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TOUCHDOWN CLUB OF COLUMBUS AWARD

FOR

"DISTINCTION IN ATHLETICS AND IN POLITICS"

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1974

COLUMBUS, OHIO

School up North

Letter August 30

IT IS AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE WITH THE COLUMBUS TOUCHDOWN CLUB AND TO RECEIVE THIS SPECIAL AWARD. LITTLE DID I SUSPECT WHEN I GRADUATED FROM MICHIGAN BACK IN 1935 THAT I WOULD STILL BE GETTING FOOTBALL AWARDS 39 YEARS LATER,

Congrat Ohio State Wooty Hoops

especially in Columbus, Ohio, as a graduate from that "School-up North."

Telephone call - P.M.S.



Last time I was in Columbus for any athletic related ACTIVITY was Nov. 1934 when Ozzie Schmidt's Buckeyes beat Michigan 35 to 0. 1st 2 years / we were a little better - Sam Williams

OF COURSE, IF YOU HAD GIVEN THIS
AWARD TO ME BACK IN 1935, IT MIGHT HAVE
BEEN TOO MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT. IT MIGHT

HAVE PERSUADED ME TO KEEP ON PLAYING. *for either
the Detroit Lions or Green Bay Packers who were hard-up for
rookie lineman*

AND WHO KNOWS? // IF I HAD GONE INTO
PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL, THE NAME JERRY FORD
MIGHT BE A HOUSEHOLD WORD TODAY.



BUT, INSTEAD, I HAD TO FIND A
DIFFERENT WAY TO MAKE A LIVING. I LOOKED
AROUND FOR SOMETHING THAT WAS A LITTLE
LESS RISKY -- A LITTLE MORE SECURE.
I CHOSE POLITICS.

IF I HAD KNOWN THEN WHAT I KNOW NOW,
I MIGHT HAVE STUCK WITH FOOTBALL.



Change - Telephone - President

AND YET, LOOKING BACK ON 25 YEARS
IN PUBLIC LIFE, WHAT AMAZES ME MOST IS
NOT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SPORTS AND
POLITICS, BUT THE SIMILARITIES.

IN BOTH FIELDS, YOU NEED THE SAME
QUALITIES TO SURVIVE AND TO SUCCEED --
STAMINA, LOYALTY, DISCIPLINE, TEAMWORK
AND MOST OF ALL, A TRUE LOVE OF THE GAME.

*I don't approve of reluctant, difficult
& lazy candidates in political arena*



*Now, do I approve of reluctant,
difficult + lazy football
players.*

*They never win in either
League.*

IN FACT, I BELIEVE THE FOOTBALL FIELD
CAN BE ONE OF THE BEST TRAINING GROUNDS FOR
PUBLIC LIFE, PROVIDED THE INDIVIDUAL MAKES
THE RIGHT USE OF HIS EXPERIENCES ~~THERE~~.
THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE FOR A POLITICAL
LEADER TO LEARN THE MEANING OF SPORTSMANSHIP
AND HONEST, WHOLEHEARTED, GOOD-HUMORED
COMPETITION THAN ON THE PLAYING FIELD --
OR EVEN ON THE BENCH.



AND I HOPE THAT SOME OF YOU YOUNGER FELLOWS RECEIVING AWARDS HERE TONIGHT WILL BE ABLE TO PUT THAT SAME SPIRIT TO WORK IN PUBLIC SERVICE LONG AFTER YOU HANG UP YOUR UNIFORMS FOR THE LAST TIME.

I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT AS LONG AS I ~~CAN~~ REMEMBER THE LESSONS I LEARNED ON THE PLAYING FIELD, THEY WILL HELP ME TO LIVE A BETTER LIFE OFF THE FIELD, AND I'M SURE THAT THE SAME ^{is true for others} ~~THING IS TRUE FOR EVERYONE OF YOU HERE.~~

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SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS FINE
AWARD. BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THANK YOU
FOR PAYING TRIBUTE TO A GREAT GAME, A GREAT
AMERICAN INSTITUTION, AND THE WONDERFUL
SPIRIT OF TEAMWORK AND SPORTSMANSHIP FOR
WHICH IT STANDS.



REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD
UPON RECEIVING A TOUCHDOWN CLUB OF COLUMBUS AWARD
FOR "DISTINCTION IN ATHLETICS AND IN POLITICS"
COLUMBUS, OHIO
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1974

FOR RELEASE AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY

It is an honor and a pleasure for me to be here with the Columbus Touchdown Club and to receive this special award. Little did I suspect when I graduated from Michigan back in 1935 that I would still be getting football awards 39 years later.

Of course, if you had given this award to me back in 1935, it might have been too much encouragement. It might have persuaded me to keep on playing.

And who knows? If I had gone into professional football, the name Jerry Ford might be a household word today.

But, instead, I had to find a different way to make a living. I looked around for something that was a little less risky -- a little more secure. I chose politics.

If I had known then what I know now, I might have stuck with football.

And yet, looking back on 25 years in public life, what amazes me most is not the differences between sports and politics, but the similarities.

In both fields, you need the same qualities to survive and to succeed -- stamina, loyalty, discipline, teamwork and most of all, a true love of the game.

In fact, I believe the football field can be one of the best training grounds for public life, provided the individual makes the right use of his experiences there. There is no better place for a political leader to learn the meaning of sportsmanship and honest, wholehearted, good-humored competition than on the playing field -- or even on the bench.

And I hope that some of you younger fellows receiving awards here tonight will be able to put that same spirit to work in

(more)



public service long after you hang up your uniforms for the last time.

I firmly believe that as long as I can remember the lessons I learned on the playing field, they will help me to live a better life off the field, and I'm sure that the same thing is true for everyone of you here.

So thank you again for this fine award. But, more importantly, thank you for paying tribute to a great game, a great American institution, and the wonderful spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship for which it stands.

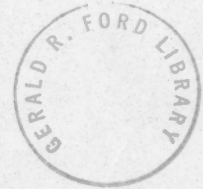
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INVITATIONS: JANUARY 25, 1974
evening

(Nicola, Sam)

December 26, 1973

Mr. Sam Nicola, Chairman
Touchdown Club of Columbus
Box 5726
Columbus, Ohio 43221



Dear Mr. Nicola,

This note is to confirm that I will be with you
on the evening of January 25, 1974.

