

Frog lashes

By BILL REA

The Horned Frogs will be called upon to do something Saturday when they meet the Mustangs in the season's final game. The Mustangs, who have defeated Texas, Arkansas, Rice and Oklahoma A. & M., are the Purple.

But if the Frogs ever have been ready to spring an upset, they will be ready this week. The Frogs have comparatively little to lose, everything to gain. They will have the advantage of playing before a partisan homecoming crowd, they are burned up over four consecutive losses, and they can call it a successful season by taking the nearby rival. Another thing—this is just not in the books for S. M. U. to go through this season, one of the most hectic of all, with a perfect slate.

There's no doubt but what they have a great team, else they wouldn't have accomplished what a slice of college football is. Every year when the two schools meet, talk just naturally revolves around their 1935 encounter. As planned by the Mustangs, the game was to be a "must-win" for the Frogs. A crowd of about 40,000 crammed the little stadium, and the attention of the entire nation was centered on the battle. S. M. U. broke a 14-to-14 deadlock in the fourth quarter on a long pass from Bob Finley to Bobby Wilson for the clincher, and a trip to the West Coast. T. C. U., led by All-American Sam Baugh, received a Sugar Bowl invite and beat L. S. U. 3 to 2. The Mustangs lost to Stanford 0 to 7.

Grantland Rice, one of the oldest and best sports writers in the country, rates that 1935 game as one of the top 10 ever to be played in America.

The ears of the nation will again be focused on the grid feud when the two teams take the field Saturday. Bill Stern is slated to handle the N. B. C. broadcast, and Red Barber will work for C. B. S. It will again be the nation's outstanding game of the day.

Three seniors will write "30" to celebrate gridiron careers this week. Capt. Cliff Caffey, John Cooke and Carl Knox will do the honors for the last time. Alan Pike, senior guard, played his final game Saturday as he fractured a rib.

Rice can thank its lucky stars for that one Saturday. The Owls cashed in on their only scoring opportunity by driving 29 yards on just five plays, but after that they were ran all over the park. It is doubtful that they were satisfied with a one-touchdown lead, but they were never allowed past their own 40.

Pete Stout turned in the best single performance of the tilt. He ripped off numerous gains and did some beautiful passing. Pete is the hardest-to-tackle fullback in the conference and his dangerous stiff-arm is one to be avoided whenever possible. Once Pete gets past the line, one man just doesn't have much luck in bringing him down. Two defenders slow him up, and he usually takes three to knock him off his feet. And he let us know that he can still pass, both long and accurately. Throwing a wet football 60 yards is quite a feat!

Carl Knox did himself proud last week both in directing the offense and in punting. The elusive, cool-headed little man Saturday will end a colorful career that has extended over five years of college competition. Limited to punting duties this season because of injuries, the 150-pounder has gained nationwide publicity. He has seldom missed getting one 70-yarder game, and the one for 94 yards is in no danger of being beaten for some time to come. He has a 39.9 average, and has booted more times—77—than any man in the country.

In the two-game conference schedule we are picking Rice to have past the Baylor Bears and the Frogs to upset the apocryphal and lick the Mustangs!

S. M. U. will send another perfect record representative to the

Meyermen Cast in Underdog Role Against SMU Ponies As Curtain Falls Saturday on Final Act of S.W.C. Drama

Cotton Bowl-Bound Mustangs Lay Perfect Record on Line To Climax Frog Homecoming

By BILL REA

The curtain goes down on the current Horned Frog football season Saturday when T. C. U. meets its arch-rival, the undefeated and untied Southern Methodist Mustangs, as a highlight to annual homecoming activities.

Weather permitting, an overflow crowd of more than 30,000 is expected to be on hand when fun starts flying at 2 p.m. for the 30th renewal of gridiron rivalry between the two schools.

It will be the first time since 1938 that either team has reached this stage of the season without having lost or tied a game. S. M. U. has swept past four intersectional foes and five conference opponents without a red mark against them.

Win, lose or draw Saturday, the Mustangs have assured themselves of at least a tie for the conference championship and the right to play in the Cotton Bowl classic New Year's Day.

