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Gentlemen of ‘62

Monon Bell Game – 50 years can make a difference.

While we of ‘62 did not see a Monon Bell victory, these young men of 2013 have four to remember.

For the first time in 33 years a group of Wabash seniors have run the table against DePauw. The Little Giants pummeled DePauw’s Tigers on the ground for a 23-0 win in the 119th Monon Bell Classic.

Wabash’s senior class becomes the tenth group to go 4-0 in Bell games. The Class of 2013 may have a record of domination unsurpassed at 147-26 scoring differential, including two shutouts in the four-game run.

Wabash simply overpowered the visiting Tigers on one of the warmest and nicest days in recent Bell game history. The Little Giants rushed for an incredible 275 yards behind Tyler Holmes’ 169-yard effort to DePauw’s mere 35. Wabash notched its third shutout of the year.

“Obviously, our defense played fantastic again,” Coach Erik Raeburn said. “We did a good job on offense running the ball and not turning it over. I’m certainly disappointed with all the penalties in the first half; that really killed some drives.

“To be able to graduate from Wabash without a loss in the Bell game is really special. I know all the guys on the team and all the coaches wanted to make sure our seniors ended their careers at Wabash the right way. And we want to thank them for all they’ve done to help build our program.”

It was a game of mistakes for Wabash with eight first-quarter penalties and six more in the second quarter. The Little Giants ended with a season-high 18 flags for 133 yards. DePauw’s defense was stout at times but worn down with a nearly 2-1 time of possession differential, 39:46-20:14.
Heroes are always plentiful in the Bell battle but Saturday’s leading man was clearly Tyler Holmes. The 225-pound junior running back compiled 169 yards on 30 carries and earned Wabash’s first 1,000-yard rushing season since 2003.

The Tigers closed at 2-8. Wabash ended 8-2. The Wabash seniors were disappointed not to be continuing to the playoffs but embraced four years of Bell perfection. Wabash leads at 57-53-9 overall against DePauw and 38-37-6 in Monon Bell game.

**Monon Bell Phoenix Telecast Party**

As a local note, Mike Rapier ’87 arranged for the Phoenix area alumni to gather, along with some of those from that other school. While we were outnumbered, we demonstrated more spirit, and stayed through to the end of the game. Many of those Dannies bailed after the third quarter. Here is the art work on the back of Mike’s son…..Some Little Giant.

You may remember Jon Nicosia ’61 Phi Psi. His son, Christopher Nicosia ’94 and I talked a great deal while watching the game. He is an Executive Chef at an upscale Italian restaurant in Scottsdale. He remembers his dad bringing him, at a young age, to a Wabash Bell game. There was nowhere else he wanted to go after that visit. The game and conversation made for a wonderful Saturday afternoon. I must say, that the weather and temps were warmer in C’ville than here in Phoenix during the game. But all that changes quickly.

**National Association of Wabash Men holds Hall of Fame Induction**

Seven Wabash College alumni and a former president were inducted into the Wabash College Athletics Hall of Fame during ceremonies on campus on Friday, November 9th.

The induction ceremony is a highlight for the National Association of Wabash Men, which enshrines new members every two years on the eve of the Monon Bell Classic. The Hall of Fame was established in 1982.

"Athletics has always been an important part of the Wabash culture," said Alumni Director Tom Runge ’71. "I’m always impressed with the number of our alumni who have fond memories of their experiences as student-athletes, and even more with their careers after Wabash. The Hall of Fame allows us to celebrate their accomplishments and allows the alumni to recall their time at Wabash, which makes for a special combination."

Of special note to we of ’62 is that this year’s inductees included **Glenn Pride ’63** in track and field. Pride was a four-year letterman in track and field and was the finest hurdler of his era. He set school records in hurdle and relay events, was the Indiana Little State champion, and was an All-American hurdler in his senior season.
Other inductees were: Chris Morris ’04 in football, Tom Puschak ’89 in track and field, Tom Quackenbush ’88 in baseball, Johnathan Turk ’93 in swimming, Steve Turk ’91 in swimming, and Jim Wadkins ’84 in wrestling.

Andrew T. Ford H’03, Special Inductee. Dr. Andrew T. Ford served as President of Wabash College for 13 years. A staunch supporter of the Little Giants, he spearheaded Wabash’s move into the North Coast Athletic Conference. He was also instrumental in the construction of the Allen Athletics and Recreation Center.

Class Notes

Sadly, communication has greatly fallen off since our reunion. The only note received is from Norman Woo. It reads:

“I attended the most recent Wabash Alumni dinner on Oct. 29 in Los Angeles. I had the pleasure to meet with President White and listened to his talk. He is a fine gentleman and a scholar. It was a wonderful evening for all of us.

After teaching mathematics for 39 years at California State University (Fresno), I have retired in Irvine, CA. We (wife Angela) have a daughter and a son. Karolyn works as a healthcare consultant for Deloitte. They (husband Steve) have a daughter and a son and live in Trabuco Canyon (20 minutes south). Kevin owns an internet company (Engagement Architects) involving advertising and marketing. They (wife Jenny) have a son and live in Irvine.

I am still playing bridge at least once a week. That keeps my mind active. We take occasional trips to Las Vegas, Palm Springs and San Diego.

According to the F.B.I., Irvine is the safest city in the nation. All are welcomed to visit. Finally, I want to thank all my class agents. Best wishes – Norman

Dr. Norman T. T. Woo 23 Night Bloom, Irvine, CA 92602

The goal of these letters is to not only share what is happening on the Wabash College campus, but also to serve as a link between classmates. I have not called anyone, so fault does lie with my procrastination. Send an Email or a note, or give me a call – let us try to continue the interchange of events in our lives that served us well during the Big Bash Reunion.

We now have both a Blog (http://www.thegentlemenof62.blogspot.com/) and a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Gentlemenof62). Visit these pages and join in the conversation.

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A Holiday Greeting to Gentlemen of ’62 and their families.

As we approach the Holiday Season, linked to both a time of Thanksgiving and the meeting of a New Year, it is appropriate to pause and reflect upon the happenings of our class of ’62.

We met in Crawfordsville to mark the 50th anniversary of graduation from Wabash College. Those days were filled with range of emotions, ranging from the joy of meeting classmate with whom we shared times at college, the somber tone set in the Pioneer Chapel as President White rang that Caleb Mills bell marking the passing of our friends and then there was the pride of winning that Chapel Sing, presenting to our Alma Mater a monetary token of appreciation for that “Wabash experience” that touch us even today.

Looking forward to 2013, your class agents wish for you a year filled with health, the love of your family and friends, and a peaceful journey through life.

Let us know of happenings in your life that we may share with your fellow brothers in Wabash.

Thom Feit & Terry Fewell