

Bruins lose three starts in hard-fought battles

• Those amazing sophomores of last year who played on the unbeaten Bruin soph team are on the rampage again as most of the Grizzly A team of this year is made up of juniors. Despite the fact the Bears have lost their first three starts, the juniors are making a good showing for themselves and seemed destined to continue doing so in the future games, helped along tremendously, of course, by the four returning seniors. Pointers 20-Grizzlies 19

For only the fifth time in 30 games, the Bruins dropped their traditional season's opener in a heartbreaker to a heavy Van Buren team 20-19, September 10, in Grizzly stadium.

Big Pete Collier, who proved more than the Grizzlies could cope with, scored all three of the touchdowns for the Pointers, first in the second quarter, again in the third and then in the fourth. The Grizzlies stayed one point behind the entire game, scoring after each Van Buren tally.

Joe Paul Alberty, a mainstay of the soph team last year, took the first TD over from the four for the Bears.

Darrell Williams, a sophomore, and one of the twins, ran a play back 72 yards down the left side line for the second touchdown. John Little, junior back, added the extra point.

The Bruins capitalized on a Pointer fumble late in the fourth period when David Munford recovered. Don DeCamp, senior fullback, then took the ball across. Little failed to convert. Wildcats 13-Grizzlies 6

THE BRUINS scored early in the first quarter of this hard-fought game played at El Dorado, September 17, when they got the ball on downs on the Wildcat's 15.

DeCamp bore through the line to the three, and quarterback Tom Cutting, senior, lost the ball, wet from the drizzly rain, on a hand-off attempt. As it rolled into the end zone, John King, junior end, and a former soph team player, fell on it for the touchdown. The conversion try failed.

The Wildcats outgained the Grizzlies on the ground 149 to 94. However, the Grizzlies, considered a team weak in passing, led in passing yardage, 44 to 4. Zebras 25-Grizzlies 14

The Pine Bluff Zebras, winning their first Big 7 tilt, scored twice in the opening minutes of this game as Royce White, who is somewhat shiftier in ball handling this year than in the past, sparked his team after the opening kickoff. Rex Hardister, right halfback, scored the first touchdown and Bill Dawson converted.

A 27-yard punt was fumbled by Tom Cutting on the 10, which set up the next TD for Pine Bluff.

It was in the second quarter that the Zebras, considered a strong team in the conference, scored again on a 75-yard run by White. Then Alberty, the junior, DeCamp and Cutting began to drive down the field, alternately carrying the ball. Again and again DeCamp powered through the line, usually needing two or more players to bring him down. He moved the ball to the four and Alberty scampered over. The 230-pound senior made the extra point try good.

SPORTLIGHTS

by Wendell Nance

• Grizzly coach Steed White, recent line coach at Little Rock High School, helped lead the Tigers through several winning years and numerous Big Seven championships. Coach John Lunney, new Bruin line coach, lead a powerful St. Anne's Buff team through 11 straight wins and a district 4B championship. Last is the Bruin backfield coach, Clyde Horton. Coach Horton is well known in this part of the state for the outstanding grid teams he built at Fort Smith Junior High School in his two years there. So, here's hoping the new coaching staff will continue their winning ways with our own Grizzlies.

New colors: How do you football fans like that something new about the Grizzlies this year—the new uniforms with red numerals and stripes on the sleeves? This leaves the Big 7 with only two teams now wearing red and white uniforms, Texarkana and Pine Bluff.

The University of Arkansas football roster boasts three former Grizzly football standouts, Don Reed, Tommy Meek and Lee Scanlon. Most of you will remember Don and Tommy from our '52 football season. Both Don and Tommy were all-state and all-Southwest high school selections. Lee Scanlon is a former halfback for FSHS in 1948. He is just out of the army and has enrolled at the university as a freshman. He is expected to play lots of football for the Arkansas freshman team.

Eight FSHS ballplayers help Ross Rams win bid to all-Southern tourney

• Among the members of the Ross Rams, winner of the state American Legion baseball tournament, are eight FSHS students. The Rams, coached by Clarence "Ace" Parker, defeated Newport in the finals of the tournament held August 6-8 at Harrison, Arkansas.

Earl Furlow, senior, led the Rams to victory by pitching and winning three of their five games. The Rams lost only one game during the tournament.

