1925 SEASON

WALLACE WADE ......................... Coach
HENRY CRISP, RUSSELL COHEN ......... Assistant Coaches
W. T. VANDEGRAAFF ................. Freshman Coach
BRUCE JONES .......................... Captain
ED BRUCE .............................. Manager

PLAYERS


SEPTEMBER 26: Alabama defeated Union University on the campus in the opening game of the season by the score of 53 to 0. Owing to the weak caliber of the opposition, not much information could be obtained as to the strength of this year’s team but Hubert, Caldwell, Rosenfeld, Mack Brown and Gillis appeared to be in good form for another good season.

October 2: Alabama defeated Birmingham-Southern College on the campus by the score of 50 to 7, scoring in every period except the fourth. Hubert and Winslett scored two touchdowns each while Rosenfeld, Gillis, Johnson and Barnes made one each.

The visitors only score came in the third period. Gillis fumbled a punt on his own 25 yard line, Scott recovering for Birmingham-Southern. Alabama received two offside penalties. Bradford made 6 yards and, three plays later, Beck scored through center and Fullbright drop kicked the extra point.

Bowden and Scott, tackles, were outstanding for the losers.

October 10: "Perfection itself" was the description employed by a newspaper correspondent following the game between Alabama and L. S. U. in Baton Rouge as the Tide won by the score of 42 to 0 before 8,000 fans. The Tide used 25 players and the Tigers never threatened during the game.

In the first period, Alabama drove 70 yards for a touchdown with Hubert scoring.

In the second period, Hubert passed to Winslett for 23 yards to place the ball near the Tigers goal and Hubert went over.

In the third period, Caldwell scored on an end run and, a few moments later, Gillis duplicated. Caldwell scored again on an end run after Gillis took a pass from Hubert for a gain of 29 yards.

In the final quarter, Hubert drove through center to score following a sustained drive from deep in Alabama territory.

Buckler kicked all six goals after touchdowns.


October 17: Alabama defeated Sewanee in their annual game in Birmingham by the score of 27 to 0, exhibiting a fine passing attack.

In the first quarter, Mack Brown returned a punt 29 yards. Barnes made 29 more to the Sewanee 7, but the Tigers held on the one foot line. Mahoney punted to Mack Brown on the Tiger 45 and Brown ran for a touchdown but Alabama was holding. Winslett then passed to Barnes for 28. In five line plunges, Hubert scored.

Following several exchanges of punts in the second period, it was Alabama’s ball on her own 45. The Tide drove 55 yards to score with Barnes contributing a 29 yard run to the Tiger 10. Four plays later, Hubert scored through the line.
In the final period, Gillis threw a long pass to Caldwell for 35 yards and a touchdown. Later, Hubert passed to Winslett for 35 yards to the Sewanee 2 yard line. Hubert then scored.


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OCTOBER 24: The flying feet of Mack Brown and the great playing of Pooley Hubert and the entire Alabama line enabled the Crimson Tide to defeat Georgia Tech in Atlanta by the score of 7 to 0 before a crowd of 20,000 fans on a wet field. Both teams presented magnificent lines.

In the first period, Alabama gained slowly but steadily on exchanges of punts between Barnes and Wycoff to place the ball in Tech territory. Tech held on her own 28 yard line and took over on downs. Murray hit center for 13 and Barron drove off tackle for 7 to the Tide 45 as the quarter ended.

Barron made 7 off tackle and followed with 10 more over center to Alabama's 28. Here the Tide stopped the threat, a fourth down pass from Wycoff to Marshall over the goal being knocked down. Later, Gillis intercepted a pass in midfield. On a double pass in the backfield, Winslett passed to Red Brown, who dropped the wet ball on the Tech 5 with a clear field ahead.

Early in the third period, Williams fumbled a Barnes punt on Tech's 28 and Perry recovered. Hubert made 8 and Barnes made a first down. Then Barnes broke through the line but fumbled when tackled and Wycoff recovered on Tech's 7 yard line. And here is the play that won the game: Wycoff punted to Mack Brown on the Tide 45. Hubert, who was backing up the line, ran back to protect Brown. As Tech's ends were about to tackle Brown, Hubert made a diving block that spilled both of them. Brown ran to his left toward the Western side lines as the Alabama team commenced cutting down Tech tacklers. Brown was flying down the side lines with only Wycoff between him and the goal. Buckler took care of Wycoff with a perfect block and Brown scored. Buckler then kicked goal. On that play, the Tide cut down every Tech tackle on the field. The referee was also spilled. And "Fuzzy" Woodruff of the Atlanta Constitution and an Alabama alumnus in his account of the game referred to the Alabama team as "spray blockers."

A fumble gave Tech another chance and they drove to the Tide 21 but the Alabama line dug in and stopped the march. Hubert again rose to the occasion. It was fourth down an 2 to go. Just before Tech's center snapped the ball, Hubert jumped into the Alabama line next to the guard, charged through and threw the Tech ball carrier for a loss and the ball went over.

