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EDMUND FRANCO

Captain

Position—Tackle

EDMUND FRANCO, captain of the Union City Rams, was born April 24, 1915 in New York City and makes Jersey City his home. He is of Italian descendency.

Local fans are well acquainted with the former Fordham University star, who made the All-American team in 1936 and 1937. He is a graduate of Dickinson High School, Jersey City, where he carved his niche in Hudson County's football "Hall of Fame." He made the All-County high school grid team four years straight and was named to the All-State high school football team for three years.



He attended Fordham University from 1934 to 1938 inclusive. In his Freshman year he was named captain of the football team. He also was an outstanding luminary in baseball and tennis.

Last winter, even before the All-American grid star was graduated from Rose Hill, Franco was named to the teaching faculty of St. Michael's High School in Union City, and made that school's first football coach. He is daily whipping into shape a team that will clash with the leading high school teams in Hudson County, which may proudly represent the Green and White. He is teaching four branches of history at the Union City parochial high school.

The former Fordham "block of granite" insists that the biggest moments of his entire football career was when his alma mater, Fordham, stopped Pittsburgh University three years straight, holding the Panthers in 1935-36-37 to scoreless ties. Andy Palau and Joe Bernard.

two other members of Union City's Rams, took part with Franco on those Rose Hill teams which saw Pittsburgh's stock come tumbling down. Franco weighs in at 205, and is five feet 8½ inches tall.

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WILLIAM ARTHUR KARR
Position—Left Halfback

BILL KARR was born Nov. 30, 1915, in Columbus, Ohio, and is a descendant of German parents. He now makes Chicago, Ill., his residence.

Karr attended Fractional High School in Chicago and 4 years, 1932 to 1936 inclusive, at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. Last year, his fifth in college, graduated law school receiving his LL.B. degree. He is a brilliant luminary in athletics playing football and basketball and was a member of the track teams in high school and college.

Bill was hailed Indiana Conference's most valuable



football player in 1936. Last year he was backfield coach and was also burdened with the duties of assistant basketball coach at Valparaiso. It was only last winter that the Uhlans won the Indiana State basketball championship, losing only two games to Loyola College and De Paul University of Chicago.

The biggest thrill experienced by Karr on the gridiron was in 1936 when Valparaiso's Uhlans upset Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti. Mich. State Normal was leading by the score of 6-0, and had the ball resting on the six yard stripe when Karr came through to intercept a forward pass running 102 yards for a touchdown. He also converted for the extra point with a placement kick giving his Uhlans mates a 13 to 0 victory over the home team. It was State Normal's first defeat on home territory in five years.

Karr weighs in at 198 pounds and stands 6 feet, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

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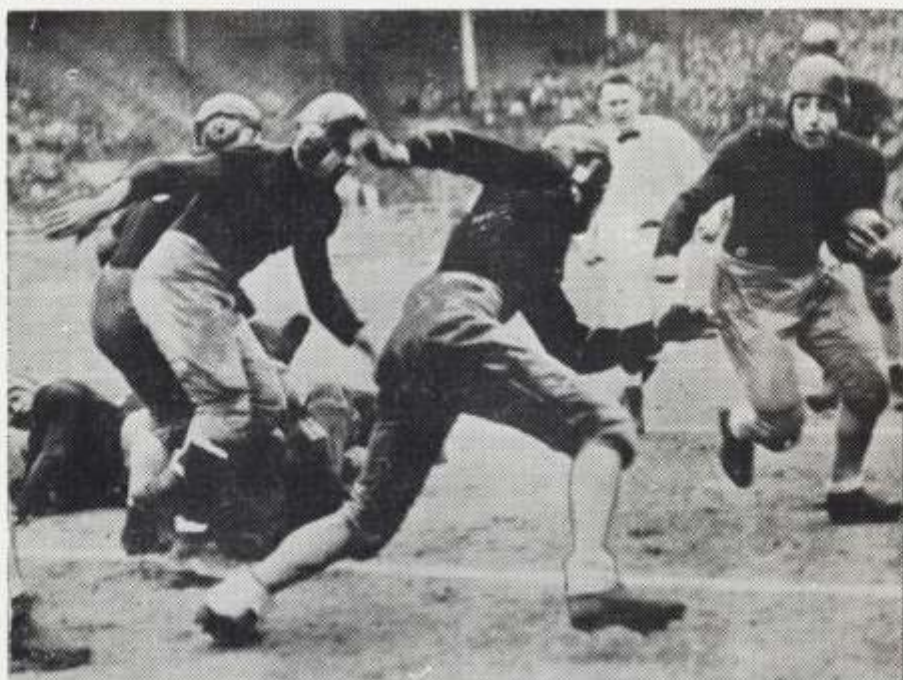
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ANDREW GUSTAV PALAU

Position—Quarterback

ANDY PALAU was born in Terryville, Ky., April 22, 1916 and is of German descendency. He now makes Bristol, Conn., his home. His schooling consisted of attending the German Lutheran Parochial School, of Bristol, Conn., and is a graduate of Bristol High School and Fordham University, majoring in business administration and economics at Fordham from 1933 to 1937 inclusive.



