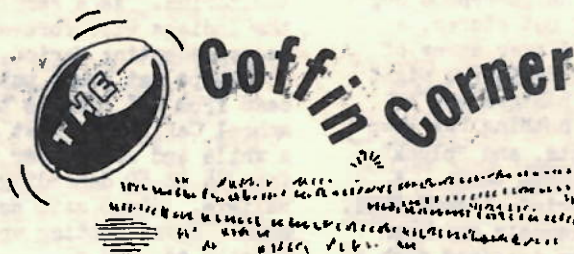


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OORANG INDIANS

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"Let me tell you about my big publicity stunt," said Walter Lingo, owner and operator of the Oorang Kennels in a 1923 edition of Oorang Comments, his monthly magazine devoted to singing the praises of himself and his Airedales. "You know Jim Thorpe, don't you, the Sac and Fox Indian, the world's greatest athlete, who won the all-around championship at the Olympic Games in Sweden in 1912? Well, Thorpe is in our organization."

Lingo went on to explain that he had placed Thorpe in charge of an all-Indian football team that toured the country's leading cities for the express purpose of advertising Oorang Airedales. As far as Lingo was concerned, that was the only thing that really mattered -- how good Thorpe and company made his dogs look. Football was a game he never really cared for very much.

Ironically, Lingo's "stunt" produced the most colorful collection of athletes ever to step onto an NFL gridiron. In American sports lore, there never was, and surely never will be again, anything like the Oorangs, the first, the last, and the only all-Indian team ever to play in a major professional sport league.

Although Thorpe was given three full pages in Oorang Comments, very little was said about the performance of his team. It was just as well; they weren't very good, despite the presence of two future Hall of Famers and several other former All-Americans in their lineup. In the two years that they operated, they managed only four NFL victories. In fewer than half their league games could they score even a single touchdown. They lost games by horrendous scores: 41-0, 57-0, and 62-0! And yet, inevitably they will be remembered long after more successful teams are forgotten.

To understand why they existed and why they played as they did, one must begin with Walter Lingo.

Never was a man so in love with a breed of dogs as was Walter Lingo with Airedales. In his magazine he explained: "About sixty years ago, the common man of Great Britain found it necessary to create a dog different from any in existence. The bird dog became lost in the bush when at stand, the hound was too noisy, and the retrievers lacked stamina. Therefore these folks secretly experimented by a series of cross-breeding old types, including the otter hound,



the old English sheep dog, the black and tan terrier, and the bulldog. From this melting pot resulted the Airedale, so named because he was first produced by the people along the dale of the Aire river between England and Scotland. The new dog combined the good qualities of his ancestors without their faults. It was a super dog."

Not only were Airedales the Ultimate Dogs, but Lingo had the Ultimate Airedale in King Oorang, a dog he had produced by bringing in and breeding great Airedales from all over the world. King Oorang was "the greatest utility dog in the history of the world," according to Field and Stream. With the King as his kingpin, Lingo operated the famous Oorang

Kennels out of the little town of LaRue in very rural Ohio.

The kennels were anything but a neighborhood dog pound. They were the "Airedale" of pet stores, a mail order puppy factory that spread over acres of Lingo's land and employed countless trainers, night watchmen, kennelmen, crate makers, hunters and a whole kennelfull of clerks who did nothing but keep records on the temperament, instincts, and "pluck" of the hundreds of Airedales being bred there. A prominent dog show writer of the period allowed that, after he had covered thousands of kennels all over the world, "nothing has been seen or imagined such as Walter Lingo's mail order dog business."

Although America had gone slightly gaga over movie star Rin-Tin-Tin and German shepherds were the big item in dogdom, Lingo was certain that he could make the whole country Airedale conscious with just a little more advertising. He was already spending \$2,000 a month for ads in a dozen or more leading magazines, but what he really needed was to lure thousands of people at a time into watching the Airedales perform.

Enter Jim Thorpe.

Next to Airedales -- although not a "close" next -- Walter Lingo loved Indians. He had grown up hearing Indian tales -- LaRue was the site of an old Wyandotte village -- and somehow he had convinced himself that a supernatural bond existed between Airedales and Indians. "I knew that my dogs could learn something from them that they could not acquire from the best white hunters."

