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Kickoff Time Nears; Riley's Football Squad Takes to Field



Coach Paul "Spike" Kelly lets the school in on few details about the opposition. He tells them to back the team. Mr. Lewis Habegger is ready to get his band into action as he stands in the background.



Eager to get the football season underway, the varsity players run onto School Field.



Principal John Byers tells the student body his feelings of returning to Riley after his absence. "Willy Wild Cat" may be protecting him from Cavemen. Principal Byers wants the students to "win" the game in the stands. He also asks for a team victory.

Cong. Crumpacker Announces Air Force - Navy Exam

A competitive examination for candidates seeking 1956 appointments to the Naval and Air Force Academies will be held in South Bend on Monday, November 14, it was announced today by Third District Congressman Shepard J. Crumpacker.

The examination will be given by the Civil Service Commission and will be open to all qualified candidates in St. Joseph, Elkhart, LaPorte and Marshall counties, the Congressman said.

It's purpose will be to assist Congressman Crumpacker in filling two vacancies at Annapolis and in selecting 10 Third District candidates to compete for nine Indiana appointments to the Air Force Academy.

There will be no Third District vacancy at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1956, Mr. Crumpacker said.

School principals and youth leaders were urged by Mr. Crumpacker to encourage the candidacies of students with outstanding scholarship and leadership qualities.

"Applications will be welcomed from every qualified candidate in the Third District and all will have an equal opportunity to win one of these nominations," he said.

Applications should be addressed to Honorable Shepard J. Crumpacker, 352 House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

All candidates will be sent letters of authority to take the November 14 examination, together with complete information on the scope of the test.

The examination will be held at 8:30 A.M. in the South Bend Federal Building.

Candidates who expect to be temporarily absent from the District can arrange to be examined at any city where the Civil Service Commission regularly gives its examinations.



Riley's varsity cheerleaders pose with the team mascot, Willy the Wildcat. From left to right, the cheerleaders are: Janet Priddy, Sandy Lovisa, Vicki Moore, Frances Morris, and Gloria Smith.



"Willy" the Wildcat seems to have that look in his eye that spells trouble for the opposition.

Teachers, Baton Twirlers, Coronation Pass Before Camera



Riley's new principal and the new teachers stand before the school, waiting for the doors to be opened to them. From left to right are: Mr. Gerald Miller, Elbertine Leatherman, Principal John E. Byers, Miss Gertrude Fortin.



Giving the crowd a spectacular show at half time or before the game is a big job for the band. It's a bigger job to lead them as this group of Major and Majorettes. They are front row, left to right, C. Frepan, N. Gassaway, B. Foster. Back row: K. Carr, B. Stewart, J. Rickel.

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Riley's Football Queen, Gloria Smith, receives the crown of authority from this year's co-captains, Mike Bingaman (on the left) and Mike Hoffman.

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Mishawaka Maroon Invaders Brush-up Offense for Riley



Brushing up on their offense, the Mishawaka Maroons pause for the photographer just before they meet their rival, the Riley Wildcats. They are from left to right, Right End Dale Pittman, Right Tackle Don Lechlitner, Right Guard Dennis Martin, Center R. Rowe, Left Guard J. Grasso, Left Tackle M. Phillipps, Left End D. Cooper. Working at Quarterback is Glen Ankney; John Musray, Right Half; Art Hughes, Fullback; and Gene Witkowski, Left Half.

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Her Majesty "commanded" the sun to shine and it did; brightly upon the beautiful Riley Royalty. They are Georgia Hahn, Nancy Riggs, Queen Gloria Smith, Sandy Lovisa, and Pearl Cerpes.

Netters Break Losing String; Win In Three

The Wildcat netters, under new coach, Mr. Gene Ring, have shut out their first three opponents by a five-love score. Their initial win over the Cavemen of Mishawaka, broke the Cats string of two years without a victory.

The Wildcat netmen have downed Mishawaka, Michigan City, and last year's conference champs, North Side of Fort Wayne. Forrest Milbourne, Dave Kramer, and Bill Maxwell, have humbled their opposition in the singles matches of each meet.

In the doubles matches, Milbourne and Kramer join their forces while Maxwell and Danny Barnes doubled to take on all foes.

Coach Ring states, "I think the boys are winning because they are out there hustling and because they really want to win."

