

CENTRAL'S "FIVE-MAN" BACKFIELD—With the top high school football game in Tennessee coming up here Thursday night, when Chattanooga and Memphis Centrals collide, the Chattanooga Purple Pounders appeared dedecked in a two-way battle for quarterback. Shown above are the two quarterbacks—Billy Heaton (left) and Max Parris (right), kneeling—in front of the three backs who'll bear the brunt of the T-offense. From the left, back, are Bob Tate, halfback; Wayne Hutcheson, fullback, and Halfback Bobby Hoppe, captain.

MEMPHIS IS LIKED FOR CITY'S CROWN

Bluff City Central Choice of 7 Mentors to Retake Title—Here Thursday

BY CHARLES LOVE
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MEMPHIS, Sept. 5—The team that folks in Memphis are picking to win the City Football Championship goes to Chattanooga Thursday night to meet Chattanooga Central.

In a preseason poll of Memphis Prep League coaches, seven of the nine picked Memphis Central to retain its high school championship.

And there's pretty good logic behind the coaches' reasoning. To begin with, last year's Memphis Central team won 10 straight games—eight of them in the City League—and was ranked as one of the two or three strongest teams in the state.

Seven Starters Back
Seven of that championship team's starters are back this season to give Coach Ruffner Murray plenty to be happy about. And especially so, since one of those returning is Left Halfback Stan Flowers—one of the most feared ball carriers in the city. Flowers has added five pounds during the summer to bring his weight to 185—and his speed hasn't suffered a bit.

Other experienced performers are Fullback Sol Kirschner (185), Right Halfback Duane Hoover (180), End Wesley Gibbs (185), Tackles Phillip Baum (205) and Red Davis (225) and Guard Fred Ellis (180).

Central, which strikes from the T-formation, has won the Memphis championship three out of the last five years.

Central Will Double-Time Its Experienced Boys in '53

BY GEORGE SHORT

If Central holds its lofty perch in state and Southeastern high school football this year a lot less boys are going to do a lot more work.

At least that's the impression one gathers from a visit to the training grounds of the Purple Pounders at Frawley Field.

At the Purples' opener on Thursday night against Memphis Central at Chamberlain Field fans of Chattanooga football may be amazed at the traffic slowdown between the Pounder bench and the gridiron.

With nine players who made an assortment of all-star teams last year missing, the present Pounders are due for more double duty than any team in some time.

That, of course, has put a premium on physical conditioning and on offensive players learning defensive plays and vice versa.

"It's all we can do," Coach E. B. (Red) Etter said yesterday. "We are going to go in the early games with boys who had experience of any kind playing both ways, offense and defense."

Example: Of the nine all-stars from last year graduated, only Billy Hale and Don Duncan were two-platooners. Jim Pack, Ken Riggs, Tommy Tillman, Ronald Killingsworth and Jerry McKenzie were specialists of a sort.

Four more boys who played a lot—Jwey Bishop, Lamar Fuson, Jerry Perry and Jack Mason—are also gone.

The two-platooning success Coach Etter, Stan Farmer, Les Newton and Jake Seaton had last year in finishing just a shade behind Nashville Isaac Litton (102.7) in the Litkenhous final ratings now becomes a double-duty chore for the experienced returnees.

For instance, the guard position returned five lettermen—heaviest crop of any harvest by position on the squad. With Duncan and Killingsworth gone, two of those guards—All-City Al Meahaffey and Dick Cowart—were defense only. Now they are moving to offensive tackle and shifting to defensive guard at the change of situations.

That's one facet of the changing scene at Central that will be noted Thursday when the No. 2 and No. 3 Lit teams of last fall collide. (Central was 102.5, Memphis 100.2.)

Another is the unusual circumstance of five days before an important game Coach Etter will not put his finger on a starting quarterback to replace All-Everything Pack.

Quite a battle is raging between Max Parris, Pack's No. 1 understudy last year, and Billy Heaton, junior varsity T-master of 1952. Both are seniors who are adept at ballhandling and about even in passing. Parris weighs 165 and Heaton 149.

Apparently the backfield ofensing is not too much of a worry. Ringleaders in all positions back there are seniors with experience. Biggest is Fullback Wayne Hutcheson at 241 lb. He weighs 183 and when deft rolls around he becomes a line-backer.

Any list of halfbacks must start with Capt. Bobby Hoppe, the All-Stater from last season. The Northside Express looks in the peak of condition in practice and weighs a solid 175. Flanking him will be 160-pounder Bob Tate most of the time with a threat of Sophomore Charles (Indian) Cartrell, 185-pounder, always present. Also to be heard from in the halfback hassle are Paul Elliott, the whiz from East Lake Junior High's six-man champions; Senior Sherwin Anderson, and James Hudson, a transfer from Haleyville, Ala., hometown of former Notre Dame-Georgia Tech great Buck Martin.

Reserve fullbacks behind the burly "Hutch" are Lamar Eaton, a senior, and W. H. Green, 170-pound junior.

Ray Moss, now a tall 185 pounds of experience, is a double-barreled center. He'll do the snappings and lineback on defense. Richard Eustace and Bobby Cope are also pivotsmen.

Alternate Capts. Neil Barnes, 180, and Albert Meahaffey, 180, are the starting guards. Meahaffey was a star linebacker last year upon his transfer from Kingsport. Richard Cowart, a 175-pound letterman and Hal Bridges, also 175, are to be reckoned with as guards, also.

Cowart is due for a shift to tackle and Larry Clingan, at 178, is going strong there as are Johnny Brown at 190 and a couple of big sophomores from the junior high ranks—Bob McCutcheon, 230, from North Side and Jarrin John Kimbrough, 220, from Brainerd.

Ends are not too much of a problem, except that the depth from last year is lacking. James Cannon and Fred Osborne are the pacemakers at the terminals, with Ray Warren, Eddie Lerch, Big Charles Cobb and Bobby Baskette in there pitching blocks and catching passes.

This survey by no means reaches all the Central players, probably some being overlooked who will play Thursday in the top state game of 1953 to date. There were 50 boys out for the A and E squads; 40 for the C squad.

Central Tickets Go on Sale

Tickets for Thursday night's football game between Central High School and Memphis Central will go on sale Tuesday morning. Tickets may be secured at Martin-Thompson's, Ridge Drug Store or at Central.

Memphis at UC Stadium Thursday

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MIDDLE OF LINE—Shown above are the three boys who'll be in the middle of the line for Central tomorrow night at UC Stadium when the Purple open the season against Memphis Central. Kickoff is scheduled at 8. Shown are, left to right, Hal Bridges, Ray Moss and Neil Barnes. All three are lettermen and Barnes is one of two alternate captains.

Central Faces Rugged Enemy in Grid Opener

Purple Pounders Begin 10-Game Schedule Thursday at UC Stadium

Central may not have as hard a time as a truck going the wrong way on a one-way street this year, but the journey through the 10-game schedule should be just as difficult and fraught with peril. Four new opponents have been added to the Purple slate this season. Memphis was the best in the west, so Coach Red Etter put them on Central's card—the opening game in fact.

That opener is scheduled Thursday night at 8 at UC stadium. The Memphis Warriors sport a 10-2 record from last year and won the Bluff City championship. They lost several key players from last season but are given an excellent chance to repeat.

Central supporters in Memphis are saying the team "should match last year's squad." Lack of reserves seems to be the only weakness. However, Coach Ruffner Murray will bring 21 lettermen here.

Main runner for the invaders is expected to be Stan Flowers. The 130-pounder is said to be extremely fast. The other halfback is Duane Hoover. Sol Kirschner is back at fullback and is a hard runner and blocker. David Robertson is a newcomer at quarterback, but some think he will be an improvement.

The Memphis forward wall will average 190 pounds with center the only doubtful spot. Four guards will split duty with the tackles expected to play both offense and defense.

Isaac Litton was ahead of them all in the capital, so the Pounders go to Nashville Nov. 6. Little Rock has long been outstanding in Arkansas. Founders play Little Rock Oct. 31.

Marist is the other new team and while the Georgians, now coached by Boots Payne are not rated as high as the other newcomers, they could be anything but a breather as Marist gets back into football.

Other standout teams such as Baylor, Kingsport, Miami, Bradley, Jacksonville Landon and Red Bank are back to contest the Purple again.

The state kings, according to the Associated Press poll of sport writers and sportcasters, have 13 lettermen returning. But don't think Etter can put a monogram wearer at every spot. He can't.

Five of the boys who sport the big "C" were guards last year, three are halfbacks, two are fullbacks and the others are center, quarterback and tackle, respectively.

However, the Purple mentor is going to do some shifting to get the most from his experienced boys. With a surplus of guards Etter and Assistant Stanley Farmer decided to move Al Mehaffey and Dick Covart who played defense only last year to offensive tackle. Thus four lettermen will flank monogram-wearer Center Ray Moss of offense. Neil Barnes and Hal Bridges will be back at offensive guards.

Larry Clingan will bulwark the line from tackle on the defense. Johnny Brown is just behind him and Bob McCutcheon, John Kimbrough and James Madin are ready for a chance.

James Cannon is the letterman end with Fred Osborne in line for the other starting terminal job. Paul McClinton, John Kimbrough, James Madin, Jerry Fry, Stanley Howard and Tommy Channon.

Center—Ray Moss, Richard Eustace, Bobby Cope.

Halfbacks—Bobby Hoppe, Robert Tate, Sherman Gossett, Fred Osborne, Carroll, James Hudson, Don Bridgman, Billie Carter, William Hinton, Lewis and Charles Curtis.

Quarterback—Max Ferris, Bill Heaton, Ray Ziegler and Bobby Hudlitt.

Fullbacks—Wayne Hutchison, Lamar H. Geren and James Reece.

Lettermen.

Bob Hoppe is in the backfield and, according to some, you would be correct if you left out the "is" while Hoppe is not the whole show, he must be kept healthy if Central hopes to rise to the top again.

Robert Tate is back for the other halfback spot with Sherwin Anderson, Ted Gilreath and James Hudson asking for a chance. A boy with potentialities is Charles Cantrell. He may be a whizz or he may fall by the wayside.

Wayne Hutchison is back at fullback and will back up the line along with Ray Moss, who is bigger and should prove better than ever. Behind Moss in the center spot are Richard Eustace and Bobby Cope.

Quarterback is a problem for Etter. It's not exactly finding a boy to man the "Q" but picking the best of two fighting for the job. Letterman Max Parris and Bill Heaton are the boys involved. Parris has the most experience but Heaton is the boy relied upon for passing and punting.

Second-string kicker will be W. H. Geren, who will understudy Hutchison at fullback. Other fullbacks are Lamar Eaton and James Reece. Hal Bridges will kick off while Gene Etter, son of the coach, is one of many trying to win the extra-point kicking concession.

Hoppe will captain the Pounders this year with Barnes and Mehaffey as double alternates. The last two tied in the voting and it was decided to let it go that way.

The Central squad (varsity and B): Ends—James Cannon, Fred Osborne, Ray Warren, Eddie Lerch, Charles Cobb, Bob Kirschner, LeVell Egan, James Adams, Tommy Rowland and Frank Rowden. Centers—Neil Barnes, Albert Mehaffey, Richard Covart, Hal Bridges, Tommy Thompson, George Collins, Paul McClinton, Bobby Storch, Joe Reuser and Wayne Carlier.

Tackles—Larry Clingan, Johnny Brown, Bob McCutcheon, John Kimbrough, James Madin, Jerry Fry, Stanley Howard and Tommy Channon.

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Central High Faces Strongest Opening Game F

MEMPHIS TEAM 'LOADED' FOR STATE CHAMPS

Kickoff Scheduled
At 8; Invaders
Bluff City Kings

By DEXTER VAN ZANT
News-Free Press Sports Writer
Central High faces its strongest opening game foe since Red Eitter took over the coaching reins in 1943 at UG Stadium tonight. The opposition is Memphis Central High. Kick-off time is 8.

The Purple Pounders haven't lost an opening game under Eitter, but tonight could well be the proverbial "first time."

Twice before the Pounders have earned formidable out-of-town foes for the opening game. Asheville was supposedly a powerhouse in 1945, but Central whipped them, 45 to 0. Fayetteville jumped to near the top of the state football heap in 1950 and Central booked them for the 1951 opener. Results, Central 20, Fayetteville 0. Actually the closest call for Central in an opener was with Red Bank back in 1943 when Eitter made his coaching debut with a 13-0 win over the Lions.

The invaders are loaded. They won the Memphis city championship last year and ranked just a step or two behind the Pounders, named as state kings in an Associated Press poll.

Memphis lost four starters from last year, but return 21 lettermen. Three of the four backfield first-stringers are back and the new quarterback is said to be an improvement over the departed one.

Central will have few single-duty boys tonight and the coaches expect fewer than 20 boys to actually play. With a surplus of lettermen guards, Eitter plans to use Neil Barnes and Hal Bridges as defensive tackles and offensive guards. Dick Cowart and Albert Mehaffey will play offensive tackles and defensive guards.

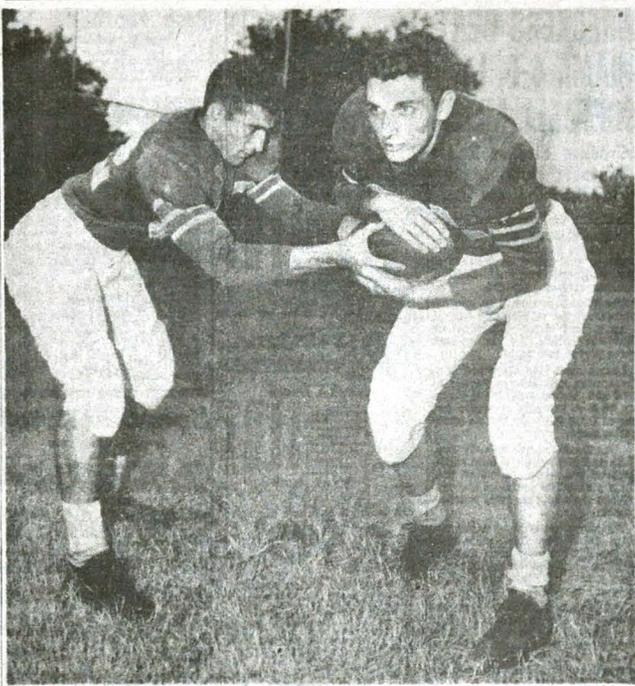
Ray Moss will be at center with James Canhon and Fred Osborne at the ends. Billy Heaton will start at quarterback, but Max Parris will probably see just as much service. Bobby Hoppe will go all or most of the way at left half with Billy Tate opposite him.

Wayne Hitchcock will play fullback and will assist Ray Moss in backing up the line on defense.

Charles Cantrell was booting long ones yesterday during kick-off drills and if the Purples kick-off he may be the one to do it. He'll probably see some service as halfback and is a boy to watch.

Memphis' line is reported to average 190 pounds and will outweigh the Purple wall by a good margin. Every one of the announced line starters is a letterman and all but one a senior. Three of the backs are seniors so Central will be facing a team which has nine senior lettermen in its opening line-up.

Stan Flowers is touted as the boy who carries the mail for Memphis. He is reputed to be extremely fast and weigh a 155 pounds. David Robertson will be quarter and execute the "T" plays used by Memphis Coach Ruffner Murray. He is the junior in the backfield, but lettered last season. Duane Hoover at halfback and Sol Kirschner at full complete the backfield. Hoover weighs 150 while Kirschner displaces 185 pounds.



'T'-TOTER—Robert Tate is shown taking a handoff from Max Parris during a practice session last week as Central High prepared for its football opener against Memphis Central tonight at 8 at UG Stadium. Both boys are lettermen. Tate will start at halfback and Parris will see duty at quarterback, although he may yield the starting berth to Billy Heaton.—(Photo by J. B. Collins.)

CENTRAL TROUNCES MARIST BY 49 TO 0

Hoppe Scores 3 in First as Purples Play Straight Football for 6,000

STATISTICS

	Central	Marist
First downs	49	15
Passing yardage	489	58
Rushing yardage	23	21
Passes attempted	27	16
Passes completed	7	6
Passes intercepted	0	0
Punting	0	28.3
Punt yardage	0	0
Fumbles lost	2	0
Yards penalized	7	3
Ball lost on downs	3	3

By GEORGE SHORT

Robert the Rabbit Hoppe carried the football six times and scored three touchdowns in the first quarter last night to start Central High rolling to a 49-0 inter-sectional victory over Marist College of Atlanta.

"Hippety" Hoppe's three carries and the first three of little Gene Etter's perfect night on the conversion chulkinne took the wind out of the sails of Coach Gordon (Boots) Payne's Cadets so quickly they never recovered to get seriously into the game.

Some 6,000 Chamberlain Field fans witnessed the game and the shutting of 26 Central players into action as the Purple Pounders seemed to be still seeking a combination to go with Hoppe after last week's loss to Memphis Central which in turn Thursday night was conquered by Memphis Treadwell, 32-19.

Red Etter's Pounders so completely dominated the school that only this year is returning to football, that not once did Central call a punt and only twice did it lose the ball on downs. On one of those a 15-yard field goal attempt on the fourth down went awry.

Share the Load

After Hoppe's three scoring bursts—one a four-yarder, another a 62-yard sprint and the third a 25-yard trek—gave the Purples scores on each of the first three offensives, Central scattered the chores well.

There was a marker by Charles (Hank) Cantrell from the 5, by Wayne Hutcherson from the 8, one on a fine run by W. H. (Balshe) Geren from the 26 and finally a two-yard plunge by Sherwin Anderson.

Gene Etter, 14-year-old, ninth-grade son of the coach, was M. Automatic himself on the pointer. Actually he hooked 8 for 8 on one the team was penalized for offense so he toed it through from five yards (rather back).

Gene got the best of a coaches' son duel with Coach Payne, 16-year-old Johnny, although the bespectacled, masked former Chattanooga youngster showed himself well at quarterback in a losing cause.

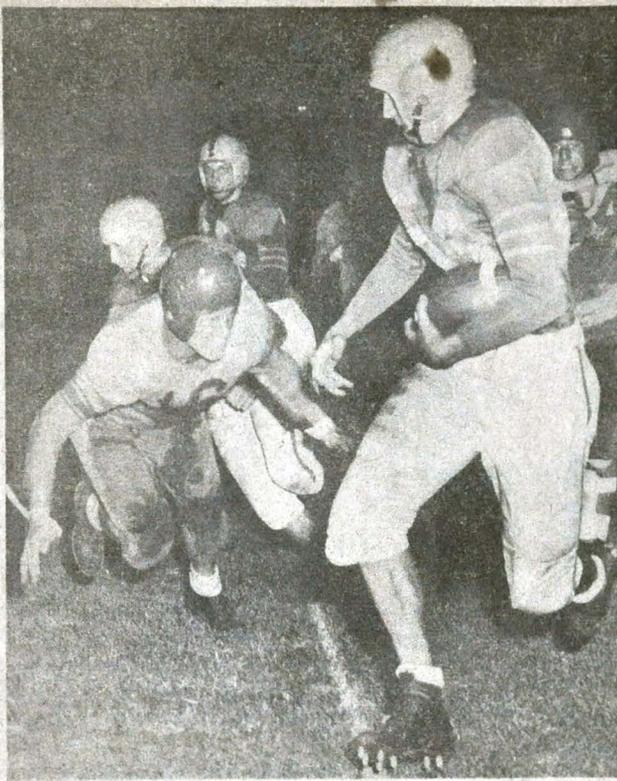
Hoppe hauled the hide 141 yards in eight trips and one jaunt of 37 yards to a touchdown in the third period, was penalized by an offside penalty. (Had that score counted he would have had four TD's in nine carries.) Used sparingly for fear of injury and to slow the pace against the obviously outmanned Georgians, Hoppe was in on only a few more yards than those in which he was the carrier.

26-Man Squad

The 26-man Purple squad was mixed up among regulars and shock troopers pretty well throughout the three quarters. Other Central squadmen were in Ellijay, Ga. for a game.

Thus, Coach Etter showed scouts nothing fancy from his repertoire. Among those watching were Baylor, Miami, Kingsport, Bradley and Red Bank coaches.

Yet the Pounders piled up 490 yards rushing to a meager 58 for



NEAR END OF LINE—Paul Elliott, Central sophomore back, is about to be brought down by Marist's Bucky Smith after a six-yard gain in the second quarter of last night's game at Chamberlain Field. Central won over the Atlantans, 49 to 0. —Times Staff Photo by Bob Bray.

CENTRAL TROUNCES MARIST BY 49-0

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Payne's proteges from the 200-boy Catholic school of four grades. Marist's Johnny Payne, Bucky Smith (a one-man gang and as game as they come), used passes almost exclusively in the second and third quarters when their running game could not go against the rugged Central line.

Marist got nary a run off in the second, while throwing a seven passes on two offenses. And in the third they were minus 10 in rushing, once more trying to mix up the offense.

CENTRAL
 Ends—Cannon, Osborne, Warren, Cobb, Baskette, Leach.
 Tackle—CLIFTON, Cowart, Kimbrough, Brown.
 Backs—Bridges, McHaffey, Barnes, Collins, Thompson.
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 Tackleman, Bradford, Field judge, Merriam, E.C.O. Holmes.
 First downs, Central 49, Marist 10.

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Central Drops Marist, 49-0, for First Victory

Bobby Hoppe Runs for 3 Touchdowns In First Period as Purples Romp

By DEXTER VAN ZANT
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Central High rolled up its biggest score since the Purples pounded City High, 51-12, in 1950 to lower Marist College Cadets, 49-0, last night at Chamberlain Field before an estimated 6,000 fans. Central, on the rebound after an opening game loss to Memphis Central in which they gained the

The Purples scored a touchdown every three minutes for the first nine minutes and then slackened the pace, with second stringers taking over in the second period and playing intermittently thereafter.

Bobby (Hippety) Hoppe made the first three Central six-pointers after which Coach Red Etter cut down his work. Indian Cantrell picked up a second-period score and had a punt for a 14-0 lead.

W. H. Geren adding touchdowns in the third period. Sherwin Anderson made the fourth-period touchdown.

Bothered for years by lack of an extra-point kicker, Etter raised his own and last night put him on view for the first time. Punt-sized and bespectacled Gene Etter, 14, rose to the occasion by booting all seven extra points. Once little Gene had to do it twice after a 5-yard offside penalty pushed him back five yards.

Marist Coach Boots Payne, former Chattanooga, also sent his son into the fray as Johnny Payne saw service at quarterback for the Georgians.

Last night's loss was the third for Marist. They lost to Henry Grady, 41-0, last week after dropping a 13-12 decision to Chamberie a week earlier.

Central rolled up 499 yards and made 23 first downs despite the fact they didn't open up very much as they kept a bevy of scouts guessing what Red Etter would cook up for future foes. The Purples did not punt although they lost the ball on downs twice.

Marist made 9 first downs and gained 58 yards rushing and 81 by passing. Sensing their inability to gain on the ground consistently, although Bucky Smith proved a good runner, the Cadets took to the air passing from a tricky formation in which most anyone would leave the pigskin.

Central suited up only 26 boys for the game as the B team went to Ellijay, Ga., for a game.

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Hoppe Scores 2, Pounders Powder Kingsporters 26-7

By JACK RISER
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KINGSPORT, Tenn., Sept. 25—Chattanooga Central turned Bobby Hoppe loose against the Kingsport Indians here tonight and some 11,000 persons saw the state-wide power smash the once-vaunted Tribe 26-7 on J. Fred Johnson field.

Hoppe, all-State halfback last year, scored twice on thrilling runs and gained a net 97 yards in 14 carries to lead in handing the homelings their first defeat in three starts this season.

Central asserted its supremacy in the opening offensive of the Purples, scoring in 10 ground plays that covered 71 yards, including a 34-yard Hoppe hiping and a 21-yarder by Bob Tate. Kingsport's defense stalled the inevitable from first-and-goal on

STATISTICS

	Central	Kingsport
First downs	14	14
Yards rushing	187	66
Yards passing	213	149
Total offense	399	215
Passes attempted	6	7
Passes completed	3	6
Yards completed by	7	6
Punt yardage	7	0
Penalties against	7	6
Punting average	28.0	31.0

the 3 until fourth down and then only the alertness of quarterback Max Parris got the ball over. Wayne Hutchinson fumbled on the 2 and Parris picked up the fumble and squirmed across. Gene Etter kicked point.

Forty-five seconds before the period ended Hoppe went through the whole Tribe on 35 yards on a reverse play in which he scored untouched. A high pass fouled young Etter's point-after try.

Two minutes before the half halfback Charles (Indian) Cantrell chucked a 35-yard pass to end James Cannon. The terminal was well in the clear at the 10 and strolled across the stripes. It took two boots for Etter to get a counter on the PAT and Central led 20-0 at intermission.

With regular quarterback Rod McMillan idled because of a sprained thumb, Alvin Underwood attempted 12 first-half passes and completed only three. In the second half freshman quarterback Jimmy Odell, a 145-pounder, hit nine of 11 passes to put the single wing, unbalanced line Indians back in the ball game.

These losses set up the only local TD, which came in the fourth on a 60-yard drive. Three pass completions and a need of 20 yards put the ball on the 11 and Bodie Scott got four before a Central offside put the ball on the 2. Two plays later Underwood climaxed his starting stint for the night by scoring on a sneak. Forrest Teets kicked the point and it was 707 with but two minutes gone.

Kingsport threatened the next time it got the ball, driving from its own 4 to the Chattanooga 42 before Underwood fumbled twice with a yard to go for first down. Odell hit 50-6 passes for 38 yards in the drive.

Chattanooga's final tally came later when Billy Heaton heaved two yards to Hoppe in the flat at the 40 and the Pounder walked the sideline untouched 40 yards for the touchdown. Carl Durham blocked Etter's conversion attempt.

Doyle Burdine was the defense thorn in Central's side, throwing four running plays for a minus 21 yards, including Hoppe once for a minus 12. Leading defenders for Central were Hal Bridges and a former Kingsporter, Albert McHaffey.

Kingsport	Central	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Central scoring:													
26-yard run													
Headon's Parris													
yard pass from Cantrell													
Conversion, G. Etter													
Kingsport scoring:													
7-lead run													
Official scorers:													
McMillan, Bradman, Jack Sh. Walter, Fred Jones, Ernest Baker, E.C. Dickson													

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Central Gives Statement In Regard to Dynamo Tilt Change in City High Policy Needed To Open Negotiations, Millsaps Says

In view of considerable talk about a revival of the Central-ity High School football series, the News-Free Press today asked Central High School for a statement of its position on the subject. In answer to the request, Principal Hobart Millsaps issued the following statement: "There has recently arisen some agitation for a City-Central football game for this fall. Some sources have gone so far as to indicate that Central High School is to blame for the fact that there is no game scheduled, and other sources have even intimated that Central High School is afraid to play City High School."

"Such propaganda is, of course, ridiculous in view of the fact that a scant two seasons ago City High School dropped Central High School not only in football but in all sports. This policy was announced through the press on Feb. 15, 1951. Much publicity was given to City High School's reason for dropping Central High School in athletics. At no time thereafter did anyone officially connected with Central High School make any statements through the press, or otherwise, designed to reflect on City High School, its coaches or its players because of their reasons for dropping Central High School.

"The only reason there is not a City-Central game this year, or any other year for that matter, is because City High School officials cease that course two years ago. Central High School had no choice whatsoever in the matter. Central High School was not consulted previous to the decision nor officially notified after the decision. We read their newly formed policy as printed in the newspapers, simply revised our schedules accordingly and let it go at that. Therefore, let us remind those interested that Central High School refuses to accept any of the responsibility for the severance of athletic relations, nor do we assume any responsibility for the renewal of such relations.

"According to newspaper releases during the month of February, 1951, City High School officials, as well as their student body, the Alumni Association and their Board of Education, all had a part in the decision to discontinue athletic relations with Central High School. They made the policy and they announced that policy to the public.

"Up to this time there has been no indication of any change in that policy. Until such time as the policy-making officials of City High School publicly rescind this policy or formulate a new one, any question as to whether Central High School will or will not play is completely irrelevant. If and when City High School revises its policy in regard to competition with Central High School in any scheduled athletic contest, then, and then only, will the time be proper for discussing the possibility of a resumption of athletic relations between the two schools.

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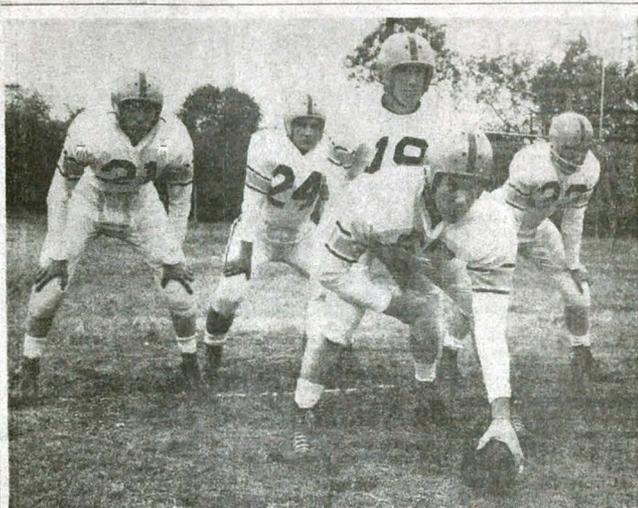
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Knox Central	10.0	Man. Prater	84.0
Chattanooga	9.5	Chattanooga	83.5
Litton	9.2	Cumberland	83.0
Nash Du Pont	9.0	Huntsville	82.5
Chick Central	8.5	Knox	82.0
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Central and Red Bank Clash Tonight in City Prep Loop Game at UC Field

POUNDERS RATED SOLID FAVORITE OVER OPPONENTS

Kick-Off Time Slated
For 8; McCallie
On Road for Tilt



CENTRAL BACKS AND CENTER—Shown above are four Central backs with the center lined up in the familiar "T" formation from which the Pounders run. Shown are Ray Moss, center; Bill Heaton, quarterback; Robert Tate (left); Wayne Hutcheson, fullback, and Bobby Hoppe (right). Central plays Red Bank tonight at Chamberlain Field in a City Prep League game.—(Photo by J. B. Collins.)

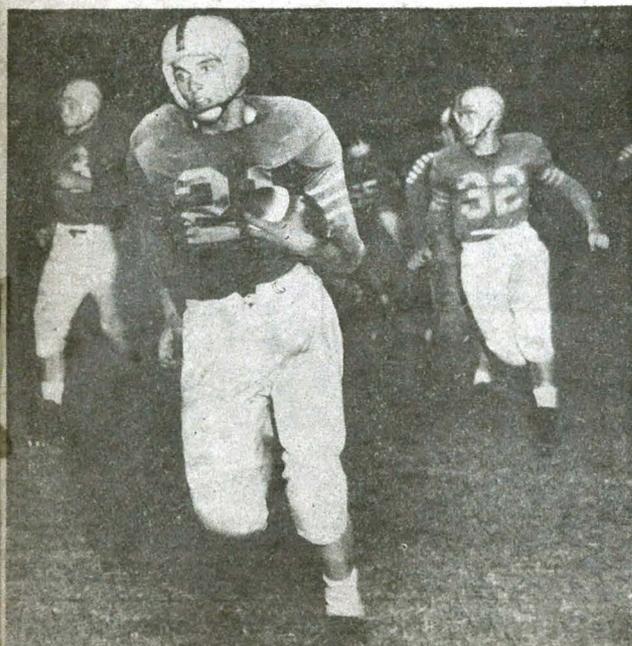
Central High and Red Bank square off tonight at Chamberlain Field in a City Prep League game. Kickoff time is 8 o'clock. The Purple Pounders rule a solid favorite to win as they play their first loop contest.

The Pounders have won two and lost one in other games to date. After a 16-7 loss to Memphis Central in their opener, the Ettermen bounced back with a 49-0 win over outclassed Marist and a 26-7 conquest of Kingsport.

Red Bank is having a poor season so far. The Lions have not been able to win in four outings but did hold Ducktown to a scoreless tie last week. Hixson, City and Bradley hold decisions over the Lions.

Central won last year's game, 42-7. In fact, the Purples have won all games played in the last 10 years with the closest score being 6 to 0 in 1949. Much of the game's interest will be held by Bobby Hoppe as he seeks to add to his individual scoring total.

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CENTRAL'S FIRST TOUCHDOWN—The first of seven Central High touchdowns against Red Bank is about to made, above, by right halfback Bob Tate on a 30-yard junket at Chamberlain Field last night. Central interference is five yards back and well behind him the shoulder straps of the out-distanced Lions begin to appear dimly.

CENTRAL DEFEATS RED BANK BY 48-0

Pounders Rack Up 28 Points
in 2nd Quarter—Etter
Has 6 Conversions

By GENE HUNT
Central High School's Purple Pounders, after a slow first quarter, buckled to their work with a vengeance and buried outmanned Red Bank under a mass of touchdowns, 48-0, last night.

Red Etter's charges did the most damage in a wild second quarter, with 28 points pushing the game out of the Lions' reaching hands after Central had led by only 7-0 at the first stop.

Bob Tate put the Pounders in front after five plays had elapsed, circling left and on a bolly play broke and pitch out by quarterback Max Parris. Gene Etter kicked his first of six conversions and it looked as if Central were off to the races.

But Red Bank, after being unable to gain, punted and Don Dowdy recovered. Bill Heaton's fumble on the Central 37, a penalty moved the ball to the 63 and after Springfield got off right tackle, All Capt. Bob Merritt blew through center for eight. Springfield gained one more inside end, then Merritt, on a clutch fourth down play, blasted out five yards and the first down at the 15.

Go, Go, Go
By now the Central stands were pleading "Hold that line" and the Lions "Go, go, go."
Springfield tried left end, got one. Merritt, once more on his favorite over center play, cleaved up 10 more yards and Central scored on time out.

Springfield sliced off one more yard at right guard for a first down at the four. Merritt bulled his way through the middle to the 1-foot line.

But then Merritt lost a foot on the same play. Springfield lost two at right tackle, and Merritt was hit at the four and fumbled, James Cannon recovering as the quarter ended.

On the first play in the next quarter, captain Bob Hoppe blew through right tackle and right by two Lion defenders, breaking away around the 25 and going 94 yards for the marker. Etter once more converted.

The red-hot Hoppe took the ball four plays later after Red Bank got nowhere and had to punt, and on the same type play streaked 40 yards for his second touchdown in two minutes. Etter booted the ball through for 21-0, Central.

Three minutes later, with subs sprinkling the Pounder lineup, sophomore Bob Riddess pitched to Bob Tate behind the Red Bank safety and Tate scored the Purples' third touchdown of the period. Etter converted to make it 28-0, Central. The maneuver covered 30 yards in the air and on the ground.

Before Half
Just before the half ended Paul Elliott went off tackle for 44 yards just across the field from the rapidly forming Central drill squad. After Etter's point, it was 35-0, Central. Red Bank had time to run one play before the stop.

After an exchange of kicks to open the third quarter, Charles Cantrell slipped through the middle for 48 yards and Etter booted his sixth straight PAT, Central, 42-0.

By now Etter was using substitutes almost exclusively, and the teams settled to a mid-field line battle, with neither being able to gain consistently.

Early in the fourth period Cantrell asked a handoff to Ted Greath, kept the ball and sprinted 72 yards up the left sideline in front of the empty Vine Street sidelines for the Pounders' final touchdown. Etter missed the kick and Central led by 48-0 the final margin.

- CENTRAL
John Campa, Warren, Ross, Baskette, Campbell, Letch, Adams, Evers, Cole, Cooper.
Defenses—Climan, Fry, Chambliss, Brown, Howard, Kimbrough.
Offense—Hutcheson, Bridges, Carlton, Collins, Renner, Search, Meaher, Thompson, Gentry, Jones, Cook, Patisco.
Backs—Heaton, Anderson, Home, Natchson, Tate, Kree, Blair, Leavitt, Riddess, Whitner, Curry, Olin, Hixson, Brindley, Zwick, Parris, Hudson, Elliott, Gerten, Parris.
RED BANK
Edg—Marschner, Desox, Roberts, McCallie.
Parris—Marler, Buchanan, Campbell.
Centers—Patterson, Turner.
Halfbacks—Barnes, Parris.
Watts, Merritt, Billings, Schmalzer, Shauf.
Red Bank's
Cent conversions: Touchdowns: Hutcheson 10, 20-yard run: Hoppe 1, 26-yard run: 16-yard run: Cantrell 1, Elliott 1, 26-yard run: Conversions: Etter 6.

