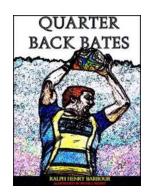
## About the Legendary Quarterback: Bates Ralph Henry Barbour

Ralph Henry Barbour, popularly known as Bates Ralph Henry Barbour, is a name synonymous with the sport of American football. Born on October 29, 1894, in a small town in Ohio, Barbour's talent and passion for the game propelled him to become one of the most revered quarterbacks in the history of the sport.

Barbour's football journey began during his high school days at Thompson High School, where his innate ability to navigate the field and make strategic decisions showcased his natural aptitude for the position of a quarterback. His exceptional skillset earned him a scholarship at the prestigious St. John's College, where he further honed his talents under the guidance of skilled coaches.

It was during his college years that Bates Ralph Henry Barbour truly emerged as a force to be reckoned with. His superior arm strength, accuracy, and quick thinking on the field garnered attention from various college football programs and NFL scouts. Barbour's quarterbacking abilities became the talk of the town, leading to his eventual selection by the illustrious Cleveland Bulldogs in the 1920 NFL Draft.



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As Bates Ralph Henry Barbour transitioned into professional football, he continued to showcase his remarkable skills. With his unparalleled command over the game and his ability to make split-second decisions, Barbour consistently displayed his leadership qualities, inspiring his teammates and guiding them to numerous victories. His calm demeanor under pressure and his strategic play-calling abilities made him the quarterback every coach desired.

Barbour's legacy is particularly renowned for his signature throwing technique. He possessed an uncanny ability to accurately throw long passes, often leading to spectacular touchdowns. His throws were known for their velocity and precision, leaving defenders dumbfounded and spectators in awe. Barbour's ability to thread the needle and find his wide receivers with utmost precision became the stuff of legend.

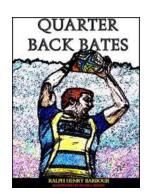
Aside from his technical prowess, Bates Ralph Henry Barbour was also known for his sportsmanship and integrity. Throughout his career, he demonstrated the utmost respect for the game and his opponents. He believed in fair play and was revered for his ethical conduct both on and off the field.

Barbour's career flourished for over a decade, earning him numerous accolades and records. His outstanding performances made him a household name, and his popularity soared. Fans flocked to stadiums just to catch a glimpse of the legendary quarterback in action. The excitement he generated was unparalleled and helped elevate the sport of football to new heights.

It is important to note that Bates Ralph Henry Barbour's contributions to the game of football extended beyond his playing years. Following his retirement from

professional football, he dedicated himself to coaching young quarterbacks, sharing his vast knowledge and experience with the next generation. Barbour's coaching methods and techniques became highly sought after, and he continued to shape the careers of aspiring quarterbacks long after his own playing days were over.

Bates Ralph Henry Barbour's impact on the sport of football cannot be overstated. He was a true maestro of the game, revolutionizing the way quarterbacks approached their role on the field. His legacy lives on through the countless quarterbacks he coached and inspired, and his name will forever be etched in the annals of football history.



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CHAPTER I

THE DEPARTURE OF A HERO

It cannot be truthfully said that Dick Bates was overwhelmingly surprised when he reached the railroad station that September morning and found fully a score of his

schoolmates assembled there. Wally Nourse had let the cat out of the bag the day before. Wally was one of those well-meaning but too talkative youths such as we have all met. But Dick played the game perfectly this morning, descending from the carriage—Mr. Bates was one of the very few persons left in Leonardville who could afford an automobile and still drove horses—with an expression of questioning surprise. He realized that too much surprise would suggest that he knew the assemblage was there to do him honour; and if, as some said, Dick was conceited, at least he was always careful not to seem so.

Mr. Bates handed the lines to Hogan, the coachman, who had ridden in the back seat surrounded by Dick's luggage, and followed his son to the platform with a satisfied smile on his seamed, good-humoured countenance. It pleased him that this younger son of his should be popular and sought after. To a certain extent he accepted it as a compliment to himself. Dick was already surrounded by the little throng of high school boys and girls—for the gentle sex was well represented, too —and his father heard him telling them in that pleasant, rather deep voice of his how unsuspected and undeserved it all was. Mr. Bates wasn't deceived, however. Dick had confided to him on the way from the house that there might be a few of the fellows there to see him off. Instead, he chuckled to himself. "You can't beat him at the diplomatic stuff," he thought proudly. Then his smile faded. "Wonder if he isn't a little too good at it!" Then Doris Ferguson had spied him and was clinging to his arm and telling him how mean and horrible he was to let Dick go away and leave them, and the other girls, seven in all, were chiming in, and everyone was talking at once. And that pleased Mr. Bates, too, for he liked Doris and, having no daughters of his own, wished he had a girl just like her. He patted her hand and beamed down at her from his six-foot height.

"Now don't you take on so, young lady. Just you remember you've still got me. Course, I can't play one of those half-portion banjos like Dick can, but I'm just as nice as he is other ways!"

Sumner White had drawn Dick apart. Sumner was this year's football captain,

and the other boys, watching and trying to appear not to be, felt that words of weight and wisdom were being exchanged over there by the baggage-room door, and wouldn't have interrupted for worlds. What Sumner was saying just then may have contained wisdom, but certainly wasn't very weighty.

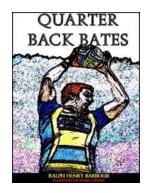
"If you run across any real good plays or wrinkles, Dick, I wish you'd put me on, eh? I guess they play pretty near college football at Parkinson, and you know how it is here. If Murphy ever had a new idea he'd drop dead! Of course I wouldn't give anything away. You can trust me to keep mum, old chap."

"Why, yes, I will, Sum, if I can. But I may not get near the team, you know. I guess they have a raft of corking good players at Parkinson, and——"

"Oh, pickles!" jeered Sumner. "I guess they won't have so many good quarters that you'll be passed up! Bet you anything you'll be playing on the Parkinson team before you've been there a week! Gee, I sort of wish you weren't going, Dick. It's leaving us in a beast of a hole. Say, honest, do you think Rogers could ever learn?"

"I think Sam's the best we—the best you've got, Sum. All he needs is a whole lot of work. Of course you can try Littleton if you like, but you know my opinion of him."

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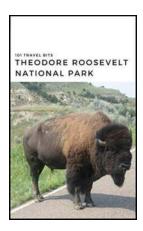
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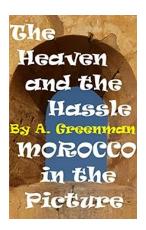
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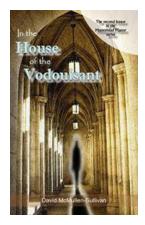
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