To be the recipient of the All-Sports Award from
the Touchdown Club of Columbus is a true honor,
and I look forward with great pleasure to an
enjoyable evening with some Wolverines and others
interested in athletics.

Should anything not foreseen at present occur
necessitating a change in plans, you will be
notified immediately. However, I hope to be
in Columbus on January 25th.

With warm personal regards and best wishes for a
healthy and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford
ML:D

November 16, 1973

Mr. Sam Nicola
General Chairman
Touchdown Club of Columbus
Box 5726
Columbus, Ohio 43221

Dear Mr. Nicola:

Many thanks for your nice letter. I deeply appreciate your kind comments concerning my nomination for the office of Vice President.

I am still hoping that I will be able to be present to receive an All-Sports award from the Touchdown Club of Columbus; but as of now, I do not know what changes will have to be made in my schedule if and when I am confirmed. In the event that I cannot be with you, I will certainly try to let you know in sufficient time.


Thank you again for your kindness and warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M. C.

GRF:l

Jan 25
Write + confirm





ALL-SPORTS AWARD DINNER
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1974

The Touchdown Club of Columbus

THE ATHLETIC CLUB - COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

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Vice President-Designate,
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Washington, D.C. 20515.

Dear Mr. Ford:

We are all delighted about your appointment, which is most deserving, as a result of your long, distinguished service to our country.

Since your position has changed, we sincerely hope that you will still be able to be with us on January 25, 1974, Columbus, Ohio. You will be "at home" with our Masters of Ceremonies--Duffy Daugherty & Tom Harmon, plus Dennis Franklin, Dave Brown, and maybe another Wolverine or two.

Your appearance here at our Dinner will be the biggest plus in our 19 year history. Hoping you will be able to re-confirm your acceptance of September 7, 1973.

SAM NICOLA
General Chairman of Dinner

Sincerely,

Sam Nicola

614-488-2209

Sam Nicola, Chairman
Touchdown Club of Columbus.

N/eof

HON. JAMES A. RHODES
Olympic Representative

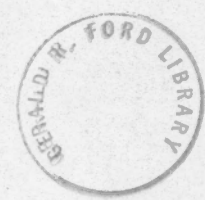
M.A. Box. 5726,
Columbus, Ohio. 43221.



Jan 25 '74

September 7, 1973

Mr. Sam Nicola
General Chairman
Touchdown Club of Columbus
Box 5726
Columbus, Ohio 43221



Dear Mr. Nicola:

Thank you for your most gracious letter of August 30th advising me that I have been selected to receive an All-Sports award, and inviting me to be present at your next dinner on January 25th in Columbus, Ohio.

I am very pleased and honored to be chosen to receive the award and naturally I am delighted to accept.

Thank you again and please express my appreciation to the other members of the Touchdown Club of Columbus.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M. C.

GRF:1



The Touchdown Club of Columbus

THE ATHLETIC CLUB - COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

ALL-SPORTS AWARD DINNER
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1974

August 30, 1973.

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General Chairman of Dinner

HON. JAMES A. RHODES
Olympic Representative

Hon. Gerald R. Ford, Jr.
230 Capitol,
Washington, D.C. 20515.

Dear Mr. Ford:

In preparing for our 19th Annual All-Sports Dinner, for the benefit of the United States Olympic Fund and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, your name is most prominent in our plans.

Since you distinguished yourself as Captain of the University of Michigan football team, and are giving your time and support to the National Football Hall of Fame & Foundation, we have voted you an Award of Distinction for your contribution to athletics. We wish to present you this Award at our next dinner, on January 25, 1974, Columbus, Ohio.

I am enclosing a program-brochure, which will reveal the high type athlete and gentleman we have honored in the past. The Wolverines almost out-number the Buckeyes in the number of honorees during the 18 years of our existence.

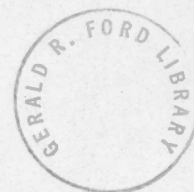
We pay First Class Air travel to and from Columbus, and have you as our guest during your visit here. I don't know how we managed to honor a Democrat once, Justice White, but we did.

I sincerely hope that you can be with us for our fine affair.

Sincerely,

Sam Nicola

N/eof



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HISTORY

1956 - 1972



Early in 1956, James A. Rhodes, then auditor of the state of Ohio and former governor, attended a sports award banquet in Buffalo. He proposed to Sam Nicola, then president of the Columbus Athletic Club, that a similar recognition affair be staged at the Athletic Club for the benefit of the U.S. Olympic Fund and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Nicola, a former track star, ran with the proposal, and within a few weeks the Touchdown Club of Columbus was a reality.

Actually, the name became a misnomer because the club honors standouts in all sports. The Touchdown Club's annual awards dinner generally is recognized as the best in the nation.

Nicola, known in Columbus as "Mr. Touchdown Club," has been general chairman of each of the awards events.

More than 500 of the nation's top sports personalities have been TD Club honorees.

All expenses are paid for each honored guest from the time he heads for Columbus until he arrives home.

A club member is designated as host for each honored guest, meets him at the airport, takes him to the headquarters hotel, entertains him during his stay, and takes him back to the airport the day after the banquet.

Sportscaster Mel Allen was master of ceremonies for the first 10 awards dinners. Since then Frank Gifford served one year, Jack Drees three, Pat Summerall one year, and Howard Cosell, Don Meredith two years.