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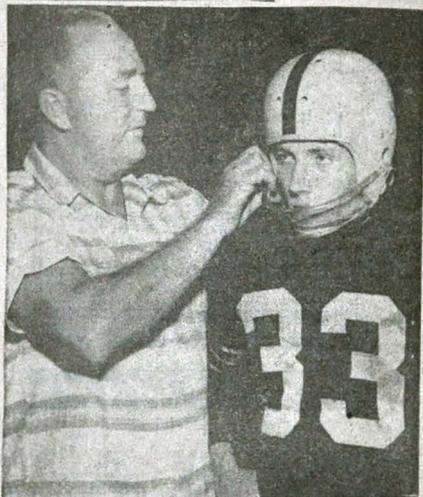
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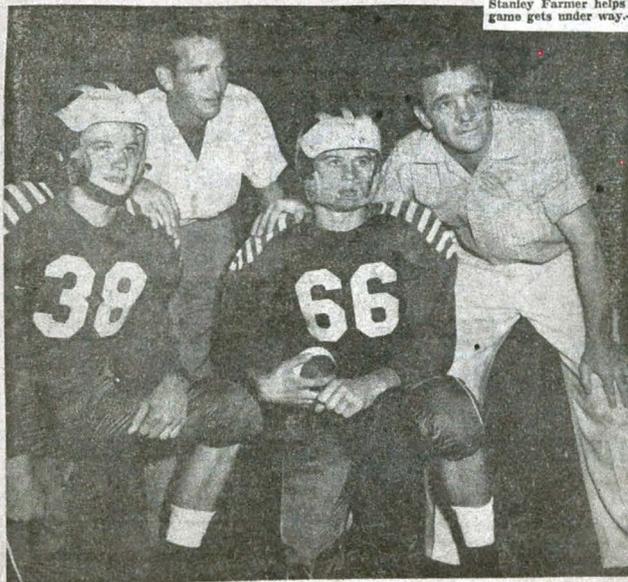
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LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON—Or so they say, but Central's Red Etter never saw the day he could boot extra points with the precision of his 110-pound, 14-year-old son, Gene, who has drilled 15 through the uprights in three games.—(Staff photo by Bill Truex.)

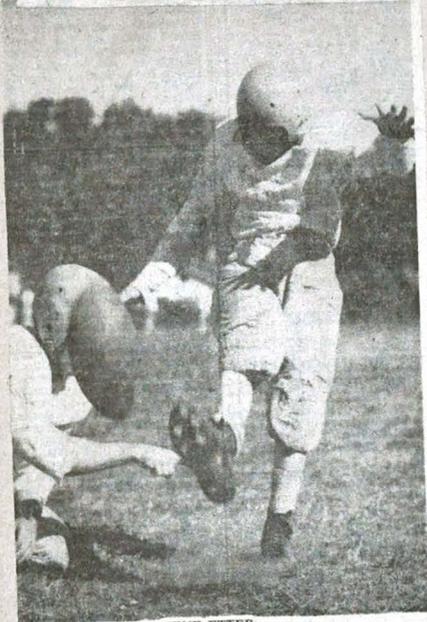


POUNDER ACE—Central High's fullback, Bobby Hoppe, team spark, is getting a lot of attention these days. Here assistant Coach Stanley Farmer helps adjust Bobby's headgear as the Red Bank game gets under way.—(Staff photo by Bill Truex.)



THEY LOOK LIKE A MILLION—And Coach Marion Perkins' Red Bank Lions always do—even when they are below par and struggling through a rough season—like they are this year. Perkins and assistant Coach Jim Mayfield hover over Carlos Springer (38) and Max Nagel (66), Lion leaders, just before Saturday night's game at Chamberlain Field. Central won, 48-0, in a renewal of a colorful rivalry that is a prep highlight.—(Staff photo by Bill Truex.)

A TOEHOLD ON CENTRAL VICTORIES



GENE ETTER
Purple Pounder Punter.

Place Kickers May Hold Key For Central, Baylor Elevens

Gene Etter and Bill Van Order, a couple of place-kicking specialists, may carry the fates of Chattanooga Central and Baylor in their talented right toes when the Pounders meet Miami High and the Red Raiders tangle with Sewanee's "B" team tomorrow.

Van-Order already has provided Baylor with one victory with two conversions, the 14-12 decision over City. Last week he missed for the first time, and the Raiders had to be satisfied with a 6-6 tie with GMA. The Raider folk hope the 2:30 game on Rike Field will be different.

Etter has a 19-for-21 mark, but has not been called on when the chips were down. This may be the week, however, as the Pounders have lost three times to the Stingarees by a total of four points because they couldn't convert. If fate paints the complexion of the 8 o'clock Chamberlain Field clash as in the past, the 100-pound Etter may step in to add the finishing touches and reverse some previous tough Pounder luck.

"Of course," says Central coach Red Etter, "we've got to score before Gene will get a chance to kick."

Scoring may be a problem, at that.

The Miami line averages 190 to about 175 for Central, and is anchored by three 1952 veterans. To offset some of the Stingaree weight advantage, Etter said 230-pound Bob McCutcheon will start on defense at guard for Central.

McCutcheon has been working well against Miami's offense as interpreted by Pounder reserves, Etter said.

The Pounders will definitely be "up" for Miami.

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CENTRAL PLAYS MIAMI FRIDAY IN STAR PREP GAME

Hixson, Tyner Host Whitwell and Meigs In Other Skirmishes

The prep school gridiron bill of fare is not as large as usual this weekend but offers variety and a top-notch entree.

The choice offering for high school fans will be the Central-Miami game at Chamberlain Field Friday. Only competing games in the immediate area Friday night are the Meigs at Tyner and Whitwell at Hixson melees.

Central had an easy romp as expected in downing Red Bank, 48-0, Saturday, with the second, third and fourth string backs getting some needed experience and perhaps acquiring poise for tougher days ahead. Linemen came in for the same treatment as boys who hadn't left the bench all season during a game tested themselves under fire.

Bobby Hoppe carried the ball only twice. The first time he ran 96 yards for a touchdown and the next time he was only 40 yards away from the last white stripe when he started a six-point sprint.

Bobby Tate also scored two touchdowns. One came on a 30-yard run, the other on a pass play which netted 30 yards. Charles (Indian) Cantrell ran 48 and 72 yards for touchdowns, while Paul Elliott ran 44 yards for another. Little Gene Etter kicked six extra points before missing on his last try.



CENTRAL ENDS—Shown above are members of the Central High School football team. Included are, left to right, James Cannon, Fred Osborne, Charles Cobb and Eddie Lerch. All four will see service against Miami Friday night at Chamberlain Field when the Pounders meet the Stingarees in a revival of what in the past has proved to be one of the season's top games.—(Photo by J. B. Collins).

Central Seeks First Win Over Strong Miami High Football Team Tonight

7-7 TIE IN 1949 BEST POUNDERS HAVE DONE YET

Tyner, Hixson Host Meigs and Whitwell In TVC Tussles

Central High's Purple Pounders bid for their first victory in six tries against the Miami Stingarees tonight. The Chamberlain Field game is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock.

The best Central has been able to do in five previous efforts is a 7-7 tie in 1950 although all but the inaugural game in 1948 were close. That score was 28-7. Other scores in order: 19-18, 7-7, 14-12 and 19-18.



CENTRAL DEFENDERS—The four boys shown above are expected to help defend the Central goal line when the Pounders play the Miami Stingarees in the prep game of the week tonight at Chamberlain Field. Kickoff time is 8 o'clock. Included in the picture are Richard Cowart, Larry Clingan, Johnny Brown and James McJin.—(Photo by J. B. Collins.)

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Miami Plays Central at UC in Tonight's

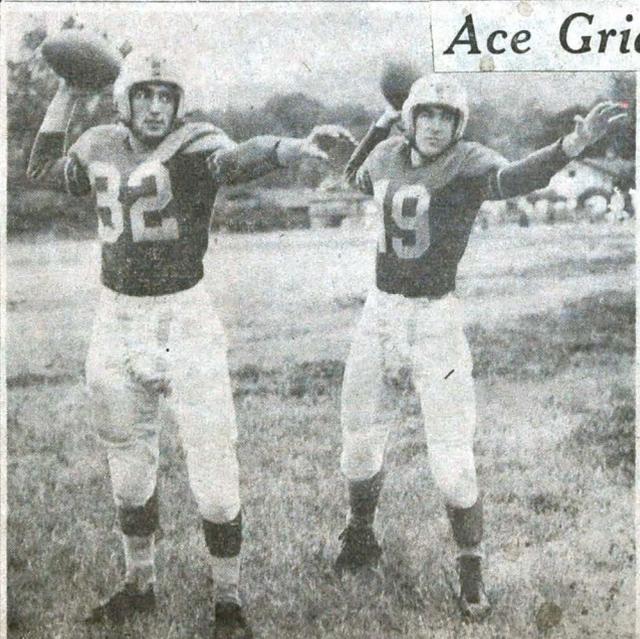
TVC CONTESTS SET FOR TYNER, HIXSON

Baylor Is Host to Sewanee Bees—Rossville Club Plays at Dalton

A revenge-minded band of Central Purple Pounders will meet the Miami Stingarees in the top prep football game of the week tonight at 8 o'clock on UC's Chamberlain Field.

The tilt packs an extra wallop in the fact that a Central team has never defeated a Miami eleven, but after suffering defeat at the hands of Memphis Central, the Pounders have started running roughshod over other foes and are expected to be in top physical shape for the invaders. Miami won last year's contest 19-18.

Ace Grid Tilt



FIRE WHEN READY—Central's two quarterbacks, Alex Parris (left) and Billy Heaton (right), are expected to see plenty of action tonight when the Purple Pounders meet the Miami Stingarees at Chamberlain Field. The Pounders have never defeated the Miami squad, but are expected to go into the game on even terms with the invaders at 8 p.m.—Times Staff Photo by Miss Kester.

Bobby Hoppe Brilliant as Central Routs Miami

9,000 SEE INITIAL WIN OVER 'STINGS'

Floridians Thrown Back in 2 Last-Quarter Bids to Stall First Shutout

STATISTICS

	Central	Miami
First downs	25	10
Rushing yardage	256	88
Passing yardage	32	44
Plays attempted	7	7
Passes completed	2	16
Yards per play	37.0	12.6
Punting average	33.0	37.7
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Yards penalized	23	20

By GEORGE SHORT
This story is true. Chattanooga Central defeated Miami High 27-0, here last night as its all-Southern kick, Bobby Hoppe, scored three touchdowns before a crowd estimated by Chamberlain Field officials as 9,000.

The Purple Pounders marked their first victory in the colorful six-game series with a brilliant first-half offensive that took the sting out of the black suited Stingarees quickly.

Central led at the half by 20-0 and then slowed its horses and let the ground gods of the line take over and hold off the vaunted single wing, unbalanced line attack it fully expected to come.

But Central had the defensive number one of the Stings much as it had the magic offensive word in point production. In the last quarter the Stingarees sought to stall the first shutout in the series and prevent the worst beating it's taken by an out-of-state team in many moons. They got to the 33 and lost on downs and to the 17 where they relinquished the ball on a goal-line pass interception by Bobby Tate.

Tate Twinkles
That interception by Tate, who additionally played his best offensive game of the season, set up the game's most thrilling run—a 95-yarder by Hoppe on a quickie. Hippy, Hoppe broke through quickly and quizzed a pooped pack of pursuers in the same manner a fox leaves a pack of hounds at slump.

With the crowning blow to the midriff of Miami and left the Stings without a chance for a score except to run the kickoff back. They didn't and the game ended.

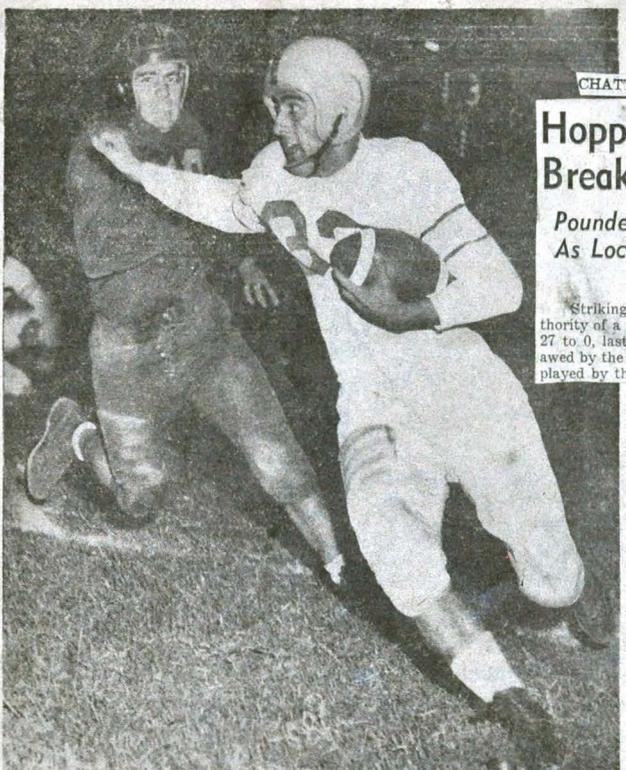
That Central won was not too surprising. But the finality with which Coach Troglin's sunshine stater succumbed was startling to the 9,000 who saw Miami itself.

The Purples pounded out 286 yards on the ground, 176 of those in a 10-first-down first half. Miami got only 98 yards net, 15 in the first half.

With such a ground attack clicking and it never clicked better on timing, blocking and run fact that it did in the first half—Central didn't need its passing attack. But the Purple did show it had one, stirring it into the offense blend it was mixing with defense to demonstrate to fans who were skeptical when Memphis Central won the season opener, 16-7.

Charles the Indian Cantrell to Hoppe for 43 yards set up Hoppe's first touchdown.

The next time Central called on the air wing it was a precarious bit of pitching by Cantrell that gave Central supporters chill bumps. The Purples had gotten into a third-quarter hole by a holding penalty on Cantrell and the chunking from his end zone on the pitchout-pass pattern. The first one was incomplete. The second intercepted.



FROM WHERE HE STARTED—Max Jarris (with ball), Central quarterback, is shown just before he was tackled at the line of scrimmage by an unidentified Miami player. Jarris had fumbled the ball, picked it up, and barely weaved his way back to the line of scrimmage.

Miami tried to pitch its way to pay dirt from the 19, but lost on an interception in the end zone when Tate batted the ball up and Billy Heaton hauled it in for Central a touchback and new life from the 20.

Scoring
Tate got moving machine blocking to score from the 16 on an end sweep on Central's sixth running play after receiving the kickoff. Hoppe had run 21 and Tate 13 for double-figure yardage in the 60-yard TD drive. Little Gene Etter's point try was not good, 6-0. The point loomed large there. For since Miami won the first game of the series 25-7, extra points had given them three victories and Central one tie 7-1 in the past four games.

After Jim VanHoyning punted out of bounds on the Central 21 the Purples marched the 79 yards in six more plays, aided by the Cantrell-Hoppe pass, and Hoppe went over from the 4. This time Etter split the uprights and it was 13-0 at the quarter.

For the third touchdown Central chained three first downs in a 61-yard march climaxed by as sparkling a 15-yard run inside seen here in a long time. Hoppe took the quickie handoff, was hit at the line, bounced off his tacklers into the secondary and sprang through the secondary's arms spinning crazily, lightfootedly into the end zone sideways. Etter's kick was good despite holder Heaton's bobble of the snapped ball.

Central did not make a first down in the third. Heaton punting 42 yards in one drive's end and the other effort was the interception on the end zone pass.

Miami lost on downs on the Purple 33 early in the fourth and hooked up three first downs in the drive to the 17, sparked by Larry Fouts and Don Griffiths runs from tailback. Then came the goal-line interception.

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—Times Staff Photo by Bob Sawyer.

That was all the scoring until the closing minutes of the third quarter, although a blocked Miami punt rolled behind the goal-line for a score which didn't count when an offside by Hutcheson, the man who blocked the punt nullified the play.

But Central started from the Purple 39, where Miami kicked out and marched the 61 yards in 10 plays with Hoppe and Tate carrying on all but one play. Hoppe bit off the last 15 in one chunk and again Etter added the point after.

That was all the scoring until Hoppe's last-minute 95-yard journey. Up to then Miami held the edge in the fourth period as two touchdowns threats fizzled.

Tate intercepted a Miami pass on his own goal line and ran back to the five to set the stage for Hoppe's run from a 17 yard quickie, which put him in the secondary, where he dodged defenders with a weave and then outdistanced pursuit. Etter kicked the point.

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Hoppe Shines as Central Breaks Miami Inx, 27-0

Pounder's Power Jolts Stingarees As Locals Win First Game in Series

By DEXTER VAN ZANT
News-Free Press Sports Writer

Striking with the fury of a tropical storm and the authority of a blitzkrieg, Central trampled Miami Senior High 27 to 0, last night at Chamberlain Field before 9,000 fans awed by the Purple first-half power display. As in all games played by the Pounders this year, Bobby (Hippy) Hoppe was the bellwether of the offense. The hardcharging halfback, equipped with rocket getaway arms a passing gear, scored three of the Central six-pointers as the Ezziesmen won for the first time from the Stingarees.

His longest run was a 95-yard gallop just before the final whistle which provided the points that made it the most decisive win in the six-year history of the series. Miami won the opener in 1948, 28 to 7, but all games since had been decided by two points or less. Central's previous best effort was a 7-7 tie in 1950.

Hoppe's other six-pointers were scored on a 4-yard yardage and a 15-yard sprint off tackle during which he spun out of the arms of the last Miami defender. Hoppe

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also made a key block that cleared the way for Robert Tate to sweep and for 15 yards and the Purple's first touchdown.

Little Gene Etter missed his first try for the point after touchdown but from then on put them through the uprights like a mechanical man as he upped his extra point total in varsity play for the season to 18.

The Central forward wall and backers up did valiant duty as they bottled up the dangerous Miami backs for the most part. The Stingarees showed flashes of offensive strength in the second half but they lacked ability to cross the goal line on their two most menacing gestures.

The superiority of Central is reflected in the statistics. The Purples pounded out 286 yards on the ground and gained 52 through the air in making 11 first downs. Miami ran for 98 yards and passed for 44 in making seven first downs, four of them in the last quarter.

Central received with Wayne Hutcheson taking the kickoff for 225 yards and running to the 40. Hoppe made nine and Tate crossed for 12 for first downs on the Miami 39. Wayne Hutcheson was held to two yards, but Hoppe dipped for 21 and another touchdown on the 16. Tate swept end for the TD and Etter missed the kick.

Miami took the ensuing kickoff and punted off a first down before kicking out of bounds on Central's 21. Charles Cantrell took a pitchout and passed to Hoppe for a net gain of 41, which carried the ball to the Miami 38. Tate and Hoppe moved the ball down to the three in four plays and then slanted off tackle to score. Etter converted.

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Gridiron Antics as Pounders Win



'SEE THAT HOLE'—Chattanooga Central's Red Eiter strikes a majestic pose as he points to the field and pounds over a few sage words of advice to Purple Pounder players during last Friday night's rout of Miami at U.C. Pictured with their coach are Quarterback Max Parrish and Halfback Charles Cantrell, two of the standout stars in the Central victory.—(Staff Photo by John Goforth.)



PURPLE BENCH ON EDGE—The nervous anxiety of Central High's gridgers as they grabbed their first victory from nationally-ranked Miami High is reflected on the bench as the Pounders scrapped to a convincing 27-to-0 victory. Players identified above are Quarterback Billy Heaton (19), Guard Ned Barnes (44) and Halfback Charles Cantrell (34).—(Staff Photo by John Goforth.)

Central-Jacksonville Game Tonight Pushers in Ae

Landon Band and Drill Squad to Offer Big Show at Half Time

Central High and Jacksonville Landon High collide tonight at 8 at Chamberlain Field to usher in the heaviest weekend of football this season.

As they take the field, the Purple Pounders will be favored to tame the Lions and annex their second win in a row from Florida invaders.

The Pounders of Red Etter display a 4-1 record thus far this season. The Ridgers have bowled over four foes handily after losing the season's opener to Memphis Central.

The invaders have yet to win. They lost to Orlando by a single point and were trounced by Miami Edison. Florida observers rate the Lions three touchdowns below Jacksonville Jackson which defeated Miami Senior High, 18-6. Central toppled Miami, 27-0, last week in its peak performance of the year and a letdown tonight is one of the things Central coaches have to worry about.

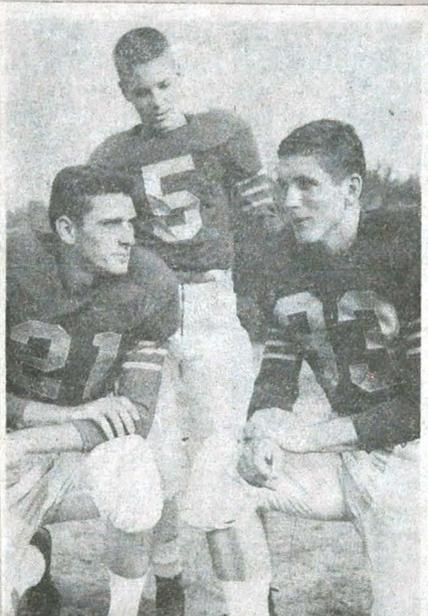
The Jacksonville team is coached by Barney Searcy who played high school football at Knoxville Central under Harvey Robinson and went to Mercer College.

The Floridians are reported to use both the double and single wing offenses with a good many passes. Frank Tiesler is the thrower and is reputed to be an excellent performer when it comes to picking his receiver.

Football won't be all the fans see tonight. Jacksonville is bringing along its 152-piece marching band which ranks at the top in Florida and the 172-girl drill squad. The band, under the direction of Edwin T. Cook, is regarded as the most colorful in the state.

The Lionettes drill squad is noted for its precision performance. The entire half-time intermission has been allotted to the visitors and they will give a show depicting places to visit and see in Florida. Central will put on its usual show at 7:45 prior to the game which starts at 8.

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—Times Staff Photo by Max Keister.

CENTRAL'S MIAMI STARS—Three of Central High's stars in last week's whitewashing of Miami are shown above as they got together yesterday in the tapering off for tonight's game with another Florida team, Jacksonville Landon. From the left, Bobby Tate, who scored one touchdown and had the best punting night of his career; Gene Etter, 90-pound place-kicker who hit 3-for-4 conversions against a foe Central had lost to twice with no good boots and Capt. Bobby Hoppe, who scored three—one on a 95-yard run.

Central Favored Over Lions As Record Grid Slate Begins

Central's Purple Pounders, facing another hurdle in its roughest intersectional football schedule in history, is favored to take Landon High's Lions from Jacksonville, Fla., into tow on Chamberlain Field tonight in the first of a record eight-game local schedule. Only Red Bank is idle, and from tonight until Saturday night all

other teams here play in the area. The 8 o'clock kickoff finds the Purples a hefty favorite over the Lions, rated some three touchdowns below Jacksonville Jackson, which conquered Miami 13-6. Jackson currently is No. 1 in Florida.

Central's shining hour of the 1955 season, the 27-0 whitewashing of perennially potent Miami last week, hoisted the Purples up a peg in the state high school listings by E. E. Litkenhous.

The Purples emerged from the Miami conquest in good physical condition as fitness concerns key men.

The Landon team of Coach Barney Searcy, a native of Knox-

Hutcheson, Hoppe Help Central Defeat Landon

Purples Flat, but Manage to Turn Back Invaders for Fifth Conquest

By DEXTER VAN ZANT
News-Free Press Sports Writer

Central High was as flat as the pocketbook of the father of six after Christmas shopping last night, but the Purples managed to lift themselves up high enough to carve out a 20-13 win over Jacksonville Landon. An estimated 7,000 watched the Pounders struggle through to post their fifth straight win after an opening game loss to Memphis Central.

Powerful Wayne Hutcheson was the pointmaker for the Purples last night. Hutch scored all three Central touchdowns, but in so doing he had powerful blocking from Bobby Hoppe, who drew a severe penalty blank for the first time this season.

Little Gene Etter kicked two of three extra points and this time the pressure was on him. His first kick put Central ahead, 7-6, after the Purples had scored to offset an easy Jacksonville six-pointer.

Fumbles cost the Purples plenty. It was two dropped balls that set Hutcheson made one and 17 for a first down on the Central 42. Three plays moved the ball to the Jacksonville 48 from where Indian Cantrell tossed to Hutcheson who caught the ball and set sail for the goal line only to fall on the two-yard line as he spun away from the last defender.

Twenty seconds remained in the first half as Hoppe carried to the 6-inch line. A double offside nullified the next play, stopped the clock and left Central 6 inches from a touchdown with one second left to play. Hutcheson was in the middle of a Central wedge with the ball as he went over as the whistle sounded. Etter missed the kick.

Central drove to the Jacksonville 8 after the intermission, but lost the ball on downs and Landon started a touchdown drive. Hutcheson carried the ball straight to the fourth quarter on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Beginning at their own 8, the Lions missed passes and runs from the spread formation and a short-kick formation to march 72 yards with Wifford Lyons going the last 2 for the score. Tiesner tied the score with his perfect placement.

Central came back with a vengeance and scored the winning touchdown before giving up the ball after running the kick-off back to the 39. Hoppe's 24-yard sprint hit off the biggest chunk of yards in the march with Hutcheson ramming center for the last two yards. Etter kicked the punt.

Central made a freckish recovery of the ensuing kickoff when Cantrell booted the ball straight at a Landon lineman and it bounced back like a yo-yo to the Indian. After three futile runs the Lions kicked.

Tommy Thompson made a key tackle to toss Tiesner for a yard loss and break up the next Lion series. Fred Osborne tore through and tossed Garcia in a loss to break up the next and last Landon threat.

Central took a Landon punt on its own 17 and ran out the clock on three plays. Dick Parrish watched the timepiece tick away Jacksonville's hopes of an upset win.

The Landon marching band of 152 pieces and the Lions' girls' drill squad, put on a crowd-pleasing, big-time show at the half, depicting Florida scenes and activities.

STATISTICS	
	Landon Central
First Downs	25 27
Yards passing	88 42
Passes attempted	13 14
Passes completed	1 0
Passes intercepted	1 0
Punts	3 0
Fumbles lost	2 0
Yards punished	50 39

gaining 272 yards rushing to a mere \$3 for the Lions. Landon batted 500 on passes, completing six of 12 for 86 yards.

Although outgained, the Lions were dangerous right down to the end as they switched from split "T" and single-wing plays in the first half to a spread formation and double wing in the second portion.

Although he didn't score a touchdown, Hoppe made the most thrilling run of the night when he returned a Landon kick 48 yards. Hoppe was nearly away for the distance, but fell eluding the last possible tackler. The run started when Heaton handed to Hoppe after a double-safety setup.

Central received and Robert Tate on the ball back to the Purple 31. Hoppe made 12 on a quick play, dropped the ball when tackled. Landon ran three plays and kicked out on Central 16.

Two plays and a 15-yard holding penalty set Central back to the eight from where Billy Heaton's kick was partly blocked and went out on the Central 12.

Two short penalties delayed the Landon touchdown but Henry Garcia bulled over from the two after Frank Painter had placed the ball there. Frank Tiesner missed the point kick.

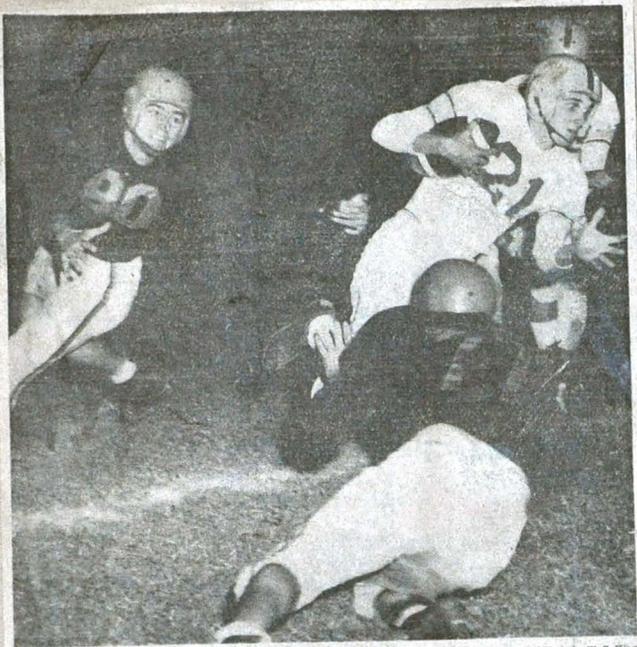
Hoppe's brilliant punt re turn

JACK LONDON
Edge-Zier, Soule, Lupton, Cunningham, Tardiff, Conder.
Backs—Barnes, Mehaifer, Collins.
Center—Barnes.
Guards—Tiesner, Garcia, Lyon, Brantley.
Wing—McBure, Dowling.

CENTRAL
Ends—Osborne, Cannon, Cobb.
Backs—Garcia, Collins.
Guards—Dowling, Barnes, Mehaifer, McBure.
Center—Moore, Kimbrough.
Wing—Tardiff, Barnes, Hutcheson.
Yards—Etter, Cantrell, Rudolph, Oren.
Jack Landon..... 20 13
Central..... 13 20

Landon scoring: Touchdowns, Garcia. Central scoring: Touchdowns, Hutcheson. Central kicking: Extra points, Hutcheson. Official: Referee, Tiesner; Umpire, Mehaifer; Line judge, Brantley; Field judge, Kimbrough.

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—Times Staff Photo by W. C. King.

TATE POUNDS FOR POUNDERS—Bobby Tate (21), Central back, picked up eight yards on this play in the first quarter of last night's Purple Pounder-Landon tussle at Chamberlain Field. Bill Newburn (77), Landon back, stopped the pounding Pounder. No. 80 is Landon's Gene Graves, center.



PURPLES MAP STRATEGY—Central Coach Red Etter is flanked by his two quarterbacks as the Purple mentor outlined plans which carried Central to a 35-13 win over Jacksonville Landon last night at Chamberlain Field. At Etter's right is Billy Heaton, on his right Bobby Hoppe, and on his left with his back to the camera, is Guard Hal Bridges. —(Photo by Bill Truex.)

Hutcheson and Hoppe Star As Central Beats Landon

By BUSS WALKER

With Bobby Hoppe and Wayne Hutcheson performing in star roles Central High's Purple Pounders defeated a brilliant Landon High team from Jacksonville 20-13, before an estimated 7,000 at Chamberlain Field last night.

Hutcheson scored all three touchdowns for the Purples.

With a 16-yard drive through center, a one-yard plunge and a two-yard smash over guard. The two points after touchdown were kicked by Gene Etter, son of the Pounder coach.

Landon scored first, midway of the opening period, with Hank Garcia plunging the final yard. The visitors then came from behind to tie the score at 13-all on the first play of the last quarter when Wilford Lyons climaxed a 92-yard drive by plunging over from 2 with Frank Tiesner converting.

Outplayed

Central outplayed the smaller Jacksonville team, making 13 first downs to 9 and gaining 272 yards rushing to 85 for the visitors. The Pounders completed only one of four passes attempted for 52 yards to set up the Purples' second touchdown. Landon completed six of 12 tries for 89 yards. Her longest aerial went for a 50-yard play. Frank Tiesner to Frank Painter, to start the team rolling for its second touchdown also.

Punting swung heavily toward the Landon side with an average of 36 yards for seven. Central averaged only 22 yards on three kicks when one was partially blocked and was good for only four yards.

Landon used a variety of formations, her most effective one a wide spread with the quarterback deep in a lone-star role, the rest of the team at or in the forward wall. The formation was particularly effective for passing, and worked well down the middle on fake pass attempts.

The visitors also used a tricky defense that resembled a cross section of an arm, with five men on the line, the six others were spaced in pairs, the two nearest the line back of the guards, two in the middle distance back of the tackles, and the two deep men back of the ends. The defense appeared to leave a big hole down the middle, which Central used to advantage late in the game.

Hoppe's Run

The best run was Bobby Hoppe's 48-yard return of a punt in the first quarter, when he cut to the left sideline and was nailed finally at the Landon 37. The Pounders scored their first touchdown three plays later when Wayne Hutche-

STATISTICS

	Landon	Central
First Downs	23	21
Yards passing	89	52
Passes attempted	12	4
Passes completed	6	1
Passes intercepted	7	0
Punting average	36	21
Fumbles lost	1	0
Yards returned	50	30

son stormed center for the last 16 yards.

The best pass was the 52-yard aerial for Central, Charles Cantrell to Hoppe, to set up Central's second touchdown.

Best kick was a 50-yard punt by Bob Dowling, grounded on Central's 8 by a alert Landon defense man.

First Quarter

After crossing the Central goal line for the third time in five plays Landon racked up a touchdown with six minutes to go in the first period. Two touchdowns had been called back on offside penalties, with Garcia finally getting over with one that counted from the 1. The drive had been for only 12 yards from the point Heaton partially blocked, passed went out of bounds. Tiesner's placement was wide. Landon led, 6-0, at the end of the period.

Second Quarter

Central scored on the first play of the second period, Wayne Hutcheson going through center for 16 yards. The drive was big time all the way. Hoppe returned Dowling's 37-yard punt 48 yards to the Landon 37. Hutcheson blazed through left tackle for 15 to the 18. Hoppe picked up two to the 16 as the quarter ended, Hutcheson scoring from the point. Etter's placement was good.

With 35 seconds left to go in the half, Charles Cantrell passed for Central from the Purple 47 to Hoppe on the Landon 30. Hoppe ripping his way down the left sideline for 52 yards before he was brought to earth at the 1. Hoppe hit center within inches of the twin stripes. Another play was called back when both teams were off sides, one second showing on the clock. Hutcheson rammed through right guard for the touchdown as the siren sounded ending the half. Etter's placement was wide and Central led, 13-6.

Second Half

Central drove 70 yards early in the third quarter, but was held for downs on the Landon 8, the Floridians, resorting to their wide spread formation returning to the Pounder 2 in 12 plays, when the end of the quarter caught them, third down and touchdown to go. The drive was sparked by a beautifully executed 50-yard forward pass play. Tiesner to Painter, to put the ball on Central's 31.

Fourth Quarter

On the first play of the fourth period Lyons rammed through center for the two yards to score. Tiesner's placement tied the score at 13-all.

Hutcheson returned the kickoff 17 yards to the Pounder 39. Hoppe kicked right and for 21 to the Landon 37, then hit center for 4. Tate made 11. Hoppe 2, Tate 4, Hoppe 5, Hutcheson 8 from a split 7, the Hoppe two again to the 2 and third down. Hutcheson rammed the middle headstrong for the score, Etter converted, 8 minutes to go. The game see-sawed in midfield until with 30 seconds to go Landon's punt rolled dead on the Pounder 18. Central played it smart, stalled for three downs and the game ended with the Pounders in possession on their own 15.

JACK LONDON
 Coach—Zier, Benny Lupton, Cunningham,
 Tackles—Wills, Fair, Lane, Condra,
 Ends—Warkman and Warkman, Woolfstein,
 Center—Graves,
 Backs—Tiesner, Garcia, Leon, Brasler,
 White, Newburn, Dowling.
CENTRAL
 Ends—Cannon, Cannon, Cobb, Leach,
 Tackles—Wright, Miller, Clifton,
 Guards—Bartlett, Meyer,
 Center—Moore,
 Backs—Hoppe, Hoppe, Hutcheson,
 Painter, Etter, Cantrell, Elliott, Russell,
 Garcia.
 Jax Landon 6 0 0 0-13
 Central 0 0 0 0-13
 Landon scoring: Touchdowns, Hutcheson,
 Lyons; Conversions, Tiesner.
 Central scoring: Touchdowns, Hutcheson,
 7 Conversions, Etter, 2.
 Officials: Referee, Bates; Umpire, Judge; Line Judge, Headman; O'Brien; Line Judge, Puckett; Egan.

