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ABOUT OUR BOSTON YANKS

By
TED COLLINS



When the whistle sounds for the opening kick-off today, you, the fans, will witness the best in professional football—the tricky offense, the sharpshooting pass, the devastating block, the long-gainer, the will-to-win, the wide open game which has brought National League football to the forefront.

I am glad that the Boston Yanks are in that league. I am happy that the Boston Yanks are a part of that stirring pageantry, that eclat, that spirit which has now become a part of the American football tradition. Personally, I feel that here in Boston we have the makings of a great football club, a club which eventually will win the pro championship. We have assembled a young group of players, the nucleus of a football team, which will, some day, storm through to the top.

I have faith in this young football team because I know their spirit. I know the spirit of the fans and I know that Boston, the finest sports city in the country, must emerge with a winner.

What are we waiting for? Kick-off!

They suit me to a T



CAMEL

Boston Yanks Players



















Top row, left to right: Boley Dancewicz, Joe Domnanovich, Don Currivan. Second row, left to right: Jim Gillette, Paul Governali, Rocco Canale. Bottom row, left to right: Jim Magee, Joe Zeno, Tom Dean.

BOSTON YANKS COACHING STAFF



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Head Coach: Herb Kopf

Backfield Coach: Gary Famiglietti

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Boston Yanks BUILD ON FUTURE BASIS

What's wrong with the Yanks?

Not a thing that a little experience won't cure.

But throughout the town there seems to be a bit of impatience or lack of understanding. For winners in the National Football League can't be built overnight. The Redskins (when they were in Boston), the Eagles, the Cards, the Steelers, the Lions and all others took their "bumps" for some time before gradually becoming top-flight contenders.

First year men in the National Football League are like freshmen at college. No matter how great the gridder was a collegian, he has to learn the game all over again when he dons the spangles of a National Football League club.

In this league any mistake can be disastrous.

The Yanks have a good ball club, but it's young as far as seasoning goes. They make errors which hurt; they are over anxious; and because of this, they tighten up in certain spots and that exacts a toll, too.

But in the three league games played to date, the Yanks have shown that they are far from hopeless. They have the offense and the men who can make it go. They have moved on the ground against the Giants, Eagles, and Steelers. The passing game has been more than all right as far as the pitching went. It hasn't materialized because of the tense receivers who were trying so hard to make good that they dropped perfect strikes time and time again.

This can't keep on happening. In the very near future, they will knit their ground and air game together and carry out their defensive instructions. When this happens, the Yanks are going to give some club a very rugged afternoon and it could be the Redskins who take the field here at Fenway Park today.

A glance through the Yank roster shows that they have more first year men than any team in the league. There lies the answer to Boston's first three defeats. Yet, among these freshmen are some of the finest players in the loop. Once they gain the experience which only can be learned the hard way, they'll be great football players.

At quarterback, for example, Owner Ted Collins has secured Paul Governali, Boley Dancewicz and Red Maley. There isn't a team anywhere that can match this passing trio, but the drawback is that they still need a league poise which they are rapidly securing.

Hal Crisler and Nick Scollard are the two classiest first year ends in the league; there isn't a finer young tackle around than Tom Dean; Joe Domnanovich ranks with any N. F. L. frosh center; runners such as Sonny Karnofsky and Duke Abbruzzi need only league competition to come into their own and we could name several others.

Of course, Ted Collins could have gone out and picked up several football "has beens." Tough, experienced football players who probably would have made a better showing in the early games. But that would have meant little. Next year, he would have been in exactly the same situation.

The only way to build a winner is to start with promising football players and bring them along. The road will be rough and there will be many more defeats ahead. But in 1947 there will be marked improvement and by 1948, the Yanks will have a veteran, smart-operating outfit that will be up there with the leaders.

Professional football is like baseball, hockey or any other sport.

A new club just can't compete against established squads that have been in operation for years.

Ted Collins is a man of his word. He has promised Boston a championship club and he'll produce one.

It can't be done by mirrors or in one short season.

If the fans will be a bit patient, Ted Collins will produce—he always has.

