



**THE TOUCHDOWN TWINS** . . . Coach Dunc Lectka, center, of North Muskegon, briefs his two "touchdown twins," Stan Guy, left, and Ron Simonelli, right, in the locker room at the Northside school. He hopes the two boys will break loose in typical style against Montague in a game for the West Michigan Conference championship tonight. (Chronicle Staff Photo)

# THE PRESS BOX

## Give This Guy an Inch and He'll Run a Mile for a Touchdown

By JAMES F. HENDERSON

He's a little fellow, 5 ft. 7 in., but deceptive, weighing in at a solid 159 pounds, and not an ounce of superfluous averdupols (weight to the untalented).

He's lightning fast, and any football line that lets a bit of daylight show between guards and tackles, or tackles and ends, can just turn around and watch a streak dashing down the field for a touchdown, no matter how far from the goal the line of scrimmage happens to be.

That's a description of Stan Guy, of North Muskegon, one of the best backfield men Greater Mus-

kegon schools have boasted over the years.

Guy probably will not break the North Muskegon school record set by Johnny Gwatkin, back in the days when Lyle McNitt coached at the Norse school, although by the end of the season he may have carried the ball further from scrimmage than did the former star.

To break the season record of Gwatkin, 1,338 yards in eight games from scrimmage, Stan would have to gain 288 yards in a single game, against rough and rugged Montague tonight.

Touchdown runs called back for penalties assessed against his teammates, have kept him from a new rushing mark. Guy has carried the ball from scrimmage 1,010 yards in seven games. He has had touchdown runs called back that were of 71 yards, 60 yards and 67 yards. That total, if put on his record, would raise it to 1,251 yards.

Thus, if those runs counted, he would have to travel only 77 yards against Montague. No team in two years has held him to that modest mileage. But the boys who play "drop the handkerchief" caught infractions, and little Stan's total suffered.

When Stan was a sophomore under Coach Dunc Lectka, weigh-

ing about 130 pounds, he ground out an estimated 500 yards for the season. No exact figures are available. Coach Lectka figured he had a "lucky" season, getting away for several long runs for touchdowns.

Last year the Norse coach still wouldn't believe his eyes, or the statistics. But when the season ended, and Guy had chalked up 18 touchdowns, breaking the school record set by Gwatkin, who tallied 14, and had rushed from scrimmage, not counting punt or kickoff returns and many passes gathered in, for a grand total of 1,091 yards, the coach started believing.

This year the enthusiasm of Coach Lectka for his star, now grown up to a chunky 158, and likened to the stout pony back of Michigan State, Billy Wells, now a professional star, has reached the heights. The coach believes.

Take the record of Guy's touchdowns rambles:

Coopersville—One for 10 yards to score, and one of 71 yards called back for clipping by a teammate. Ludington—One of 76 yards and one of 60 yards after catching a short screen pass.

Scottville — Five touchdowns of 15, 45, 31, 30 and 28 yards. Hart—Intercepted pass and

ran 52 yards, and 55 yards from scrimmage. One touchdown run of 60 yards cancelled by a rules infraction.

Whitehall — Touchdown of 32 yards.

Shelby—Five touchdowns from 36, 28, 73, 25 and 40 yards.

Manistee — Two touchdowns from 83 and 67 yards. One touchdown, on the last play of the game for 67 yards called back for clipping.

That gave Stan a tie with his own 18 touchdowns record set last year, and with two games to go. Unless Montague, and Greenville, the last two opponents, can stop his scoring, and he hasn't been completely stopped this season, he will set a record at which future generations can aim.

One thing is certain, when North Muskegon has the ball, every Montague player will be watching the chunky Guy in the opposing backfield tonight. It shouldn't bother the scoring ace. Every opponent in three seasons has worked on the assumption:

"If we can stop Guy, then we can win."

North Muskegon's record of 11 straight Western Michigan Conference victories show how few times Guy has been stopped. Stan is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Arthur Guy, and resides on M-26 some distance from Twin Lake. But he can get plenty of North Muskegon fans to adopt him if there were any chance of him missing his last two football games.

Not only that, but in track, where he was second only to the outstanding Dave Whitsett of Shelby in about four events last year, Guy was outstanding. This coming track season he is expected to take over Whitsett's "one-mile-track-team" spot.

We can't finish this piece without quoting his coach:

"He's a great athlete," said Coach Lectka. "But I value him more as a team player. He's a standout on defense against running or passing, and he blocks like a demon when a teammate is carrying the ball."

"Furthermore, he's the type of boy a coach likes to have on his team. He's modest, and quickly gives credit for runs to a block by a teammate. And he's willing to play anywhere or try anything as long as the team benefits."