Bradley Ties Central 13-13---

BEARS COME BACK AFTER EARLY LEAD

Ted Smith Scores 2. Offsets Plunge by Hoppe and Long Cantrell Pass

By C. C. L. RAY

Chattanooga Times Bureau.
CLEVELAND, Tenn., Oct. 23—Bradley County's Bears fought from behind late tonight to earn a 13-13 deadlock with Chattanooga Central, No. 4 in Tennessee high school Littlehouse Ratings, and sent this team into an all-night horn-honking jubilee at the "moral victory."

It was the seventh game in the modern series between the neighbors, and it was the first the Chattanooga Central had won five times, Bradley Central once.

A crowd estimated at over 6,000—and called the largest ever to witness a football game in this county—watched the Bears of Coach Bill Smith get off to an early lead as they did last year down in Chattanooga when they tied at the half, 7-6.

Central Comes Back

But Central came back to tie by halftime 7-7 and then added a quick touchdown in the third quarter to lead for the first time.

That put the issue squarely up to Ted Smith, Farrell Fisher & Co. to protect Coach Smith's sensational four-year coaching record of only three losses so they did the next best thing, they tied Central. It was the big Smith who started the ball rolling to goose-pimple the partisans. He scored from yards out and Bobby Griffith plackkicked for the conversion.

The invaders, beaten in their season opener by Memphis Central but victorious and impressive since, rallied and rushed to tie the count in the second.

Luke (Luke) Climer fumbled and Central recovered. In five plays Bobby Hoppe hopped the ball down to the Bear 25 and then gained 2. In two more runs the all-state workhorse got first down on the 10. Gene Parrish kept from quarterback down to the 6. Hoppe ran wide right, cut inside to the one-foot line and then on a hand-off from Parrish he cracked over for the score.

Little Gene Elter parked his glasses on the sidelines and went in to kick the point. It was good and the score was 7-7 at the half.

Winded Momentarily

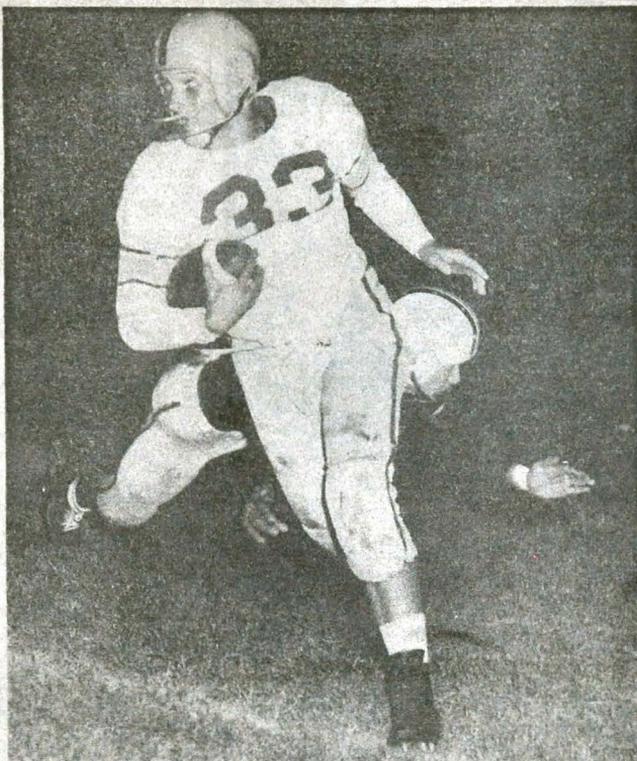
Central momentarily took the wind out of Bradley's sails with a sensational pass play from Charles (Indian) Cantrell to James Cannon that covered 40 yards into the end zone for the touchdown. The play was a beautiful example of the near fumble by Cantrell to start with. That phase gave it a suspense angle and caught the air defense snapping.

Elter's try for point was not good when the play from center was low and away from holder Billy Heaton. On the kickoff Central got a break that all but finished gutting the hosts' hopes. Climer attempted to scoop up the kick on the run, fumbled it and Central recovered on the Bear 34.

Central lost the ball on downs late in the frame. Bradley got possession on the Purple 49 with 5:03 left in the game and scored the tying touchdown at 2:24 remaining, Smith smashing over from six yards out.

Without a kicker since Don Griffith suffered a broken arm seven

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CENTRAL'S HOPPE AT WORK—Bobby Hoppe, Central's stellar man of all football work, is shown sidestepping away from an unidentified Bradley County tackler on a 15-yard run in the first quarter of last night's game at Cleveland.

CENTRAL, BRADLEY STAGE 13-13 DRAW

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in the season; Bradley sent the bulling Smith back to run for the conversion. Larry Clinger tackled him and the scoring was over, but not the threats.

Central tried a pass, Farrell Fisher, the area's leading scorer, intercepted. Then Don Hill fumbled and Al McHaffey recovered for Central, but the Pounders' passes, with the long-throwing Cantrell chunking, were not good and the game ended.

LINE-UPS

Red—Obear, Cannon, Jacke, Cowart, Bricker, Climer, Tucker, James, McHaffey, Collins, Carter, Moss.

Black—Heaton, Hoppe, Tace, Hutchison, Elter, Parrish, Cantrell.

BRADLEY
Ends—Baker, Kerr.
Tackles—Guiree, Swiger.
Guard—B. Griffith, White, Thomas.
Fullback—Harris.
Center—Alford.

Back—Hill, Fisher, Climer, Smith, Heaton.

Score by period:
Central..... 0 7 0 0 7-13
Bradley..... 7 0 0 6 6-13

Central scoring: Touchdowns, Hoppe 1; field plunge, Cannon 20-yard pass from Cobb; conversion, Hill. Placement, 3.
Bradley scoring: Touchdowns, Smith 1; 29-yard run, Elter; conversion, B. Griffith (placement). Unretd.—Paul Jones, Head Linebacker-Lawrence Hill, Field Judge-Frank Orend.

Bradley Rallies in 4th Period to Tie Central

Ted Smith Scores Both Touchdowns As Cleveland Team Gets 13-13 Draw

By DEXTER VAN ZANT
News-Free Press Sports Writer

CLEVELAND, Tenn., Oct. 24—Ted Smith scored his second touchdown of the night with 2 minutes and 24 seconds left to play to give Bradley a 13-to-13 tie with Chattanooga Central here last night in a sock and rock high school football game. An estimated 6,500 fans overflowed

the stands and formed a human horseshoe around Jimmie Lovell Field, Bradley athletic director. Tip Smith, said it was the biggest crowd ever to see a football game on the field.

It was the best the Bears had done since they won, 14-7, in 1948. Central has won all other times since the series was revived in 1947, making the standing 5-1-1 for Central.

It was Smith who ran like a breakaway halfback instead of the full backball that he is for 29 yards and a touchdown to put Bradley ahead in the closing four minutes of the first period.

However, with plackicker Bobby Griffith sidelined by injuries, Smith failed to run over the extra point that would have given Bradley victory and the Bears had to settle for a tie. The right side of the Central line bowed its back and stopped Smith's surge for the point

Most of the Bradley partisans were delighted at the draw and regarded it as a moral victory for the Bears. Oddsmakers had made once-defeated Central a 14-point favorite over Coach Bill Smith's boys, whose only loss was to Knoxville Central.

Bradley halfback Farrell Fisher drew a scoring blank for the first time in 18 games, but he was a demon on defense. Time after time he moved up from his defensive position to stop a Central runner. It was his interception of Bobby Hoppe's pass that stopped a Central threat after the tying touchdown.

Hoppe scored Central's first touchdown to put the Pounders even after 2:54 of the second quarter. Little Gene Elter booted the point to match one made after Smith's first six-pointer by Griffith.

Central pulled one out of the bag to make its second touchdown. Charles Cobb dropped back from his end position to take a pitchout, Cobb dropped the ball, but picked it up on the run and then pegged to James Cannon standing all alone in the corner of the end zone.

The play started from the Bradley 26-yard line, but Cobb passed about 10 yards behind the scrimmage line and with Cannon eight yards deep in the end zone the heave was all of 40 yards.

The pass from center on the try for extra point soared high over Elter's head. Would-be holder Billy Heaton raced back to pick up the ball, but was downed before he could turn around and run for it.

Central made eight first-downs, Bradley three. The Pounders made 156 yards rushing and 29 on one pass completion in nine tries. Two Central passes were intercepted. Bradley netted 126 yards rushing, nine yards on its only completion in four pass bids. Two Bradley passes were intercepted.

Central was penalized 15 yards twice, once for clipping and once for holding. Bradley drew only one five-yard penalty for offense. Both sides recovered three fumbles. Central lost the ball on downs twice, Bradley once.

It was a mental hiccup for Central to tie the penalty against Bradley as it was a contributing factor in the tying touchdown. Faced with the alternative of fourth and sixth go if they declined, Central chose the penalty and third and nine.

On the next play, Don Hill tried a pass, but pegged it at Wayne Hutchison. Central's Al Linebacker, however, was tackled just as he caught the ball and dropped it. It was ruled a fumble and Bradley got the yard for Bradley's second touchdown.

Fisher made 65 yards in 15 carries, Smith 54 in eight runs and Elter 21 on one try. Fisher drew only one five-yard run just before the pass interception and fumble in the fourth period was the longest run from scrimmage during the game. Hoppe made 55 yards in 14 tries, but lost the ball on another. Robert Tate carried 42 yards in six times and Wayne Hutchison made 20 in six ventures.

BRADLEY
Ends—Obear, Cannon, Cannon, Tucker, Cowart, Bricker, Climer, Tucker, James, McHaffey, Collins, Carter, Moss.

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Central Accepts Bowl Bid---

PLAYS CITY CHAMP OF MIAMI, DEC. 11

Opponent to Be Decided by Round Robin Between Gator City Trio

Central High School has accepted a bid to be visiting team in the annual Kiwanis Bowl Game in Miami, Dec. 11, putting to rest any talk of a post-season contest between the Purple Pounders and City High Dynamos.

Confirmation was received from reliable sources last night which said that the game has been approved by both the Florida High School Athletic Assn. and the TSSAA, authority for high school athletic activities among Tennessee schools.

Edison Leads

Host team in the game which will be played in the Orange Bowl, will be winner of a round-robin yet to be completed among Miami's top three teams — Miami, Edison and Jackson High schools. Only one game of the series has been played to date, Edison having defeated Jackson High 26-19, putting that team in a strategic position to win the city championship by beating Miami High.

Miami High has been host team for the 27 or 28 years the game has been played, and in all those years has been beaten by Edison High only once. However, Miami High is not rated as strong as in other years and Edison is given an excellent chance of taking that team to win the round robin and the city championship.

Red Etter, coach of the Pounders, was out of the city last night and could not be reached for a statement.

Complexes Schedule

Many fans here had hoped that a post-season game between Central and City could be arranged, but acceptance of the Miami bid gives the Pounders a full 11-game schedule, all the games permitted members of the TSSAA.

There had been early season rumors of a post-season game between Central and Oak Ridge had both had perfect seasons, but after both were defeated talk of the contest was dropped.

Central has a strenuous game at UC Stadium tonight with a Little Rock team that has won eight games in a row, and still has to play Isaac Litton and Baylor.

Central's record:

19	Memphis	Dec. 13	Bradley	11
16	Marietta	10 25	Little at UC	12
15	Red Bank	8 26	at Isaac L.	10
14	Miami	at UC	8 28	Baylor at UC

CENTRAL TACKLES LITTLE ROCK AT 8

Arkansas Outfit Unbeaten in 8 Starts, Rated 4.7 Better by Lit

Central High School's Purple Pounders and the Little Rock (Ark.) Central High School Tigers clash tonight at 8 a Chamberlain Field.

The invading eleven, coached by Wilson Matthews, has a string of eight victories against no losses this season, and is rated by E. E. Litkenhous as 4.7-point favorites over the Miami-Bowl-bound Dadds Avenue crew. Little Rock is rated 101.2, Central 96.5.

Baylor's Red Raiders will be in Miami, Fla., tonight, playing Miami Senior.

The area schedule is light tonight, three games being on tap. Marion County is at Dunlap, South Pittsburg defeats its unbeaten rival as it hosts Sylvania, and Model is at Dallas, Ga.

Probable Central-Little Rock starting lineups:

LITTLE ROCK	
QB	Cliff Hesse
Tackles	Hammer Bennett
Guard	Norman Perry
Center	Maxey
Back	Wicks, Wetherington, Goldman
CENTRAL	
QB	Franklin Cannon
Tackles	Chewart, Bridges
Guard	Thompson, Kennedy
Center	Mass
Back	Heston, Hoppo, Tacy, Hutchison

Edison Red Raiders Most Likely Foe For Central in Miami 'Bowl' Dec. 11

Chattanooga Central's opposition in the 28th annual Miami Kiwanis game in the Orange Bowl on Dec. 11 will likely be the Edison Red Raiders.

Writers on Miami papers who today are officially releasing the story of the Purple Pounders' acceptance of the game last Wednesday, told The Times last night in the only game played in the "Big Three" so far Edison beat Jackson 26-19.

On Nov. 14 Jackson plays Miami's Stingeres and then on Nov. 26 Miami meets Edison. Miami, thus, must beat both the Jackson Generals and Edison to get a second shot this season at Central. The Pounders beat the Stingers here 27-0.

Edison has beaten Miami High only once in modern times, but things are "getting lean" for the Stingeres, the sports scribes remark. Likewise Jackson has beaten Miami High but once in modern times.

Those victories came the last two years and threw the race into a tie for the city championship. In 1931 Jackson beat Miami and Miami took Edison. In 1932 Miami beat Jackson, but Edison trimmed the Stingers.

This year if the situation in the Orange Bowl is as expected, Edison will be the favored team.

That will pick the team with the best record. That would probably be Edison, for the Raiders have lost only to Lee of Jacksonville 7-6. The game usually draws 20 to 25,000 spectators.

Purple Pounder officials have been mum on the game, withholding announcement, apparently, because of the psychological effect it might have had on the game with favored Little Rock last night.

Next week the Purples are at Nashville, meeting Isaac Litton in the state's top game. Then they meet Baylor, which ousted Miami Senior in the Florida city last night.

The Miami trip will be Central's first "big" post-season game. Last year the Pounders played Oak Ridge on Thanksgiving in the Atomic City and earned a last-minute tie.

Most of the time Central's decision on taking post-season invitations has been held until after the late Baylor date and most "bovies" prefer to make their selections before that time to insure a good game.

That was the case with Bradley County when the Cleveland Outfit accepted the Rockwood Jaycee Bowl bid after trying Central. Then it lost to City High in a shocking surprise. Chattanooga Central High School signed, sealed and delivered.

STATE LIT RATINGS

Team	Points	Team	Points
Litton	101.2	Landon	85.4
Moore	98.8	Madison	83.7
Nash, DuPont	100.0	Henderson	83.3
Oak Ridge	98.0	Madisonville	82.7
Chatt. Central	96.5	Church Hill	82.7
Memphis	95.0	Greenville	82.7
Columbia	85.0	Candem	82.0
Johnson	84.0	Nash, Howard	82.0
Mem. Central	82.5	Nash, Amlich	82.0
Bradley	81.0	High Point	81.0
Dyersburg	80.5	McKenzie	81.0
Mem. Treadwell	80.0	Knox	81.0
Nash	79.5	Summitville	81.0
Goodlettsville	79.0	Baxter	81.0
Clarksville	78.0	Warrior	81.0
Mem. Menick	77.0	Nash, Cumberland	81.0
Nash, North	77.0	Land	81.0
Memphis CMC	76.0	Chapel Hill	81.0
Murfreesboro	75.0	Greenville	81.0
Whitehaven	75.0	Gibbs	80.5
Shelbyville	74.0	Greeneville	80.0
Shelbyton	74.0	Stokes Farmington	80.0
Nash, South	74.0	Knoxton	80.0
Nash, Cohn	74.0	Rock	80.0
Richley	74.0	Red Bank	80.0
Springfield	74.0	Sweetwater	80.0
Clarksdale	74.0	Pikeville	80.0
Knox, Hale	74.0	Waverly	80.0
Nash, Niles	74.0	Ducktown	80.0
Memphis Hummer	74.0	Gettysburg	80.0
Jefferson City	73.0	Whitwell	80.0
Lawrenceburg	73.0	Hendersonville	80.0
Warrent	73.0	Nash	80.0
Nash, West	73.0	Benton (Polk)	80.0
Co. 1	73.0	Co.	80.0
Elizabethton	73.0	Paris Grove	80.0
Wauhatchie	73.0	Knoxville	80.0
(Franklin Co.)	73.0	Mountain City	80.0
Goodlettsville	73.0	Greenville	80.0
Lenoir City	73.0	Cerritosville	80.0
Swain	73.0	Stamps	80.0
Carthage	73.0	Co.	80.0
Knox, East	73.0	Cliver Springs	80.0
Lebanon	73.0	Ridgely	80.0
Johnson City	73.0	Johnson	80.0
Blaine City	73.0	Spring	80.0
Manchester	73.0	Spring	80.0
Nash, Central	73.0	North View	80.0
Nash, Central	73.0	Coalfield	80.0
Sparks	73.0	Deerfield (Miss.)	80.0
Memphis East	73.0	Nash, Mt.	80.0
Franklin	73.0	Jude	80.0
La Follette	73.0	Castellville	80.0
Nash, East	73.0	Summitville	80.0
Nash, Hillboro	73.0	Johnson	80.0
Nash, High	73.0	Gordonsville	80.0
Jacksonville	73.0	Lawrenceburg	80.0
Nash, Jacksonville	73.0	Waynesville	80.0
Fayetteville	73.0	Mem. Fraser	80.0
Hartsville	73.0	Johnson	80.0
Knox, Young	73.0	Copperhill	80.0
St. Louis	73.0	Paris	80.0
Linsington	73.0	Marion	80.0
Bradley	73.0	Landon	80.0
Portland	73.0	Alamo	80.0
St. Donaldson	73.0	Stanton	80.0
A. Hartman	73.0	Parsons	80.0
London	73.0	Greene	80.0
Cozzition	73.0	Happy Valley	80.0
S. Pittsburg	73.0	Lebanon	80.0
Hutton	73.0	Hutton	80.0
Donover	73.0	Chattanooga	80.0
Bonerville	73.0	Ashton City	80.0
Chattanooga	73.0	Duane	80.0
Huntingdon	73.0	Nash, Muncie	80.0
Co. West	73.0	Joy	80.0
Colwellville	73.0	Wartrace	80.0
Nash, Blair	73.0	Dracena Creek	80.0
Tracy City	73.0	Clondland	80.0
Lake City	73.0	Union	80.0
Loretto	73.0	Orson	80.0
Memphis Co. (Athens)	73.0	Waynesboro	80.0
Milington	73.0	Chattanooga	80.0
Jacksonburg	73.0	Sevier	80.0
Rockwood	73.0	Warner	80.0
Franklin	73.0	Hartsville	80.0
Tramont	73.0	Tracy	80.0
Homesstead	73.0	Nash, Joelton	80.0
Charlottesville	73.0	Oakdale	80.0
Halls (West)	73.0	Spring Hill	80.0
Madison	73.0	Greenville	80.0
Ribes Co. (Dayton)	73.0	Coopersville	80.0
Marietta	73.0	Dandridge	80.0
Marionville	73.0	Marion	80.0
Fallabona	73.0	St. Robert	80.0
Newport	73.0	Decaturville	80.0
Memphis Tech	73.0	Henderson	80.0
McMinnville	73.0	Hendersonville	80.0
Nash, Bellevue	73.0	Waynesville	80.0
Lafayette	73.0	Walland	80.0
Lo Bross	73.0	White Bluff	80.0
Millersburg	73.0	White Bluff	80.0
Humboldt	73.0	South Fulton	80.0
Quilbuck	73.0	Savannah	80.0
Knox, South	73.0	Huntsville	80.0
Lebanon	73.0	Adamsville	80.0
Nash, Hill	73.0	Nash, Madison	80.0
Dayton	73.0	PREES	80.0
Monterey	73.0	Nash, Heblita	80.0
Chattanooga	73.0	Chattanooga	80.0
Carier	73.0	McKee	80.0
Clinton	73.0	BOA	80.0
Lawrenceburg	73.0	McLure	80.0
Osma	73.0	North Dams	80.0
Bradley	73.0	Bradley	80.0
Trerevant	73.0	TM	80.0
Hixson	73.0	St. Andrew	80.0
Tellico Plains	73.0	St. Andrew	80.0

Central Hopes to Rebound

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Against Arkansas Invaders at UC Tonight

STRONG OUTFIT BROUGHT HERE BY LITTLE ROCK

Pounders Reported Invited to Play In Miami Bowl Game

Central meets its fourth and possibly strongest out-of-state foe tonight at 8 at Chamberlain Field. The Pounders hope to rebound from last week's tie with Bradley and carve out a victory over Little Rock in the first football meeting between the two schools.

Reports that Central had agreed to play a Miami team in a post-season game in the Orange Bowl were neither confirmed nor denied by Hobart Millsaps, Central principal, when contacted today.

Millsaps said he could not comment on the report and that any confirmation would have to be made from other sources. Millsaps had just returned from the teachers meeting in Knoxville when contacted. Coach Red Etter had not returned from scouting Isaac Litton in Nashville in time to be contacted.

While Millsaps did not say so, it was learned that officials of the sponsoring Kiwanis Club had extended "feelers" to Central and an official announcement from the Kiwanis game officials is expected soon.

When and if confirmation is announced, permission of TSSAA officials and county school board members is believed to be granted.

It is known that Central scheduled only 10 games this year with the idea of playing a post-season game after the financial success of the Oak Ridge game last year.

The game in Miami was one in mind when the schedule was arranged. In fact, that was a factor in shifting the Miami Senior High game here even though it was scheduled in Miami.

The game is an annual affair in Miami with the city champions playing an outside foe. Miami Senior has been host for all games played in the last 25 years. This year, however, Miami Edison has the inside track at the stadium. Edison defeated Jackson High, third Miami team, 26-19, and is favored to prevail over Miami Senior when the two teams play. The invaders bring an undefeated record here. They have bowled over seven foes in order. The Tigers, coached by Wilson Matthews, have been held under 30 points only twice this season.

Included among the victims of Little Rock are Southside of Memphis, Texarkana, Texas, and Istrouma of Baton Rouge, La.

The Tigers operate from the "T" formation and have two good quarterbacks. They are Ronnie Weeks and Sonny Tedder. Weeks excels on keep plays from the split "T" while Tedder is the better passer.

The three first-line backs are reputed to be quick starters who explode through the line on quick operators. Darryl Herbert is fullback and is fast enough to be a menace on end sweeps. Halfback Jim Wetherington is fast and powerful runner. Ralph Goldman works best on quickies.



PURPLE DEFENDERS—The five boys shown play a big part in Central's football success. Pictured are, left to right, Albert Mehatay, Hal Bridges, Tommie Thompson, George Collins and Neil Barnes. All five will probably see duty tonight as the Pounders host the strong Little Rock team at Chamberlain Field.

Central Plays Nashville Litton

Schoolboy football emphasis shifts back to Friday here this weekend. Nine city and nearby teams swing into action with three teams ending the season and others entering the home stretch of the season. Central takes its show on the road this week. The Pounders move into Nashville for a game with undefeated and high-ranking Isaac Litton.

The Pounders, pepped up by an invitation to play the Miami city champ in a post-season game at Miami Dec. 11, face another powerful team this week.

Central has received 253 reserved seats for the Litton game in Nashville and they are on sale at the Central Bank. Etter asked fans who desire them to pick them up as soon as possible since any unsold must be returned Thursday. Reservations can be made at 2-8741.

Litton has won 18 in a row, including a 14-7 win over Oak Ridge. Other victims were Du Pont, Jackson, Nashville East, Nashville Central, Springfield and Hillsboro.

R. L. Conmarco, business manager of the Kiwanis game, today confirmed that Central had signed a contract to play in the post-season game.

extra point kicks and missed on a try for a field goal.

Cantrell passed to Geren for a net of 46 yards with the fullback barely catching the ball and juggling it two or three times before firmly grasping the ball and taking it over.

City High and Central struck mighty blows in behalf of Chattanooga high schools' football prestige last week.

The most recent lick was Central's defeat of Little Rock, although the town is still buzzing over the way City demolished Bradley.

The fact that the Pounders hopped Little Rock so convincingly was not the most significant thing about the victory.

They did it with Hoppe sitting out most of the game on the sideline. When Hoppe was injured on the first scrimmage play against Memphis Central the Purple offense sputtered and fizzled and never did go off.

Against the Arkansas Tigers the Pounders kept right on going. Wayne Hutcheson, Indian Cantrell and W. H. Geren were especially good. All three have improved tremendously since the start of the season. Charles Cobb's ability to run or pass on an end-around is another Pounder offensive development.

Coach Etter said Central played its best defensive game of the year against Little Rock. The invaders showed flashes of offensive power but with Central keeping the ball most of the time they did not get too much of a chance to exploit it.

Hoppe's thigh was bruised early in the game and that was why he made one that was a taken appearance after leaving. He'll have to take it easy this week but is expected to be ready for the Litton game.

The Tigers have two pass-catching ends to augment their running offense. Jim Reese is the faster and towers 6 feet 3 inches to give him an edge in taking balls from shorter defenders. Jim Clark is fast and plays defensive halfback.

The Tigers have all-state men at right tackle and right guard. They are Richard Bennett and Stuart Perry. A letterman will start at every position except at left guard.

In winning all its seven starts, the Tigers have scored 256 points to 71.

The records:

Team	W	L	T	Points
19 Mrs. Southside	7	7	0	148
16 Texarkana	7	0	0	148
14 Baton Rouge	6	2	0	148
13 Hol Springs	6	0	0	148
12 Fort Smith	5	1	0	148
11 Texarkana	5	1	0	148
10 Corsado	5	1	0	148
9 Mrs. Southside	5	1	0	148
8 Mrs. Southside	5	1	0	148
7 Mrs. Southside	5	1	0	148
6 Mrs. Southside	5	1	0	148
5 Mrs. Southside	5	1	0	148
4 Mrs. Southside	5	1	0	148
3 Mrs. Southside	5	1	0	148
2 Mrs. Southside	5	1	0	148
1 Mrs. Southside	5	1	0	148

In other games involving teams in this area Baylor plays Miami Senior High tonight in Miami while South Pittsburg is host to Sylva at South Pittsburg.

Probable lineups:

Position	Player
Ends	Clark, Reese
Tackles	Hammer, Bennett
Guards	Moore, Perry
Center	Moore
Backs	Weeks, Wetherington, Goldman, Herbert
Quarterback	Herbert
Fullback	Herbert
Halfback	Herbert
Linebackers	Herbert, Moore, Perry
Defensive Backs	Herbert, Moore, Perry
Defensive Linebackers	Herbert, Moore, Perry
Defensive Ends	Herbert, Moore, Perry
Defensive Tackles	Herbert, Moore, Perry
Defensive Guards	Herbert, Moore, Perry
Defensive Center	Herbert, Moore, Perry
Defensive Backs	Herbert, Moore, Perry

Central defeated Little Rock, 26-7, Saturday night at UC to snap a 15-game winning streak of the invading Arkansas Tigers.

The Pounders went to work early and amassed a lead which left the Tigers far behind.

Central's touchdowns were made by Bill Tate, W. H. Geren, Charles Cantrell and Billy Heaton. Gene Etter made two of four



TIGERS' CLARK BROUGHT TO A HALT—Little Rock's Jim Clark is brought to a halt as he rounds right end for a 2-yard gain in the Central Pounders' defeat of Little Rock 26-7, at Chamberlain Field last night.

Central Crushes Tigers 26-7 Despite Early Loss of Hoppe

By GEORGE SHORT

Bowlbound Central High defeated Little Rock's defending Arkansas state champions 26-7 at Chamberlain Field last night, accomplishing the rout without the services of the sterling Bobby Hoppe from late in the first quarter when the score was 0-0.

The all-state halfback suffered an ankle injury and was on the bench the rest of the game, but for a token appearance to reassure the some 7,500 fans late in the fourth frame.

Little Rock, showing a potentially fine team, was not in a class with the Purple Pounders last night and thus suffered its first defeat in 15 games.

On the homecoming night Central was apparently fit to earn its title as the Purple Pounders and the Miami Kiwanis Club selection committee that it deserves selection to the annual game in the Orange Bowl-Dec. 11. (See another story on this page.)

After getting a 19-0 halftime lead, Central slackened the pace somewhat in the last half and for the second time this year the bench was cleared of white-suited Purple Pounders.

On the Halloween night Red Eiter's hopped-up Gobblins pulled their tricks early and treated the partisans to a touchdown with 36 seconds left in the first quarter. Bob Tate skirling left, end from the quarter edge.

Two minutes later Central dumfounded the opposition by scoring after recovering the kickoff. This play was a Charles Cantrell pass to W. H. Geren, good for 46 yards. Gene Eiter's placement made it 13-0.

The next time Central got the ball it scored again on a pass, taking cognizance of Hoppe's absence in the ground play—Billy Heaton heaving to Cantrell 41 yards. Eiter's kick was wide, 19-0.

The third period was scoreless, Central dominating it in a six-first-down, 88-yard drive to the 6-yard line. On first and three, Gene Eiter tried a field goal that barely missed.

After the touchdown Ronnie Weeks' pass attempt, was stolen by Ray Moss. With third-stringers in Central's Heaton got off a short, soft, 9-yard punt that ruined a 46-yard average on his first two punts. On first and three, Gene Eiter tried a field goal that barely missed.

Central recovered on the Little Rock 26.

STATISTICS

	Central	Little Rock
First downs	250	95
Yards passing	44	10
Passes attempted	6	15
Passes completed	1	0
Passes intercepted	1	0
Punting averages	35.8	29.8
Punts lost	0	2
Yards penalized	15	10
Lost on downs	2	1

CENTRAL
 Ends—Oliver, Cobb, Cannon, Warren, Lerch, Rowland.
 Ends—Graham, McCulloch, MacIn, Howard, Champion, Frazier, McPherson.
 Quarter—Hudson, Edges, McFarber, Collins, Barnes, Brown, Thompson, Renner.
 Fullback—Mont, Ruddle, Coor, Buester.
 Center—Drell, Tate, W. H. Geren, Paris, Hoppe, Cantrell, Eilat, Hudson, Ziegler, Heese, Whinnin, Eiter, Anderson, Gortrell, Leavitt, Curtis, Briddman, Bassett.
LITTLE ROCK
 Ends—Coy, Tibbs, Reese.
 Tackle—Coeland, Bennett, Hammer, Galloway.
 Guards—Perry, Trischmann, Means, Brown.
 Center—Manes.
 Backs—Weeks, Green, Wetherington, Herbert, Woodmansee, Taylor, Goldman.
 Quarter—Heaton, Edges, 13, 9, 7, 2-24
 Little Rock scoring: 6, 13, 9, 7-24
 Central scoring: Touchdown, Tate, Cantrell, Cantrell, Heaton, Conversion, Eiter.
 Little Rock scoring: Touchdown, Reese, Conversion, Wetherington, Tate, Heese, Conland, Dupire, Maroney, Refere, Hutsonman, Lewis' Field Judge.

First Quarter
 Little Rock was held for downs on its first offensive, bogging on the Central 31. From there the Purples, on their second series of plays, began marching and in 12 yards and 86 yards later Bobbie Tate scored on 4th down from the Little Rock 4. Little Gene Eiter's placement was not good and Central led 6-0 with :36 left in the frame.

The kickoff to the Tigers after the score was recovered by Central's Hutsonman on the Little Rock 42 as the first quarter ended.

Second Quarter
 Opening round 2, Central was penalized back to the 46 for delay of the game. Indian Cantrell got one and then Cantrell took a hand-off, stepped back, and as he was about to be murdered by oncoming tacklers, he lobbed the ball to W. H. Geren over the defenders' heads and Geren churned down the right sidelines all the way, dragging a defender across the last three yards. Eiter's placement was good this time, 13-0.

Scott Woodmansee's punt of 22 yards that sidestepped off the Tiger's foot, gave Central possession on the Little Rock 44. After two running plays gained 8, Central was penalized for illegal motion back to the 41. On third down Heaton reared back and pitched high, wide, and handsomely to Cantrell for a 41-yard touchdown pass play with :45 left in the half. Eiter's placement was not good.

STATE LIT RATINGS

By E. E. LITKENHOUS

HIGH SCHOOLS		
Litton	101	36.1
Knox Central	101	36.0
Chatt. Central	101	35.1
Nash, DePout	98.3	34.9
Oak Ridge	98.3	34.9
Columbia	98.3	34.9
Mem. Bon Side	98.3	34.9
Memph. Central	98.3	34.9
Dyersburg	98.3	34.9
Mem. Stradwell	98.3	34.9
Goodfitchville	98.1	34.9
Jacksonville	98.1	34.9
Memphis C.B.C.	98.1	34.9
Nash North	98.1	34.9
Murfreesboro	98.1	34.9
Bradley	98.1	34.9
Whitehaven	98.1	34.9
Memph. Humes	98.1	34.9
Shelbyville	98.1	34.9
Nash Conn	98.1	34.9
Memph. Meadeck	98.1	34.9
Nash M.B.A.	98.1	34.9
Ripley	98.1	34.9
Cookeville	98.1	34.9
Morrisston	98.1	34.9
Knox Fulton	98.1	34.9
Jackson	98.1	34.9
Chatt. City	98.1	34.9
Cook, Ruse	98.1	34.9
Spring City	98.1	34.9
Springfield	98.1	34.9
Elizabethton	98.1	34.9
Lancaster	98.1	34.9
Everett	98.1	34.9
Nash West	98.1	34.9
Lenoir City	98.1	34.9
Electric City	98.1	34.9
Knox East	98.1	34.9
Union City	98.1	34.9
Sparta	98.1	34.9
Franklin	98.1	34.9
Lebanon	98.1	34.9
Johnson City	98.1	34.9
Chattanooga	98.1	34.9
Carthage	98.1	34.9
Franklin Co.	98.1	34.9
Erwin	98.1	34.9
Kingsport	98.1	34.9
Nash Central	98.1	34.9
Polkville	98.1	34.9
Chatt. Ryan	98.1	34.9
Memphis East	98.1	34.9
Chatt. Ryan	98.1	34.9
Mt. Pleasant	98.1	34.9
Knox Tenn	98.1	34.9
Burton	98.1	34.9
Lawrenceburg	98.1	34.9
Jackson No. Side	98.1	34.9
Portland	98.1	34.9
Lebanon	98.1	34.9
Hartman	98.1	34.9
Nash, Hillboro	98.1	34.9
Nash East	98.1	34.9
Nash, Dunion	98.1	34.9
S. Hartman	98.1	34.9
Conover	98.1	34.9
Knox West	98.1	34.9
S. Pittsburg	98.1	34.9
Alcoa	98.1	34.9
Brownsville	98.1	34.9
Rockwell	98.1	34.9
Huntsville	98.1	34.9
Gallatin	98.1	34.9
Lake City	98.1	34.9
Trenton	98.1	34.9
Tracy City	98.1	34.9
Tullahoma	98.1	34.9
Saddlers Dale	98.1	34.9
Lorelei	98.1	34.9
Lebanon	98.1	34.9
Jacksboro	98.1	34.9
McMinn County	98.1	34.9
Marionville	98.1	34.9
Hartsville	98.1	34.9
Rockwell	98.1	34.9
York	98.1	34.9
Hempstead	98.1	34.9
Moile (West)	98.1	34.9
Collinsville	98.1	34.9
Newbern	98.1	34.9
Memph. Tech	98.1	34.9
Jefferson	98.1	34.9
LaFayette	98.1	34.9
Nash, Bolinger	98.1	34.9
Nash, County	98.1	34.9
Humboldt	98.1	34.9
Peabody	98.1	34.9
Nash, T.E.	98.1	34.9
Memph. Catholic	98.1	34.9
Henderson	98.1	34.9
Wadsworth	98.1	34.9
Seymourville	98.1	34.9
McMinnville	98.1	34.9
Milan	98.1	34.9
Huntingdon	98.1	34.9
Carter	98.1	34.9
Coker South	98.1	34.9
Dickson	98.1	34.9
Centerton	98.1	34.9
Wayle	98.1	34.9
Castle Heights	98.1	34.9
McCall	98.1	34.9
Hartmann	98.1	34.9
S.M.A.	98.1	34.9
Sylvania	98.1	34.9



THEY CAN AFFORD TO STRUT—Decked out Field Saturday night as their Purple Pounders live headgears are Mary Anne White, Kathy Hoy, Miss Rogers, also one of Chattanooga's most splendid halftime show and the weekly performance has not been announced whether the band v

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Spin Around the City Prep Front



CENTRAL'S RED ETTER WHISPERS STRATEGY

Central's 26-to-7 conquest of previously undefeated Little Rock High School



Cleaning new outfits, Central High's proud majorettes stepped high at Chamberlain to lead a strong Little Rock High School team. Flashing big smiles under those impressive Wanda Thompson, Bebe Rogers, Sandra Hollifield, Judy Nation and Barbara Schrader. Among tennis players, is the head majorette. Chattanooga schools always stage a show of Central's band, majorettes and girls' drill battalion rank among the best. It will accompany the team to Miami Dec. 11.