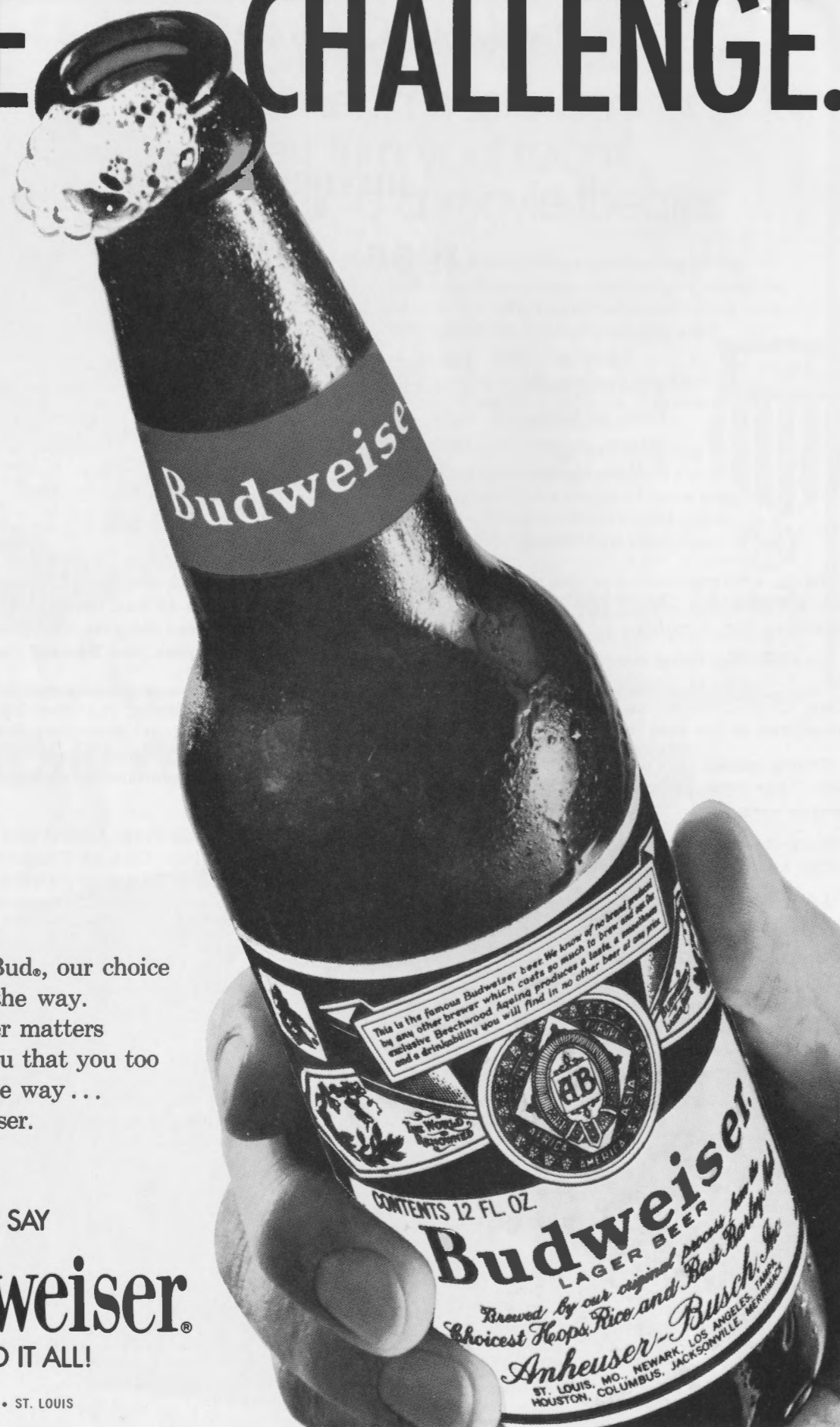
Arthur Daley of the New York Times is chairman of a National Selections Board of 22 members, representing every major sports section of the country, that determines the winners of the five top trophies.

Membership in the Club is limited to 350 members of the Athletic Club of Columbus, and attendance at the annual dinner is restricted to members and their guests — about 1000 persons — and selected news media representatives.

The late General Robert G. Tyler was chosen first president. He has been followed in office by Sam Nicola, J. A. Shuman, (deceased), William A. Wickes, Edward A. Heffernan (deceased), Charles A. Ebner, Dan J. Rohyans, Wayne E. Brown, Fred H. Myers, John J. Spittler, Edward A. Pellissier, Robert A. Daniels, Edward Burwell, John Reeks, Richard L. Smith, Bernard C. Nagel, and C. Richard Harbold.

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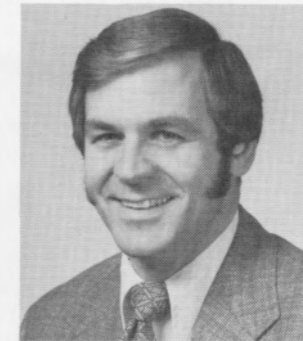
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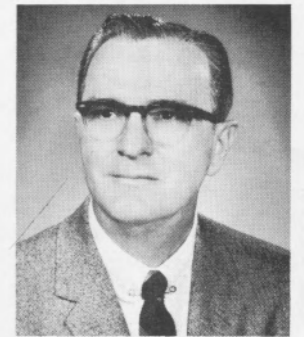
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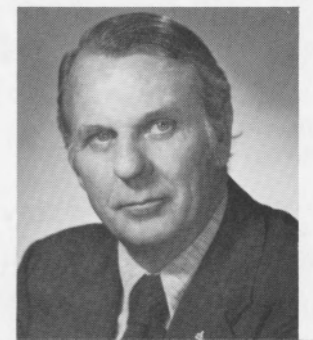
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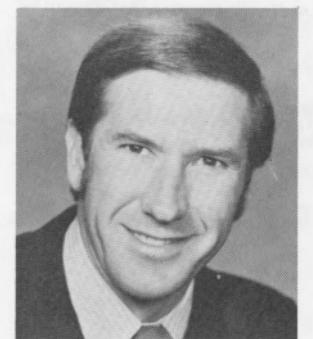
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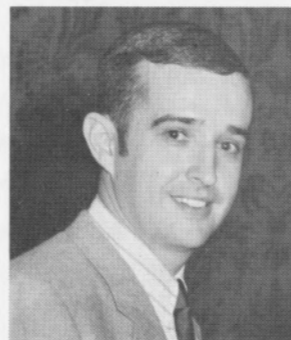
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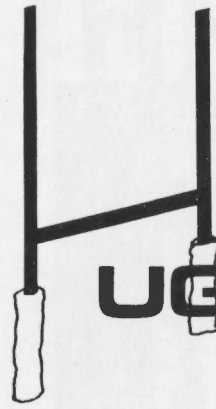
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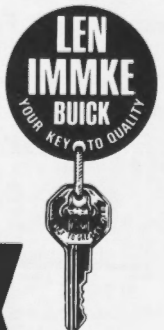
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FOOTBALL

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Randy Gradishar, Ohio State University

BEST PROFESSIONAL RUNNING BACK

Larry Csonka, Miami Dolphins

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TRACK

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Frank Shorter, Olympic Marathon
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WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

