contest in the Pitt Stadium between Notre Dame and Pittsburgh could just as well be termed the battle of the Bellaire, Ohio quarterbacks; for both Miller Mungas, Pitt's star signal caller, and Reymon Bud Bonar, Notre Dame's quarterback, hail from this town of 13,000 population in southeastern Ohio.

Ray is a senior in the Physical Education school of the University. He is 22 years old, five feet eight inches

in height, and weighs 165 pounds soaking wet. his sophomore year, he failed to see action: "Hunk" having three sterling quarterbacks in Jaskwich, Murphy, and Vejar. In the Kansas game last fall Ray played for more than 30 minutes. The only two engagements in the course of the '33 campaign which found him on the sidelines for the entire 60 minutes of each fray were the Indiana and Carnegie Tech games.

All last season Bud Bonar flashed



in height, and weighs 165 pounds soaking wet.

"Bud" was a three letter man at Bellaire High School and later at Hun Preparatory School in New Jersey. Basketball found him ringing up the two-pointers as a forward, in baseball he caught and in football he always was a quarterback and still is quite a success at this position.

Frank Wallace, Notre Dame alumnus and well known novelist, sent Ray to partake of his fortunes at Notre Dame. His predecessors from the home town at the school of the "Fighting Irish" in recent years were Johnny Niemie and Jim Harris.

In the fall of '31, Ray was barking signals for the number one freshman eleven at Notre Dame. The next fall,

glimpses of his true worth but it was not until the last game on the schedule against the Army that he showed his real ability.

The Irish were worse than underdogs. They had experienced their poorest season since the turn of the century and then some. The hard riding cadets were galloping down the Hudson with colors flying high, not once had their guidons been lowered in defeat. At the end of the half the score read 12 to 0 for the Army, just as had been expected. With resumption of play in the third period marked changes were noticed in the Notre Dame team's manoeuvres. They had the dash, the zip of Rock's old elevens. Something had happened in

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the gloomy, liniment-smelling dressing rooms beneath the Yankee Stadium during the short intermission that had transferred a downtrodden team into an eager, optimistic band of playing fools. The cause was Ray Bonar. Taking this from his teammates who played alongside him in that game they said, "Ray's talk to us between the halves of that ball game was more responsible for the victory than any other thing."

The climax of this renovation came early in the last quarter when Nick Lukats scored a touchdown and Ray kicked the extra point. "All I thought of when standing back there to kick was to make it good."

Extra Point Wins Game

His boot was the margin that gave Notre Dame its victory, for a few minutes later a blocked punt was pounced upon by Wayne Millner to give the Irish a 13 to 12 win.

This season Bud has seen plenty of action. With four games gone by the boards he has enough time in his possession, right now, for a monogram. His one great ambition is to beat Father Brennan in handball. The hardest and best team he ever played against was the Pittsburgh outfit of last year. He likes to play golf and swim in his spare time. Ray's personal property includes a picture of Tillie from Bellaire. He thinks Guy Lombardo is the last word in dance bands and the response the boys gave him to the above mentioned talk between halves of the Army game was his greatest thrill in football. Never has been injured during his three years on the varsity and lives in a small single in Sorin—106.

OV Products With Irish

Since 1928, 18 Ohio Valley football products have continued their careers under the Golden Dome in South Bend, Ind., waking up to the echoes of legendary coaches from Knute Rockne and Frank Leahy to Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine; from immortal gridiron standouts such as George Gipp, Johnny Lujack and Leon Hart to Paul Hornung, John Huarte and Ken McAfee.

Thus the Ohio Valley trek to South Bend began its tradition in the season of 1928 when Bellaire's John Malek and John Niemic starred for Notre Dame.

And the tradition continues even today as former Brooke High talent John Leon, the 1975 Hunt Award winner for being the most outstanding defensive lineman in W.Va., holds the number two guard position behind All-American Ernie Hughes.

Twenty-nine different Fighting Irish squads have enjoyed the talents of its OV products and, hopefully, the count will not stop with Leon.

1977—John Leon, guard, Wellsburg.

1973—Bob Washington, split end, Steubenville

1972—Jim Musuraca, linebacker, East Liverpool

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1970—Musuraca

1966—Bob Hagerty, fullback, Mingo

(Steubenville Central)

1964—Hagerty

1955—Jack G. King, guard, Weirton

1954—King

1952—Robert Joseph, halfback, Martins Ferry

1951—Joseph

1948—James Dailer, guard, Wheeling Central

1947—William Gompers, back, Wheeling Central; Dailer

1946—Gompers

1945—Gompers

1944—Dailer

1943—Herbert Coleman, center, Chester

1942—Coleman

1939—Joseph DeFranco, guard, Weirton

1938—DeFranco

1937—DeFranco

1936—John Lautar, guard, Moundsville

1935—Wallace Fromhart, qb, Moundsville; Lautar

1934—Reyman Bonar, qb, Bellaire; Fromhart; Lautar

1933—Bonar; Fromhart

1932—Joseph Sheeketski, back, Shadyside; James Harris, guard, Bellaire (Linsly); Bonar

1931—Sheeketski; Harris

1930—Theodore Kremer, fb, Woodsfield; Sheeketski; Harris

1928—John Malek, back, Bellaire; John Niemic, back, Bellaire;

BUD BONAR HERE

Bud Bonar, who formerly quarterbacked the Notre Dame football team, is in town today with the University of Cincinnati baseball team for its game this afternoon with the Irish. He has been on the job at Cincinnati for more than 10 years as assistant coach in both football and baseball, following a tenure in Canada as coach after he had been graduated from Notre Dame in 1951. He quite obviously has done well at Cincinnati and likes his job.

Bonar is a first cousin of Emily brothers, Bill and Ed, who starred in the Notre Dame backfield during their student days, with Bill now in his fourth year as assistant coach under Frank Leahy. Fred, who was principally known as a point-after-touchdown specialist, is now practicing law in his home town Parkersburg, W. Va.

Bonar was a Notre Dame quarterback in the halcyon days of inter-confusion on Carter field 1932-33, with Elmer Layden storing order when he appeared on the scene in 1934. Bonar's known contribution to the job of drop kicking the extra point to beat Army, 13-12, in 1935, when the Irish scored all their points in the fourth quarter to avoid the sixth defeat of the year. That year, you may painfully recall, when Notre Dame did score a point all year on its home field. Frank Leahy should have been predicting the scores 11 years ago!

The picture of Bonar that appears with these paragraphs today is exceedingly flattering to the old gal, as it was made during his student days 15 or 16 years ago.

Reyman "Bud" Bonar (Bellaire High School, Class of 1927)

The 5-foot-8, 170-pound quarterback was an All-Valley honoree as the Big Reds captured Ohio Valley Athletic Association titles two straight years. He also competed in baseball.

He originally committed to Princeton University before enrolling at Georgia Tech and playing freshman football in 1929. He transferred to the University of Notre Dame for his final three seasons and lettered and started in 1933 and 1934. In 1933, he drop-kicked the extra point which led the Irish to a 13-12 upset of previously unbeaten and top-ranked Army.

Bonar returned to the Ohio Valley and was head football coach at his alma mater from 1949-58. His record of 61-25-7 was the winningest at the school until broken by OVAC Hall of Fame honoree John Magistro. He coached the Big Reds to their first two OVAC titles (Class AA) in 1950 and 1954, including an unbeaten 8-0-1 record in 1950.

He also served as Big Reds' athletic director until his death in 1970. Bonar was one of the four charter inductees in the 1987 Bellaire High Hall of Fame class.

Book of South
at Animals
and Boys.

