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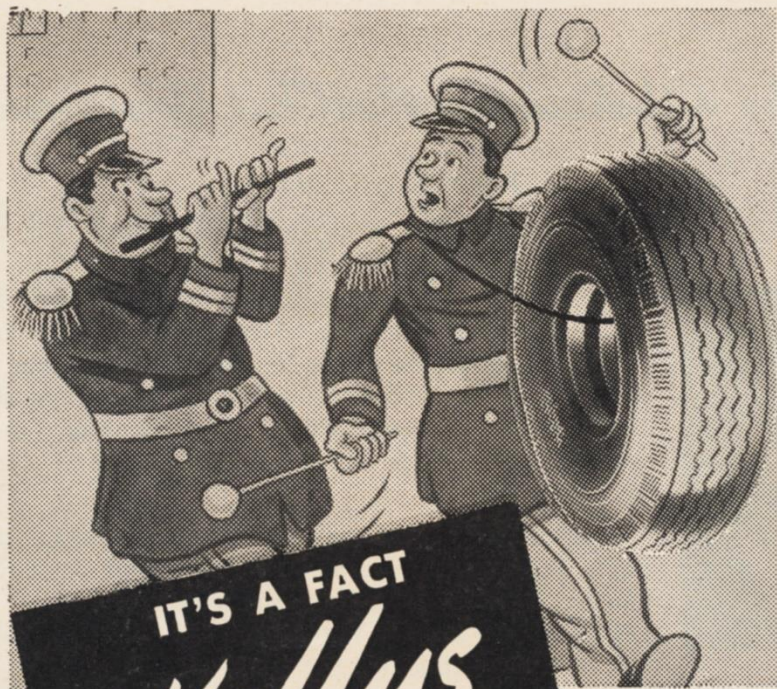


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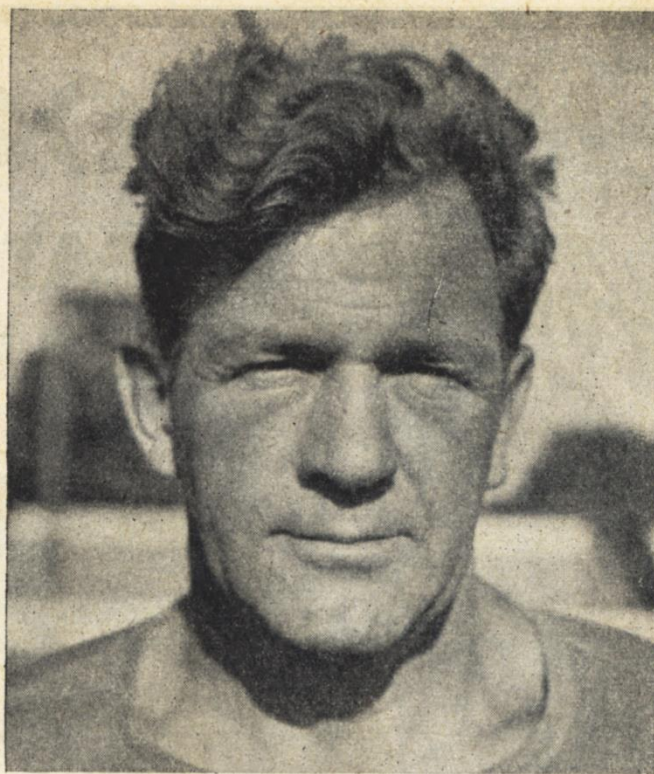


HEAD COACH R. E. "DICK" HANLEY

When Richard E. ("Dick") Hanley came to Evanston, Illinois, in the Fall of 1927 to take over the coaching of Northwestern University's football team, he found a desolate picture confronting him. Prior to Hanley's advent on the campus they had defeated Minnesota only once in the 20th Century; they had not enjoyed a win over Zuppke of Illinois in fifteen seasons; they had never beaten Ohio and, worse still, had never scored a touchdown against the Buckeyes; the Evanstonian team had defeated Wisconsin but once in Big Ten (it was then, son) history; and they had won but one inter-sectional football game; that, against Missouri in 1915. The only bright thing on Hanley's horizon was the new Stadium. But it, too, had its dark side with a debt of \$1,650,000.00 yet to be paid off.

Then came Dick Hanley. In nine seasons Hanley won two Big Ten championships (1930-31); he signed a long-term contract with Notre Dame; he brought to Evanston Tulane from the South and Stanford from the West and Dartmouth from the East. He created six All-Americans of unchallenged distinction: Frank Baker, Dallas Marvel, Jack Riley, "Pug" Rentner, "Reb" Russell and "Red" Woodworth. In addition, Hanley found time to run eight coaching schools in as many seasons, and he originated the first "All-Star" game when he coached a team of Western Conference Stars which played a team coached by Howard Jones of Southern California and a group of Pacific Coast stars, at Soldier Field in 1933. The following year Hanley was made defensive coach of the Chicago Tribune's first All-Star team which held the mighty Chicago Bears, with "Red" Grange as captain, to no first downs. Prior to his debut in "Big Ten" circles Hanley had been winning national fame with his teams from the Haskell Indian Institute.

When World War II came along "Dick" went back to his favorite service, the Marines, in which he had served in the original World War. In 1944-45 Lt. Colonel "Dick" Hanley was given the responsibility of organizing and coaching the mighty El Toro Marine football teams which played thirty games, losing two and tying one. Many of these fighting Marines are now members of Hanley's Chicago Rockets football squad.



COACH ERNIE NEVERS

Twenty-three years ago there came across the tips of the Rockies a shadow overcast upon the football world in such immensity that it nearly dwarfed all before it. Not until that shadow had reached eastward to the orange and blue sunsets around the campus of Illinois University did that shadow meet another burst of light that flew upwards and lit again the skies. Then the two became one, and together they dominated all of football for a trio of years.

The shadow from west of the Rockies was caused by football's greatest fullback, Ernie Nevers, of Stanford. The burst of brilliant light that met and merged with the shadow from the Pacific was Illinois' own immortal "Red" Grange. Today Ernie Nevers is Chief Assistant to Head Coach "Dick" Hanley of the Chicago Rockets.

Ernie Nevers was contemporary with Illinois' "Galloping Ghost." Both played during the 1923-24-25 seasons. Grange made the last Walter Camp "All-Time All-American Football team," and so did Nevers. Both were All-Conference selections in their trio of competing years. Nevers was an All-American selection in his senior year, 1925. He was also, like Grange, captain that year. Grange made All-American selections for his three years of college competition; but Nevers improved with the years and lasted longer in professional football than did Grange. Both made All-Time (All-Professional All-American Teams —Grange for his work with the old Chicago Bears and Nevers for his playing with the Chicago Cardinals.

Nevers was a baseball pitcher and so good at the mound that he played two seasons with the St. Louis Browns in the American League. Football was his greatest love and his career saw him coaching the Duluth Eskimos (1926-27), Lafayette College, Iowa University, the University of Stanford. He also coached the Chicago Cardinals for several of their best seasons back in memory.

His acquisition by the Chicago Rockets rounded out Head Coach R. E. "Dick" Hanley's coaching staff to a completion unequalled anywhere else in professional football.

