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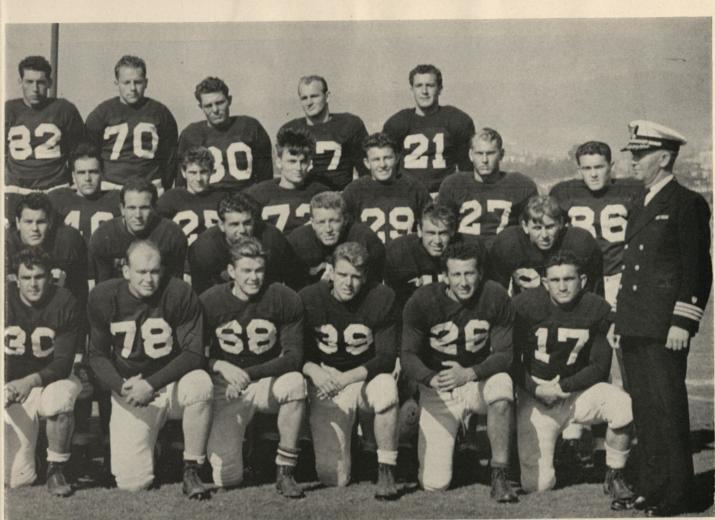
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### COAST GUARD - COLLEGE OF PACIFIC

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November 21 MARCH FIELD At Los Angeles



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## The Season's Opener

Ву Том Кірр Editor

With Stanford and Santa Clara, perennial giants of coast football, packing their moleskins in mothballs for the duration, saving the game appeared to be a last ditch desperation move on the part of bay area schools. But with Marine Corps and Navy V-12 students filling the gaps torn by graduation and selective service, the Golden Bears, Huskies and Trojans once again are found reaching into corners of their grab bag in hopes they'll come up with another western championship. Home and home arrangements solved the traffic problem, and it is almost a certainty that the land of oranges and redwoods will enjoy the prominence to which they are accustomed.

From rags to riches in one quick jump is nothing new to California teams. You only have to recall the Albert and Kmetovic era or the Westwood Uclans of last season to cite examples. And so it is no occasion for laughter when Coaches Stagg and Verducci down to their last man firmly believe they are going to turn the trick themselves.

A. A. Stagg, now in his second century of pigskin preaching, is graced with a formidable array of talent. Dopesters everywhere warn that Pacific will no longer be a doormat, and this may be the season for the Tiger to show his fangs.

Six holdovers from last year's squad and many outstanding boys from Santa Clara, USF and St. Mary's are listed on a roster composed almost entirely of Marines and Navy men. Among them are John Podesto of the slingshot arm, Doug Ahlstrom, Joe Ferem and Jack Verutti from Moraga. Al Garcia, nifty swivelhipped ball carrier, and Art McCaffray are the Santa Clara delegates.

With such dependable and seasoned specialists on hand, only a killing schedule stands between Mr. Stagg and one of the finest of his 54 years. Facing the Sea Lions, St. Mary's Pre-Flight, UCLA, California, Del Monte Pre-Flight and USC in rapid sucession would be a grind for any club. Edging over the .500 mark for this six-game sched would do the orange and black proud.

If you happen to be in Government Island neighborhood and mention the Sea Lions' 1942 record, it will

get you nothing except dirty looks and perhaps a punch or two in the snoot. The speedy Goliaths now pounding the Alameda turf bear no resemblance to the sluggish warriors housed last season in Sea Lion stables. Lt. Verducci threw out the old attack and record books at the same time.

Meek.



GEORGE ARABIAN Assistant Coach

The Coast Guardsmen are two deep in every position, and have speed to spare. Backs like Gonzales Morales, Dale Halbert, Bill Russo, John Wilborn and Colin Hill are not found lacking in ability. Blockers Charles Wilson and Laverne Merritt will be blasting the way to pay dirt in fashion reminiscent of John

The line may have a few weak spots, but will not get pushed around very much without the aid of a derrick. Finding better pivotmen than Quentin Greenough is a rarity in normal times. Wingmen Howard Taft and Charles McDowell are pass snatchers deluxe. The tackles are sturdy and fast with Bill McPartland, Al Ratto and Albert King leading the way. Big Rudy Matulka is the only guard assured of a starting role, with veterans Dante Benedetti, Tony Bilotti and John Poppin fighting it out for the other spot.