Athletics was a big part of Andy's daily routine, playing football, baseball and basketball both in college and high school. He made the All-New England high school basketball team for three years straight, the All-State high school football team in 1932 and was named to the All-New England baseball team four years.

The fact that Palau was an outstanding baseball performer, holding down the catcher position at Fordham, earned him a chance to some day become a big-leaguer when the New York Yankees signed him to a contract upon his graduation last June. He was immediately farmed out to Norfolk, Va., in the Piedmont League remaining there until a few weeks ago when he requested his outright release. The former Fordham flash captained the Rams' baseball team last year.

Palau points out one of the most sensational experiences ever occurred to a college football player when Fordham met St. Mary's Gaels at the Polo Grounds in 1936. He goes on to explain that Lou Ferry, quarterback of the Gaels, kicked a pair of field goals giving the Coast team a 6-0 lead at the end of the second quarter. However, when the third quarter got underway, Palau succeeded in blocking a punt which at this point of the game enabled Coach Jim Crowley's Rams to turn the tide later in the game and Quarterback Ferry was severely injured forcing him out of the game for the next two seasons.

The next play of this big game saw Palau tossing a 23-yard pass to Harry Jacunski, who, incidentally, is now captain and left end of Fordham's

Rams. Jacunski received the ball over the goal line knotting the count at 6-6. Palau then kicked for the extra point giving Fordham a 7 to 6 victory. It was Andy Palau's biggest day on the gridiron.

...Palau scales in at 168 pounds and is 5 feet, 11 inches in height.

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32—SEICK	195	Guard	Manhattan
29—McCARTHY	190	End	Notre Dame
28—TURCONE	195	Center	Brown
47—OSSOWSKI	225	Center	Nebraska
34—DWYER	180	End	C. C. N. Y.
26—TIERNEY	180	End	N. Y. U.
46—BARBIERI	200	Guard	N. Y. U.
42—BERNARD	195	Guard	Fordham
44—MEYER	220	Tackle	Fordham
38—VOLIVA	202	Guard	Indiana
37—KARR	190	Back	Valparaiso
22—CURFMAN	185	Back	Texas Tech
31—FRITTS	190	Back	Colgate
24—BYRNES	188	Back	Manhattan
13—HERBERT, BILL	205	Back	Paterson Panthers
41—GUIDETTI	205	Back	Albright
36—SILVERMAN	208	Tackle	C. C. N. Y.
35—STELLMACK	185	Back	N. Y. U.
25—PALAU	168	Back	Fordham
27—SAVARESE	182	Back	N. Y. U.
21—WADE	186	Back	Oglethorpe
—STEEN	195	End	Syracuse

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23	McGOVERN	180	End	Bloomfield
24	DI PALLO	190	End	White Plains
25	VON SCHLICHTEN	190	Guard	Colgate
26	LEVY	185	Guard	Alabama
27	SOMMA	175	Back	St. Francis
28	SWEENEY	185	Guard	Florida
29	MARSCHIONE	200	Guard	Colorado
30	HOLBURNE	190	Back	N. C. State
31	FARAFALLA	195	End	N. C. State
32	MARINOWSKI	215	Tackle	Clifton
33	ASH	200	End	Don Bosco
34	MAAS	220	Guard	Iowa
35	TURECKI	170	Back	Passaic
36	WILLETS	185	Back	Cornell
37	MASCOLA	200	Tackle	Manhattan
38	DRAGON	210	Guard	Penn
39	ZADRA	230	Center	Clifton
40	HENRY	180	End	Notre Dame
41	HORTON	180	Back	Manhattan
42	BIRKLAND	200	Tackle	Maryland
43	CORRADINO	190	Guard	Panzer
44	PAUL	220	Tackle	N. Y. U.
45	HERBERT	185	Back	Brown
46	PIERCE	200	Guard	Fordham
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MICHAEL TURCONE Position—Center

MIKE TURCONE was born March 4, 1914 in Providence, R. I., where he now makes his home. He is of Italian descendency. He is a graduate of the grammar school system in Providence and Technical High School.

Attending Dean Academy at Franklin, Mass., he starred for two years as a prep school student in basketball, football, baseball and also

a member of the wrestling team. Attending Brown University from 1934 to 1938, Turcone, who captained the Bears last year on the gridiron, stood out brilliantly as an athlete in his junior and senior years. He played the three major sports in college, football, basketball and baseball and was also made a member of Brown University's wrestling team.

Last season when Brown invaded Baker Field, New York City, to lock horns with Coach Lou Little's Columbia Lions, Captain Turcone turned in a brilliant performance. Mike is of the opinion it was his greatest day on the gridiron, for one particular reason, Brown, the underdog, trampled the Lion eleven by the count of 7 to 6. The Bears were not conceded a look in by the experts in this one.

