

Record Attendance Seen for 1962 Dinner

VOLUME 4 NUMBER 9
NOVEMBER, 1962



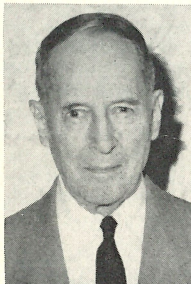
The National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame

FOOTBALLETTER

The Previous Gold Medal Winners



Dwight Eisenhower
1958



Gen. MacArthur
1959

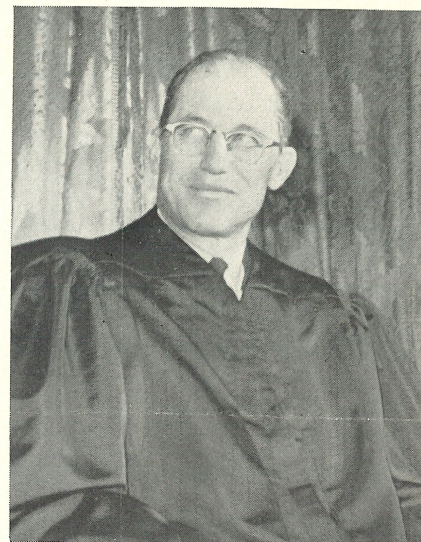


Herbert Hoover
1960



John F. Kennedy
1961

White to be Feted By Capacity Crowd



And Justice Byron White
for 1962

Dinner Program at a Glance

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
DR. MASON W. GROSS
President, Rutgers University

INVOCATION
HIS EXCELLENCY MOST REVEREND JOHN J. MAGUIRE, V.G.
Auxiliary Bishop of New York

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY CADET GLEE CLUB
THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION REPORT
INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS OF THE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO
THE SPORTS ILLUSTRATED 1962 SILVER ANNIVERSARY TEAM
PRESENTATION OF THE FOUNDATION'S SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS
AND THE EARL H. BLAIK FELLOWSHIPS

ALAN KING

PRESENTATION OF THE MACARTHUR BOWL TO
THE 1962 NATIONAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM
INDUCTION OF THE 1962 ELECTEES TO THE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

BEN LEE BOYNTON
Williams 1917, 1919, 1920
GUY B. CHAMBERLIN
Nebraska 1913-1915
DAN WINFIELD HILL, JR.
Duke 1936-1938
ROBERT CAL HUBBARD
Centenary 1922-1924,
Geneva 1926

PHILIP KING
Princeton 1890-1893
JOHN J. McEWAN
Army 1913-1916
JOHN H. MINDS
Pennsylvania 1894-1897
PATRICK JOHN O'DEA
Wisconsin 1897-1899
JOSEPH ROUTT
Texas A & M 1935-1937

WILLIAM D. SPEARS
Vanderbilt 1925-1927
ANDREW R. E. WYANT
Bucknell 1888-1891,
Chicago 1892-1894
DEORMOND McLAUGHRY
Coach, Westminster (Pa.),
Amherst, Brown, Dartmouth
(1916-1954)

BLESSING OF THE INDUCTEES
THE RIGHT REVEREND CHARLES FRANCIS BOYNTON, DD., S.T.D.
Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York

PRESENTATION OF THE FOUNDATION'S GOLD MEDAL TO
JUSTICE BYRON RAYMOND WHITE

BYRON RAYMOND (WHIZZER) WHITE
University of Colorado 1935-1937

BENEDICTION
THE REVEREND DR. JULIUS MARK
Senior Rabbi, Temple Emanu-El, New York City

The fifth annual Awards Dinner of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame will attract the highest paid attendance in its history.

That is the firm expectation of Col. Edgar W. Garbisch, former Army All-America center who is serving as dinner chairman for the fifth straight year and he bases his optimism on the fact that a fortnight before the affair, to be held on Tuesday evening, December 4, at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, more reservations had been made than the entire attendance of last year.

Col. Garbisch expects that 1,500 will sit in at the gala affair, called the finest sport dinner held anywhere. Included will be the nation's leaders in sports, industry, the arts and sciences and business, who will gather at the \$50-per-plate banquet to help induct 12 new members to the Football Hall of Fame and to honor Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Byron Raymond (Whizzer) White, winner of the Foundation's Gold Medal Award for contributions to football.

