

Albert Herrnstein

CHS Alumni*Wolverine Player*Buckeye Coach*Chillicothe Businessman



The 1901 University of Michigan's "Point -a-Minute" team. Albert Herrnstein is on the far right of the first row.

Albert Herrnstein was an 1899 graduate of Chillicothe High School and a member of the early CHS football squads that played their games in Yoctangee Park. He was the first of three generations of Chillicothe HerrNSTeins to play football for the University of Michigan. His nephew, Bill HerrNSTein, played for the Wolverines from 1922 - 1925, and his great nephew, John HerrNSTein, was captain of the 1958 Michigan Wolverines football team.

Albert attended the University of Michigan from 1899 to 1903. At 5'11", 168 lbs., he played four years of varsity football. He gained fame as one of the stars of Coach Fielding H. Yost's, "Point-a-Minute" team which outscored their opponents 1,194 -12 over the 1901 and 1902 seasons.

As a member of the 1901 Wolverines team, Albert played in the 1902 Rose Bowl, the first ever college football bowl game. Michigan played Stanford University, the champion of the "Pacific Coast Universities." In Michigan's 49-0 victory, Albert ran 21-yards for the last score of the game. With eight minutes left in the second half, the Stanford captain approached the University of Michigan's bench and conceded the game.

**Coach Fielding H. Yost's, "Point-a-Minute"
University of Michigan 1901-1902**

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Albion	09/28	H	W 50-0	
Case	10/05	H	W 57-0	
Indiana	10/12	H	W 33-0	2,000
Northwestern	10/19	H	W 29-0	
Buffalo	10/26	H	W 128-0	
Carlisle	11/02	H	W 22-0	8,000
Ohio State	11/09	A	W 21-0	33,000
Chicago (HC)	11/16	H	W 22-0	3,500
Beloit	11/23	H	W 89-0	3,500
Iowa	11/28	A	W 50-0	1,000
Stanford (Rose Bowl)	1/1/02	A	W 49-0	
Total Points			550-0	

A highlight of Albert's playing career was the 1902 Michigan vs. Ohio State game in which he scored six touchdowns in an 86-0 victory over the Buckeyes. He might have scored more touchdowns, had the officials not stopped the game halfway through the second half, after deciding "the game was getting out of hand."

Coaching

After graduating from Michigan in 1903, Albert was hired to coach football at the Haskell Indian School in Kansas in 1903 and 1904. He accepted the position of head coach of at Purdue University in 1905, where he led the Boilermakers to a 6 -1-1 record. Albert then coached at Ohio State from 1906 - 1909, compiling a 28-10-1 record. His 1906 Buckeyes team was the best team the school had fielded to that point. They did not allow a single touchdown, outscoring opponents 153-14. Their final record was 8-1. Their only defeat was a 6-0 loss to Albert's alma mater, Michigan. He left Ohio State with more wins than any other coach in the school's history up to that point.

Later years

Albert eventually returned to Chillicothe, where he and his wife Martha, raised their family. He operated the Herrnstein Hardware Co., a retail hardware store located at 72 N. Paint Street, for more than 50 years. As a businessman Albert was a community leader. He served as the president of the National Retail Hardware Association and was also a director and President of the Chillicothe Mutual Building and Loan Co. He died in 1958, a life well played.