



NOVEMBER - 1965

THANKSGIVING DAY FOOTBALL CLASSICS

3 GAMES EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR - STARTING AT 8:00 A. M.

PICTURES OF LEAGUE LEADERS



Jaguars



Wasps



Hawks

The 35th Annual Thanksgiving Day Football Classics of the Neighborhood Boys Club will be held at Paul Revere Park on Thursday morning, November 25th. Kick-offs for the first three games will be at 8:00 A.M. followed by three games every hour until the final whistle at noon.

Over the many years this has always been the day for brilliant performances. Championships will no doubt be decided in several of the leagues on that day and neighborhood rivalries will spark the spirit of play. Hundreds of boys will see action throughout the morning. Upsets usually mark the day as every team is putting forth a terrific effort regardless of their team standings. Last year the Spiders, who had lost 18 straight games, beat the Cougars 14 to 0. In another league the Pirates were the champions but the Wasps upset them with a terrific team effort of blocking, running and tackling to a tune of 20 to 0. These are some of the things that happen every Thanksgiving Day.

To add to the color, more than 50 girl cheerleaders, most of whom have brothers playing, will be on hand for every game. The Kadets Color Guard and Baton Twirlers, sponsored by the Irving-Kedzie Kiwanis, will perform for the eight and eleven o'clock games. The officiating will be handled by the Alumni of N.B.C., and of course the Dads will be serving refreshments to the players after games and help wherever needed.

So, to all of our readers, whether you have a boy in the Club or not, make it a point to come to Paul Revere Park for an hour on Thanksgiving and enjoy one of the finest sports spectacles of the year.



Bobcats



Pirates

JOE LENNERT PASSES AWAY

Joe Lennert, one of our board members for the past four years and a member of the Dads Club for more than 10 years, died on August 20th from a brain tumor.



JOE SINGS CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH DADS

During the years he was active in the Dads Club he proved to be a real leader. He coached one of our Little League teams and often was seen in the park helping a group of kids in various sports. Wherever there was work to be done Joe was always on deck. He worked hard at our carnivals, helped at the Track Meets, the Softball Classics, etc. One of the things he seemed to like best was serving refreshments to the kids at our Football Classics. With the dads he also worked on every fund drive. His sense of humor was terrific - even during his illness he never complained but always took an optimistic viewpoint. Yes, all of us who knew Joe, will really miss him; he always had a kind word for everyone, and the courage he displayed in the final months of his life will be a lasting inspiration and example for us not to complain when we are stricken with certain ailments.

May God grant unto him peace and preserve the happiness and good will that he showed as one of our neighbors.

CHOIR DIRECTOR URBAN IS DEAD

Mr. Casimer Urban, who directed the N. B.C. choir for the past twenty-three years, suffered a fatal heart attack in his print shop on Tuesday afternoon, October 26th.

Mr. Urban's biggest thrill in directing the choir was in 1949 when his group of boys, 120 strong, sang a half-hour program of Christmas Carols over WGN dedicated to the memory of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Buehler, parents of the founder of our Club, Robert Buehler.

In 1962 Cas Urban was forced to give up the choir because of ill health, but his urge to work among the boys was so great that he again took over the reigns in 1964.



N.B.C. suffered a great loss in his passing - in turn thousands of others will feel the same loss. He gave his time in numbers of thousands of hours; he helped in every phase of community work when needed. Men of this kind are needed in every community but they only come - one in a million.

For all the good work he did, he'll always be remembered at the Neighborhood Boys Club, and we pray that God will reward him for the time and effort he spent in trying to mould the character of thousands of boys to eventually become better men.

MR. JAKE NICKELS IS DEAD AT 75

On November 4th it was with deep sorrow that we heard about the death of Mr. Jake Nickels. He died from a heart that afternoon.



Mr. Nickels was the first president of our Board of Directors, and to this day was on our advisory staff. His interest and efforts, especially in the early years of N.B.C. were a big factor in establishing the Club on an organized and permanent basis. He was the type of man that a new organization like N.B.C. was fortunate to know - someone whom the Club could start to build around. He saw the necessity of organized fund raising if the Boys Club was to survive in the future. He started the Dads Club with this end in mind and then spearheaded the work of the dads in their first fund raising project. It was the publishing of a community directory which is still one of N.B.C.'s main sources of income. He was vitally interested in the activities of his two boys, Bill and Bob, and seldom missed a game when he had the opportunity of seeing them play. He was the type of dad that we'd like to see our boys grow up to be.