HOW SPORTSMANSHIP WORKS—Just a few minutes before this picture was snapped—as Little Rock and Chattanooga Central players wearily walked off Chamberlain Field—these two sturdy gridironers were doing their best to smash each other into the sod. But once the final siren sounded, they shook hands, grinned and complimented each other's terrific playing. Such is true sportsmanship as only a bodily contact sport can produce. The Little Rock player (No. 83) is End Bob Coleman and the Central star is Richard Cowart (No. 41) who plays both tackle and guard.

City High and Central

Meanwhile . . . Central leaped into the limelight, too, with a shattering win over Little Rock's unbeaten team. This probably is the Red Etter-coached team's finest achievement of the season. Yet now they must face a test at least as tough against Litton in Nashville this week.

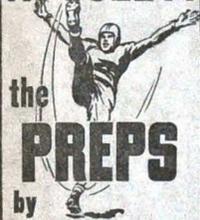
Nice to see that Central is in a bowl game. By the way, this definitely ends speculation about a City-Central game this year. Next year: Maybe they'll meet. All fans seem to hope so.

Chatt. Central Invades To Play Tops State Card;

Litton places its most serious bid for a state football championship squarely on the block Friday night when powerful Chattanooga Central invades for Nashville's "Game of the Year."

Undefeated and untied in seven starts and apparently rolling after a 60-0 rout of archrival East Friday night, Litton is battling with Knoxville Central for the 1953 championship. Knox Central plays Oak Ridge Friday.

AS I SEE . . .



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Therefore, the Pounders are certain to be ready to give Litton its toughest in the past five years in next week's battle.

Bobby Hoppe, a bruising fullback, paces the Pounder attack which netted wins of 27-0 over Miami and 20-13 over Landon. Memphis Central clipped the Pounders, 16-7, in the seasonal opener and

Bradley Co. pulled a tremendous upset last week by holding the Purples to a 13-13 tie.

The Lions-Pounders tilt tops one of the most attractive November schedules in modern NFL football history.

Litton will be at full strength for Chattanooga Central this week. The Lions are ready for the powerful Pounders from Chattanooga, considered by Lookout City folks one of the finest teams Central has ever had.

Several Nashvillians who were present last week when they beat Little Rock were very impressed but feel that Litton is capable of winning its eighth straight.

Chattanooga Central's Bobby Hoppe was on the Associated Press' all-state defensive team last year, the same team that Litton's George Volkert was on offensively.

Purple Pounders' Ace Back



Isaac Litton's Lions will be seeing plenty of Chattanooga Central's Bobby Hoppe when they engage the Purple Pounders at Hume Marshall field Friday. Hoppe displays the form that has made him one of the outstanding backs in the state this year.

Lions Face Sternest Test—

Chattanooga Central Among State's Best

By JIMMY DAVY

Isaac Litton's Lions face their sternest test of the year tomorrow night when they take on Chattanooga Central, a fleet and rugged state power, at Hume Marshall field.

The vaunted Purple Pounders from the Lookout city possess more speed, both in the line and the backfield, than any team the Lions have met this year. Coach Red Etter's club plays a razzle-dazzle type of game from its split-T offense that has led it to six wins, one tie and a loss against some of the best prep teams in the south.

The visitors don't have a back with the speed of Oak Ridge's Jim Grubb but in 1952 All-State Halfback Bobby Hoppe they have one of the top ball carriers in the state. Hoppe leads a corps of backfield performers that finds Max Parrish at quarterback, Bobby Pate at halfback along with Hoppe, and big Wayne Hutcheson at full.

Hoppe, a 175-pound senior, was

sidelined most of last week's game with Little Rock but still leads his team offensively with 72 points. Hutcheson, a 183-pound blockbuster, is runnerup with 24.

Parrish shares the quarterback position with slight Billy Heaton who, at 140 pounds, does not run as well as Parrish but is a much better ball handler.

Pate, a good reverse man in the Pounder attack, has had trouble holding his starting position. W. H. Green, 170-pound junior, and Charles Cantrell have been very impressive in the last few games and should see a lot of action tomorrow night. Geren was outstanding as a replacement for Hoppe when he went out of the game last week with a charlie horse. Cantrell is a 185-pound sophomore who is a devastating runner.

One of the Pounders' top offensive men has been in the game for less than 35 plays this year. He is little Gene Etter, the coach's son who tips the scales at an even 100 pounds. Etter, only 14-years-old, has kicked 24 extra points.

The Pounder forewall is lighter than the Litton line but is probably faster. A trio of fine ends and an outstanding center make it one of the finest in the state.

Fred Osborn (170) and James Cannon (160) generally get the starting assignment on the flanks for Central but recently a 200-pound sophomore, Charles Cobb, has been tremendous. Cobb is a valuable man in the tricky Pounder offense as he runs the reverses well and is a fine passer.

Big Ray Moss, 185-pounder, is at center on offense and a fine linebacker on defense. He resembles Du Pont's Ben Donnell as he towers his six feet, three inch frame over the line.

Other linemen who will probably start for the visitors are tackles Richard Cowart (180) and Larry Clingan (178), and guards Albert Mehaffey (184) and Hal Bridges (175). Noel Barnes, a 160-pounder, is Coach Etter's third starting guard and may replace either Mehaffey or Bridges.

Central will arrive tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m. on a chartered plane that will not depart from Chattanooga until school is out.

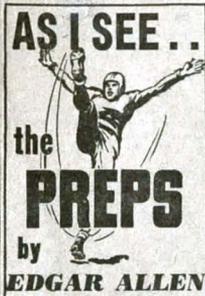
Can No

Litton Friday

Chatt. Central 'First Half Team' Says Coach Etter

Football coaches as a group epitomize pessimism. Coach E. B. (Red) Etter of Chattanooga Central is pessimistic occasionally, but also is very frank and optimistic when talking of the Pounders.

After opening pleasantries had been exchanged, a long distance telephonic interview went something like this:



Friday night against East and one of our coaches saw them against Oak Ridge. They certainly are big and rugged and I was impressed with their speed and offense against East. They certainly do a

COACH: "We're just wondering how we can keep Litton from running all over us Friday night."
REPORTER: "Aw, you're not that worried. Litton's not as good as Miami or Little Rock."

COACH: (with a quick comeback): "But they're better than Bradley County or Memphis Central or Landon (of Jacksonville). We've been a first half team so far this year. We've gotten the jump on three of our toughest opponents, and that's the only way we beat them. If we don't get a jump on Litton, I don't know how it'll go."

(Ed. Note: Central led Kingsport, 20-0; Miami, 20-0; and Little Rock, 19-0 at halftime.)

REPORTER: "Etonestly, what do you think of Litton?"

COACH: "Well, we saw them Win or lose, the Purple Pounders already have a bowl bid, to play Miami's city champion in the Orange Bowl, Dec. 11 . . . Miami, which lost to Central, has won the city title 27 of 28 years but Edison is favored this year . . . Jackson High is the

best school in the metropolitan area. The bowl is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

REPORTER: "How do you view some playing halfbacks tailbacks end, guards playing tackle and everything else."

REPORTER: "I saw you against Memphis Central and thought then that you'd be the toughest team Litton would play this year, even though you lost."

COACH: "Well, we've played a lot better since then. We've been grading our movies this year and on that Memphis game we found out our blocking was amazingly poor—missed assignments, and such—something we didn't realize until after the game. We predicted that Memphis would get beat after we saw the movies." (Ed. Note: They did, 32-19, by Treadwell the next week, since have lost twice more.)

REPORTER: "Was the Little Rock game your best?"

COACH: "I guess it was. They had a fine, well-balanced team. We scored twice early on some breaks, and seemed to keep them on the run after that. Our fullback, Wayne Hutcheson, came through with the best game of the season and gave Bobby Hoppe plenty of help. That highlighted the game for us."

REPORTER: "By the way, how would this Hoppe boy compare with some of your other good backs?"

COACH: "I guess that considering everything—running, blocking, tackling, pass defense such—as good as any boy we've ever had. Bobby is not quite as shifty as Bob McCoy, but he has more power and I'd put him right up there with McCoy. You know, Hoppe has played halfback on defense for us for four years and I don't believe he's allowed half a dozen pass completions during that time."

REPORTER: "Why, you know you'd be not expecting anything like that?"

COACH: "Neither was Oak Ridge last year . . ."

Preparade— CENTRAL UNDERDOG TO LITTON FRIDAY

Litkenhouse Picks Unbeatens
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Prep Tilts Tomorrow

Central will have the opportunity to test the top team of the state listings as compiled by Prof. E. E. Litkenhouse of Nashville when it travels to the state capital to meet the Isaac Litton Lions tomorrow night. The two high school grid powers will collide on the Lions' Hume Marshall field.

Isaac Litton is not only listed as the top team in the state but also holds the No. 1 spot in the tough Nashville Interscholastic League's A-2 division. The Lions' Coach Bob Cummings remain in the unbeaten ranks of high schools for Tennessee and are a cinch to take away the laurels in the Nashville loop.

Litkenhouse rates the Lions at 103.4 and the Pounders at 100.1, which, mathematically, should make Central an underdog by 3.3 points. Central moved up to the No. 3 slot in the listing by the professor. Isaac Litton remained at the top of the heap after defeating Nashville East 60-0 Friday night.

Central will tangle with one of the toughest lines it has faced this season, and the Purples' forward will have a rugged test in trying to stop the running of the Lions' talented halfback Billy Kee.

Central Eyed as 8th Victim Of Lit's Top Eleven, Litton

By JIMMY DAVY

Tennessee Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Nov. 4—Powerful Isaac Litton, improving with every game, is now the Nashville Interscholastic League's top team and a virtual cinch to at least tie for the Class AA title it won last year. Too, the team is Prof. Litkenhouse' top Tennessee team as it goes against Chattanooga Central Friday night. Last week Central beat Arkansas' top team, Little Rock.

The big, rugged Lions have rolled to seven consecutive wins over some of the top teams in the state. The list of victims include Nashville Du Pont (18-14), Jackson, Tenn. (21-12), Nashville Central (27-13), Springfield, Tenn. (14-6), Oak Ridge (14-7), Nashville Hillsboro (40-6) and Nashville East (60-0). Although boasting one of the top lines in the midstate area, the Lions' main strength is a fine corps of backfield men. Coach Bob Cummings has six on whom to call for service.

Halfback Billy Kee, now the league's second highest scorer with 44 points, heads a starting backfield consisting of Quarterback Stennis Smith, Halfback Leslie Crossway and Fullback Jim Nabors. Also available for action is Bobby Jones, who seldom misses an extra point, and Trajan Carney.

Kee, Smith and Crossway are tight but possess speed in abundance and know-how to make them a threat on every play. Nabors, Lthered by injuries earlier in the season, is almost as fast and his 185 pounds makes him a devastating carrier.

Litton's starting forward has a combined weight of 1,310 pounds, an average 185 per man. The line is 415 on the ground and 42 passing.

Capt. Billy Duke (170) paces a line that has seven men under consideration for all-city honors. Duke teams with Dean Ward (185) at guard. Don Adams, 185-pound junior, is at center with Willard (Tarlton) Adams (240) and Ted Wynne (205) at tackle.

At end Litton has one of the best punters ever to perform locally in Bobby Tillman, a 170-pounder who stands 6 feet, 3 inches tall. On the other flank is Ralph Brewster, a 195-pound defensive endman. Although Brewster is capable of hauling in the accurate Lion aerials, Tillman is the big offensive weapon.

Defensively, Litton has held the opposition to 675 yards on the ground and 236 through the air for a combined total of 911 yards and an average of 120. However, in only three games have opponents made over 50 yards rushing.

Du Pont had 211 yards and Oak Ridge racked up 250, mostly on end sweeps by tremendous Jim Grubb. Jackson moved the ball 154 to round out the Lions' most potent opponents. In its last outing Litton held Nashville East to a combined weight of 1,310 pounds, an average 185 per man. The line is 415 on the ground and 42 passing.

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16-Tilt Litton String?

By JIMMY DAVY

CAN THE powerful Pounders of Chattanooga Central end Isaac Litton's win streak at 16 games?

That's the question when the Lions take on the powerful east-state foe at Hume Marshall field tonight at 8 p.m. in the local prep game of the year. Litton is gunning for its 17th consecutive win since bowing to Columbia in the second game of the schedule last year.

The Litton-Central clash headlines a 10-game slate. In the AA division East is at North, Du Pont at Springfield, West at Central, Cohn at Fayetteville, Hillsboro at Bellevue and TIS at MBA. Hendersonville is at Goodlettsville to top an abbreviated A loop slate finding Cumberland at Howard and Franklin at Donelson.

The largest crowd of the season will overflow the Lions' stadium to witness the titanic clash between the cream of Mid-state football clubs and one of the best teams the eaststate area can produce. Litton officials expect more than 9000 viewers.

Led by 1952 All-State Halfback Bobby Hoppe, the rugged Lookout city team is better all-round than any club the Lions have faced this season. A tough, fast line and a fleet backfield have combined to make Central one of the top prep teams in the state.

The Lions, in tip top physical condition, are looking for their eighth win of the year and a big boost in mythical state rankings. The charges of Coach Bob Cummings have already swept aside one eaststate power, Oak Ridge, and have been point-

Not Sellout Yet

Reserve seats for the Litton-Chattanooga Central battle tonight are already sold out but general admission tickets will be on sale today and at the gate tonight. The reserve seat section is only a small part of the stadium and plenty of seats will be available for early arrivers. Gates will open at 6 p.m.

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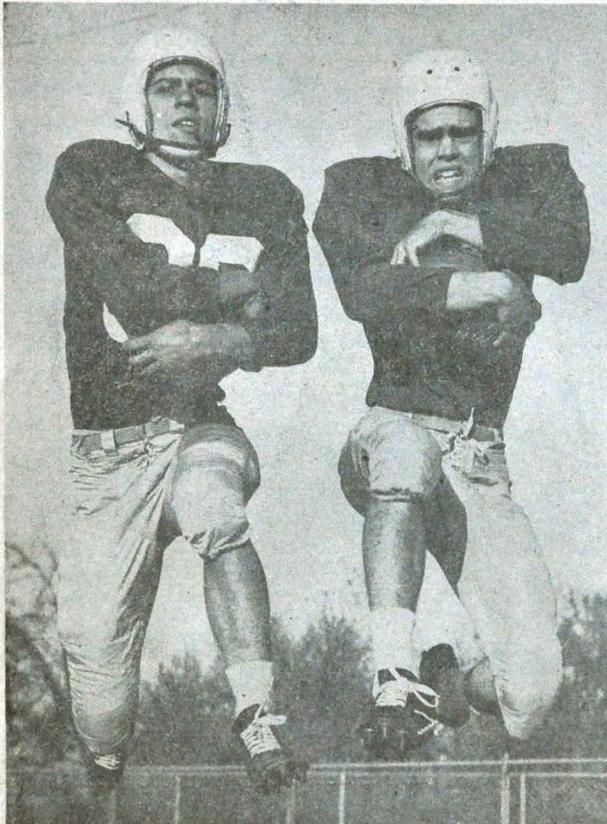
The Litton forewall will outweigh the visitors' line but the Pounders have weight advantage in the backfield. Only reserve Quarterback Billy Heaton at 140 pounds is under the 160 pound mark in the Central backfield.

Although tremendous Hoppe

may be the best player the Lions have faced this season, he is not the lone star of the Pounder backfield. Big Wayne Hutcherson, a bulging 183-pounder, Halfback Bobby Pate and Quarterback Max Parrish are also outstanding offensive and defensive performers.

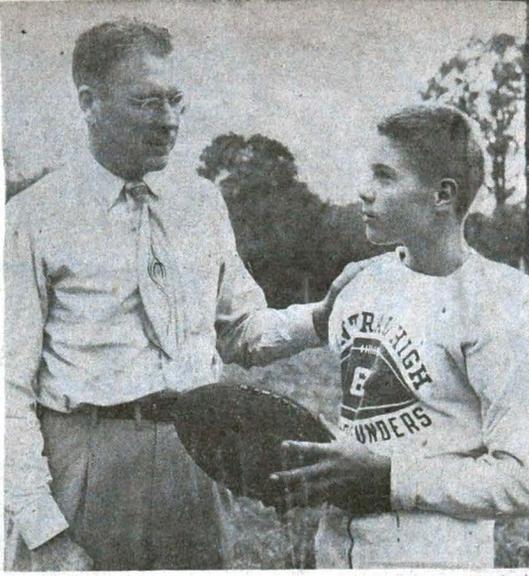
The Lions are not lacking in quality or quantity in their backfield either. Billy Kee, Leslie Crossway, Jim Nabors, Stennis Smith and company leave little to be desired at moving the ball downfield.

Litton is a slight favorite in the contest that pits Coach Red Eiter's razzle-dazzle split-T attack against the Lions' split-T and single wing offense.



—Staff photo by Jimmy Holt

Litton Halfbacks Billy Kee, left, and Leslie Crossway leap into the air like the Lions would like to hurdle Chattanooga Central tonight at Hume Marshall field. These fleet backs will be big guns in the Lion attack that is gunning for its 17th consecutive win and mythical state honors.



POWERFUL POUNDERS—Chattanooga Central, never beaten by a Nashville interscholastic league team, invades Friday night to play Litton at Hume Marshall Field in a game that could well determine the Lions' bid for the 1953 state championship. Here is a quartet of the Purple Pounder principals (from left) Guard Hal Bridges, considered the team's top lineman; Coach E. B. (Red) Etter and his 14-year-old son, 110-pound Gene, a ninth-grader who has kicked 23 extra points this year; and Bobby Hoppe, Central's leading scorer and All-State halfback candidate.

Crowd Of 9,000 Predicted For Litton-Chattanooga Tilt

By EDGAR ALLEN
Over 9,000 fans, the season's largest crowd, is expected to be on hand Friday night at Gallatin Road's Hume Marshall Field when Litton prepares to meet the invasion of Chattanooga Central's powerful Purple Pounders.
"We finished selling out our tickets Tuesday," said Principal Marshall Foster, "and Chattanooga

sold theirs, then asked for more. The sale has been much more brisk than even the Oak Ridge game.
"There was an estimated 7,500 or 8,000 on hand for Oak Ridge, so I look for this game to draw around 9,000."
At least one NIL game was moved up in order that fans might get to the Friday classic.
Mt. Juliet and Watertown are playing their game tonight, in

Watertown, starting at 7:30 o'clock. According to officials, the tilt was changed in order that fans might go to the Litton-Central battle.
Except for a slight injury to All-State Halfback Bobby Hoppe, both teams appear to be in tip-top shape for Friday night.
Litton Coach Bob Cummings may make a couple of changes in his offensive forewall, but the offensive and defensive platoons will

remain fundamentally the same as has started in the Lions' previous seven tilts.
Game time is 8 o'clock, while gates will open at 6:30 o'clock.
It will take the Chattanooga team longer to get from Berry Field to Litton than it will from Chattanooga to Nashville. . . Flying time is some 40 minutes. . . The Pounders will come over in a chartered plane, leaving after school is out.

Ray Mess, Jr., 185-pound Central center, is the son of the former National League pitcher. . . Ray, Sr. won 20 games in 1928-29 for the Brooklyn Dodgers, now runs a dairy in Chattanooga. . . Ray, Jr. played as an eighth-grader, is in his fourth year, although only a junior. . . Jimmy Pack, 1951-52 All-State quarterback, is now at Western Kentucky after enrolling at Kentucky. . . Bucky Shamberger, the Pounders' quarterback the previous two years, is on Georgia Tech's squad.

Chattanooga's Coach Red Etter graduated from the University of Chattanooga in 1934, coached some in North Carolina, was assistant to the late Henry (Bobby) Hackman at Morgan in 1935-36, moved into the Chattanooga junior high system and finally took over at Central in 1943. . . In ten previous seasons, the Pounders have finished out of the state's top ten only twice, in 1947-48. . . Since Etter took over the Pounders have finished 7th, 7th, 3rd, 1st, out, out, 2nd, 3rd, 1st, 3rd and rank third at the present.

Litton Increases Lead In State

Tennessee Litratings

1. Nash Litton	103.4	82. Tracy City	65.4
2. Chatt. Central	100.1	83. Tullahoma	65.1
3. Central	98.2	84. Soddy Daisy	64.8
4. Oak Ridge	96.2	85. Millington	64.0
5. Lebanon	95.3	86. McMinn Co.	63.0
6. Mem. Central	95.7	87. Nashville	62.2
7. Mem. Central	95.3	88. Hartsville	61.0
8. Nashville	94.8	89. Rockwood	60.0
9. Clarksville	94.7	90. Nashville	59.0
10. Clarksville	94.7	91. Homestead	62.1
11. Nash. North	94.4	92. Hills (West)	61.0
12. Nashville	94.4	93. Collierville	61.0
13. Bradley Co.	93.8	94. Newbern	61.0
14. Mem. Union	93.6	95. Lafayette	60.9
15. Nashville	93.5	96. Ja. B'nars	60.8
16. Nashville	93.5	97. Mem. Tech	60.8
17. Nashville	93.5	98. Nashville	60.8
18. Nashville	93.5	99. Nashville	60.8
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Litkenhous Ratings

By EDGAR ALLEN

Litton's 60-0 rout of archrival East boosted the Lions' lead in the Litkenhous Ratings and they'll go into Friday night's game a three-point choice over Chattanooga Central.

Central's 27-6 trouncing deal previously unbeaten Little Rock High Saturday night boosted the Purple Pounders into third place, replacing Dupont, which clipped TTS 35-12.

Knoxville Central, which meets Oak Ridge Friday night, remains second. In all probability, Friday's Litton-Chattanooga and Knoxville-Oak Ridge tilts will decide the 1953 state high school football championship.

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Litton Risks State Title Hopes Against Chattanooga



—Staff Photo by Bob White

LOOKING FORWARD TO CENTRAL—Here's Litton Capt. Billy Duke, surrounded by six of the Lion band's pretty majorettes all ready for the invasion of Chattanooga Central tonight in the state's No. 1 game of the year. Besides their grid teams, the bands of the two schools also are considered among the best in the state. In front with Duke are (from left) Grace Hill and Joan Stewart. Back row (same order): Eleanor Winn, Pat Traylor, Dolores Gay and Augustine Freeman.

Four Knoxville Central and Oak Ridge in one bowl, Litton and Chattanooga Central in another, mix thoroughly for some 48 minutes with Dr. E. E. Litkenhous' slide-rule and from it should come the 1953 Tennessee state high school football champion.

Some 20,000 fans, divided between Litton's Hume Marshall Field and Knox Central's Pruden Field, will be intensely watching, and thousands more will await radio and news reports for reports of the two games expected to decide the championship.

Of course, there's a chance of a slip-up within the next two weeks. Tonight's winners may be upset.

But when the state's No. 1 team (Litton) meets the No. 3 club (Chattanooga Central) and the No. 2 team (Knox Central) meets the No. 5 outfit (Oak Ridge) you have the natural set-up for a real showdown clash.

Getting back to Litton-Central, some 9,000 fans are expected to see the two juggernauts fight it out. Chattanooga, beaten early and tied two weeks ago, has a psychological edge. Litton has the edge of playing before its own fans.

The Litratings make Litton a three-point choice, but when teams are rated that close, the game usually is decided such as the Lions-Oak Ridge tilt . . . by a break.

Litton is in tip-top shape for the struggle, while Central has its star, Bobby Hoppe, ailing but expected to play. He played only six or seven minutes against Little Rock High Saturday night.

Chattanooga will try over after school is out today, arriving at Herry Field around 4 o'clock. The squad will dine at Greer's on Murfreesboro Road, then go straight to Marshall Field. They'll return by plane after the game.

Litton Backfield Has Gained Over 1 Mile Rushing

North and East find themselves in peculiar positions tonight. North is in the role of favorite, picked by 18 points by the Likelihood Ratings. East, a title contender the past three years, is pitted in the role of the possible upstart.

The situation is similar to 1930 . . . only in reverse. That season, East had trounced Litton, 20-7, was on its way to its first NIL crown in eight years.

Then, BOOM! The Eagles hadn't accounted for Odell (Dinky) Binkley, and the little North fireball played the finest all-round game the writer has ever witnessed as the Yanks shocked the East Nashvillians, 28-6.

Tonight's situation may be reversed, but East doesn't have a Binkley. Such are few and far between. You can never discount a possible upset when such competitors as Binkley are present. Individuals like him supply the human element that causes the rating systems to go awry.

East holds an edge in the series with North, winning seven, losing four, tying one.

Litton has averaged over six yards per offensive play in its first seven games, according to statistics compiled by George Stone, Jr., the team's official figure expert . . . Only 237 yards has been gained by passing, but Billy Kee, Jim Nabors, Lee Crossway and company have gained over one mile rushing, 1,834 yards to be exact . . . Ralph Brewster is the team's leading pass receiver with five of the 12 receptions Lions have made and Bobby Tillman boasts a fine 38-yard punting average . . . Complete statistics are shown elsewhere . . . According to Coach Red Elter, Chattanooga Central doesn't keep statistics on its games.

Oops! . . . Statement made here Thursday that an NIL team had never beaten Chattanooga Central was erroneous . . . Attention was called by former Central Tornado star Gene Austin . . . Tornado turned trick, 13-0 in 1934; 13-0 in 1937 and 7-0 in 1939 . . . Impression here was that that foe was City High, but check of records proved otherwise . . . Central beat Tornado, 24-6, in 1935; 12-6 in 1936; 7-0 in 1938, also beat MDA, 25-7 and 23-6 in 1945-46.

Jack Smith, Dupont quarterback and younger brother of the Bulldog coach, suffered a smashed nose against TIS but X-rays showed no break and he'll be ready to go against Springfield tonight.

Coach Vic Varney is bringing his entire Chattanooga City squad here for the weekend . . . They'll see Central-Litton tonight, Vanderbilt-Kentucky Saturday.

Steve Thompson is the third freshman to letter in football for Hillsboro, says Ted Fore, Sr. Gerald Ritter was the first, Ted Fore, Jr. the second.

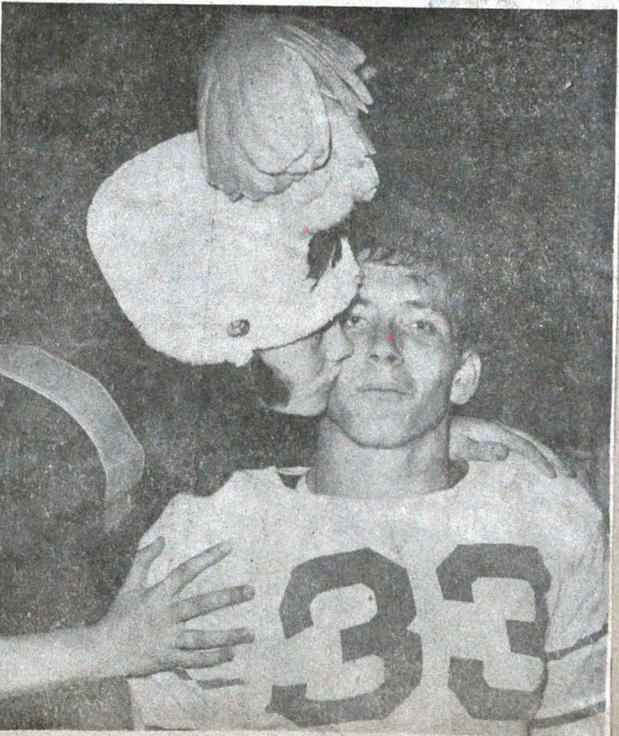
Chattanooga Central has only one game remaining after tonight against Baylor School Nov. 21 . . . Incidentally, Baylor lost a 14-13 decision to Miami High last week and Central plays in the Kiwanis Bowl in Miami Dec. 11.

Here are probable starting of-

Lineups for tonight's Litton-Central clash:
 P—Chatt. Central (W.L.) Litton (W.L.)
 LG—Osborne (175) Barrett (170)
 LG—Cowan (180) West (125)
 LG—Hauges (180) D. Adams (180)
 RG—Hicks (175) Duke (180)
 RT—Cline (175) Wynne (180)
 RB—Cannon (170) S. Smith (165)
 QB—Heaton (160) Kee (165)
 LB—Hoppe (160) Crossway (145)
 FB—Zale (160) Crossway (145)
 FB—Hatcherson (160) Crossway (145)
 Trench & clock. (Gates open at 6 o'clock).
 Place—Hume Marshall Field.



—Staff photo by Bill Preston
 These beautiful Chattanooga Central majorettes brave the cold to cheer the talented Pounders while they blasted Litton's 16-game win streak. From left are: Kathy Howard, Wanda Thompson, Bebe Rogers, Sandra Hollefield, Judy Nation and Barbara Schrader.



—Staff Photo by John Morgan
 WELL-EARNED REWARD—Bobby Hoppe, Chattanooga Central's great halfback whose dazzling exhibition kicked him 313 yards in 22 rushing attempts and four touchdowns on runs of 34-13 victory over Litton Friday night.

AS I SEE . . .

the PREPS
 by **EDGAR ALLEN**

Litton Statistics

(Compiled by Litton Statistician George Stone)

Player	RUSHING		TD
	Times	Gain	
Billy Kee	111	476	4.1
Jim Nabors	72	407	5.4
Lee Crossway	44	221	5.1
Bobby Jones	21	144	6.8
Raymond Barrett	11	85	7.7
Trajan Carney	10	67	6.7
Floyd Wallace	7	29	4.1
Johnny Moore	4	23	5.8
Stennis Smith	4	23	5.8
John Hooker	1	0	0.0
Terry McCaslin	1	0	0.0
Totals	306	1,834	6.0

—Jones has 29 conversions on 26 attempts.
 —Ralph Brewster (1), Bobby Tillman (2), also have touchdowns included in total.

FORWARD PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD
Stennis Smith	29	7	174	3
Billy Kee	1	1	60	0
Bobby Tillman	1	1	2	0
Totals	31	9	236	3

PASS RECEIVING

Player	Caught	Yds.	TD
Ralph Brewster	5	83	0
Stennis Smith	3	91	2
Bobby Tillman	1	2	0
Raymond Barrett	1	3	0
Billy Kee	1	60	0
Totals	12	237	2

PUNTING

Player	Times	Yds.	Ave.	FG
Bobby Tillman	29	991	34.1	0



—Staff Photo by John Moran

THIS STOPPED TIDE . . . FOR AWHILE—This remarkable photograph, "catching" 20 of the game's 22 players, shows Bill Ward recovering Wayne Hutchinson's fumble on the six-inch line in the first period of Litton's 34-13 loss to Chattanooga Central. Identified from left are Litton's Les Crossway (41), Bobby Tillman, Alcy Baggott (32), Capt. Billy Duke (27), Tommy Black (47), Ward (over ball) and Henderson Cole (30) and Central's Hal Bridges (30), Robert Tate (21), Neil Barnes (44), Richard Cowart (41) and Fred Osborne (43). Umpire Jess Mallory bends over, reaching for the ball, as Referee Claude Tankley signals that it's Litton's ball.

Hoppe Dazzles Litton As Lion 16-Tilt Win Streak Ends, 34-13

LITTON		CHATT. CENTRAL	
18 Dupont	14	7 Mem. Central	12
21 Jackson	11	49 Alvin Martin	10
27 Central	10	26 Kinsport	10
28 Springfield	9	48 Chat. R. Bank	9
14 Oak Ridge	8	27 Miami Fla. Sr. O	8
49 Philmore	7	29 Chas. London	7
40 East	6	13 Bradley Co.	6
37 Chatt. Central	5	34 Little Rock	5
		34 Litton	11

207 (1-1-0) 91 250 (1-1-1) 91
 By EDGAR ALLEN
 Bobby Hoppe ran wild with one of the finest exhibitions a back has given on a Nashville high school gridiron in recent history as Chattanooga Central smashed Litton's state title hopes, 34-13, at Hume Marshall Field Friday night.

Tonight's Game
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 Antioch vs. Madison, at Litton.
FRIDAY
 North at Dupont (AA),
 Litton at MHA, (AA),
 RCA at Hillsboro,
 East at Lebanon,
 TIS at Franklin,
 Hopedale at Goodlettsville (A),
 Madison at Mt. Juliet.

Gaining 312 yards in 22 carries, scoring on runs of 18, 2, 62 and 87 yards and setting up the final TD with jaunts of 10 and 34 yards, Hoppe did just about everything that could be asked of a high school runner in the victory.
 Litton supporters thought they'd seen it crackerjack back in Oak Ridge's Jim Grubb, but Hoppe, faster and more powerful, was

The Yardstick
 Chattanooga Central (34) Litton (13)
 17 First Downs
 169 Yards Rushing
 9 Yards Passing
INDIVIDUAL RUNNING
 Central—Hoppe 312 yards in 22 carries, rate 6 in 16. Hutchinson 17 in 4. Gerren 4. Central 15 in 1. Hume 10. Litton—Kee 101 yards in 18 carries, rate 5.5 in 16. Crossway 7 in 5. Brewer 5 in 1. Smith 4 in 1.
 head and shoulders above Grubb or anything else seen locally this season.
 The Purple Pounders never gave Litton a chance. They grabbed a 15-0 lead in the first 12:07 of play, during which time Litton ran only ONE play from scrimmage and following their success formula of this season, held the lead at

trell. Hoppe's sub in the last 73 seconds, applied the clincher to Litton's worst defeat since a 57-6 loss to Springfield in 1950.
 Admirably, Litton never gave up as its 16-game winning streak came to a close and Billy Kee was a particularly courageous figure throughout, but every time the Lions threatened, it looked as though Hoppe would come back with a clutch run to nullify Litton's comeback attempts.
 It took Central just 10 plays to score, Hoppe sounding the key note on the first play by ripping off nine yards. He scored from

the 18 and when Trajan Carney fumbled the ensuing kickoff, Robert Tate recovered and Central was on the move again.
 This drive was halted when Wayne Hutchinson fumbled on the six-inch line and Bill Ward recovered, then Jim Nabors gained one yard on Litton's only running play of the period and Bobby Tillman booted 33 yards to Central's 46 and the Pounders were on the move again.
 In 11 plays it was 12-0 and little Gene Etter made it 13-0 with his first of four conversion placements.
 Litton drove to Central's 17, lost

the ball on downs, regained it on the 29 when Hoppe made 12 and fumbled, and three plays later Jim Nabors angled off tackle for 14 yards to make it 6-14.
 The comeback was shortlived, though, as Hoppe rambled 62 yards 17 seconds later for the halftime 20-6 margin.
 Central kicked off in the third quarter, finally took over on its own 13 after Litton's drive stalled, and on the first play Hoppe broke clear through tackle and went 87 to score. That made it 27-6 and it was evident that the Lions couldn't cope with Hoppe or the Pounders.