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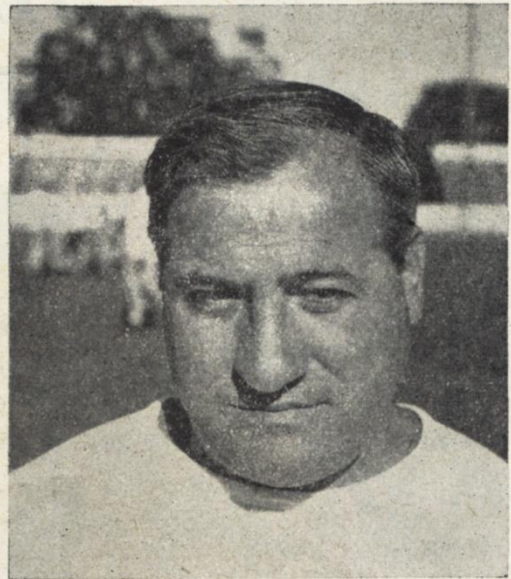
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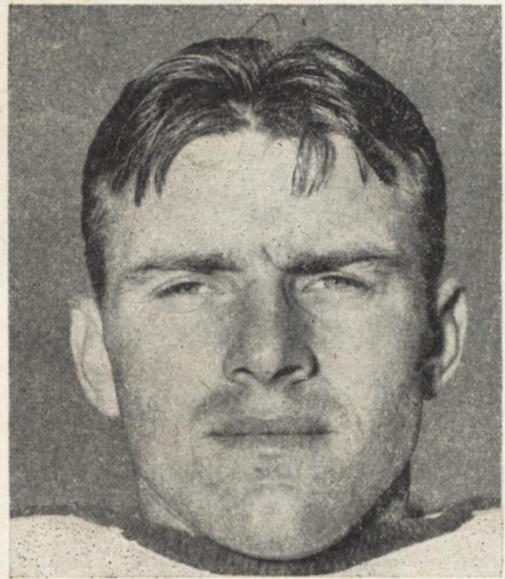
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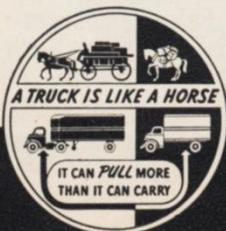
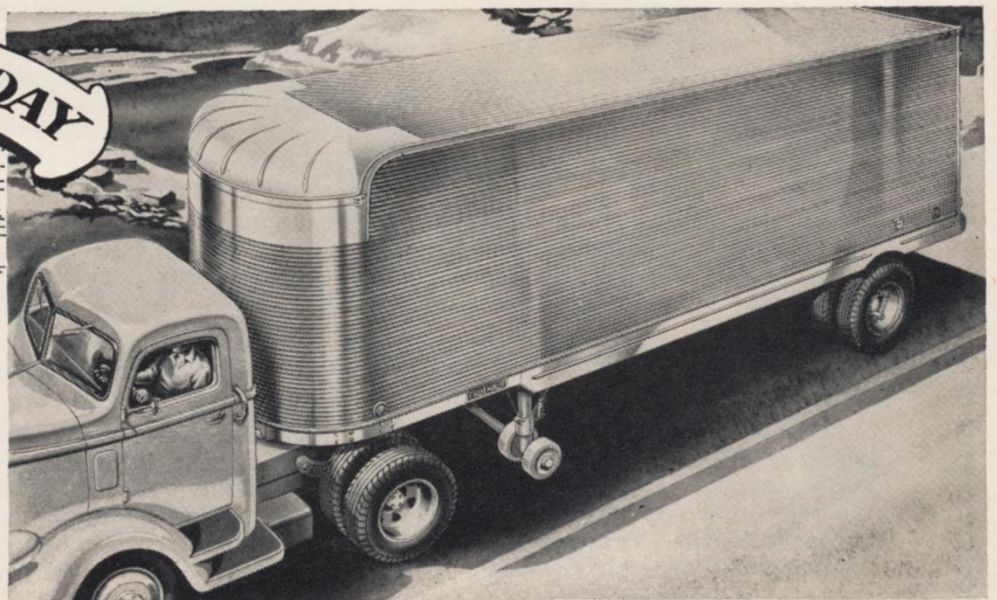
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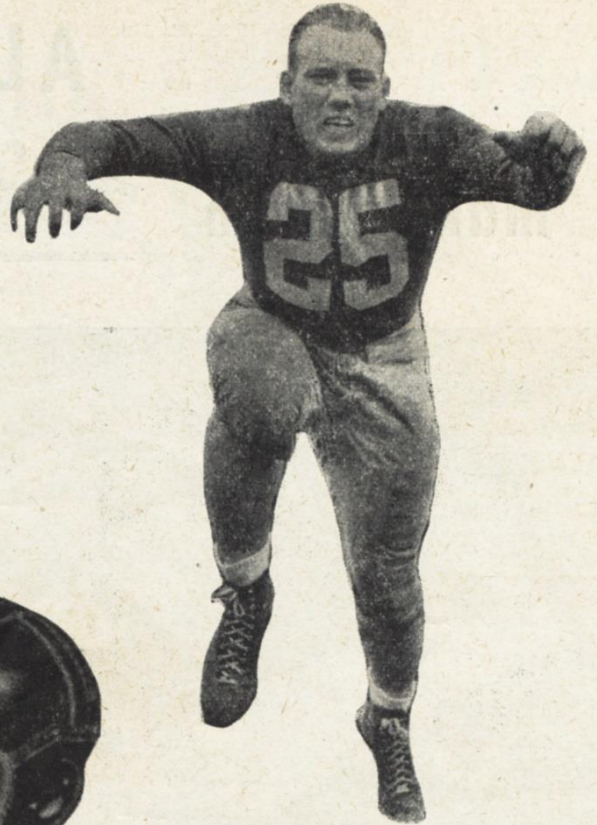
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Thumbnail Sketches of Chicago Rockets

BOEDEKER, WILLIAM . . . 22 yrs. . . . Back . . . 5 feet 11 1/2 . . . 190 . . . DePaul University. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Bill Boedecker has nevertheless spent most of his 22 years in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Under the tutelage of Coach Bob Nulf at North Side High in Fort Wayne, Bill played halfback on the eleven which were State Champions in 1940. The War cut Bill's education short too, and for three years he served in the Army infantry. Eighteen months of this time was spent in the Pacific area, including beach-head landings at Leyte, Okinawa and the Ryukus. He won many awards including Bronze Star, Purple Heart, 4 Battle Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Arrowhead, etc. Boedecker was discharged a Corporal in January, 1946. Future ambition: coaching. Is single and lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

BRUTZ, JAMES C. . . . 27 yrs. . . . Tackle . . . 6 feet . . . 230 . . . Notre Dame '42. "Pork" Brutz, who hails from Niles, Ohio, won three letters, was named All-State, and captained his team at Warren High. Again won three letters at Notre Dame plus Most Valuable Tackle Award 1941. Discharged a Lieutenant after four years in the navy, serving 22 months in the Philippines. Except for dramatic rescue from bottom of Subic Bay, "Pork" wouldn't be with us today. Is single.

CLAY, WALTER E. . . . 21 yrs. . . . Fullback . . . 5 feet 10 1/2 . . . 205 . . . University of Colorado. "Hatchet" Clay, as he is known to those who have played against him, is a native of Longmont, Colorado, where he starred in high school football, baseball, basketball and track. From Longmont he went to the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he won eight letters during his two years there, making "All Big Seven Conference" teams both years he played. Teamed with Ernest "Tiny" Lewis, also a Chicago Rocket, Clay was one half of the university's "touchdown twin" combination that won a "Big Seven" Conference Championship. Clay is a passer, kicker and all-around defensive back. His punts tower out of the illumination of the average stadium lighted for night football. His running is of the slashing, driving type that cuts off the ends and tackles, and he is a mighty defensive worker back of the line. Clay played for Coach R. E. "Dick" Hanley on the 1944-45 El Toro Marine football team as the starring fullback.

