

The next play was one of Ashbaugh's pets, a forward-pass play in which one side of the line shifts over to the other, thus making the center both end and center on the play and eligible to receive the forward pass. Before the crowd realized what was happening, Johnson stood behind the goal line with the ball after taking the forward pass from Borts. Johnson then kicked the point after touchdown to make the score South 7, Rayen 0.

South threatened again late in the game when the ball was worked to the Rayen 7-yard line, but again the Rayen line held and South lost the ball on downs, and Rayen then punted out of danger. During the remainder of the game play was mostly between the 30-yard lines, and the game ended with the ball in South's possession on the Rayen 20-yard line.

It is unfair to single out any one man as the star, for every boy lucky enough to get into the lineup covered himself with glory—yet one cannot help but marvel at the all-around play of center "Curly" Johnson. He was one of the first of the so-called roaming or roving centers, and he really roamed the South field that day. In only two or three minutes he singlehandedly turned the tide in his team's favor from a scoreless deadlock to a 7-0 victory. First he tackled Fried, who had caught Norman Smith's punt, on the 20-yard line. Then he recovered Elliott's fumble and moved to the Rayen 15-yard line. Two plays later he stood behind the Rayen goal, hugging Borts' pass for the only touchdown of the game, and then proceeded to kick the point after touchdown for the South victory and permanent possession of the Western Reserve Cup, donated by Howard Evans of Rayen and Reserve fame.

For Rayen the defensive play of Captain "Fats" Elliott was sensational, as was the running of Hough and kicking of Carney at the halfback spots.

Both team captains, Elliott of Rayen and Brown of South, were stalwarts on their teams; both boys were destined to go places in football, as later events proved.

Brown played the better part of the game with a partial dislocation of the right shoulder.

"Red" Rickert of Rayen had lots of fun joshing the South linemen.

Norman Smith, South's fullback, completed his scholastic career with the record of never taking time out for injuries.

"Curly" Johnson, working hard all the time, never seemed to lose that big smile.

The Tenth Game — 1920

THE TENTH annual Rayen-South game was played on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1920, and the result was a 13-0 victory for the Red and Blue. It was the fourth victory in a row for South High, making an even split in the ten games played, each team having five victories. The game, played in a sea of mud as usual, was seen by about 10,000, the largest crowd on record, which really taxed the capacity of South Field.

The Orange and Black again had a new coach. Harry "Punch" Gaskeen, former Rayen star and captain of the 1914 outfit, took over coaching duties at the start of the 1920 season. "Punch" had attended Syracuse University and had been overseas with a base hospital unit. In four years of high-school play Gaskeen had never lost to South, but in his first year as coach the tables were turned.

The story of Rayen's loss can be told in the phrase: too much Captain "Curly" Johnson. Star of the South victory the previous year, he had been shifted to halfback by Ash-

baugh in mid-season. Being short of ball-carriers and having a reliable snapperback in Al Davies, "Busty" placed the smiling Johnson in the backfield, and Curly took over as though he owned the job. Rayen simply could not stop him as he ran and sloshed his way for 185 yards, scored a touchdown and kicked a point after touchdown.

Johnson's favorite ground-gainer was a play that started out as an end run, but after a few steps he would cut sharply through tackle, and the Rayenites seemed unable to check his long gains. Johnson scored the first touchdown in the second quarter when he went over from the 1-foot line after a series of spectacular off-tackle plays that started at midfield. South scored again in the fourth quarter when "Yank" Dalton, attempting to punt from behind his own goal line, was the victim of a blocked kick by center Al Davies of South. Ranny Beede fell on the ball for a touchdown; Johnson kicked goal. South missed another touchdown in this quarter after taking the ball from midfield to the 1-yard line. The Rayen line proved to be a stone wall and took over.

But Rayen's offense was practically stifled throughout the afternoon. The closest they came to a score was the 5-yard line in the first quarter, but they tried a place kick which the South line smothered, falling on the ball for possession.

The outstanding man on the field was South Captain "Curly" Johnson, just about the classiest player to appear in the ten years of rivalry, at home either at center or in the backfield.

For Rayen, Henny Gwilliam provided most of the running attack, while "Yank" Dalton got off some nice punts.