

# 1933 SEASON

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## PLAYERS

**Ends:** Ralph Gandy, Foy Leach, Don Huston, Paul Bryant, James Walker . . . **Tackles:** William Lee, Jim Dildy, Ben Baswell, T. A. McGahey, James Whatley . . . **Guards:** Tom Huppke, B'Ho Kirkland, Bob Ed Morrow, Charlie Marr . . . **Centers:** Kavanaugh Francis, Joe Dildy . . . **Backs:** Frank Moseley, Millard Howell, Erskine Walker, Larry Hughes, Howard Chappell, Riley Smith, Joe Demyanovich, Jimmy Angelich, Tilden Campbell.



**SEPTEMBER 30:** Alabama defeated Oglethorpe on the campus by the score of 34 to 0 in a rainstorm: Alabama used three full teams and scored two touchdowns in the opening quarter and one each in the other three periods. Touchdowns were made by Howell, McDanal, Chappell 2, and Frank Moseley. Moseley made three goals after touchdown and Whatley made one conversion.



**OCTOBER 7:** Alabama and Ole Miss played a scoreless tie in Birmingham before 12,000 fans. Alabama failed to take advantage of six opportunities to score and almost lost the game in the final period.

Fumbles and pass interceptions at critical stages of the game proved Alabama's undoing together with a stubborn defense by Ole Miss. And the fierce tackling of the Mississippi line, particularly by Nelson, Flowers, who played with his sleeves rolled up and without a head gear, Montgomery and Herrington, probably caused some of the Alabama fumbles.

Hutson of Ole Miss fumbled the kickoff and Lee recovered. Ole Miss held and punted to her 43. Howell ran around end to the 30, fumbled and Ole Miss recovered. Two plays later, Ole Miss fumbled and Alabama recovered. Ole Miss held and took over on her own 25. Ruby punted to the Tide 35.

In the second quarter, it was Alabama's ball on the Ole Miss 27 but Ole Miss took over on downs when Bilbo threw McDanal for an 8 yard loss. After punts were exchanged, Howell circled end for 15 yards, Flowers tackling from behind to prevent a touchdown. Alabama drove on to the Mississippi 20 where Walker fumbled and Gunter recovered for Ole Miss. The half soon ended.

In the third period, Ruby returned the kickoff 25 yards. After Gandy threw Ruby for a 12 yard loss, Ruby fumbled and Marr recovered. Demyanovich of Alabama then fumbled and Ole Miss recovered on her 26. Following a punt, it was the Tide's ball on her 46 yard line. Howell circled end for 26 and Flowers again tackled him from behind. Walker then gained 13 to the Ole Miss 13 where Demyanovich again fumbled and Flowers recovered on the Ole Miss 10. Ruby's punt traveled only 19 yards. Walker gained 14 to the Ole Miss 10 where it was first down as the third period ended.

Mississippi held and Ruby punted 64 yards. An exchange of punts and some running plays gave Mississippi the ball on the Alabama 48 yard line. Walker threw White for an 8 yard loss and Ruby punted. Alabama, trying desperately to score, threw a pass which Ruby intercepted and ran it back to the Alabama 15. There Alabama held and an attempted place kick by Richardson from the 20 yard line was wide. Later, Hutson of Ole Miss intercepted one of Howell's passes on the Tide 33. Two plays failed to gain and then Frank Mosely jumped high in the air and batted down a pass out of the waiting arms of an Ole Miss receiver and prevented an almost sure touchdown. Richardson tried another place kick which was wide.

Alabama soon drove to the Ole Miss 40 yard line on a pass from Howell to Walker that gained 28 yards. But Alabama was stopped again and the game ended a few plays later.

Alabama made nine first downs for 196 yards by rushing against 27 yards and two first downs for Mississippi.

Howell was Alabama's star. He gained 133 yards and seemed to be in the open two or three times but some poor downfield blocking prevented his getting away.

Ruby starred for Mississippi along with the linemen noted above.

**Mississippi—Ends:** Rounsaville, Montgomery, Herrington, Robertson. **Tackles:** Richardson, Flowers. **Guards:** Britt, Bilbo, Carbuth. **Center:** Nelson. **Backs:** Ruby, Curtis, White, Hutson, Rogers, Gunter, Casper.



**OCTOBER 14:** Alabama defeated the Mississippi State Maroons on the campus by the score of 18 to 0.

In the first period, Marr blocked Brock's punt and Huppke recovered on the Maroon 6. Three plays failed and Howell's pass over the goal was wide.

Alabama scored in the second period on a sustained drive with Moseley, Howell and Chappell carrying the ball and Moseley making the touchdown.

In the third period, Alabama drove 68 yards for another score. On this drive, Howell gained 35 yards in three plays, passed to Gandy for 18 and scored on a 7 yard run around end.

Later, Howell punted to the Maroon 7 yard line. Haley punted to Chappell who returned to the Maroon 38. Chappell circled end for 25 yards as the period ended. Moseley scored three plays later.