For T. C. U., a victory would mean a successful closing to a fairly successful season. It would also mean the breaking of a string of defeats that have plagued the Frogs since 1942. S. M. U. inflicted the only conference loss suffered by the Purple's championship team in 1944. In 1945 and 1946, the Ponies ran wild for 34-to-0 and 30-to-13 victories.

Walker Is Pony Star
Doak Walker, the Methodist's pride and joy, heads a flashy aggregation of backfield talent. He has been the key figure in most of S. M. U.'s offensive attacks, and is the leading pointmaker in the conference.

Gilbert Johnson, whose passing has paved the way for several victories, is one of the most deadly passers in the loop, and is capable of unleashing his attack from any point on the field. Coach Matty Bell compares him with Slingin' Sammy Baugh.

Paul Page and Dick McKissack are other stand-out backs. Page is very fast and shifty and is on the receiving end of many Mustang passes. McKissack specializes in bulling through the line for that extra yard or two.

The Pony line is capable of holding its own with the best. Tackles John Hamberger and Joe Ethridge and Center Cecil Sutphin keep the middle well fortified. Captain Sid Halliday and Dick Reinking, ends, are considered among the best in the circuit.

The Mustangs operate basically from a single wing formation, but they use various and sundry modifications. Every man in the backfield is well versed in the responsibilities of all positions, and they often shift from one to another. Occasionally they come up in a spread, similar to the one T. C. U. uses.

The Frogs will not be at full strength after last week's mud battle with Rice. Several men are suffering from serious lime burns and are not expected to be ready for action by Saturday. The full extent of damage has not yet been determined. Tackle George Brown and Back Dave Bloxom appear to be the most doubtful cases.

Pike Lost to Frogs
Guard Alan Pike suffered a broken rib in the Owl game, and in all probability will not be suited up. Fullback Jimmy Hunt, who received a head injury in the Texas game, has fully recovered and will be ready to go.

Carl Knox and Jim Lucas are expected to divide time at tailback; Lucas will be used a lot on defense. The Moorman twins are likely starters at the terminal positions.

In 29 previous games, the Mustangs hold the edge with 13 victories, the Frogs have taken 12 and four have ended in ties.

Probable Pony starters: Le. Dick Reinking; lt. Joe Ethridge; lg. Brownie Lewis; c. Cecil Sutphin; rg. Earl Cooke; rt. John Hamberger; re. Sid Halliday; qb. Bob Ramsey; lb. Doak Walker; rh. Paul Page; fb. Dick McKissack.

Probable Frog starters: Le. Bob Moorman; lt. Weldon Edwards; lg. Cliff Caffey; c. Doug Brightman; rg. Morell Hicks; rt. George Brown; re. Bill Moorman; qb. Lindy Berry; lb. Dave Bloxom; rh. Charley Jackson; fb. Pete Stout.

Hill this week. The Colts have not been defeated in four outings. The Wogs have improved a lot since the first of the season and should give the little Ponies a rough time.

Frosh Defeat Sophs 6 to 2

Tuesday Juniors to Play Freshmen After Holidays To Decide Championship

The curtain rang down on the Wednesday intramural football league Monday, with the Frosh edging the Sophs, 6 to 2, in a contest of stout defensive play.

Although both teams ended the season deadlocked in first place, the Freshmen will meet the Tuesday League champions in the playoffs by virtue of holding a 2-to-1 edge in victories over the Sophomores.

Early in the first quarter, the Sophs got their two points when Frosh Cotten Russell fumbled the pigskin and it slid out of the end zone for a safety.

Later in the same period, the Freshmen started a sustained march down the field which ended in a touchdown. A pass from Russell to Frank Holt covered the last 25 yards to pay dirt.

The second stanza was scoreless, with both teams losing the ball on frequent pass interceptions. Neither team could manufacture a serious scoring threat.

Midway in the third quarter, Ben Hays intercepted a Soph pass and raced 20 yards to their 19, but here the drive ended as a hard-charging Sophomore line held for downs. Two plays later, Hays again punted in a stray Soph aerial on the Soph 23. This time Russell engineered his team to the Soph one yard line, but once more the Soph line threw up an ironclad defense and took over the ball on downs.