The most famous Indian in the world was Jim Thorpe, the greatest athlete of his -- and perhaps any other -- time. Thorpe had endeared himself to Lingo by telling a nice dog story. When a local farmer accused Lingo of raising a pack of sheepkillers, Thorpe remembered that he once knew an Orang Airedale that had saved a six-year-old girl from being trampled by a bull. The girl's name was Mabel, he recalled.

In 1921, Lingo invited Thorpe and his buddy Pete Calac to LaRue for a little hunting. In between dog stories -- Lingo had one for any occasion -- they decided on a novel way both to advertise Airedales and to employ Jim Thorpe, who, if the truth be known, was a little down on his luck just then. Lingo would purchase a franchise in the young National Football League, and Thorpe would run the team which was to be composed exclusively of Indians. With the asking price for an NFL franchise at \$100 and the asking price for a superior Orang male at \$150, Lingo's investment was actually quite modest. Of course, by the time Lingo's kennels joined the league at the June meeting of pro moguls, there was on the books a requirement of posting \$1,000 as a guarantee against playing collegians with eligibility remaining, but such things were quite "negotiable" in the NFL's early years. And, with a potential drawing card like an all-Indian team, no one needed to concern himself too closely with trivia.

Lingo wanted the team to play out of little LaRue, but that was hard to justify as the little town had no football field. Admittedly, the team would perform almost exclusively on the road where they could draw the biggest crowds and best advertise the dogs, but everyone agreed that it would be nice to keep the Indians at home once or twice to show off for the home folks.

Fifteen miles away was Marion, a comparative metropolis of 30,000, which had a suitable field. Additionally, Marion had just been "put on the map" as the home town of the just then extremely popular President Warren G. Harding. Marion was booming. Riding the crest of Harding's popularity, it was

industrializing, had plans for a 150-room hotel, and even had scheduled Al Jolson into the Chatauqua Auditorium. As a result of all these circumstances, the Indians will forever go down in the record books as representing Marion, Ohio.

Thorpe set about putting together his team. Indians came from all over to try out, many from Jim's old school Carlisle. Most of them had not played in quite a while and were older than Thorpe, whose age ranged from 34 to 50 depending on what account you wanted to believe. Lingo said he was 38, and by his own admission: "I was getting up toward forty and I couldn't breathe so good."

Some writers have suggested that Thorpe filled out his roster with several palefaces; they've even gone so far as to say that on a rainy day some of the red skins ran faster than the redskins. There seems to be little basis for the charge. Although many of the Indians were not pure-blooded -- Thorpe himself was three-eighths Irish -- every identifiable team member has proved to have at least some Indian blood.

With such players as Sanooke, Red Fang, Downwind, War Eagle, Lone Wolf, Running Deer, and Eagle Feather representing the Cherokees, Chippewas, Winnebagoes, Mohawks, and Mohicans, the Orang Indians hit the warpath against the NFL.

Unfortunately, the warpath hit back. Had Sitting Bull's braves applied themselves in battle with the same tenacity that Thorpe's team applied to its games, General Custer might be alive today. After the horrible, 62-0 massacre at Akron, one newspaper headlined "JIM THORPE'S INDIANS LOAF."

That was part of it.

The team found it difficult to take their football seriously because the team owner was far more interested in the pre-game and halftime activities than he was in the game itself. They gave exhibitions with Airedales at work trailing and treeing a live bear. One of the players, 195-pound Nikolas Lassa, called "Long-Time-Sleep" by his teammates because he was so hard to wake up in the morning, even wrestled the bear. There were fancy shooting exhibitions by Indian marksmen with Airedales retrieving the targets. There were Indian dances, fancy tomahawk work, knife and lariat throwing all done by Indians. "The climax," explained Lingo, "was an exhibition of what the United States's loyal Indian scouts did during the war against Germany, with Orang Airedale Red Cross dogs giving first aid in an armed encounter between scouts and huns in no man's land. Many of the Indians and dogs were veterans of the war -- the Orangs up front."

After such a workout, Thorpe's players must have looked upon the game as purely a secondary matter.

