

College All-Star Football Classic, August 2, 1963 • All-Stars 20, Green Bay 17

This moment in pro football history has always captured my imagination. It was the last time the college underdogs ever defeated the pro champs in the long and storied history of the College All-Star Football Classic, previously known as the Chicago Charities College All-Star Game, a series which came to an abrupt end in 1976. As a kid, I remember eagerly awaiting this game, as it signaled the beginning of another pro football season—which somewhat offset the bittersweet knowledge that another summer vacation was quickly coming to an end.

Alas, as the era of “big money” pro sports set in, the college all star game quietly became a quaint relic of a more innocent sporting past. Little by little, both the college stars and the teams which had shelled out guaranteed contracts to them began to have second thoughts about participation in an exhibition game in which an injury could slow or even terminate a player’s career development. The 1976 game was played in a torrential downpour, halted in the third quarter with Pittsburgh leading 24-0, and the game—and, indeed, the series—was never resumed.

But on that sultry August evening in 1963, with a crowd of 65,000 packing the stands, the idea of athletes putting financial considerations ahead of “the game” wasn’t on anyone’s minds. Those who were in the stands or watching on television were treated to one of the more memorable upsets in football history, as the “college Joes” knocked off the “football pros,” 20-17. As the final gun sounded, the crowd stood on its feet and applauded, and the college players carried their hero—undrafted Wisconsin QB Ron VanderKelen—off the field on their shoulders.

For a wonderful article about this game, go here...

<http://www.sportsonearth.com/article/55399888/>

A couple of design notes...

I found it difficult to locate complete starting line-ups for the this game, so I relied on reports about the game, box scores, and other resources. Where I was unable to authoritatively determine starters, I used the '63 pro draft results as a guide to the top seniors who would have been invited to play in the game.

Typically, I would have used the '62 Green Bay team ratings for this game, but I decided instead to lean more on the '63 team’s performance. The Packers team that appeared in this game was somewhat different than the 13-1 team that had won the championship the year before. Star HB Paul Hornung had been suspended for gambling, and MLB Ray Nitschke didn’t play because of an injury. I left Hornung off the roster, but included Nitschke. If you want to increase the odds of duplicating the collegian’s upset, I suggest you play Ed Holler at MLB rather than Nitschke.

Also, in using the '63 rosters and stats to formulate Green Bay’s team sheet, I had to work around the fact that several of their '63 players—DE Lionel Aldridge, LB Lee Roy Caffey, and others—were on the College All-Star roster for this game. Thus, I had to improvise, especially at DE where Aldridge was the starter in '63. The historical roster showed no backup defensive ends, so I inserted draft pick Urban Henry as the starting defensive end for this game—and rated him accordingly! Similarly, the real '63 Packers had very little in the way of reserve ends and flankers. So I used players who were drafted by Green Bay in '63 but who were subsequently cut during or after training camp.

Despite these blips, I’m confident that you’ll be able to enjoy a true-to-life re-creation of this historic game using the team sheets I’ve created. Please do let me know how the game turns out! The e-mail address is info@plaay.com.

INT A-D Wood 1-6 Adderley 7-12 Whittenton 13-17 Gremminger 18-20	INT E-K Nitschke 1-7 Forester 8-14 Currie 15-20	SACK Davis 1-6 Jordan 7-9 Kostelnik 10-11 Nitschke 12-13 Forester 14-15	Currie 16-17 Hanner 18 Henry 19 Todd 20 Holler 20	KICK RET Adderley 1-10 Gros 11-18 Carpenter 19-20	PUNT RET Wood 1-14 Pitts 15-20	RET Herb Adderley Willie Wood Earl Gros Lew Carpenter Elijah Pitts	KR 30*† 20 25* 15 --	PR -- 9* -- -- 9
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[-1] TEAM DEFENSE Y: [NC] FUMBLES: [B] PENALTIES: [B]