Especially outstanding in the game was the brilliant defensive work of Sophs Rex Humphreys and Max Cogswell and Freshmen Hays and Russell.

Junior Hays scored their tally in the third stanza on a pass from Happy Ellis to Long John Standridge. The Parsons threatened again in the final period, working down to the Juniors' two-yard line, but the drive fizzled.

The play-offs between the two league winners will begin after the Thanksgiving holidays, the championship to go to the team taking two out of three.

Playing without any of their regular backs, the upperclassmen slipped and slid to two first quarter TD's. Shirley Anderson handled the wet leather miraculously in passing to LeRoy Woodard and James Prechter for the counters.

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Frog Cagers Prep for Tech

Hub Announces Probable Starters—Plans to Polish Plays, Work on Defense

The Frog cagers will get down to serious business the next few days as they prepare for their season opener against the Red Raiders of Texas Tech.

The Tech squad will invade Fort Worth Friday, Dec. 5, for a two-night engagement with the Christians at Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum.

Polishing plays and a zone defense is on the agenda for the squad through the next week.

Coach Hub McQuillan has divided his men into two teams that will work against each other throughout this week and next.

Two Teams Named
The No. 1 team and probable starters for the opening contest puts Nolan Weeks and Frank Kudlaty at forwards, Julius Dolnie at center, and Gene Schmidt and Bobby Young in the guard positions.

The No. 2 team is composed of Brock Jarrell and Kendall Bond, guards, Red Brothers and Bob Hendricks, forwards, and Glenn Harry and Orvell Hutto alternating at the center spot. Walter Williams and Bruce Craig round out the second unit.

Gene Wardynski returned to practice this week, but he probably will not see action in the opening games.

He is still favoring an injured knee and is recuperating from an infected tooth.

"B" Team May Play
The "B" team is slated to make its first appearance preliminary to the varsity game if Coach Hub can promote an opponent for them.

Tagged as the team to dominate the cellar in the Southwest Conference this season, the Frog basketballers have everything to gain and nothing to lose as they take the floor to begin their tough schedule.

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Gridders Not Superstitious, Just Want to Be Cautious

Suspicion intermingled with shreds of superstition is fast enveloping the player who wears the dreaded "No. 13."

This year the wearer is Jerome Blazek, from Corpus Christi. He got to play a little at the beginning of the season but just before the Arkansas game during practice scrimmage session, he was injured and has not played a down since.

George Mitcham met with the same fate early in the 1945 campaign. Although not carried out on a stretcher at any time, he was constantly getting hurt and consequently the playing style of the "No. 13" player was slowed to a walk.

Blazek smiles at his misfortune and admits that he is superstitious, but hastens to add: "I'm even more superstitious than you think. I won't even change numbers now. I'll keep that '13' until I get out of college. I don't believe in changing."

Incidentally, he is the only player who will admit that he is out-and-out superstitious. Others will admit that they do certain things just-and-so each time.

A common idea of lacing shoes has grown into a near superstition for players, especially punters.

They always lace their right shoe tighter than the left. Others leave the top eyes of the shoes unlaced. Jim Lucas and Wayne Pitcock are habitual examples of this.

Lindy Berry discounts any theory of the bad luck of No. 13.

"Nothing ever happened to me. I wore it in high school at Wichita Falls," he says.

Last year Bryan Weickersheimer, Jimmy Hunt, and Carl Knox were constantly seen side by side when they were not in the game. They always lined up from left to right on the bench in that manner.

Pete Stout always tips his head gear over his nose just before he enters the huddle. He says it isn't a superstition—just a way to guard his nose which is continually smattered with injuries.

Football Manager Hicks Daniels has developed a superstition about carrying the fellows out on stretchers. He says he will follow them out from now on instead of going in front to push the spectators out of the way. This is what he was doing when a fan knocked him down at the Texas game while he was clearing a path for the stretcher bearers who were carrying Hunt through, after he had suffered a severe blow on the head.

