

1928 SEASON

WALLACE WADE	Coach
HENRY CRISP, JESS NEELY, JAMES H. HAGAN	Assistant Coaches
JAMES HAGOOD	Freshman Coach
EARL SMITH	Captain
JACK McGUIRE	Manager

PLAYERS

Ends: Earl Smith, Edgar Dobbs, Jimmy Moore, Sam Weaver, E. D. Beale . . . **Tackles:** James Skidmore, C. B. Clement, Fred Sington, Molton Smith . . . **Guards:** Ellis Hagler, Hugh Starling, Frank Howard, John Miller, Cecil Hurt . . . **Centers:** Clarke Pearce, Jess Eberdt . . . **Backs:** William Hicks, J. R. Campbell, John Suther, Tony Holm, William Brown, Dave Boykin, Melvin Vines, Ralph McWright.



OCTOBER 6: Alabama defeated Ole Miss on the campus in the opening game by the score of 27 to 0.

In the first period, Earl Smith recovered a fumble and ran 55 yards for a touchdown. Later, Hicks returned a punt 50 yards to the Ole Miss 5 where Suther scored.

In the second period, Eberdt recovered a fumble on the Ole Miss 30. Three plays later, Brasfield circled end for 17 yards and a touchdown.

In the third period, Alabama had the ball on the Ole Miss 45 after an exchange of punts. Alabama drove straight down the field and Holm scored.

Burnett, tackle, and Bleakenbaker, guard, were line stars for Ole Miss as were Eberdt and Pearce for Alabama.



OCTOBER 13: Alabama defeated the Aggies of Mississippi A. and M. in Starkville 46 to 0. Hicks scored four touchdowns and gained 172 yards. Holm scored twice and Billy Partlow once. Deal kicked four goals.

Captain Pickens, Stone and Smith starred for the Aggies.



OCTOBER 20: The Tennessee Vols, playing inspired football, defeated a highly favored Crimson Tide on Denny Field on Homecoming Day by the score of 15 to 13. Fumbles and penalties beat Alabama but all credit is due Tennessee for her persistent hounding of the ball.

Alabama kicked off to the 2 yard line to McEver, who ran the ball 98 yards for a touchdown. Dodd kicked goal.

Alabama came storming back when she received the kickoff. Four plays later, Suther caught a pass and ran 45 yards for a touchdown but goal was missed.

Later, Dodd punted to the Tide 10 yard line. Alabama then drove to the Tennessee 21 where Holm fumbled, Hug recovered and ran to the Vol 45. Alabama held and Dodd punted to the Tide 3 yard line. Suther, back to punt, fumbled the ball, recovered and was tackled by Thayer for a safety.

In the second period, Dodd punted on fourth down from his own 30 yard line but Alabama was offside and the penalty gave the Vols a first down. McEver made 21 yards. Dodd passed to Hug for 20 yards to the Tide 8. Two line plays failed. Alabama was offside and lost 5 yards. Another line play failed and Dodd passed over the goal to McEver for a touchdown. No goal.

Later, Brasfield ran 60 yards to the Vols 15. A few plays later, Holm scored and goal was kicked.

The second half was a repetition of the first so far as Alabama was concerned. Each time Alabama got a drive under way, a fumble or a penalty or an alert Vol defense ended the threat. Campbell gained 30 yards on a spinner and, as he was tackled on the Vol 12, the game ended.

Hicks, Captain Earl Smith, Pearce and Molton Smith were Alabama's stars as were McEver, Hug, Dodd and Thayer of Tennessee.

Tennessee—Ends: Hug, Alley, Brandt, Herndon. **Tackles:** Thayer, Tripp, Fuller, Meyer. **Guards:** Johnson, Johnston, Beene. **Centers:** Finney, Roberts. **Backs:** Dodd, McEver, Hackman, Horner, Reinekie.

Alabama—Ends: Boykin, Earl Smith, Dobbs. **Tackles:** Sington, Clement, Pearce, Skidmore. **Guards:** Hagler, Starling, Howard. **Center:** Eberdt, M. Smith. **Backs:** Suther, Holm, Brasfield, Hicks, Campbell.

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OCTOBER 27: Alabama scored in every period to defeat Sewanee in Birmingham by the score of 42 to 12. Touchdowns were made by Holm, Campbell, Hicks 2, and Earl Smith 2.

Sewanee scored in the second period on a pass from Schoolfield to Piper for 21 yards. In the last quarter, a pass from Schoolfield to R. Dean resulted in a touchdown.

Suther sustained a dislocated shoulder and retired.

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NOVEMBER: Wisconsin was too much for Alabama and the Tide lost at Madison, Wisconsin by the score of 15 to 0.