A [CB] 2 / 1 Jesse Whittenton 1 / 1- Howie Williams 1 / 0+ Jerry Norton	B [FS] 1+ / 1 Willie Wood 1 / 0+ Jerry Norton 1 / 1- Howie Williams	C [SS] 1 / 1 Hank Gremminger 1 / 0+ Jerry Norton 1 / 1- Howie Williams	D [CB] 2 / 2 Herb Adderley 1 / 1- Howie Williams 1 / 0+ Jerry Norton
E [OLB] 1 / 2 Bill Forester 0 / 1- Gene Breen 1- / 0 Turnley Todd	F [MLB] 2 / 2 Ray Nitschke 0 / 1 Ed Holler 0 / 1- Gene Breen	G [OLB] 1 / 1+ Dan Currie 0 / 1 Ed Holler 0 / 1- Gene Breen	©2015 PLAAY.com
H [DE] 0 / 1- Urban Henry 1- / 0 Turnley Todd 0 / 1- Gene Breen	I [DT] 1 / 2 Henry Jordan 1 / 1 Dave Hanner 0 / 1- Urban Henry	J [DT] 1 / 1 Ron Kostelnik 1 / 1 Dave Hanner 0 / 1- Urban Henry	K [DE] 2 / 1 Willie Davis 0 / 1- Urban Henry 1- / 0 Turnley Todd

1963N* Green Bay • DEFENSE

† Herb Adderley scores TOUCHDOWN on any KICKOFF RETURN over 45 yards.

1963N* Green Bay • OFFENSE

† Earl Gros is given an IN grade of C for first three carries.

TA [OT] 1 / 1+ Bob Skoronski 0 / 1- Olin Hill 1- / 0 Bill Freeman	GA [G] 1 / 2 Fuzzy Thurston 0 / 1 Dan Grimm 0 / 1- Earl McQuiston	CE [C] 2 / 2- Jim Ringo 1 / 1 Ken Iman 0 / 1- Earl McQuiston	GB [G] 1 / 2 Jerry Kramer 0 / 1 Jack Cverko 0 / 1- Earl McQuiston	TB [OT] 2- / 2 Forrest Gregg 1 / 1 Norm Masters 1- / 0 Bill Freeman					
EA [WR] 1+ / 1 Max McGee 1- / 0 John Simmons 1- / 0 Thurman Walker	R 19* (15) (13)[?]	QB [QB] 1 / 1+ Bart Starr 1- / 0 → John Roach 1 / 0 → Zeke Bratkowski	CMP C E F	X 5 4 8	Y 4 10 12	Q 14 14 20	OU AAAA B F	EC [TE] 1 / 1 Ron Kramer 0 / 1 Marv Fleming 0 / 1- Jan Barrett	R 17 (19) (10)
SB [RB] 1 / 1 Tom Moore 0 / 1 Elijah Pitts 1 / 0 Lew Carpenter	IN B D (D)	OU A C (C)	R 10 (6) (12)	FB [FB] 1 / 2 Jim Taylor 0 / 1 Earl Gros 0 / 1- Frank Mestnik	IN C* D† (C)	OU C* E (E)	R (5) (19) --	EB [FL] 2- / 1 Boyd Dowler 1- / 0 Thurman Walker 1- / 0 Bob Jeter	R 17* (13)[?] (2)

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PK Jerry Kramer	XP A	FG D	LFG +30[B]	KO D	INSIDE Taylor 1-10 Moore 11-15 Gros 16-18 Pitts 19 Mestnik 20	OUTSIDE Taylor 1-11 Moore 12-17 Pitts 18-20	SC-SH-MED Dowler 1-5 McGee 6-9 Kramer 10-13 Moore 14-16 Taylor 17 Pitts 18 Fleming 19 Gros 20 Carpenter 20	LONG McGee 1-10 Dowler 11-17 Kramer 18-20 -----	PU Jerry Norton	AVG 45	RET D	COF D	BLK A
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[+4] TEAM OFFENSE FUMBLES: [C] PENALTIES: [B]

KICKOFF COV [C] PUNT COV [C]

* Rated for pre-season.



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INT A-D Janik 1-8 Alexander 9-11 Stovall 12-14 Sanders 15-16 Brown 17	INT E-K Griffin 18 Glueck 19 Guy 20 Griffin 17-18 Caffey 19-20	SACK Robinson 1-10 Jordan 11-16 Brabham 17-18 Caffey 19-20	Bell 1-5 Buchanan 6-8 Dunaaway 9-10 Brumm 11-12 Kanicki 13 Robinson 14	Jordan 15 Aldridge 16 Snidow 17 Nomina 18 Caffey 19 Brabham 20	KICK RET Ferguson 1-10 Mitchell 11-14 Stovall 15-17 Lisbon 18-20	PUNT RET Janik 1-15 Mitchell 16-18 Stovall 19-20	RET Larry Ferguson Tom Janik Charlie Mitchell Jerry Stovall Don Lisbon	KR 18* -- 20 19 17	PR -- 6* 7 5 --
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[NC] TEAM DEFENSE Y: [NC] FUMBLES: [NC] PENALTIES: [B]

