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BLUE SHIRT CHARLIE'S BIG RED DREAM

By Bob Braunwart & Bob Carroll

After more than twenty seasons, fans with long memories still occasionally slip and call the Big Red the Chicago Cardinals. Younger fans, some of whom were not born when the Cards deserted the Windy Town for the Mound City, may not even realize that the present St. Louis entry in the NFL Sweepstakes spent the first three quarters of its existence on the shore of Lake Michigan rather than along the Mississippi.

The Cardinals — Chicago variety — were a football fixture from 1899 to 1959, but the gridiron seldom venerates age and most of those seasons saw the club awash in ink redder than their jerseys. Their failures at the turnstiles were usually matched by ineptitude on the field.

The original founder of the team, Chris O'Brien, died broke. He hung in until 1929, gave Chicago Paddy Driscoll and one disputed championship in 1925, but a lethal combination of grid losses, apathetic fans, and the popularity of the crosstown Bears finally did him in. Dr. David Jones took the team off O'Brien's hands but soon found that not even the great Ernie Nevers could bring success to the Big Red.

One night in 1932, Dr. Jones and his wife were guests at an informal dinner party aboard the Ren-Mar, wealthy lawyer Charles W. Bidwell's luxurious power-cruising yacht. Also guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arch Ward. Ward was sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, and Bidwell was owner of a racing stable, president of the Chicago Stadium Operating Co. and of a printing company. He was also vice-president of the Chicago Bears. Inevitably, conversation turned to pro football with Jones bemoaning his team's sad state.

Suddenly, half in jest, Mrs. Bidwell asked Jones, "Why don't you sell the Cardinals to Charley?"

Jones replied that he would sell anything he owned if the price was right.

"Are you serious?" When Jones insisted he was, further discussion ensued. They finally settled on \$50,000 as a price. Bidwell handed Jones \$2,000 to seal the deal and the two men shook hands. Although the sale would not be announced until the next year to allow Bidwell to dispose of his Bear stock, as casually as that the Big Red passed into the hands of perhaps the one man in Illinois who possessed both the will and the wherewithal to take the team to a championship.

A friendly man, "Blue-Shirt Charlie" Bidwell had a free-wheeling way with money, a life-long love of

sports, and a reasonable fanaticism toward football. Most of all he was a winner, and he was determined that his team would be the same. But it was several years before the Cardinals replaced the Bears in his heart. It was well known that he would have much preferred to buy the Bears but his friend George Halas refused to sell. Once the "hapless Cardinals," as they were usually known, nearly beat the Bears in a game that could have cost the Bruins a championship. In the dressing room afterward, Bidwell walked up to the Cardinal coach. "Whew!" he exclaimed. "That was too close for comfort!"

In 1935 the Cards seemed on their way. A 6-4-2 record tied them with the Bears in the standings. But high hopes for 1936 went down the drain when the team slipped to 3-8-1. By 1939, they could win only one game. Again and again, the Cardinals seemed headed in the right direction only to founder on a key injury, a disappointing deal, a flop draft choice.

One authentic star joined the team in 1939. Marshall "Biggy" Goldberg had twice been a consensus All-America at Pitt. Over the next few seasons he was virtually the only offense the Cards had. He was also generally regarded as the best defensive back in the NFL, a factor that was eventually to put an ironic cap on his career.

Bidwell had become discouraged by 1940. He made a try at buying the Detroit Lions, but when that fell through he redoubled his efforts to build the Big Red. One move was to hire Jimmy Conzelman as coach.

The NFL's version of the Renaissance Man, Conzelman had been a star halfback, team owner, championship coach (with Providence in 1928), and all-around good guy since the league opened twenty years before. In addition, he was an actor, lecturer, minor league baseball player and manager, editor, piano and ukelele player, middleweight champion at Great Lakes during World War I, and syndicated columnist. He also wrote songs. Prior to the 1942 season, he penned a ditty called "It's in the Cards to Win." It should have been a blues. For all his accomplishments, Jimmy was no soothsayer. The Cards continued to lose, and Conzelman quit as coach to go into the front office of baseball's St. Louis Browns.

Undoubtedly, the low point came in 1944. Because so many players were in the service, the Cardinals combined with Pittsburgh for the season. Card-Pitt was quickly changed to the "Carpets" as they lost ten straight.