Hubert played the greatest game of his career and was called the greatest defensive back ever to appear on Grant Field. Holmes played 60 minutes of fine football although painfully injured early in the game. Caldwell's fine covering of punts saved Alabama lots of yardage and gave Gillis and Barnes a chance to match Wycoff's fine punting.

Tharpe was Tech's outstanding line star. Wright, the sophomore back, proved to be a very fast and elusive runner. Wycoff was an excellent punter and defensive player but the Alabama line simply would not let him run with the ball.


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OCTOBER 31: Alabama celebrated Homecoming Day by defeating Mississippi A. and M. by the score of 6 to 0. Rain fell most of the game.

Alabama returned the kickoff to her own 38. After Hubert made a first down, the Maroons held and Gillis punted to the visitors' 10 yard line. Alabama held and Patty kicked to Gillis on the Maroons 26. Hubert and Johnson drove to the 14 yard line. Hubert made 3, Johnson 3 and Hubert was stopped for no gain. Hubert passed to Winslett for the score. Hubert missed goal.

In the third period, Clarke of the Maroons passed to Stevens for 20 yards to the Tide 16 but Caldwell intercepted the next pass and Barnes punted out of danger.
In the fourth quarter, Alabama drove from her own 20 to the Maroon’s 3 yard line as the game ended.

Clark, fullback for the Maroons, was outstanding, being a fine runner and an excellent passer and defensive player. Jones, the roving, light weight center, was also a star performer.

Perry was the star of the Alabama line. Bowdoin, Payne, Dismukes, Pickard, Rosenfeld and Johnson of the second team alternated with the regulars for Alabama.

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NOVEMBER 7: The line plunging of Hubert and the broken field running of Mack Brown and Red Barnes proved too much for the Kentucky Wildcats at Birmingham, who were defeated 31 to 0.

In the first period, Buckler kicked a placement from the 17 yard line following a march of 63 yards. Later, Hubert fumbled on the Alabama 30 and Ross recovered for Kentucky. Alabama then held and took over on her 19. Two plays later, Brown circled right end and ran 79 yards for a touchdown.

In the second period, Red Barnes picked up a fumble by the Wildcats on his 25 yard line and ran 75 yards for a touchdown.

The fine punting of Gillis in the third period gave Alabama the ball on Kentucky’s 48. Gillis passed to Brown for 15. Hubert passed to Gillis on the Wildcat 22. Two plays later, on a double reverse play, Brown scored.

In the fourth period, Ross of Kentucky fumbled and Hudson recovered for Alabama on the Wildcat 20. Hubert scored in three plays.

Kentucky’s star was “Cave Man” King, left end, who spent most of the afternoon smashing the Tide’s interference.

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NOVEMBER 14: The Tide engulfed the Florida Gators in Montgomery on a dry field by the score of 34 to 0.

In the first period, Mack Brown intercepted a pass and returned to the Tide 48. After two line plays, Hubert passed to Mack Brown, who caught the ball on the Florida 15, dodged Jones and scored. Buckler kicked the first of four goals.

In the second quarter, it was Alabama’s ball near midfield, following an exchange of punts. Hubert passed to Mack Brown for 15 yards and then threw another to Brown over the goal for the score.

Scott returned the kickoff to Alabama’s 20 where Hudson made the tackle. He almost got away. Four Florida passes failed as the half ended.

In the third period, Red Barnes intercepted a Florida pass deep in Alabama territory and returned 33 yards. After a first down through the line, Hubert passed to Barnes, who caught the ball on Florida’s 16 and ran across for the score.

In the last period, Barnes intercepted a Florida pass and returned 13 yards to Florida’s 15. Three plays later, Barnes ran around end to score.

Later, Edgar Jones, who beat Alabama in 1923, tried a drop kick which was short and Brown returned 35 yards. Brown made 8 and Hubert 10. Hubert passed to Barnes who was tackled on the Florida 3 yard line. Hubert then scored over center.

Goldstein, Florida tackle, was outstanding and the score would have been much larger but for his efforts.


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NOVEMBER 26: Alabama ended an undefeated season by defeating Georgia in Birmingham by the score of 27 to 0.

In the first period, it was Alabama’s ball in midfield, following an exchange of punts. The ball was snapped to Hubert, who reversed to Winslett, who passed to Gillis, who caught the ball on the Georgia 25 yard line and ran 25 yards to score.
In the second period, Georgia held and took the ball on downs on her own 10 yard line. Georgia fumbled and Red Brown recovered the ball for the Tide. Four plays later, Hubert scored.

In the third quarter, it was Alabama's ball on her own 46, after a pass on fourth down by Georgia failed. Gillis and Hubert made a first down. Gillis made 7 and Winslett 8. Gillis made 22 yards on a triple pass to Georgia's one yard line. Hubert scored.

In the final period, Alabama took over on her own 41. A pass from Hubert to Winslett gained 23. Johnson made 12 through the line. Hubert's pass to Hudson carried to Georgia's 4 and Hubert scored.

Gillis, Hubert and Barnes were the backfield stars for Alabama as were Jones, Buckler, Pickhard and Holmes in the line.

Luckie, Georgia's tackle, was the best defensive lineman of the day. Nash and Kain were also outstanding.