

REAL CLUTCH PERFORMER

*This Carr's Geared Strictly for Speed!*

BY RICH ROSTER

To anyone who has ever seen him perform, there can be little doubt of Henry Carr's eloquence on an athletic field.

The 17-year-old Northwestern High School senior uses remarkable speed as his means of expression.

Pressed back into the starting blocks at the top of a 100-yard runway or crouched low a yard behind and to the left of a quarterback, Carr presents the personification of pent-up power.

AT THE SOUND of the starter's gun or the command of the quarterback, Henry uncorks his 6-foot-3 frame and bursts ahead with balance and terrific drive.

On the track, at any distance through 440 yards, it takes but an instant for him to straighten up and begin his blitz toward the finish line, other challengers lost in his wake.

On the football field he has the potential to go all the way at any time.

To Sam Bishop, a veteran of 21 years as a coach and athletic director at Northwestern, Carr is the greatest he's seen. To Tom Hendricks, the Colt football and track coach, praise for Henry knows no bounds.

To fellow students and area track and football followers, he is a silent, almost stoic athlete, blessed with as much raw speed as the state has ever witnessed.

Carr once scored six touchdowns in a football game. In track, he has established city League records in every event he has run. As a basketball player, he averaged 20 points a game for the West Side champion Colts during the final half of the 1960-61 season.

On the field Henry presents a grim facade. He has a professional's attitude toward his activity. He has no time for horseplay.

And though he has a ready smile, Carr maintains his serious attitude off the field. He hasn't been a good student at Northwestern, but his IQ is above average and conversation bears this out.

In an interview, Henry is both honest and reflective. Provided with that six-touchdown afternoon and his track records as possible answers to the question of his greatest sports thrill, he named and then came up with his own nomination.

"I THINK my greatest satisfaction came the night I scored 20 points at U-D," he said referring to the City championship consolation game in which the Colts thrashed Grosse Pointe St. Paul.

"I was never what you would call a good basketball player," he continued, "and to finally make it as a starter on this team was my biggest thrill."

He is well aware of his reputation and his ability and he takes pride in both. But he scorns the belief that it all comes naturally.

"I have unusual strength," he admits, "and certainly I have speed. But I do my share of work. I have to work hard, maybe harder than the rest of these guys," he says, referring to his teammates.

HENRY HAS set his 1961 goals at 8.5 seconds in the 100-yard dash, 20.5 in the 220 and 24 feet in the broad jump.

His main immediate goal is sole claim to the national schoolboy 220-yard dash record. "I'd really like to have that one," he says, in speaking of the mark he tied with that 20.5 clocking last spring.

The future is full of promise for the slim-waisted 185-pounder. In September he will enter the University of Iowa on a football scholarship.

With his speed, deception and fine hands, Carr should become an exciting halfback on the Hawkeyes' Wing-T offense.

His two other ambitions are to make the Olympic team in 1964 and to earn a degree in sociology. With his attitude, determination and ability, both are within his reach.

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