Give the Sea Lions a little time to work up a balloon barrage to stem the mighty arms of Podesto and Christman, a game or two to get their land legs, and they'll ask no quarter from any team.





CHARLES McDOWELL End

RUDY MATULKA Guard



QUENTIN GREENOUGH Center

JOHN WILBORN Halfback



COLIN HILL Halfback





DAN BENEDETTI

Guard

DALE HALBERT

LAVERNE MERRITT Quarterback

## Meet Your

GONZALES MORALES (halfback) is number one man and mainspring of the Sea Lion attack. "Gonzy" joined the USCG in time for spring drills, and proceeded to show his wares at the expense of Cal and Stanford. Besides being the best offensive threat the Coast Guard offers, he is one of the best defensive men on the team. A tall, good looking lad from St. Mary's, he's one of the best liked men on the squad.

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QUENTIN GREENOUGH (center) was the defensive bulwark of Oregon State's 1942 Rose Bowl champs. Won many national honors in his senior year, "Quent" has been the outstanding lineman on the team, and his ferocious tackling is something to see. A physical education instructor, he leads in the nickname department with his mates tabbing him "the Beaver Boomer", "Crockey" and many others.

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DALE HALBERT (halfback) received his football experience under Stagg at College of Pacific, and is counted on heavily in the Coast Guard scheme. A good passer and kicker, he's the fastest man on the squad. Does most of his chores on reverse plays or laterals

JOHN WILBORN (halfback) was schooled at New Mexico. Received severe facial burns in a fire drill recently, but is ready to go. A hard runner, he'll spell Morales. Can also do a little passing if necessary. Sparkled in spring games.

BILL RUSSO (fullback) is well known to local partisans as the former USF boy. His big chance came when Fred Shew was injured, and he made the most of it. Halfback type of runner who is very shifty and fast. Is second to Morales in the aerial attack, and will be alternating with Lloyd Quinn.

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CHARLES WILSON (quarterback) and twenty more pounds would be one of the best blockers in the game in the eyes of his coach. Packs a terrific wallop on his 180-pound frame, and has the polish and finesse necessary for a top man in his department. Favorite pastime is sleeping, but doesn't have much opportunity nowadays. Hails from Tampa University.

COLIN HILL (halfback) may be one of the surprise packages of the season. A little fellow, he excels in the scat back type of play. Is a fair passer. His speed and elusiveness makes him a threat every time he handles the ball. This is his first year of big time football. Carried books at San Jose State.

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LAVERNE MERRITT (quarterback) was first string up until the time his understudy, Chuck Wilson, got hot. Like Wilson, he's a fine blocker and smart

## **Coast Guardsmen**

defensive performer. Came from same school as Johnny Podesto, Modesto Junior College, where he gained prominence as a blocker.

HOWARD TAFT (end) was shifted from halfback when need for capable pass receivers became acute. Has trouble with a sore wrist, but it doesn't seem to interfere with his work. Is very rugged and aggressive. Played under Lt. Verducci when the latter was coaching at Poly High School in San Francisco.

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CHARLES McDOWELL (end) gives Taft a good race for offensive honors. Makes up in determination and fight what he lacks in polish and poise. Played at Drake University before entering the service. Is tall and rangy with a knack for hanging on to passes.

JOHN JOHNSON (end) came from Gallileo High School in San Francisco. Though he weighs but 170, he has plenty of fight. Only a fair receiver, he specializes in upsetting the ball carriers. Won the boxing championships at Government Island.

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BILL McPARTLAND (tackle) is one of the latest and most valuable additions to the football squad. At St. Mary's he made a name for himself as one of the best tackles on the coast. Bill stands 6' 3" and packs 220 pounds. Should go to town this fall for the Sea Lions if old hand injury doesn't give too much trouble.

RUDY MATULKA (guard) is one of the strongest men on the island. Standing 6 feet even, he balances the beam at 210. Is very fast for size and one of the most aggressive linemen on the squad. One of few players from last year still around.