PROBABLE PITTSBURGH STEELERS LINE-UP

JANSANTE 54 Left End WILEY 75 Left Tackle FIFE 26 Left Guard CHERUNDOLO 21 Center

64 Right Guard McCAFFRAY 48 Right Tackle DAVIS 28 Right End

SEABRIGHT 33 Quarterback

DUDLEY 35 Left Halfback LACH 37 Fullback DUTTON 16 Right Halfback

PITTSBURGH STEELERS 1946 FOOTBALL ROSTER

No	. Name	Pos.	Wgt.	Hgt.	Age	School	Season in League
0	Clement, John	В	199	6.1	26	S. Meth.	2nd
12	Skorich, Nick	G	205	5.9	25	Cincinnati	1st
16	Dutton, Bill	В	188	5.10	25	Pittsburgh	1st
17	Tomasic, Andy	В	170	5.9	26	Temple	2nd
20	Gorinski, Walt	В	207	6.1	26	Louisiana State	1st
21	Cherundolo, C.	C	223	6.1	29	Penn State	8th
22		G	207	6	30		7th
4	Perko, John					Duquesne	
23	Gray, Sam	E	197	6	26	Tulsa	1st
25	Rogers, Cullen	В	180	5.11	25	Texas A. & M.	1st
26	Fife, Ralph	G	209	5.11	26	Pittsburgh	3rd
27	Patrick, Jno.	G	205	5.11	28	Penn State	4th
28	Davis, Bob	E	194	5.11	25	Penn State	1st
30	Garnaas, Bill	В	195	6	26	Minnesota	1st
33	Seabright, Chas	В	206	6.2	27	West Virginia	2nd
35	Dudley, Bill	В	172	5.10	24	Virginia	3rd
36	Merkovsky, Elmer	T	221	6.1	29	Pittsburgh	3rd
37	Lach, Steve	В	212	6.2	26	Duke	3rd
38	Repko, Joe	T	230	6	24	Boston College	1st
40	Klapstein, Earl	T	220	6	26	College of Pacific	1st
42	Condit, Merl	В	188	5.11	29	Carnegie Tech	5th
43	Titus, George	C	188	5.11	24	Holy Cross	1st
44	Compagno, Tony	В	201	5.11	25	St. Mary's	1st
45	Brandau, Art	C	199	6.1	26	Tennessee	1st
48	McCaffray, Art	T	196	5.11	25	Santa Clara	1st
50	Coomer, Joe	T	274	6.6	26	Austin	3rd
54	Jansante, Val	E	190	6.1	25	Duquesne	1st
55	Mehelich, Chuck	E	207	6	25	Duquesne	1st
64	Bucek, Felix	G	188	6.1	24	Texas A. & M.	1st
73	Kielbasa, Max	В	187	6	25	Duquesne	1st
74	Reynolds, Jim	В	196	6.1	25	Okla. AM.	1st
75	Wiley, Jack	T	209	5,10	26	Waynesburg	1st
85	Bova, Tony	E	191	6.1	28	St. Francis	5th
92	Mattioli, Fran	G	210	5.11	23	Pittsburgh	1st

Head Coach-Dr. J. B. Sutherland. Assistants-John Michelosen, Jos. Kuharich, Frank Souchak.

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PROBABLE BOSTON YANKS LINE-UP