Scratch Edwards jumped on his



HARD HITTING Scratch Edwards handicapped with a broken jaw, received in the Arkansas game, will deal the Mustangs plenty of trouble Saturday afternoon. Edwards had the wire removed from his teeth this week and is back on a regular diet. He will still wear the mask that Tailback Jim Lucas is adjusting, while Fullback Otis McKelvey (left) and Blocking Back Wayne Pitcock look on.

Wogs Play Unbeaten Colts At 2:30 P. M. Tomorrow

The undefeated S. M. U. Colts and the T. C. U. Wogs get football operations under way at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow when they tangle for a conference game in Purple Stadium.

The Colts have been victorious over "B" squads of Rice, Baylor, Texas and Texas A. & M., while the Wogs have broken even with

two victories and the same number of losses.

Coach Walter Roach plans to use practically the same starting team as he has all season. Bad weather has kept the squad from extensive work-outs since the Texas game, but the boys are expected to be in good physical shape.

The little Ponies will have the advantage in experience as most of the players have had a year or two of college experience, while the T. C. U. lads are almost all first-year men.

Wayne Burnett of Tyler, who is playing his third year of college football, and Sonny Payne, a star at Thomas Jefferson last season, probably will start at ends for the Colts; Junior Henry Johnson and Freshman Charles Perry at the tackles; Sophs Dick Davis and Melvin Rosenblum at guards; and Senior Ed Richardson at center. Ted Hunt, Jimmie Kendrick, Billy Mizell and Ken Grantham will be the starting backs. Hunt is the only freshman of the quartet.

Kyle Rote, all-state tailback from Thomas Jefferson, is not likely to start because of an injury, but he will probably get into the fray.

Files show that the identifying nickname of the school is entering its 50th year, though it had its ups and downs during the early times. The first yearbook to be published—1898—bore the name of the ferocious appearing, but gentle creature.

"History of Texas Christian University," a book written by Dean Colby D. Hall and soon to be published, reveals that the title of Horned Frog was selected by a committee of four—two from each of the leading literary societies of the campus. The commonness of the scurrying little "animals" about the old school in Waco was principal cause of its selection.

Name For Team In 1902
Though the annual publication has remained the Horned Frog from its inception, athletic teams did not take to the title so easily. Records mention the name in a few instances. Actually, there were no regular sports during the last years of the 19th century, and the "Froggie" handle became permanent for athletic teams after the resistance of the Board of Trustees to intercollegiate sports ended in 1902.

Never a year passes but that someone raises the woeful complaint that there is no such thing as a Horned Frog—citing the dictionaries and the biological phyla. To offset this attack, the term Horned Frog has been brought out from time to time. The Skiff stories during the World War I era carried this, and newspapers have frequently made the charge. Outside the Southwest, Horned Toad is better recognized today than the Horned Frog.

"Frog" Really Lizard
Technically there is no "such animal" as a Horned Frog or Toad. The little "character" whose picture adorns student car windshields is a lizard and is actually a reptile.

Don't let the fine points deceive you. For 50 years there has been a Horned Frog—and, as any good student is quick to say, there will always be a Horned Frog.

girl friend after that game. It seems that he laid the blame for the loss of the game on the poor girl, Patsy Green, because she had failed to wear a bracelet that was supposed to carry the Frogs to victory that afternoon.

"No, I'm not superstitious," he says, "I'm just cautious."

Horned Frogs Outplay Rice, But Owls Squeeze Through With Shaky 7-to-0 Victory

An out-played Rice eleven scored in the first quarter and managed to stave off numerous Horned Frog threats to come through with a shaky 7-to-0 victory over the Purple Saturday in T. C. U. Stadium. Approximately 5000 hardy fans braved the cold wind and rain to witness the muddy battle.

As is expected in a game under such conditions, breaks were the deciding factors, and the visitors cashed in on one of them to salt down at least a third-place tie in conference standings.

Rice got its chance in the first quarter, after an exchange of punts gave the Frogs possession deep in their own end of the field. After T. C. U. picked up two first downs, and a potential third, Pete Stout was jarred loose from the slick ball on the 27 and Guard S. J. Roberts recovered for the boys in blue.

