

Tigers' Final 1959 Home Battle

Pensacola High Favored to Rack Knoxville Central Tonight

By AL PADGETT
Journal Sports Editor
Coach Jim Scoggins' Pensacola High Tigers are solid favorites to teach a team from Tennessee a lesson in single wing football Friday night. PHS places a 20-game winning streak on the line against Knoxville Central at Tiger Stadium.

remains in a position under center.
Pensacola High, as it has the last three years, will go single wing the long way. The Tigers' figure to monkey around with an offense that produced a 24-2 record over the last three games.

defensive problem for PHS in practice this week. The Tigers are accustomed to facing T-formation teams, and going against the single wing calls for revisions in the normal defensive plans. Facing PHS' wing won't be anything strange for the Bobcats. They hail from single wing country.

Tommy Jones, 170-pound team captain, is Central's most experienced offensive hand. He plays the multiple role of quarterback-blocking back in the Bobcats' balanced line attack. Jones shares passing duties with tailback Johnny Payne, a fleet 155-pounder.

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Great
Unless Pensacola High fans feel like driving to Tallahassee near Friday night, this will be their final opportunity to watch a truly great football team in action.

Score Twice in 4th Period
Pensacola High's Crusaders scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter and suppressed a late Tate Aggie drive to pick up a 14-13 victory Thursday night at Tiger Stadium.

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In three tries, Hayes, a 160-pound right halfback, tallied the TD. He returned to the Aggie 21. A 15-yard penalty moved the ball back to the 36.

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There are all sorts of reasons to call the Tigers a great football team. They are undefeated after seven 1958 starts, for one thing. They polished off PHS' 29th straight football victory last Friday night, for another.

strength to spread out an Aggie defense for the extra point.
It took Catholic nine than two minutes to strike again.
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Scoggins is one of the first to admit that. He says the players on this team have gone more out of their physical ability than any group he ever coached. Scoggins credits that to "tremendous pride and a great desire to excel." He also knows that having a group of boys with high morals and excellent character has been a big help.

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Wingback Expected to Be Weak Spot
What with so many key losses through graduation, PHS' offensive unit wasn't expected to be tough this year. Yet, after seven games, the average is an even four touchdowns per game.
Rawson, in spite of a lingering knee injury, has been his customary great self. Despite a painful ankle injury, Bob Oliver has filled the breach at the vital tailback post.

Florida Holds Rough Scrimmage
GAINESVILLE (Special)—Florida's Gators held one of their roughest scrimmages of the year Thursday afternoon and Coach Bob Woodruff indicated that more hard work will be in store for the team before the Gators meet FSU a week from Saturday.

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Think maybe the boy loves football? Scoggins reacts when Eey, as a sophomore, scores big enough to spit, got his mouth all busted up right at the tail end of the B team's season. A few days later Scoggins passed the boy on the PHS campus, and this is the greeting he got—through a facemask of bandage and all:
"Hey, coach. Don't forget about me next year. I'm gonna be ready to play on the first team by then!"

The first unit alternated quarterbacks Dick Allen and Jack Jones with halfback Jack Westbrook and Doug Partin and fullback Jon MacBeth. MacBeth has recovered from the hand injury he received in the Georgia game and had no trouble operating on defense or offense.

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Bachus Holds the Secondary Together
There are those who say Pietro is a better blocker right now than talented Bill Sykes from last year's team. Pitt and some of the others just plain get by on determination and guts. Smith sometimes has been uncanny at detecting defensive sets.

FSU's Perry Moss Will Not Comment
Florida State Coach Perry Moss Thursday refused to elaborate on a newspaper report at Tallahassee that he plans to leave Florida State University and become head coach of the Montreal Alouettes, a professional football team in Canada.

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Garvin really wasn't big enough. But he came through, altered both ends during the course of the year. Eddie up from the B team, was big enough but lacked experience. He's played some great football this year. Steve Cummings has been greatly improved. His brother, Charles, came through beautifully when Ribbourn was sidelined.
In all, it's been a great show. But tonight the home portion comes to an end.
A lot of people are expected to turn out and pay tribute to a great football team and an equally outstanding coaching staff. Let's hope Central doesn't spoil the whole thing.

Then he told Ramos that he had "my reasons for not commenting."
According to the Democrat story, Moss told members of his coaching staff that "he was being offered an offer from the Montreal club that more than doubles his \$14,000 a year salary as FSU head coach."
When Ramos asked Moss if he'd been contacted (by Montreal), he answered, "Now, I don't even want to think about it."

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Fuzz

Don't know all I'm supposed to about this Rebel-Rouser business. Understand it has something to do with celebrating homecoming when you don't have any alumni to come home.