Kee's 30-yard battling run, in which he was grabbed by half a dozen tacklers but wouldn't give up, brought it up to 13-27, and Litton drove to a first down on Central's 13 in the final period, but the Pounders halted this drive, then marched to one of their own in the closing minutes.
 Central's running game, rolling for 409 yards, made it virtually unnecessary to pass, and the lone effort was intercepted, while Litton gained 151 rushing and 78 more passing. Both teams made 17 first downs each.

Litton (13)		Litton (13)	
L.E. Osborne	10	Brewster	10
L.C. Cowart	8	Brazas	8
R.C. Barnes	6	D. Ward	6
C. Jones	5	D. Duke	5
H.C. Bridges	4	B. Tillman	4
H. Hume	3	H. Smith	3
R.B. Cannon	2	K. Kee	2
Z.H. Houston	1	H. Tate	1
Z.H. Hoppe	1	W. Crossway	1
H.H. Tate	0	J. Nabors	0
Z.H. Hutchinson	0		

Chat. Central 6 14 7 3-14
 Litton 0 6 7 0-12
 Touchdowns: Chatt. Central—Hoppe 4, Hutchinson 1, Litton—Kee 1.
 Extra: Chatt. Central—Etter 4, Litton—Jones 2.
 Subs: Chatt. Central—Cope, Collins, Ransaw, Thompson, Elliott, Lerch, Gerch, Cantrell, P. Hutchinson, McCutchen, Kimbrough, W. Crossway, W. Barnes, Baggott, Sixte, Schmittou, Hagner, Black, Cole, Jones, Cain.

CENTRAL SHATTERS LION STREAK, 34-13

THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN, Saturday Morning, Nov. 7, 1953



TOUCHDOWN

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NABORS (L)

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NABORS (L)

GILBERT (C)

HEATON (C)

—Staff photos by E. B. Henderson, Central

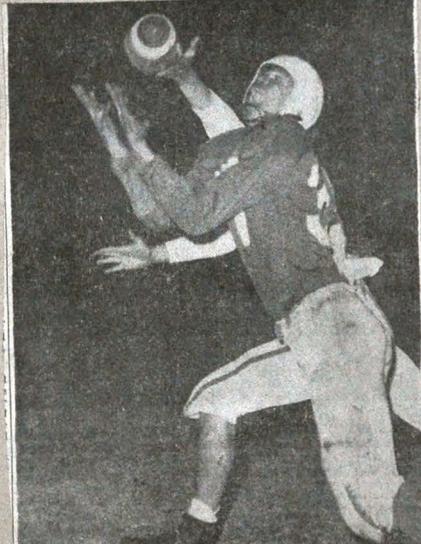
Tremendous Bobby Hoppe blasts into the end zone with one of his four touchdowns as Pounders roll to one-sided victory. Litton's Henderson Cole pushes him back but not before he crashes over the goal . . .

Big Jim Nabors, Litton fullback, breaks loose for a big gain for the Lions but he was stopped short of the goal by a host of hard hitting Pounders . . .

However, Nabors continues to harass the leading high for an incomplete Stennis Smith trial defenders are Billy Heaton and Ted Gilb



GANG TACKLING—Indicative of Chattanooga Central's terrific tackling is this gang stop of Litton's gain. Albert McHaffey (45) has the headlock, others are unidentified.



INCOMPLETE—Bobby Hoppe reaches a hand over Litton End Ralph Brewer's shoulder to deflect a pass from Stennis Smith during Chattanooga Central's 34-13 win over Litton.

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Brilliant Hoppe Gets 308 Yards

By JIMMY DAVY
Chattanooga Central unleashed a merciless ground attack, featuring tremendous Bobby Hoppe, to smash the Litton win streak at 16 games, 34 to 13, last night at Hume Marshall field.

The amazing Hoppe did everything but lead the huge Chattanooga band at half time as he repeatedly blasted his way for yardage through the porous Litton forewall. He rolled up 308 yards rushing in 23 attempts and scored four of the Pounders' five touchdowns.

Hoppe collected most of the yardage gained by the Chattanooga powerhouse in the entire game. The Purple Pounders ground out 410 yards on the ground and found the going so easy that they tried only one pass, which was incomplete.

Meanwhile, Litton was being held to its lowest total rushing since the Oak Ridge contest. The Lions could move only 163 yards on the ground but found the aerial route a little easier and moved 76 yards.

The Pounders, flashing the form that has led them to wins over some of the best teams in the south, roared to 17 first downs while the Lions were just one behind. However, the Lookout ma-

chine scored all its touchdowns on long runs.

The Pounders had the ball on 10 occasions and scored on five of them. Hoppe was the scorer on four of these as he went 18, 2, 62 and 87 yards. Big Wayne Hutcheson had the other Pounder touchdown on a 15-yard run in the fading seconds of the last quarter.

On Hoppe's two longest runs he went right through the middle of the sagging Lion forewall and outran all the defenders to the goal. His turning, twisting and weaving style made him so elusive that on only one of his 23 attempts did he fail to gain.

Central had 226 yards rushing in the first half and the fleet halfback gained 174 of them. In the second half the Pounders gained only 184 but the Lookout wizard provided 134 himself. His second half total was gained in only six tries as he was given a rest in the third quarter.

Billy Kee and Jim Nabors had a few moments of brilliance but the hard-charging Central line gave them little opportunity. Kee rolled up 21 yards rushing in 16 attempts to lead the Lions. Nabors had 33 yards in seven tries.

Kee's 30-yard run for the Lions' second touchdown late in the third quarter was one of the highlights of the night, for the

He went off tackle, tearing churning his way clear of a set of tacklers and bounded to the end zone.

He scored on her first series after taking Bobby Hoppe's opening kickoff. Hoppe sustained a drive that took 70 yards with an 18-yard

scored again on the first play of the second quarter when he found that familiar territory. He hulled for two

the score ending a 46-17.

He came back for Litton's second touchdown run in the second quarter but Hoppe found a big hole in the

of the Lion forewall and rolled up 15 yards for the Pounders' first time lead.

Central Litton

First downs	18	10
Yards passing	410	163
Passes attempted	1	7
Passes completed	1	6

End of a Dream

Pos.	Player	Yards
QB	Hutcheson	15
RB	Hoppe	308
FB	Nabors	33
TE	Oborne	10
LT	Cowart	10
LG	Barnes	10
C	Adams	10
RG	Bridges	10
RT	Duke	10
RE	Cannon	10
QB	Thompson	10
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Touchdowns: Chatt. Central—Hoppe 4, Hutcheson; Litton—Kee, Nabors. Extras: Chatt. Central—Eter 4, Litton—None. Subs: Chatt. Central—Cope, Collins, Bence, Thompson, Elliott, Lerch, Gwynn, Cantrell, P. Hutcheson, McCutchen, Kimbrough; Litton—Ward, Gandy, Burt, State, Schmittou, Hunter, Black, Cole, Jones, Cain.

Who's on first? That's what Tennessee football fans are asking today, in regard to the state title race. Will Chattanooga Central climb to the No. 1 spot? Or Knoxville Central? Or will Litton stay there?

Only Dr. E. E. Litkenhous knows. The Vanderbilt professor, whose system has determined the state champion since 1941, has a scramble after Friday night's games. That's certain.

First-place Litton fell 34-13, before Chattanooga Central. Second-place Knoxville Central tied 0-0 by Oak Ridge.

Our personal hunch—and it's strictly a guess, without talking to Dr. Lit—is that Knoxville Central will take first place.

Had Litton held Central to a tie, or even lost a close one, say by 27-20 had it gotten that TD in the final period, the Lions would have had an excellent chance of holding first place. But it's doubtful that the system will find them on top after a 21-point defeat.

Chattanooga Central did win the championship in 1946 after losing one, but it was by a 13-12 score.

Weekly All-Nashville

ALL CLASS AA	School	ALL-CLASS A	School
FB—Bill Ward	Litton	LT—Price Hunter	Franklin
LT—Tom Wilson	Litton	LT—Jas Spann	Dunston
LG—Shelby Rice	Cahn	LG—Doris Williams	East
C—Clyde Kee	Dunston	C—Howell Russell	Bellevue
RG—Jack Pearson	Dunston	RT—Burdess	Goodsville
RT—Bills Owens	Dunston	RT—Walter Crafton	Bellevue
QB—Bubba Anderson	West	QB—Bill Backer	St. Jeter
LT—Billy Kee	Litton	QB—Crawford Alexander	Franklin
LT—Tommy Gandy	Litton	LT—Dumas Lane	Goodsville
E—Tony Gathard	West	FB—Charlie Crabtree	Howard
		FB—Peter Kelle	Bullbrook



NABORS SCORES NO. 1—Jim Nabors completes a 14-yard jaunt around end, faintly chased by Chattanooga Central's Hal Bridges (50) and Robert Tate (21) for Litton's first TD in the 34-13 loss.



KEE BATTLES ACROSS—Litton's determined Billy Kee angles across after a brilliant 30-yard run, chased by Central's Charles Cantrell (34), for the Lions' second touchdown.

"I'd say it was our best offensive game and probably the best game of Bobby Hoppe's career," said Chattanooga Central Coach E. B. (Red) Eter after the game. "but I didn't think we played up to par defensively."

Litton Coach Bob Cummings accepted the defeat gracefully, emphatically stating that "we simply weren't in their class."

"I thought our boys played well and gave it all they could, but we simply were outclassed. I don't see that our boys have anything to be ashamed of. And that Hoppe . . . I'd say he's the best back we've ever faced, at least since I've been here."

"I don't know how good Knoxville Central is," Cummings concluded. "but after tonight I know who I'd class as the best football team in the state. In my mind, there's no doubt that Chattanooga's best."

Incidentally, did you note in the Littratings earlier this week that Litton was on top, Madison on the bottom of the ratings . . . Ironical that the state's top and bottom teams should be located within a couple of miles of each other.

Central has an enrollment of over 2,000, twice that of Litton . . . The Purple Pounder pep squad and band put on a terrific show at half time, along with Litton's band . . . The cold weather temperature was around 35 degrees, held the crowd to around 7,500 or 8,000 about equal to the Oak Ridge-Litton throng . . . Central has 19 seniors on its squad . . . Coach Eter's son, Gisse, lifted to the number of extra-point conversions . . . He has made . . . He has

Central Crushes Litton 34-13 as Hoppe Scores 4 Times

16-GAME STREAK ENDED BY PURPLES

Etter Says Ace Half Played 'Best Game'—8,000 Dazed as Top Lit 11 Routed

By EDGAR ALLEN
Nashville Sports Writer.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 2.—Giving one of the finest exhibitions ever given by a high school back on a local gridiron, Bobby Tillman ran wild to slaughter Isaac Litton's state title hopes and give Central a 34-13 victory over the Lions tonight.

With some 8,000 fans watching, the 175-pound Purple Pounder half-back dashed into the end zone scoring four touchdowns on runs of 18, 2, 62 and 87 yards, and gaining 312 of his team's 409 yards rushing for the night.

Litton ranked first in the state Lickenhuus ratings before the game, was no match for the Pounders after the real game started. Chattanooga's attack had rolled up a 13-0 lead in the first 12:37 of play, before Litton had a chance to run the ball.

Last week Central beat Little Rock, Arkansas' top team 28-7.

"It was perhaps our best offensive game," said Coach E. B. "Red" Etter, "and I expect the best game Bobby (Hoppe) has played. I thought our defense could have been better, but all in all, I was well pleased."

Leading Coach Lauds Foe

Litton's Coach Bob Cummings, who saw his Lions' 16-game winning streak rudely smashed, was full of praise for the Pounders and of attack for Hoppe.

"I guess he's the best back Litton has faced since I've been here (since 1916). He was terrific. I thought that other than not stopping him, we played a pretty good ball game."

Litton moved the ball well after Central had piled up 10 first downs in the first period, and first downs were even at 11-17 at the close of play. Central gained 409 yards rushing, and didn't find it necessary to pass since their running game was clicking so well. Their only pass effort was intercepted. Litton gained 151 yards rushing and 78 more on 6 completions in 15 passes.

First Quarter

Central so completely dominated play the first quarter that Litton had the ball only once during the play. Central, meanwhile, piled up 143 yards rushing and made ten first downs.

Terry McCaskey kicked off to Red Tate and hit returned 10 yards to the 30. Bobby Hoppe sounded the keynote by ripping off nine yards through center the first play and the Pounder parade was on.

The drive covered 70 yards in nine plays, with Hoppe making 9, 2, 7, 13 and 18 on his carries. The finale was a blast-off tackle in which he ripped through the middle of Litton's secondary to the end zone. Only one of six plays made a difference when Hoppe scored, but a fumble messed up the attempted placement by Gene Etter. Score: Central 6, Litton 0.

Charles Cantrell kicked off and Trojan Carney led the ball bound twice on the Litton 22, then made a dive for it but Tate beat him to it and Central was on the move again. Hoppe made three, then circled end for 16, where he was stopped on the 3.

The next play, Wayne Hutcherson was off left tackle, but fumbled and Bill Ward recovered for Litton. Only six inches from the end zone.

Litton was penalized three inches when a lineman jumped offside, then Jim Nabors fought to the 1-yard stripe. Bobby Tillman, who's averaged 25 yards per punt, kicked a 55-yard beauty to Central's 46, where Central started all over again. Ten more plays with Hoppe and Tate alternating, carried to the Litton 2, as the period ended. Score: Central 6, Litton 0.

Second Quarter

Hoppe boomed over guard on the first play to make it 12-0 and Etter's kick made it 13-0. Litton received and finally got its offense going, making us four straight first downs to the Central 17, where a fumble and three incomplete passes ended the threat. Hoppe carried for 12 yards to the 29, but fumbled. Capt. Billy Duke recovered for Litton and three plays later, Nabors' smashed off tackle and angled across from 14 yards out. Bobby Jones' placement was wide and it was 6-13.

It took Central only 77 seconds to get this one back. Hutcherson returned the kickoff 13 yards to the 36. Tate made two, then Hoppe went off guard on a counter play and raced 82 yards. Etter made it 20-0.

Litton received and fumbled on the 35 where Fred Osborne recovered but then got the ball back when Henderson Cole intercepted Charles Cobb's pass on the 26, and dove to Central 48 before Osborne smothered Stennis Smith for a 12-yard loss as the half ended. Central 20, Litton 6.

Third Quarter

Litton received and drove to Central's 35, where Bobby Tillman kicked out of bounds on the 13. On the very first play, Hoppe broke over right tackle, into the clear and raced 87 yards to make it 20-6. Then Etter's third placement made it 27-6 with only 5:33 gone in that period.

Litton began another drive on the ensuing kickoff, kicked out on Central's 28. Hoppe gained two and fumbled, Capt. Duke again recovering on the 30. On the first play, Billy Kee battled through the Central secondary, out of three tacklers' hands, and went 30 yards to score. Jones' kick made it 27-13. Central drove to Litton's 30 as the quarter ended.

Fourth Quarter

Billy Heston, trapped at the line, lateraled to Hoppe, who lost seven for his only loss of the night as the quarter began and Central punted out on the 19. Litton then

CENTRAL SMASHES ISAAC LITTON 34-13

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drove 80 yards to Central's 40 on a drive sparked by sub Troj Carney and a 13-yard Central roughing penalty. But Albert Matthews' Richard Cowart and I left side of the Pounders hit smashed through to toss Smith 7 a 12-yard loss on fourth down and the threat.

Hoppe made 10, then ripped off 34 more before he was caught from behind by Bill Ward to set up the final TD. Heaton lost five, but Tate circled end for 14 to the 15-yard stripe and Charles Cantrell circled the other flank for 7 yards and the touchdown. Will only 73 seconds left to play Etter boot made the final, 34-13.

Individual rushing: Chattanooga—Hoppe 305 yards in 22 carries; Tate 63 yards in 11 carries; Hutcherson 17 yards in 4 carries; Cantrell 15 in 1; Geren 14 in 3; Litton—K 101 in 16; Nabors 33 in 7; Carney 21 in 6; Brewster 5 in 1; Smith minus 16 in 6. Penalties—Litton 20, Central 25.

CENTRAL
Backs—Osborne, Cannon, Lerch.
Tackles—Cowart, Clinch, Thompson, M. Cuzick.
Guards—Barnes, Bridges, Renner, Meltzer.
Centers—Mast, Rydwell.
Halfbacks—Heston, Hoppe, Tate, Hutcherson, Geren, Hutchison, Elliott, Cantrell.
Fullbacks—Mast, Rydwell.
Linebackers—Heston, Hoppe, Tate, Hutcherson, Geren, Hutchison, Elliott, Cantrell.
Linebackers—Heston, Hoppe, Tate, Hutcherson, Geren, Hutchison, Elliott, Cantrell.

LITTON
Ends—Brewster, B. Tillman.
Tackles—Harrod, White.
Guards—D. Ward, Duke.
Center—D. Adams.
Backs—S. Smith, Kee, Crowley, Nabors.
Linebackers—Heston, Hoppe, Tate, Hutcherson, Geren, Hutchison, Elliott, Cantrell.
Fullbacks—Mast, Rydwell.
Linebackers—Heston, Hoppe, Tate, Hutcherson, Geren, Hutchison, Elliott, Cantrell.

Central scores by periods:
1st 6, 2nd 14, 3rd 14, 4th 0—Total 34.
Litton scores by periods:
1st 13, 2nd 7, 3rd 6, 4th 0—Total 26.

Central scoring: Touchdowns, Hoppe 4; Field Goals, Etter 1; Punt Return, Cantrell 1.
Litton scoring: Touchdowns, Nabors 1; Field Goal, Jones 1.

Hays Clark Says . . . Central High Drops H-Bomb—Hoppe, That Is—on Litton

Central High dropped its H-bomb on Isaac Litton over at Nashville last Friday and when its blinding flashes had faded away Central had established its gridiron supremacy over Litton by a score of 34 to 13. The H-bomb, Hoppe to you, scored four of his team's five touchdowns, and Charles (Indian) Cantrell scored the fifth. Hoppe scored his first touchdown from the 2-yard line, then ran 18, 62 and 87 for the other three. The Indian ran 15 yards for his tally. A large delegation from Chattanooga, including Judge Wilkes T. Thrasher, Criminal Court Clerk Chester Frost and Supt. of County Schools Roy Smith went to Nashville to cheer the gallant Purple Pounders to a victory. It was a fine civic gesture and did the team and the town no harm.

Just had the best team last Friday night.

I listened to the broadcast by Lee Sheridan over WDDO and he did a grand job. Now I am going to make a simple request of Bobby Hoppe. I wish he would let me know the next time he is going to put on another show like he did last Friday, and I will get a good night's sleep the day before. I ran every yard with him the other night and the next morning it was so tired I could hardly get out of bed. I am like the fellow who said he dreamed he was a rabbit dog and ran rabbits all night, and the next morning he was too tired to walk.

I have watched football games for many years but I believe Bobby Hoppe's performance of last Friday was the greatest display of gridiron grandeur I ever heard or read about. He was as poison with the piggins as Hopalong Cassidy is with only one bullet left in his gun, and were I a pig I would never let Hoppe pass me without tipping my bonnet. Red Etter, coach of the Pounders, said it was the best game he had ever seen Hoppe play and if any one knows the game any better than Red I have never met him. Let's not forget the other members of the Central squad for it was they who made Hoppe's performance possible. Too much cannot be said for members of the team, for every one of them was in there every minute giving the best there was in him. Let's not overlook either the Isaac Litton team. They have a fine team pr they wouldn't have been sitting on

SHAME ON YOU

Everybody wants the law enforced except when it steps on heroes and then it suddenly becomes different. Take the radar machines now being used by the police department to catch traffic violations. I have had three people tell me different ways to beat the machines. I didn't pay much attention to them, for who would want to beat the machines except violators of the speed laws? There are people like that, you know. They spend more time trying to beat a law than obey it. Then there are those asking are they catching everybody. The radar machines are catching everyone who violates the speed laws, but if they were not it would be no defense for those who are caught. That's like saying you have a right to commit murder because someone else got away with it. I never could stand these people who think they are being "picked on" and holler, "Why don't you arrest them all!" I have always found it best when you get your head caught in the lion's mouth to ease it out and not snatch it out. Think it over. A stitch in time may save a fine.

Hoppe Glitters as Central Smashes Litton, 34-13, to Up State Ranking

Pounder Back Gets 4 Touchdowns In Stellar Performance

By DEXTER VAN ZANT

News-Free Press Sports Writer
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 7.—"Litton no stopper Hoppe." Thus did the Chinese dishwasher at an all-night diner here tell the story of the Litton-Central game here last night.

Of course, that wasn't the whole story. The transplanted Oriental wouldn't be expected to know that the 34-13 victory was by a wider

STATISTICS

	Central	Litton
First downs	47	15
Yards rushing	484	10
Yards passing	0	13
Passes attempted	0	13
Passes completed	0	2
Passes intercepted	1	4
Punts	11	4
Punting average	31	31

margin than the most optimistic Central follower hoped for. Or that it truly confounded the experts who had rated Isaac Litton the top team in Tennessee.

There was plenty of Chattanoogaans in the estimated throng of 6,500 which braved near freezing weather to see undefeated Litton go down to its first defeat in 17 games. Most of them would agree with Coach E. B. (Red) Etter, who said after the game that it was Central's best offensive game and the best Hoppe had played.

Litton Coach Bob Cummings praised Central and Hoppe after the game. "I guess he (Hoppe) is the best back Litton has faced since I've been here (since 1946). He was terrific. I thought that other than not stopping him we played a good game."

To say Litton didn't stop Hoppe was to put it mildly. The Hoppety one scored four of the Pounders' five touchdowns and accounted for 310 of the 404 yards Central made rushing.

Hoppe's longest run was for 87 yards on the "T" quickie. This gallop came early in the fourth quarter and put victory beyond the grasp of the blue-shirted Lions although Litton did come back to make a touchdown and pull to within 27-13.

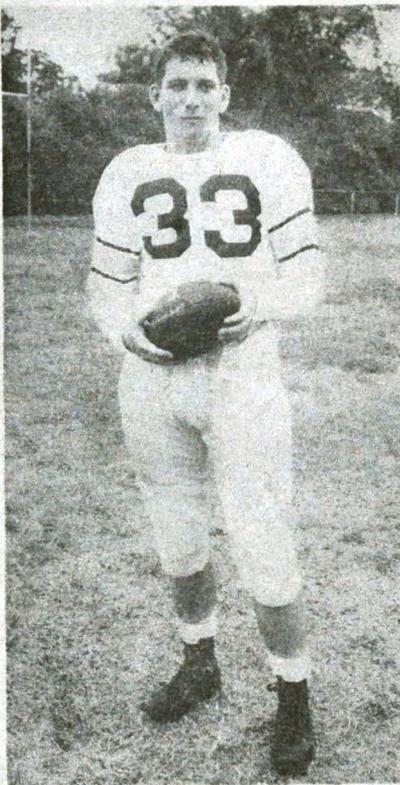
The first Hoppe six-pointer came on an 18-yard sprint on a quickie on between guard and tackle with four minutes and 10 seconds of the first period gone.

The second Hoppe haul came from two yards out on the first play of the second quarter. The third TD came near the end of the second period when Hoppe catapulted through the line on a quickie, dodged the secondary and ran the rest of the 62 yards with his pursuers giving up the chase.

Charles Cantrell swept end on a 15-yard run for the last Pounder touchdown.

Gene Etter kicked the extra point after the last four touchdowns. A fumble on the snap from center to the ball holder prevented him from getting a kick the first time. He got two chances on one when Litton was offside and blocked the kick.

Gene had 23 before last night's game and the second of last night's points enabled him to better Otis Smith's 24 made in 1943, best previous for a Central kicker.



HOPPE GLITTERS—Bobby Hoppe added to his claim to all state stardom, if any addition was needed, by a sparkling four-touchdown show against Isaac Litton in Nashville last night as the Pounders knocked Litton out of the undefeated class with a 34-13 licking. Hoppe ran 87 and 62 yards for two of his touchdowns.

Though they went down to a smashing defeat, Litton showed enough to see why they are rated the top scholastic team in Nashville circles although the belief they were best in the state did not stand up before the Central team which last night played like it is.

Litton had some tricky pass plays that gave Central trouble. The Lions had some fast backs who ran well. Litton completed six of 13 passes for 75 yards and made 133 yards rushing. First downs were even at 17 each.

Jim Nabors made one Litton touchdown on a 14-yard sweep while Bill Kee went 30 yards for the other. Bobby Jones made the point after the second touchdown.

Central tried only one pass and it was intercepted. There was no need for the Pounders to go to the air since they were gaining well on the ground. In fact, the Purple struck in the light—"T" most of the time, running quickies, off tackle, sometimes straight through center and an occasional sweep. Charles Cobb tried five passes, the only bit of trickery attempted, on an end-around maneuver.

Central had to kick only one time and in that instance a short kick was all that was needed and Bill Fleaton booted out of bounds for 27. Litton averaged 30 yards on four punts.

Central received the opening kickoff and Robert Tate ran it back to Litton's 30. It took 10 plays and four first downs for the first six-pointer. Hoppe grabbed off the last 18 on a quickie as he dashed between guard and tackle. A fumble denied Etter a chance to kick the point.

Central kicked off, and when Litton seemed reluctant to cover, Tate fell on the ball for Pounder possession on the Lions' 21. Hoppe made 2 and then 17 on the "bell buckle" play, but Hutchesson fumbled on the goal line and Litton recovered on the six-inch line. Litton was penalized half the distance to the goal, ran one play for a yard and then kicked out on the Central 10.

The Pounders started all over again. This time it took 11 plays and four first downs to send Hoppe hopping over from the two on the first play of the second quarter. Etter kicked the point.

Litton took the ensuing kickoff and drove to the Central 16 before losing the ball on downs. Gaining consistently on the ground, the Lions took to the air and made three strikes trying to pass.

However, the Lions got the ball back on a fumble and hiked 29 yards for a touchdown with Nabors grabbing the last 14 in one

chunk. Jones' kick for point was wide.

Hoppe's 62-yard run came on the second play from scrimmage after the next kickoff. Etter made the point and Central left for the intermission on the long end of a 20-6 count.

Litton took the second-half kickoff and went to the Central 38 before kicking out or the Purple 13. That set the stage for Hoppe's 87-yard run with 6:25 to play and Etter made it 27-6.

The Lions came back to score after another Central fumble gave them possession on the Purple 30. Bill Kee ran all the way. Jones kicked the point.

Another Lion threat fizzled on the Central 14 when Hutchesson smeared Stennis Smith way behind the line on an attempted pass and Smith caused Litton to draw a 15-yard penalty for intentionally grounding the ball.

Starting from the 30, Central ground out the touchdown in five plays with Cantrell sweeping end for the last 14. Etter closed the scoring with a perfect placement.

CENTRAL

Edge—Ogborne, Cannon, Lerch, Baskette, Cobb.
Tackles—Covelli, Clinean, Thompson, McCutcheon, Madis, Brown.
Guards—Barnes, Bridges, McRaffley, Collins, P. Hughes.
Centers—Moore, Russell, Cope.
Backs—Heston, F. Hutchesson, Elliott, Cantrell, Etter, Tate, Green, Cantrell.

LITTON

Edge—Brewster, B. Tillman.
Tackles—Barnett, Wenzel.
Guards—Ed, Ward, Dyer.
Center—D. Adams.
Backs—E. Smith, Kels, Crassey, Nabors.
Central 8 14 7 5-24
Litton 5 2 7 5-11
Central scores: Touchdowns, Hoppe 4.
Cantrell Conversion, Etter 4.
Litton scores: Touchdowns, Nabors, Kee, Conterson, Jones.

Baylor's Guard-Fullback Johnson 'X' Against Centra

CENTRAL IS READY FOR RIVALRY TILT

Back Was Converted to Line 3 Games Ago; Where Will He Play Friday Night?

By WOLF LEBOVITZ

With Baylor-Central time approaching rapidly, the \$68 question last night among the football quipsters was what ever happened to Raider fullback Bill Johnson who suddenly became a guard?

The 32-6 shelling of the Ridge handed the Red Raiders last Friday night showed something lacking in the locals' offense—not to slight the defense—and speculation centered on what the key to the shortage might be and up popped the name: Bill Johnson. Is Johnson to be the Mystery Man of local prep football this season?

The answer might come forth Friday night a little after 8 when the Purple Pounders and Raiders clash in the heated City Prep League tussle.

Johnson was mentioned as one of coach Humpy Heywood's top proteges prior to this season's opening, and he performed in the fullback slot for Heywood up through the Notre Dame game. Then when the Raiders traveled to Staunton and a 6-6 deadlock, Johnson suddenly appeared at guard.

Two weeks ago, on Chamberlain Field, the Raiders conquered Greenbrier, 26-7. On a key scoring play, Johnson scored the game—but at guard. The score was made over guard as Johnson rammed a hole for Don May to romp the necessary two yards.

Also, in the same game, Johnson was put in at guard when the Raiders needed a few yards on 4th down. They made the necessary yards and continued a scoring drive.

To make a long story short, will Johnson, a first-string fullback up to three games ago when suddenly converted to guard, play fullback again; will Baylor let the cat out of the bag Friday night and Johnson pop up at fullback to head a rejuvenated offense against the Pounders?

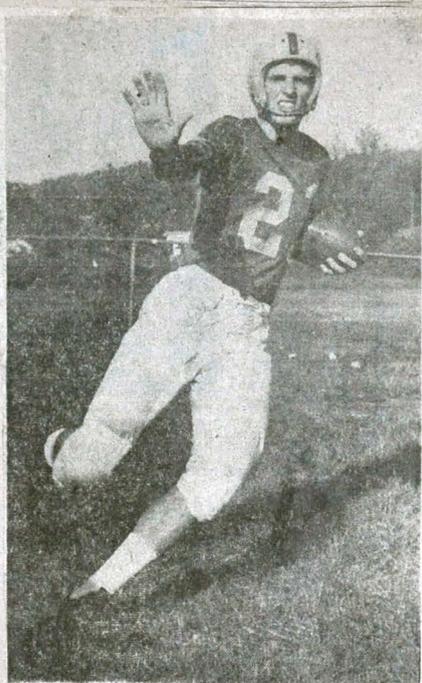
Regardless, the Raiders will be facing a Central team in top shape for the contest.

Pounder coach E. B. (Red) Etter questioned last night, stated "I've got a few boys, off and on, who have had a touch of the flu but actually we're in good physical shape for the game. Of course, with this weather, we've been having it wouldn't be unlikely for one or two fellows to be unable to play Friday because of flu."

And out on the domain of the Baylor Red Raiders, Coach Heywood had his gridsters working hard on defense, stressing passing.

A visitor to Baylor yesterday might have thought his sight was off when he saw simulated Central jerseys pouncing around on Rice Field. The Raiders are getting set, psychologically, for the Pounders by using white jerseys with purple numerals in the corresponding positions of the Central starting eleven to run plays against.

Plenty of tickets remain for the struggle and can be purchased at the two schools or at Martin-Thompson's.



CENTRAL HALFBACK—Robert Tate will be opposite Bobby Hoppe at halfback for Central when the Pounders play Baylor at UC Stadium Friday night. If the Raiders neglect Tate to gang up on Hoppe they might be in for a surprise, since Tate has shown that he can run when the opportunity presents.

Central and Baylor Work Hard For Friday's Gridiron Battle

Tickets for City's Game With Lenoir City In Athens Lions Bowl Thanksgiving on Sale

Both Central and Baylor scheduled drills from "can to can't" today in preparation for Friday's grid classic at Chamberlain Field. The Pounders spent a routine day yesterday working on defense and offense with the squad in good shape except for Richard Cowart, whose troublesome knee was acting up. Max Parris has recovered from an in-

jury which kept him sidelined against Isaac Litton and Coach Red Etter can again split quarterback duties between Parris and Billy Heaton.

The Pounders can turn on the still standing but dim lights at Frawley Field if any practice session runs behind schedule.

Coach Humpy Heywood has no lights to turn on out at Baylor but the coach has turned on the heat as he whips the Raiders into shape for the last outing of 1953.

Baylor has been plagued by injuries to both backs and linemen this year and Humpy is forced to take this into consideration when planning for the games.

Tickets for the game are now on sale. Reserved seats are \$1.50, general admission, \$1. All tickets will be \$1.50 at the gate. Baylor has reserved seat tickets for those desiring on the Oak Street side where the Baylor students will sit. Central will occupy the Vine Street side.

HEYWOOD GIVES HIS LINEUP FOR CENTRAL BATTLE

James, Rovig, Goodloe And May Named for Baylor Backfield

By DEXTER VAN ZANT
News-Free Press Sports Writer

Baylor Coach Humpy Heywood today called Central's 1953 football team the best in Chattanooga in 20 years. The Raider coach and Bobby Hoppe is the greatest back to play here since Eddie Prokop played with Baylor in 1940.

Baylor plays Central Friday night at Chamberlain Field in the season's closer for the Raiders and the last game before the Kiwanis affair in Miami for the Pounders. Kickoff time is 8 o'clock.

Heywood today pronounced his squad in good physical shape, and said his boys would give their all to preserve the dignity of the Baylor team, but he did not expect victory.

Heywood disclosed that Calvin James would start at quarterback with Don May and Ellis Goodloe at halves and James Rovig at fullback. Sam Anderson has been tabbed for left end, Al Hardy for left tackle, Bill Johnson for left guard and Tony Heywood at center; Jack Armstrong was named for right guard, Don Denning for right tackle and Randy Michaels for right end.

Central's team is in good shape and Coach Red Etter reported the usual routine of practice yesterday with only light work on tap today.

Central's backfield will be the same as in previous games with both Billy Heaton and Max Parris operating at quarterback; Bobby Hoppe and Bill Tate at halfbacks and Wayne Hutcheson at fullback.

James Cannon and Fred Osborne will play end, Hal Bridges and Richard Cowart will swap about at defensive guard and offensive tackle. Neil Barnes and Albert Meahaffey will see line duty with Bob McCutcheon and Tommy Thompson also in line for duty. Ray Moss will be center and linebacker.

Charles Cantrell will fill his usual kickoff chore with Gene Etter standing by to kick extra points after any possible touchdowns.

Tickets for the game are now on sale. Reserve seats are \$1.50, general pre-game admission, \$1. All tickets at the gate will be \$1.50. Baylor has reserved seats for the Oak Street side on which their Cadets will sit, while Central students will occupy the Vine Street side.

Two other Chattanooga teams play tomorrow afternoon, Notre Dame meets Sewanee Military Academy on the mountain at 2 p.m.; CST, while McCallie plays

Baylor, Central Vie at 8

TEAMS TAPER OFF WITH LIGHT WORK

Kickoff is at 8 on Gridiron at UC—Johnson at Guard, Rovig Full for Reds

Central High School's Purple Founders and Baylor's Red Raiders clash tonight on Chamberlain Field at 8 o'clock in the annual renewal of their grid rivalry.

Both elevens will be playing their last, regularly scheduled games, but the Founders have another contest left, in the Miami Kiwanis Bowl Dec. 11.

Good physical shape is the description both coaches give of their squads in pregame statements, but Coach Humpy Heywood of Baylor adds that he hopes his boys will be able to preserve the dignity of the school and the team but he didn't see a Red Raider victory.

Light workouts were held by both squads yesterday.

36th Meeting

Tonight's Baylor-Central clash will be the 36th meeting of the two schools; Central has won 12 times, Baylor 20 and three have been tied.

Last year the Founders won, 28-12, before 8,000 chilled fans.

The Baylor line-up announced by Heywood last night includes Randy Michaels, right end; Don Denning, right tackle; Jack Armstrong, right guard; Tony Heywood center; Bill Johnson, left guard; Al Hardy, left tackle; Sam Anderson, left end; Calvin James, quarterback; Don May and Ellis Goodloe at halves, and James Rovig at fullback.