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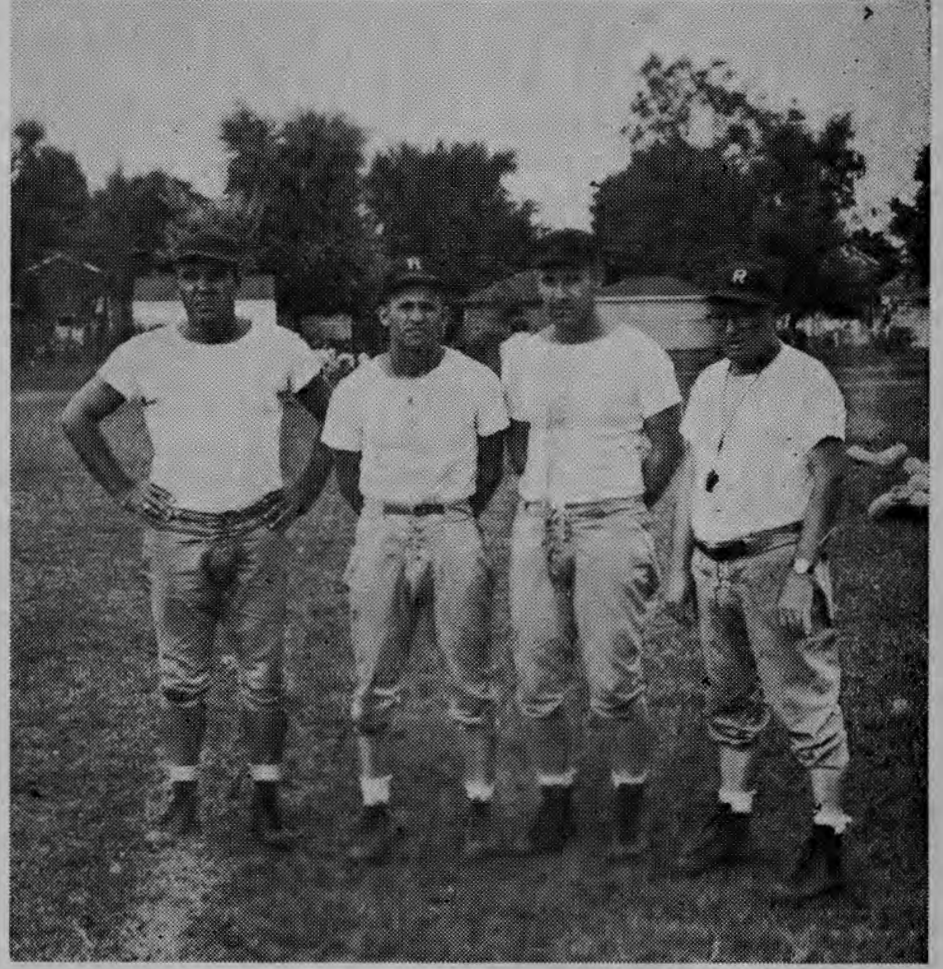
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Co-Captains And Coaches Pause To Plan Team Strategy



Halting practice to pose for their picture are Riley's 1955-56 co-captains. From left to right are Mike Hoffman and Mike Bingaman. Both Mikes served as regulars on last season's championship team.



Pictured above are members of Riley's coaching staff. Reading from left to right are line coach Joe Kodba, backfield and B-team coach Steve Horvath, line coach Richard "Moe" Morrison, and head coach Paul "Spike" Kelly. Also assisting with coaching duties are Ernie Kovatch, freshman coach, and Richard Fetters, junior high coach.

Eagles Post First Riley Victory In History; Wildcats Drop To Panthers, Defeat Central

by Jack Tully

Coach Paul "Spike" Kelly's Riley Wildcats opened their 1955 football season on a dull note against the Adams Eagles when they lost 19 to 6, and 27-13 to Washington. However Riley pulled an upset over Central in a hard fought contest 6-0.

Against Adams the Wildcats scored first on a pass to Ralph Jordan, who lateraled to John Miller. Miller eluded the Adams defenders for the score. The play covered 30 yards. Dale Stroup's try for the extra point was blocked.