At any rate, Escambia High School has been celebrating up a storm all week. Coach Bryant Gorday hopes the thing will carry over to the Rebels' football game at Tiger Stadium Saturday night.

He knows the band has some Rebel-Rouser shows planned, before the game and in halftime. He knows also that Escambia will crown its queen in regal and glamorous fashion. He isn't sure his football team will crown the occasion with a win over Selma Parish.

With one exception, the Rebels so far this season have avenged 1958 defeats against every opponent that came back for another fling. In trying to gain revenge against Parrish, however, Escambia starts with a deficit of monstrous proportions. The Rams socked the Rebels, 26-6, last year—the latter's initial season of intercollegiate grid competition.

Yet, who's to say Escambia can't whip the Selma team, too? It wasn't reasonable to presume a Rebel victory over Montgomery's Sidney Lanier last Saturday night. But they got it. This writer, among others, has been amazed at the Escambia development in a matter of not quite two football years.

The Rebels aren't mature yet, but there's already a lot of fuzz beginning to show on their chins.

Escambia does a lot of things well. The team is fundamentally sound, just as you'd expect a Gorday-coached team to be, and the Rebels boast one of the top running backs in the state in halfback Jim Loftin. In fact, the starting backfield of Loftin, quarterback Jim Hall, halfback Harrell Harrison and fullback John Harris is about as good a foursome as there is anywhere.

A lot of those Rebel linemen have bad strides, too. Jim Stewart can play guard with most anybody. Dale Price and Tommy Manning are good football players at ends. David Henderson, junior tackle, came from nowhere into Escambia High prominence this year.

The Big Plays Make the Difference

With the exception of Loftin, who doesn't look it, none of the backs have too much size. But they move that football around in right sporty fashion.

I'm amazed by Hall every time I see the frail youngster in action. He doesn't do anything flashy, just gets a splendid job done. Like on running the keeper, for instance. Jim just sort of slides along, looking as if he's just as soon be home reading a book. Next time you notice, he and the football are sitting down in the end zone.

Harris runs with good power, then shows brokenfield savvy once he gets past the end man.

Harrison? The steady-Eddie type, good for important yardage... or the big play, when the big play is needed most.

Actually, that may be the key to all this progress out at the new Westside school. Probably it's because Escambia is learning to make the big plays. That's what happened against Lanier, the Rebs had a touchdown up their sleeve in the clutch. Like when Harrison halted the last Post bid, intercepting a pass at the Escambia 25 and running it out to midfield.

And like when the Rebel scoring drive appeared to be ending at the Lanier 30, thanks to a five-yard penalty. Hall throws eight yards to Loftin, who runs 18 more to the 12.

And like when Loftin went in to score from there, with 55 seconds left in the game.

And like when center Randy Suarez threw a big block on Loftin's run, the play that made Escambia a winner.

These are all key plays, the kind that separates bigtime football players from the ranky-dinks. Wonder if the Rebs have any on the schedule tonight?

SEC Crown at Stake

Auburn, Georgia Meet Today in Athens

ATHENS, Ga. (AP)—Hard-nosed, hard-plenty of opportunity to show Auburn and Georgia in their passing game as per team will clash Saturday with former by quarterback Francis Georgia hopes for its first South-Tarkenton and an assortment of eastern Conference football championship in more than a decade riding on the outcome.

Auburn, rated eighth in the nation in the Associated Press poll, defeated a slight favorite, East Georgia, ranked No. 12 in the national poll, can win the SEC crown and a likely bowl bid by defeating Auburn. An Auburn victory would leave the two teams in a tie.

Up front, Auburn has two players, forward and a perfect 5.0 chart in mer side to Butts, has called Georgia's best-balanced team his Tigers will face this year.

Coach Wally Butts of Georgia. "Coach Butts can beat you passed for a dry field, his first in ing, running or with his alert dex- six games. The weatherman said," says Jordan whose teams the rain should hold off until late afternoon. By then, Butts should seasons without a loss before now-off.

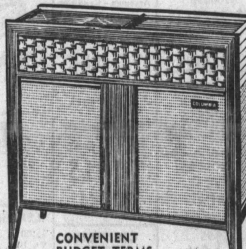


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Escambia Seeks Second Big Win in a Row

Revenge-minded Rebels Duel Parrish Tonight

BY AL PADGETT Journal Sports Editor

Coach Bryant Gorday's Escambia High Rebels, attempting to climb up the football ladder, try to make it two big wins in a row at Tiger Stadium Saturday night. The revenge-minded Rebs take on Parrish High of Selma, Ala., at 8 p.m.

