

# 1913 SEASON

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## PLAYERS

**Ends:** Toxie Sewell, Raymond Jones, H. B. Love, Lowndes Morton, J. D. Clark . . . **Tackles:** Basil Burks, L. B. McLeod, W. T. VandeGraaff . . . **Guards:** H. C. Jones, A. M. Miller, C. M. Hamilton, J. W. Hicks . . . **Center:** C. D. Riddle . . . **Backs:** Charles Cargile, J. H. Hagan, William Johnston, Cecil Bates, Hargrove VandeGraaff, Charles Joplin, Lindsey Nathan, Charles Long, William L. Harsh, Morgan Stickney.

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**SEPTEMBER 27:** Alabama opened the season by defeating the Howard Bulldogs on the University campus by the score of 27 to 0. Howard showed very little on offense except a good forward passing attack but their tackling was excellent.

Touchdowns were made by Captain VandeGraaff, Long, Joplin and Johnston while goals after touchdown were scored by Bully VandeGraaff, Nathan and Johnston.

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**OCTOBER 4:** Because of the weak caliber of the opponents, it was impossible to estimate the strength of the Alabama team which ran over Birmingham College on the campus by the score of 81 to 0.

Alabama scored eight touchdowns in the first period. At the end of the third quarter, the game was called because the visitors were exhausted.

Touchdowns were made by Captain VandeGraaff, Bully VandeGraaff, Long (2), Hagan, Harsh (2), Bates (2), Cargile (2) and Jones. Dink Hagan kicked six goals after touch downs.

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**OCTOBER 11:** Alabama, using her superior speed to advantage, defeated Clemson on the campus by the score of 20 to 0.

Long returned the kickoff to his own 30 yard line. A few plays later, Captain VandeGraaff circled end for 35 yards and a touchdown. Hagan kicked goal. Toward the end of the period, James of Clemson intercepted a forward pass and returned 20 yards to the Alabama 35 just as the quarter ended.

Clemson made a first down and James made 20 yards around end. Alabama held and a drop kick failed. Alabama punted out of bounds near the center of the field. Clemson made two first downs and marched to Alabama's 10 yard line where another drop kick failed as the half ended.

In the third quarter, Clemson received and made two first downs before Alabama held and Clemson punted to Hagan, who returned to Alabama's 40. Line plays advanced the ball to Clemson's 15 yard line and H. VandeGraaff circled end for the score. No goal.

Harsh returned the kickoff to his own 25. End runs and line plunges by Long, Hagan and VandeGraaff placed the ball on Clemson's 20 yard line as the period ended.

After Hagan gained 3 yards, Long drove off left tackle for 17 yards and a touchdown. Hagan kicked goal.

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**OCTOBER 18:** It was a case of too much McWhorter as the Georgia Bulldogs defeated Alabama at Rickwood Field in Birmingham by the score of 20 to 0. Alabama was no match for the husky Georgians.

In the first quarter, Paddock returned a punt 10 yards. A series of plays carried the ball to Alabama's 17 yard line where McWhorter scored on an end run and Henderson kicked goal.

Toward the end of the second period, Georgia marched to Alabama's 10 yard line only to lose the ball on downs.

Alabama's defensive play improved considerably in the early part of the second half as Long and Bully VandeGraaff on several occasions broke through and threw the Georgia backs for losses. Finally, McWhorter circled end for 35 yards to the Alabama 5 yard line and scored two plays later. Henderson kicked goal.

Hog VandeGraaff returned the kickoff 20 yards. After two plays made a first down, Hagan caught a pass from Harsh for a 20 yard gain. On the next play, Powell of Georgia intercepted an Alabama pass and ran 60 yards for the final score.

**Georgia—Ends:** Smith, Conklin. **Tackles:** Turner, Henderson. **Guards:** Malone, Thrash. **Center:** DeLapierre. **Backs:** Paddock, McWhorter, Purcell, Powell.

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**OCTOBER 25:** Alabama, showing considerable improvement over the Georgia game, defeated Tulane on the campus by the score of 26 to 0. Tulane threatened but once during the game when she carried the ball to Alabama's 10 yard line but lost the ball on downs.

Long scored in the first quarter on a short plunge through the line. In the third quarter, Captain VandeGraaff scored on an end run after making several substantial gains to place the ball near the Tulane goal. Stickney later scored on a 10 yard plunge through the center of the line and Harsh scored the final touchdown on an end run near the close of the game.

Captain VandeGraaff, Bates and Harsh were the Alabama stars.

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**NOVEMBER 1:** Alabama met Mississippi College at the State Fair Grounds in Jackson, Mississippi before a crowd of 6,000 people and won by the score of 21 to 3.

Mississippi College scored first when Hickman, star fullback, kicked a field goal.

Long scored for Alabama in the first quarter on an off tackle play. The second touchdown resulted from a 20 yard pass from Harsh to Love, which was described as the feature play of the game. Harsh made the last touchdown on a plunge through the line following an advance that carried from about the center of the field. Long kicked two goals after touchdown and Bully VandeGraaff one.

Love and Captain VandeGraaff of Alabama and Hickman of Mississippi College were the stars.

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**NOVEMBER 8:** The purple of Sewanee and the Crimson of Alabama met in Birmingham, Sewanee winning by the score of 10 to 7. There were lots of passes, some completed, some intercepted and some failing: There were lots of fumbles and penalties, mostly for holding in the line, but the result was not affected thereby.