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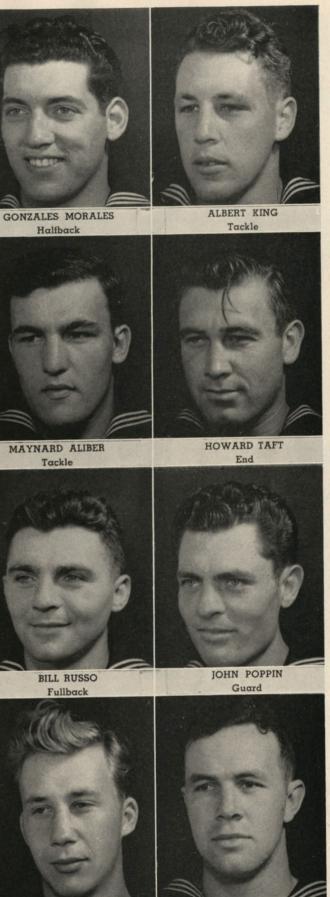
AL RATTO (tackle) distinguished himself at center for St. Mary's last season. Was too valuable a man to keep on the bench behind Greenough, so he'll take a crack at the tackle slot. Another big boy, he should pair with McPartland to make the Sea Lion tackles immovable. Has been in the service less than a month.

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ALBERT KING (tackle) broke his ankle this spring and still favors it. Was first string till Ratto came aboard. Should see plenty of action. Al's all work when it comes to football, and though his only experience is a year of freshman ball at Loyola, he has a great deal of class.

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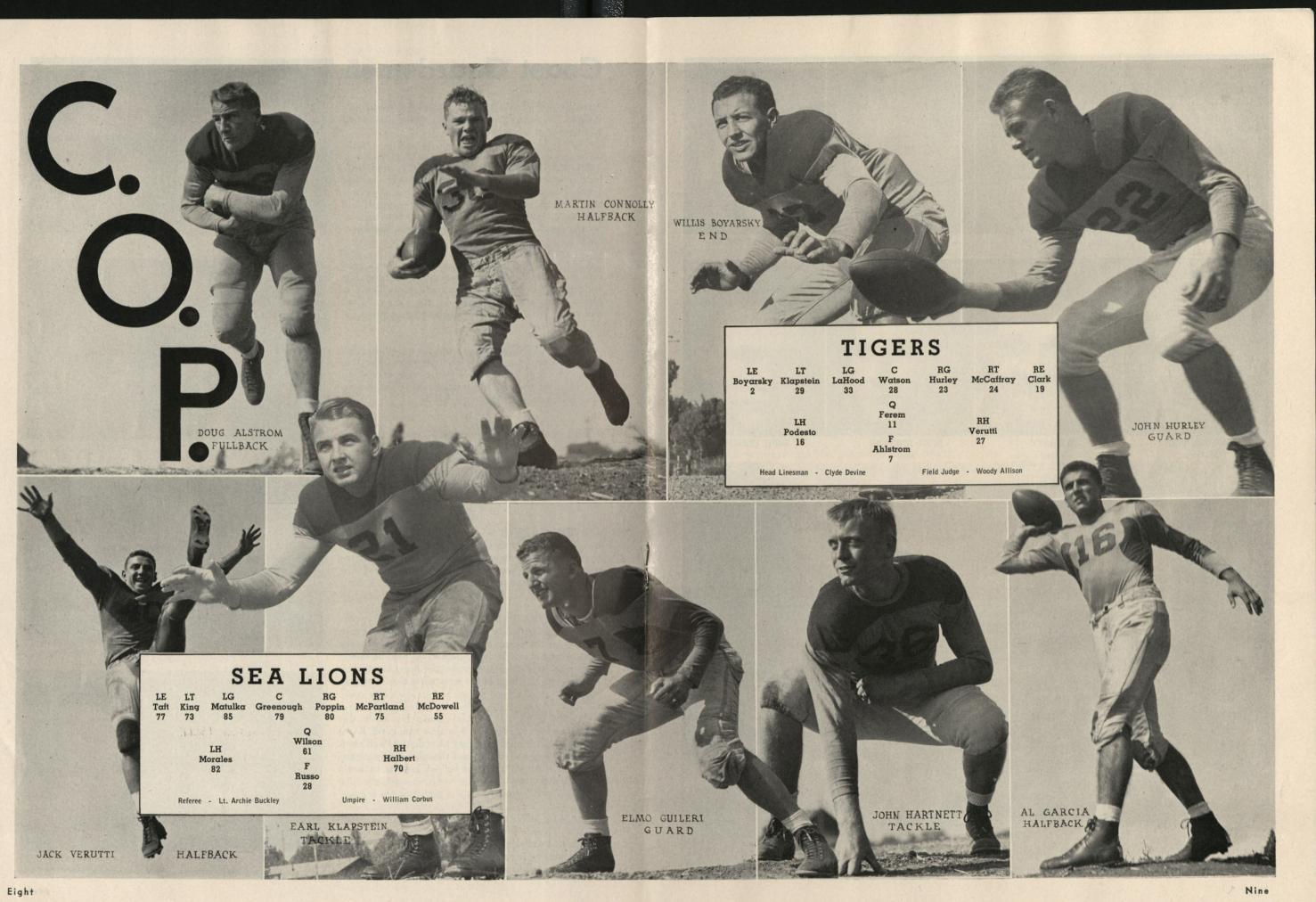
DANTE BENEDETTI (guard) played three years at USF. Despite his pint-sized proportions, he is very tough to handle in any company. Called "Tiger" by teammates, he is the most spirited man on the squad. Is also a boxer of some repute.