All those low finishes meant high draft choices. In 1945, those players began drifting back from the war. Phil Handler, the slow-talking Texan who had taken over when Conzelman left, installed the T-formation, with former Missouri tailback Paul Christman at the throttle. Christman was a volatile, high-strung leader and an excellent passer. Ironically, he had failed a baseball tryout because of a weak throwing arm, a malady that never seemed to bother him on a football field. After a season of getting used to the T, he was being compared by some with the Bears' great Sid Luckman.

In 1946, Conzelman returned as coach. Joining Christman and Goldberg in the backfield were Pat

Harder, a hard-charging fullback, and unheralded Elmer Angsman who had gone unnoticed at Notre Dame but quickly developed into one of the NFL's premier runners.

The line had plenty of depth and included three of the best the Cardinals ever had. Guard Buster Ramsey became a consistent All-Pro. Tackle Stan Mauldin was so good that a rival coach once showed his team an hour's film of Mauldin in action so that they could view perfect tackle-play. Fellow Texan Mal Kutner was a breakaway pass catcher who doubled as a defensive back.

Despite the talent on hand, the '46 Cardinals were inconsistent, winning and losing on alternate weekends. They set a team record for fumbles. It took a 35-28 victory in the finale against the Bears to give them only their second winning season since Bidwell had bought the team.

The Cards remained in the red. Bidwell had spent lavishly, and to add to the problems they were faced with a new rival in Chicago in addition to the Bears. The Rockets, the new All-America Football Conference team, never got their share of Chicago fans. But, as they fizzled along through four years, they lured enough folks away from Cardinal games to be annoying. "Blue-Shirt Charlie" was less than fond of the AAFC.

Early in 1947 he got a chance to twit the rival league. The Cardinals had drafted Georgia's All-America halfback Charley Trippi. He and Bidwell were friendly, "Blue-Shirt Charlie" having previously handled some legal work for the star. The AAFC's New York Yankees had also drafted Trippi and made him a better offer than the Cards, but he had decided to sign with Chicago. However, on Bidwell's urging, he announced that he was heading for New York to discuss his future. That made headlines in the Big Apple. On the day the Yankees made preparation to welcome Trippi, he was signing a three-year contract for a reported \$100,000 to play with the Cardinals.

As Vice President Ray Bennisgen handed Trippi a pen, Bidwell asked, "Aren't you going to have your lawyer look at the contract?"

"You are my lawyer," Trippi replied.

Bidwell shot back, "I'll have to have a retainer."

Trippi was the capstone to what was quickly labeled "The Dream Backfield." Christman, Trippi, Goldberg, and Harder had all been legitimate All-Americans in college. But, before the season began, a substitution was made. Conzelman asked Marshall Goldberg to become a defensive back and leave the running to Angsman. After his years of labor with second rate Cardinal teams, to forgo the pleasure of working behind the powerhouse line the Big Red possessed in '47, had to be a great personal sacrifice for Goldberg. But he didn't hesitate. Cardinal victories were more important to Goldberg than making personal headlines. It was only because the wire services had not yet begun naming both offensive and defensive teams that Biggy Goldberg was denied All-League recognition in 1947. One critic called him the most valuable "member" of the Dream Backfield because he got the other four the ball.

The substitution of Angsman made for an odd coin-

cidence. Christman wore uniform number 44, Trippi number 62, Harder 34, and Angsman seven. Added together, the numbers totalled 147, or, as Cardinal fans proclaimed hopefully, number one (in) '47.