Three plays carried to the 19 and Dick Hoerster powered for a first on a quick opener and went all the way for a tally. Froggie Williams converted, and that was the extent of the scoring.

T. C. U. Dominates Rest of Game
The rest of the game was completely controlled by T. C. U. Under the leadership of Carl Knox and Lindy Berry, the Frogs muddled through and slid around the boys from Houston for many a yard only to falter when they got within spitting distance of the goal.

Just as the slick ball was largely responsible for the Owl score, and it was that same slick ball which kept the Frogs from at least two markers.

In the second quarter, Wayne Rogers recovered an Owl fumble on the Rice 40, and the Purple immediately started passing. A jump pass was no good, Berry lost five on an attempt, then Stout, standing at midfield heaved a perfect strike to Charley Jackson in the

end zone, but the ball was too slippery to hold.

In the third stanza, another opportunity was missed after Stout had bulled his way 28 yards to the Blue 14. Knox threw to Charley, who was again in the end zone, the ball was partially deflected and caused him to drop it to end the threat.

The ever-fighting Frogs never gave up, and powered down to Rice's 20 on several other occasions only to bog down. The Owls, on the other hand, were never able to get past their own 40 after their touchdown.

Punting Duel Is Highlighted
One of the main highlights of the affair was the spectacular punting duel between Knox and Keeney. Carl averaged 47 yards on seven kicks, and Huey had a 42.4-yard average on 11 tries. Both men saw one of their punts barely going over the goal line for touchbacks.

The outstanding showing was turned in by Pete Stout. Big Pete ripped off sizable gains and was seldom stopped by fewer than three men. He was the game's individual ground leader, and completed a 39-yard pass to Morris Bailey. Carl Knox, in his first chance to handle quarterback chores for any length of time since the Rice game last year, turned in a credible performance. Al Valani, Lindy Berry and Dave Bloxom played a very fine game. Weldon Edwards, Alan Pike, George Brown, Harold Kilman and Doug Brightwell were Purple line standouts.

For Rice, Keeney and Hoerster were the big wheels in the backfield; J. W. Magee, S. J. Roberts and Jim Spruill were defensive standouts.

The Frogs held the statistical advantage by outdoing the Owls 13 to 7 in first downs and gaining a total of 273 yards as compared to 108 for Rice.

Socks Vanish Like Mad—
It costs \$135 to put a Frog football player on the field for the first practice, when the expense of all his equipment is counted up, according to Albert "Smitty" Smith, squad trainer and "keeper of the togs."

The fancy game uniforms are a small item. It's the gear worn in addition to the nylon shirts and the pants with the two-way stretch backs that bring the total to its high mark.

On opening day, each squadman is issued practice shoes, pants, three T-shirts, two sweatshirts and socks. The shirt and socks are a "one in and one out" laundry system. Most of the gear will last the season, with the exception of the backfield men's sweatshirts.

"One grab by a lieman will finish a shirt," says "Smitty." We figure on two extra for the backs during a season.

Longer service is gotten from the "hard" equipment—the shoulder pads, blocking pads and helmets. But a constant process of repair is needed to keep them in the game. Game shoes become practice gear after the wear and tear of a few seasons.

Hardest item on the list to keep in stock is socks, says Smitty.

"We start the season with about 300 pair, but by the time the laundry has gone out twice, there doesn't seem to be enough to go around."