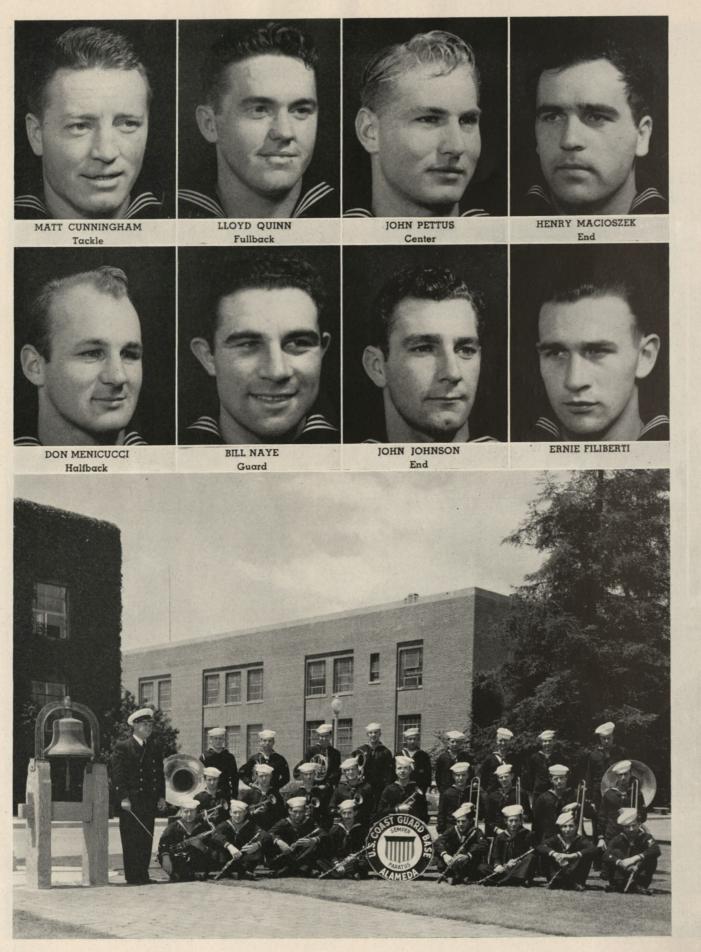


CHARLES WILSON Quarterback

BILL MCPARTLAND

Tackle





## Stagg Still Looks to Future

By JACK ROSENBAUM Coast Guard Public Relations Office

When Lieut. Joe Verducci was born into a world momentarily at peace in 1910, one of the famous football coaches of the day was Amos Alonzo Stagg at the University of Chicago. That was before Knute Rockne made his immortal mark in the football firmament. It was the year Tex Rickard promoted the famous Johnson-Jeffries fight. It was four years before a shot fired at Sarajevo boomed into World War I.