COLEMAN, HERBERT EDWARD . . . 23 yrs. . . . Center . . . 6 feet . . . 200 . . . Notre Dame '44. Herb, who is not only an outstanding athlete but also graduated from High School with the highest scholastic rating, had a fine college football record playing for Coach Frank Leahy. He was Catholic All-American in 1943, and played on second teams of Collier's and Associated Press All-American. Herb entered the Navy immediately after graduation and served as skipper of an LCT at Okinawa and the Philippines. Was accidentally gassed by exploded gas shell while on Mindanao. Herb, who is married and the father of a young son, hails from Chester, West Virginia, but now lives in Canton, Ohio.

COX, NORMAN LAWRENCE . . . 20 yrs. . . . Fullback . . . 6 feet 3 . . . 210 . . . Texas Christian University. Although "Fuzzy" Cox won't be 21 till after the second game this season, he has already made an athletic name for himself. In High School he won honors in football, basketball and track; was named All-District and Best Athlete for two years; and won high jump at District Meet. At T.C.U. "Fuzzy" was All-Conference player for 2 years and won honorable mention for All-American. His biggest thrill was the Rice vs. T.C.U. game in 1944 when "Fuzzy" won the Conference game in the last 20 seconds by crashing Rice's line 6 inches from the goal and hurling the ball carrier for a 4-yard setback. His off-season occupation is "rough-necking" for an oil field. Married. Home town: Grandfalls, Texas.

DOVE, ROBERT LEO . . . 25 yrs. . . . 6 feet 1 . . . 219 . . . Notre Dame '43. Bob Dove, one of the Rockets' most promising players, first distinguished himself while in high school by being named Youngstown's All-City End in 1939. Later while playing for Frank Leahy he was All-American in 1941 and 1942, and All-Western in 1942. He also won the Knute Rockne Memorial Trophy from the Touchdown Club of Washington, D. C., and played in the East-West Game in 1943 at San Francisco. Recently discharged after 3 1/2 years as a 1st Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, Bob returned to Notre Dame for a refresher course and assisted Leahy in spring practice. He is married and father of 2-yr. old Bob, Jr. Home town, Youngstown, Ohio.

GRIFFIN, DONALD D. . . . 23 yrs. . . . Halfback . . . 5 feet 11 1/2 . . . 195 . . . University of Illinois. Although Don hails from Benton Harbor, he is another Rocket whose football career originated in Chicago. At Fenger High under Chuck Palmer (who assists Coach Hanley this summer) Griffin was lettered twice, captain in '39 and named All-State. Proceeding to Illinois, Don played stellar football for both Zuppke and Eliot before entering the Marine Corps in Dec. '42. During 3 1/2 years in the service he played one season with the El Toro Marines before going overseas for 10 months on Okinawa and Japan. Was discharged last June as a 1st Lieutenant.

HEYWOOD, RALPH ALVIN . . . 24 yrs. . . . End . . . 6 feet 2 1/2 . . . 195 . . . University of Southern California. Ralph, who has an outstanding football record back of him, first won acclaim at high school in Huntington Park, Cal., where he was chosen captain of his team, All City, All League, and Helm's "Athlete of the Month" in 1939. His successful gridiron career was further honored at U.S.C. by being named team captain, All-American and Most Valuable for one year, and All-Pacific Coast for 2 years. Ralph says he still remembers as highlight of college days the time he caught touchdown pass against Notre Dame in 1941 during first six minutes of play. During 4 years of service as 1st Lieut. in Marines, Ralph spent 13 months in Pacific theatre on sea duty; also played one season with El Toro Flying Marines, before joining the Rockets.

HILLENBRAND, WILLIAM FRANCIS . . . 24 yrs. . . . Halfback . . . 6 feet . . . 188 . . . Indiana University '46. Bill needs no introduction to football fans, but to recap his achievements, in high school at Evansville he was captain 1 year, All-State 3 years, Most Valuable 2 years, not to mention honors won in basketball and baseball. At Indiana University under tutelage of "Bo" McMillin, Bill was named All-American 1 yr. and All-Conference, Most Valuable, winner of Walling Wall Trophies for 2 yrs. each. Not only a great defensive back, this Hoosier is also known for his kicking ability, one example of which was an 88 yd. punt return for touchdown with 15 seconds of play remaining in 1st half of game against Wisconsin University. In the Army for 3 years Bill spent 8 months in India and Burma as 1st Lieut. His brother, Joe, who played football for Purdue, was killed in action and was awarded Silver Star and Purple Heart posthumously. Bill has plans for law career. Is married and lives in Evansville, Indiana.

HIRSCH, ELROY LEON . . . 23 yrs. . . . Halfback . . . 6 feet 2 . . . 190 . . . Wisconsin and Michigan. Hirsch, a native of Wausau, Wis., first played left half in high school where he was captain of team 1 year, All-Conference 2 years. Also played in All-State basketball tournament. He won continued success at Wisconsin as Sophomore All-American and earned nickname of "Crazylegs" for speedy, slippery style of running. Holds State AAU broadjump and Fieldhouse sprint records. When Marine Corps switched him to Michigan University, Hirsch went on to break more records by being first man in history of the school to win four letters in one year. His biggest thrill at Michigan was pitching one hitter against Ohio State, then broadjumping 24:2 to win in Triangular Meet. During service as 2nd Lieut. "Crazylegs" played with El Toros, winning 10 games and losing only two. Future ambition is sports announcing. Is married, and lives in Wausau.

HOERNSCHEMYER, ROBERT . . . 20 yrs. . . . Back . . . 5 feet 11 1/2 . . . 192 . . . Indiana University. Bob Hoernschemyer, perhaps better known as "Hunchy," is one of the "babies" of pro football, but it is generally agreed that he's well able to take care of himself. A glance at his high school record shows that he was a 4-letter man in football, basketball and baseball, also winning 2 letters for track (220 yd. dash). Was chosen All-State Baseball and All-City Basketball in 1943, besides being All-City and All-Conference Football in 1942 and 1943, as halfback. Following this "Hunchy" entered Indiana where he played quarter and halfback for Coach "Bo" McMillin, winning many additional honors, such as INS, UP, AP and Coaches 1st teams; All-Conference (Big Ten) '43; 2nd All-America, AP, '43; Harry Wismer's All-America 1st team and Bill Stern's All-America 2nd team, '44; East-West game, Jan. 1, 1944; and North-South game, Dec. 28, 1944. These were justly deserved for records show that "Hunchy" ranked second leading passer in '43 with 69 of 154 completed for a total of 1133 yards gained in 10 games. Similar success was his in the '45 season playing for the U. S. Naval Academy, as indicated by the Navy-Penn. game which he won by 13-6 by completing a last minute touchdown pass. Was discharged a Midshipman after 2 years in the Navy. Single. Home town: Cincinnati, Ohio.

HUNEKE, CHARLES FRANKLIN . . . 25 yrs. . . . Tackle . . . 6 feet 3 . . . 225 . . . St. Mary's of Texas and University of Wyoming. Chuck Huneke, Rockets' big hard-hitting tackle, was born on New Year's Day, 1921, in Lincoln, Illinois. Back in his high school days Chuck set a precedent by starting out in the position of tackle and continued to hold it throughout college (at St. Mary's of Texas and Wyoming University) and service athletics with the El Toro Marines for two more years, while performing the duties of a Sergeant in the Marine Corps. During school he rounded out his sports activities by participating in basketball and weight-lifting. Chuck is single, and lives in Springfield, Ill.