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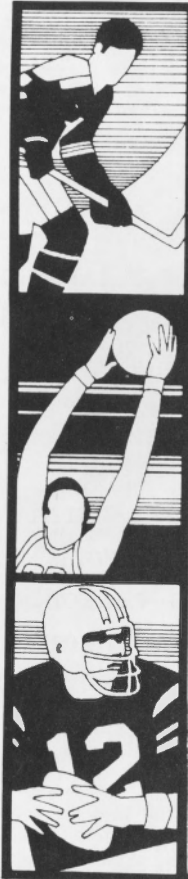
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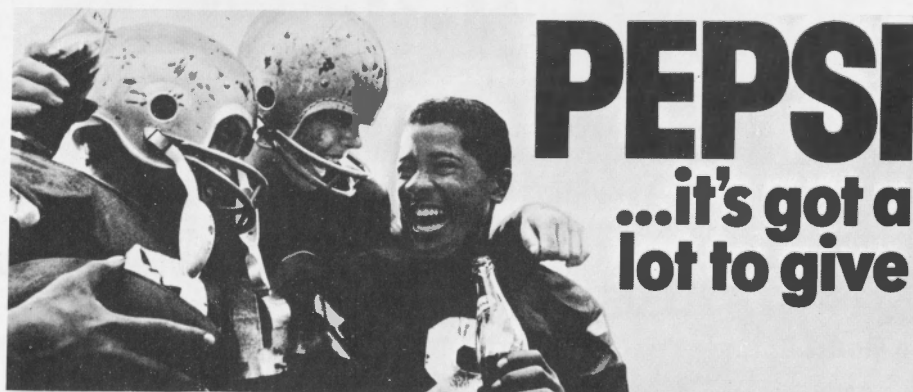


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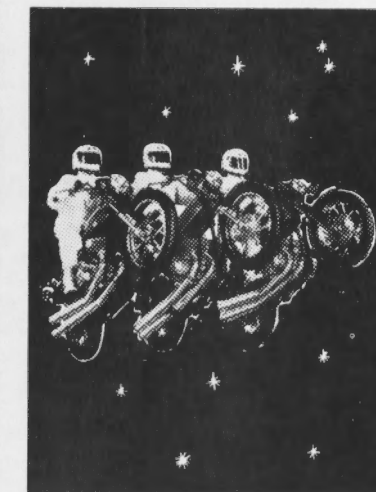
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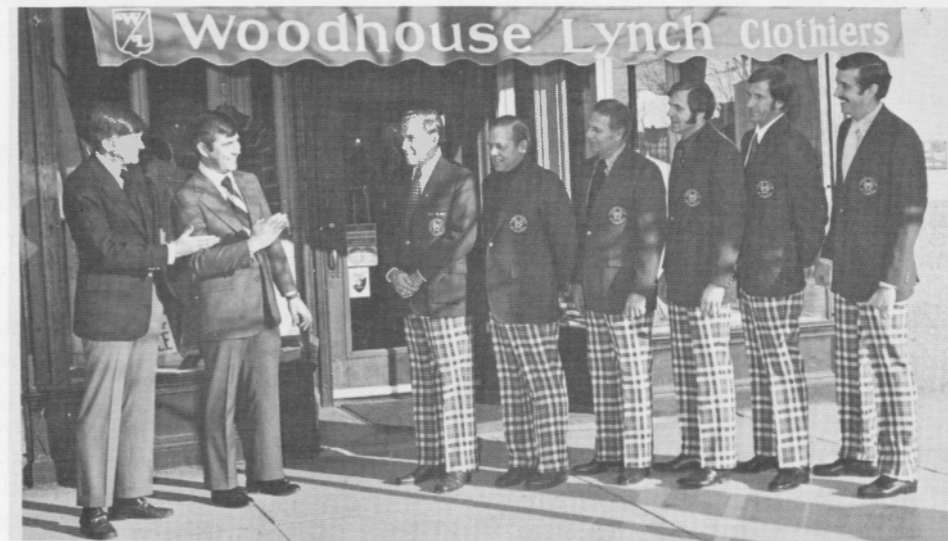
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The Touchdown Club cannot be described in any but glowing terms. We are extremely fortunate in that our efforts have met with great acceptance and success.

More than five hundred major sports figures have attended the Touchdown Club dinners to be honored for outstanding achievements in the field of athletics. Their comments and the response of the public has borne out our belief that such an endeavor can be fruitful for all concerned.

We have drawn upon outstanding men in all areas of the sports world, in our effort to promote both amateur and professional athletics for the benefit of the Olympic Fund and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In so doing, we have bestowed honors on the representatives of ninety-four colleges and universities, from 48 states and one foreign country.

Appropriately enough, though not by design, the Ohio State University heads the list of honorees with 25, followed by the University of Southern California, and the University of Michigan with 21, and the University of Notre Dame has received 20 citations.

As you know, the field of athletics is a rich one, but selection to be honored by the Touchdown Club is an honor which has been afforded to only the very best examples of personal effort, high standards, and athletic skill. The Touchdown Club has been the proud gathering place for 36 Olympic Gold Medal winners, 94 All-Americans and 32 members of the National Collegiate Hall of Fame. NCAA championship teams have represented basketball, baseball, swimming, tennis, track and golf.

On the professional side of the ledger, 25 of the 26 professional teams have been represented, including 32 All-Pro players and 18 members of the Professional Football Hall of Fame.

The field of athletic endeavor is broad, and the Touchdown Club's honorees reflect this diversity. Harness racing, auto racing and weightlifting and bowling have all come in for their rightful share of the spotlight through the Touchdown Club during its seventeen years of endeavor.

Of course, this is all in the past. The task now, and one to which I feel we are fully equal, is to gain even more in prominence and effort in the task of properly illuminating the type of athlete which we know to be deserving of our citations.

