

# Columbus Grove's First Team

1924 1 - 9 - 0



Standing left to right - Coach William Turner, Nolan Heidlebaugh, William Core, Charles Killen, Emerson Seitz, Allan Luce, Loren Allen, Howard Kissell, Reese Turner, George Stody, Earl F. Smith - Faculty Manager. Sitting - Marion Stody, Guy Miller, Alfred Doty, Howard Humphreys, Plummer Teegardin, Edgar Begg, Paul Williams, Robert Gettman, Paul Stump, Paul Morris, Harmon Lentz and Carl Nichols.

Columbus Grove has added a new sport to its high school activities. Football, and for the first year, had a very successful season. Our boys gained their knowledge from Coach Bill Turner. He was very good and considering the green material he had to work on did extremely well. The boys were full of pep and willing to learn and this sort of combination is hard to keep down.

Our first high school football game was with the strong Pandora eleven. They had lost but one game last season so we did not expect to be able to do much. The Grove fought every minute against odds of inexperience. Luce's passing and punting was the feature of the game. Kissell and Teegardin gave promise of strong line men. We lost 50-0.

The team showed marked improvement when they met Continental on their field the following week. We lost 20-0. Core shone in this encounter. Kissell, Teegardin and Luce were outstanding combatants again.

The win over the Lima Central reserves presented our season's first win. The game was full of thrills. Turner made some good gains. Luce ran 65 yards for his team's first touchdown of the season after intercepting a pass. Lentz won the game when he kicked for the extra point. The game was ours 7-6.

At Leipsic we met one of the strongest football teams in the county. We surprised them and played them on even terms in the first half. The second half experience told and we could not meet them half way. The first half Luce kicked from the field for three points. Turner made a 50 yard run. Begg and Heidlebaugh showed form on the line. Williams and Gettman filled their positions manfully. Seitz also starred. The final score was 40-3.

Alfred Doty and Charles Killen appeared in the line up for the Rawson game. Killen scored on an eight yard plunge the first few minutes of play. Doty showed speed as an end. Stump, Humphreys and Stody were also men of the hour in this fracas. Luce was out this game on account of injuries. We lost 6-13.

This game with Pandora was void of color as we lost 27-0. That was better than our previous defeat with them 50-0. Allen, Killen, Teegardin, Miller and Doty gave good accounts of themselves.

While we were unable to score, we held Continental to two touchdowns. Luce's punting was a feature of this contest. The entire eleven played heads up all the way through. Turner starred in the back field and Teegardin and Kissell on the line. The final score was 0-12.

With a patched eleven we went to Hogate. Here Doty made a 45 run which netted his team a touchdown. Seitz passed to Doty when the latter sped to countable territory. We played hard but lost 57-0 to a greatly seasoned group of pig skin engineers.

It was no disgrace to lose to a team of this caliber. Odds were against the inexperienced 11. It was the first game of the season that was greeted by a rainy day. Mt. Cory won 57-0 but the game was later forfeited to us, 1-0.

The final game of the season came on Thanksgiving Day when our neighbor Pandora came here. Doty caught three passes from difficult angles. Allen played his best game of the season on this holiday. Williams was at his best and Seitz ran back punts for good gains. Though we got it where the turkey got the ax, it was only to a 24-0 fashion.

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Coach William Turner					
CG	Opponents		CG	Opponents	
0	Pandora	62	0	Pandora	27
0	Continental	20	0	Continental	12
7	Lima Central JVs	6	0	Hogate	57
3	Leipsic	40	0	Mt. Cory	57
6	Rawson	13	0	Pandora	32