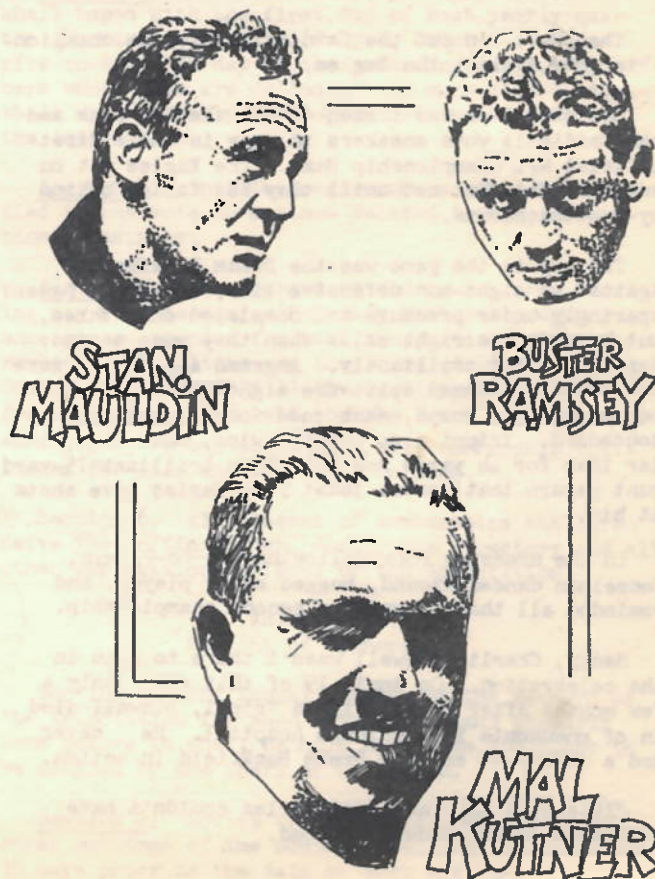
With Christman throwing and the others running, the attack sprung for 45 points in the opener against Detroit and then topped the Bears, 31-7, in the second game.

After a third straight win, the Cards went sour in Los Angeles as the Rams dumped them, 27-7. A more tragic incident occurred a few days later. Rookie halfback Jeff Burkett, at the time leading the NFL in punting, underwent an emergency appendectomy in Los Angeles which kept him from returning to Chicago with the team. A few days later, while he was returning by a commercial flight, the plane crashed and Burkett was killed.

The team recovered to win four straight before Sammy Baugh and his Washington Redskins outscored them, 45-21. The loss left the Cards and Bears tied for first in the NFL's Western Division.

On Thanksgiving Day, the Bears won in Detroit. The following Sunday, the Giants, headed for last place in the East, upset the Big Red at New York, 35-31.

The Cardinals were a game behind the Bears with only two games left. Those two scheduled encounters were with the powerful Philadelphia Eagles and a return match against the Bears, both in the rivals' ballparks. It was beginning to look like still another year of frustration for the Cards.



But at Philadelphia, the Cards exploded for a 45-21 win, while the Bears lost at Wrigley Field to the Los Angeles Rams. The Western Division title came down to the final between the Cards and the Bears.

Conzelman thought he'd spotted a flaw in the Bear defense. He'd noticed that Bruin defensive back Mike Holovak invariably covered the opponent's right end on pass plays. This, Conzelman reasoned, would lay Holovak open to a quick pass to the right halfback coming out of the backfield. The problem for the Cardinal coach was to find the "right" right halfback. Because of poor eyesight, Angsman was seldom used as a pass receiver. Goldberg lacked the necessary speed. Finally, Conzelman settled on seldom-used scatback Babe Dimancheff.

But Dimancheff hadn't lined up at right halfback all season. Moreover, he was unable to practice all week because he was keeping a 24-hour "stork watch" at the hospital where his wife was expecting.

Happily, the baby girl was born in time to allow Babe to get to the game on Sunday. The Bears kicked off into the end zone and the ball was brought out to the twenty. Conzelman called for the pass play immediately. For the first time in 1947, Dimancheff lined up at right halfback.

The ball was snapped and Holovak as expected followed the right end to the sideline. Dimancheff streaked into the vacated spot as Christman lofted him the ball. Babe took it at the midfield stripe and didn't stop until he was in the end zone.

The Bears never recovered.

The 30-21 win put the Cardinals into the championship game against the Eagles.

Comiskey Park was frozen into a skating rink and the Cardinals wore sneakers to play in their first official NFL Championship Game. The Eagles put on sneakers too, but not until they had fallen behind by two touchdowns.

The key to the game was the Dream Backfield. Against an eight-man defensive line, Christman passed sparingly under pressure and completed only three, but he made the right calls when they were needed. Harder blocked brilliantly. Angsman and Trippi were the stars. Angsman split the eight-man Eagle line on two delayed traps, each good for 70 yards and a touchdown. Trippi also scored twice, once on a similar trap for 44 yards and once on a brilliant 75-yard punt return that saw at least five Eagles have shots at him.

In the dressing room following the 28-21 win, Conzelman danced around, hugged every player, and reminded all that it was his second championship.

Sadly, Charlie Bidwell wasn't there to join in the celebration. On April 19 of that year, only a few months after he had signed Trippi, Bidwell died in of pneumonia in a Chicago hospital. He never had a chance to see his Dream Backfield in action.