Sam Nicola, Chairman for:

TOM DLUSKY, President
Touchdown Club of Columbus, Ohio
December 15, 1972

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Jan. 25, 1974

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- only to Johnstown*
1. Phil Jones CBS-TV 296-1234 *REPLACED BY RICHARD H. ROY IN COLUMBUS*
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~~3. BRUCE HORTAL CBS~~
~~4. CHARLES FRANKS CBS~~
~~5. HARRY LEE CLARK CBS~~
~~6. Milton Jacques Pittsburgh, Post-Gazette 393-4580~~
~~7. Simmons Fentress TIME 293-4300~~
~~8. Gene Bernhardt UPI 393-3430 *Didn't show*~~
~~9. Jon Margolis Chigago Trib--OFF IN JOHNSTOWN 298-5959~~
~~10. Dave Kennerly, TIME 293-4300~~
~~11. Dennis Drack, Black Star Photo 280-2285~~
~~12. Tom DeFrank Newsweek 298-7880 DROP OFF AT COLUMBUS~~
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~~14. George Embrey Columbus Dispatch 347-3144 WILL NOT COME BACK TO WASH~~
~~15. Bill Zimmerman ABC 393-7700 ALL ABC WILL GET OFF AT JOHNSTOWN~~
~~16. David Newman ABC~~
~~17. George Romily ABC~~
~~18. Ken Blaylock ABC~~
~~19. Francis Peter ABC~~
~~20. Saul Friedman Detroit Free Press Knight Papers 638-2844~~
~~21. Maggie Hunter N. Y. Times 293-3100~~
~~22. Patrick Sloyan Hearst Newspapers 298-6920~~



THE COLUMBUS TOUCHDOWN CLUB
1974



<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SET</u>	<u>ASSOC.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1.	Ted Mullins	SW	WBNS-TV	<u>Spotlight</u> Ted Mullins lead to T. William Taylor for Invocation
2.	T. William Taylor	C	Columbus, Ohio	Mr. Taylor ask group to stand for Invocation
3.	T. William Taylor	C		Invocation
4.	T. William Taylor	C		Mr. Taylor ask group to remain standing for National Anthem
5.	Ballroom			National Anthem MUSIC:
6.	Ballroom			Meal
----- PROGRAM -----				
7.	Ted Mullins	SW	WBNS-TV	<u>Spotlight</u> Ted ask for attention and lead to Dick Broughton
8.	Dick Broughton	C	TD Club	Dick opening remarks and lead to Sam Nicola
9.	Sam Nicola	C	TD Club	Sam Nicola gives brief background on TD Club and bring us to #19 lead back to Dick Broughton
10.	Dick Broughton	C	TD Club	Dick introduce the Co-MC's Tom Harmon and Duffy Daugherty
11.	Tom Harmon Duffy Daugherty	C	Hosts	Opening remarks from both hosts and lead to the 1st. award.

NOTE: Tom and Duffy We will now present the awards.
To avoid confusion I will again start with
"Unit #1"

THE COLUMBUS TOUCHDOWN CLUB
1974



<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SET</u>	<u>ASSOC.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1.	David Humm	B	Nebraska	SLIDE: Award of Distinction FILM: Game Footage Tom Harmon presents award
2.	Chuck Foreman	A	Vikings	SLIDE: PRO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR Duffy Daugherty presents award
3.	John Treanbley	B	Tennessee	SLIDE: Swimmer of the Year FILM: In Action Tom Harmon presents award
4.	Tim Moore	A	Ohio State	SLIDE: Diver of the Year FILM: In Action Tom Harmon presents award
5.	Chris Taylor	B	Iowa State	SLIDE: Wrestler of the Year FILM: In Action Duffy Daugherty presents award
6.	John Hicks	A	Ohio State	SLIDE: Top College Offensive Lineman of the Year FILM: Game Footage Tom Harmon presents award
7.	Frank Pomerico	B	Notre Dame	SLIDE: Award of Distinction FILM: Game Footage Duffy Daugherty presents award
8.	Tom Clements	A	Notre Dame	SLIDE: Award of Distinction FILM: Game Footage Duffy Daugherty presents award
9.	Joe Schmidt	B	Lions	SLIDE: Pro Hall of Fame FILM: Harmon presents award
10.	John Cappelletti	A	Penn State	SLIDE: Harley Trophy FILM: Game Footage Duffy Daugherty presents award
11.	Lathrop Leishman	B	Rose Bowl	SLIDE: Rose Bowl 85th Year Tom Harmon presents award
12.	Ted Bell	A	Mooney High Youngstown, Ohio	SLIDE: James A. Rhodes Trophy FILM: Game Footage Duffy Daugherty presents award



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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SET</u>	<u>ASSOC.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
13.	Les Horvath	B	Ohio State	SLIDE: College Hall of Fame FILM: Game Footage (1942) Tom Harmon presents award
14.	Cecil Isbell	A	Purdue	SLIDE: College Hall of Fame FILM: Game Footage (G. Bay) Tom Harmon presents award
15.	Joe O'Brien	B	USTA	SLIDE: Horseman of the Year FILM: Brown Jug Duffy Daugherty presents award
16.	O.J. Simpson	A	Bills	SLIDE: Lombardi Trophy FILM: Game Footage (2000 yds.) Tom Harmon presents award
17.	Anthony Dorsett	B	Pittsburgh	SLIDE: College Freshman Duffy Daugherty presents award
18.	Randy Rhino	A	Georgia Tech.	SLIDE: College Defensive Back of the Year FILM: Game Footage Tom Harmon presents award
19.	Craig Stadler	B	U.S.C.	SLIDE: Amateur Golfer of Year Duffy Daugherty presents award
20.	Tom Weiskoff	A	Ohio State	SLIDE: Golfer of the Year Duffy Daugherty presents award
21.	Gerald R. Ford	B	University of Michigan	SLIDE: Award of Distinction Tom Harmon presents award
22.	Lucious Selmon	A	Oklahoma	SLIDE: Top Middle Guard Duffy Daugherty
23.	Randy Gradishar	B	Ohio State	SLIDE: College Linebacker of Year Tom Harmon presents award
24.	Lynn Swann	A	U.S.C.	SLIDE: College Top Wide Receiver Tom Harmon presents award
25.	Robert Zuppke Award Wade Walker	B	Oklahoma	SLIDE: Robert Zuppke Award Duffy Daugherty presents award
26.	William MacPhail	A	CBS Sports	SLIDE: Award of Distinction Tom Harmon presents award