Today, at 81, Amos Alonzo Stagg is still listed as one of football's active major coaches. The whitehaired gentleman, who gave football more plays and rules than we can list in this space, will sit on a Kezar Stadium bench today, beckoning players to his side, whispering instructions, sending them into battle against the Coast Guard Sea Lions, and devising strategy as the game progresses.

At an age when few men are active, "Double A" Stagg is very much the head coach and athletic director at Pacific. Every year his Tigers have blossomed out with new gadgets, new stunts designed to baffle and outmaneuver the opposition.

And along with advancing years Amos Alonzo Stagg hasn't lost any of his fierce pride. Eleven years ago, on his 70th birthday, the University of Chicago decided to "reward" him for 40 years of unselfish, devoted service on the Midway. They voted to ensconce football's grand old man into a swivel chair, with a comfortable salary and duties no more strenuous than hoisting a pen from ink bottle to paper.

Instead of offering thanks and retiring gracefully, Mr. Stagg refused to be "kicked upstairs"-or kicked any place, for that matter. Of his own free will, he pointed his firm chin and steady eyes westward and began his coaching life anew at the College of Pacific. And in one short, swift season the man who was supposed to be too old for anything but a rocking chair amazed the national football clientele. In his first season his wide open "peedinger" attack outplayed California, only to lose by a skimpy 7-6 score. The wizard of Pacific glowed with quiet joy. He had showed them.

Today Stagg still burns with that same pride; loves a winner just as much as he ever did in the days when his Maroons faced Illinois, Michigan and Purdue. And

whether he wins or loses today, he'll trudge with steady step halfway across the field and firmly shake the hand of Lieutenant Verducci.

California.



### AMOS ALONZO STAGG Head Coach

An interesting by-play will be that handshake. It will be a thrilling, memorable moment to the younger man. When Joe Verducci propelled his short, sturdy legs touchdownward for Mission High in San Francisco, one of his athletic idols was Stagg. And when he moved to the University of California, he continued to follow closely the jockeyed fortunes of "Double A" Stagg and Chicago.

All the while Verducci was doing a creditable job of quarterbacking for California's Golden Bears. The late Bill Ingram, then coaching the Bears, described Verducci as the "smallest man on the team with the biggest heart".

When Lieutenant Verducci joined the Coast Guard in May, 1942, he made an amazing record at Polytechnic High in San Francisco, where in one string his teams went 24 games without defeat.

Assisting Lieutenant Verducci is George Arabian, former St. Mary's College quarterback, the lone assistant, since Tom Rice embarks shortly for duty at sea. Flanking Stagg are Larry Siemering, former All-Coast center at University of San Francisco and a star in professional ranks, and Amby Schindler of Southern





1. To the winning company of Saturday reviews goes the hotly contested "E" flag and extra liberty. 2. One of the many U.S.O. shows that hit the island. 3. Canteen service provides Coast Guardsmen with all personal needs. 4. The Sea Lions' famous band plays at a Red Cross dance for Islanders. 5. A big day arrives when Captain (now Commodore) Roach, Rear Admiral Jones and Vice Admiral Waesche come aboard on an inspection tour. 6. Tommy Dorsev entertains after a broadcast at Government Island.



## Importance of Morale Not Overlooked

Making the transition from the civilian to the military life consists of a lot more than just changing clothes and trading an algebra book for a Springfield. Yesterday, most of us were on some athletic field or in class rooms. Today, we are facing the realities of war.

A military life is not easy. It can ruin or make a man, depending largely on his own background and character. But in either case it is as trying as it is vigorous, and there is no place for the boys who lack courage. During the transition and in the trials that follow, morale plunges downward. The problem of maintaining morale is as important as learning the rifle. Just as an army travels on its stomach, so does it fight according to its spirit.

At the Coast Guard Training Station on Government Island, no day passes without an effort being made to give the men a mental boost. Competitive sports, movies, stage shows and other forms of recreation are provided when possible. It pays dividends. For when the men "hit their sacks" at night, they do so feeling just a little happier, carrying a little more faith and determination to play their part in the big show.