Central will open with James Cannon and Fred Osborne at ends; Hal Bridges, Richard Covart, Neil Barnes, Albert Mehaffey, Bob McCutcheon and Tommy Thompson alternating at guards and tackles, and Ray Moss at center. Billy Heaton and Max Farris will swap about at quarterback, Bobby Hoppe and Bill Tate at halfbacks and Wayne Hutcheson at fullback.

Notre Dame and McCallie are on the road for games this afternoon; the Irish invading the lair of Sewanee Military Academy on the mountain for a 2 p.m. CST game. McCallie will try to knock Castle Heights from the unbeaten list in a 2:30 p.m., CST, tilt at Lebanon.

ON FIRING LINE TONIGHT



BILL TATE
Central Halfback



NEIL BARNES
Guard



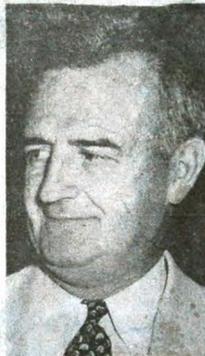
RED ETTER
And Coach



DON DENNING
Baylor Tackle



RICHARD BROWN
Halfback



HUMPY HEYWOOD
And Coach

Hoppe Best Since Prokop, Says Red Raider Mentor

By RUSS WALKER

Humpy Heywood, coach of the Baylor Red Raiders, said over the air last night that Central's Bobby Hoppe is the best prep football player to come out of Chattanooga since Eddie Prokop was at the river school back in the early '40's.

Occasion for the statement was the unusual appearance of both Heywood and Central's Red Etter together on a radio program on the eve of their big annual football hassle.

The Chamberlain served as third man in the interview between the two competing coaches over WAGC, to fill in the regular evening spot on Heywood's own prep football program. A second chapter of the meeting will be aired this evening on Chamberlain's sports review. The interview was taped earlier in the afternoon and played back at a time, which would have been inconvenient for either coach to be at the radio station with an important game coming up.

Asked by Chamberlain about the strength of his team, Etter said he felt that at times it had shown championship caliber and at others had looked far below that level; he said he felt that Central had had other teams probably better than the present eleven.

Heywood, asked for his opinion of the Central team, which has been rated by Litkenhous as 15 points better than Baylor and listed as No. 1 in the state, said that in his opinion the present Pounder eleven is the best high school or prep team to take the field in

Chattanooga since Etter has been coaching at Central.

Baylor is rated top prep team in the state by Litkenhous.

Heywood, asked for his opinion of Bobby Hoppe's ability, said Bobby not only is the best player at the prep level in Chattanooga today but is the best since Eddie Prokop of the best since Eddie

Baylor before going to Georgia Tech.

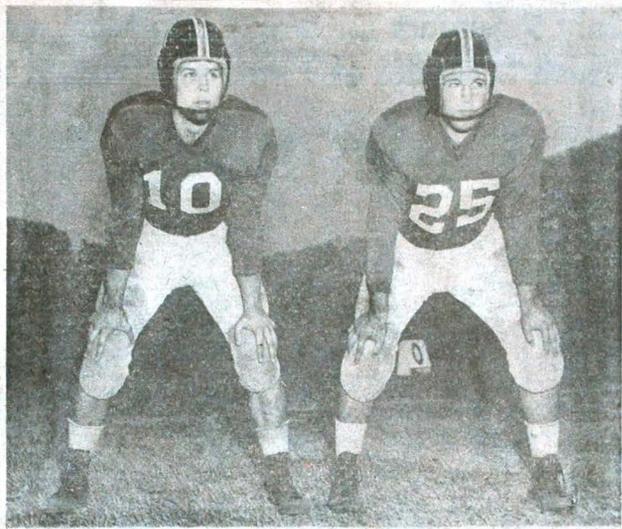
Asked by Chamberlain why Hoppe is so difficult to stop, Heywood said it is a combination of speed, a desire to win, a desire not to be tackled, plus a surprising amount of determination. That Hoppe is an excellent all-around back, that he does not have the speed and weight of Prokop, but has more determination to go with his desire not to be tackled, which makes a combination that is hard to beat.

Chamberlain then asked about Baylor's "B" team wearing Central colors and numbers of corresponding Central players in practice. Heywood said Baylor uses the numbers to accustom the Raider players to them and help them to readily identify opposing players in a ball game.

Asked about their game Friday night, Etter said he hoped the point-difference between the two teams (based on the scores of games played) would not keep fans from coming out to see the game, since the Baylor-Central affairs have always been closely contested.

Heywood, answering the same question, said his boys do not fear Central, and that he hopes they will play as they have played in their better games and not make the mistakes they have made in some that were not so good.

City Prep League Crown at Stake in Central-Baylor Game Tonight



BAYLOR RELIABLES—Don May (left) and William Johnson are two of the boys Coach Humpy Heywood will rely on tonight to combat Central's Purple Pounders. The grid classic is booked for Chamberlain Field at 8.



PLAYERS ON ETTER'S FIRST CENTRAL TEAM—Shown above are Coach Red Etter (center, first row) and some of the players on the 1943 team. Etter's first year as head coach at Central High. At Etter's left is Billy Carter and at the right is Frank Smith. Others are, left to right, Carr Leavitt, Ed Fulks, Herschel Love, Mickey Park, Roy (Zip) Levi, Basil Ervin and Bob McCoy. First stringers that year not shown are Butch Williamson, Otis Smith, Gene Payne, George Harvey and Dan Lamb, who was killed during World War II at Okinawa.—(Photo by Bill Truex.)

Cent Beats Baylor 21-7

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It was a drizzle brought out raincoats as the halftime show ended. But the precipitation was light and short-lived.

Then before the last half began the public address announcer boomed that some spectator's house was afire. That seemed a natural cue for one of the teams to hie into the second segment.

But the frame opened as a punting duel. Heaton opened a 1-yard edge on Baylor's Richard Brown in 42 and 44-yard footings. Then Brown had to punt again a 26-yarder this time to offset a couple of shorties in the first half.

Central didn't have to punt back this time. A Charles (Indiana) Cantrell pass to Cannon took care of that. It was the 38-yarder and carried to the 8. After Wayne Hutcherson got 11 yards pitched to Cannon in the end zone.

It was after that that the two of Central's three fumbles on punts bobbed up to bobtail any further scoring threats.

And it was also in those late portions that Central and Tate had a 85-yard touchdown run nullified by a penalty. On the play Tate wound up with the ball on a full-back fake so deftly carried out that Baylor tackled fullback Hutcherson. The call by the Birmingham officials of illegal use of hands apparently arose when Hutcherson tried to arise to carry out his downfield block on the play.

Also late in the contest Central's defense continued in the right place at the right time and Baylor did not make a first down the last two quarters.

Central was correctly carrying out defensive assignments all night. A press box tabulation by The Times showed Tommy Thompson with nine clean tackles. The lightweight senior guard led Hal Bridges and Wayne Hutcherson, who had eight stops apiece. Seven were credited to Moss, who had two of them in the holding of Baylor for downs on the Central 2. Richard Cowart scored five stop tackles.

Baylor's Dwight Keith a linebacker, led the hole-punchers in the Raiders' rugged defense. He was figured for eight tackles and one fumble recovery. All-City Bill Johnson also recovered a fumble and four finging tackles at key times. Linebacker Larry Gimes got seven stops, Jack Armstrong 4 and Jim Rovig 4. Randy Michaels had one fumble recovery and a clean kick.

Tate's early TD burst on a vari-

STATISTICS

	CENTRAL	BAYLOR
First downs	156	114
Yards gained	109	9
Plays attempted	10	6
Passes completed	1	0
Passes intercepted by	1	0
Punts	12	12
Average	32.6	32.4
Fumbles (lost)	1	15
Yards penalized	1	1
Loss on downs	1	1

ation of the stomach strategem—the "belly play" gave Central a working margin that justified going for first downs instead of punting on 4th and 1 at midfield and the 4th and 1 on the Raider 47 in moving to the second, and key, touchdown in the second period.

When its ground game bogged, the Raiders had to attempt passes, but they couldn't buy a completion. Heaton hauled in one for Central interception and Paul Elliott copped the other away serial. The Pounders even got away with tackle Richard Cowart completing a pass for a yard.

On a Cantrell-to-Cobb chunk the receiver hauled it in out of Moss's hands as he defended.

But the Purples' luck ran out when officials missed Hoppe's reception of a Cobb pass to Cannon that was knocked from Cannon's hands at the end of the tricky end-around heave that tied Bradley for Central.

BAYLOR
End: Michaels, Anderson, Tillman, Evans, Gurrett, Thaxton.
Tackle: Duffin, Hays, Howard, Molain, Healy, Crawford, Taylor.
Guard: Cantrell, Johnson.
Center: Hayward, Keith.
Back: James, Moss, Godlee, Ravin, Blaine, Gilman, Brown, McE, Davis, Vandover.
CENTRAL
End: Gimes, Oberg, Leach, Cobb, Buford, Bakker, Warren, Taylor, Jordan, Gilman, McCutcheon, Brown, Kimbrough.
Tackle: Bridges, Thompson, Collins, Melstrey, P. Hutcherson.
Guard: Heaton, Boone, Tate, W. Hutcherson, Elter, Anderson, Cantrell, Elliott, Geren.
Baylor scoring: Touchdown: Blaine (11-yard pass), Conversion: VanOrder, place-kick.
Central scoring: Touchdown: Tate (44-yard run), Hoppe (10-yard punter), Cannon (37-yard pass), Cantrell (11-yard pass).
Referee: Howell; umpire: Jacobs; head-linesman: Nell; field judge: Greer; E.C.O. Kinsler.

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Hoppe Makes Humpy's Talk
Look Good—Hutcherson
Runs With Goodie

By WIRT GAMMON
Auburn and Georgia Tech coaches came here to see some choice schoolboy talent last night. Getting a eyeful.

Three men from the Plainmen's staff and Whitley Urban of Tech were on hand. It is reported that Bobby Hoppe and Wayne Hutcherson of Central are already headed Auburn-way, along with City's LARRY DUCHENE and Don Shockey. A Hoppe was a Purple streak! Not that is a news. He had read in The Times that Baylor's Coach Humpy Heywood eschewed him the best Chattanooga back since Eddie Prokop. And Hoppe set about to make Heywood's remark look good.

Hutcherson, fullback and line-backer de luxe, showed a thing or two himself. This big fellow, 183, is also very fast. He showed that when the lightning-like Ellis Goodie tried to circle him on sweeps, Wayne kept up with him, no matter how much territory Goodie had between himself and the sideline. Wayne turned him a flip-play that's shown in a three-column picture for you this morning.

Hutcherson and Ray Moss Jr., were leaders in the awesome Central line defense. Time after time Baylor backs crashing into the line were stopped in their tracks, as oxen felled.

Hal Bridges, guard, was another up-front Central ace. He made the key block to break Bobby Tate away on a long run for Central's first touchdown. Hoppe had helped Tate get by the tackle. This first one was a quick one, in four plays and in two minutes.

Dick Cowart, Central guard, was another fine star.

Curve-ball kick-offs were the order of the night. The ball would be placed on its side, and nosed up, and the foot would swing into the side of the ball, making it curve crazily. When it would hit the ground, no one might predict its course.

Central made much use of Georgia Tech's belly play. It had been used sparingly by Central in previous games. The ball is apparently handed to the fullback plunging into the line, then taken back by the quarterback and pitched wide to a sweeping back at the last minute.

The game was, at the same time, a fine job by Baylor. Only a week before Oak Ridge had scored every time it got the ball, that is, never giving it up on downs or by punt. Yet the Baylor team aroused itself to sterling line play last night. Don May was a standout again.

The Red Raiders set themselves to stop the Central ground game. This worked well enough in view of Hoppe being involved. However, the Raiders in so doing had to leave themselves open to passes somewhat. Central made the most of this, with some long beauties, a few of the Purple poison darts were hurled by Charles Cobb, an end arounders. These hurt Baylor much. The cry would go up from the Baylor bench "Cobb's in." They knew what was up.

But he hurtled some good ones anyway. And so did Charles Cantrell, Central sub half who is a real corner.

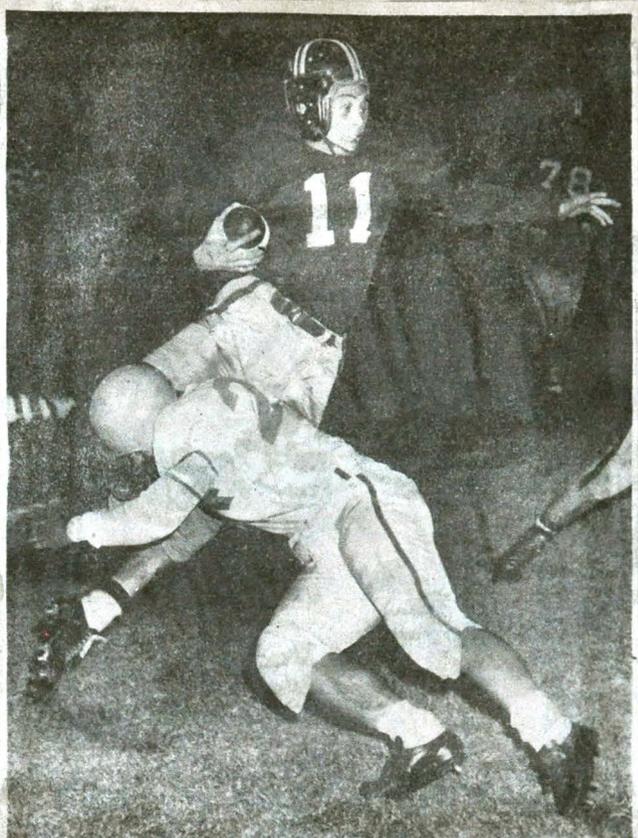
The sick - in - mind play was Hoppe's catch of a long pass by Cobb to the Baylor 1. The Purple streak had run by all defensive men and had to stop at about the 5 to wait on the long pass to get there, for the leave was beginning to wobble and lose momentum. Just as Hoppe got the ball he was knocked backward by a defender, and over tumbled the star back over his head and wound up standing on his head on the 1-yard line—a picture that all will remember who saw the game.



PULLED DOWN FROM BELOW... pulled to earth by Baylor's Larry...
—Times Staff Photo by Max Reutter.



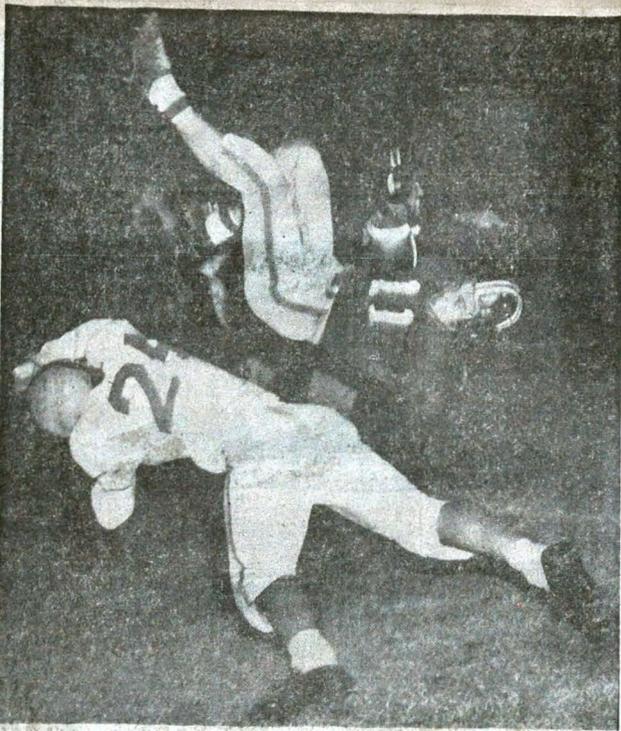
TATE GOES ALL THE WAY—Bob Tate (21), Central halfback, went 41 yards with only two minutes of the game gone for the first Purple touchdown in the 21-7 victory over Baylor at Chamberlain Field last night. A 95-yard t.d. sprint by Tate later in the game was nullified.—(Staff photo by Bill Truex.)



GOODLOE GAINS—Ellis Goodloe (11), Baylor back, is shown as he was tackled by Central's Wayne Hutcheson after a short gain around the Founder right end. Hutcheson's tackle was so fierce that it sent Goodloe hurdling through the air. —Times Staff Photo by Max Keister.



MAY FAILS TO SCORE—Don May (with ball) is shown as he was stopped on the Central 2-yard line by Wayne Hutcheson and Charles Cantrell at Central line in the first quarter of last night's game at CC. From left to right is Robert Tate, (21) Central halfback. Central won 21 to 7. —Times Staff Photo by Max Keister.



GOODLOE UPENDED—Ellis Goodloe (11), swift Baylor halfback, was spilled head over heels with a jarring tackle by Wayne Hutcheson (24), Central fullback and line-backer, during last night's Raider-Purple game at Chamberlain Field. Several times during the evening Goodloe was hit hard with teeth-shattering tackles.—(Staff photo by Bill Trues.)

Central Loses Some Stars, But They'll Be Tough Again in 1954

Hoppe, Hutcheson Auburn Bound; Pounders To Have Plenty of Beef in Forewall Next Year

By ALLAN MORRIS

News-Free Press Sports Writer

Auburn, upcoming power in the Southeastern Conference, is going to be even tougher in the years to come if the Plainsmen land the outstanding Chattanooga high school stars it is said they're going to get. Although it's against the rules to get high school seniors' name on the grant-in-aid pact before Dec. 1,

he said the fairest village of the Plain will be the lucky school to come up with Central's Bobby Hoppe and Wayne Hutcheson, City's Leroy Duchene, Don Shockley and Jim Jeffrey, and maybe Hixson's Bill Clark.

For years Georgia Tech has been coming up with the cream of the crop of local prep circles (their first four backs this season). But although Whitley Urban, former Baylor mentor, was on hand last night to get a line on some more boys from here during the big Raider-Purple struggle, he was outnumbered by Auburn, which had three. They had good reason to smile, too, the way Hoppe and Hutcheson glittered.

Hoppe, described by Coach Humpy Heywood of Baylor as the "best prep back in Chattanooga since Eddie Prokop (star of Humpy's first team in 1949)," to Dexter Van Zant of the News-Free Press, before he said the same thing on the radio Wednesday night, was the top ground-gainer of the night.

Don't overlook Hutcheson, though, an under-rated performer all year. He was line-backing demon. Ellis Goodloe, speedy Baylor back, can affirm this. The little Raider mite was jarred with bone-shattering tackles several times by "Hutch" and Bill Trues's picture on this page shows him being upended once when he was caught with his interference down.

He had to be taken off the field one time, as did Baylor's Don May. May received a tremendous hand, even without the urging of P.A. Announcer Bill Ballinger.

But don't feel sorry for Central next year, even though Hoppe, Hutcheson and Fred Osborne (a couple of fine flankmen), Richard Cawart, Hal Bridges, Tommy Thompson, Neil Barnes and a few more plus other front-line backs Robert Tate, Max Parris and Billy Heaton will be gone.

The state champions have a good crop of men returning. The line should be plenty beefy in '54. Two regular stars back are Center Ray Moss (185) and Tackle Larry Chin

fourth varsity year, but is just a junior. He played as an eighth grader and under those conditions is eligible for five years. Ray's name revives memories. His dad was quite a pitcher, twirling in the majors and for the Lookouts. "Little Ray," who is following in his dad's footsteps as a dairyman, is also quite a baseball player, too. Other Purple linemen to watch next year are "Jarring John" Kimbrough (220), Bob McCutcheon (230) and Paul Hutcheson, 5-foot-7-inch 187-pound brother of Wayne. Charles Cobb and Eddie Lerch will be the ends. The former, a star of Northside's 52 junior high champs, is a 200-pounder who also passes.

Central supporters call Halfback Charley Cantrell (185) the best prospect here in years. At the other slot will be Paul Elliott, who scored 166 points in six games for East Lake last year, with W. H. Geren inheriting the fullback role and Bobby Ridesell or Earl Ziegler moving up to quarterback.

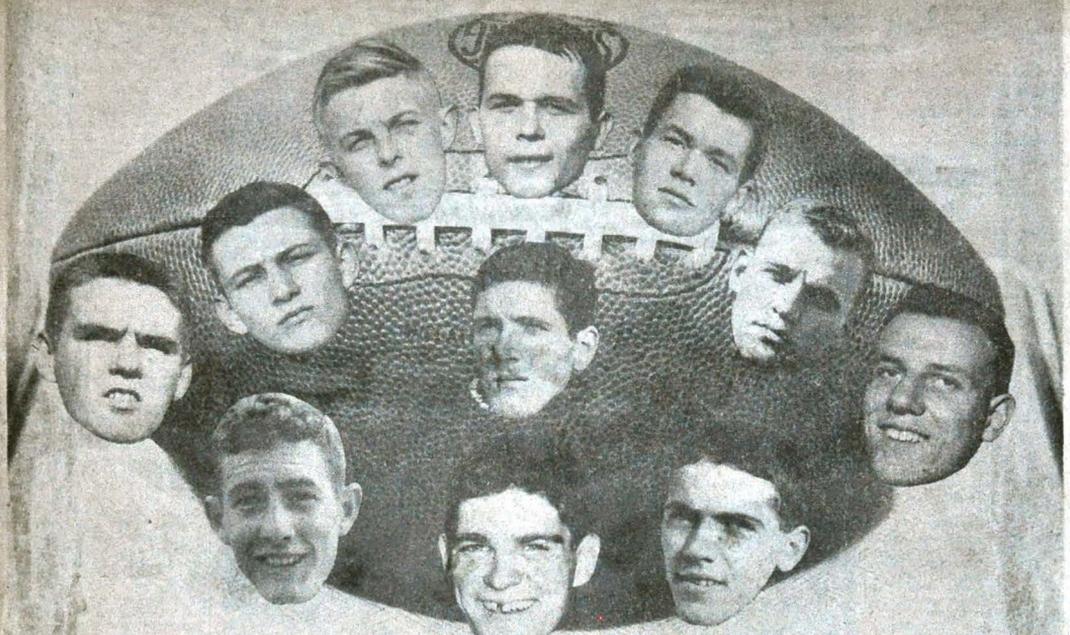
But yet Central can't look ahead to next year. There's still the Miami post-season tilt coming up Dec. 11.

If any Purple gridders are also cagers, they are out of luck for the time being. First Central hardwood encounter is next week and the football players will still be drilling.

The shuffling of Quarterbacks Parris and Heaton last night, which Red Etter employs, featuring a page from the book of Cleveland Coach Paul Brown, who alternates guards on every play, while calling the attack, was put to a halt when the former was injured.

Birmingham officials, "important" for the game, got a boomer by Central fans in the last period when one ruled a pass that Hoppe had taken after it had been batted from Cannon's fingers in the end zone good, but the other one said, "No, it hit the ground first."

On two other decisions the "breaks" were even. Tate's 55-yard TD run was nullified, but a quick whistle on a Purple fumble (recovered by Baylor) kept the ball in Central possession and it scored its second marks.



Times 1953 Greater Chattanooga All-Stars

Five schools, again dominated by Central with four players, are represented on the annual Chattanooga Times Greater Chattanooga All-Stars released today as the schoolboy football season closed last night. Bobby Hoppe, Central, fullback and only repeater on the 11, is shown in the center. From the left, starting just below the seam, is Jim Jeffress, City, guard; Dale Westbrook, Rossville, tackle; Hubert

Clemmer, McCallie, end; Don Shockley, City, back, and (below the seam at right) Bill Clark, Hixson, back. On and above the seam, from the left, Larry Clingan, Central, tackle; James Cannon, Central, end; Don May, Baylor, back; Ray Moss, Central, center; Bill Johnson, Baylor, guard.

—Times Staff Photos.

AGES OF 5 SCHOOLS ON TIMES' ELEVEN

2 Each From Baylor, City,
1 Apiece From Hixson,
McCallie, Rossville

Bobby Hoppe, Central's candidate for All-State and All-Southern back has come through the primary balloting with colors flying.

Ten pounds heavier and an inch taller than last year, Robert the Rabbit is the only repeater on the annual Chattanooga Times Great-annual Chattanooga All-Star football team and leads his Purple Pounders into a domination of the dream team for the third straight year. The senior stalwart weighs 176 and stands 5 feet 11 inches.

Four of the Central team that last night closed its home season with a 5-1 record by beating Baylor are accorded spots on the cream-of-the-crop 11 picked by The Times after careful consultation among coaches, officials and staff men who saw all the teams in action in the majority of the games.

Last year the team included two line-backers and a safetyman as defensive stars who saved many games for their offense-minded brethren.

Specialist Declined

But this season, with colleges back to one platoon and studying the schoolboys for dual pigskin personalities, there was a marked decline in the specialist, though his importance was no less and his art far from extinct.

Hoppe, who had scored 16 touchdowns before last night's game, has been called everything from "great" to "greatest" as he piled his talents in Central's most extensive inter-sectional campaign in history and one that has as its next act the annual Kiwanis Bowl game in Miami's Orange Bowl against the Miami city champion on Dec. 11.

Teammates joining the North-side artist on the mythical eleven that will be given a miniature gold football by The Times:

Center Ray Moss Jr., son of the Kings Point dairy farmer and former major league pitcher; James Cannon, lantern-jawed, persistent end; Larry Clingan, junior tackle who was probably the most improved player in town.

Two Dynamos

City, which finished with a 7-3 record and a bowl game against Lenoir City in Athens on Thanksgiving afternoon, is appropriately being voted two spots on the team after being almost a one-star school for several seasons.

The selectors chose Don Shockley, swift fullback and scorer of 50 points, and Jim Jeffress, giant guard and former Chattanooga Lookout batboy, who closed fast to get the most out of his equipment last year, proved his ability by leading City's offense and contributing mightily in the defensive secondary.

Baylor, which blew hot and cold in a rugged schedule against prep and high competition, also drew two titans in the opinion of the board.

Don May, a bullish back with the speed to garnish a great athlete, and Bill Johnson, a physical specimen who can go at fullback as well as guard, are the Raiders in the spotlight. May is from the Alabama football belt that has produced All-Citians Fob James, Glenn Turner, et al. Johnson, who wound up as a key guard after sparkling at full against City, is from Sparta and is a brother of the late Robert Hill Johnson, former Baylor captain.

After the Central, Baylor and City multiple stars the other representatives are sole bearers of the school's reputations in this compilation.

First Hixson All-City

Hixson joins the select circle for the first time, placing its Bill Clark, gargantuan fullback-tackle who scored points and kept the opposition from scoring a million more. His point total was third in the entire state before last night.

And McCallie, from whence has come some of the twinders of the past, is ably represented by an end—Hugh Clemmer of Milan, Tenn., a standout in the Tornado's early efforts. The Blue terminal has one more game to play and is the only man on the Big 11 that is not through his regular schedule.

Rossville, whose Bulldogs came within a whisker for, more specifically, 46 seconds) of getting another Region 4-AA tie in the tough Georgia circuit, has a stellar standard-bearer in Dale Westbrook. A two-platoonner from the word go, Westbrook was down as an end but his versatility makes him highly maneuverable and thus he winds up as tackle in a rise above a rousing ruckus for that position throughout the territory covered by the collection of artisans.

Thus, for the second year in a row, five schools are represented on The Times "All-City"—oldest in town—and the fact casts a sparkling shadow for the balance the City Prep Group has shown.

As has been the custom here for three years now, the ultimate star team is a composite of stand-outs picked from the preparatory school division of Baylor, McCallie and Notre Dunes and, one chosen from the high schools—Central, City, Hixson, Lakeview, Red Bank, Rossville, Soddy-Daisy and Tyner (see accompanying table).

THE 1952 ALL-CITY

ENDS—Grady Wilson, City, Al Vorus, Baylor.
TACKLES—Hayden Cutler, Baylor; Don Duncan, Central.
GUARDS—Hugh Eichelberger, McCallie; Al Mohafrey, Central.
CENTERS—Joe Lopez, Baylor.
BACKS—Thornton Cole, McCallie; Bobby Hoppe, Central; Jimmy Pack, Central; Don Stevens, McCallie.
LINEBACKERS—Kenneth Riggs, Central; Roy Steiner, Rossville.
SAFETY—Tippy Vann, Rossville.

*Included last year for first time.

Central Places 6, City 4 on



HOWARD BLACK
City, End



JAMES CANNON
Central, End



HAL BRIDGES
Central, Tackle



WAYNE HUTCHESON
Central, Back



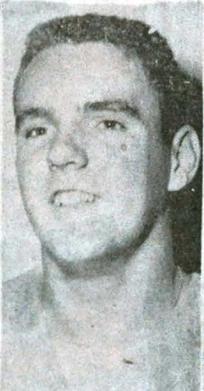
DON SHOCKLEY
City, Back



BILL CLARK
Hixson, Tackle



RICHARD COWART
Central, Guard



JIM JEFFREY
City, Guard



RAY MOSS
Central, Center



LEROY DUCHENE
City, Back



BOBBY HOPPE
Central, Back

TSSAA DIVISION

Pos.	Player	School	Class	Age	Wt.	Ht.
End	James Cannon	Central	Sr.	19	160	5.11
End	Howard Black	City	Sr.	17	178	6.00
Tackle	Bill Clark	Hixson	Sr.	18	225	6.02
Tackle	Hal Bridges	Central	Sr.	17	175	6.00
Guard	Richard Cowart	Central	Sr.	18	180	5.11
Guard	Jim Jeffrey	City	Sr.	17	212	6.02
Center	Ray Moss	Central	Jr.	16	185	6.02
Back	Bobby Hoppe	Central	Sr.	18	175	5.11
Back	Don Shockley	City	Sr.	19	155	5.09
Back	LeRoy Duchene	City	Sr.	19	195	6.02
Back	W. Hutcheson	Central	Sr.	17	185	5.09

HONORABLE MENTION

(Not in order of ranking)

Ends—Fred Osborne, Central; Bill McKinney, City; Don Dowdy, Red Bank; Don Lindsey, City.

Tackles—Larry Clingan, Central; Bill Daniels, City; Dan Guy, City; Paul Hutcheson, Central; Bob McCutcheon, Central; Virgil Marler, Red Bank; Harold McClure, Hixson; Jim McRee, Soddy-Daisy.

Guards—Oakie Crooks, Soddy-Daisy; Tommy Thompson, Central; Neil Barnes, Central.

Center—Jack Duncan, City; Thomas Poe, Tyner; Clarence Brown, Soddy-Daisy.

Backs—Robert Tate, Central; James McKinney, City; Billy Heaton, Central; Balney Ferguson, Red Bank; Carlos Springfield, Red Bank; Max Farris, Central; Bob Landreth, Hixson; James Vess, Hixson; Tom Wright, Soddy-Daisy; Jim Tom Rees, Soddy-Daisy; Robert Albright, Tyner.

Central Litkenhous Champion

**LITTON RUNNERUP;
ETTER LAUDS BOYS**
Coach Proud That Pounders
Have 2 Cups in 3 Years
—Miami Drills Please

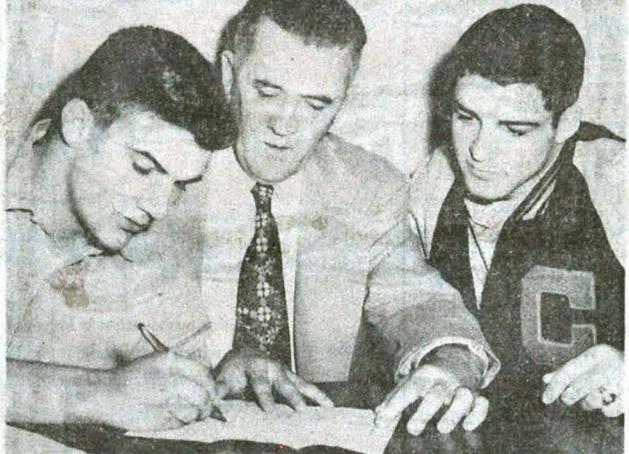
Coach E. B. (Red) Etter paused long enough yesterday during Central's practice schedule for the upcoming bowl game with Miami High in Miami to announce to the Purple Pounders that they had been listed as the No. 1 football team in the state in final Litkenhous ratings for the 1953 season. Coach Etter smiled, "We are very proud of the way the boys made such a fine comeback after dropping their season opener to Memphis Central. We think the boys deserve all the praise for the success they had during the season. We feel that the key game that put us on top was the win over Issaqu Litton in Nashville." Etter also stated, "We were extremely proud of the showing our boys made against out-of-state teams in that Jacksonville Landon, Miami High and Little Rock were the champions of their respective cities for this season."

This is the second time in the past three seasons that the popular grid mentor has smilingly made such an announcement to Central. Central won the crown in 1951 when they noed out Memphis Central, the only team to defeat the Pounders this season.

In the final rating supplied by Prof. E. E. Litkenhous, Central was placed at the top of the heap with a listing of 101. With Issaqu Litton copping the runner-up spot with a 99.7 rating, Oak Ridge finished third at 99.6 and Memphis Central, last year's champion, rated fourth place with a 98.8 rating. Knoxville Central dropped from second to sixth place in the final listing after dropping their Thanksgiving Day tilt with Knoxville Young.

Central has been practicing for the Miami game since its last outing with Baylor on Nov. 20 with the exception of the Thanksgiving holidays last week. When the Pounders meet Miami High on Dec. 31, it will be the second time this season that the two inter-sectional powers will have matched their skills on the gridiron. Central defeated the Stingares on Champlain Field 27-0 earlier this season.

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VOLS SIGN CENTRAL STARS—Mickey O'Brien, native Chattanooga and nationally known trainer with the University of Tennessee Vols, is shown with two of Central High's brightest stars, Fullback Wayne Hutcheson, left, and Tackle Hal Bridges. The two high school gridlers had just signed Southeastern Conference grant-in-aid pacts with UT. "We are delighted to get them," O'Brien said. "We consider them excellent boys and fine players—just the kind we like to have at Tennessee." (Staff Photo by Bob Sherrill.)

Central's Hutcheson, Bridges to Vols; Auburn Signs City's Jeffrey and Black

By AUSTIN WHITE
News-Free Press Sports Writer

The annual scramble for topnotch schoolboy football talent began this morning and Southeastern Conference representatives scurried madly around town in frenzied efforts to get there first. Today is the first day high school and prep school seniors can be signed to grant-in-aid pacts—contracts that are recognized by all SEC schools. Once a boy signs such a paper with one Southeastern school, he loses his athletic eligibility at other member schools.

Tennessee and Auburn were the first two schools to announce definite signings—the Vols checking in with Central High's Wayne Hutcheson and Hal Bridges and the Plainsmen nabbing City's Howard Black and Jim Jeffrey.

Others—including Central's brilliant Bobby Hoppe, City's Leroy Duchene and Hixson's Bill Clark—are expected to reveal the college of their choice soon. Mickey O'Brien, Tennessee's famous trainer, happily announced the signing of Hutcheson, a ramridding fullback, and Bridges, Central's No. 1 lineman, according to Coach E. B. (Red) Etter.

"They are definitely Tennessee-type boys," Mickey grinned, "and we are delighted to see them decide to come to Tennessee."

Hutcheson is 17, weighs 185 and is 5 foot 9. Bridges, who played defensive tackle and offensive guard, is 17, weighs 175 and is 6 feet tall. Both were News-Free Press All-City selections.

Auburn Assistant Coach Buck Bradberry signed Black and Jeffrey. Black is 17, weighs 178 and is 6 feet tall. He is an end. Jeffrey, a 6-foot-2 223-pounder, is a tackle. Black and Jeffrey also were News-Free Press All-City stars.

CENTRAL'S PURPLE POUNDERS WILL END THE 1953 SEASON IN A POST-SEASON GAME FRIDAY NIGHT!