<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SET</u>	<u>ASSOC.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
27.	Reggie Jackson	B	Oakland	SLIDE: John W. Galbreath Trophy Duffy Daugherty presents award
28.	Ed Weaver	A	Ohio State	SLIDE: Athletic Director of Distinction Tom Harmon presents award
29.	Chuck Bednarik	B	Eagles	SLIDE: College & Pro Halls of Fame Duffy Daugherty presents award
30.	Joe Stydakar	A	U. of West Va. Bears	SLIDE: College & Pro Halls of Fame Duffy Daugherty presents award
31.	Charley Trippi	B	College/ U. of Ga. Cardinals	SLIDE: College & Pro Halls of Fame Tom Harmon presents award
32.	Archie Griffin	A	Ohio State	SLIDE: College Back of the Year Tom Harmon presents award
33.	Condredge Holloway	B	Tennessee	SLIDE: Award of Distinction SLIDE Duffy Daugherty presents award
34.	Gary Rutledge	A	Alabama	SLIDE: Award of Distinction Tom Harmon presents award
35.	Wayne Wheeler	B	Alabama	SLIDE: College Top Wide Receiver Tom Harmon presents award
36.	Jesse Freitas	A	San Diego State	SLIDE: Sammy Baugh Award Winner Duffy Daugherty presents award
37.	Rod Dedeaux	B	U.S.C.	SLIDE: College Baseball Coach of the Year Tom Harmon presents award
38.	John Dutton	A	Nebraska	SLIDE: Nebraska - College De- fensive of the Year Duffy Daugherty presents award
39.	David Gallagher	B	U. of Michigan	SLIDE: College Defensive Lineman of the Year Duffy Daugherty
40.	Mark Harmon	A	U.C.L.A.	SLIDE: Award of Distinction Tom Harmon presents award



<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SET</u>	<u>ASSOC.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
41.	Dan White	B	Arizona State	SLIDE: Award of Distinction Duffy Daugherty presents award
42.	David Maurer	A	Wittenberg U.	SLIDE: Coach NCAA Division Champs Tom Harmon presents award
43✓	Bill Wynn	B	U. of Texas	SLIDE: Top College Offensive Center Duffy Daugherty presents award
44.	David Jaynes	A	Kansas	SLIDE: Otto Graham Award Duffy Daugherty presents award
45.	Paul Warfield	B	Miami Dolphins	SLIDE: Award of Distinction Tom Harmon presents award

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TOUCHDOWN CLUB OF COLUMBUS
ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Friday, January 25, 1974

Columbus Sheraton
Columbus, Ohio

THE VICE PRESIDENT:

Attached at TAB A is your schedule. TAB B contains Award Recipients. TAB C lists the attendees at the Neil House Reception.

BACKGROUND

You have accepted the invitation of Mr. Sam Nicola, Chairman of the Touchdown Club of Columbus, to attend their annual awards banquet. This event has been held annually since 1956, and this year's tickets have been sold out for several weeks. Proceeds are forwarded to the U.S. Olympic Fund and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Dinner attendance will be 1,000 persons in business suit, or equivalent attire, appropriate. Mr. John F. Wolfe, President of the Columbus Dispatch, will act as your host while in Columbus.

AIRPORT ARRIVAL/PRESS CONFERENCE

It is important that the Convair arrives as close as possible to the 4:00 pm ETA at Columbus in view of the fact that the Press will be awaiting a Press Conference. Your arrival at the Port Columbus International Airport will not be open to the public. Shortly after having been met by a Welcoming Committee, you will proceed inside the General Aviation Building to attend the Press Conference.



TOUCHDOWN CLUB PRIVATE RECEPTION

Attendees at the Private Reception in the Touchdown Club Suite (2006) are as follows:

Whitey Broughton
James R. Lynch
C. Fred Lewis
David R. Mainwaring
Don Vorce
Thomas P. Dlusky
Les A. Bostic
Sam Nicola
Richard Smith
Tom Harmon
Duffy Daugherty

GENERAL RECEPTION

All of the dinner guests will be attending a reception prior to the banquet. The Mezzanine level is relatively small and ventilation is poor, so this gathering may prove to be uncomfortable. You may desire to remain in the private reception a bit longer in order to reduce the amount of time at the General Reception. The event planners, in fact, have suggested such.

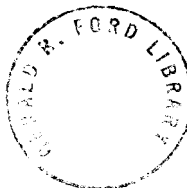
AWARDS BANQUET

There will be two head tables for the banquet, one at either side of the Grand Ballroom. The two-hour program is scheduled to principally consist of the presentation of awards, with film clips of each athlete preceding his award. Awards are presented and acceptances rendered from the middle of the room on an 18" high circular stand, which is six feet in diameter. You will receive a gold-plated coffee service set in conjunction with your Award of Distinction.

POST-BANQUET RECEPTION

After departing the banquet, you will proceed to the Neil House Hotel to attend a private reception, hosted by Mr. John Wolfe. This reception will be informal and will enable you to meet many of the business and community leaders from throughout the State of Ohio.


William Henkel, Jr.




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TAB
A



January 24, 1974
2:00 pm

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
SCHEDULE

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE AT THE
TOUCHDOWN CLUB OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Columbus, Ohio
Friday, January 25, 1974

Attire: Dark Business Suit

2:55 p.m. ARRIVE Johnstown Airport, Pennsylvania.
EDT

3:00 p.m. DEPART Johnstown via Convair en route
Columbus, Ohio.

[Flying time: 1 hour]

[No time change]

4:00 p.m. ARRIVE Port Columbus International Airport,
Advanceman: Columbus, Ohio. (614/236-5874)

Eric Rosenberger

You will be met by:

Congressman Samuel L. Devine [R-12th Dist]

Congressman Chalmers P. Wylie [R-15th Dist]

Mayor Tom Moody

Police Chief Earl Burden

Mr. John F. Wolfe, Host and Columbus
Dispatch Co. President

Mr. Whitey Broughton, Touchdown Club Pres.

CLOSED AIRPORT ARRIVAL
OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

4:05 p.m. Proceed to holding room inside General Aviation
Building with Welcoming Committee to await
positioning of press at Press Conference.

ARRIVE holding room.



4:15 pm

Proceed to Press Conference.

NOTE: Paul Miltich will introduce you at the Press Conference. Members of the Welcoming Committee will be escorted to seats to view the Press Conference.

Press Conference begins.

4:45 pm

Press Conference concludes.

DEPART Press Conference and proceed to motorcade for boarding.

4:50 pm

DEPART General Aviation Building via motorcade en route Columbus Sheraton-Hotel.

[Driving time: 25 minutes]

NOTE: Congressmen Devine and Wylie, and Mr. Broughton will accompany you in the motorcade. Mr. Wolfe will join you in your car.

5:15 pm

ARRIVE Columbus Sheraton-Hotel and proceed to Suite (Room 2015-16), escorted by Mr. Wolfe.

NOTE: Staff lounge is Room 2011. The Touchdown Club Suite (2006) is available to the Congressmen, as guests of Mr. Broughton.