Another reason for the team's lack of success, according to Ed Healey, the Chicago Bears' Hall of Fame tackle, was that Thorpe was not a good coach, especially where discipline was concerned. However, Healey insisted the players were tough. "I have a vivid recollection of how they used the 'points.' By that I mean the elbows, knees and feet in their blocking and tackling. They'd give you those bones and it hurt. They were tough SOB's, but good guys off the field."

Perhaps too good. Most of the stories told about the team focus on their off-the-field antics.

There was the time in Chicago when the bartender wanted to close up and the Indians tossed him into a telephone booth, turned it upside down, and drank until dawn. Then they went out and got slaughtered by the Chicago Bears.

There was the time in St. Louis when they left a bar late, only to find their trolley headed in the wrong direction. Using muscles they didn't always exert on the football field, they lifted the vehicle off its tracks and turned it around to face in the right direction.

And there were the many times they put Nikolas Lassa up against touring carnival strongmen. After his experience with the bear, Long-Time-Sleep had little trouble staying the required distance to win the ten or twenty dollars that would allow the whole team to party all night.

Leon Boutwell, a Chippewa quarterback, explained: "White people had this misconception about Indians. They thought they were all wild men, even though almost all of us had been to college and were generally more civilized than they were. Well, it was a dandy excuse to raise hell and get away with it when the mood struck us. Since we were Indians we could get away with things the whites couldn't. Don't think we didn't take advantage of it."

On occasion -- whether hung over or not -- the Indians could rouse themselves for a super play: Thorpe punted 75 yards in the air at Milwaukee and Joe Guyon ran an interception back 96 at Chicago. But the most spectacular play involving the team was made against them. It happened in 1923 in Chicago when Bear end and coach George Halas picked up a Thorpe fumble and mashed down a muddy gridiron for 98 yards and a touchdown, a record that stood until 1972.

Through it all, Walter Lingo got what he'd paid for: a showcase for his dogs and for his Indians. Without a doubt, the colorful costumes and the colorful stories helped bring out the fans. And then there was Thorpe's still magic name (although Lingo kept billing him by his Indian name, "Bright Path"). Old Jim seldom played more than a half and often sat out the whole game. But every once in a while he could cull up the old greatness and lead his team to an at least respectable performance. One news story put it this way: "... they looked like a real football

team when Indian Jim was in Rarely has the presence of one player made so great a difference as when Thorpe went in. It seemed as if the team improved fully 50 per cent. Their defense stiffened and they started carrying the ball down the field. Thorpe took it many times himself and showed he can forward pass."

After two years, Lingo gave up his team. The novelty was beginning to wear thin. Crowds in 1923 -- especially on the second trip to a city -- were smaller than the year before, and that was no way to sell Airedales. The publicity stunt had run its course.

The Indians scattered. Some went back to the reservation; reportedly Lassa gave up drinking, raised a family, stopped wrestling bears, and became a respected member of his community. Others went right on playing football for other teams. Thorpe played for six more years, Guyon for five, and Calac for four.

Walter Lingo's kennels continued to prosper at LaRue (they were still going strong when he died in the mid-1960s), but fifteen miles away everything seemed to go sour for Marion all at once. The Indians were gone and so was Harding, dead after being disgraced by Teapot Dome. Both the team and the President had looked better on paper than in performance, although time has been kinder to the memory of the football team.

Although "the records tell you differently," wrote John Short in the Marion *Star*, Harding's old paper, "the passing years have given them a powerful image." But they will be remembered, not for their record, but because "they came and gave the game incredible color at a time when it needed color badly."



TRIBES

Arrowhead - Chippewa
 Reggie Attache - Mission
 Barrell - Chippewa
 Leon Boutwell - Chippewa
 Buffalo - Chippewa
 Elmer Busch - Pomo
 Pete Calac - Mission
 Xavier Downwind - Chippewa
 Eagle Feather - Mohican
 Gray Horse - Chippewa
 Joe Guyon - Chippewa
 Bob Hill - Mohawk
 Al Jolley - Wyandotte
 Joe Little Twig - Mohawk
 Long Time Sleep - Cherokee *
 Newashe - Sac & Fox
 Bemus Pierce - Seneca **
 Stan Powell - Cherokee
 Red Fox - Cherokee
 Stilwell Sancoke - Cherokee
 Tom St. Germaine - Chippewa
 Jack Thorpe - Sac & Fox
 Jim Thorpe - Sac & Fox
 Baptiste Thunder - Chippewa
 Bill Winneshek - Winnebago

* - In some sources listed as Flathead or Blackfoot

** - In some sources listed as Mohawk

* Walter Lingo reportedly paid Thorpe \$500 a week to run the team. That was twice the salary Jim received when he joined the Canton Bulldogs in 1915.

