

Eagles Dominate 7th Annual All-Holt Team

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LARRY CHACE
O'Neill, Halfback

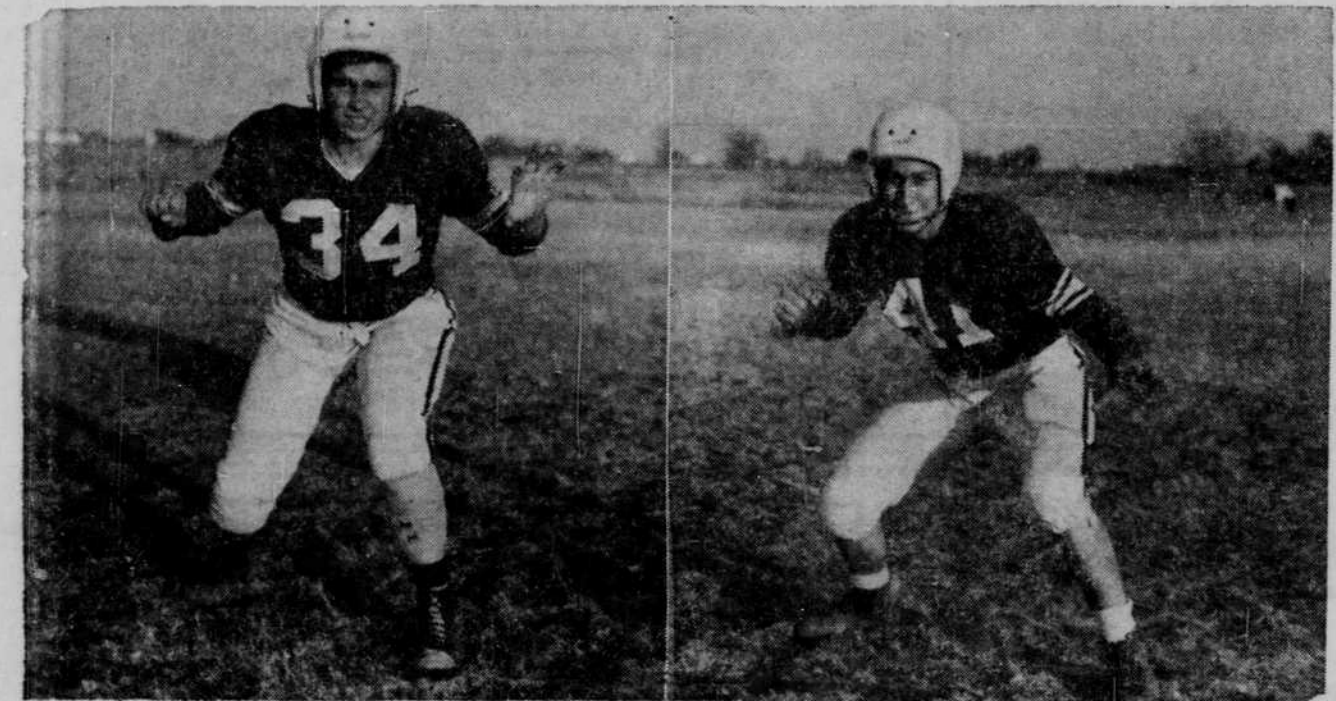
WARREN SEGER
O'Neill, End



Dennis Brewster
Stuart, Quarterback

Garry Shermer
Atkinson, Guard

Donald Wewel
Stuart, Tackle



DWAYNE DEVALL
O'Neill, Center

DUANE ALTON
O'Neill, Guard



RONALD HAAKE
Chambers
Halfback (at left)