Also to be honored will be eight scholar-athletes (one from each of the eight districts of the National Collegiate Athletic Association) who will receive citations and \$500 Earl Blaik Fellowships for graduate study.

As recipient of the Gold Medal, to be presented by Foundation President Chester J. LaRoche, Justice White will make the principal address, but before that there will be

(Continued on page 6)

A Yank at Oxford: All-America Pete Dawkins (Army '59) On Football vs. Rugby

From *The Downtown Athletic Club Journal*

I'll never forget an incident which occurred immediately following a rugby game in which I was playing for a touring team against an Irish county side in the village of Cashill. A young lad, probably about 8 and all of 3 feet, 11 inches tall, rushed up to an enormous Welshman beside me, thrust a crumpled piece of paper and a broken pencil at him and said in a broad Irish brogue, "Sign this, or I'll cut your t'roat!"

Although this may not be the most characteristic manner for boys, either here or in America, to request an autograph, it went a long way towards demonstrating to me how, for a certain age group at least, rugby and football are immensely familiar.

It's easy to imply too much from this sort of experience, though. Any endeavor to compare two things implies that they are, in fact, comparable. This obvious truth explains a great deal of the frustration which inevitably results when people try to compare rugby with American football. No one would seriously ask you to compare baseball with bowling, or basketball with tennis; but they do ask for a comparison of football and rugby, and become irritated if you are unable to clearly satisfy their request.

Similarity Is Misleading

It is the apparent similarity of the two games which is misleading. They are both played with an oblong ball which is passed and kicked, and points are scored by either kicking the ball between quite similar-looking goal posts, or by a "touchdown" over the opponent's goal line (although it is interesting that in rugby, in order to score, a literal *touchdown* is required but they refer to it as a "try," while in our football you are only required to run across the goal line with the ball in your possession, yet we retain the name "touchdown.")

But in spite of this apparent similarity, they are very different games. A detailed description of the specific manners in which these two games differ would be tedious and boring. What's more, I think it would still fail to provide an adequate explanation of how they differ; for even more than in technique, rugby and football differ in the way they are approached.

The British pride themselves on their almost overwhelmingly amateur approach to sport. This is clearly illustrated in the vast contrast between the way university rugby is organized in Great Britain from that of American college football. The

extensive "machines" which are involved in football have received a great deal of publicity, and I don't think I need explain how the large staffs of coaches, trainers, publicity and administrative people keep themselves occupied.

It's a shock for an American to go from this atmosphere to Oxford, where the entire university rugby program is run by two students—the president and secretary of the OURFC (Oxford Uni-



Dawkins at Army



Dawkins at Oxford

versity Rugby Football Club). It is run, as the name implies, as a club, the president being chosen just as the captain of an American football team is. The difference between the two positions, though, is enormous. Where the football team captain is more and more being reduced to the status of merely leader of calisthenics, the rugby club president is responsible not only for the selection, training and game strategy of the teams, but for the scheduling, travel arrangements, equipment, finances and publicity as well.

Relax with Rugby

Now regardless of one's basic like or dislike for these contrasting methods of organization, it necessarily follows that the American system produces a higher caliber of performance. By the same token, it is the relatively relaxed, casual approach of rugby which constitutes its fundamental appeal. Truly, it is more a way of life than merely a game. Sometimes you almost feel that the match is incidental to the occasion, for the entire experience — travel, tea, songs and dance — often inundates the outcome of the game.

Perhaps I can convey some of the feeling of this amateurism of rugby if I describe the difference of the officiat-

ing in it from that in American football. In football, you may well know, there are seven or more officials: referees, downsmen, linemen, timekeepers, etc. In rugby, there is one: a referee. Part of the reason why one official will do in rugby is because the mechanism of the game is simpler, but another very important reason is because they simply *make do with one*. This can result in some rather peculiar happenings, especially as the referee is usually of a "semi-antique vintage" and when the play gets very fast, is not always able to keep up. It is not unusual for the referee to be at one end of the field and the ball to be at the other, and under these circumstances you can imagine that there is a certain "freedom" of play which is not partaken of when the referee is in closer proximity. Nonetheless, British sportsmanship seems to prevail and somehow pandemonium is avoided.

