

Cheek Packs 11-Man Power on 6-Man Team

By BOB FEENEY

MANY a Western New York high school football coach has stopped to watch Park School's six-man football team on its Snyder campus off Harlem Rd., and remained to exclaim: "Boy, I wish I had that fellow on my team!"

"That fellow" is Terry Cheek, 6-foot, 1½-inch 190-pound star of Park's sixers, undefeated under Coach Herb Mols in 19 games since 1947.

Terry, otherwise known as M. A. Cheek III, is carrying on a tradition set up by his grandfather, M. A. Cheek, as an Oakfield, Calif., track star and furthered by his father, M. A. Cheek II, now headmaster at Park School and the 1924 football captain at Harvard University.

Terry also is a basketball, baseball and track star but six-man football is his best sport.

Has Scored 4 TD's

"Terry could make any 11-man high school team in the area," says Coach Mols.

Terry smiles and says: "I've never played 11-man football, but this six-man game isn't easy."

Terry, calling the plays and running from the wingback and fullback positions, has scored four touchdowns, passed for two others as well as two extra-points and drop-kicked four points in victories over Clymer (its first loss in history) and Pebble Hill of Syracuse.

Other Park first-stringers include: Ends Joe Scandurra and Len Gross, Center Ray Sendker and Backs Ted Okie and Dan Pantera.

"Six-man football teams consist of two ends, a center and three backs, Coach Mols explained. "At Park, we use a lineup of the center outside the ends, two wingbacks on the flank and the fullback back of center.

Field is 80-Yards Long

"Besides the number of players, the main difference of the six-man game from 11-man game is that a team has to move the ball 15 yards for a first down, the field is 80 instead of 100 yards long. Every play must be preceded by a distinct behind-the-lines pass be-



PARK STAR AND COACH—Herb Mols, left, coach of six-man football at Park School, gives Terry Cheek, star back, a few pointers on how to pass.

fore the ball can be advanced by a run or a forward pass.

"Six-man football is the answer for schools who have too few players for good 11-man teams."

Park will play its first home game against Our Lady of Victory of Lackawanna Saturday at 1:30 o'clock.

SHORTIES — Two WNY Intermediate Conference games will be played tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock—Medina at Akron and Williamsville at West Seneca on the Orchard Park-Potter Rd. field . . . Saddest spectator at Friday night's East Aurora-at-Lancaster game will be Chuck Coykendall, Lancaster's T-quarterback and former Aurora student. He suffered a broken right wrist after he scored a touchdown at Hamburg Saturday . . . East Aurora's cross-country team has a set of twins, Ronald and Donald

York, and the brothers Jay and Claude Wrathall. The Yorks are from South Wales, from whence sprang E. A.'s famed running stars, Dave and Don Hosie.

The Manspeaker brothers are on Amherst's soccer team, Elmer, a senior, at center-forward, and Sophomore Si at right wing . . . Jack Foster, Buffalo State Teachers College cross-country ace, is practice teaching at Hamburg and coaching cross-country . . . Jamestown credits much of its football success to Dr. Harold A. Blaisdell, who donates his services. He'll be there when Jimtown plays Lackawanna in the Lackawanna Civic Stadium Friday at 8 P. M.

Yale's Coach Herman Hickman believes the "top four teams in the Ivy League are as good as, or better than, the top four teams in any other conference."