



Alfred Nesser

NOWHERE in these United States, outside Columbus, Ohio, can you find seven brothers who play seven regular positions on the same football team, a team which yearly wins the non-scholastic championship in a city of 200,000 inhabitants. Averaging 211 pounds each, and having an aggregate weight of 1,477 pounds, Alfred, Ted, John, Phil, Frank, Raymond and Fred Nesser are the backbone of the Panhandles, a football team known all over Ohio, and the Middle West, as one of the most formidable gangs of pig-skin kickers on the gridiron.

There are four other men on the team, of course, but you don't hear much about them when the scrimmage is on. And nobody shouts "Nesser!" either, for, re-

The Necessary Nessers

A Remarkable Family of Football
Stars

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A family that boasts of one football star has made a great bid for notoriety. But a family which numbers seven great players, and all members of the same team, is absolutely unique.

member, there are seven Nessers in the game. Each Nesser is rooted for by his first name.

John is oldest, and has played football for sixteen years. He is 39, and one of the best athletes in the whole Pennsylvania railroad system. He is the lightest in the crowd, weighing but 185, and wears a diamond medal for proficiency in general athletics. Phil is a hammer-thrower, six feet two. Ted is 30, the real leader of the family, and for several years was a star on the famous "Massillon Tigers." He is coach of the Panhandles.

Fred is tallest, being six feet six, and a hundred yard man at less than 11 seconds. He is 26, a pugilist who has six knockouts in nine battles, and seven victories. He weighs 215. Frank is the giant Nesser. He is one of the country's greatest punters, and a professional baseball player in the Ohio State League and Southern Association. He is 24, and weighs 238 pounds. Alfred is a wonderful pole vaulter, and is 21. Raymond is the baby, aged 19, and a rising pugilist.

Football, while strenuous at all times, is not especially so for the school man or boy, who spends the rest of his time in study, and who has easy hours and but five days a week to work. But the Nesser brothers, be it noted, work nine hours a day in the railroad shops. They report at 6.30 in the morning and prac-



Left to Right: Ted, John, Phil, Frank, Raymond and Fred Nesser

... tice football only at night, after doing a
 day's work. Half of them, too, are past
 the age where most men care to mix
 into so violent a game as football.

BALL PLAYERS' AGES

TALK about women cheating on their ages—some ball players, especially in the minor leagues, have all the women beaten half a mile. In a little Ohio paper we find, among its "society item," the description of a wedding, which took place last week, and the following paragraph: "Mr.———, the father of the charming bride, played in the Three I League this year and in the Ohio State League last season. He has been highly recommended to the New York Giants, and will probably play with them next year." A minor league ball player who is old enough to be the father of a charming bride must also be old enough to be a father to nearly all of McGraw's Manhattan gang.