**OCTOBER 31:** Twenty-five thousand fans saw Tennessee lose in Knoxville for the first time since the Vanderbilt game of 1924. Alabama won by the score of 12 to 6 in a well played game, the outcome being in doubt until the final whistle.

In the first period, Alabama received and marched to the Vol 18, where Tennessee held and Moseley's attempted place kick was wide. Later, a fumble gave Tennessee the ball on the Alabama 20 but the Tide held. Another Vol march was checked on the Alabama 33 as the first quarter ended.

In the second quarter, Vaughn passed to Pounders for 23 yards to the Alabama 44 yard line. Running plays and a 15 yard penalty advanced the ball to the 12 yard line. On third down, Feathers went off right tackle for a touchdown but Craig missed goal. In this period, Howell punted twice for 65 yards and 85 yards, the latter going out of bounds just before the half ended.

In the third period, Howell returned a punt 20 yards to the Tennessee 44. Howell passed to Hughes for first down. The "corkscrew" was then run for the first time. Howell received the snap from center, spun around and handed the ball to Walker, who drove straight through as Howell continued the fake. Walker got through the line, cut to his left and ran across untouched. Moseley missed the attempt for goal.

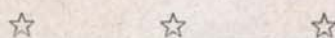
Howell kicked a beauty out of bounds deep in Tennessee territory as the final period began. Feathers was rushed on his punt and Howell returned to the Vol 41. Walker made a first down on the "corkscrew" play. Hughes and Walker added another first down. Tennessee was then penalized to her 4 yard line where Howell scored. No goal.

Tennessee returned the kickoff to her 33 and drove down the field to the Tide 38. Here Demyanovich stopped Feathers with a sensational tackle. Alabama was penalized to her 6 yard line for piling on and it was first down and goal to go. Huppke stopped Feathers after a two yard gain and then threw Brackett for a two yard loss. Riley Smith and Kirkland threw Feathers for a one yard loss. A pass was incomplete and the ball went over. Alabama punted out to safety and the game ended a few minutes later.

Tom Hupke, who played his finest game, Dixie Howell, with his running, passing and punting, Moseley, with his fine blocking, and Francis and Lee were the Alabama stars. For Tennessee, Brackett, Bibee and Feathers were outstanding.

**Tennessee—Ends:** Mark, Warmath. **Tackles:** Dougherty, Bailey. **Guards:** Stewart, Ellis. **Center:** Bibee. **Backs:** Brackett, Petruzze, Feathers, Dorsey. **Substitutes:** Pounders, Frank, Vaughn, Smith, Hatley, Needham, Moses, Claxton, Craig, Rose, Humphries, Goodrich.

**Alabama—Ends:** Gandy, Leach, Hutson, Bryant. **Tackles:** Lee, Dildy, Baswell, McGahey, Whatley. **Guards:** Hupke, Kirkland, Morrow, Marr. **Center:** Francis, Glass. **Backs:** Moseley, Howell, E. Walker, Hughes, Chappell, Smith, Demyanovich.



**OCTOBER 28:** Sixty thousand fans, the majority of whom were partial to the Alabama boys from the South, saw the powerful Fordham Rams defeat Alabama's Crimson Tide at the Polo Grounds in New York City by the slight margin of 2 to 0.

The only score came in the first period. Captain Danowski of Fordham punted a long, high one that Chappell touched and Fordham recovered. The Rams then drove to the Tide two yard line where they failed to get across and Alabama took over on downs. Howell's punt was blocked by Sarno, tackle, the ball bounding over the end zone for a safety and two points for Fordham.

The play was about even all the way. Two passes which Howell threw to Hutson just grazed the latter's fingers with a clear field ahead. Alabama undoubtedly missed Walker, who was out with injuries. However, Angelich almost got away on one of Walker's specialties, the "corkscrew" play.

Hupke, Lee, Kirkland and Francis were the Alabama stars while Sarno and Del Isola, one of the great centers of the country, were outstanding for Fordham.



**NOVEMBER 4:** Alabama's offense clicked and Kentucky lost in Birmingham by the score of 20 to 0. Kentucky's offense was held in check most of the game and only once did she advance inside of Alabama's 25 yard line and that occurred late in the game on a passing attack.

Howell out kicked Kerchival, the Wildcat ace, averaging 50 yards in 6 punts as against 45 yards in 10 kicks. One of Howell's kicks was for 83 yards.

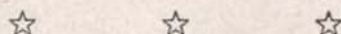
In the second period, it was Alabama's ball on her own 45 following Hupke's interception of Kerchival's pass. Howell circled his right end behind good blocking by Moseley and Hupke for 55 yards and a touchdown. No goal.

In the third period, Kerchival punted 52 yards and Howell returned 13 to the Tide's 37, Howell ran 29 and Angelich made 12 on the corkscrew play. Gandy made 5 and Howell scored from the 11 yard line in two plays. Moseley converted. Later, Howell returned a punt 36 yards and almost got away as the period ended.