GOLDMAN 23 Left End

DEAN 44 33 Left Tackle Left Guard

DOMNANOVICH

GOVERNALI

CANALE

DEEKS 32 45 41 Center Right Guard Right Tackle CURRIVAN 29 Right End

DIMANCHEFF 18 Left Halfback Quarterback GRIGAS 15 Fullback

GILLETTE Right Halfback

BOSTON YANKS 1946 FOOTBALL ROSTER

					WW7 A		Season in
No.	Name	Pos.	Age	Hgt.	Wgt.	School	League
4	Paul Governali	HB	25	5.11	195	Columbia	1st
10	J. Robert Davis	HB	32	6	190	Kentucky	8th
11	James Gillette	НВ	28	6.11/2	195	U. of Virginia	3rd
12	"Sonny" Karnofsky	В	23	5.10	175	Arizona	2nd
14	Mike Micka	В	25	6	180	Colgate	3rd
15	John Grigas	FB	26	6	205	Holy Cross	4th
16	Howard E. Maley	QB	23	5.11	180	So. Methodist	1st
17	Gary Famiglietti	FB	31	6	238	Boston Univ.	9th
18	Boris "Babe" Dimancheff	нв	23	5.11	180	Purdue	2nd
20	Louis Abbruzzi	нв	27	5.10	175	R. I. State	1st
21	Joseph Hoague	FB	28	6.2	210	Colgate	3rd
22	Frank J. Dancewicz	QB	21	5.10	185	Notre Dame	1st
23	Sam Goldman	E	29	6.3	235	Howard College	2nd
24	Harold J. Crisler	E	22	6.31/2	215	San Jose State	1st
25	Donald C. Eliason	T	28	6.2	225	Hamline U.	2nd
27	Nicholas M. Scollard	E	26	6.3	220	St. Joseph's (Ind.)	1st
28	Eugene Lee	C	24	6.3	220	Florida	1st
29	Don Currivan	E	25	6	192	Boston College	4th
30	James J. Magee	C	26	6.11/2	205	Villanova	3rd
31	Joseph V. Sulaitis	FB	25	6.3	215	None	4th
32	Joseph Domnanovich	C	27	6	205	Alabama	
		G	27				1st
33	Joseph Zeno			5.10	240	Holy Cross	4th
34	Tony Leon John W. Badaczewski	G	29 24	5.9 6.1	210 225	Alabama Bassass	4th
40	Edward D. McGee	T	30	6.2	232	Western Reserve Temple	1st 4th
41	Donald P. Deeks	T	23	6.4	245	U. of Washington	2nd
43	Win C. Pedersen	T	30	6.3	220	Minnesota	4th
44	Tom Dean	T	23	6.21/2	260	So. Methodist	1st
45	Rocco P. Canale	G	26	5.11	253	Boston College	4th
46	Rubin J. Juster	T	22	6.2	230	Minnesota	1st
47	Ralph C. Calcagni	T	24	6.3	225	Pennsylvania	1st

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When you look down on today's professional football operatives, you see a group of diligent, hard-working young men earning a living. They are as different from their prototypes of twenty years ago as Bob Hope is from Charlie Chaplin.

Today's ball player has got to hustle. Usually he works harder than a college player. The Yanks put in a four hour a day practice starting about 9:30 A.M., and wind up with scrimmage around 1 P.M. Tom Dean flicked the weights scale at 265 in college. He has worked himself down to a trim 238 in professional competition. Team weights average ten to fifteen pounds lighter than players college marks.

This is a far cry from the days early in national league history when the teams met on Sunday, introduced themselves to each other, and ran through plays for an hour before the game to get the hang of functioning as a unit. In that post-World War I era, the coach would send the team the offensive strategy and diagrams the Monday before the game.

The other day we had opportunity to listen to Tom Whelan, now headmaster of Lynn English High School and once a famed right end with the now defunct but once powerful pro Canton Bulldogs. Tom, the genial teacher, recounted his memories of early pro ball. The now-and-then difference is astonishing.

"We'd play dressed in such meager equipment it was a wonder more weren't mutilated. Some strong boys only wore elastic bands to keep their hair back. They scorned headgear," he said.

"I played in the years following the war —up to '24. No one wore hip pads then or protection in the thighs. Shoes were about the same.

"There were seven Nesser boys in the embryonic National League. Most of them never wore shoulder pads, but could they hit! In those days trainers used to race out on the field to hardy souls who demanded it and serve small vials of brandy for fortification and needed stimulation. If they did that now, the roof would explode."