KELLAGHER, WILLIAM MICHAEL . . . 26 yrs. . . . Fullback . . . 5 feet 11 . . . 205 . . . Fordham. During four years of high school football at Ashland, Pa., "Scrooge" Kellagher was named All-State Fullback in 1938. He starred one year at Fordham under Jim Crowley during which time he played in the famous Cotton Bowl game of 1941. After leaving college Kellagher entered the Marine Corps and saw more than 3 years of duty as a Sergeant in the 4th Tank Battalion. Two of these years were spent overseas, including Hawaii, the Marshalls, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. He was awarded a Letter of Commendation while in combat. "Scrooge" played one season in 1944 with the Maui Marines, Pacific champs, and in 1945 with the El Toro Marines. He is single, and lives in Ashland, Pennsylvania.

LAHEY, THOMAS PATRICK . . . End . . . 26 yrs. . . . 6 feet 2 . . . 218 . . . John Carroll University '41. Bowling Green, Ohio, saw big Pat Lahey off to a good start on the gridiron, which he followed with continued success at John Carroll in Cleveland. During his three years playing end for Tom Conley in college, Pat was chosen All-Opponent and All-Big-Four. While seeing two years' duty as a Corporal in the Marine Corps, Lahey played two seasons of football with the El Toro Marines. In civilian life Pat's favorite hobby is golf, and his off-season occupation is engineering. Pat, his wife and two sons make their home in Cleveland, Ohio.

MILLER, BENJAMIN F. . . . 22 yrs. . . . Center . . . 6 feet 190 . . . Univ. of Tenn. Ben played at Tenn. with an undefeated team in 1944 playing in the Rose Bowl against U.S.C. In 1945 his team took second place in Southeastern Conference. Ben played football with Army in 1943 while serving as p.f.c. with 245th Coast Battalion. A mechanic-electrician, in civilian life, Ben's ambition is coaching. Home town Chattanooga, Tenn.



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21	Baldwin, John	Center	6:03	225	25	Centenary	First	Army	Abilene, Tex.
22	Robertson, Tom	Center	6:02	225	25	Tulsa	Third	Army	Tulsa, Okla.
25	Sossamon, Lou	Center	5:11	207	24	South Carolina	First	Navy	Gaffney, S. C.
30	Karmazin, Mike	Guard	5:11	210	24	Duke	First	Army	Philadelphia, Pa.
31	Kinard, Geo.	Guard	6:01	205	28	Mississippi	Fourth	Navy	Jackson, Miss.
32	Yackanich, Joe	Guard	5:09	215	22	Fordham	First	Army	Beaver Meadows, Pa.
35	Rifle, Charles	Guard	6:02	215	27	Notre Dame	Second	Navy	Warren, O.
40	Palmer, Darrell	Tackle	6:02	245	25	T. C. U.	First	Marines	Fort Worth, Tex.
41	Piskor, Roman	Tackle	6:00	245	28	Niagara	First	Army	No. Tonowanda, N. Y.
43	Johnson, Nate	Tackle	6:03	240	25	Illinois	First	Navy	Benton, Ill.
44	Kinard, F. M.	Tackle	6:01	218	30	Mississippi	Eighth	Navy	Jackson, Miss.
45	Bentz, Roman	Tackle	6:02	230	25	Tulane	First	Army	Horican, Wis.
46	McCullum, H.	Tackle	6:04	240	26	Tulane	First	Marines	Tulsa, Okla.
50	Burrus, Harry	End	6:01	195	24	Hardin-Simmons	First	Army	Lubbock, Tex.
51	Alford, Bruce	End	6:02	200	24	T. C. U.	First	Army	Fort Worth, Tex.
52	Conger, Melvin	End	6:03	225	26	Georgia	First	Army	Atlanta, Ga.
53	Russell, John	End	6:02	215	25	Baylor	First	Army	Waco, Tex.
55	Masterson, Robt.	End	6:01	225	30	Miami University	Ninth	-----	Bergenfield, N. J.
57	Schwartz, Perry	End	6:01	215	29	California	Seventh	Navy	San Francisco, Cal.
60	Cheatham, Lloyd	Back	6:01	205	27	Auburn	Second	Navy	Nauvoo, Ala.
61	Morrow, Robert	Back	6:00	220	27	Illinois Wesleyan	Fourth	Navy	Normal, Ill.
70	Kennedy, Robt.	Back	5:11	195	25	Washington State	First	Army	Atherton, Cal.
72	Prokop, Edward	Back	5:11	200	24	Georgia Tech.	First	Navy	Cleveland, O.
73	Proctor, Dewey	Back	5:11	215	24	Furman	First	Navy	Dillion, S. C.
75	Johnson, Harvey	Back	5:11	210	26	William and Mary	First	Navy	Bridgeton, N. J.
76	Manders, Clarence	Back	6:00	200	32	Drake	Seventh	-----	Des Moines, Iowa
80	Sweiger, Robt.	Back	6:01	200	26	Minnesota	First	Navy	Minneapolis, Minn.
81	Sanders, Orben	Back	6:01	195	26	University of Texas	First	Navy	Temple, Okla.
82	Perina, Robert	Back	6:01	205	24	Princeton	First	Marines	Irvington, N. J.
84	Wagner, Lowell	Back	6:00	193	23	U. S. C.	First	Navy	Gardena, Cal.
85	Parker, Clarence	Back	5:11	180	31	Duke	Eighth	Navy	Portsmouth, Va.
86	Sinkwich, Frank	Back	6:01	205	25	Georgia	Third	Army	Youngstown, O.

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No.	Name	Alt. No.	No.	Name	Alt. No.
2	Ernest (Tommy) Hughitt	41	Ike Craig45
5	Fred Henry Young	43	J. Edward Tryon
11	Thomas A. Timlin	.....	45	Ike Craig	.....41
22	William E. Pritchard	.....65	51	Hol Slutz	.....75
24	Lou Gordon	.....	53	D. R. McMasters	.....54
31	Emmett P. Carey	.....32	54	D. R. McMasters	.....53
32	Emmett P. Carey	.....31	65	William E. Pritchard	.....22
33	Earl Dewey Gross95	75	Hol Slutz51
35	Richard Corbett Davis	85	Orin K. Noth
			95	Earl Dewey Gross33

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STARTING LINE-UP

LE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	RE
Motl	Wilkin	Vogds	Coleman	Dove	Huneke	Quillen
54	46	31	25	35	45	52

QB

Hillenbrand
66

LHB

Clay
85

RHB

Mathews
97

FB

Lewis
73

SQUAD LIST

25 Coleman, c	46 Wilkin, t	66 Hillenbrand, qb-hb
27 Parks, c	48 Wasserbach, t	69 Nemeth, qb
29 Miller, c	49 O'Neal, g-t	71 Lamana, fb
30 Percy, g	50 Lahey, e	73 Lewis, fb
31 Vogds, g	52 Quillen, e	74 Kellagher, fb
33 Ruetz, g	53 Morris, e	80 Hirsch, hb
34 Sumpter, g	54 Motl, e	82 Williams, hb
35 Dove, g	57 Heywood, e	85 Clay, hb
40 Verry, t	60 Schroeder, qb-hb	88 Boedeker, hb
42 Brutz, g-t	64 Hoernschemeyer, qb	97 Mathews, hb
45 Huneke, t	65 Cox, qb	99 Griffin, hb