DUANE BOOTH
O'Neill, Fullback



KEITH GIBSON
Ewing, End

LYLE DAVIS, O'Neill, Tackle

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THE FRONTIER'S 1953 MYTHICAL ALL-STAR GRID SELECTIONS

Player, School	Pos.	Gr.	Wt.	Hgt.
WARREN SEGER, O'Neill	End	Sr.	165	5'10"
KEITH GIBSON, Ewing	End	Jr.	185	5'11"
LYLE DAVIS, O'Neill	Tackle	Sr.	190	6'0"
DONALD WEWEL, Stuart	Tackle	Sr.	179	5'10"
DUANE ALTON, O'Neill	Guard	Jr.	164	5'11"
GARRY SHERMER, Atkinson	Guard	Sr.	150	5'7"
DWAYNE DEVALL, O'Neill	Center	Sr.	165	5'9"
DENNIS BREWSTER, Stuart	Quarterback	Sr.	150	5'10"
*RICHARD GRAHAM, St. Mary's	Halfback	Sr.	136	5'6"
LARRY CHACE, O'Neill	Halfback	Sr.	150	5'9"
*RONALD HAAKE, Chambers	Halfback	Sr.	175	5'10"
DUANE BOOTH, O'Neill	Fullback	Sr.	185	5'8"

*Represent six-man teams.

By a Staff Writer
The Frontier herewith presents its seventh annual all-Holt county team picked from gridgers from six high schools where football is played. Dream teams are fine and dandy but making the final selections can be likened to experiencing a rugged nightmare.

How would you like to be a prep coach and waken to find Warren Seger of O'Neill and Keith Gibson of Ewing for ends and Lyle Davis of O'Neill and Donald Wewel of Stuart ready for the tackle slots? You'd need a psychiatrist if you wouldn't welcome Duane Alton of O'Neill and Garry Shermer of Atkinson for guards and Dwayne Devall of O'Neill at center. To complete the make-believe picture, how about Dennis Brewster of Stuart at quarterback; Richard Graham of St. Mary's, Larry Chace of O'Neill, Ronald Haake of Chambers, halfbacks; Duane Booth of O'Neill, fullback.

There they are—the cream of Holt county's 1953 grid crop! O'Neill high school landed six berths on the 1953 mythical team—four of the Eagles being repeaters from last year's honor squad. The Stuart Broncos, who gathered momentum as the season moved along, placed two, while Ewing, Atkinson high, St. Mary's academy (O'Neill) and Chambers placed one each.

For the first time since The Frontier inaugurated the annual all-star selections seven years ago, a supernumerary (or 12th) player has been added. Thus, three halfbacks are listed instead of two because of intense competition for the halfback slots. Two

backs playing with six-man teams performed brilliantly during the season, but neither of the six-man teams (St. Mary's academy and Chambers) faced a Holt county foe, hence it was difficult for coaches to assess their ability.

The placing of the lads became rather complicated, but there are no apologies—no sir!

The Frontier's all-star teams are selected on the basis of ballots and recommendations from the coaches, superintendents and game officials.

Ten of the berths went to seniors and two to juniors. For the first time in several years no sophomores or freshmen are represented although O'Neill's Duane Alton, a repeater, made the team last year when a sophomore.

O'Neill's Seger, Stuart's Brewster and O'Neill's Booth were near-unanimous choices. Ewing's Gibson, a hardrunning back and the Tiger's high scorer during the just-ended season, was a unanimous backfield choice among the voters who saw him in action. Gibson, a junior, was given an end berth to make room in the backfield where competition was rough.

Gibson was considered versatile enough to make a good end, anyway. He belongs on the all-star team, no doubt about it, but for convenience he's listed as an end.

If it could be said competition was lacking anywhere, it would be one of the end spots. Seger of O'Neill has had one wing sewed up since last year, but balloting

for the other wing was scattered. Thus, moving Gibson into the post makes sense.

Stuart's big Wewel, who played in the backfield offensively and moved into a line position on defense, was given a tackle spot because he was a popular candidate for the team and room had to be made somewhere for him.

Picking mythical teams is no easy task, at best, but these 12 boys being presented in The Frontier's 1953 all-star edition would cheer any coach's heart in a north-Nebraska prep circles. All the requisites of a topflight prep football team are wrapped up in these 12 boys. There's offensive power, speed, blocking, passing and kicking ability; defensively, these selectees can account well for themselves on any high school gridiron in these parts.

A berth on the team is accompanied by publicity in The Frontier and on the "Voice of the Frontier" radio program, and is a coveted honor in the various schools.