In Whelan's day, linemen were paid from \$100 to \$200 a game. Wages have about doubled in the intervening quarter of a century. Nowdays linemen on Ted Collins' ample payroll are paid from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Regular backs are given a little more. The headliner passing stars, of course, often get salaries paramounting to skyrocket proportions. It has been estimated, for example, that the Redskins' Sammy Baugh with salary, bonuses, lectures, and endorsement of equipment must make in the neighborhood of

twenty-five grand per annum.

Back in the time of Mr. Whelan, the game was vastly more simplified. Frills hadn't been added. The Canton Bulldogs were coached by that immortal Indian, Jim Thorpe, who also ran from left half. Their offense was the Warner single wing with its few score of play variations. Now the game is replete with complications and subtleties. There is more finesse in the attack and more emphasis on the theory of detail.

Defensively the game has expanded in myriad directions. Two decades ago there were a few standard alignments to which the players adhered doggedly. Games were

decided by a touchdown or two.

Now the dominance of the offense and the multiplicity of scoring has made of defense a rare art. Coaches drain the spillcups of midnight oil trying to devise some tricky and unforeseen methods of forestalling the

opposition momentum.

The football of 25 years ago was played with small squads. The Canton Bulldogs made themselves reknown with only 18 men. Today's squads are vast; depth of talent is a necessity. If a position grows weak or additional reserves are needed, they can be purchased. The only difficulty is getting the machine into a coherent unit, fathoming the attack—a process which takes time and experience.

Although the National Professional Football League has changed its complexion frequently with the years, the senior circuit has developed in stature and maturity. But the teams of the early days are not to be forgotten. Their contribution was vital for the development of the modern game.

In those days the pro pigskin centers were mostly in the midwest. Ohio had a bevy of teams. Massilon came out one year with a team that had thirty-three All-Americans playing for it. That tiny industrial hamlet (pop. 75,000) had on its roster Jock Sutherland, Gus Dorais, Knute Rockne, Paul Robeson, Bob Nash and other now-legendary

Game-of-the-professional-year 1920 exhibits the tendency towards close-to-thechest football that was then characteristic. The game was Massilon versus Canton. The score was 3 to 0 in favor of the latter team victory coming by virtue of Jim Thorpe's magic toe. His field goal was made with a 60 yard drop kick.

Though nostalgic oldtimers recall such teams with pleasure, pro football today has opened up and given the public the full benefit of colorful, dramatic, and widely vary-

ing encounters.

- Boston Yanks -



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National Football League

Roster of Officials

REFEREES

No.	Name	School
2	Samuel Weiss Asst. to Commission	
3	William Downes	. Illinois Tech
5	Ronald Gibbs	St. Thomas
9	Emil Heintz Ur	niv. of Penna.
4	Thomas Dowd	Holy Cross
8	Carl K. Rebele	Penn State
6 (Coast)	Rawson Bowen	U.C.L.A.
32 (Coast)	Jack Mashin N	Iontana State

UMPIRES

18	John Kelly	Loyola
14	Carl Brubaker Ohio	Wesleyan
11	Joseph Crowley N	Iuhlenberg
19	Samuel Wilson	Lehigh
15	Harry Robb 1	Penn State
12 (Coast)	Cletus Gardner	Villanova
16 (Coast)	James Blewett I	J. of Calif.

FIELD JUDGES

28	William McHugh De Paul U.
22	Charles Sweeney Notre Dame
21	Henry Haines Penn State
27	Wm. Grimberg Villanova Col.
26	Eugene Miller Penn State
24 (Coast)	John Fox U. of So. Calif.
23 (Coast)	Orian Landreth Friends U.

HEAD LINESMEN

37	Samuel Pecoraro Dallas Univ.
36	Daniel Tehan Xavier Univ.
38	Lloyd Brazil U. of Detroit
31	Charles Berry Lafayette Col.
34	Yans Wallace
39	Charles Gault Muhlenberg
6 (Coast)	Rawson Bowen U.C.L.A.
30 (Coast)	Clarence Savage Illinois

In a Huddle

Don Deeks is recovering nicely from a muscle pull and will be available for today's game . . . a little thing like a couple of stitches over his eye hasn't bothered Don Currivan a bit although Coach Herb Kopf insists that the former Boston College great wear a mask.