* Thorpe's friends called him "Libbling."

* Pete Calac was a genuine war hero who was badly wounded in France.

DAY	DATE	AT	IND	OPPONENT	OP	R
Sun.	0-1	A	0	Dayton Triangles	36	L
Sun.	0-8	H	20	Columbus Panhandles	6	W
Sun.	0-15	A	0	Canton Bulldogs	14	L
Sun.	0-22	A	33	* Indianapolis Belmonts..	0	*W
Sun.	0-29	A	0	Akron Pros	62	L
Sun.	N-5	A	6	Minneapolis Marines	13	L
Sun.	N-12	A	6	Chicago Bears	33	L
Sun.	N-19	A	0	Milwaukee Badgers	13	L
Sun.	N-26	A	19	Buffalo All-Americans ..	7	W
Th.	N-30	A	18	Columbus Panhandles	6	W
Fri.	D-1	A	-	Louisville Brecks -	Cancelled	
Sun.	D-3	A	0	* Durant (Mich.) Stars .	29	*L

NFL Totals 69

190

*-Non-NFL game

1922 OORANG INDIANS ROSTER

Player	POS	HGT	WGT	AG	YR	SCHOOL	NFL GM	Dayton	Columbus	Canton	Akron	Minneapolis	Bears	Milwaukee	Buffalo	Columbus
Attache, Reggie	WB-FB		185		1	Sherman Ind.	7	H	H	H	F	H	H			F
Big Bear	T		190		1	Carlisle	1							T		
Bobalash, E.	E				1	none	1		E							
Boutwell, Leon	BB	5'7	185	29	1	Carlisle	8		Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
Bröker, E.	T				1	Carlisle	1									T
Busch, Elmer	G-C	5-10	200	32	1	Carlisle	9	G	G	G	G	G	C	C	G	G
Calac, Pete	E-TB	5-10	195	29	3	Carl./MVA Wes.	9	H	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	F
Deer Slayer, Dick	E				1		1								E	E
Downwind, Xavier	E-T	6-	163	29	1	Carlisle	1	T						E		
Eagle Feather	F-T		220		1	Carlisle	7		F	F		F	F	F	F	T
Guyon, Joe	TB-WB-BB-FB	5-10	185	29	3	Carl./Ga.Tech	9	Q	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
Hill, Bob	G		200		1	Haskell Ind.	6		G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
Lassa, Nick "Long Time Sleep"	T-G-E		195	27	1	Carl./Haskell	9	E	T	T	T	T	G	G	T	T
Laughing Gas	WB				1		1							H		
Little Twig, Joe	T-E		180	29	1	Carlisle	2								T	E
Lone Wolf, Ted	G-T-H		210		1	Carlisle	5	G	G				T	T	H	
Nason, Ed	H				1											H
Red Fang	C				1	none	2								C	C
Running Deer, David	WB-FB				1	Haskell Ind.	2	F				H				
St. Germaine, Ted	T-G-C		240	34	1	Carlisle	5	C	G	T	T	T				
Sanooke, Stilwell	E-WB			30	1	Carlisle	9	E	E	E	H	E	E	E	E	E
Thorpe, Jim	TB-FB	6:01	200	34	3	Carlisle	5					F	H	H	H	H
Thunder, Baptiste	T				1	Carlisle	1	T								
War Eagle	T-G		210		1		4	T	T				T		G	
White Cloud	E				1	Haskell	2			E	E					
Winneshek, Bill	C-G	5'7	180	28	1	Carlisle	5		C	C	C	C				G
Rooney, H.	BB				1	CARLISLE										Q

THE 1922 SEASON

Sunday, October 1, at Dayton, O.

Oorang Indians	0	0	0	0	-	0
Dayton Triangles	9	7	7	13	-	36

TD: DAY - Partlow, O'Neill, Huffine 2, Tidd

XP: DAY - Hathaway 4

SF: Dayton

The Dayton Triangles had almost no trouble in opening their 1922 season with a one-sided win over the heavy but slow Indians. Jim Thorpe didn't play but it is unlikely that even he could have changed the outcome. The Indians showed very little on offense and, except for Joe Guyon who time and again saved touchdowns, even less on defense.