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53	44	31	22	35	43	51

QB
Morrow
61

LHB
Parker
85

RHB
Sweiger
80

FB
Manders
76

SQUAD LIST

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|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 21 Baldwin, c | 45 Bentz, † | 70 Kennedy, b |
| 22 Robertson, c | 46 McCollum, † | 72 Prokop, b |
| 25 Sossamon, c | 50 Burrus, e | 73 Proctor, b |
| 30 Karmazin, g | 51 Alford, e | 75 H. Johnson, b |
| 31 G. Kinard, g | 52 Conger, e | 76 Manders, b |
| 32 Yackanich, g | 53 Russell, e | 80 Sweiger, b |
| 35 Riffle, g | 55 Masterson, e | 81 Sanders, b |
| 40 Palmer, † | 57 Schwartz, e | 82 Perina, b |
| 41 Piskor, † | 60 Cheatham, b | 84 Wagner, b |
| 43 N. Johnson, † | 61 Morrow, b | 85 Parker, b |
| 44 F. Kinard, † | | 86 Sinkwich, b |

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No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Position	Football Experience
25	COLEMAN, HERBERT (Herb)	6	205	23	C	Notre Dame
27	PARKS, EDW. (Mickey)	6	220	29	C	Okla., Wash. Redskins
29	MILLER, BENJAMIN	6	190	22	C	Tennessee
30	PEARCY, JAS. (Jim)	5-10½	210	27	G	Marshall Coll., El Toro
31	VOGDS, EVAN (Red)	5-10½	205	23	G	Wisconsin, Fleet City
33	RUETZ, JOS. (Joe)	5-11½	200	29	G	Notre Dame, St. Marys, Pre-Flight, El Toro
34	SUMPTER, TONY	6-1	210	23	G	El Toro
35	DOVE, ROBT. (Bob)	6-1	210	25	G	Notre Dame, El Toro
40	VERRY, NORMAN (Norm)	6-2	240	23	T	USC, El Toro
42	BRUTZ, JAS. (Pork)	6	215	27	T	Notre Dame
45	HUNEKE, CHAS. (Chuck)	6-3	224	25	T	St. Marys, Tex., Wyo. U.
46	WILKIN, WILBUR (Wee Willie)	6-4	270	30	T	St. Marys, Wash. Skins, El Toro
48	WASSERBACH, LLOYD (Was)	5-11	205	24	T	Wisconsin
49	O'NEAL, J. C. (Chief)	6-1	230	22	T	TCU
50	LAHEY, THOS. (Pat)	6-2	220	26	E	John Carroll, El Toro
52	QUILLEN, FRANK	6-4	225	24	E	U. of Penna., El Toro
53	MORRIS, GLEN (Max)	6-2	200	21	E	Northwestern
54	MOTL, ROBT. (Bob)	6-3	195	26	E	Northwestern
57	HEYWOOD, RALPH	6-2½	195	24	E	USC., El Toro
60	SCHROEDER, WM. (Bill)	6	190	23	QB-hb	Wisconsin, El Toro
64	HOERNSCHEMEYER, ROBT. (Hunchy)	5-11	192	21	QB	Indiana U., US Nav. Acad.
65	COX, NORMAN (Coxie)	6-2	200	21	QB-hb	TCU
66	HILLENBRAND, WM. (Billy)	6	185	24	QB	Indiana U.
69	NEMETH, STEPHEN (Steve)	5-10	172	23	QB	Notre Dame
71	LAMANA, PETER (Pete)	5-11	210	25	Full	Boston U., 7th Army
73	LEWIS, ERNEST (Bull)	6-1	220	22	Full	Colo. U., El Toro
74	KELLAGHER, WM. (Bill)	5-11	205	26	Full	Fordham, El Toro
80	HIRSCH, ELROY (Crazy Legs)	6-2	188	23	HB	Wisconsin, El Toro
82	WILLIAMS, WALTER (Walt)	6-2	195	27	HB	Boston U., El Toro
85	CLAY, WALTER (Hatchet)	5-10½	195	22	HB	Colo. U., El Toro
88	BOEDEKER, WM. (Bill)	5-11	190	22	HB	Scholastic
97	MATHEWS, NED (Pappy)	5-10	190	28	HB	UCLA, Det. Lions, Boston Yanks
99	GRIFFIN, DONALD (Don)	5-11	190	23	HB	Illinois, El Toro Wash. Redskins, Boston

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LAMANA, PETER CHARLES . . . 25 yrs. . . . Fullback . . . 5 feet 11 . . . 210 . . . Boston University. Pete first distinguished himself as an all-round athlete at Cathedral High, Springfield, Mass. (where Angelo Bertelli was his backfield mate). In football he was lettered 4 years, captain for one, All-City in '39, and Western Mass. champs 2 years. As basketball guard he again won 4 letters and was All-City in '39, and team won city championship 2 years; won 1 letter and city championship as baseball outfielder; earned 3 letters in track, captain 1 year, and Western Mass. Shotput Champ 2 years. After going on to Boston U. Pete limited his sports to football earning 3 letters; captaincy and All-American honorable mention. His biggest thrill was running a 97-yd. touchdown against Bucknell in '42. Lamana won countless honors during 3 years in the Army, in football as well as combat. He played in Fall of '45 with 78th Lightning Division, was selected for European Theater All-Star team, and was voted most valuable player in the league. He spent 20 months in Europe (17 of which were in Germany) as a Captain of infantry. He well remembers one night when he led an ambush patrol into a German bivouac area and captured 20 Germans who were eating and sleeping there. Then under direct fire of 3 flack guns led a company of men to capture a nearby town, suffering light casualties, but capturing their objective. He was awarded 3 campaign stars, Combat Infantry Badge, and Bronze Star with Oak-Leaf Cluster. Single. Home town: Thompsonville, Connecticut.

LEWIS, ERNEST CLAYTON . . . 22 yrs. . . . Fullback . . . 6 feet 1 . . . 215 . . . Colorado University. Ernie, sometimes known as "Tiny," Lewis comes to the Rockets from Swink, Colorado, where he made his football debut. While in high school, where so few men enrolled that they had to play "touch," Tiny was lettered 4 years in football, basketball and track, and was captain of all three besides being class president in his senior year. It was at Colorado University that Lewis and teammate Walter Clay made history as the "Touchdown Twins." After his college career was interrupted by the War, Ernie's two years with the Marine Corps saw him as combat training instructor with a sergeant's rating at time of discharge. He also spent a season with the El Toro Marines as ace fullback often displaying his kicking prowess, especially one rainy day when he punted 88 yards with the ball going out-of-bounds on the 1-yard line. In addition Ernie has won countless honors in discus and shotput.

MATHEWS, NED A. . . . 28 yrs. . . . 5 feet 10 . . . 192 . . . U.C.L.A. '41. With 10 years of gridiron experience back of him, Ned spells trouble for Rocket opponents. Starting at a Los Angeles High as full and quarterback, Ned and teammates were undefeated City Champs for 2 years. Then during 3 years on varsity teams at U.C.L.A., which won Pacific Coast championship in '39, Ned was lettered 3 yrs., was named captain and Most Valuable Player in 1940, made All-Coast, and was mentioned on several All-American teams. Switching to right half position Ned was signed up by the Detroit Lions for 3 years, playing stellar football, as evidenced by his returning a kickoff 98 yards against Phil-Pitt in '43, for the longest return in the National League. The following year Mathews entered the Army and served 15 months as a Sergeant with a Service Command Unit. During this time he starred on two teams; Fort MacArthur, and the Hollywood Rangers, 2nd highest scoring team in the nation, playing 25 games in 1944, two a week. With the Rangers Ned carried the ball 65 times in 6 games for 715 yards, and scored 10 touchdowns. After his discharge he rejoined the Lions in '45, but was traded to the Boston Yanks and finished the season with them. Coaching is his life's ambition. Is married, has two daughters, lives in Inglewood, Calif.

