

1929 SEASON

WALLACE WADE	Coach
HENRY CRISP, JESS NEELY, CLYDE PROPST	Assistant Coaches
WILLIAM HICKS	Captain
MILLIAM McQUEEN	Manager

PLAYERS

Ends: Sam Weaver, James Moore, S. D. Beale, Al Elmore . . . **Tackles:** Molton Smith, C. B. Clement, Fred Sington . . . **Guards:** Hugh Starling, John Miller, Frank Howard, J. B. Whitworth . . . **Center:** Jess Eberdt, Joe Sharpe . . . **Backs:** William Hicks, Bernard Holm, Melvin Vines, J. R. Campbell, Ralph McRight, John Suther, Dave Boykin, Leon Long, Hugh Barr Miller, Ben Smith, Jeff Bush.



SEPTEMBER 28th The Crimson Tide defeated Mississippi College on the campus by the score of 55 to 0, scoring in every quarter except the third. Touchdowns were made by Holm 2, Miller 2, Campbell, Ben Smith, Long and Causey. Holm made runs of 60, 27, 22 and 3 of 18 yards, while Hicks ran for 50, 42 and 35 yards. John Miller, Tide guard, intercepted a pass and ran 46 yards before being tackled.

Captain Murphree, center, Lee and Furniss, backs, the latter a splendid punter, were the stars for Mississippi College.



OCTOBER 4th: Alabama played ragged football in defeating Ole Miss on the campus by the score of 22 to 7. Alabama gained 603 yards but scored only 22 points.

Ole Miss made but one first down. Their only score came in the third period. Wilcox passed to Peebles, end, for 54 yards. Woodruff hit center for the score and kicked goal.

In the second period, Wilcox punted out of bounds on his own 25 yard line. Holm made 5 and Hicks 12. Hicks scored around end. Later, Holm scored from the 8 yard line following a drive of 22 yards.

In the third period, Alabama received and drove to the Ole Miss 5 but lost the ball on downs. Alabama had the ball on the Ole Miss 34 as the quarter ended.

Ole Miss took over on downs on her own 12. Sington blocked Wilcox's punt for a safety. Later, Miller scored on a short end run.

Alabama's new stadium, named for President Denny, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies.



OCTOBER 12th: Alabama defeated Chattanooga on Denny Field, the score being 46 to 0. Alabama scored two touchdowns in each of the first, second and fourth quarters and one in the third, using only the simplest plays. Touchdowns were made by Ben Smith 2, Long 2, Holm, Hicks and McRight.

Chattanooga's stars were Johnston and Findley, tackles, Magevney, center, and Overmyer and Strong, backs.



OCTOBER 19th: Gene McEver of Tennessee beat Alabama again by the score of 6 to 0 before the largest crowd ever to see a football game in Knoxville. The game was hard fought. The defensive play of both teams was fine and Tennessee won because she took advantage of one big break. Alabama lost because she lacked the punch at critical stages of the game. And how the Tide missed Monk Campbell, who didn't play because of an injury!

The first period was scoreless, although Tennessee showed signs of getting her offense functioning.

In the second period, Holm punted, Hug blocked it and Thayer recovered on the Tide 29 yard line. Tennessee promptly took advantage of the break, although Alabama fought desperately in defending those 29 yards to her goal. A delayed pass, Hackman to McEver, gained 6. Hackman made 3 and McEver, in two plays, made first down. Hackman started around end and, seeing he was about to be tackled for a loss, reversed his field, dodged two Alabama tacklers and ran to the Tide's two yard line. McEver scored around right end.

Holm returned the kickoff to the Alabama 49. It was the Tide's time to strike. Holm started around his left end, reversed to Jimmy Moore, end, who passed to Long, who was thrown out of bounds on the Vols' 10 yard line. Long lost a yard but Holm made 5 and then three more. Hicks was stopped just inches short of a touchdown and the ball went over. After killing as much time as possible by dodging around behind his own goal line and throwing long passes, Dodd punted to his own 27 yard line. Alabama's pass over the goal was batted down by Hackman just as the whistle sounded.

The third period was scoreless and was featured by magnificent defensive play on the part of both teams.

