

# Baxter, Steele Off On 'Big 33' Mission Today

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Neshaminy High School's Bob Baxter, an All-American back-busting fullback, a d Woodrow Wilson High's Gary Steele, a star center, are off on a mission today.

Baxter and Steele headed west today for the town of Hershey, nestled in the rolling farmlands of Central Pennsylvania, for a nine-day training period in preparation for the Pennsylvania "Big 33" football game on Aug. 1.

The two Lower Bucks griders will join 31 other Keystone graduates who will form the team which will face the best eleven from Texas in the nation's top scholastic football game of the year.

Baxter, who's won more honors playing football than a cheebarrow, can hold, and Steele, who is also an excellent line jumper in addition to playing outstanding games of basketball, are both thrilled about playing in the "Big 33."

Both boys have heard plenty about the game which annually draws about 18,000 fans and many college scouts but neither has ever seen the mid-summer classic.

"I am really looking forward to it because I know it will be the best competition I've ever faced. This is really a chance for me to prove myself," Steele, a 200-pounder, said.

Baxter, who was All-Pennsylvania last year and rated as one of probably one of the finest back eyes to run roughside in the Keystone County gridiron, eyes the classic with interest.

"I'm going to be a good game. I've never seen it but read about it. I know the players are probably the best in the nation," Baxter said.



Bob Baxter (left), a left school All-American, and Gary Steele left today to begin training for the Pennsylvania "Big 33" at Hershey, Pennsylvania, to play Texas on Aug. 1. Baxter is a former Neshaminy High fullback. Steele was an all-league end at Woodrow Wilson High. (Courier - Times Sports Photo)

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years. He is well versed in the game of football and has no fears about playing against a highly-rated Texas squad.

"From what I've read and heard Texas football is pretty good but I'm sure the "Big 33" will be no slouch," Gary revealed.

The Neshaminy ace played football for six years and was named to practically every all-star team possible last year.

Baxter is anxious to play against Texas but said, "I have no fears but I just don't want to get injured."

Steele and Baxter both have many fond memories from high school. Steele's biggest thrill came last year against Pennsylvania, Wilson and Central Bucks County. Section One and the East Penn Football



in the final 11 seconds. "That was a great game," he said. Baxter believes Neshaminy is the best team of the Lower Bucks County. Section One and the East Penn Football

Conference championships in 1963 is tops with his record. "I never thought I'd do it," Bob said.

John Peteravicus, head football coach at Neshaminy, is looking forward to the "Big 33" game. He said it is a fortunate opportunity and an honor to have two kids from Neshaminy in the "Big 33." The competition is good.

"After..." Peteravicus continued, "there are only 23 players from Pennsylvania selected for this game and we have two from Neshaminy. Coach Lou Sorrentino of Wilson said, "It's quite an honor to have two players from Neshaminy and I'm sure he's deservin' of it. And Baxter is the best back in the state. I never saw one player carry a team in a baigame like Baxter."

Baxter and Steele will undergo three days of conditioning before the class on Aug. 1. After the game the boys will turn their thoughts to the game. Steele says he's first attend Manlius Prep for a year before going to the University of Tennessee. Steele is tickled for Memphis State.

Right now they are both living a dream. They've never seen the "Big 33." But this year they'll get a real close look—from the playing field.

## 4th, 5th In 'Big 33'

Neshaminy High's Bob Baxter and Gary Steele of Woodrow Wilson are the class of the 10th players from the Lower Bucks County Football League to be selected for the Pennsylvania "Big 33" game.

Peteravicus, coached by John Carter, has been honored with a player picked on the "Big 33" team. Peteravicus, although Baxter is only the second Redskin to actually play in the classic, is Harry Schuh, now an All-American at Memphis State, was the first player picked. Schuh, a former Neshaminy fullback, was named in 1961 and played in the contest.

Did Not Play: John Carter, Redskin tackle, the "Big 33" in 1962 and Bob Cummings, a Neshaminy center, who played the grade in 1962. Both players, however, were allowed to play because of attending military academy. Carter is at West Point and Cummings is at the Naval Academy.

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## Friends Eye 'Meeting'

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Catcher Don Pavletich, who has hit three homers in four games since being purchased by Cincinnati from San Diego last week, connected with a man on in the eighth to tee the victory after scoring what proved to be the winning run in the sixth on Lou Cardenas' double off Inzer Dennis Bennett.

The only other American League game scheduled, Detroit rallied from a four-run deficit to defeat Boston 7-5. The scheduled National League schedule, saw the Cubs top the Giants 6-4 and the Colts support the Dodgers 4-1.

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## Bunning's Family Won't Go Hungry

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CINCINNATI (UPI) — Jim (perfect game) Bunning will have no problem feeding his family of nine during the off season. The Philadelphia Phils right-hander received 127-steaks — one for each major league city — as a reward in ceremonies honoring his perfect game on the New York

Among those present to honor Bunning prior to the Cincinnati — Philadelphia game was National League President Warren Giles, who said: "I know you pitched a 'no hitter' in the American League, but I am happy to say you reached perfection in the National League."

Bunning's first no-hitter was against the Boston Red Sox six years ago in Mendon, Mass. He was a member of the Detroit Tigers.

Bunning, a native of Northern Kentucky, also received savings bonds for each of his 127 steaks. He is a teacher case; a year's supply of beverages; an electric fan;

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