MORRIS, GLEN MAX . . . 21 yrs. . . . End . . . 6 feet 2 . . . 200 . . . Illinois and Northwestern '46. Max Morris needs no introduction to football fans in the Chicago area as Northwestern's famous football and basketball star, although it may be news to many of them that he attended Illinois for a short time before being sent to N.U. in a Navy V-12 unit. Before playing end for Coach Waldorf, Max was an All-State Tackle during his high school days in West Frankfort, Illinois, and also played tackle during his short stay at Illinois. He joined the Wildcats in the 1944 season and then the honors really began to pile up. That year the Yungwirth-to-Morris passing combination produced spectacular playing, resulting in his being chosen by his own teammates as Most Valuable Player, and was elected honorary captain the following season. Meanwhile Max was awarded duplicate honors in other sports. As a high jumper and shot putter he was lettered on the '45 track team. In basketball he twice won the conference scoring championship with 189 and 198 points respectively, was twice awarded the "N" Men's medal for outstanding athletic performance, and was elected the quintet's Most Valuable Player, besides being captain one year. He was named All-Conference and All-American for one year in football and two years in basketball. His off-season occupation and future ambition is engineering. Single. Lives in Detroit, Michigan.

MOTL, ROBERT JOSEPH . . . 26 yrs. . . . End . . . 6 feet 3 . . . 195 . . . Northwestern U. '43. Bob Motl is another Rocket player whose football success is well-known to Chicago, where he was born. Austin High was the scene of his gridiron debut, after which he played at Dyche Stadium for Coach Waldorf. He was lettered three years and All-Big Ten in '41 and '42; and won further honors as pitcher of N.U.'s baseball nine for three years. After graduating from college, he spent 2½ years in the Navy, and during his 30 months in the Pacific on a destroyer, he earned 9 Combat Stars. Discharged as a Lieutenant in January '46. His wife is from Evanston, Ill., where they now make their home.

NEMETH, STEVE JOSEPH . . . 23 yrs. . . . Quarterback . . . 5 feet 10½ . . . 175 . . . Notre Dame. Steve Nemeth not only received all his schooling in South Bend, where he was born, but also made his name in the football field in that city. He was lettered 4 years and All-State 2 years while playing halfback at Riley High. Coach Leahy at Notre Dame later moved him to quarterback position. After leaving college Steve played both quarter and halfback for the Cleveland Rams while they were champions. His biggest thrill while playing with them was bringing down "Special Delivery" Jones of the Bears on a touchdown run. Single.

O'NEAL, JAMES . . . 22 yrs. . . . Guard . . . 6 feet 1 . . . 230 lbs. . . . Texas Christian U. Anna, Texas, birthplace of "Chief" O'Neal, was the scene of his first gridiron success when he won 4 letters, was captain 1 year and was chosen All-District Fullback at Anna High. At T.C.U. he played guard and tackle for Coach "Dutch" Meyer and was chosen captain of his team, All-Conference and Most Valuable Player, besides being lettered three times. He also played at Southwestern U. of Texas while stationed there with a Marine V-12 unit. Was discharged a Pfc. after 2 years' service. Is single and lives in Anna, Texas.

PARKS, EDWARD HARRY . . . 29 yrs. . . . Center . . . 6 feet . . . 220 . . . Oklahoma University '38. "Mickey" Parks has a wealth of grid experience behind him beginning with an amazing record at Shawnee, Oklahoma, High School, where he was lettered four times in football, baseball and track, and twice in basketball. During his senior year he was captain of the football, basketball and baseball teams, winning the State Football Championship the same year, and in 1932 and 1933 was chosen All-State football center. Proceeding to Oklahoma University he earned three letters, All-American mention, and All-Big Six, and his team which he captained one year won Big Six Championship. His biggest thrill in college was playing in the East-West Game 1938. After graduation he signed with the Washington Redskins, and played center for them from 1938 to 1941. Soon afterwards he entered the Navy for 3½ years' service, including 21 months in the South Pacific. His service athletics consisted of 1 year with Georgia Pre-Flight and one with N.A.T.C. team, plus acting as Assistant Coach of Barbers Point Naval Air Station in Honolulu. Is married, has one daughter. Lives in Hyattsville, Maryland.

PEARCY, JAMES WHEELER . . . 27 yrs. . . . 5 feet 11 . . . 210 . . . Marshall College '42. A native of West Virginia, Jim Percy played halfback in high school at Clarksburg, winning 3 letters and the State championship, and captaining the team 1 year. At Marshall College under Coach Henderson Jim played two positions—quarterback and guard—and had an undefeated season in '41. In May 1942 Percy reported to the Marine Corps and spent almost 4 years in the infantry, during which he played 1 year with the Maui Marines. He saw 2 years of overseas duty, including 30 days on Saipan, 10 on Tinian, 30 on Iwo Jima, and 12 on Roi and Namur, and for such combat received Bronze Star, Gold Star and Letter of Commendation. Single. Lives in Athens, Ohio.

QUILLEN, FRANK HARRIS . . . 24 yrs. . . . End . . . 6 feet 5 . . . 225 . . . University of Pennsylvania. Big Frank Quillen first played football on the high school eleven at Ridley Park, Pa., where he was named All-Suburban. A proficient athlete in many sports Frank won 4 letters in football and track, and 3 in basketball, besides being captain of each term for 1 year. He also won state record in shot and discus, both in high school and later at Franklin and Marshall Academy. It was while at the Academy that he was chosen All-Prep (State and national) for his football playing. Then Frank spent 2½ years at Pennsylvania University where he earned 3 football letters and was chosen All-East and All-American 2nd team. Going directly into the Marine Corps from Penn., Quillen served 3 years as an aviation pilot, during which time he also played ball with the El Toro Marines, and was discharged a 2nd Lieutenant. Single. Home town: Ridley Park, Pennsylvania.

RUETZ, JOSEPH HUBERT . . . 29 yrs. . . . Guard . . . 5 feet 11½ . . . 198 . . . Notre Dame '38. Joe Ruetz, although born in Racine, Wis., got his schooling and football training in South Bend, Indiana. While on the high school eleven, he was lettered three times and named All-State in '34. Continuing his education at Notre Dame, he played guard and quarterback for Coach Elmer Layden. During 4 years in the Marine Corps as a pilot, Joe played 1 year with Navy Pre-Flight at St. Mary's, and ½ year with El Toro Marines. Mountaineering is Joe's favorite pastime, but he won't soon forget 42 days alone in the Utah canyons when he had to hike 150 miles in 3 ft. of snow with a temperature of 15 degrees below zero. It took 14 days to reach town with 60 pound back pack, after 12 days of blizzards, and not until then did he learn that War was declared the day after he left.