In the last quarter, a holding penalty against the Vols gave Alabama the ball on the Tennessee 29. Jeff Bush circled right end for 9 yards and McRight made a first down. McRight passed to Elmore for another first down on the Tennessee 8. Tony Holm was not in the game! And how Alabama needed him! The Tide concentrated all they had in four terrific charges but it wasn't enough. Tennessee dug in. McRight made 2 and Bush 1. A third play failed to gain. The Vols stopped Long short of the goal and the ball went over. And so did the ball game.

Dodd's generalship and punting was an important factor in Tennessee's victory. Sanders was the star of a splendid line.

Tony Holm was Alabama's star and the play of the Alabama line was magnificent. Jeff Bush, sophomore back, was a pleasant surprise to Alabama supporters with his fine punting. The starting lineups were:

Alabama—Ends: Moore, Elmore. **Tackles:** Clement, M. Smith. **Guards:** Miller, Sington. **Center:** Eberdt. **Backs:** Holm, Hicks, Long and McRight.

Tennessee—Ends: Hug, Brandt. **Tackles:** Sanders, Johnston. **Guards:** Thayer, Fuller. **Center:** Finney. **Backs:** Dodd, Hackman, McEver, Decker.



OCTOBER 26th: Alabama's line and backfield coordinated in defeating the Sewanee Tigers in Birmingham by the score of 35 to 7. The Tide scored in every period.

Sewanee scored on the final play of the game. Sewanee passed to Boyd and Suther, trying to knock down the pass, deflected the ball into the hands of Goodman who scored. Boyd converted.

Touchdowns for Alabama were made by Holm 2, Campbell, H. Miller and Eberdt.



NOVEMBER 2d: Vanderbilt, playing magnificent defensive football whenever the Tide threatened, won by the score of 13 to 0 before 15,000 fans in Nashville.

In the first period, Vandy punted long and high and her ends covered the kicks well as is her custom. As a result, she gained 15 yards on an exchange of punts and had the ball on the Alabama 40 yard line. Parker threw a long pass to McGaughey, halfback, for a touchdown. Eberdt slipped as he jumped to bat down the ball.

Alabama drove three times into Vandy territory but lacked the punch, Vandy playing some fine defensive ball. Once, she drove from midfield to Vandy's 2, where McGaughey nailed Holm just inches short of a first down. On another occasion, the Tide was stopped on the Vandy 9 yard line. Another time, Alabama's pass over the goal was knocked down.

In the final quarter, Alabama had the ball in midfield, where it was fourth down and two yards to go. Alabama tried for a first down but failed to make it. An exchange of punts followed and Vandy took over on the Tide's 44. McGaughey and Schwartz drove to Alabama's 27. Parker then faked to Thomas, who drove into the line, and reversed to Leonard, who scored behind perfect blocking led by Bull Brown, guard.

Later, Alabama drove to Vandy's 22 yard line where the game ended.



NOVEMBER 9th: In a game featured by hard blocking and tackling, Alabama defeated Kentucky at Montgomery by the score of 24 to 13, coming from behind in the final period to overcome Kentucky's lead of 13 to 12 as the fourth period began.

Kentucky hit the Alabama backs with everything she had. Campbell, Hicks, Hugh Miller, backs, and John Miller, guard, were injured and left the field, so furious was the play. Alabama used eight

signal callers during the game and "Snake" Vines, the last one, was the one that fired the Tide in the final quarter.

Each team made two touchdowns in the first period. Alabama missed both attempts for extra point while the Wildcats made one conversion. As a result, Kentucky was ahead at the end of the first quarter 13 to 12 and the score so remained until the final period.

Holm made a sensational return of the kickoff down the western side lines to the Wildcat 14 yard line, where Yates tackled. Alabama drove to the 2 yard line where Kentucky held and punted to their 32. Holm made 15 around end and Suther went over left tackle for a touchdown.

Holm returned the kickoff 30 yards. Spicer then intercepted an Alabama pass and ran 48 yards to Alabama's 7. Spicer scored on the third play.