In the first quarter, Alabama fumbled on her 20 yard line and Sewanee recovered. Alabama stopped Tolley on two plays and a pass was incomplete. Sewanee was penalized for holding. On fourth down and the ball on Alabama's 35 yard line, Hammond kicked a field goal and the Tigers led 3 to 0. The quarter ended with the ball in Sewanee's possession on her own 40 yard line.

Ward, Palmer and Hammond were making gain after gain through Alabama's line when Ward fumbled and Hog VandeGraaff recovered for Alabama. VandeGraaff, Long and Harsh drove the ball to the shadow of Sewanee's goal where Harsh tried for a field goal. The kick was short and was fumbled by Tolley and Alabama recovered. Harsh then threw a pass which was intercepted by Hammond and Parker punted out of danger.

During the rest of the quarter, both teams punted frequently. Alabama made some nice gains around the ends but Sewanee tightened when danger threatened.

In the third quarter, Sewanee used a double pass, Tolley to Hammond, effectively and several runs by Hammond, one for 25 yards, advanced the ball deep into Alabama territory. The quarter ended with the ball in Sewanee's possession on Alabama's 15 yard line.

Two line plays by Ward and Tolley gained but a few yards but Tolley passed to Hammond over the goal for a touchdown. Goal was kicked and the score: Sewanee 10, Alabama 0.

A few minutes later, Alabama drove the ball deep into Sewanee territory where Harsh passed to Love over the goal for a touchdown and Bully VandeGraaff kicked goal.

From that point, Alabama seemed to grow stronger but a forward pass failed at a critical time and Sewanee, reversing the order, made several substantial gains. The game ended as Harsh intercepted a Sewanee pass in the center of the field.

**Sewanee—Ends:** Hamilton, Parker, Fort. **Tackles:** Moore, Dobbins. **Guards:** McCallum, Maywood. **Center:** Barnwell. **Backs:** Tolley, Hammond, Palmer, Ward.

**Alabama—Ends:** Love, Morton, Cargile. **Tackles:** Burks, VandeGraaff. **Guards:** Hicks, Jones. **Center:** Riddle. **Backs:** H. VandeGraaff, Long, Harsh, Hagan, Nathan, Stickney.



**NOVEMBER 14:** Alabama and Tennessee battled all over the field on the University campus in one of the hardest fought games of the season. There were so many "time-outs" because of injuries and in clearing the field of spectators that the last few minutes were played in darkness with headlights of automobiles turned on the field to aid the visibility. The game was played on Friday instead of Saturday so that the spectators could attend the Auburn-Vanderbilt game in Birmingham on the following day. Alabama won by the score of 6 to 0 as the result of two field goals.

Alabama returned the kickoff to midfield. After an exchange of punts, Alabama drove to the Tennessee 15 yard line aided by a forward pass from Harsh to Morton for 25 yards. Alabama fumbled and Tennessee recovered. Both teams gained steadily but lost the ball on intercepted passes and fumbles. Johnston of Alabama missed a try for a field goal from the Tennessee 10. A few plays later, Tennessee fumbled and Alabama recovered. Hog VandeGraaff made a sensational run to the Tennessee 3 yard line but Tennessee held for downs and took over on her own 20 yard line as the period ended.

Tennessee drove to midfield where Alabama held and Carroll punted 20 yards to Harsh who returned 10. Joplin, Harsh and Morton then drove to the Tennessee 35 yard line where Long kicked a place kick for three points just before the half ended.

In the the third period, Dawson, Carroll and Lindsey drove to Alabama's 15 yard line where Morton blocked Carroll's try for a field goal. Bully VandeGraaff punted 25 yards to Carroll, who fumbled when tackled by Morton and Hicks recovered for Alabama and ran to Tennessee's 10 before being tackled. Bully VandeGraaff then kicked a field goal from placement. Later, Alabama held Tennessee for downs on her own 8 yard line.

In the final period, Tennessee drove to midfield where Hog VandeGraaff almost lost his right ear when he made a tackle and was replaced by Joplin. It was now dark and automobile lights were shining on the field. Alabama recovered a Tennessee fumble and Cargile gained about 40 yards on an end run. Alabama then fumbled and Tennessee recovered. Tennessee completed several passes but finally Alabama intercepted one just before the game ended.

Hog and Bully VandeGraaff, Long and Morton were the stars for Alabama as were Carroll, Dawson and Lindsey for Tennessee.



**NOVEMBER 27:** Mississippi A. & M. defeated Alabama at Rickwood Field, Birmingham in a Thanksgiving Day game by the score of 7 to 0.

Following the kickoff, Mississippi advanced the ball to the Alabama 15 yard line only to lose the ball on a fumble. Alabama punted to midfield. Line plunges and end runs gained 20 yards and a forward pass was good for 15 more. Another series of line plays gained consistently and Kinney, quarterback, scored. Potter, tackle, kicked goal.

Alabama played her best game in the third quarter. Harsh circled end for 25 yards. Harsh then passed to Stickney, who dropped the ball on the Mississippi 10 yard line with a clear field ahead.

Both teams lost their tempers several times during the game. At times it appeared that there would be a free-for-all fight. Coach Graves and Coach Chadwick had an argument about a substitution and heated words followed when the referee upheld the contention of Coach Graves. A couple of policemen intervened and the play was stopped without gain or loss.

Alabama's lineplay was very ragged and in striking contrast to that displayed in the Sewanee and Tennessee games. The line failed to charge low and the tackling was noticeably high and ineffective.

Alabama missed Captain VandeGraaff badly. Bully VandeGraaff and Harsh were outstanding for Alabama and Captain Wells, fullback, was the star for Mississippi.