

Deaf Culture Question of the Week - December 8 - 12, 2008

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Tis the season for college football. Bowl games will soon be in full swing. So why not a football question related to Deaf culture.

Probably readers of the Deaf Culture Question of the week know that the "huddle" used in football before the start of each play was the ingenious invention of deaf football players at Gallaudet University. But who was the actual deaf person credited with invention of the "the football huddle"?

- a) Jack Gannon
- b) Frederick van Huddle
- c) Paul Hubbard
- d) I. King Jordan (when he played football for Gallaudet before he became President)

Do you know the answer? Scroll down to the bottom of this email for the answer.

Answer: "c" - Paul Hubbard - "Credit for the circular football huddle, the huddle seen frequently throughout youth, high school, collegiate, and professional games is almost universally given to a deaf football player named Paul Hubbard, who was a student during the late 1800s at Gallaudet College, now known as Gallaudet University."
(Read more here: http://www.iberkshires.com/story.php?story_id=22378)

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<http://deafness.about.com/od/deafheritage/a/heritagequiz.htm>