Moore returned the kickoff to the Tide 31. Suther's punt was blocked, the ball rolled over the goal where Williams, Wildcat star center, fell on it for a touchdown: Covington kicked goal.

Holm returned the kickoff to the Tide 42: Suther made 6. Bush passed to Moore for 22 yards. Bush hit Suther with a pass for 19 to the Kentucky 11. Holm went over in two plays but Miller's drop kick was wide. Kentucky 13, Alabama 12.

The third period was all even. A 60 yard punt by Suther pulled Alabama out of trouble. It was Kentucky's ball on her 37 as the quarter ended.

In the fourth period, Kentucky punted to Alabama's 40. Suther and Holm in two plays each ran to the Wildcat 37. Holm passed to Suther for 15. Kentucky's line bitterly contested every foot of ground. Holm hit center and made a first down on the Wildcat 10 yard line by inches. Vines then sent Holm around right end for a touchdown as Kentucky was expecting a line play.

Later, Covington passed from behind his own goal and Vines intercepted on the Kentucky 12 yard line. Suther made a first down and Holm then scored around right end.

Sington was the outstanding lineman of the day, his covering of punts and open field tackling being sensational: Holm and Suther were the stars of Alabama's backfield and it was the brilliant generalship, blocking and defensive work of "Snake" Vines that won the game.

Forquere, guard, and Williams, center, were outstanding stars in a fine Kentucky line.

The fans regretted that Shipwreck Kelly, Wildcat backfield ace, was out of the game due to a death in his family. Alabama, however, had enough trouble without him. The folks from the Blue Grass, both the team and its followers, fine sportsmen as they are, offered no alibis, however.



NOVEMBER 16th: Tony Holm scored both touchdowns as Alabama defeated a highly favored Georgia Tech team in Atlanta by the score of 14 to 0. Tech was held to one earned first down.

In the first period, it was Alabama's ball in midfield. Holm and Suther gained 24 yards. Tech received a 15 yard penalty and, three plays later, Holm scored and Sington kicked goal.

In the fourth period, with Long gaining most of the ground, Alabama drove 52 yards deep into Tech territory where Tech held and took over on downs. Dunlap's pass was intercepted by Holm, who ran 40 yards for a touchdown. Whitworth kicked goal.

Molton Smith, playing his finest game, Moore and Holm were the Alabama stars while Captain Rusk was outstanding for Tech.

As soon as the game was over, Coach Wade rushed across the field to shake the hand of Stumpy Thomason, Tech star, and later made the following statement to the press:

"Thomason is one of the cleanest players Alabama has faced in my 7 years at Alabama and is better liked by Alabama players than any other star we ever played against. One of the most pleasant things I have to remember about the three years he played against us is his fine fighting spirit and clean sportsmanship."



NOVEMBER 28th: Georgia got the jump on the Crimson in the line and upset the dope by defeating Alabama on Legion Field by the score of 12 to 0. The fine punting of Chandler was a prime factor in Georgia's victory.

In the first period, Georgia, gaining on each exchange of punts, got the ball on her own 47. After Roberts made 8 at center, Davidson passed to Maffett for 29 yards to the Tide 14. Roberts hit center for 8 and then scored. Smith missed goal.

In the second period, Alabama marched from her 20 to the Georgia 16 where Long fumbled and Downes recovered.

In the second half, Alabama twice drove deep into Georgia territory but Georgia's line stopped the advances—one on the 16 yard line.

In the third period, Georgia marched to the Tide 5 only to lose the ball on downs on her own 11 yard line. Suther punted out of bounds on the Tide 45. Georgia made 18 and Alabama was penalized 15 to her 12 yard line as the period ended.

Downes faked to Rothstein and then circled wide around his right end to score.

Tony Holm was Alabama's star and gained 95 yards with practically no interference. He had to leave the game near the end as a result of a sensational tackle by "Catfish" Smith. Sington had three ribs broken in the first quarter and did not play at all in the second half.

Captain Boland, center, Leathers and Maddox, two fine guards, and Rose, sophomore tackle, were standouts for Georgia.

In the final analysis, however, it was Chandler's fine punting and the superb play of the Georgia line that won the game.



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