On Equipment

One aspect of our game which causes great consternation to the British is *football equipment*. They regard our game as a rather poor quality rugby played by effeminate people who have to wear this strange sort of protective "armor." Now, there are all sorts of qualities which have been attributed to the American football player in our many internal controversies about the over-, under-, or misplaced-emphasis of college football. But effeminacy is one which even the most severe critic has not seen fit to apply.

The suggestion by my British teammates that American football players are characterized by "weakness, gentleness and delicacy" was, I must admit, insulting. In order to try to convey a somewhat more realistic impression of football, I obtained some films of college football games and showed them to my Oxford rugby friends (none of whom, by the way, has ever seen a football game). They were visibly impressed by the vigor (what they almost felt was brutality) of our game. There has been no further reference whatever to the American football player as a sissy.

So what about rugby and football? Well, I say they're both wonderful games. If this sounds evasive, I'm sorry, but I honestly don't feel that it is. I think golf, tennis, baseball, hockey, basketball and bowling are all wonderful games, and I don't find it incongruous to feel the same way about rugby and football, too.

OFFICERS

Chester J. LaRoche, President
Thomas J. Hamilton, Vice President
Edgar W. Garbisch, Vice President
Earl H. Blaik, Vice President
Vincent Draddy, Vice President
Robert A. Hall, Secretary
General of the Army Douglas MacArthur,
Chairman, National Advisory Board
Harvey Harman, Executive Director
Gould B. Martin, Executive Secretary

VOLUME 4, NUMBER 9
NOVEMBER, 1962



The National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame

FOOTBALLETTTER

Published by

The National Football Foundation and
Hall of Fame

New Brunswick, N. J.

Telephone: CHarter 7-1766

NEW YORK OFFICE

Graybar Building

420 Lexington Avenue

New York 17, N. Y.

Telephone: LEXington 2-9280

IRVING T. MARSH, Editor

Football Film Offered for NFF Showing "Son of Flubber" Free for Benefits

The National Football Foundation, through its chapters throughout the country, is going into show business.

A hilarious motion picture, "Son of Flubber," produced by Walt Disney, will be made available by the producer, free of charge, to all Foundation chapters for showing at benefits for the chapter and/or Foundation in public theaters. The Disney people will not only make the film available, they will cooperate in offering theaters for its showing for benefit performances.

Release in 1963

The film will be released in February or March of 1963. Foundation chapters will have the privilege of showing it before its general release.

The film will first be offered to Foundation chapters at the annual Chapter Convention at the Americana Hotel, in New York, on Tuesday morning, Dec. 4, preceding the annual dinner that night. Reservations for its use will be taken at that time. After that, the executive director will contact every chapter in the country offering them the film and arranging for dates of showing and theaters. It is a magnificent offer.

"Son of Flubber," which has already been previewed by members of the Foundation's Executive Committee, is described as "a mad, mirthful football contest with players whose suits inflate (like the ball itself) and send the athletes floating down the field for touchdown after touchdown."

MacMurray in Cast

It is something of a sequel to "The Absent-Minded Professor," which dealt similarly with a basketball

game, and the original cast of the earlier success — Fred MacMurray, Nancy Olson, Ed Wynn, Keenan Wynn, Tommy Kirk and Elliott Reid — plus a roster of former college football stars and current professional stars, has been assembled for this one.

Among the football players in the cast are Johnny Oszsewski, Jim Stefans, Glen Wilder, Al Carmichael and Phil Parslow, under the technical guidance of Jim Sears, former U.S.C. All-America.

The film also stars Ken Murray, Charlie Ruggles, Leon Tyler, William Demarest and Bob Sweeney. The screenplay is by Bill Walsh.