Angelich made 10 and McDanal, another right halfback, made 11 in two plunges. Demyanovich made 18 in three plays to the Wildcat 5 yard line. On the second play, Demyanovich scored and Moseley converted.

Kerchival was the outstanding player for Kentucky:

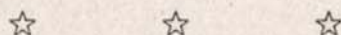
**Kentucky—Ends:** Ruppert, Frye. **Tackles:** Wagner, Jacobs. **Guards:** Davidson, Darnaby. **Center:** Janes. **Backs:** Jean, Pritchard, Ayers, Kerchival. **Substitutes:** Kreuter, Jobe, Parrish, Cassady, Walker, Fish, McMillan, Bach, Shanklin, Jackson.



**NOVEMBER 11:** Alabama met Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Tuscaloosa in the annual Homecoming Day game and won 27 to 0, the second and third teams playing most of the game.

Touchdowns were made by Riley Smith in the first quarter on an off tackle play for five yards; by Demyanovich in the second period on a plunge through center from the one yard line; by Angelich in the second quarter on an end run for 10 yards and by Howell in the third period on a 16 yard plunge through center. Miles of V. P. I. was responsible for a safety and two points for Alabama.

Jim Dildy of Alabama and Copenhaver of V. P. I. were the outstanding players of their respective teams.



**NOVEMBER 18:** Alabama and Georgia Tech played in Atlanta before 18,000 spectators. The Tide won by the score of 12 to 9 but had to come from behind in the final period to do so. Again, it was the brilliant playing of Dixie Howell that saved the day for the Tide.

Tech returned the kickoff to her own 24 yard line. Dean then fumbled the pass from center and Hutson recovered. Howell then circled right end for a touchdown but Moseley missed goal.

In the second period, Shorty Roberts of Tech returned one of Howell's punts 18 yards to his own 23 yard line. Peterson broke through center on a quick opening play and carried the ball to midfield. By cleverly mixing line plays, end runs and passes, Tech quickly made four first downs and marched to the Tide 9 yard line. Four plays made only 8 yards as the Tide dug in and the ball went over. On the pass from center, the ball got away from Howell, Hughes of Alabama recovering behind the goal for a safety.

In the third period, Tech drove from her own 25 to the Alabama 6 where the Tide held and took over. Howell kicked out to about the 40 yard line. Phillips passed to Slocum for 9 and to Davis for 6. Two plays gained one yard and Galloway's pass to Davis was complete on the one yard line. Davis then scored, D. Wilcox converted and Tech was in the lead by the score of 9 to 6.

In the fourth period, it was Tech's ball on her own 45. Howell intercepted a pass thrown by Dean on his 33 yard line with a fine leaping catch and, without losing his stride, evaded two or three tackles and ran to the Tech 45. He almost got away. He then circled end for 18 yards and, three plays later, went around right end for a touchdown.

Outside of Howell's outstanding performance, the superb play of the Alabama line, which made but few substitutions, was the feature of the game.

The passing and line plunging of Phillips and the tackle play of Tharpe was outstanding for Tech.

**Georgia Tech—Ends:** Katz, Gibson. **Tackles:** Tharpe, Eubanks. **Guards:** Lackey, Laws. **Center:** Shaw. **Backs:** Roberts, Davis, Dean, Peterson. **Substitutes:** Poole, Slocum, D. Wilcox, Williams, Spradling, Street, Phillips, Galloway, Martin.

**Alabama—Ends:** Hutson, Leach, Bryant, J. Walker. **Tackles:** Jim Dildy, Lee. **Guards:** Hupke, Kirkland, Morrow. **Centers:** Joe Dildy, Glass. **Backs:** Moseley, Howell, Angelich, Hughes, Walker, Campbell.

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**NOVEMBER 30:** Alabama ended the season with Vanderbilt in Nashville and won by the score of 7 to 0. Tennessee had previously defeated Vanderbilt by the score of 33 to 6 but Vanderbilt staged a notable comeback in holding the Tide to such a close score.

Dixie Howell scored the only touchdown of the game. With the ball in Alabama's possession near the center of the field, Howell's pass to Gandy moved the ball to the Vandy 16 yard line. Howell circled right end to the 3 yard line. After three line plays failed to make the required distance, Howell scored and Whatley kicked goal.

Vanderbilt threatened three times but penalties and fumbles stopped the drives. In the first period, the ball was advanced to the Alabama 12 yard line where a holding penalty checked the march. On another occasion, Rand Dixon, Vandy star, returned a punt to the Alabama 35 yard line but Walker intercepted a pass to get Alabama out of danger. A fumble by Beck on Alabama's 30 yard line was also costly.

Howell, in addition to his punting, running and passing played an excellent defensive game in breaking up Dixon's passes. Hupke, Kirkland and Lee were the line stars.



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