"It's just too bad that Charles couldn't have seen this," Mrs. Bidwell sobbed.

PAT HARDER

By Stan Grosshandler

The only time Pat Harder makes headlines today is when his officiating crew is involved in a controversial play. Plays such as Franco Harris' "Immaculate Reception" gain the 15-year veteran official notoriety he would rather not have.

A native of Milwaukee, Pat Harder gained All-America mention at Wisconsin where he played along with "Crazy Legs" Hirsch in the early 1940's. Their 1942 team beat a great Ohio State squad in one of the biggest upsets in Big Ten history. Pat then spent several seasons in the Marine Corps during World War II before he joined the Chicago Cards as a number one draft choice in 1946.

The following season, Charley Trippi joined the team and the Dream Backfield was complete. This high-scoring quartet led the Cards to two division and one league title.

"I have always felt that our coach, Jimmy Conzelman, never got the credit he so richly deserved," Pat recalls. "For example, he took backs who had never played the T-formation and made one of the highest scoring units in the post war era. He was a wonderful coach and a great innovator; he could really handle men. Jimmy was also a great psychologist and humorist who would constantly try to keep the team loose. Before one game, he gave us a concert on the piano of corny honky-tonk music.

"Paul Christman had been an All-America tailback at Missouri who Jimmy made into a quarterback. Paul was a dear friend of mine and reminded me very much of Bart Starr. He was a gentleman, unselfish, and most conservative. He carried out the game plan well.

"Trippi was also a singlewing tailback at Georgia and played left half, while Goldberg had played both tailback and fullback at Pitt, and I was a fullback. Goldberg was about at the end of his career and shared the right half position with Elmer Angsman. He was still very valuable on defense and we made great use of that.

"In Mal Kutner and Billy Dewell we had the ideal ends for our passing attack."

Playing with the Cards from 1946 through 1950 Harder led the NFL in scoring for three consecutive years, scoring over 100 points each time to set a record. He also set records for most extra points in one game and most extra points without a miss in a season. Besides being a devastating runner and superb place kicker, he was a vicious blocker. His encounter with Hall of Famer Len Ford will long be remembered by pro fans. Ford received a broken nose, a smashed mouth, bruises, lost three teeth, and was penalized 15 yards!

"I have always felt the '48 club that lost to the

Eagles in the snow was our best team. We had a year of experience behind us in playing together. We opened the season by beating the Eagles and lost only to the Bears in the second game. We did not lose again. However, we had to beat the Bears in the final game to gain the division title. We did this only to lose to the Eagles under adverse conditions when we fumbled deep in our territory. Actually, it was not all that cold. In fact, I have officiated colder games in Green Bay.

"There was a lot of tragedy on that Card squad. Before the '47 season opened, owner Charles Bidwell died. Then, during the season, we lost a rookie back, Jeff Burkett, in a plane crash. Finally, at the beginning of the '48 season, Stan Mauldin died of a heart attack in the locker room following a game. I vividly recall I was not aware of what happened to him until I heard it on my car radio as my wife and I drove home from the game. He was a truly great player, one of the best blocking tackles I have ever seen.

"The linemen on those clubs were not very famous — fellows like Ray Apolskis, Plato Andros, and Vince Banonis were good solid players. In Babe Dimancheff we had another good runner, a fine defensive back in Red Cochran and a good backup quarterback in Ray Mallouf.

"I rarely played defense. One day they put me in on defense. Ken Kavanaugh (Chicago Bear end) got behind me and the only way I could avert a TD was to trip him. After that, they rarely called on me to play on defense."

Although Harder was a great place kicker, he seldom booted field goals. "We did not practice kicking much in those days. It was the philosophy of the day that when you were deep in your opponent's territory you should get the ball over the goal line. We just did not think field goal."

While Pat had many memorable games, he particularly likes to mention that he was in four College All-Star games and the first Pro Bowl and was on the winning team every time.

After five seasons as a Card, he spent three more as a Detroit Lion. Buddy Parker, who had been an assistant coach with the Cards, was the head coach at Detroit and used to say he had coached the two best backfields in football, the Dream Backfield in Chicago and the Lion backfield of Bobby Layne, Bob Hoernschemeyer, Doak Walker, and Pat Harder.

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Stan Grosshandler has contributed to Pro! and Football Digest as well as The Coffin Corner.

