

FLASHBACK!

Pertinent Comment

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Membership increases were never better, yet much work remains in store for everyone, principally to reach the many hobbyists who would enroll is told of the services of R.M.S. Send your list of non-members to Horace Rush. Each name will receive a free bulletin an invitation to join. More members will mean greater trading potentialities, new friends and different angles of collecting. Won't you help!

Here are at least five advantages wrapped up in a single R.M.S. membership: 1- One Dollar's worth of free matchcovers when you join. 2- A set of instructions for beginners. 3- Twelve (12) large up-to-the-minute bulletins a year, covering every phase of the hobby. 5- A membership list R.M.S. is proud to give you. 5- A conservative and far-reaching AD section, inexpensive, to convey your trading expressions to the rest of the members. R.M.S. Conducts an Annual Convention; and has for years been recognized to be the first, and only national organization devoted to the Matchcover Collectors! Join today!

Group #1 Football

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I'm sorry the football season is over, nevertheless, aside, perhaps, from making the holders of dupes of Football Matchcovers more conscious of it, I can't see where it would have helped the cause which is locating these long obsolete covers. To acquaint our readers with the various sets, those known to the hobby will be given as follows: First Second, Third, and Fourth are the divisions of these football covers, so named by the collectors when issued.

In the First Football Group, there appeared to be ninety-two different players, each coming in two colors, for a total of 184 covers, but when the SEAL is added, the number is 185. The cover containing the SEAL is a plain white one with red and blue printing, and represent the Board of Football and sets forth the history of the organization on the inside of cover. From the subject matter referring to the season of 1932, it is believed that these covers came into being the following year.

Next, followed the Second Football Group, Type One. This cover bears the single line imprint - THE DIAMOND MATCH CO., N.Y.C. - and consisted of 114 players with an equal number of covers, although there were variations of colors in Blue, Green, Red, and Tan.

Then following closely, there was another set issued called Second Football, Type Two, and these covers bear a double line imprint - THE DIAMOND MATCH CO., N.Y.C

Made in U.S.A.

This Second Football set was made up of 96 players, and was printed in varying colors of Green, Red, and Tan.

The next known set to be printed was called Third Football, Type One. This set consisted of 17 different players, all of who were members of the Philadelphia Eagles. They were shown in three different colors- 4 in Green, 6 in Red, and the other 7 in Tan. The playing position of the star is not given; and the ink used in printing was Black. Next in our line of football sets came Third Football, Type Two, which had thirty different players...unlike Type One...the position of the player is shown on the back of the cover, and, again, all are printed in Black ink.