SEGER—Here's a boy who, if he continues to improve and grow, will be a welcomed addition to a university's grid camp.

Seger is a hard charger, good tackler, always was an offensive threat because of his ability to break clear and catch passes in the enemy's secondary. He could be depended upon to get downfield right now when the Eagles were obliged to punt and he caught the eye of all opposing coaches and players alike. Seger also excels in track as a distance runner. He is a repeat selection, one of the best college prospects in north-Nebraska.

GIBSON—An 185-pound bruiser, a junior, Gibson was Ewing's sparkplug throughout the season. He's a natural back but for reasons explained above he is placed at a wing position. Gibson scored four touchdowns for the Tigers during their just-so season while playing at fullback. He was a good, consistent blocker and earned respect from Ewing opponents even when the Tigers were absorbing a licking.

DAVIS—Another repeater, Davis for the second straight season was a mainstay in the O'Neill

line. He stood out best, perhaps, defensively, and enjoyed a full share of the credit for O'Neill's unbeaten season in 1952 and the Eagle's 1953 season, which included five wins, two ties and one defeat. Hard, bruising tackler.

WEWEL—A back on offense and a lineman on defense, Wewel was a durable, tough competitor for the Stuart team, which started slow after dismal play during recent seasons. Big, powerful, he consistently broke through to stop opponents' plays before they got underway and was a crisp blocker.

ALTON—Another repeater. Again this season he played his heart out for the Eagles, tackled well, charged hard and was a good morale factor for the team. He has another season of competition.

SHERMER—A modest 150-pounder for the tough guard position, Shermer was a dependable, consistent player and served as captain for the green Atkinson Balers who had an unimpressive season. Shermer was pressed for the position by his own teammate, Jack Osborne, and also by Robert Hoffman of Stuart.

DEVALL—A dependable snapper, Devall blossomed as a senior, never delivered a bad pass from center, upheld the center of the O'Neill line very well and could be depended upon to help clear avenues for Booth's payoff plunges. Jim Tangeman of Chambers, Joseph Obermire of Stuart and Mike London of St. Mary's pressed him for the honors.

BREWSTER—Everybody liked Brewster's output, his ballhandling and field conduct and to him goes the quarterback slot. He can pass, kick, tackle, block, carry end run a ball team. He sparked the resurging Stuart Broncos, who turned in late-season victories over Atkinson, Ewing and Springview and tied Valentine. He is a deadly tackler.

GRAHAM—His nickname is Dick, but should be changed to Junior because he's the smallest guy on the honor list—135 pounds, 5'6". Unfortunately, St. Mary's Cardinals had a miserable season because of numerous injuries, and Graham lacked the upfront cooperation so vital for

a back. Still he played iron man ball, in several games was the Cards' whole offensive spark and found it convenient to make half the tackles, coming up from secondary. He passes well and is strictly a scat-back of the six-man variety. Graham never competed against a Holt county foe.

CHACE—Another scat, Chace is probably the swiftest lad on the honor team. He played for Atkinson high before transferring to O'Neill for his junior and senior seasons. Chace was always a threat as an open-field runner and could follow interference well. He overhauled from behind enemy carriers and denied O'Neill opponents no few TD's.

HAAKE—Hard-running back, Haake was Chambers' high scorer and led his mates to a share in the six-man Sandhills Gateway conference crown. He never competed against a Holt team, therefore most coaches found it difficult to evaluate his ability. But officials liked his play and ability and he successfully crowded into the charm circle. Blocked well, tackled hard, good ball handler. He played halfback for the Coyotes.

BOOTH—Opponents up-and-down the line regarded this boy Booth as the key to O'Neill's team. In short, the analysts figured if they could plug Booth they could hold O'Neill. The record shows O'Neill lost only one game during the two seasons Booth was running from the fullback spot. Although the analysts may have had it figured correct, Booth couldn't be stopped. For variety, Booth occasionally galloped which testified to the fact he was equally hard to stop in the open. Excellent place-kicker, good punter, good line-backer. Booth has enjoyed a fine grid reputation at O'Neill high and will be keenly missed next year.

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