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The Cardinals were the Rodney Dangerfield of the NFL. When they joined the league as charter members, they were known as the "Racine Cardinals" because they played at a ballpark at the corner of Normal and Racine in Chicago. Sure enough, the official historic minutes of the meeting list them as "Racine Cardinals, Wisconsin!"

PROPOSED BY-LAWS

The following proposed set of By-Laws for P.F.R.A. will be voted upon at the annual convention. Please read them carefully.

BY-LAWS

of the

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL RESEARCHERS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I Membership

Section 1. Membership in this Association shall be open to all individuals and organizations interested in the purposes of the Association and its activities, upon payment of dues fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Memberships shall be in the following classes:

Individual
Organizational
Honorary

Section 3. Annual memberships in the Association shall begin with the first day of each yearly quarter (January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1) and expire on the last day of the preceding month. Members whose dues are delinquent by more than 60 days shall automatically be dropped from membership in the Association.

Section 4. Institutional members shall be entitled to one vote on matters related to the Association's business.

Section 5. The members attending an annual meeting may vote to confer Honorary Membership upon someone recommended for such recognition by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors. Such person must fulfill the qualifications set forth for such membership by the Board of Directors. An Honorary Member shall have full membership privileges for life and shall pay no dues.

Section 6. All classes of memberships shall receive The Coffin Corner, membership directory and all other publications offered by the Association.

ARTICLE II Meeting of Members

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the members of the Association for such business as may properly come before it shall be held at a time and place to be decided by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Notice of the Annual Meeting and all other meetings of the members shall be mailed at least 30 days prior to the date of such meetings.

Section 3. Fifteen members in good standing of the Association shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the members of the Association.

Section 4. At all meetings, votes shall be cast by the members only of the Association present. There shall be no voting by proxy.

ARTICLE III Officers

Section 1. Eligibility. Only individual members in good standing may be eligible to hold office.

Section 2. Terms of Office. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for one year terms but may be re-elected for as many consecutive one-year terms as the membership shall vote.

Section 3. Vacancies. In case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall become the President for the unexpired term. In case of a vacancy in any of the other offices, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term.

Section 4. Duties.

A. The President shall:

1. Preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and all other meetings of the Association.
2. Represent the Association at all times unless another representative is designated by the President.
3. Prepare a brief annual report for presentation at the Annual Meeting.
4. Appoint all committees, including a Nominating, Publication, Finance, and Membership Committee.
5. Prepare a written agenda for all meetings.
6. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

B. The Vice-President shall:

1. Preside at all meetings at which the President is unable to be present.
2. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President, Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors.

C. The Secretary shall:

1. Send written notice of all meetings to appropriate members.
2. Record the minutes of all meetings.
3. Mail a copy of the minutes to each member of the Board of Directors within two weeks after the meeting.
4. Keep a permanent file of all meeting minutes, important correspondence and other properties of the Association.
5. Transfer the permanent file to the Secretary's successor within two months of election.
6. Prepare a written report for presentation at the Annual Meeting.
7. Perform other such duties as may be assigned by the President.

D. The Treasurer shall:

1. Be responsible for all receipts and disburse-

ments of the Association.

2. Maintain a checking account of Association funds in a bank in the Treasurer's home city.
3. Prepare financial statements for all meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and the Association, and at other times as required by the Board of Directors.
4. Notify members when dues are to be paid.
5. Prepare and present an annual budget for Executive Committee action.
6. Prepare a written report for presentation at the Annual Meeting.
7. Perform such other duties as may be required by the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Association's elected officers. Others needed for council may be invited to attend meetings of the Executive Committee but without voting privileges.

Section 2. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President or through the President or upon written request from any two Executive Committee members provided advance notice of such meetings is sent to all members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall transact the business of the Association between the meetings of the Board of Directors. Action taken by the Executive Committee is subject to review by the Board.

Section 4. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Executive Committee membership.

ARTICLE V Board of Directors

Section 1. Management of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of four officers of the Association, five standing committee chairmen and the Editor of The Coffin Corner.

Section 2. There shall be a minimum of one Board meeting per year, although a Board meeting may be called at any time upon the written request of any three Board members.

Section 3. A minimum of one month notice shall be given in writing for any Board meeting.

Section 4. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board membership.

Section 5. Representatives from other organizations, as deemed necessary or advisable, may be invited to attend Board meetings as ex-officio members.