Rocco Canale is down to a mere 240, the lightest he has been since leaving Watertown High School in New York . . . even Frank Leahy with his drill master Joe McArdle could never get the 'Rock' down that light . . . those Yanks are really tough — Gene Lee broke his nose in a recent scrimmage, had it set, put on a mask and went back in there because he felt he needed contact.

The wounded soldiers get a great kick out of having the Yanks practice at Murphy General Hospital and those who can leave their beds are out on the sidelines every day.

Bill Dudley, the miniature Nagurski, sparking the Renaissance at Pittsburgh, has staked out an early claim on the annual most valuable player award by earning a place among the leaders in everything except pass receiving.

Jim Gillette captained the University of Virginia team in his senior year . . . Joe Hoague got his football start right here in Greater Boston playing at Weston High School and later at Governor Dummer Academy before entering Colgate . . . Rhode Island State's Duke Abbruzzi may become the "darling" of the sport fans with his colorful open field runback of punts and kickoffs.

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EASTERN DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
Washington	3	0	1	69	50
New York	3	1	0	76	62
Philadelphia	2	2	0	95	79
Pittsburgh	2	2	1	65	62
BOSTON	0	4	0	38	96
WESTERN	DIV	ISIO	N		
Chi-Bears	3	0	1	113	66
Los Angeles	2	1	1	98	84
Green Bay	2	2	0	60	65
Chi-Cards	2	3	0	118	104
Detroit	0	4	0	58	122

Today's games—Chicago Bears at New York, Los Angeles at Chicago Cardinals, Pittsburgh at Boston, Philadelphia at Washington, Detroit vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee.

Last Sunday's results—Chicago Bears 21, Philadelphia 14; New York 28, Chicago Cardinals 24; Green Bay 17, Pittsburgh 7; Washington 14, Boston 6; Los Angeles 35, Detroit 14.



BERT BELL
President of National Football League

NATIONAL PRO FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Schedule for 1946

NOVEMBER 3

Chicago Cardinals at Boston Green Bay at Chicago Bears Los Angeles at Detroit New York at Philadelphia Washington at Pittsburgh

NOVEMBER 10

Boston at Washington Green Bay at Chicago Cardinals Pittsburgh at Detroit Chicago Bears at Los Angeles Philadelphia at New York

NOVEMBER 17

Boston at New York Washington at Chicago Bears Green Bay at Detroit Chicago Cardinals at Los Angeles Philadelphia at Pittsburgh

NOVEMBER 24

Los Angeles at Boston **Detroit at Chicago Bears** Chicago Cardinals at Green Bay Pittsburgh at New York Washington at Philadelphia

NOVEMBER 28

Boston at Detroit (Thanksgiving Morning)

DECEMBER 1

Chicago Cardinals at Chicago Bears Green Bay at Washington Los Angeles at New York Pittsburgh at Philadelphia

DECEMBER 8

Philadelphia at Boston Chicago Bears at Detroit Green Bay at Los Angeles Washington at New York

DECEMBER 15

Championship Playoff in City of Eastern Division Winner.

Bob Westfall expects to be sufficiently recovered from the fractured arm, suffered in a training camp intra-squad game, to take his place in the Detroit Lions' backfield on opening night against the Cardinals in Chicago on Sept. 30.

Gary Famiglietti, veteran Chicago Bear full back sold to the Boston Yanks aspires to become a place kicker. "On the Bears," he explains, "everybody is a specialist and they told me I was a plunger. But over here I think Coach Kopf will let me boot one once in a while."



Pittsburgh Steelers Coaches and Players











Top row, left to right: Bill Dudley, hb.; Bill Dutton, hb.; Middle row, left to right: Coaches Souchak, Nixon, Sutherland, Kuharich, Michelosen. Bottom row, left to right: John Clement hb.; Steve Lach, fb.



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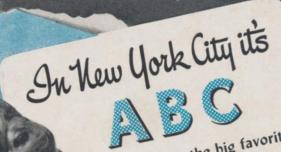


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