In the second period, Alabama punted to Wisconsin's 32 yard line. Batholomew passed to Quarterback Cuisinier for 18. Hayes, Bartholomew and Hal Smith advanced the ball to the Tide 15. Hal Smith faked a pass, delayed a moment and shot through the center of the line for a touchdown.

Later, Molton Smith recovered a fumble in midfield. Hicks passed to Earl Smith for 32 yards to Wisconsin's 17. Holm and Hicks drove to the 3 yard line. Two line plunges gained but little. On third down, it appeared that Holm had scored but the referee put the ball down within inches of the goal. Holm then failed to gain and the ball went over.

In the third period, Cuisinier returned the kickoff deep in Alabama's territory. When Alabama held, Backus, guard, kicked a goal from placement.

Later in the third period, it was Wisconsin's ball on the Tide 45 yard line. Lusby circled end for 20 yards, Hicks tackling and preventing a touchdown. Behr then passed to Cuisinier for the score.

Alabama's backfield was disorganized due to a shakeup made by Coach Wade to discipline two of his backs.

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NOVEMBER 10: Cramton Bowl in Montgomery was the scene of the Alabama-Kentucky game for the first time. The 7500 fans witnessed a stirring battle between a powerful Alabama team and a light but gallant team from Kentucky. Alabama won by the score of 14 to 0 but Kentucky made quite a game of it.

In the first quarter, Monk Campbell led a drive that carried to the Wildcat 30 before the march was stopped. A second Alabama drive came to an end on the Kentucky 19 yard line. Then on a third drive, Alabama went to the Kentucky two yard line. The boys from the race horse section stopped two Alabama plays cold as the quarter ended.

Spicer, halfback, came up fast and threw Hicks for a loss of 8 yards. A pass was incomplete and the ball went over. On the fourth drive, Alabama made three consecutive first downs to the Wildcat 6. Four plunges by Holm and Campbell was six inches short and the ball went over. Covington's punt was short and Hicks returned to the 20. Holm circled end for 14, Hicks made 2 and Campbell scored. Skidmore kicked goal.

In the third period, Sington kicked to Kentucky's 40, where Kentucky fumbled and Hagler recovered. Hicks passed to Billy Brown, young brother of Johnny Mack Brown and Red, who caught the ball, waited for the blockers and then sold out down the side lines to the 3 yard line. Holm scored and Skidmore kicked goal.

In the fourth quarter, a poor kick by Holm gave Kentucky the ball near midfield. Covington made 11 and a pass, Gilb to Covington, carried to the Tide 22, where Alabama held.

Covington, Kentucky's 145 pound halfback and a brother of Flash Covington, the old Centre star, was the outstanding player on the field. He represented almost all of Kentucky's offense and he was equally effective on the defense.

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NOVEMBER 17: Georgia Tech defeated Alabama in Atlanta by the score of 33 to 13, scoring three times in the final period to break a tie. The Tide was in poor physical condition, most of the

players limping as they got off the train. But, on the field, they soon forgot their ailments as they threw themselves, heart and body, at Mizell, Thomason and Lumpkin, the raging Tornado backs.

Who can forget the heroic figure of "Dad" Boykin when he put a body block on a Tech ball carrier? He couldn't hit him with his shoulder or grip him with his arms for his collar bone was broken a few plays before and he had said nothing about it as his team was already riddled with injuries. His was but a shining example of the rest of the squad and more than one Tech supporter was heard to express the hope that Alabama would not bring any more crippled teams to Atlanta.

This Tech team, it will be recalled, was loaded with such stars as Durant, Mizell, Thomason and Lumpkin in the backfield and Jones, Waddey, Speer, Maree, Drennon, Westbrook and Pund, All-American center, in the line and was the same team that defeated California in the Rose Bowl game.

In the first quarter, Alabama drove to Tech's 20 yard line but lost the ball on a fumble. Mizell dropped back to punt. The snap was too low, so he ran with the ball and scored after a 75 yard run. Thomason missed goal.

In the second period, Earl Smith recovered a fumbled punt on the Tech 10. After Tech was off-sides, Holm drove over guard for a touchdown but goal was missed.

On Tech's kickoff, the ball hit the ground about 25 yards away and Alabama made no effort to handle the ball. Jones, Tech end, picked up the ball and ran to the Alabama 7 yard line before he was tackled. Randolph then scored and kicked goal.

A few minutes later, Lumpkin fumbled and Miller recovered for Alabama on Tech's 29. Billy Brown passed to Holm for 27 yards to Tech's 2. Holm scored and the kick for extra point was good. Alabama 13, Tech 13.