ARTICLE VI Committees

Section 1. The President shall appoint the following standing committees, each of which shall consist of at least two members:

- A. Nominating
- B. Publication
- C. Finance

- D. Membership
- E. Future Planning

Section 2. Other committees may be appointed by the President as needed.

Section 3. Nominating Committee

- A. The Nominating Committee shall mail to all members a list of candidates for office at least a month prior to the Annual Meeting.
- B. Nominations may be made from the floor by members at the Annual Meeting, providing the nominee is a member in good standing and has cosented to serve if elected.

ARTICLE VII Association Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meeting

- A. Site and time to be recommended by the Board of Directors.
 - 1. Selected by the general membership at the Annual Business Meeting from written invitations submitted by Association members.
 - 2. Invitations shall be in writing, outlining the merits of the site to the Secretary at least 30 days before the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Annual Business Meeting

- A. The Business Meeting shall be held during the Annual Meeting.
- B. Purposes shall be to:
 - 1. Hear report of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Chairmen.
 - 2. Elect officers.
 - 3. Select the future Annual Meeting Site.
 - 4. Conduct other appropriate business.
- C. Only members in good standing may actively participate in the Business Meeting.

ARTICLE IX Amendments

Section 1. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the Secretary in writing.

Section 2. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those Board members present at a regular Board meeting, providing written notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all Board members at least 15 days before such meeting.

ARTICLE X Adoption

The By-Laws shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates present at the business meeting of the Professional Football Researchers Association in June, 1981.

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Additional proposals for amendments to the P.F.R.A. Constitution, By-Laws, etc. should be sent to the Corner by April 15.



Next month's issue of the Corner will include more details on our Annual Meeting. But, for right now, you should know that the site is to be Canton, and the dates will be June 26, 27 & 28 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).

In addition to electing officers, we have several other important issues to settle at the business meeting, but there will be plenty of fun, too.

We are hoping to see as many of you there as have just read this sentence.

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The Oorang Indian Media Guides are ready. Members may purchase them by writing to P.F.R.A./ 218 Wise St., N.E./ N. Canton, O. 44720. The price is \$1.50 plus 50 cents for postage.

Members should understand, however, that they contain, with only a very few modest additions, the same material that was published in the January Corner. We are offering them only for those who would like to see the material in this form.

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Incidentally, we are beginning to build up a sort of P.F.R.A. library. In addition to the media guides and back issues (\$1 each), the following may also be purchased through the same address:

Robert Wheeler's biography of Jim Thorpe, Pathway to Glory (\$1).

David "Carmudgeon" Shapiro's long look at rushing stats, The 135 Greatest Pro Running Backs (\$1).

The 1980 P.F.R.A. Annual (\$5).

Braunwart & Carroll's account of pro ball's origins, The Alphabet Wars (\$2).

Please include 50 cents postage when ordering.

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P.F.R.A. is happy to welcome three new members. They are Louis Biegler of Chicago, Elaine Irvine of Hamilton, Ontario, and Deborah Lotierzo of Mt. Laurel, N.J. We are happy to have you with us.

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A reminder that any use of the P.F.R.A. Membership list must be cleared by the president in writing.

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The most recent SAER (Society for American Baseball Research) Newsletter had a nice mention of P.F.R.A., pointing out that both organizations have a great number of members in common — two-sport fans, so to speak. P.F.R.A. members who are interested in joining this fine baseball organization should write to SAER/ P.O. Box 323/ Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326. Dues are \$15 per year.

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John Hogrogian writes that he has found several early All-NFL teams from the 1920's and 1930's and that he's still looking for more. Any members with information on this fascinating subject should drop John a line.

ABOUT PFRA:

The Professional Football Researchers Association was founded as a non-profit organization on June 22, 1979, at Canton, Ohio. The purpose of the association is to foster the study of professional football as a significant social and athletic institution. It further hopes to establish an accurate historical account of professional football and to disseminate research information.

Membership in P.F.R.A. is open to anyone with a sincere interest in the history of professional football or related subjects. Members receive: twelve issues of The Coffin Corner, the official newsletter of the P.F.R.A.; the opportunity to submit material to be considered for publication in the newsletter; an end of year Directory of Membership; a specially prepared association publication to be offered at the end of the year at a membership discount; and a P.F.R.A. Membership Card.

To join, write to P.F.R.A./ 218 Wise St., N.E./ N. Canton, O./ 44720.

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