A [HB] 1/0+ Tom Janik 1-0 Larry Glueck 1-0 John Griffin	B [S] 1+ / 1 Kermit Alexander 0+ / 1 Tom Brown 1- / 0 John Griffin	C [S] 1 / 1 Jerry Stovall 0+ / 1 Tom Brown 1- / 0 John Griffin	D [HB] 1 / 0 Lonnie Sanders 1- / 0 Louis Guy 1- / 0 John Griffin
E [OLB] 1 / 1+ Dave Robinson 0+ / 1 Lee Roy Caffey 0 / 1 John Baker	F [MLB] 1 / 2- Lee Roy Jordan 0 / 0+ Jerry Hopkins 0 / 0+ Jim Price	G [OLB] 1- / 1 Danny Brabham 0+ / 1 Lee Roy Caffey 0 / 1- Lou Slaby	
H [DE] 1+ / 1 Bobby Bell 1 / 0+ Lionel Aldridge 0 / 0+ Tom Nomina	I [DT] 1 / 1 Jim Dunaway 1- / 1 Jim Kanicki 0 / 0+ Tom Nomina	J [DT] 1 / 1+ Buck Buchanan 1- / 1 Jim Kanicki 0 / 1 Ron Snidow	K [DE] 1 / 1- Don Brumm 1 / 0+ Lionel Aldridge 0 / 1 Ron Snidow

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† Don Lisbon is given an OU grade of AA for first four carries.

TA [OT] 2- / 1 Bob Vogel 1 / 0 Walt Rock 1 / 0 Ray Mansfield	GA [G] 1 / 1+ Ed Budde 0 / 1- Don Estes 1 / 0 Ray Mansfield	CE [C] 0 / 1 Dave Behrman 1 / 0 Ray Mansfield 0 / 0+ Dave Crossan	GB [G] 2- / 1 Walt Sweeney 0 / 1- Rufus Guthrie 1 / 0 Ray Mansfield	TB [OT] 0 / 1 Daryl Sanders 1 / 0 Bob Reynolds 1 / 0 Ray Mansfield					
EA [WR] 1 / 1 Paul Flatley 1 / 0 Art Graham 1- / 0 Tom Hutchinson	R 14* 16 17[?]	QB [QB] 1 / 0 ↻ Ron VanderKelen 0 / 1 Glynn Griffing 0 / 1 Terry Baker	CMP B 5 C 3 E 4	X 5 5 6	Y 5 5 6	Q 13 11 12	OU C A AAA	EC [TE] 0 / 1 Bob Jencks 1 / 0 Ray Poage 0 / 1- Butch Wilson	R 14 17 (12)
SB [RB] 0 / 1 Larry Ferguson 1 / 0 Charlie Mitchell 0 / 1 Don Lisbon	IN B C D	OU B A D†	R 11 13* (8)	FB [FB] 1- / 1 Bill Thornton 0+ / 1 Tom Woodeschick 0 / 1- Keith Kinderman	IN A B C	OU C D D	R (6) 11 (7)[?]	EB [WR] 1 / 1 ↻ Pat Richter 1 / 0 Willie Richardson 1 / 0 Homer Jones	R 18* (21) (24)

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PK Bob Jencks Glynn Griffing	XP A C	FG A C	LFG +35[C] +40[E]	KO D E	INSIDE Thornton 1-8 Ferguson 9-11 Woodeschick 12-16 Mitchell 17 Kinderman 18-20	OUTSIDE Ferguson 1-10 Mitchell 11-15 Thornton 16-17 Lisbon 18-19 [QB] 20	SC-SH-MED Richter 1-5 Flatley 6-8 Mitchell 9-11 Jencks 12-13 Ferguson 14 Graham 15 Poage 16 Woodeschick 17 Wilson 18 Richardson 19	LONG Richter 1-10 Flatley 1-15 Richardson 16-18 Jones 19-20 ----- Wilson 20 Hutchinson 20 Lisbon 20	PU Pat Richter Ron VanderKelen	AVG 43 39	RET C C	COF B D	BLK B B
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[+2] TEAM OFFENSE FUMBLES: [C] PENALTIES: [B]

KICKOFF COV [C] PUNT COV [C]



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