Running Time 1:40

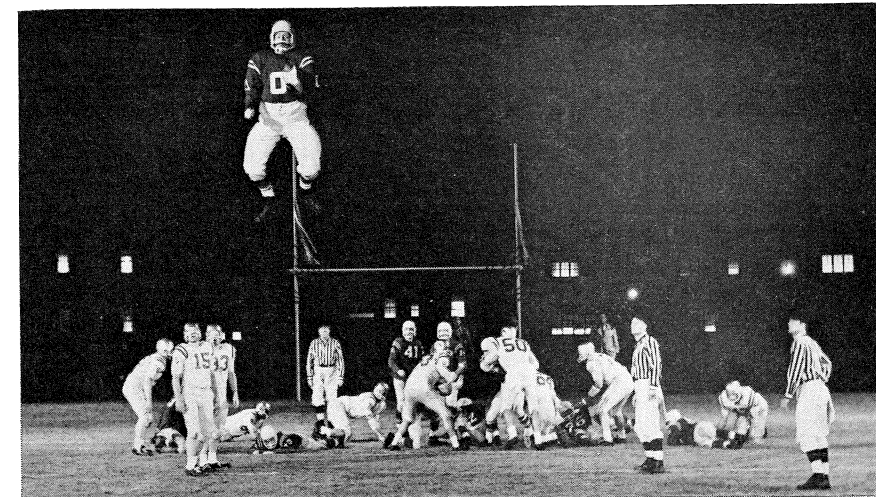
Its running time is about 1 hour 40 minutes and surrounding features also may be supplied by Disney to make for a full evening's entertainment.

There would also be opportunities during the evening to tell the National Football Foundation story.

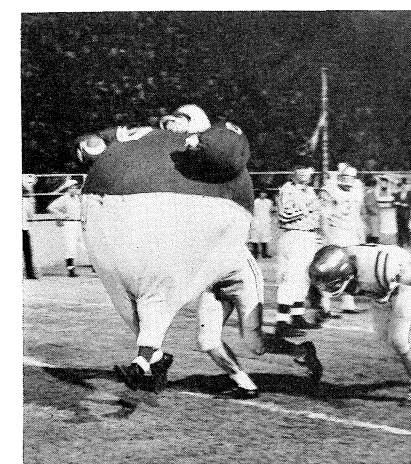
A Flubberpassed Play in Sequence



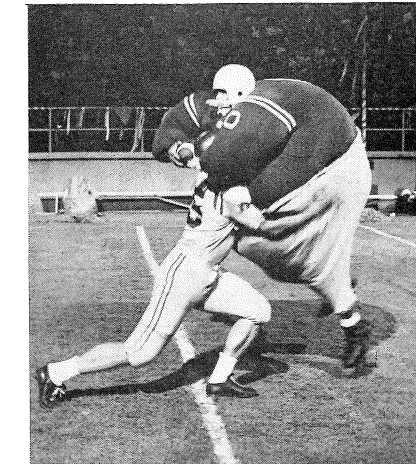
1 The play starts — it's a pass downfield, but the missile is



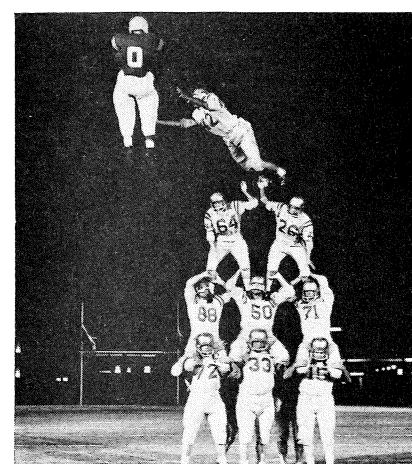
2 . . . a flubbergassed player himself! And he takes to the air