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Sunday, October 8, at Marion, O.

Oorang Indians	0	7	0	13	-	20
Columbus Panhandles	0	0	6	0	-	6

OORANG INDIANS' 1922 RECORD

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OORANG INDIANS' 1922 INDIVIDUAL SCORING

(NFL Games Only)

	TD	XP	FG	PTS
Guyon	5	3	0	33
Thorpe	3	0	0	18
Calac	2	0	0	12
Eagle Feather	1	0	0	6

Team totals

11 3 0 69

NFL GAMES - LINEUPS

Dayton	Columbus	Canton	Akron	Minneapolis	Bears	Milwaukee	Buffalo	Columbus
H	H	H	F	H	H			F
						T		
	E							
	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
								T
G	G	G	G	G	C	C	G	G
H	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	F
							E	E
T						E		
	F	F		F	F	F	F	T
Q	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
		G	G	G	G	G	G	G
E	T	T	T	T	G	G	T	T
						H		
							T	E
G	G				T	T	H	
								C
F				H				
C	G	T	T	T				
E	E	E	H	E	E	E	E	E
				F	H	H	H	H
T								
T	T				T		G	
	E	E						
C	C	C	C	C				G

TD: IND - Guyon 2, Eagle Feather; COL - E.Ruh

XP: IND - Guyon 2

Joe Guyon's two touchdown runs -- one a 55-yard dash -- led the Indians to a 20 to 6 win over the Columbus Panhandles at Marion. Eagle Feather's line plunging accounted for a third tribe TD.

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Sunday, October 15, at Canton, O.

Oorang Indians	0	0	0	0	-	0
Canton Bulldogs	0	0	14	0	-	14

TD: CAN - Sacksteder, Robb

XP: CAN - Shaw 2

The Canton Bulldogs won a bitterly fought game from the Indians by a misleading 14-0 score. The contest wasn't actually that close, but the Bulldogs frittered away several opportunities to score, particularly in the first half when Miller fumbled a couple of times.

Guyon played an excellent game for the Indians, but he had too little help.

+ - Includes one safety

1923 OORANG INDIANS ROSTER

Player	POS	HGT	WGT	AG	YR	SCHOOL	NFL GM												
Arrowhead	E		175		1	Miami, O.	4							E		E		E	E
Barrel, <i>NAPOLKON</i>	C-BB		190	37	1	Carlisle	6				C	C		Q	C			C	C
Big Bear	T-G-E		190		2	Carlisle	5	T	T	G		E	T						
Black Bear, Peter	E				1	none	1				E								
Boutwell, Leon	BB-TB-FB-WB	5-7	185	30	2	Carlisle	6					H		F	Q	Q	H	H	
Buffalo	G-T-E		190		1	Haskell Ind.	9	G	E		E	T	T	T	T	E	E		
Calac, Pete	FB-WB-E-T	5-10	195	30	4	Carl./NVA Wes.	10	EH	E	H	F	F	E	H		F	T	T	
Deadeye	T				1	none	1												
Eagle Feather	FB-H		220		2	Carlisle	10	F	H	F	F	F	F	F		H	F	F	
Gray Horse	WB-G		190		1		2					H	G						
Guyon, Joe	WB	5-10	185	30	4	Carl./Ga. Tech	4									H	H	H	H
Jolley, Al (from Dayton)	T	6-02	200	23	2	Mari'a/Tulsa/KS	3									T	T	T	
Lassa, Nick "Long Time Sleep"	C-G-T		195	28	2	Carl./Haskell	11	C	C	C	T	C	C	C	G	C	G	C	
Little Twig, Joe	E-T		180	30	2	Carlisle	11	T	T	T	TE	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
Lone Wolf, Ted	G		210		2	Carlisle	4	G	G		G	G							
Nason, Ed	T				2		1												T
Newashe, Bill	T		200	33	1	Carlisle	5						T		T	T	T	T	
Pappio, Joe	E		190		1	Haskell Ind.	1												E
Pierce, Bemus	FB			46	1	Carlisle	1									F			
Powell, Stancil "Wrinkle meat"	G-C	5-10	185	32	1	Carlisle	8		G	G	G	G	G	G		G	C	G	
Red Fang	T				2	none	1				T								
Red Fox (Emmett McLenore)	BB		160		1	Haskell Ind.	9	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q			Q	Q	Q	
Running Deer, David	E		185		2	Haskell Ind.	3				E			E		E			
Thorpe, Jack (AKA Deadeye)	C-G		190	24	1	Carlisle	7		C	G		T	G		G	G	G	G	
Thorpe, Jim	TB	6-01	200	35	4	Carlisle	9	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H			
Tomahawk	WB-FB		200		1	Carlisle	6	H	H	F	H	H	H						
Welms, Woodchuck	E		185	30	1	Carlisle	3	E				E							E

