

Cranes Face Rebuilding Job With Only Three Lettermen

Only three players are back from the 18 who received letter awards after the 1954 season at Cranbrook School.

Coach Fred Campbell is faced with one of his most serious rebuilding jobs in his four years as head mentor.

Most serious loss is that of quarterback Pete Davkins who has now matriculated to the Military Academy at West Point.

Another gonner in the backfield is Joe Premercast, a halfback who was graduated in June.

Leading the three Crane ranks is center George Gary, captain of the 1954 team who took all league honors last year.

Gary stands 5 ft. 10 in. and tips

at 175 pounds. He is considered a good linebacker and a very aggressive ball player. George is also captain of the 1955 baseball team at Cranbrook.

At end the Cranes have letter man Pete Belford, a 6 ft. 2 in., 175 pounder who last year dislocated his elbow in the season opener with Birmingham and as a result sat out the rest of the campaign.

A VERSATILE athlete who captains the basketball team and pitches with the baseball team, Belford is a runner. He has a good pair of hands for pass receiving and also plays with the defensive unit.

Leading candidate for the vacant quarterback's job is senior Pete Hubert who stands 6 ft. 4 in. and weighs 170 pounds.

Hubert did not letter as a under-study to Davkins but should see regular duties this year. He transferred to Cranbrook as a sophomore from Birmingham high school.

OTHER candidates for the signal calling role are Dave Cooper, a junior from Birmingham, and Dave Campbell, also a junior.

Junior Chuck Grube leads race for the fullback slot. A hard runner with fair speed, Grube will do defensive work as a linebacker with Gary. He is 5 ft. 9 in. and weighs 170 pounds.

Little Ron Hummel, captain of the wrestling team, who has plenty of heart and desire, will give the guard spot a go for the first time.

A SENIOR who stands only 5 ft. 6 in. at 150 pounds, Hummel has not lettered but is considered by coach Campbell as one of hardest workers on the squad.

Couple of prospects for first line tackle posts are Frank Story, a 180-pound senior and Al Sanborn, one of the three lettermen of 1954.

Sanborn is a 175-pound senior with good speed for a lineman.

OTHER linemen who gained experience but have not lettered are guards Charlie Gosner and Kenman Smart, a senior and junior respectively who weigh 165 pounds each.

Junior Wadley Duckworth, 6 ft. and 165 in. an end prospect. Overall the Cranes will be inexperienced with very little depth.

Speed of the team with no top heavy players should be pretty good.

COACH Campbell is hoping to use more belly series plays out of the split T formation. A graduate of Dartmouth, Campbell for nine years has done duty also as baseball coach.

Cranbrook will open the season a week later than the other area schools, against Birmingham on the Maple gridiron September 23.

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	1954 TIME	RESULTS
Sept. 23	Birmingham	Away	8:30 p.m.	12
Oct. 1	Lake Forest	Home	2:00 p.m.	14
Oct. 7	Hunt Tech	Away	8:00 p.m.	9
Oct. 15	Western Reserve	Home	2:00 p.m.	11
Oct. 22	Nichols	Away	10:30 a.m.	18
Oct. 29	University School	Away	2:15 p.m.	18
Nov. 5	Shady Side	Home	2:00 p.m.	31
Nov. 11	Fitzgerald	Home	3:00 p.m.	18
Inter-State League Games				Won 4 Lost 4

The Crane Coach



FRED CAMPBELL
Coach: Fred W. Campbell
Age: 37
Alma Mater: Dartmouth
Head Coach: 4 years
Crane Record: Won 4 Lost 4
He Says: "This is definitely a rebuilding year. We have lost 15 lettermen and don't have a deep spot at any position."



LINING UP for the T is quarterback Pete Hubert and center George Gary at Cranbrook.



LINING UP from center to end are Cranes, George Gary, center, Ron Hummel, guard, Al Sanborn, tackle and Pete Belford at end. All except Hummel are lettermen, and they are the only three returning this year.

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