FINAL		High Schools	
Chal. Central	101.0	Powell	71.9
Nash. Litton	99.7	Hohenwald	71.1
Oak Ridge	99.6	Fulton	70.8
Mem. Central	99.3	Nash. Ryan	70.3
Columbia	98.8	Nash. Ryan	70.3
Knox. Central	95.1	Knox. Young	70.2
Nash. DuPont	94.7	Nash. Pike	70.0
Lakewood	95.1	Harriman	69.9
DePue	93.2	High Point	69.8
Headley	91.2	Knox. West	69.3
Mem. S. Side	90.4	Portland	69.1
Nash. Goodletts	89.3	S. Harriman	68.4
Mem. Treaslow	88.2	Nash. Central	68.3
Huntsboro	88.1	Nash. Douglas	68.1
Cookeville	88.0	Nash. Jackson S. S.	67.7
Chattanooga	87.9	Clinton	67.6
Birmingham	87.8	Cornhaman	67.2
Chattanooga	87.7	Boon	67.1
Nash. Cohn	81.6	Brownsville	66.3
Mem. Hickory	81.6	Harrogate	66.3
Mem. Huguenot	83.1	Loretto	65.3
Mem. W. Side	83.1	Lakewood	65.3
Chattanooga	83.0	Somerville	65.3
Jackson	82.9	Lawrenceburg	65.3
Chal. City	82.8	Newbern	65.3
Knox. South	82.7	Madison	65.3
Lenoir City	81.3	Jacksboro	64.8
Winchester	81.3	Chattanooga	64.8
S. Pittsburg	81.1	Huckwood	64.8
Morrisston	80.8	Chattanooga	64.8
Ripley	80.8	McMinn Co.	64.8
Greene	80.8	Chattanooga	64.8
Mem. C. B. A.	80.1	Millington	64.2
Nash. C. B. A.	80.0	Howland	64.2
Knox. Dale	80.0	Dixton	64.2
Franklin	80.0	Memphis Tech	64.2
Lawrenceburg	78.7	Barrett	63.1
Nash. West	78.7	Petersburg	63.1
Sevier City	78.4	Nash. Bellevue	63.1
Jefferson City	78.3	Wash.	63.1
Erwin	78.2	Collinsville	63.1
Knox. East	78.1	Newport	63.1
Johnson City	77.1	Lafayette	62.9
Clatsop City	77.0	Humbolt	62.9
Kingsport	76.7	Jo Boro	62.9
Hiwassee	76.7	West	62.9
Winchester	71.3	McMinnville	62.8
Franklin	71.3	Mem. Catholic	62.8
Greeneville	71.1	Henderson	62.7
Chattanooga	71.1	Chattanooga	62.7
Manchester	71.0	Sevierville	62.7
Lynchburg	70.9	Huntsdon	62.7
Sevier	70.8	Carle	62.7
Sullivan	70.8	Searden	62.7
Mem. East	71.4	Hampton	62.7
La. Pointe	71.3	Milan	62.7

Press	
Castle Heights	96.1 C.M.A.
Headley	84.6 Vette Flame
DePue Mill	81.3 T.M.I.
Chattanooga	81.3 T.M.I.
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There was no announcement concerning Bobby Hoppe, Hixson's Clark and Jeffrey. Central understood both Auburn and Tennessee, among others, are eager to land the three.



Ready to pound away at the Miami Stingarees are these five Chattanooga Central players who are slated to see action in the Kiwanis charity game tonight in the Orange Bowl. They are all-city center Ray Moss (with ball), No. 19 quarterback Billy Tate; No. 21 Bobby Tate; No. 24 Wayne Hutchelton; No. 33 all-city Robert (The Rabbit) Hoppe, the leading scorer.



CENTRAL DEPARTS FOR BOWL GAME—Central High's Purple Pounders, state high school football champions, are shown lined up in front of their Capitol Airways plane at Lovell Field this morning before departing for Miami, Fla. where they engage the Miami High Stingarees in a Kiwanis-sponsored charity game tonight in the Orange Bowl. County Judge Wilkes Thrasher, who made the trip, is shown standing third from left, with Principal Robert Millsaps (fifth from left) and Coach Red Etter (fourth from left).—(Photo by J. B. Collins.)

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MHS SEEKING REVENGE AGAINST 'POUNDERS'

High School Rivals Play In Kiwanis Club Benefit

By ART GRACE, Miami Daily News Staff Writer

Miami High School will try to avenge a mid-season 27-0 pasting by Chattanooga Central in the Orange Bowl tonight at 8:15, in the 19th annual Kiwanis Charity football game. The Stingarees, who came back from the Central drubbing and two other losses to win the city title, are in poor shape physically and are a seven-point underdog.

Chattanooga's 51-man squad arrived this morning and is primed to repeat its win over the local heroes in Chattanooga Oct. 8. They have an 8-1 record and are Tennessee state champions.

Charley Tate, MHS coach, isn't too happy about facing Chattanooga again with two key linemen in such bad condition they probably will see little or no action. Paul Smith, 245-pound defensive tackle, has a bad knee, and Jim Rose, two-way guard, is suffering from a severe charley horse.

Smith has been unable to attend school all week, spending his time at home and in a doctor's office. Rose's left leg is taped from the knee to the hip.

"I hate like the devil to play a team of Central's calibre in the shape we're in now," Tate said yesterday. "As if it were only had three scrimmage days since the Edison game (Nov. 26)."

Henry Replaces Rose

Tate revealed that Clyde Balch, regular offensive tackle, or Gary Freeman, a 185-pound junior, will replace Smith. Dewey Henry, a linebacker, will fill in for Rose. Jim Van Hyning, MHS' fine offensive and defensive end, still isn't ready for full time duty. He was injured before the Miami Jackson game and has been restricted to punting duties since.

The Stingaree backfield is another story—they are all ready to go. Larry Font, whose long-distance runs supplied the offensive kick in wins over Coral Gables, Jackson and Edison, will start at tailback. Ellis Baker is at full-back, Jim Hinds at blocking back, and Joe Lain at wingback.

MHS uses the single wing, occasionally shifting to the double end.

Central's fast-moving offense is led by Bobby Hoppe, one of the best high school halfbacks in the South. Hoppe is a triple threat and the Purple Pounders' (sic) leading scorer. He was injured on the first play of Central's opening game against Memphis Central, and Chattanooga suffered its only defeat of the season.

Hoppe is five feet, 11 inches tall and weighs 175 pounds. He has scored 17 touchdowns, averaging 9.8 yards per carry. The rest of the Central backfield has Bill Heaton (140) at quarterback, Wayne Hutcheson (183) fullback, and Bobby Tate (160) halfback.

Gene Etter, son of Red Etter, the Central coach, kicks the extra points. Etter the younger is 14 years old, stands five feet, three inches tall, and weighs 110 pounds. To complete the picture he wears glasses. This ties in neatly with the Kiwanis game, for one of the major benefits of the first contests was supplying eye examinations and glasses to Miami youngsters. Etter has kicked 30 extra points this fall.

Four members of the championship club are All-State: Hoppe, James Cannon, 180-pound end; Larry Clingan, 180-pound tackle, and Ray Moss, 190-pound center.

Central caught MHS off balance in the opening stages of their first meeting and the Stingarees never recovered. An unscouted offensive maneuver surprised Tate's boys in a one-sided first half, but Chattanooga made only two first downs in the final

two periods.

Following their opening loss to Memphis Central, 16-7, Chattanooga came back to defeat Atlanta Marist, 49-0; Kingsport, 28-7; Chattanooga Red Bank, 48-0; Jacksonville Landon, 20-13; Little Rock, 26-7; Nashville Hiton, 34-12, and Baylor 21-7. They were tied by Bradley, 13-13.

MHS had a tough time during the first half of their schedule. After trouncing Miami Beach, 41-0, they lost three of their next four games. Jacksonville Lee beat them 13-6; Jacksonville Lee by 16-0 and Central, 27-0. With spirit at rock bottom, Tate got his boys moving to win the city title with a 13-0 win over Jackson and a 21-6 upset of Edison. They handled Coral Gables, 22-7, and beat Fort Lauderdale, 21-0, and Baylor, 14-13.

The Kiwanians run this game strictly for charity and all proceeds go to aid underprivileged children in the community. A crowd of 25,000 is expected.

The Line-ups:

Chattanooga	P	W	Miami High
Fred Osborne	1	1	Jack Jackson
Larry Clingan	1	1	Gene Ferry
Hal Reider	1	1	Jack Holly
Wayne Hutcheson	1	1	Jim Branch
Albert McChaffey	1	1	Jack Holly
Bob McCutcheon	1	1	Doug Henry
James Cannon	1	1	Tom Kanne
Bill Heaton	1	1	Clyde Balch
Bobby Hoppe	1	1	Jim Hinds
Bob Tate	1	1	Larry Foster
Wayne Hutcheson	1	1	Joe Lain
			Ellis Baker

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Central Dominates Roundup's '53 All-City



DUCHENE
City, Back



MAY
Baylor, Back



JEFFREY
City, Guard



COWART
Central, Guard



HARDY
Baylor, Tackle



CANNON
Central, End

Pounder Place 5 Men, City Baylor McCallie Represented on Mythical Team

"This is it," were the exact words of a local sports figure when shown the line-up of the 1953 Sports Roundup's All-City team.

It is for sure a team that any coach would love to have under his wing. Big fast ends who can do anything and do it well, Hugh Clemmer and James Cannon.

At the tackle ports two huskies who like the rough going, Hal Bridges, and Al Hardy, 383 pounds of men and muscle. The guard posts are manned by Jim Jeffreys, who became a star almost overnight, and Richard Corvart. This combination is two of the finest guards seen on local gridiron in several years.

At the center spot is a very fine ball handler, Ray Moss, who deserves a lot of credit for the fine showing of Central this year, he is truly a great pivot man.

The backfield is our idea of what a coach's dream would be like. It contains all the qualities needed for a well rounded quartet. It's Bobby Hoppe, Le Roy Duchene, Bill Clark and Don May. These lads have smartsness, can pass run and kick. They are very adept at finding holes in the opponents line, and when in the open can perform in the broken field as well as the next



HOPPE

Central, Back (Captain)

Sports Roundup's 1953 All-City

Pos.—Player	School	Age	Wt.	Ht.
End—Hugh Clemmer, McCallie		18	175	6' 1"
End—James Cannon, Central		19	160	5'11"
Tackle—Hal Bridges, Central		17	165	6' 1"
Tackle—Al Hardy, Baylor		18	208	5'11"
Guard—Jim Jeffrey, City		17	212	6' 2"
Guard—Richard Cowart, Central		18	180	5'11"
Center—Ray Moss, Central		16	185	6' 2"
Back—Bobby Hoppe, Central		18	175	5'11"
Back—LeRoy Duchene, City		19	155	6' 2"
Back—Don May, Baylor		17	170	5'10"
Back—Bill Clark, Hixson		18	225	6' 2"

(Capt. Bobby Hoppe)



CLARK
Hixson, Back



BRIDGES
Central, Tackle



CLEMMER
McCallie, End



MOSS
Central, Center

one. We chose Central's Bobby Hoppe as captain for his most outstanding consistent performance this year. There are many more fine prospects among the many schools in this area but as we see it, here it is sports fans—11 of the finest football players it has been our pleasure to honor.

Central Beats Miami 21-14

HOPPE GALLOPS 89 FOR WINNING TALLY

Bobby, Purples Are Cheered by 18,479 Fans Watching Orange Bowl Event

By GEORGE SHURT

ORANGE BOWL STADIUM, Miami, Dec. 11—Bobby Hoppe put the finishing touches on Central's annual Christmas pageant tonight, leading Chattanooga Central to a 21-14 victory in the annual Kivans Charity game before 18,479 paid customers.

Robert, the rabbit playing what is called here one of the greatest games any high school back has shown in this big bowl, turned into a whole team of Santa's reindeer to put Central on top of the talented Miami Senior High team to stay in the fourth period.

He was Dancer, Francer, and Dan Dasher all rolled into one as he capped, among other things, a brilliant four-year career and the Purple Pounders' victory in their first big post-season game.

Hoppe hopped 89 yards for one touchdown, Central's second of the night, and the 14-0 tab looked good early in the first quarter on the needs of Bill Tate's TD on a 44-yard fumble recovery.

But when Miami came back and brought the count to 14-7 at halftime and then dominated the third quarter, things began to appear grim. And that's what they were when, early in the first, Miami tied the game, 14-14.

But the game was tied for only 23 seconds, Hoppe saw to that, teaming with Charles (Indian) Central on a double safety reverse, Hoppe ran 89 yards to put the Purples back in the game with renewed vigor that was enough to stanch the rest of the remaining 10 minutes and 20 seconds of heated battle.

It was so heated that tempers flared and a fist or so was cocked at the final siren but finally the tumult and the shouting died and, as a man, the stands cheered Hoppe and Central.

First Quarter

Central won the toss, elected to receive. Miami kicked with the wind, blowing briskly enough to stand goalpost steamers straight out. Two Hoppe tackle smashes settled nothing and then Heaton overshot him. Heaton's punt hit Moss on the Miami 44 and the 22-yard kick seemed a bad break. Early on Miami's first running play Ellis Baker got 3, fumbled when tackled, and Bill Tate picked up the ball on first bounce on the Miami 41 and elected to a touchdown. Two minutes had elapsed as Gene Etter kicked the point after, Central 7-0.

The Stings drove to Central's 34 before being forced to punt after two first downs. The kick went into the end zone brought out to the 20. On the first play Central pulled its highly deceptive belly play, Hoppe breaking into the open. Miami was so badly fooled that fullback Rutheson was sneered by the line as he appeared to have the ball. That was all the start Hoppe needed and he outdistanced the field the 89 yards. Etter's point try was not good, but Miami was offside. Parris kept at right end for the point on the return and Central led 14-0 with 12:27 left in the quarter. Near the end of it Miami was held for downs on the Central 22 after penetrating to the 17.

Second Quarter

A Pounder ground drive was checked early in the second and Heaton kicked out 32 yards. Parris returning eight after, taking the criss-cross from Griffiths in double safety. On a tackle trap play Parris broke into the clear and ran 50 to the Central 22 before Tate stopped it on a swift tailback. A 4th and 15 pass off a double reverse. Griffiths to Tom Zannis, carried to the end zone flag 28 yards. On first and goal from the 1 Foot drive, Tate center for the score. 8:12 remaining in the half. The tie of Ted Cutolo got sore before he ever got the count. Twice Miami had 12 runs on the field and one Central was offside. But the big tackle got his 17th point of the season, 14-7.

Central could not sustain a march and Heaton punted 27. Griffiths returning 21 to the Central 50. But a 15-yard illegal hands penalty stalled the drive and

Van Hying punted 35 yards, dovned on the Central 42.

Again Heaton had to punt, a 21-yard loss on a pass try to the spiler, but on this one a bizarre reception resulted in Central possession. Parris received a fumble and George Collins recovered for Central. As Stingers surrounded him Collins pitched backward to Fred Heaton, who fell as he recovered on the Miami 48. On the end-around pass Charles Cobb overshot Cannon on the 10 as time was running out. With about 10 seconds left Hoppe pulled what may well be one of his finest runs in a sterling four-year career. Max Parris, in close, faked a jump pass and handed back on a modified Statue of Liberty to Hoppe coming around toward left. Hoppe, like a traffic cop directing traffic, here blew up on the left side line. Then, picking his route as a barefoot boy in a briarpatch, he cut to midfield and, almost named there, cut back to the left. He slanted between bewildered Stings at full speed and change of pace. At the 7 he was tripped up by a diving desperation tackle by Ellis Baker. He slipped to a halt on his pockets as the half ended.

Intermission

At halftime Miami Edison and host Miami Senior put on a Christmas pageant that is probably bettered only by the New Year's Day Orange Bowl extravaganza.

The Christmas tableaux seemed strange, colorful as it was with darkened lights and multicolored formations by lighted humans on the field, to the estimated 25,000 shirt-sleeved, or light-coated perspiring patrons—especially those from out of Florida.

Third Quarter

Miami dominated the third quarter, keeping Central more on the defensive than it had been in probably any game this season. But the sting defense finally stalled any scoring drives, despite the constant Fonta-Griffith threat on the ground and in the air.

Fourth Quarter

What the third lacked in any luster the fourth made up for it quickly. On the first play from Miami's 45, Fonta broke through on that trap play again, went 39 to Central's 16. Then he made 1 at tackle and it appeared that the famed strong finish Miami makes against out-of-town foes unaccustomed to the heat and humidity might be taking a rest on Central.

This despite Etter's frequent substituting of several players who had played little this season in an effort to keep the team fresh. From the 15, Fonta got to the 6 before Heaton nailed him. On next play Fonta went right end and Joe Lain blocked out Purple and Lerch beautifully to clear Fonta for the score. Cutolo's kick was good and it was 14-14 with 1:17 gone in the frame.

On the kickoff a double-safety criss-cross provided the thrill of the night. Central was only tied for 23 seconds, the time it took for the kickoff to reach Central on the Central 11. He ran toward his right, met Hoppe zooming in from that direction and handed off to the rabbit man and Hippety-Hop went Hoppe to a touchdown, the play covering 89 yards. Little Gene Etter's kick was good, his 33rd of the season, and Central led with 1:40 gone in the final frame.

SHORT SHOTS—The band buses, carrying a part of the traveling squad of 48 who were not on the chartered, renovated C-46, arrived here this morning at 9:30 o'clock. The player, coach, guest plane put down at Miami International Airport at 1:05 after being delayed in takeoff until 8:30 a.m. and stopping for fuel briefly in Jacksonville. Judge Wilkos Thrasher, Central principal Hobart Millsaps and press men were on

CENTRAL
Ends—Cannon, Osborne, Lerch, Cobb, Baker.
Tackle—Chisam, Brown, McCulchson, Martin, Kimbro.
Guards—Collins, Briggess, Mehaber, Thompson.
Center—Moss.
Backs—Hoppe, Tate, W. Hulseborn, Etter, Cantrell, Rudesill, Geren, Parris.

MIAMI
Ends—Zannis, Jackson.
Tackle—Ferra, Baldo.
Guards—Henry, Branch.
Center—Moss.
Backs—Lain, Parris, Hinds, Baker, Griffin, Corina.
Central scoring—Touchdowns: Tate, Hoppe 2. Conversions: Etter 1, Parris 1. Miami scoring—Touchdowns: Fonta 1. Conversions: Cutolo 1.

Auburn Is Hoppe's Choice; 5th From Here to Go There

Central's Fabulous Halfback Signs Grant-In-Aid Pact With Plainsmen

By AUSTIN WHITE

News-Free Press Sports Writer

A Central High School's fabulous Bobby Hoppe, who closed out a sensational schoolboy career last night at Miami, has signed a grant-in-aid pact with Auburn, the Alabama school announced this morning. The target of intensive recruiting drives by at least three other Southeastern

Tennessee, Georgia Tech and Alabama made desperate pitches to land the 18-year-old, 5'11, 175-pound halfback who gained well over 1,000 yards for Red Etter's Purple Pounders this year and scored 114 points in 11 games (including last night's Orange Bowl post-season duel with Miami High's Stingers).

Hoppe is the fifth Chattanooga star to cast his lot with the Plainsmen. Others who have signed with Auburn are City High's Guard Jim Jeffrey, End Howard Black and Fullback Leroy Duchsene and Baylor Tackle Al Hardy, a Birmingham boy.

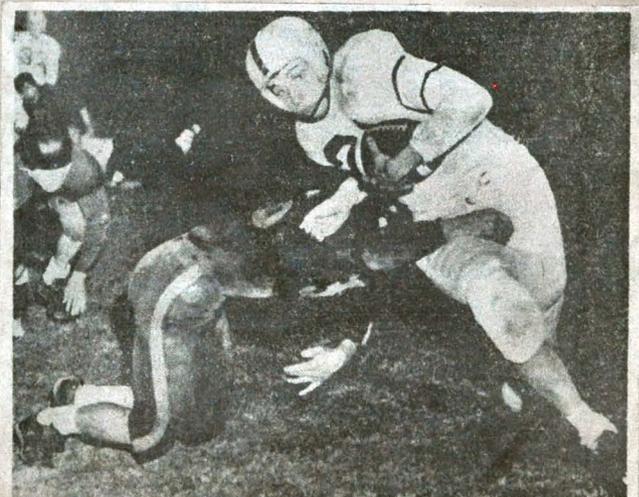
All five were selected on the News-Free Press 1953 All-City Hoppe and Hardy for the second year in a row.

Hoppe also was an All-State selection in 1952 and is certain to be a repeater when the 1953 squad is announced soon. In addition, he is this area's top candidate for an All-Southern berth and is—or should be—receiving much consideration for the high school All-America.

Hoppe saved one of his most brilliant performances for the last. With 18,479 fans looking on at Miami last night, he streaked 89 yards to a touchdown with a fourth-quarter kickoff to give Central's Purple Pounders a 21-14 victory over Miami High in Miami's annual Kivans Bowl classic. Earlier, in the first quarter, he had sprinted 89 yards for Central's second touchdown.



BOBBY HOPPE Auburn-bound



CENTRAL'S FABULOUS GAINS FIVE YARDS—Robert Tate, halfback on the Chattanooga Central Orange Bowl last night, Dewey Henry, Miami guard, stopped the pounding Purple player. Central won 21-14.

STATISTICS

	CHATT	MIAMI
First downs rushing	9	2
First downs passing	1	0
First downs penalties	4	0
Yards gained rushing	142	88
Yards lost rushing	20	88
Net yards gained rushing	122	16
Forward passes tried	12	16
Forward passes completed	6	8
Yards gained passing	143	207
Net yards gained passing	143	207
Own forward passes had intercepted	0	1
Yards returned intercepted	11	0
Plays	11	0
Number of punts	35	31
Average yards punts	32	31
Yards returned all kicks	1	2
Fumbles	1	2
Fumbles lost	1	2
Number of penalties	5	2
Yards penalties	1	0
Quits on recovered fumbles	4	0

Chattanooga Hoppe 'Too Much' for MHS, 21-14

Kiwanis Game a Thriller

Chattanooga Chills MHS Again, 21-14

TD Return On Kickoff Kills Hopes

By WHITEY KELLEY
Herald Sports Writer

Long range touchdown strikes of 45, 80 and 89 yards by Chattanooga's speed boys snuffed the life out of Miami High's revenge hopes, 21-14, Friday night in one of the most exciting of a long line of spectacular Kiwanis games.

An Orange Bowl crowd of 18,479 saw Bobby Hoppe, the Chattanooga flyer, break Miami High's hearts with a dazzling 89-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the early minutes of the fourth quarter.

That was one Coach Charley Tate's kids just couldn't overcome. It was just too much.

They had spotted the Tennessee champions 14 points in the

The Yardstick

	Chattanooga	Miami
First downs rushing	9	3
First downs passing	0	0
First downs punting	0	0
Total first downs	9	3
Total first downs	19	10
Yards lost rushing	23	58
Yards lost passing	0	100
Forward passes tried	3	16
Forward passes completed	2	10
Yards gained passing	0	87
Yards lost passing	0	100
Downs lost on field	1	1
Downs lost on field	1	1
Number of punts	3	4
Average yards punts	33	21
Yards returned all kicks	89	0
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles lost	1	0
Number of penalties	23	46
Yards penalized	23	46
Gains on fumble recoveries	0	0

first quarter, but battled back to eventually deadlock the score at 14-14 with only 10:45 remaining in the thrill-packed struggle.

Then it happened. Charley Smoot kicked deep to the Purple Pounders' 11—and away from the always dangerous Hoppe. It was picked up by Bobby Tate, who headed for the south side lines.

There was no one crossing in the opposite direction on the cross-crook as the eager Stingarees poured down on Tate.

At about the 25 the Chattanooga chicanery began to unfold. There, starting almost like a motionless bump on a log, was the feared Hoppe.

He accepted the football from Tate, circled back in the opposite direction and then headed up field on the north sideline. Once they saw Hoppe head the other way, the startled Stingarees changed their line of flight but it was too late.

The maneuver came as such a surprise it was extremely well executed—that Hoppe had a convoy of six blockers and nothing but the goal line in front of him when he reached midfield.

A punting Stingaree nailed Hoppe at the goal line but not soon enough to prevent the score.

The lightning-quick Hoppe actually was the difference in the game. Miami High couldn't handle his speed in an earlier 27-0 defeat and it couldn't harness him

He struck fear in the hearts of Miami High followers in the first quarter with an 89-yard scoring run to remind his foes that his all-Tennessee ranking wasn't just a gift.

If it helps sooth their feelings—for they did stage a remarkable comeback after falling behind by 14 points in the game's infancy—the Stingarees outplayed the Purple Pounders . . . all except Hoppe.

They netted 267 yards to Chattanooga's 163 and 120 of those yards went to Hoppe in two bursts.

But the city champions made enough mistakes to put a fresh crop of gray hair in Tate's head. They fumbled five times, were shackled by backfield-in-motion and offside penalties, and otherwise contrived to impede their own progress.

Fumble No. 1 proved the most costly. It handed the invaders six points they didn't deserve.

On Miami High's initial offensive formation Larry Fouts, who later reflected the misery by leading his team's comeback and scoring both touchdowns, let go of the football like a yo-yo.

It found a home in the arms of Tate, Chattanooga halfback, who was striding up to meet Fouts. Tate grabbed the football and raced untouched to the score. Little Gene Etter, 14-year-old piece kicking son of the coach, slammed the first of his two conversions through the uprights.

Only two minutes of the game had been played at that point.

At 3:30 of the first quarter Chattanooga owned a 14-0 lead, thanks to the swift Hoppe. On the first play after a Jim Van Hynning punt, Hippy accepted a hand-off, fled over right tackle and simply ran past Stingarees on an 80-yard touchdown run.

Young Etter missed the point but Miami High was offside so quarterback Max Evans ran for the point from the one.

A team with less heart would have folded under the circumstances, but to their credit the Stingarees refused to take the easy way out.

In the early minutes of the second quarter Fouts broke off to left side and fled 50 yards to the invaders' 22. After a back-in-motion penalty, Don Griffiths, on a double handoff play, arched a 25 yard pass to end Tom Zannis at the one. It was the same type play EMU used against Florida.

With 3:50 of the period gone, Fouts rammed the middle for the score. Tackle Ted Cutolo kicked three successful conversions before one counted.

A double penalty resulted on the first, Miami High had five backs in the game on the second and he kicked the third from the 15 yard line.

The always-dangerous Hoppe all the way on the first half's final play. He was brought down on the Miami High six, after running 40 yards, by Ellis Baker's shoe top tackle.

The Stingarees paraded 55 yards for their second touchdown and once again the head raming Fouts was the key figure.

He flammed over center, knocked over several of the enemy and finally had to be shoved out of bounds by Tate and W. H. Green at the Chattanooga 17 after a run of 38 yards on the fourth quarter's first play.

After Baker made two, Fouts stepped in again, first whamming through tackle for ten, then flashing wide on a five-yard scoring journey. Baker made this one go with a timely block.

When Cutolo kicked the deadlocking point the Stingarees breathed easy for the first time since the game's start. This was with 10:45 of the fourth quarter remaining.

Chattanooga appeared a third clutch, one that might be ripe for an upset. But Hoppe made such thoughts pure folly seconds later on his game-winning dash.

The Stingarees' defensive stalwart, 245-pound Paul Smith, watched most of the action from the sidelines. A leg bruise kept him on the bench except for a brief early appearance and in the game's final minutes.

Chatt. Central	14	0	0	—21
Miami High	0	7	0	—14
Chattanooga scoring:	1	1	1	Touchdowns
Tate, Hoppe 2, extra points	2	2	2	Extra points
Etter	1	1	1	Field goals
Miami High scoring:	1	1	1	Touchdowns
Fouts 2, extra points	2	2	2	Extra points



—Herald Staff Photo by Steve Weber

A 25-YARD AERIAL STRIKE finds end Tom Zannis of Miami High gathering in a pitch from Don Griffiths in the second period Friday night. Chattanooga's Bob Tate tackled Zannis at the one, but Griffiths scored the Stingarees' first touchdown on the next play.

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Winning Kickoff Return Just Devised, Tried It First Time On Thursday--Etter Central Coach Says

By PETE BRATAGER

Herald Sports Writer

That damaging kickoff return of Bobby Hoppe's which carried Chattanooga Central to victory over Miami High Friday night had been added to the Purple Pounders' bag of football tricks only a day before the game.

"We'd never used it before nor even practiced it in scrimmages before yesterday (Thursday). It was the startling revelation of Coach Red Etter in the Grand Bowl dressing room following his team's 21-14 victory.

"We worked on it Thursday and had decided to use it the first time Miami High scored against us. But, then, when we got two touchdowns ahead, we hesitated to take the gamble.

"Even when they scored the second time we weren't sure we were going to try it. If they missed the point, we were going to play it safe, being ahead, 14-13.

"But they tied it up so we decided to gamble with it . . . and won. That was the difference in the ball game, those three long runs," the pleased Chattanooga coach continued.

For those who didn't see the game, here's what happened:

Bobby Tate picked up the kickoff following Miami High's second touchdown. He ran 14 yards to his right, then handed off on Central's 25 to Hoppe . . . who looped back to his own 15 and raced down the left sideline for the points that decided the game.

Hoppe had lined up at right end on the play and stood statue-still until Tate fed him the football. Then he was off like the rabbit he is.

"Miami High played us a heckuva good ball game," added Etter. "How many first downs did we make? Probably wasn't many, cause we hit 'em from far out.

"We played about our average game. The difference was Miami High's improved defense. That's where the game was closer." (Chattanooga beat the Stings, 27-0 previously this season.)

Said Etter of Hoppe's 80-yard touchdown trip earlier in the scrap, "We caught Miami High's linemen crashing and the tackle slanting. Once Hoppe got past the line of scrimmage there wasn't anybody to stop him."

Charley Tate, discouraged after seeing his kids' comeback ruined, explained that he had ordered Charlie Smoot to boot a sloppy ball on the kickoff to prevent much of a return.

"He kicked it sloppy like we wanted, but all our boys rushed in to try to cover it and we were caught flatfooted when Hoppe took out around the other way. It was a good maneuver.

"That broke our back. But that fumble on that first play (by Larry Fonts) really broke our back. Those kids of ours really fought back after being down 14 points, though, didn't they?"

"That's the way they've been doing all year. I think these kids have developed into a good bunch," Tate related at a flash.

"Dewey Henry did a tremendous job backing up the line. . . . Cutolo (Ted) played probably his best game up there at guard, and Hinds (Jim) played well.

"All our boys did a good job up front . . . they deserve a lot of credit. I think they played good enough to win."

Two of his top players saw only limited action. Tate added Tackle Paul Smith played only the last four minutes and on the extra point attempts because of a leg infection. Guard Jim Rose saw only little service on offense, but played defense.

Then Charley's interest turned to the fans' reactions.

"Was it a good ball game to watch? Did the people get their money's worth? The boys can't back good, like they been doing all season."

Etter tabbed linemen Wayne Hutchison and Ray Moss, son of the former major league pitcher, as outstanding on defense for his Pounders.

"The boys might have got a little tired along about the third period. We missed three days of practice because of rain and a couple of the boys were bothered by flu," he pointed out.

Neil Barnes and Richard Cowart, guards, and Fred Osborne, an end, saw little or no action because of flu attacks.

"It was a kid we had in there for Cowart that got trapped on Fonts' long run that hurt us on their first touchdown drive," Etter said.

"I said it before, but I mean it. They played us a good ball game . . . except for those three long runs.



LARRY FONTS SCORES FOR MIAMI HIGH

Larry Fonts, Miami High School tailback, runs past Bobby Hoppe, Chattanooga Central halfback, to score MHS' second touchdown early in the fourth period of last night's Kiwanis game. Fonts went

over standing up from the Central five yard line to tie the game at 14-14. Hoppe returned the next kickoff for the winning touchdown.



TOUCHDOWN-BOUND on an 80-yard sprint is Bobby Hoppe, Chattanooga Central hall-back, after breaking off right tackle in the first quarter Friday night. The camera catches

Hoppe just about to cut swiftly to the right to avoid Miami High's Don Grullins, the last defender. Forming Hoppe's escort service are James Cannon (46), Larry Clingan (49), 'Dick'

Cowart (41), and Ray Moss (52). The enlarged photo below provides a closeup view at the crucial moment of Hoppe's gallop.

—Herald Staff Photo by Bob E.

ING ON TWO SUYARDS RUNS AND FIVE SCORING BOTH MHS TOUCHDOWNS IN THE 21-14 CENTRAL VICTORY.



CENTRAL GLAD IT'S OVER

Should Have Won It, MHS Players Vow

By DON RUBIN

Miami Daily News Staff Writer

Despite the 21-14 loss to Chattanooga Central, no one will ever convince Miami High's football squad that the better team won last night's Kiwanis game.

As far as the Stingarees are concerned, it just isn't so. "We shoulda beat 'em," Ellis Baker, fullback, shouted after the game. "We outplayed them."

Clyde Balch, a tackle, injected "We pushed them all over the field. We shoulda won."

"What happened?" Baker explained. "They got a couple of lucky breaks, a fumble, and that long kick off return, and they got touchdowns on em. We shoulda won. We had 'em."

Others Agree

His team mates back him up with one long roar of approval and then barged in with statements of their own. "We outplayed them," Tom Zannis, an end, said. "We deserved to win."

"Put me down for that," Jack Kelly, center, added. "Don't forget to say that it

was a clean ball game," Larry

Fonte, MHS's tailback, said.

"They hit awful hard, but it was a clean team."

The Miami High coaching staff went along with the "we deserved to win" theory.

"The kids did a good job and we're proud of 'em," Charley Tate, MHS head football coach said, "but we deserved to win this one."

"The boys came back from a bad season. It would be a helluva nice thing to have this one. We pushed 'em all over the field according to the statistics. Heck, we deserved this one."

'Fans Against Us'

But defensive guard, Herb Laschower, always the pessimist, warned this reporter as he left:

"The whole city was against us. But we almost won it. We deserved to win it. Now don't go down there and write that we got smeared. Because we weren't."

The Chattanooga team will heartily agree with Laschower.

"We were glad to get away with this one," Red Etter, Cen-

tral head football coach said after the game. "We were lucky."

"This game was very different from the last time we played them. (Central won, 27-0). The big difference was the Miami High defense.

"We played about the same. The heat got us toward the end, but we figure one or two touchdowns difference every time we came down here. But MHS' defense was sharp here. Up there it wasn't much. They were just reaching out and missing tackles. They were really sloppy."

The Purple Pounders weren't in the best of shape for the game according to Etter.

"We had three boys slowed up with flu," he said. "Neil Barnes, one of our guards, and Dick Cowart, a tackle, was weak and so was Fred Osborne. He's an end. We had to replace them every now and then."

"We didn't practice but three days up there. The rain stopped us from working out."

"We're glad to get this one though. They've been beating us regularly and we wanted to even it up."



PASS SETS UP FIRST MHS TOUCHDOWN

Tom Zannis, Miami High end, reaches for Don Griffiths' pass in the second period of last night's game against Chattanooga Central in the Orange Bowl. Zannis caught the ball on the Central two-

yard line and was stopped by Bob Tate (21), Central halfback, on the one. The play covered 25 yards to set up a one-yard scoring plunge by Larry Fonte, MHS tailback.

MHS hoodwinked into Kiwanis Loss

By ART GRACE, Miami Daily News Staff Writer

Chattanooga Central, high school football champions of Tennessee, is now Miami High. The Tennessee team in history to beat MHS twice in one season last night with a 21-14 victory in the 19th annual Kiwanis charity game in the Orange Bowl.

In their first victory over MHS (27-0 on Oct. 8), the Purple Pounders overpowered the local heroes. Last night they hoodwinked them. Practically everyone in the crowd of 18,479 will agree that the Stingarees deserved to win—or at least tie. They also will agree that Central's Bobby Hoppe and Miami High's Larry Fonta are tremendous football players.

Hoppe's kickoff return, covering 80 yards, broke up the ball game immediately after MHS had tied it at 14-14 on the fourth play of the final period. Charley Tate, Miami High coach, called for a 'sloppy' kickoff to prevent a damaging run back. The kick wasn't quite sloppy enough.