5:20 pm

ARRIVE Suite (Room 2015-16). (614/224-0664)

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME - 1 HOUR

6:20 pm

DEPART Suite and proceed to Touchdown Club Suite escorted by Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Broughton.

ARRIVE Touchdown Club Suite (2006) and meet with board members and Masters of Ceremonies.

NOTE: Your host would like a group photo while in the Suite.



6:30 pm DEPART Touchdown Club Suite and proceed to general reception on the mezzanine.

NOTE: The other guests in the suite will accompany you to the reception.

6:35 pm ARRIVE General Reception and meet with guests.

[Attendees: 1,000]

7:15 pm DEPART Reception and proceed to Head Table assembly area. (614/224-3090)

NOTE: Approximately 50 award recipients will be forming for the head table entrance. This will provide an opportunity for you to meet with the honorees and have a group photo taken.

7:30 pm Announcement

7:30 pm DEPART assembly area and proceed to Head Table to be seated, accompanied by other Head Table guests - there are two Head Tables, one on either side of the room.

7:35 pm Invocation

7:37 pm National Anthem

7:40 pm Dinner begins

8:40 pm Dinner concludes

Program begins

9:40 pm Film Clip of the Vice President

9:41 pm Michigan Fight Song

9:42 pm Tom Harmon announces the Vice President's award.

9:44 pm Proceed from dais to Ballroom center to accept the Award of Distinction and the accompanying gold coffee service.



9:45 pm

Vice President remarks.

FULL PRESS COVERAGE

9:50 pm

Vice Presidential remarks conclude.

10:40 pm

Program concludes.

10:40 pm

DEPART Head Table escorted by Mr. Broughton en route motorcade for boarding. Mr. Wolfe will meet you at the door.

10:45 pm

DEPART Columbus Sheraton-Hotel via motorcade en route The Neil House Hotel.

[Driving time: 10 minutes]

NOTE: Congressmen Devine and Wylie will accompany you in the motorcade to the Neil House.

10:55 pm

ARRIVE Neil House and proceed to the President's Ballroom to attend private reception.

11:30 pm

DEPART Neil House via motorcade en route Port Columbus International Airport.

[Driving time: 25 minutes]

NOTE: Mr. Wolfe will escort you to your car.

11:55 pm

ARRIVE Airport and board Convair.

12:00 Midnight
January 26, 1974

DEPART Port Columbus International Airport via Convair en route Andrews AFB.

[Flying time: 1 hour, 25 minutes]
[No time change]

1:25 am

ARRIVE Andrews AFB.





TAB
B

AWARD RECIPIENTS
(not in order of presentations)

<u>Awarded Recipient</u>	<u>College or Town</u>	<u>Award</u>
Vice President Gerald R. Ford	Michigan	Award for Distinction in College Athletics & Politics.
Ted Bell	Moody High School Youngstown, Ohio	John A. Rhodes Trophy, Best Ohio High School Football Player.
John Cappelletti	Pennsylvania State	Chic Harley Trophy, Outstanding College Football Player.
Wade Walker	Athletic Director, University of Oklahoma	Robert Zuppke Trophy Best College Team playing the most de- manding schedule.
O. J. Simpson	Buffalo Bills	Vince Lombardi Troph Outstanding Player in National Football League.
Jesse Freitas	San Diego State	Sammy Baugh Trophy, Best College Passer.
Reggie Jackson	Oakland A's	John W. Galbreath Trophy, Professional Baseball Player of the Year.
David Jaynes	Kansas	Otto Graham Trophy, Most likely to succeed in Professional Foot- ball.
Anthony Dorsett	Pittsburg	Best College Freshma
Archie Griffin	Ohio State	Best College Running Back.
Randy Gradishar	Ohio State	Best College Line- backer.



<u>Awarded Recipient</u>	<u>College or Town</u>	<u>Award</u>
Randy Rhino	Georgia Tech	Best College Defensive Back.
Lucius Selmon	Oklahoma	Best College Middle Guard.
Wayne Wheeler	Alabama	Best College Wide Receiver.
John Dutton	Nebraska	Best College Defensive Lineman
David Gallagher	Michigan	Best College Defensive Lineman.
John Hecks	Ohio State	Best College Offensive Lineman.
Bill Wymann	University of Texas	Best College Offensive Lineman.
Frank Pomerico	Notre Dame	Best Offensive Guard.
Tom Clements	Notre Dame	Outstanding College Quarterback.
Mark Harmon	U. C. L. A.	Outstanding College Quarterback.
Condredge Holloway	Tennessee	Outstanding College Quarterback.
Gary Rutledge	Alabama	Outstanding College Quarterback.
Danny White	Arizona State	Outstanding College Quarterback.
Chuck Foreman	Minnesota Vikings	Rookie of the Year - NFL.
Rod Dedeaux	U. S. C.	College Baseball Coach of the Year.



<u>Awarded Recipients</u>	<u>College or Town</u>	<u>Award</u>
David Maurer	Wittenberg	Small College Football Coach of the Year.
Tim Moore	Ohio State	NCAA Diving Champion.
Joseph O'Brien		Harness Racer of the Year.
Craig Stadler	USC	Amateur golfer of the Year.
Tom Weiskoph		Professional Golfer of the Year.
Chris Taylor	Iowa	College Wrestler of the Year.
Dr. Leslie Horvath	Ohio State	Member of College Hall of Fame.
Cecil Isbell	Purdue	Member of College Hall of Fame.
William MacPhail	V. P., C. B. S. Sports	Outstanding Contribution to Athletics through Television.
Joe Schmidt		Member of Professional Hall of Fame.
The Rose Bowl Committee		85th Anniversary Year.
Lathrop Leishman		
Charlie Trippi	Univ. of Georgia St. Louis Cardinals	National College Hall of Fame & National Professional Hall of Fame.
Joseph Stydahar	West Virginia Chicago Bears	National College Hall of Fame & National Professional Hall of Fame.



Awarded Recipient

Chuck Bednarik

College or Town

Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Eagles

Award

National College
Hall of Fame &
National Professional
Hall of Fame.

Duffy Daugherty
Tom Harmon

Masters of Ceremonies





TAB
C

January 22, 1974
3:30 p.m.