4 . . . pursued, unsuccessfully, by the foe

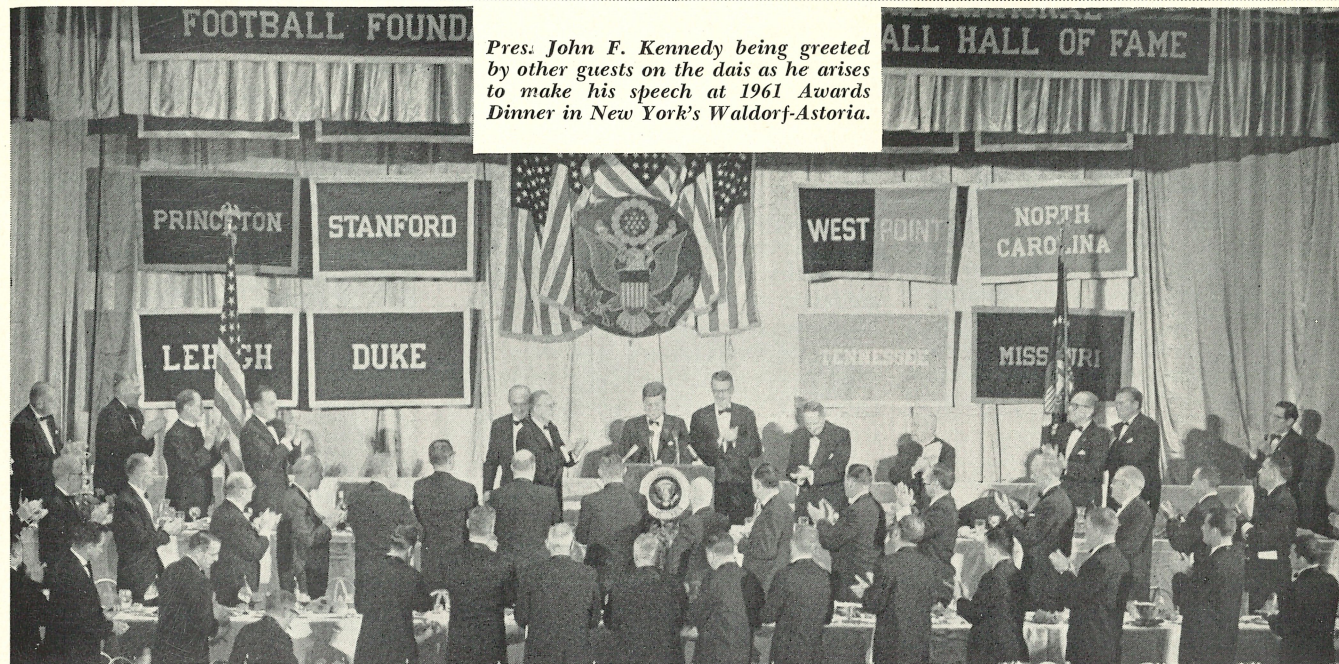


3 . . . stopped — but not for long



5 . . . which finds this the only defense

Scenes From Previous Dinners



Pres. John F. Kennedy being greeted by other guests on the dais as he arises to make his speech at 1961 Awards Dinner in New York's Waldorf-Astoria.



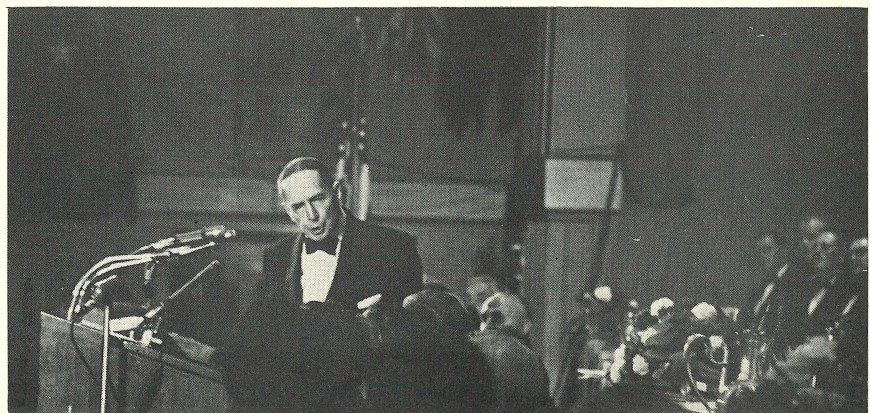
HAVING FUN — President Dwight D. Eisenhower, recipient of the first annual Gold Medal Award, and Chester J. LaRoche, president of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, at the award dinner at the Astor in 1958.



