



EX-MENTOR—Arthur Mosse, who coached college football teams years ago, is now engaged in farming near Van Nuys. He's shown here with the first California-bred foal of Morvich, 1922 Kentucky Derby winner. Times photo

Old-time Football Coach Now Spends Time Raising Horses

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When the old-timers, under the influence of spring football practice, begin spinning tales these days they'd better watch their step on details. Arthur Mosse, 68 years of age and a resident of our teeming San Fernando Valley, can set them right on many points.

He coached in the days when it was five yards in three tries, five points for a touchdown or a goal from the field, when you punted out to better your position for the conversion attempt or brought the ball straight out from the point where it was carried over the line for a touchdown.

BREEDING TIME

At the current writing Mosse is a little too busy to bother with spring football tactics. It's breeding time, and he is master of Ad Astra Ranch near Van Nuys, where his daughter Justine stands Morvich, only California-bred to win a Kentucky Derby (1922,) in the stud.

Mosse coached at Pitt, then West University of Pennsylvania, in 1903-04-05-06. The university had 117 students when he first went there. Had 10 men for the football team. He made the 11th. He played every position but quarterback. He made the university give him a lot of scholarships, but the footballers had to study. Had only one tramp athlete on his teams. This was in his second year as coach—when W.U.P. scored 525 points to the opposition's 5.

GOES TO KANSAS

From W.U.P. he went to Kansas, "the coaches' graveyard," where he had been graduated, and stayed there 10 years.

But Pitt hadn't forgotten Mosse, and in 1908 the authorities sent for him to tell 'em what was wrong with their football team. They asked him to return, but instead he recommended Pop Warner. Pop was hired.

Mosse has some interesting pictures hanging on the walls of his home at Ad Astra—his first and second W.U.P. teams with limited squads, the first with only 11 players, including himself, in the photograph.

Another picture is of the Homestead professional football team, one of the first pro teams

in the country. Arthur Poe of Princeton is one of the Homesteaders. Bemis Pierce, great Carlisle Indian halfback who later came west and played with and coached Sherman in a disputed 12-6 game with Carlisle at Praeger Park here, is another.

Mosse's last coaching job was with an Army team during the war.

Then he returned to the business of raising thoroughbred hogs. He had carried on such breeding operations all the time he was coaching college teams, and was extremely successful.

With this background he has turned to the raising of thoroughbred race horses with all the enthusiasm of youth, and there is nothing he is prouder of than Morvich's grst California-bred son, a foal of two weeks.