SCHROEDER, WILLIAM . . . 23 yrs. . . . Halfback . . . 6 ½ in. . . . 190 . . . Wisconsin. Sheboygan, Wisconsin, can well be proud of young Bill Schroeder, who was born and raised there. At Sheboygan Central High, Bill played both right half and fullback for Coach Abendroth, and was selected All-Conference and Fox River Valley Conference. Although football was his forte, he also excelled in other sports, winning three letters in football and basketball, and two in track (dashes, relays and broadjump). He was also chosen All-Conference in basketball, besides captaining the three teams one year each. His biggest thrill in athletics was running a kickoff back 93 yards in high school. Although he only completed two years at Wisconsin before the service interrupted his studies, he played fine football for Coach Stuhldreher at right half, and was lettered once. Bill's future plans are not as yet definite, but he leans toward the sporting goods field. Single. Home town: Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

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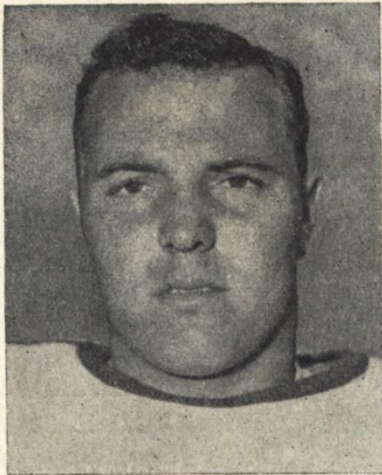
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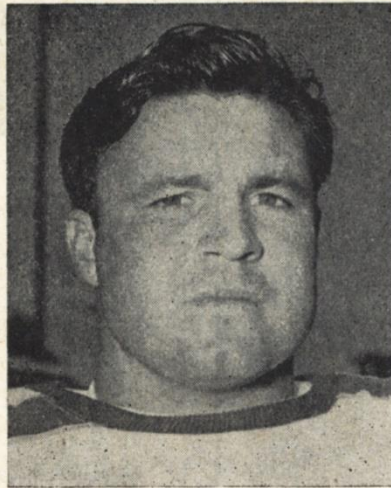


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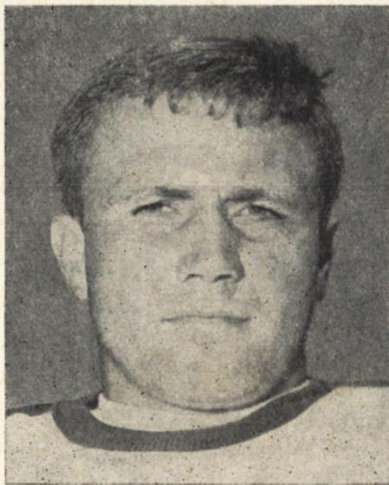
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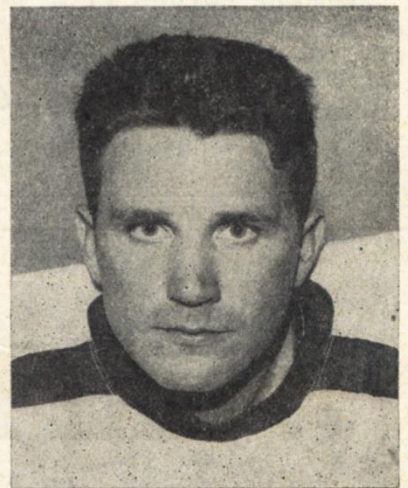
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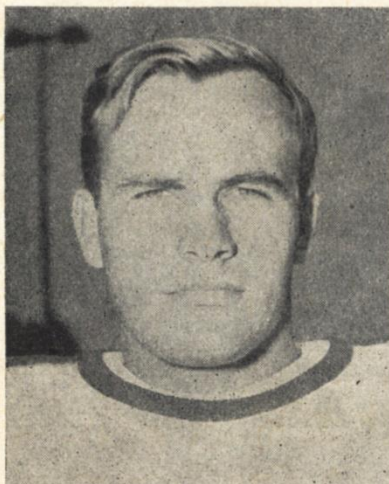
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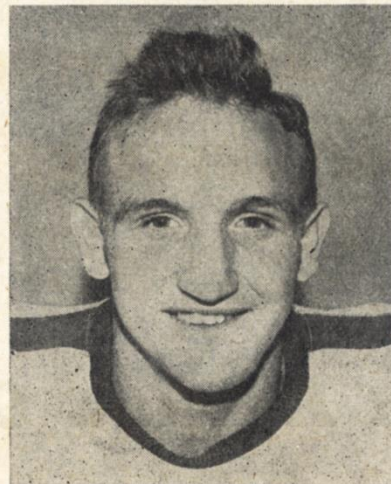
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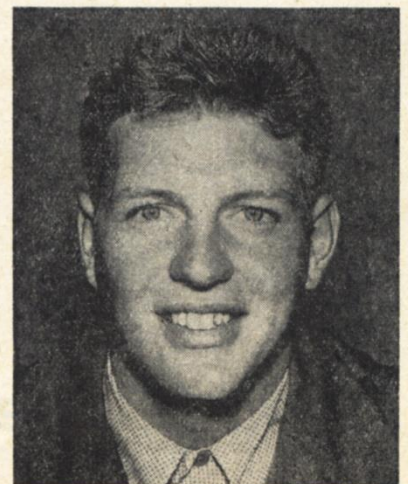
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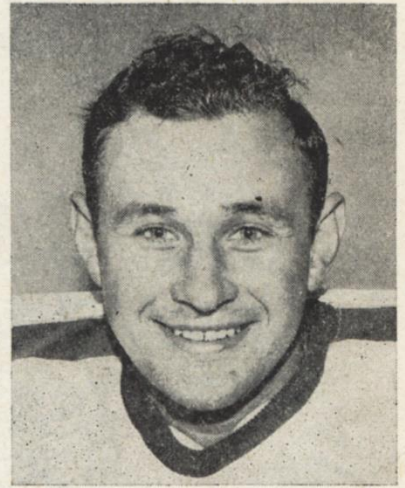
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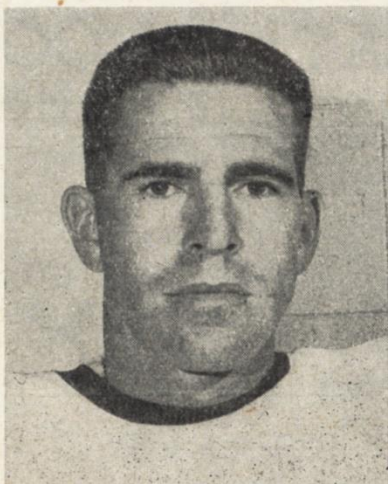
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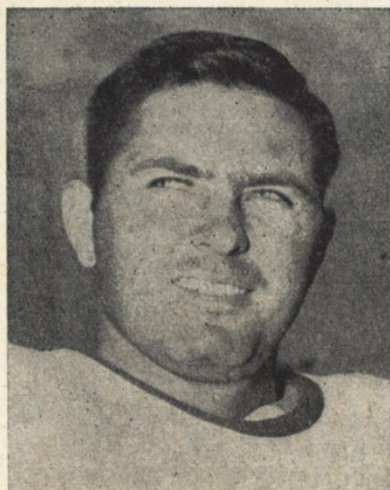
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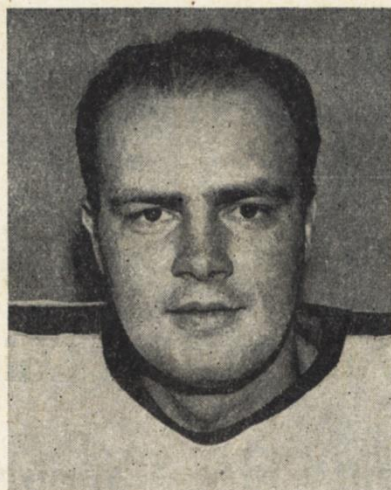
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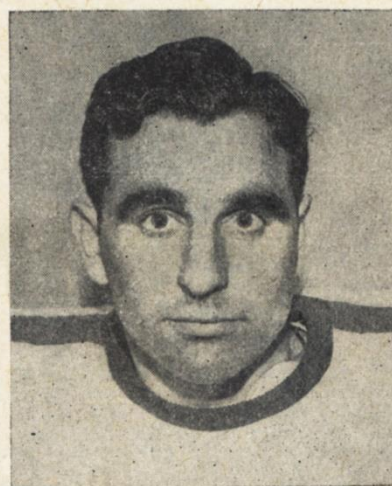
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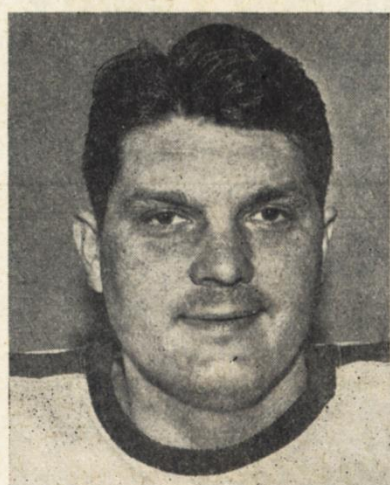
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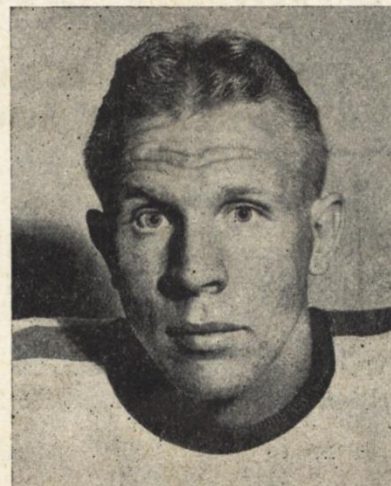
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SUMPTER, TONY . . . 23 yrs. . . . Guard . . . 6 feet 1 . . . 215 . . . Cameron Junior College. Tony Sumpter was born 23 years ago on September 13th (which incidentally is the date of the Rockets' opening game this first season) in Fletcher, Oklahoma, moving soon afterward to Lawton in the same state. At Lawton High School, where he then played tackle, Tony won 4 letters, was captain 1 year of his team which won the State Championship in 1941. He also won 4 letters in track, two in basketball and one in boxing. He then attended Cameron Junior College, interrupting his education to enter the Marine Corps, in the aviation field. He played two seasons as guard with the El Toro Marines, and after two years of duty was discharged a Private First-Class. Is married and has two daughters. Lives in Lawton, Oklahoma.