M.C. in '61 and again in '62: Dr. Mason W. Gross, president of Rutgers University.



MORE GUESTS — Maj. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland, left, Fred Russell, center, and friend at 1961 affair.

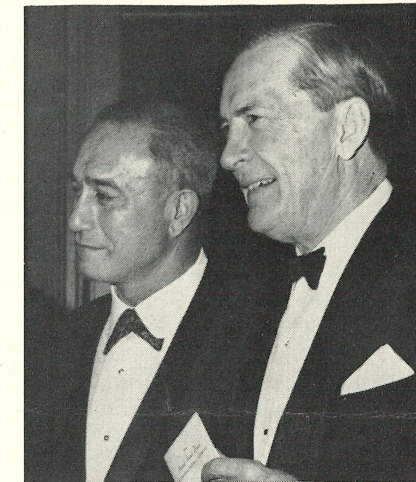


General MacArthur at the mike as he responded to his Gold Medal Award in 1959.

More Scenes From Previous Dinners

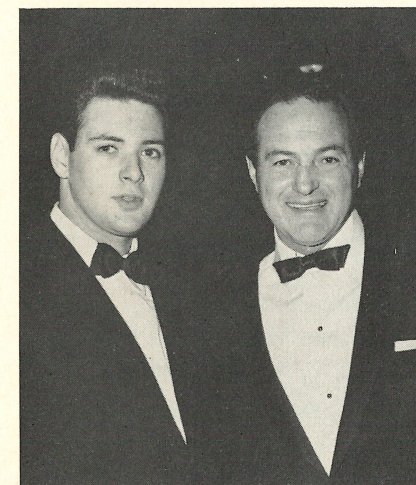


PRESENTING THE MEDAL — Herbert Hoover receiving the Award from Chester J. LaRoche, Foundation president, in 1961.



DINNER GUESTS — Benny Friedman and Earl Blaik at the 1960 event.

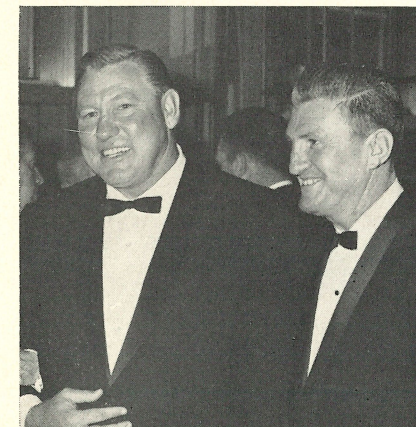
Familiar Faces



LUCKMAN AND SON — The famous Sid, of Columbia, a 1960 Hall of Fame inductee, with his son, Bob (left), who is now a member of the football squad at Syracuse.



THE BIG AWARDS — President Chet LaRoche and General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, displaying the Gold Medal Award and the MacArthur Trophy.



TEXAS INDUCTEES — Bulldog Turner and Ki Aldrich in 1960. Turner is now coach of the New York Titans, of the American Football League.

Program Is Set for 1962 Awards Dinner

12 to Be Inducted To Hall of Fame

(Continued from page 1)

ceremonies designed to intrigue the football lovers of the nation who will be in attendance. Col. Garbisch has arranged a program that for fun, frolic and football will rank with any of its famed predecessors. In decor, excitement and importance to football and the National Football Foundation it will be the dinner of the year.

Master of ceremonies once again will be Dr. Mason W. Gross, president of Rutgers University, where the Football Hall of Fame will be erected. LaRoche will make the annual Foundation report, to be followed by the introduction of current members of the Hall of Fame in the audience and on the dais.

After the presentation of awards to the Sports Illustrated 1962 Silver Anniversary team, there comes the citations to the Earl Blaik Fellows, made by Vincent Draddy, chairman of the Awards Committee. One of the high spots of the evening will be the presentation of the MacArthur Bowl by Foundation Vice President Thomas J. Hamilton to the nation's championship football team, with appropriate remarks from its recipient.

On the lighter side, there will be remarks by Alan King, internationally-famed comedian, who will be followed by the induction of the 1962 electees to the Hall of Fame (see list on page 1) by Secretary Robert A. Hall.