Captain Turcone was named to the center position on the All-New England team and also made the National All-Italian team last season.

Mike hits the scales at 188 and stands six feet tall.





GEORGE STAPLETON

Position—Guard-Tackle

GEORGE STAPLETON was born April 6, 1915 in Iola, Kansas, of English parents. He now makes Lawrence, Kansas, his residence and attended Memorial High School there.

Although he did not compete in athletics at high school, he starred in football, basketball, track and wrestling at Kansas University from 1934 to 1938 inclusive. George failed to complete his studies at college, but immediately after the present football season, will return to Kansas University for another year to receive his degree in physical education.

Stapleton opines that his biggest thrill in college football came last season when Coach Adrian Lindsey's Kansas Jayhawkers invaded Lincoln, Nebraska, to meet Nebraska's Cornhuskers. Stapleton, playing the full 60 minutes, was highly elated when his alma mater, Kansas University, held the Cornhuskers to a 13-13 tie. It was the first time since 1916 that Nebraska failed in toppling the Jayhawkers.

Stapleton, playing a guard or tackle role, tips the beam at 215 pounds and stands six feet in height.



JIM STEEN

Position—End

JIM STEEN, former Syracuse University end and who only last season saw service with the Detroit Lions, will be on the sidelines today when the Union City Rams clash with Clifton's Wessingtons at Roosevelt Stadium, Union City.

The big fellow while training with the Brooklyn Dodgers at Farmingdale, L. I., sustained a painful shoulder injury forcing him out of the game for a period of two weeks. Steen is the property of the Dodgrs and farmed out to Union City.

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RAYMOND ANSELL "BABE" CURFMAN

Position—Quarterback

"BABE" CURMAN, already labelled by his Union City Rams teammates as "Tex", was born June 16, 1915 in Electra, Texas, which is also his home. He graduated from the grammar and high school systems there. He is a descendant of Irish and English parents, his father being Irish and born in Texas also while his mother, of English extraction, was born in Kentucky.



The "Babe" attended Texas College of Technology, Lubbock, Texas, from 1934 to 1938 inclusive. He played football, basketball, tennis and was also a member of the track team there. These sports were the same in his high school routine.

"Texas," as he will be known to North Jersey gridiron fans, received his football fundamentals under the tutelage of Peter Willis Cawthoren, the "Red Raiders" head coach. "Tex" made the All-Border Conference team, and his alma mater, Texas Tech, won the Border Conference championship last season.

The greatest "kick" the "Babe" got out of a grid tussle while at College, came last season when the "Red Raiders" humbled Duquesne University by the score of 13 to 0. In this all important game "Babe" was one of the outstanding performers and partly responsible for Duquesne's defeat. Quarterback Curfman scored one of the two touchdowns when Halfback Gene Barnett passed to him for 35 yards, the ball resting on the one yard stripe. On the next play the "Babe", himself, carried the ball across the goal line.

"Tex" scales 182 pounds and stands 5 feet, 11 inches.

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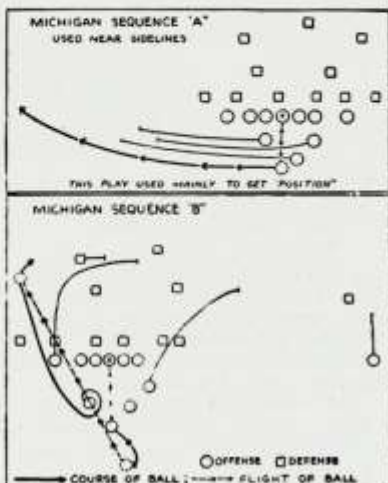
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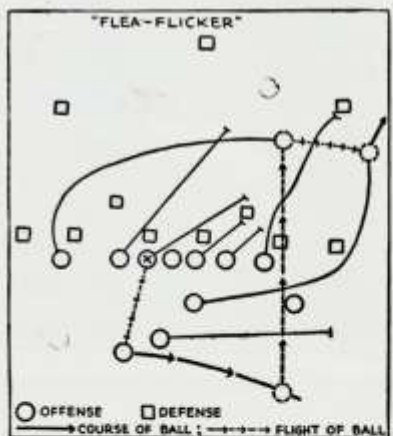
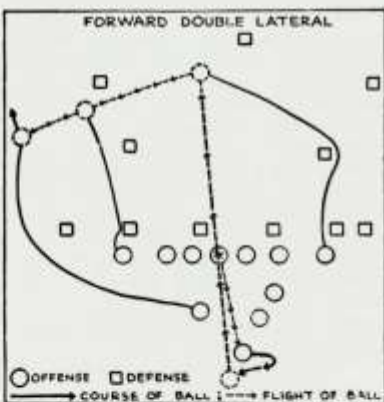
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