VERRY, NORMAN . . . 23 yrs. . . . Guard . . . 6 feet 1 . . . 240 . . . Southern California '43. One of the University of Southern California's All-Time Greats, Verry is best remembered for his work in their 20 to 18 victory over Notre Dame in their 1941 game in which he was credited with "playing the entire right side of the defensive line." Verry played under the immortal Howard Jones, supreme coach of the Pacific coast, and under his successors, Sam Barry and Jeff Cravath. He won four letters in football at U.S.C. and was for three years selected on All-Pacific Coast mythical elevens. Verry was a Marine Lieutenant and spent four years with the Leathernecks in the South Pacific. He is a native of Harford, California, and lived in Los Angeles until joining the Rockets. He is married.

VOGDS, EVAN EDWARD . . . 23 yrs. . . . Guard . . . 5 feet 10 1/2 . . . 204 . . . University of Wisconsin. A native of Johnsonburg, Wisconsin, Vogds matriculated at the University of Wisconsin after a four-year, four-letter career at Fond du Lac High School. He was a mainstay on the Wisconsin elevens of 1941-42 as evidenced by Great Lakes vs. Wisconsin 1942 game when Vogds intercepted a pass and went 40 yards for a touchdown. Not six months later Evan became an Athletic instructor at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and it made his former opponents more than happy to have him playing for rather than against them. In 1944 and 1945 he was on the undefeated Fleet City All-Service-Championship football team in California. On those squads he played against twenty-odd Chicago Rocket teammates and against his present Head Coach, R. E. "Dick" Hanley. Fleet City defeated the El Toro Marines twice. Vogds is married and plans to run a sporting goods store in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

WASSERBACH, LLOYD . . . 25 yrs. . . . Tackle . . . 5 feet 11 1/2 . . . 200 . . . Wisconsin. Wisconsin-born "Wass" started his gridiron career playing guard, while attending Sturgeon Bay High. Besides captaining his eleven for two years he won 3 letters each in football, basketball and baseball. At Wisconsin U. Coach Stuhldreher changed his position to tackle where he again won 3 letters. Leav-

ing college "Wass" entered the Army, and served 2 1/2 years in infantry including 18 months in the Southwest Pacific from Bougainville to the Philippines, also receiving the Bronze Star. Single. Lives in Baileys Harbor, Wisconsin.

WILKIN, WILBUR B. . . . 30 yrs. . . . Tackle . . . 6 feet 4 1/2 . . . 260 . . . St. Mary's of California '37. "Wee Willie" Wilkin is a name known to all professional football for the multitude of achievements he has accomplished in his years at the game. "Wee Willie" is an assistant coach of the Chicago Rockets and will play in Coach Hanley's line in the best physical condition he ever enjoyed. Football and "Wee Willie" are synonymous. Starting in high school "Willie" played fullback for four years during one of which he was t'am captain and made the All-Utah High School team selection. He played basketball and won three letters as center at the Springville, Utah, high school, and for two years he won letters putting the shot for the same school's track team. Wilkin entered St. Mary's of California College, at Oakland, California, and for three years played for "Slip" Madigan's "Galloping Gaels." He also won a letter in basketball at St. Mary's. Next the giant tackle was a member of the Washington Red Skins for six years. During this period he was selected on the All-Pro mythical world's greatest team for two seasons. "Wee Willie" spent two years in the war as a Marine and was a member of the famed El Toro Marine football team under Coach R. E. "Dick" Hanley. He is married and has twin sons, Christopher and John. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkin make their home in Chicago.

WILLIAMS, WALTER . . . 26 yrs. . . . Fullback . . . 6 feet 2 . . . 195 . . . Boston University. A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Walt Williams won his football honors at Boston University where he played under the coaching of Pat Hanley, brother of Chicago Rockets Coach R. E. "Dick" Hanley. Williams followed Gary Famiglietti as Boston University's fullback, and didn't suffer by comparison. He had his greatest thrill when he made a seventy-five yard quick kick over the head of Charley O'Rourke, now with the Los Angeles "Dons" in the new All America Football Conference. In his first intercollegiate game, Williams completed forward passes of 55 and 60 yards against Franklin and Marshall for touchdowns in Boston's Fenway Park. He won nine letters at Boston and would have made it eleven except for cutting short his collegiate career to join the Marines as a private a few days after Pearl Harbor. Two years later Williams was commissioned a second lieutenant and went to the Pacific commanding an infantry platoon. There he spent twenty-six months commanding anti-aircraft batteries and won three battle stars for his fighting at Samoa, Tarawa and Okinawa. Married. Lives in Allston, Massachusetts.

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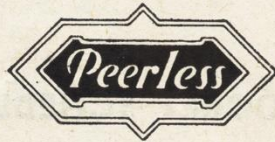
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