THE 1923 SEASON

Sunday, September 30, at Milwaukee, Wisc.

Oorang Indians	0	0	2	0	-	2
Milwaukee Badgers	0	0	13	0	-	13

TD: MIL - Winkleman, Conselman
XP: MIL - Conselman
SF: Indians

The Indians opened their second season with yet another loss, this one to the Badgers at Milwaukee before a crowd of 4,000. Although Pete Calac tore away for several good gains, the only Indian score came about when the Badgers' Conselman was spilled in his own end zone for a safety.

Thorpe delivered one great moment that brought the spectators to their feet. In the second half he boomed a punt from behind his own goal line that traveled 75 yards in the air.

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Sunday, October 7, at Toledo, O.

Oorang Indians	0	0	0	0	-	0
Toledo Maroons	0	0	0	7	-	7

TD: TOL - Hill
XP: TOL - Watson

In a slow but rough game played at Toledo, the Indians went down to a 7-0 defeat. Jim Thorpe did not play well, being thrown for several losses.

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Sunday, October 14, at Minneapolis, Minn.

Oorang Indians	0	0	0	0	-	0
Minneapolis Marines	0	10	7	6	-	23

TD: MINN - Sampson, Tersch, Kaplan
XP: MINN - Kaplan 2
FG: MINN - Kaplan

The Minneapolis Marines had little trouble in defeating the Indians at Nicollet Park. Using a strong aerial game, the Marines dominated play after a scoreless first quarter. Jim Thorpe played a good first half, missing a 55-yard field goal attempt by inches. However, an injury forced him out of the game for the second half.

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Sunday, October 21, at Buffalo, N.Y.

Oorang Indians	0	0	0	0	-	0
Buffalo All-Americans ..	13	10	7	27	-	57

TD: BUF - Flavin 2, Holleran 2, Traynor 2, Hughitt, Martineau
XP: BUF - Morrissey 6
FG: BUF - Morrissey

At Buffalo, the All-Americans exploded for 57 points in one of the most one-sided slaughters ever on an NFL gridiron. Jim Thorpe played every minute of the game in a desperate effort to stem the flood.

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Sunday, October 28, at Cleveland, O.

Oorang Indians	0	0	0	0	-	0
Cleveland Indians	0	7	7	13	-	27

TD: CLE - Roby, Tanner, Edler, Wolf
XP: CLE - Roby, Tanner, Kyle

Oorang's real Indians bowed to Cleveland's pale-faced version in a one-sided game. Reporters suggested that Jim Thorpe was slipping badly, that his speed was gone and his tackles no longer sure. His field generalship, however, was still regarded as

first rate.

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Sunday, November 4, at Chicago, Ill.

Oorang Indians	0	0	0	0	-	0
Chicago Bears	13	13	0	0	-	26

TD: CHI - Knop, Lanum, E.Sternaman, Halas
XP: CHI - E.Sternaman 2

The Chicago Bears simply plowed around to suit themselves on a rain-soaked Cubs Park field and took an easy 26-0 victory. Only about 1,000 hardy fans braved the elements to watch the slaughter.

The most exciting play of the game gave the Bears their fourth touchdown. Coach George Halas picked up a Thorpe fumble and raced 98 yards for a touchdown with Big Jim chasing him all the way.

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Sunday, November 11, at St. Louis, Mo.