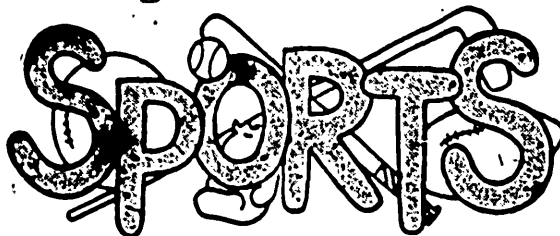
Yes, this Little Guy fellow exemplifies a modification of an old saw:

"Give Guy an inch and he'll take a mile."

## Weather May Play Big Part

## Crusaders, Big Reds Worried as First Contest in Football Comes Up Saturday

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## Season Nears End

## Bay City Central Meets Arthur Hill in Feature

By JOE FALLS

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In another Saginaw Valley game, Flint Central visits Sag-

By MART TARDANI

Long range forecasts that range from "clear" to "snow" are being watched closely by Coaches Harry E. Potter of Muskegon and Mike Corgan of Catholic Central. The two schools open football relations, starting a series that should become a rival to the Heights-Muskegon annual classics.

Should rain or snow be the rule tomorrow, then the condition of Hackley Field could make the game a tossup. The two teams have shone on offense, with neither outstanding on stopping scoring drives of the rival teams. In fact, it appears the winner will have to score at least twice or three times, according to season statistics.

The Big Reds, a much better club than its record would indicate, have scored 14 times while permitting 23 touchdowns against some of Michigan's leading prep elevens. Catholic Central, in playing less difficult schedule, has allowed 20 touchdowns in the same number of games and has crossed the pay-

off string 17 times.

Coach McNitt was with the school until the 1942 season, and set a record of victories second to none in the state. His last five seasons his teams won West Michigan Conference titles. His last team, before he resigned to enter the industrial world, was undefeated, untied and unscored on.

In his last five years the teams of Coach McNitt won 35 games, lost four and tied one. Over a period of eight seasons with a high school team, he won 45 games, lost 11 and tied four.

Coach McNitt was succeeded by Paul Moyes who coached in 1942 and 1943 before joining Uncle Sam's Navy for the duration of the war. While he was away Earl Meyers took charge and had good success. Mr. Moyes returned to the school in 1946, won a conference championship and coached through 1950, winning another title his final year, when illness forced his permanent retirement from coaching.

Mr. Bushong took over for 1951, and Coach Lectka came in 1952, starting his present title winning spree in 1952 and holding the con-

## Holton Beats Catholic 2nds For 4th Win

Holton ran its football record to 4-1 when it turned back Muskegon Catholic Central's reserves, 13-7, at Catholic's field last night before 400 spectators.

Catholic scored first in the first quarter and maintained a 7-6 lead until six minutes remained in the fourth period. Larry Kempf then broke loose for his second 70-yard touchdown excursion of the night to gain the win for the Red Devils. Paul Combs scored for Catholic in the first quarter from 14 yards out after a long pass had put the ball on Holton's 14.

The Red Devils countered later in the period when Kempf ran 70 yards for his first touchdown. Calvin Kuehn ran for Catholic's extra point, giving the parishials a 7-6 lead at the intermission.

Catholic threatened seriously in the third quarter when a pass

# Power Meets Speed Tonight

## Five-Yard Offense Is Heights Biggest Weapon

By JOE EYLER

Muskegon Heights will pit its five-yard offense against the speed of Grand Rapids South in what should be an interesting contest at Phillips Field tonight at 8 p.m.

Each team carries a 5-1-1 record into the game and each has one win over a top-ranking opponent. South conquered Saginaw, 14-0, in the season's opener and Saginaw has been the only team to pin a defeat on Bay City Central, 21-20. The Heights is fresh from hanging a 21-18 loss on Benton Harbor — Harbor's first loss after 12 straight wins.

The Tigers have gone a long way on their short yard offense which has rolled up 1,362 yards in 326 rushing plays. That's an

average of slightly over five yards a try, and has given the team a trademark of long, time-consuming marches.

South, considerably lighter and faster, has relied on a quick striking offense. Each team has a passing attack but each has been erratic with the aerial game.

Just when it was figured that the Tigers would be in their best shape in recent weeks for the game, Willie Kendrick came down with a severe cold Wednesday and may not play. Guard Jim Hozer, who missed the Benton Harbor game with a leg injury, has been working out this week but is not expected to be ready until the Muskegon game, a week from tonight.

As far as offense goes, Coach Oscar E. Johnson has spent some time on developing some fullback plays for Ted Halauskil to take some of the pres-

## Tiger-Reds Tickets Go On Sale Tomorrow

The annual battle for tickets for the Heights-Muskegon football game next Friday will get underway tomorrow morning.

Eugene Gillaspay, Heights ticket manager, announced that 1,000 reserved seats on the Heights side will go on sale tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. at the ticket office at Sixth and Hume streets.

End zone bleacher and general admission tickets will go on sale Monday.

Muskegon tickets will go on sale at the Hackley Stadium ticket office Monday.

The game will be played at Phillips Field this year.

## MH Winners Can Pick Up

## Record?

## Bruno Kupos