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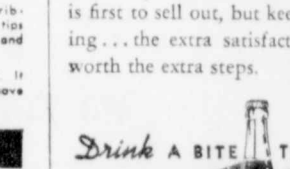
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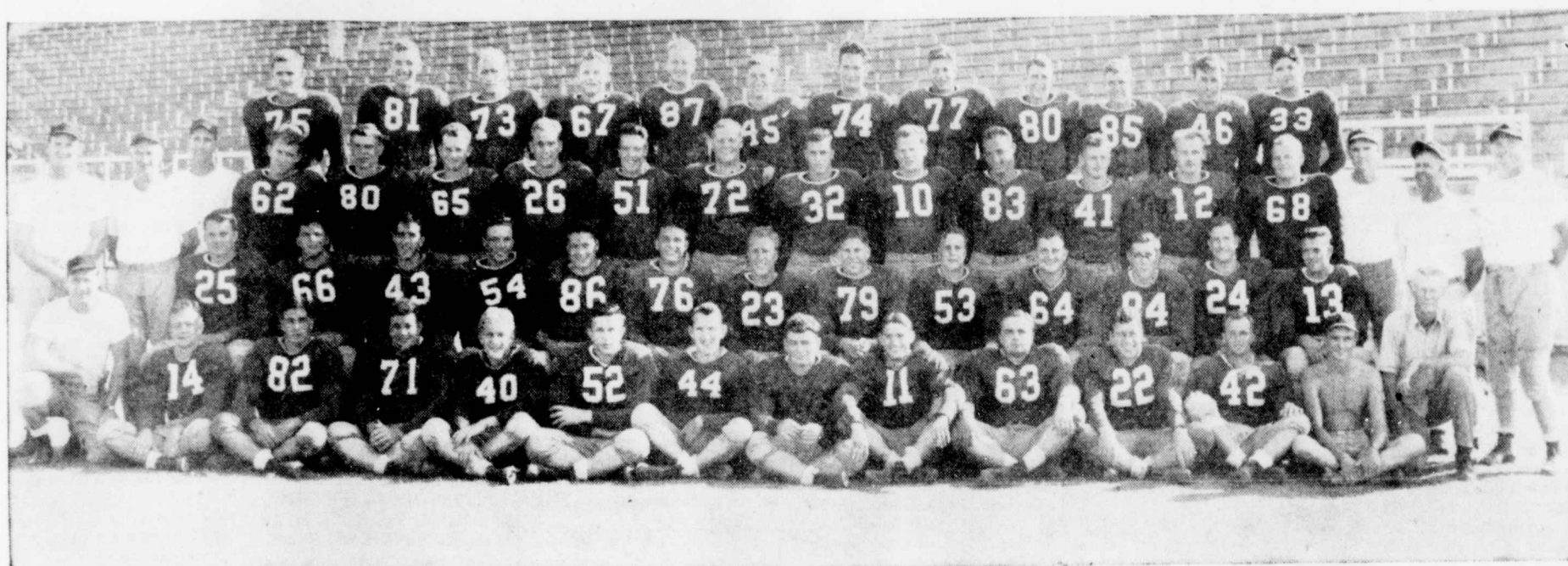
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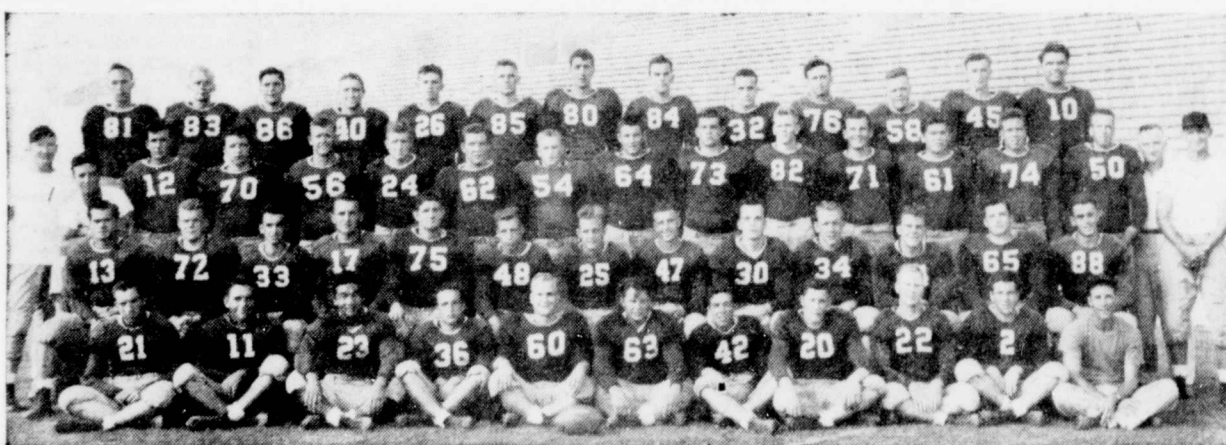


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