Oorang Indians	0	0	7	0	-	7
St. Louis All-Stars	7	7	0	0	-	14

TD: IND - Arrowhead; St.L - Casey 2
XP: IND - Little Twig; St.L - King 2

At Sportsman's Park, the St. Louis All-Stars gained their first victory over an NFL opponent at the expense of the Indians before 5,000 fans. In the second half, Thorpe made a desperate attempt to bring his team back by passes, but the home team was not to be headed.

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Sunday, November 18, at Canton, O.

Oorang Indians	0	0	0	0	-	0
Canton Bulldogs	7	6	21	7	-	41

TD: CAN - Jones 2, Elliott, Igman, Chamberlin, Hendrian
XP: CAN - Henry 5

Canton's champion Bulldogs gave a rude welcome to some old favorites. Despite the presence of Jim Thorpe and, for the first time in 1923, Joe Guyon, the Bulldogs rolled over the Indians, 41-0.

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Sunday, November 25, at Columbus, O.

Oorang Indians	3	0	0	0	-	3
Columbus Tigers	13	14	0	0	-	27



This history of the Oorang Indians has been excerpted from a preliminary and tentative version of a proposed P.F.R.A. project. The suggestion is that the organization undertake the preparation of "media guides" for defunct teams of the 1920's and 1930's.

These would be soft cover, inexpensively produced, approximately 5" by 8". Each media guide would cover the duration of the team's existence and include a team history, rosters, brief game accounts, and special features where applicable. Probably only a very limited number of copies for each team would be produced.

There are three things that you, as a P.F.R.A. member can do.

First, you can voice your opinion as to whether this proposal is WORTH doing. Would you be interested in seeing and/or acquiring such guides? If

TD: COL - Tebell 2, Rapp, Sonnenberg
XP: COL - Tebell 3
FG: IND - Thorpe

The Columbus Tigers used a long-range passing attack to send the Indians down to their ninth straight defeat.

Before the game was out of reach, Thorpe hit a long field goal to avoid a shutout. In the final quarter, an injury forced Jim out of the game.

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Thursday, November 29, at Marion, O.

Indians 31, Marion Athletics 0 (Non-league)

Playing at home for the first time in 1923, the Indians tasted victory for the first time also, in a Thanksgiving Day game. Unfortunately, a win over the local A.C. added nothing to their NFL record.

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Sunday, December 2, at Chicago, Ill.

Oorang Indians	6	0	0	13	-	19
Chicago Cardinals	7	12	3	0	-	22

TD: IND - Arrowhead, Buffalo, Guyon; CHI - Fols, R.Horween, Koehler
XP: IND - Red Fox; CHI - Fols
FG: CHI - A.Horween

The Indians played their best game of the season in nearly defeating the Cardinals at Chicago. The Cards were minus Captain Paddy Driscoll, out with appendicitis, and several others, but the Indians were missing Jim Thorpe to even things up a bit.

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Sunday, December 9, at Louisville, Ky.

Oorang Indians	0	0	0	0	-	12
Louisville Brecks	0	0	0	0	-	0

TD: IND - Guyon, Red Fox

Despite the fact that Thorpe was still out with an injury, the Indians closed the 1923 season on a winning note by downing the Brecks at Louisville on an extremely muddy field. Joe Guyon and quarterback Red Fox each ran for touchdowns in a game that was more one sided than the score would indicate.

so, what teams would most interest you?

Second, look over the Oorang material carefully. Can you suggest additions, corrections, or changes in format? The accuracy of this preliminary guide may have a major bearing on whether we continue with further examples.

Third, would you be interested in working on succeeding guides yourself? What teams? In what capacity? We would need editors, writers, researchers and typists.

Address all comments to The Coffin Corner.

Remember, at present, this is only a proposal. Any further work in this direction will be contingent upon your reply.

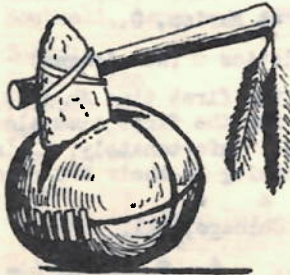
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P.F.R.A.'s newest member is Daryell Sipper of San Francisco, Cal. Welcome aboard, Daryell.

We are about to begin our spring membership drive. If you know someone who you think would be interested in joining, send along his or her name so that we can make contact.



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