His Excellency Most Reverend John J. Maguire, V.G., Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will deliver the invocation, while the Right Reverend Charles Francis Boynton, D.D., S.T.D., Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, will deliver the blessing of the inductees and The Reverend Dr. Julius Mark, Senior Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, New York City, will pronounce the benediction.

Throughout the evening, college songs will be presented by the United States Military Academy Cadet Glee Club and other music will be furnished by Ben Cutler's Orchestra. Cutler, incidentally, is a former football player himself.

With Col. Garbisch on the Dinner Committee are Draddy, Hall, Robert C. Harron and Jack H. Mohr.

Dais at 1962 Awards Dinner

*Indicates old Hall of Famer

†Indicates new Hall of Famer

*Cliff Battles, West Virginia Wesleyan
*Jay Berwanger, Univ. of Chicago
Thomas Blake (accepting for †Joseph Routh)

Rev. Charles F. Boyton (accepting for †Benny Boynton, Williams)

Paul G. Benedum, Advisory Committee
Adm. John J. Bergen, Advisory Committee

Roger M. Blough, Advisory Committee
Joseph Byrne Jr., Advisory Committee

Alexander Calder Jr., Advisory Committee

†Guy B. Chamberlin, Nebraska
Norman Chandler, Advisory Committee
Owen R. Cheatham, Advisory Committee

*Paul Christman, Missouri
Gen. Lucius Clay, Advisory Committee

Vincent Draddy, Awards Committee chairman

Chris Dunphy, Advisory Committee

*William M. Dudley, U. of Virginia

*Wes Fesler, Ohio State

*Hamilton Fish, Harvard

*Benny Friedman, Michigan

*Col. Edgar W. Garbisch, Army

William J. Gilbane, Advisory Committee

*Marshall Goldberg, Univ. of Pittsburgh

*Otto Graham, Northwestern

Dr. Mason W. Gross, Rutgers, Master of Ceremonies

Robert A. Hall, NFF Secretary

Harvey Harman, NFF Exec. Director

Thomas J. Hamilton, NFF Vice-President

Dr. Frederick L. Hovde, President, Purdue University

†Dan Winfield Hill Jr., Duke

Walter Hoving, Advisory Committee

*William Hollenback, Pennsylvania

†Robert Cal Hubbard, Centenary and Geneva

Gilbert W. Humphrey, Advisory Committee

Sidney James, Sports Illustrated
William Gwynne Jones (accepting for †Andrew R. E. Wyaant)

Alan King

Phil King Jr. (accepting for †Phil King)

*Harry Kipke, Michigan

Andrew A. Lambert (accepting for †Pat O'Dea)

Chester J. LaRoche, NFF President

George S. Leisure, Advisory Committee

Barry T. Leithead, Advisory Committee

*Lou Little, Coach

Augustus C. Long, Advisory Committee

Donald Lourie, Advisory Committee

Rev. John J. Maguire, Auxiliary Bishop of New York

Dr. Julius Mark, Temple Emanu-El

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Advisory Committee Chairman and 1959 Gold Medal winner

*J. L. (Pete) Mauthe, Penn State

Gen. A. C. McAuliffe, Advisory Committee

†John J. McEwan, Army

†D. O. (Tuss) McLaughry, Coach

†John H. Minds, Pennsylvania

*Bernie Moore, Coach

Thomas S. Nichols, Advisory Committee

Frank Pace Jr., Advisory Committee

*Vincent J. (Pat) Pazzetti, Wesleyan and Lehigh

*George Pfann, Cornell

*Fritz Pollard, Brown

E. W. Rawlings, Advisory Committee

†William D. Spears, Vanderbilt

*Kenneth Strong, N.Y.U.

*Harry Stuhldreher, Notre Dame

*Benjamin Ticknor, Harvard

Sylvester L. Weaver, Advisory Committee

*J.A.C. Weller, Princeton

*Justice Byron R. White, Colorado, 1962 Gold Medal Winner

THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION
AND HALL OF FAME
NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

Non-Profit Organization
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
New Brunswick, N. J.
Permit No. 439