May we offer our sympathy to Mrs. Nickels, Bill and Bob, and may God grant unto him peace and happiness.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET ONLY 3 MONTHS AWAY

Now that our 35th anniversary is getting a little closer we're beginning to get the program all lined up. As stated before it'll be held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel on Saturday evening, February 12th. All of our readers are invited and will receive a reservation blank unless they are parents of boys in the Club or in the Alumni.

At this time we are happy to report that Jack Brickhouse of WGN will be the toastmaster. The invocation along with a few words about N.B.C. will be given by Bishop Wycislo, auxiliary bishop of Chicago and pastor of I.H.M. parish. General Manager Ed Short and Bill Skowron of the White Sox will be present as well as the Cubs' Ernie Banks.

At this time we're also awaiting a definite commitment from a few other stars, namely our own George Gobel, Mike Pyle of the Bears and several other big names in the Sports World.

A special issue of our Reporter will be mailed to you in January at which time we'll give you a complete report.

LIONS CLUB DONATES SCHOLARSHIP

At their recent Board Meeting, the Lions Club of Northcenter, donated a \$200.00 leader scholarship to N.B.C.

"We as a Club are very happy to be able in a small part to contribute to the fine work that you are doing with the youth of our area, and I am sure that with the help of the other organizations, you will be able to keep up the fine job that you have undertaken for our children."

Robert J. Koblenz, Pres.

WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT FOOTBALL CLASSICS

Nowhere in this football land, as has been the case for 31 previous years-- will there be as much stress on the sport Thanksgiving Day as at Paul Revere Park where the Neighborhood Boys Club is staging its 32nd annual football classic.

Warren Brown
Chicago American 1963.

Club Classics Dispel Myth of "Soft" Youths.

Robert Markus
Tribune, 1962

Busiest Gridiron in U.S.? -- HERE!
Sun Times, 1958

'Mitey' 600 Pour It on in Biggest
Thanksgiving Bowl! Players Small in
Size, Big at Heart.

An antidote for juvenile delinquency
was graphically demonstrated Thursday
at the 29th chapter of the N.B.C.'s
Thanksgiving Football Story was un-
ravelled in Paul Revere Park.

Henry Martin
Chicago Tribune '59.

During each one of the many games, play-
ers, dads, moms, and returning alumni
will be asked to stand at attention in
silent prayer for our late President,
John F. Kennedy.

Warren Brown
American - 1963

You think, perhaps, that Paul Giel,
Johnny Lattner, Alan Ameche and J. C.
Caroline are something? Wait until you
see such Maroons as Knapp, Del Favero,
Fritz and Logan.

Warren Brown
American - 1953

It seems to me that the N.B.C. young-
sters have played 255 games this season
and since the N.B.C. came into existence
in 1931 more than 5,000 games have gone
into the record.

If there is a better way to furnish an
outlet for the Younger Set's energy than
this, it hasn't come to my attention.

Warren Brown
American 1959

For many years since the splendid work
of N.B.C. for the small fry was first
called to my attention, I have been
happy to go into this annual disserta-
tion. It seems to me this is a most
effective means of keeping youth on the
right track to better citizenship. I
have no figures. Indeed, I wouldn't
know where to get them. But I suspect
that the proportion of N.B.C. Youngsters
who have gone on to become teen-age or
adult nuisances must be remarkably small,
by contrast with other areas, in which
the small fry are left to their own
street-corner and alley devices.

Warren Brown
American - 1958

Gym shoes and overalls may lack pro
touch but spirit is high in Neighborhood
Boys Club Thanksgiving Day Games at Paul
Revere Park.

Joe Kordick
Sun-Times, 1961

I have been on record for several years
endorsing it as one of the city's finest
examples of giving the small fry some-
thing to keep them healthy and happy and
out of mischief.

Warren Brown
American, 1957

Needless to say the kids who have been
participating in this fine outlet for ex-
cess spirits, haven't had time nor incli-
nation to become involved in any of those
other questionable activities which lately
have become a disgrace to some sections
of our town. ON THAT SCORE ALONE the N.
B.C. activity deserves acclaim from an en-
tire city.

Warren Brown
American, 1954

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