It's difficult to tell those who never have seen the smiles and heard the laughter of men, who, after a hard day in a foreign way of life, forget themselves and their troubles at a movie or camp show. This football game today is another part of this program. It is providing relaxation and enjoyment for thousands of service men. For those who are unable to be here, it is being broadcast. It also is window dressing for a physical training program designed to build fighting

Nothing diverts a man's attention from his own troubles more than entertainment. We cannot thank people like Joe E. Brown and Martha Raye enough. We can't hope to sufficiently express our gratitude to the countless organizations like the Red Cross and U.S.O. for their untiring efforts in helping to make us cleaner men and better fighters.

To make this possible, these people must sacrifice a tremendous amount of their time and energy. It proves to us that from our buddies in the South Pacific to our families back home, everyone is pitching in unselfishly to bring to a close, in the quickest way possible, this war, and to assure victory.





bodies, and is itself instrumental in helping to build the fighting spirit.

## U. S. COAST GUARD 1943 Football Roster

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No.		Pos.		Нт.				College
12	Pettus, Preston							
13	Benedetti, Dante							
14	Naye, Bill							
21	Johnson, John							
25	Hill, Colin							
27	Pettus, John							
28	Russo, William							U. S. F.
29	Balatti, Edward							
30	Russo, John							
40	Macioszek, Henry							
44	Menicucci, Donald							
45	Drury, Larry							
54	Wilborn, John							
55	McDowell, Charles							
60	Filiberti, Ernest							
61	Wilson, Charles							
62	Chicourrat, Andre							
65	Cavacini, James							Indiana
68	Farnham, Jack	End			21	_S 2c		
70	Halbert, Dale							College Pacific
71	Cunningham, Mat							
72	Merritt, Laverne							
73	King, Albert							
74	Bilotti, Tony							
75	McPartland, William							
76	Thomas, George	Tackle				Cox	1	Louisiana
77	Taft, Howard							
78	Hall, Wayne	Tackle				S 2c	1	Ill. Wesleyan
79	Greenough, Quentin							
80	Poppin, John							
81	Aliber, Maynard							
	Morales, Gonzales							
83	Yegge, Harvey	Center				S 1c		Pasadena J. C.
84	Ferguson, Eugene	End				S 2c	1	Illinois Normal
85	Matulka, Rudy	Guard				_S 2c	0	Nebraska
86	Quinn, Lloyd	Fullback		5'11''	21	_S 1c	0	Colorado
87	Eddy, Donald	Tackle				_S 2c	0	
	Wehrly, John					_S 2c	0	Arizona State
	Ratto, Al					A.S		St. Mary's
	Shew, Fred	Fullback	230	6' 3"		_S 1c	1	
	Elsen, Joe						0	

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No.	NAME	Pos.	Wт. Нт.	Age	RA
1	Hixson, Wilmer				
2	Boyarsky, Willis	End			
3	Connolly, Martin				
4	Klemenok, Fred		5'10"		
5	Lacey, Hugh, Jr.	Halfback			
6	Farnsworth, Louis				
7	Ahlstrom, Douglas	Fullback	5'11"		
8	Hilson, Robert				
9	Barnickle, Irwin	Quarterback		180	
11	Ferem, Joseph	Quarterback		180	
12	Garcia, Albert				
13	Guilieri, Elmo			170	
14	Lueder, Carl			185	
15	Ogdahl, Ted	Halfback			
16	Podesto, John				
17	White, David				
18	Wright, Ralph	End			
19	Clark, Thomas W.	End			
20	Hanson, Victor	End			
21	Hartnett, John				
22	Holmes, Francis				
23	Hurley, John				
24	McCaffray, Arthur				
25	McPhee, John				
26	Quint, Louis				
27	Verutti, Jack				
28	Watson, James				
29	Klapstein, Earl				
30	West, Norman				
31	Bolton, Robert				
	Ferroboeuf, George				
	LaHood, Pete			204	
	Guida, Anthony				
	Hancock, Hector				
	Hoops, William				
	Jaeger, Raymond				
	Setterholm, Ralph				
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