Then Adams came to life. Robbins sparked a drive down to the Riley 20. Robbins faded back for a pass and when none of his receivers were open, he ran around his left end for the touchdown. He converted the extra point and Adams led 7-6. Robbins added another score on a nine yard option play. The kick was no good and the score stood 13-6 at the end of the third period. The last score came on a sixty yard sprint by Freshman Fullback Gene Phillips. This game marked the first time in history that Adams beat Riley.

Queen Gloria Smith's one command was a Riley victory over Washington and although they tried hard they just couldn't do it. Riley scored first on a 11 yard sprint by Ralph Jordan in the first quarter. The attempted extra point was blocked and Riley led 6-0. Washington scored on a 40 yard pass from Gill Fujawa to Ed Jerzak. Ralph Pieniazkiewicz converted the first of 3 extra points in a row. Riley drove deep into the Panther territory but a field goal attempt was no good on account of a bad pass from center. Milewski scored on a 5 yard sweep around right end and the P.A.T. made it 14-6. The Panthers scored again on a 12 yard run by Walker and a 11 yard run by Griffith. Tony Sisti picked up a fumble on the Panther's 45 and ran for a touchdown with Stroup kicking the extra point to end the scoring.

Coach Kelly's Wildcats came to life against Central and played a real aggressive game against the Bears. Ron Spychaski scored midway in the first quarter on a 9 yard dash through the Bear's line and secondary for the only score of the

game. Dale Stroup's try for the extra point was blocked but it didn't matter as six points were all the Wildcats needed. Riley showed their ability to play rough and rugged football to their fans and to Central most of all. This victory gives Riley a one and one mark in the conference and a one and two record for the season.

Runners Off On Right Foot; Capture 4 Wins

by Louis Cass

Conference and City Champs, second in the Sectional, and ninth in the State, this is the reputation Coach Bob Smith's 1955 edition of a cross country team has to live up to. So far the thin clads have done quite well in winning four straight.

In the first meet against Bremen the Smithmen romped to a 20-41 victory (low score wins as in golf). David Fritz was the big man for Riley in getting first place in 10:47. Other Rileyites were Louie Cass, Paul Pozil, Dick Lewis, and Ken Jackson third through sixth.

Three days later the underdog thinline traveled to Mishawaka to take on the Cavemen in a non-conference tilt. The Cats won again, 24-33, with Fritz again taking first, Pozil fourth, Jackson fifth, and Cass sixth. Fritz's time was 11:03.

Then in the first conference meets of the season, Riley met Central and Goshen on the Potawatomie course. Riley spanked Central 22-35 and whipped Gosehn 18-45 as Fritz took second, Cass third, Lewis fifth, Pozil and Jackson seventh and eighth.

For the first time in the history of the school Riley has been invited to the Shortridge Invitational at Indianapolis.

(Editors Note: Watch next week for cross country picture).

Riley's backfield boys preparing to run off a play. In the front is senior quarterback Bill Hawley; in the back row, left to right are: junior half back, John Miller; junior fullback, Ron Spychalski; and senior half back, Ralph Jordan.

Wildcats Face Rival Cavemen In Non-Conference Tilt Tonight

by George Horvath

Riley's Football Wildcats, having won their first decision last Saturday in a close contest with Central, will take on the gridders from Mishawaka in a non-conference battle on School Field this evening.

The Cavemen will be out to avenge a 6-6 tie, last week, with the surprising Goshen Redskins. Both teams went scoreless until the third period when Goshen marched 82 yards to grab a six to nothing lead. It was late in the final period when Mishawaka's halfback John Musary, grabbed a pass from Gene Witkowski, good for 25 yards and a tally.

Art Hughes, the Maroon's fullback, is one of the highest rated backs in the conference and teammate Don Lechlitter shares the same honor as a lineman.

Witkowski, a regular on the Maroon basketball team that reached the Semi-Finals last spring, does most of the passing for coach Gene Dykstra. Dale Pittman, the right end, is Witkowski's favorite target.

As of Monday, Coach "Spike" Kelly wasn't quite sure as to who would get the starting assignments. A replacement will be necessary for co-captain Mike Bingaman, who injured his head in the Washington game, and aggravated it against Central. Mike may also be forced to sit out the Elkhart game a week from tomorrow.

Coach Kelly credits last week's victory to the team's improvement, especially on defense. He states that the boys were carrying out their defensive assignments a little better.