GUEST LIST

RECEPTION FOLLOWING TOUCHDOWN CLUB DINNER
THE NEIL HOUSE, PRESIDENTIAL BALLROOM

Columbus, Ohio
Friday, January 25, 1974

Congressman Sam Devine	R-Ohio
Congressman Chalmers Wylie	R-Ohio
Former Governor James A. Rhodes	Ohio
Mr. John F. Wolfe	Host - President, <u>The Columbus</u> <u>Dispatch</u>
The Honorable William Saxbe	U. S. Attorney General
Mr. Tom Moody	Mayor of Columbus
Mr. Woody Hayes	Football Coach, Ohio State University
Mr. J. Edgar Weaver	Athletic Director, Ohio State
Mr. Hugh Hindman	Association Athletic Director, Ohio St.
Mr. Earl L. Hamilton	Attorney
Mr. H. Chapman Rose	Attorney
Mr. Allen C. Holmes	Attorney
Mr. Samuel Randall	Attorney
Mr. Dahlton Kincaid	Attorney
Mr. John J. Chester	Attorney
Mr. Henry M. O'Neil	Businessman
Mr. Charles Lazarus	Chairman of the Board, Lazarus Department Stores
Mr. C. William O'Neil	Chief Justice, Ohio Supreme Court
Mr. Dan W. Jeffers	Chairman of the Board, Nationwide Insurance Co.
Mr. John W. Galbreath	Business, Sports and Civic leader
Mr. John Fosness	President, Aircraft Division, Rockwell International
Mr. Maurice Partman	President, Columbus City Council
Mr. Ted W. Brown	Secretary of State, State of Ohio
Mr. John W. Brown	Lieutenant Governor, State of Ohio
Mr. Joseph P. Kinnery	Judge, U.S. District Court
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Mr. Richard Metcalf	Judge, Franklin County Probate Court
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Guest List

Reception Following Touchdown Club Dinner
Friday, January 25, 1974

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1973

MEMORANDUM TO: PAUL MILTICH
FROM: TERESA RHODES *JBR*
SUBJECT: COLUMBUS TOUCHDOWN CLUB DINNER



I am sending you all the information I have on the Touchdown Club Dinner which has been collected from the advance men, dinner chairman, and members of the T.D. Club. I certainly hope this will be helpful to you and the Vice President.

Best of luck for a successful event.

1. Athletic Club of Columbus founded 1915. It is a private men's athletic club.
2. In 1956, the Touchdown Club was founded by Sam Nicola and James Rhodes. It has 350 members. T.D. Club is an off shoot of the Athletic Club of Columbus. One has to be member of the Athletic Club before one can become a member of the TD Club.
3. T.D. Club has annual dinner and proceeds of dinner go to Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Olympic Fund, and other sports activities which Board votes on.
4. Approximately 35 awards are being given including Ford's. Awards will be given to college athletes, professional athletes, past athletes, Rose Bowl Committee, VP of CBS Sports, and Ford.
5. Ford's getting a special award that has never been given before. It was designed especially for him. Distinguished awards for Distinction in College Athletics and Distinction in Politics.
6. The Touchdown Club of Columbus claims to have largest sports awards dinner in the Nation.
7. Attending: Congressmar Chalmers Wylie; Congressman Devine, Attorney General Saxbe (?).
8. Held at Sheraton Columbus Hotel.
9. 1973 Football Season

Ohio State	56	Minnesota	7
"	36	Texas Christian	3
"	27	Washington St.	3
"	24	Wisconsin	0
"	37	Indiana	7
"	60	N. Western	0
"	30	Illinois	0
"	35	Michigan St.	0
"	55	Iowa	13
"	10	Michigan	10 * (Ford Alma Matar)
"	42	USC	21 (Rose Bowl)



University of Michigan

"	31	Iowa	7
"	47	Stanford	10
"	14	Navy	0
"	24	Oregon	0
"	31	Michigan St.	0
"	35	Wisconsin	6
"	34	Minnesota	7
"	49	Indiana	13
"	21	Illinois	6
"	34	Purdue	9
"	10	Ohio St.	10

(Big 10 Conference Members

Woody - Ohio State Coach

Shumbuckler - Michigan Coach)

10. The most difficult task in Columbus is to get tickets to Ohio State football games.

11. Woody Hayes runs a high discipline program. Great alumni support.

12. A fan of Michigan's sent Hayes a tie for Christmas.

13. Hayes in his 23 years at Ohio State, has never called Michigan by name. He always refers to it as that school up North.

14. Sam Nicola - the dinner chairman - was Woody Haye's roommate in college.

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD

UPON RECEIVING A TOUCHDOWN ~~CLUB~~ OF COLUMBUS AWARD

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, COLUMBUS TOUCHDOWN CLUB

It is an honor and a pleasure for me to be here with the Columbus Touchdown Club and to receive this special award. Little did I suspect when I graduated from Michigan back in 1935 that I would still be getting football awards 39 years later.

Of course, if you had given this award to me back in 1935, it might have been too much encouragement. It might have persuaded me to keep on playing.

And who knows? If I had gone into professional football, the name

Jerry Ford might be a household word today.

But, instead, I had to find a different way to make a living. I looked around for something that was a little less risky -- a little more secure.)

I chose politics.

If I had known then what I know now, I might have stuck with football.

And yet, looking back on 25 years in public life, what amazes me most is not the differences between sports and politics, but the similarities.





In both fields, you need the same qualities to survive and to succeed -- stamina, loyalty, discipline, teamwork and most of all, a true love of the game.

In fact, I believe the football field can be one of the best training grounds for public life, provided the individual makes the right use of his experiences there. There is no better place for a political leader to learn the meaning of sportsmanship and honest, wholehearted, good-humored competition than on the playing field -- or even on the bench.

Now, don't take me too literally on this. I don't mean to say that Joe Namath should be the next Supreme Court Justice or that Howard Cosell should be our next Ambassador to the United Nations. But I am thankful that, long before I became a Congressman or Vice President, I learned what it meant to give your all in pursuit of a goal in the arena of sports.

And I hope that some of you younger fellows receiving awards here tonight will be able to put that same spirit to work in public service long after you hang up your uniforms for the last time.

I firmly believe that as long as I can remember the lessons I learned on the playing field, they will help me to live a better life off the field, and I'm sure that the same thing is true for everyone of you here.

So thank you again for this fine award. But, more importantly, thank you for paying tribute to a great game, a great American institution, and the wonderful spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship for which it stands.

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