Escambia itself enjoyed a large slice of prestige with a 7-0 victory over Montgomery Sidney Lanier last week and now boasts a 5-1 record in its second football campaign. Parrish also claims a 7-0 victory over Lanier this season, and the

Rams knocked off Escambia by a 24-6 margin in 1958. Despite Parrish's 3-5 record, some observers say the two teams will be evenly matched. Parrish played good football last year, but injuries broke out the third week of the season. For the first time since, the Rams are expected to near full strength Saturday night.

Gorday says Parrish has a football team that demands respect. He expressed fear that the opposition has regrouped its forces for a final, all-out effort. This will be

Parrish' last game of the season. The Rams' coach, Roy Harrison, says his team may be in the best physical shape of the season, but he points to Escambia's depth as a possible big difference between the two teams.

Actually, injuries and illness have cut into the Rebel depth although only one regular definitely has been ruled out of action. Larry Kennedy, a defensive halfback, is sidelined with a bruised hip. Guard Jim Stewart still is not back to full strength in a long bout with the flu, but he's scheduled to see at least spot action. Same thing ap-

plies for linebacker John Dangel, victim of a bad ankle. On the other hand, the top backs on both clubs seem to be in the pink. Parrish is considered to have a running duel between left halfbacks Jim Loftin, Escambia, and the Rancho Butch Henry. The latter re-

turned from the injury list last week and teamed with right halfback Jim Beigood to pace a 19-0 win over Greenview. The Henry weighs in at 185 pounds. Loftin, 170-pound flash, paces the Rebel running game, with es-

Charles Johnson. Hall is a specialist support from a host of good backs. Loftin's 13-yard touchdown dash sealed the victory over Lanier last week with 55 seconds left on the clock. It was Loftin's 11th TD of the campaign.

Parrish is considered to have top-grade quarterbacking in little Johnny Falkenberg and especially Loftin 170. The latter may re-

turn to action Saturday night after missing the Rams' last several games. The Rebels think they have good quarterbacking, too, with Jim Hall holding an edge over southpaw Charles Johnson. Hall is a specialist support from a host of good backs. Loftin's 13-yard touchdown

Tigers Run in 21st Win, 27-0

6,500 Watch Bengals Close Home Schedule

BY AL PADGETT Journal Sports Editor

It was difficult to see, but the scoreboard and fullback Larry Rawson said Pensacola High School's unbeaten Tigers closed their home season with a thorough 27-0 trouncing of outmanned Knowlton Central at Tiger Stadium Friday night.

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Final Home Game

Pickard of Columbia, Tenn.; guard Al Ulmer of Clearwater; and Jim Hooks of West Palm Beach; center Ramon Rogers of Pensacola; quarterback Joe Majors of Humland, Tenn., and tackle John Spivey of Panama City.—(Photo by Jim Martin.)

At FSU's Homecoming

Seminole Favored Over Indians Today

TALLAHASSEE—These six Florida State seniors will have added incentive when the Seminoles go after their 10th Homecoming victory against William and Mary Saturday night. They'll be competing their final game in State's Campbell Stadium. With Head Coach Perry Moss, the seniors are, left to right, halfback Fred

End Tony Rones, however, may be at his strongest since suffering a knee injury in FSU's season open with Wake Forest. The 200-pound Tampa junior is scheduled to start at right end.

With clear skies, more than 17,000 fans are expected for the first meeting between the independent Florida State and the Southern Conference entry. Kickoff at Doak Campbell Stadium is 2:30 p.m.

Several FSU backs have been alternating in practice at two positions. "We have only seven able-bodied backs," says Moss, "so some of them will have to go at two positions."

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They include reserve quarterback Gene McCormick of Miami, who may see action at right half; right half Fred Pickard and fullback Jack Espenshew, who may interchange between high half and fullback.

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Florida State Athletic Group Meets

TALLAHASSEE (AP)—Florida State University's athletic committee met Friday and there was immediate speculation that the topic was a report he has accepted an offer to coach the Montreal Alouettes professional football team.

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## Principal Lauds Story on Tiger Team

I would like to express to you my personal appreciation and the appreciation of the student body of Pensacola High School for the very excellent article which appeared in your paper Friday November 13th, relative to the Pensacola High School football team.

This of course is not only the newspaper article that you have written about our school that we appreciate, but we feel that this was an exceptional piece of writing.

We are sure that the very fine comments made about our squad and about individual members of the squad will serve as an inspiration for these boys now and in their future athletic enterprises. We are especially happy that you pointed out that the Pensacola High School football squad is made up of gentlemen as well as students and athletes.

It is important to high school football players to feel that the many hours of hard work that they spend in developing the techniques necessary to play modern football is appreciated by their school and by their community. We are certain that our squad has derived and will continue to have great satisfaction from your writings.

R. C. Lipscomb, Principal  
Pensacola High School