The third period was scoreless with Alabama putting up a heroic defense. Thomason returned a punt for 43 yards, Alabama was penalized 15 yards and the ball was on the Tide 6. Lumpkin hit center twice but Hagler and Miller stopped him for no gain. Durant made one yard and Holm broke up a pass. Alabama's punt was short and Tech came storming back. But Molton Smith, Miller and Hagler stopped the charge again. Alabama took over and drove into Tech territory as the period ended.

In the fourth quarter, Alabama drove to the Tech 32 where Holm sustained a fractured rib and had to retire. And with him went Alabama's most formidable offensive weapon. Tech took over on her 22. After line plunges and end runs gained 32 yards to the Tide 46, Thomason ran the rest of the way to score. The deadlock was broken. A game Alabama team was beaten.

Later, it was Tech's ball on the Tide 48. Mizell ran right end for 30 yards. Lumpkin made a first down through the line. Mizell passed to Thomason for another touchdown.

Tech scored again when Durant intercepted a pass tipped by Earl Smith, Alabamas intended receiver, on his 45 and raced 55 yards for the final touchdown.

Thrash, tackle, and Waddey, end, were the line stars for Tech along with Mizell and Thomason in the backfield.

Dumpey Hagler played the best game of any lineman on the field. All of the Tide linemen played well, especially in view of the pounding they received.

Tony Holm played his greatest game. He fought until he was physically unable to carry on any longer. Campbell, Vines, Boykin, Pearce and Suther were also lost as the result of injuries received in the game and their absences were sorely felt.

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NOVEMBER 29th: John Randolph Campbell, the Tide's sparkling spinner, lead Alabama to a victory over Georgia by the score of 19 to 0 in Birmingham. The first quarter was scoreless.

In the second period, Alabama started on her 46. Campbell spun to his right for 13 and then to his left for 9. Georgia held on her 19 and Hill punted to his 39. Campbell passed to Hicks for 17. Campbell and Holm drove to the Bulldogs one yard line where Campbell scored. Skidmore missed goal.

Near the end of the half, McCrary made two runs for a total of 29 yards, which aided in advancing the ball to the Tide 26. Alabama held for downs as the half ended. Alabama was not tackling well and McCrary was getting that extra yardage after being hit. He is a very powerful runner in spite of running "high."

In the third period, Campbell fumbled on his own 40 and Georgia recovered. McCrary was stopped cold. Hicks leaped high to intercept a Georgia pass but fumbled as he fell, Bryant of Georgia recovering on the Tide 26. Alabama held again and took over on downs on her 27. From that point, Alabama marched 73 yards to a touchdown with Holm going over. Hicks contributed a 22 yard run on his drive.

In the fourth period, Georgia punted to Alabama about midfield. Campbell made 16 on a spinner and Hicks made 9. A series of plays advanced the ball to the Georgia 1 yard line and Campbell went over. Skidmore converted.

The play of the Alabama line was outstanding while McCrary, fullback, was Georgia's star on offense and defense.

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DECEMBER 8th: Alabama and the Tigers of Louisiana, coached by Russ Cohen, formerly of Alabama, met in Birmingham on an exceptionally cold day and Alabama won 13 to 0.

Percy Brown, the Tigers' star halfback, suffered a broken shoulder on the fourth play of the game and his loss was keenly felt.

In the first quarter, Mason punted out of bounds on the Tide 40. Holm circled end for 29 and Campbell made 23 in two plays. Three plays later, Campbell scored from the 8 yard line.

In the third period, Sington punted 49 yards to the Tigers' 28. Louisiana made four consecutive first downs to the Tide 30. A mixed up signal lost 20 yards as the quarter ended.

Following an exchange of punts, the Tigers took over on their own 28 yard line. Three first downs, two by passing, were quickly made and the ball was on the Alabama 28. Two plays resulted in losses as Hagler broke through and nailed the runners. Howard then intercepted a pass thrown by Stovall and returned the ball 18 yards to the Tide's 46. Campbell made 12 and then 13 more on two spin plays. Two more first downs were made to advance the ball to the Tiger 1 yard line. Holm scored and Skidmore kicked goal.

Louisiana made 16 first downs to Alabama's 12 but the total yardage gained was about the same. Alabama was superior through the line and around the ends but the Tigers dominated the air lanes.

Alston and Hendrix were the stars in the L. S. U. backfield while Nesom and Tinsley were outstanding in the line.

Hagler's defensive play was the feature of Alabama's game.



JANUARY 1, 1926—HUBERT (10) SCORES ALABAMA'S FIRST ROSE BOWL TOUCHDOWN.