OTHER SENIORS on the team are Jim Gattis, first baseman, and Ronnie McKenzie, third baseman.

The two juniors on the team are Don Rainwater, center fielder, and Harold Owens, second baseman.

Sophomores are Roger Lee, left fielder, Darrell Williams, shortstop, and Jarrell Williams, catcher.

THE RAMS represented Arkansas in the southern tournament. They played New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 13 and Dallas, Texas, on August 14.

Touch football starts intramural program

• "Any boy with a free fifth or sixth period may go out for intramural sports," said Coach John Thompson. Intramural sports are designed to give the boys who don't play for the varsity a chance to compete with other boys in his caliber.

Tennis, touch football, basketball, weight-lifting and softball are the main activities of the year. Although the football program is underway, there is still time left for boys to take part.

Basketball games which are scheduled to start in three or four weeks will be played in the gym. Last year 12 teams, sponsored by various clubs and organizations, participated in intramural basketball.

Coach Thompson is expecting a heavy turnout for the weight-lifting program as considerable interest has been shown.

Anyone interested in intramural sports should see Coach Thompson during fifth or sixth period in the stadium.

Grizzlies meet Joplin, then clash with Tigers

• A powerful Joplin Eagle team will be the comparatively new opponents the Bruins meet tomorrow night in Grizzly stadium. The Eagles, who defeated the Bears last year 18-7 in a well-played defensive game, are out for another try with every player on the starting line-up a returning letterman. Also included in their roster are 10 other lettermen, bringing the total to 21 for the team.

Fort Smith has six returning lettermen, backs Tom Cutting, Don DeCamp and Eddie Green, end John King, guards David Munford and Larry Reed. Reserve lettermen are Joe Paul Alberty and Eddie Walker.

THE EAGLE LINE, averaging 177 pounds to the man, is a heavy one, outweighing the Grizzlies 20 pounds. The backfields of both teams are surprisingly well-matched in weight and in experience.

Two weeks ago Joplin beat Monett, Missouri 7-0, a team which defeated them a year ago.

"Despite the deficits, I feel we might stand a chance of winning," Steed White, head football coach, said. This could especially be so if the Grizzlies out-manuever the heavier line.

The Grizzlies, who have played hard in their last three games but have fallen on the loose end

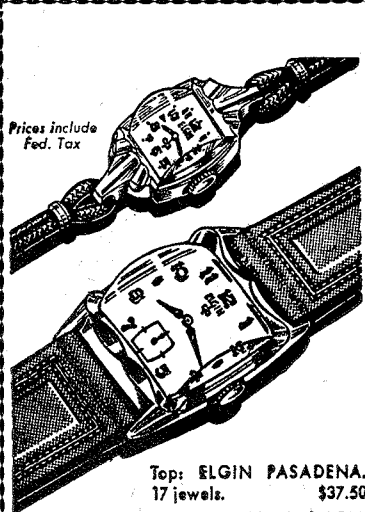
of the score, will meet their annual foe in the Little Rock Tigers next week in the capital city. The Tigers, who are the defending Big 7 conference champs and a powerhouse, will probably field another all-round team with 11 returning lettermen, including Jim Wetherington and Ralph Goldman, halfbacks, and Darryl Herbert, fullback, starters in 1953.

THE GRIZZLIES will be out to revenge a 61-0 whitewashing at the hands of the Tigers in '52, and a 39-9 loss in 1953.

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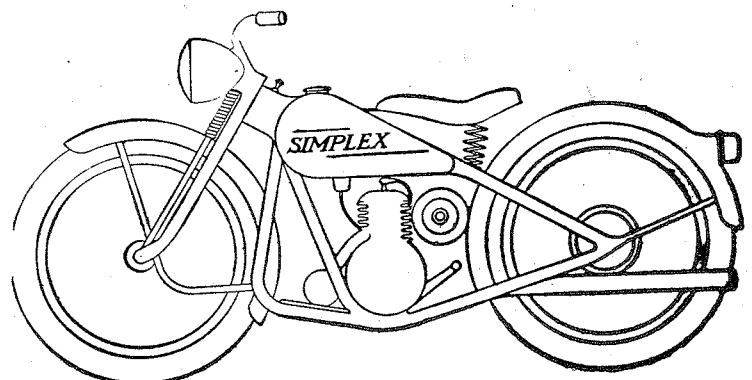
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