Bob Tate, Central halfback, took the ball on the 11 yard line and raced down the south sideline. At the 25 he slipped the ball to Hoppe. Everybody in the stadium saw the handoff except 11 Stingarees hell bent on getting their hands on Tate. Hoppe circled back to the 20 and was moving down the north sideline before any MHS player realized he had the ball. He got perfect blocking until he reached the Stingarees' 12 and at that point he ran by three MHS tacklers who bumped each other out of position.

Red Etter, Central coach, revealed that the play had been tried out for the first time in a Thursday practice. He had planned to call it after Miami's first touchdown, but changed his mind when his team took a 14-lead.

"It was an all or nothing play," he said. "If Miami hadn't kicked the point after their second touchdown we wouldn't have tried it."

Tate Unhappy
Tate was deeply disappointed at the loss, but was justifiably proud of his ball club. "We deserved to win," Charley exclaimed. "I thought we were going to take it when we tied it up."
Ralph Davis, MHS backfield coach, lamented the fact that no one losted on the fatal kickoff.

"Usually one guy is slow getting down there," Davis explained, "and he'd be back to take care of a breakaway run. This time everybody was hopped up and Hoppe was long gone."

Central got its touchdowns on a fumble recovery and two 80-yard runs by Hoppe. MHS drove 72 and 55 yards for their scores. Fonta scored on a one-yard plunge and a five yard end sweep. The Stingarees, with Fonta out-running Hoppe for most of the game, made a great comeback after handing Central a 14-0 lead in their first 5½ minutes of play. Central started to sag in the second quarter as the MHS line punched large holes in the Pounders' 6-2-2 defense.

MHS drew up to 14-7 at 3:50 of the second period, controlled the ball throughout the third quarter, and looked like they would run Central off the field when they

moved 55 yards and scored early in the fourth. Then Hoppe went 80 yards and the Stingarees never recovered.

MHS kicked off and on the first series held Hoppe to minus one yard on two carries. Central's Billy Heaton punted to Miami High's 41. On the Stingarees' first play from scrimmage Fonta hit right tackle for two yards and fumbled. Tate picked up the ball on the 45 and raced down the south sideline to score standing up. Gene Etter, 14-year-old, 110-pounder son of the Central coach, kicked the extra point to make it 7-0 with less than two minutes gone.

Using the same play that had been stopped on their first series, Central scored in one thrust from the 20. Heaton, the T-quarterback, handed off to Hoppe who lild along the line and came through between right guard and tackle. He was in the open at the 20 and outran the Stingaree secondary for 80 yards. The stocky 175 pounder is both fast and deceptive, but he needed no deception on this play.

Etter's extra point try was no good, but MHS was offside. Max Parris, sub quarterback, then ran it over from the one and it was 14-0 at 5:35 of the first period.

Fonta Goes 50

The MHS seven-diamond defense held after giving up one first down and Heaton punted to the Stingarees' 28. Fonta broke over the middle, cut to the left and moved 50 yards before Tate nailed him on the Central 22. A fumbled reverse lost seven, but Fonta went up the middle for six.

After a five-yard penalty nullified fullback Ellis Baker's run to the 10, the Stingarees were faced with fourth and 15 from the 26. Don Griffiths entered a wingback and called a reverse-pass that carried to the one yard line. Fonta handed off to Griffiths who threw to Zannis in the coffin corner. He grabbed the ball on the two and was stopped on the one. Fonta hit over left guard to score on the next play. Ted Cutolo, a tackle, kicked the extra point three times and finally got credit for one. Penalties nullified the first two and he kicked it through from the 12 on the third try. That made it 14-7 with 8:10 remaining in the first half.

MHS controlled the ball for all but six plays of the third period. They took the second half kickoff on their 37 and got down to the Central 23 before losing the ball.

MHS Ties It

After an exchange of punts MHS went 55 yards to tie up the ball game, starting with the first play of the fourth period. Fonta broke over the middle at his own 45 and cut over to the south sideline, carrying 28 yards to the Central 17. Baker picked up two yards and Fonta cracked left tackle to the five.

On the next play Fonta turned

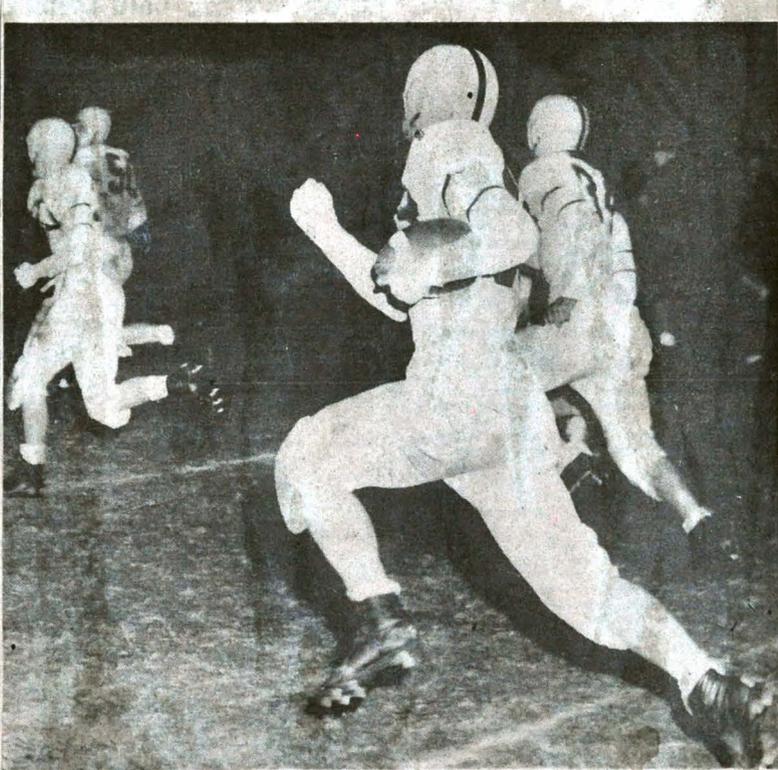
right and getting a perfect block from Baker at the eight. He scored standing up and Cutolo kicked the extra point to make it 14-14 at 1:17 of the quarter. Nineteen seconds later it was 21-14 on Hoppe's kickoff return and Etter's placement.

In the last half, Central gained only 12 yards from scrimmage. They gained 163 net yards to Miami High's 267. The winners failed to complete a pass in seven attempts, while Miami completed seven of 16 for 87 yards.

MHS was able to use Paul Smith, injured 245-pound tackle, only during the last four minutes. Dewey Henry, his replacement, held up well and Cutolo played a good defensive game.

The half time show was a real treat. If you like halftime shows.

HOPPE RUNS FOR GAME-WINNING TOUCHDOWN



Bobby Hoppe, outstanding Central halfback, is off and running on his 80-yard return of a MHS kickoff in the fourth period at the Orange Bowl last night. Hoppe took a handoff from teammate Bob Tate on the opposite sideline at the 25 and cut across

the field. Here he crosses the Central 30 with the entire Miami High team nowhere in sight. He didn't stop until he crossed the goal line with the game-winning touchdown. Charley Cantrell, halfback (right), and Hal Bridges, guard (50), are among his horde of blockers.

Miami Daily News Game Photo By Ed Pierce and Jay Spencer

Bobby Hoppe Brilliant as Central Turns Back Miami in Orange Bowl, 21-14

PURPLE BACK RACES 89, 80 YARDS FOR TD'S

Robert Tate Runs 44 Yards for Other Central Score

By DEXTER VAN ZANT
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MIAMI, Fla.—An 89-yard return of a fourth-period kickoff by Bobby Hoppe just after Miami had tied the score at 14-14 gave Central High a 21-to-14 win over the Stingarees here tonight in the Orange Bowl before 18,478 in the 19th annual Kivania charity game.

It was the second win of the year over Miami for the Tennessee state football kings but this one

STATISTICS	C	M
First downs rushing	5	7
First downs passing	1	1
First downs penalties	1	0
Total first downs	7	8
Yards gained rushing	152	213
Yards gained passing	22	28
Net yards gained rushing	151	185
Forward passes completed	6	7
Yards gained passing	22	28
Net yards gained passing	163	247
Overlaid and passes had	9	8
Yards returned intercepted	0	1
Number of punts	11	4
Average yards punts	73	71
Yards returned all kicks	122	97
Fumbles lost	1	2
Yards penalized	1	0
Gains on recovered fumbles	44	0

came harder than the 27-0 triumph by the Pounders in Chattanooga back in October.

Central scored first and lead all the way but the Stingarees' tricky offense was bothersome to the Pounders and was dangerous right down to the closing moments.

Hoppe made two of Central's touchdowns while Billy Tate made the other. Gene Etter kicked two extra points and Max Parris ran over one point. Speedy Larry Fontz made both Miami touchdowns and Ted Cutolo kicked the two extra points.

Tate's touchdown came shortly after the game started when he grabbed a fumble and ran 44 yards for the score. Central made the second one to run up the count to 14-0 when Hoppe ran 89 yards on the belly play. Hoppe's game-winning run came after one minute and 40 seconds of the fourth period had elapsed.

Central made six first downs to 10 for the Stingarees and made 183 yards rushing against a net of 159 for Miami. Central tried two passes and completed none. Miami completed seven of 16 for a gain of 87.

Central Coach Red Etter said after the game, "We consider ourselves fortunate to have completed a successful football season with a second victory over a good and much improved Miami team. Bobby Hoppe was marvelous. His run the last play of first half net yards short of touchdown was the most sensational bit of running I have ever seen by any back on any field."

Central received and ran three plays before kicking. Heaton's punt hit Ray Moss on the Miami 41. From where the Stingarees put it in play, Larry Fontz fumbled and Billy Tate took the loose ball on the Miami 41 and ran all the way for a touchdown untouched as Central blockers protected him, fore and aft. Etter kicked his 31st point of the year and it was 7-0 with 10 minutes left in the first period.

Miami took Charles Cantrell's kickoff on their own 38 and with return, the Stingarees reeled off two first downs and moved down to the Central 34 on their first threat of the night before being forced to kick. Jim Van Hying kicked over the goal and Central took over on their own 30.

On the first play, Hoppe took the ball on the belt buckle play and scampered 89 yards for a touchdown through the confused Miamians. Etter missed the try for point but Miami was off side and the Pounders got another chance. This time Max Parris ran the point. There was six minutes, 27 seconds left and Central led, 14-0.

Miami moved down to the Central 21 but lost the ball on downs just before the end of the first period. Fontz 50-yard run soon after the second quarter started opened the gate for the Stingarees score. The run, on a trap play up the center, put the ball on the Central 22.

After a five-yard penalty had moved the ball back to the 27, Don Griffin passed off a double reverse to Tom Zannis who was forced out on the 1-yard line. Fontz made the one and a touchdown on the next play. Ted Cutolo kicked the extra point but it was nullified because Miami had 12 men on the field and Central was offside. The 12th man stayed on the next try and again it did not count. The man left and Cutolo bisected the uprights again and this time it counted. The score was 14-7 with eight minutes, 12 seconds to play.

The next few minutes was a sawpout with Central gaining the ball on the Miami 46 just before the end of the period. On the last play Hoppe unreeled his best run of the year, as he took a handoff from Max Parris after the quarterback had faked a pass and zig-zagged in a narrow path on the sideline for 89 yards before being tripped by Ellis Baker on the Miami 7 after the period whistle had blown.

Miami was on the offensive most of the third period but Central fought fiercely to deny the Stingarees penetration deeper than the Pounder 23.

However, Fontz ran 39 on the trap play on his first try in the fourth quarter to set up the second Stingaree six-pointer. It took

the Florida speedster three plays to make the 16 needed yards, six of them in the last chuck. Cutolo kicked the PAT and the score was tied, 14-14.

Central came right back with the game-winning touchdown on a runback of the next kickoff. Tate took the ball on his 11, started out as if to run to his right but handed the ball to Hoppe on the dead run. Bobby took the ball and made a wide circle in the opposite direction.

Most Miami defenders followed Tate and by the time they found out he didn't have the ball, Hoppe was headed up the sideline and no one could bring him down although the last pursuer tackled him as he went over the goal. Etter kicked the point and it was 21-14, the way the game was to end.

Miami was still trying but a 15-yard loss by Angel Corina on an attempt to pass stopped one effort while Bobby Rudesell intercepted a Fontz pass on the Central 36 and ran it back to the 47 to give Central the ball with 23 seconds left to play. Max Parris ran out the clock, taking a five-yard penalty in the process.

CENTRAL
 Ends—Cannon, Osborne, Larch, Coss, Bakker
 Backfield—Clemens, Brown, McCubbin, Paulin, Kimbrough, Cowart
 Guards—Cullum, Rife, Lee, McFarland, Thompson, P. Hutchinson, Harris, Warren
 Ends—Mass
 Backs—Heaton, Monroe, Tate, W. Hutchings, Etter, Cantrell, Rudessell, O'Brien, Ellis, Anderson
MIAMI
 Ends—Egan, Jackson
 Backs—Parris, Balch
 Guards—Harris, Branch
 Center—Kelly
 Ends—Lynn, Frazier
 Line, property of
 Chattanooga Central High School
 Central's winning Touchdown: Tate
 Hoppe's winning Kick: Etter's Parris
 Miami's scoring Touchdowns: Fontz 2
 Conversions: Cutolo

Auburn Signs Bobby Hoppe;

PLAINSMEN TOTAL FROM HERE NOW 6

Jackets Add Horne, Payne, Brooks, Galifianakis of Notre Dame

Auburn athletic officials yesterday announced the signing of a much-sought-after pair of halfbacks in Baylor's Don May and Central's Bobby Hoppe to Southeastern grant-in-aid contracts with the Auburn Plainsmen.

With the signing of the two, Auburn brings to six her total number of Chattanooga high and prep school stars that have cast their lot with the Villagers. Others are Leroy Duchene, Howard Black, Jim Jeffrey from City and Al Hardy from Baylor.

Tom Seamon, Notre Dame coach, revealed last night that four of his boys had signed with Georgia Tech. They are Charles Horne, halfback; Jim Payne, tackle; David Brooks, fullback, and Harry Galifianakis, tackle.

A rundown of the list of Chattanooga and area players who have or will probably sign with SEC schools are as follows:

Tennessee—Wayne Hitchenson, Central fullback, Hal Bridges, Central tackle, Doyle Griffith, Brasley end, William Clark, Hixson fullback.

HOPPE RATED WITH M'COY— 300 Fans Greet Central on Return From Victorious Junket to Miami

An estimated 300 fans and relatives of Central High School's two-in-a-row state football champions were on hand at Lovell Field last night to greet the Central boys as they returned from the Kiwanis Bowl game in Miami, which Central won 21-14.

The big airliner settled onto the runway at 7:25, delayed almost an hour by bad weather.

A big cheer went up from the crowd as the first boys began landing from the plane. Many were in shirt sleeves, nearly all had coconuts they were bringing home as souvenirs.

Right after a group of teenagers had given out with 15 for Central, two cheers went up. "Yes, City."

In addition to bringing back the game ball as a trophy, Central was given a beautiful trophy for

winning the Kiwanis Bowl game. Coach E. B. "Red" Etter stated last night that Bobby Hoppe was the difference in the ball game. He rated Hoppe with Bob McCoy as being one of the two best backs he has coached at Central.

Hoppe, Auburn bound next fall, gained 130 yards in 15 carries in addition to his three long runs of 80, 89 and 39 yards, the first two for touchdowns.

Coach Etter said that he felt Hoppe has done more for him as a coach than he has done for Hoppe as a player.

Central's band returned last night by bus. Miami's Stingarees have been Miami city champions 27 times in the last 30 years, which gives some indication of the strength and reputation of the team beaten by Central.



Short Shots
BY GEORGE SHORT

Hoppe Hops to Auburn

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec 12—Bobby Hoppe, the new Chattanooga Choo Choo, stepped from the eye-searing sun of the Cadillac Hotel's Cabana Club and into the calm gray of the lobby, shook the sand from his shoes and finally answered the man who had been pestering him for weeks:

"Yes, I'm going to sign with Auburn. Supposed to do it today; it's definite . . . now is that the press conference you've been wanting?"

His wry smile, part of it coming through a reddened eye from last night's bruising 21-14 bowl victory over Miami High, told you that this time he knew for sure.

For the Central Comet, the Northside Express, Robert the Rabbit, Hippy Hoppe is a very much sought-after young man. And something a reporter heard last night left some doubt even at this late date that he would actually hop down the bunny trail to the Loveliet Village of the Plains, Auburn.

He heard that Miami wanted him to stay a couple or three days and see the Hurricanes' school and then be flown home commercially to make up his mind. Miami has a way of selling itself, and friends of the fleet footballer thought this might be the turning point.

But this morning's "press conference," brief as it was, erased the rest—Alabama, which was believed the runner-up; Georgia, Tennessee, SMU and hometown Chattanooga to name just a few.

Versatile Is Bobby

It is obvious now that back home in the press of press dead-

Central High Eleven To Return 6:30 P.M.

The Central football team will arrive in Chattanooga by plane at 6:30 tonight, instead of the 4:30 p.m. originally announced to students, it was announced last night by Central officials.

Central students await a welcoming demonstration for their victorious eleven, 21-14 winner over Miami High Friday night.

lines some of the hatch-faced Hoppe's talents were overlooked.

Last night in his great swan song, for example, his run on the game-winning kickoff return was from an unusual alignment. He lined up at the right end position for the reception, and when the ball went to Bill Tate (who erroneously reported Charles Cantrell took it) Hoppe played possum for a few moments. Just stood there. Then as Tate headed for the right sideline he deftly handed the ball to Hoppe. From almost a standing start, Hoppe hopped back to the left and fell right into the kickoff return lane formed by

The Corridor Play

The rest is now history. How he followed the escort down that corridor for 70 yards after Miami had tied the score 23 seconds before is well known.

But what is not well known is that the carefully planned maneuver was worked on only five times by the Pounders. Coach Red Etter said they dug the play up Thursday as a surprise offensive maneuver knowing that Miami could not have scouted it.

That it worked is a tribute to the team; to Etter and to Hoppe.

Another Secret Weapon

Hoppe figured in another unscouted, unused maneuver, too, that might well have paid off. He was placed at right tackle on Miami punt formations. Etter and assistants Stan Farmer, Les Newton and Jake Seaton had studied Miami game movies so thoroughly that they noticed the Stings had set blocking strategy for the opposing right tackle when they were punting. So the Purples put Hoppe in at that spot, hoping for a blocked punt. How close he came to making one never be known, but Bill Vanhyning swore last night that he believed Hoppe rubbed noses with him as toe met ball.

His Greatest Run; No TD

That's the Bobby Hoppe Central coaches, close friends and teammates know.

That's the guy who made probably his greatest run ever in the Orange Bowl but didn't get a touchdown seconds before the half.

It was a snaky, Johnny Butler-type run that still had them talking. The play gained 39 yards but he missed the goal—even as he must have run 110 yards on the kickoff return.

Hoppe took the Statue of Liberty from the left side of the golfer-comedian, and headed for the left sideline, near the Central bench. As the defense gathered there Bobby pointed to his teammate that he was going to cut back toward midfield. He did, hurdling three men to get to his blockers. At about the 25 in midfield the secondary came upon him again and he cut back left, changing pace to get between two men. But Don Griffiths, the fast No. 1, stringed him down on the 7 as the siren screamed and the 18,479 paid admissions rose as one man in tribute to a great football run. The applause was still ringing as hands struck up for their halttime entrance.

Report here is that quite a few Purple partisans are expected at the airport at 6:30 p.m. Sunday for a welcome home meeting

. . . Miami High has been city champion 27 times and co-champion twice in 30 years . . . Hal Bridges and Larry Clingan played the full 48 minutes Friday night . . . Neil Barnes, whose name did not appear in the lineup, was ill, but got in on one extra-point play . . . Max Paris scored on it on busted kickoff. Etter chose to run for it despite the yard penalty when he noticed son Gene's first kick he was affected by the wind. Hoppe was supposed to carry, but Paris could find no Hoppe, no one, and he ran right end jubilantly . . . Watch for W. A. Gentry to be big man in the Purple offense next year. And for much play from end Bob Baskette and quarterback Bobby Rucker. Etter intercepted the desperation Miami pass in the last 30 seconds.

A Hoppe Hope

Off to the races, everyone hoping there's a Hoppe to bet on.



THE CUP THAT CHEERS—Central High football players are grouped around the trophy awarded them for their victory Friday night over Miami Senior High in the Orange Bowl in the Kiwanis charity game. The players also received miniature footballs as souvenirs of the game. Included in the picture are, first row, left to right, Max Farris, Bobby Cope, Billy Heaton, Neil Barnes, Bobby Hoppe, Al McHaffey, Hal Bridges, Fred Osborne, George Collins; second row, same order, Sherwin Anderson, Jimmy Woods, Ray Warren, Larry Clingan, Robert Tate, Ray Moss, John Kimbrough, Charles Cobb, Bob McCutcheon; third row, Bill Flaylock, Bob Baskette, W. H. Geren, Don Bridgeman, Ted Gilreath, Bobby Storch, Tommy Thompson, Charles Cantrell, Paul Hutcherson and Gene Etter. Others on the squad were not available for the picture.—(Photo by Bob Sherrill.)

Central Brings Back Trophy From Florida

Squad Members Get Miniature Balls As Souvenirs of Thrilling Victory

By DEXTER VAN ZANT

Kansas-Free Press Sports Writer

Central's 21-14 conquest of Miami Friday night in the Kiwanis charity football game in the Orange Bowl Stadium netted the school a fine trophy and miniature footballs for the squad members, as well as boosting the prestige of Tennessee high school football. On the face of things, Central entered the game apparently with little to gain from a victory. But looking back it can be seen the Pioneers gained much.

First, they had the satisfaction of defeating a fine team on its home grounds with everything stacked against them. Miami was pointed for this game and really expected to average the 27-0 defeat Central gave them here in October.

Actually, Central players approached the game in stride. The coaches had told the boys before the Baylor game that if they defeated the Raiders they would not be "pushed" for the Miami game.

Coach E. B. "Red" Etter told the boys before the game he would like for them to win, that several Chattanoogaans had spent time and money to come and see them win and thousands others back home were expecting them to win and that it was up to them.

FIRST WIN BY MIAMI
Central did win. The first time they have ever beaten Miami Senior in Miami. And they did it in thrilling fashion which put the game at the top of the list of a string of 19 games sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

The play that won for Central was devised only Thursday, the day before the game. Hindered by bad weather, which curtailed practice, Coach Etter worked on a kickoff return setup.

The plan was to use it the first time Miami scored on the Pioneers. Central scored two touchdowns before Miami scored so the play was not tried per schedule. However, when Miami scored their second touchdown and kicked the tying extra point it was decided to use the play.

Bobby Hoppe had been a marked man on every play. The Miami players had pointed at him, and hollered every time he got the ball or seemed likely to get it.

On the kickoff, Hoppe lined up at right end and the Stingers were momentarily lost sight of him. The "sloppy" (by order) kickoff was taken by Bobby Tate on about the Central 25, after Wayne Hutcherson decided at the last moment not to take it.

Tate ran to his right where Hoppe waited. Given the ball, Hoppe made a deep circle toward the left sideline back to his own 11 and then turned like a rabbit chased by hounds and headed for the goal. The Stingers finally spotted Hoppe and took out in pursuit. But by then Hoppe had reached his corridor and was well protected on his sideline journey. One Stinger did go all the way and caught up with Hoppe, but not before Hippy had crossed the goal line.

That play did not actually break Miami's back but it did give it a severe wrench. They were still dangerous but did not have enough to come back again.

Hoppe's best run of he might didn't produce a touchdown. Just before the end of the half, Robert Tate ran 39 yards forward and about a hundred in all in a meandering sprint which ended seven yards short of a touchdown when he was tripped by Ellis Baker.

ONE OF BEST EVER

The run was one of the best ever, college or otherwise, in the Orange Bowl, and the crowd of 19,470 cheered almost as one as Hoppe left the field. Actually over 24,000 tickets were sold for the game.

Hoppe's run resembled the way the policemen escorting Central to the Orange Bowl rode their motorcycles. The escort was just one of the many things Miami fans did to make Chattanooga a pleasure Chattanooga Central High School

The Pioneers put up at the Cadillac Hotel, and the management went all out to treat the Central boys like princes. They had a great time in the pool and on the beach, part of the hotel facilities. The Chamber of Commerce sent oranges and tangerines to every room. Coconuts in quantity turned up from some source.

None of the boys suffered any ill effects from the air trip down, although Richard Cowart, Neil Barnes and Fred Osborne saw limited services in the game due to sickness contracted here before the start.

The trip back was a little different. It was smooth until Jacksonville. But after returning there, bad weather was encountered. Flying through rain and sleet, we didn't know whether we would be able to land in Chattanooga or not.

It was only about 15 minutes before the plane arrived in Chattanooga that it was revealed we would try to get down. All aboard perked up at the good news. Once down, the team members and coaches were greeted by friends and relatives numbering around 300 who had awaited an hour after the expected arrival of the plane.

Among the Chattanoogaans who watched the game was County Judge Wilkes Tharshes. The judge realized a season-long ambition by sitting on the sideline with Principal Hobart Millsaps on the Central bench. The judge admitted he got a little nervous during the game, but enjoyed the game immensely from his close-up view.

ASSISTANTS THANKED

After the game Friday, Coach Etter gave out a statement thanking the press and ratio for their "fine support of our team through the year" and the Chattanoogaans who followed so faithfully the team all season.

The statement also said, "Let me publicly express my appreciation to our fine staff of associates, Stan Farmer, Les Newton and Jake Seaton, who have done so much to make the season what it has been. Last, but not least, let me pay tribute to a fine group of boys from the captains to the lowliest scrub, all of whom have put their hearts in it, helping build a winning team."

"All Chattanooga should be justly proud of their great Central team and appreciative of the fine publicity it has brought to Chattanooga throughout the South."

Random Readings—Hoppe's two touchdowns brought his total points scored to 14 for the year.

Gene Etter's two extra-point busts upped his own record mark for a season to 32. . . . Max Farris scored one extra point on a busted signal run after a kick was vetoed from the 1, where a penalty had put the ball. . . . Miami twice had 12 men on the field when they tried for an extra point. . . . The Stingers chased the extra man off and the point counted on the third try. . . . Among Chattanoogaans down for the game were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Penney, Mrs. Jack Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moss, Bill Ballinger, Bob Bates, Charley Miller, Judge Wilkes Tharshes, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hodges, Ben O'Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCurdy, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Clingan, Raymond Barnes, Fred Osborne Sr., Mrs. and Mrs. Joseph Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Green, Elmer Carpenter, Robert Rudesill, F. L. Whittenberger, Mr. and Mrs. John Dunagan and Oliver Cable. Most of the above were in the DC-6 chartered by Bill Penney. It arrived in Chattanooga at about 10 o'clock after a layover in Jacksonville due to a storm.

The Central team and others in the party ate lunch at the cafeteria of beautiful Miami High soon after their arrival Friday. . . . The boys were also guests at a dance at the school after the game. . . . Coach Etter had a hard time getting up a fishing party but drafted Gene to complete his party. . . . He caught few fish, not nearly as many as did Tropical Park. . . . The Central squad attended church in body Sunday morning.



Dexter Van Zant

Bobby Hoppe Selected as Winner of Thom McAn-

News-Free Press Award

**CENTRAL STAR
NAMED AS MOST
VALUABLE HERE**

**Captain of Pounders
Lead Team to State
Football Crown**



BOBBY HOPPE

By DEXTER VAN ZANT
News-Free Press Sports Writer

Bobby Hoppe is the winner of the Thom McAn award at a banquet of the News-Free Press trophy awarded annually to the most valuable football player on a Chattanooga high school team.

The Central High School halfback, who scored 114 points as his team won the Tennessee state championship and emerged victorious in the Kiwanis charity game at Miami, was selected by the sports department of this newspaper as the player who did the most for his team this season.

Hoppe will receive the Thom McAn award, which consists of one of his own shoes, bronze-plated and mounted on a base bearing a plate with the winner's name and his school and the year. A similar trophy will be given the school to place in his case.

Previous winners of the award are Bob Lacey, Red Bank, 1950; Howard Epperson, Central, 1951; Bill Clark, Hixson, 1952.

Hoppe, 175-pound, 5-foot-11-inch tall, played halfback on Central's "A" styled eleven. He was an excellent blocker and fine defensive player. He was captain of the team and strictly business on the field. He is much admired by fans.

Hoppe was a unanimous choice for the award and is regarded as a hot for all-state honors.

Hoppe has just completed his third year of football at Central. In his junior year he began to shine, although it could be seen at that time he had unusual talents. He started as a defensive halfback before the season ended and earned the right to alternate on offense.

In his second year he played offensive halfback and fullback back to halfback on defense. In his junior year he became a full-time fullback on offense and stayed as defensive halfback.

At season Hoppe won the back, both on defense

When informed of the selection of Hoppe, Central Coach Red Eitter said, "Bobby certainly deserves all the honors that have come his way and we at Central are very proud that he has this year been selected as the recipient of this very fine and significant Thom McAn award."

"During the four years Bobby has played for us at Central he has demonstrated a competitive spirit such as Chattanooga fans have seldom, if ever, seen in a high school football player."

"All Chattanooga recognizes in Bobby one of the greatest high school backs ever developed in this area. Time and again he has led his team to victory by a timely bit of running, blocking or pass defense. And that against the best competition in the South. He has excelled in all phases of the game."

"Of course Bobby could not have accomplished his success without help from his teammates and he has always been the first to give them due credit. As I told Bobby after the Miami game, Bobby, you won the game for us but you couldn't have done it without help. Nevertheless, without you, the help would have been of no value."

"It is with personal regret, of course, that we find Bobby now at the end of his high school football career, but it is with anticipation that we look forward to his continued success at the university of his choice."

The presentation of the trophy will be made at the Central football banquet, date of which will be announced later.

Hays Clark Says . . .

Central's Bobby Hoppe Shows 'Moon Over Miami' How to Glow

Down in the land of palms and palmettoes last Friday night Bobby Hoppe taught the "Moon Over Miami" how to glow, for when that kid has to glow he has to glow. The tide may come and go, yet it will never erase from the sands of time the brilliant performance of the captain of Central High's football team as he led them to a 21-10-14 victory over the Miami Singarees. When his team needed him the most he was there with his best. He raced 80 yards for his first touchdown and 89 for his second, both times behind beautiful blocking of his teammates. Central High's first touchdown was a 44-yard run by Bill Tate. A crowd of 18,479 witnessed the game which was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Miami; the proceeds going for charity.

The game got away to a one-sided start and the first few minutes found the Purple Pounders leading 14 to 0. In the second quarter Miami scored, and at the half the score stood 14 to 7. Neither team scored in the third period, but early in the fourth Miami tied the score. Hoppe permitted Miami to enjoy the tie score for only 23 seconds. Tate took the kick-off on his 11-yard line and, racing to his right, handed it to Hoppe who raced 89 yards for the winning touchdown and the last run of his prep school gridiron career.

Bobby Hoppe was not the whole team and I am sure he would not want me to say so. He was just the difference, as he has often been, between victory and defeat. The backfield always gets the major credit for a victory, but without the line there would be no victory. I would like to mention here of Ray Moss, Central High's center. I have noticed all year, he is in on nearly every play, breaking up interference and making important tackles. Ray comes by his athletic talent

honestly. It hasn't been too many years since his father was a star professional baseball pitcher. The elder Moss, however, gave up the horseshoe for the cowhide and now owns one of the finest dairies in this section. Let's not overlook the other father and son combination, "Red" and "Gene" Eitter. Gene has kicked 32 goals after touchdown this year, two of them last Friday night. The Miami team played a great game and were far from being push-overs. Its backfield played brilliantly at times and its forward passing was responsible for many long gains. It was a great game between two fine teams.

GOOD NEWS

I am sure the many friends of Allen Hall will be happy to know he is recovering from a recent illness. Allen, who is chief clerk in the registration office at the Court House, was stricken several weeks ago and for several days was in a precarious condition. He refused to give up, however, and now seems to have won the fight for his life. Allen is one of the most popular members of the Court House contingent. His friendliness and fine disposition have seen to that. I might also mention, while he is flat on his back and can do nothing about it, that I am exceedingly fond of his lovely wife. Maybe that "true confession" will get him out of bed. Hurry back Allen. The "dry cleaning" is piling up.

LOST DOG

I see in the lost-and-found column a shaggy dog has been lost. Certainly this couldn't be the shaggy dog about whom so many stories have been told. Chester Frost says he certainly hopes it is, for then he won't have to read any more shaggy dog stories in this column. I hope so, too, for then I won't have to explain them to him after he has read them.

Hoppe Named Outstanding High School Football Player in Tennessee

1953 TENNESSEE All State

DAVE EMORY
Knox. Central, B



CLIFTON TRIBBLE
Lebanon, B



BOBBY BECKETT
Mem. So. Side, G



BOBBY HOPPE
Chatt. Central, B



JIMMY SMELCHER
Lake City, E



MALCOLM WOODS
Bruneton, E



HAL BRIDGES
Chatt. Central, G



MOE WRIGHT
Nash. Dupont, B



STAN FLOWERS
Mem. Central, B

1953 Tennessee All-State

Player	School	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year
Malcolm Woods	Bruneton	End	6'2"	182	Junior
Bill Clark	Chatt. Hixson	Tackle	6'2"	220	Senior
Neal Trinkle	Bristol	Tackle	6'1"	245	Senior
Bobby Beckett	Mem. So. Side	Guard	6'1"	190	Senior
Jimmy Harrington	Knox. Fulton	Center	5'9"	185	Senior
Hal Bridges	Chatt. Central	Guard	6'	175	Senior
Jim Linville	Columbia	Tackle	6'3"	232	Senior
Jimmy Smelcher	Lake City	End	6'1"	185	Senior
Bobby Hoppe	Chatt. Central	Back	5'11"	175	Senior
Stan Flowers	Mem. Central	Back	6'1"	185	Senior
Clifton Tribble	Lebanon	Back	6'	175	Senior
Dave Emory	Knox. Central	Back	5'11"	175	Senior
Moe Wright	Nash. Du Pont	Back	6'	205	Senior

SECOND TEAM

- E—Billy Burnett So. Pittsburg
- T—Brady Luckett Nash. Colton
- G—Stockton Adkins Union City
- C—Ben Donnell Nash. Dupont
- G—James Smith Cumb. Homesteads
- T—Chester Hurt Ripley
- E—Robert Elliott Columbia
- B—Philip King Dyersburg
- B—Hugh Hill Tracy City
- B—Ted Smith Bradley Co.
- B—Jim Grubb Oak Ridge

THIRD TEAM

- E—Benny Cherry Morristown
- T—Ed Randolph Mem. Treadwell
- G—Dorris Jernigan Murfreesboro
- C—Don Spencer Everett
- G—Philip Baum Mem. Central
- T—Richard Craig Knox. Central
- E—Jay Rayless Knox. Fulton
- B—David Robison Lebanon
- B—John Hunter Mem. So. Side
- B—Leroy Duchene Chatt. City
- B—Bobby Young Union City

HONORABLE MENTION

Ends—James Cannon, Chattanooga Central; Howard Black, Chattanooga City; Ralph Brantner, Nashville Titans; Jimmy Clepper, South Pittsburg; Ray Pett, Goodlettsville; Bob Locke, Shelbyville; Bobby Eoss, Memphis South Side; Johnny Howe, LaFollette; Lamar Fichter, Dyersburg; Buddy Hays, Nashville Oak Ridge; Tommy Baker, Lewis; Charlie Harward, Knoxville Central; Herman Barless, Bledsoe; Duell South, Crossville; Jim Barnes, Rockwood; Curt Boney, Harrison.

Tackles—Ray Seab, Knoxville West; Walter Crafton, Bellevue; Don Franklin, Lebanon; Charles Holt, Morristown; Haskell Jones, Dyersburg; Joe Price, Spring City; John Harmon, Newport; Jim Lankie, Berlin; Sam Reynolds, Union City.

Guards—Richard Cowart, Chattanooga Central; Oakie Crooks, Sodus; Hairo, Paul Chisom, Clayville; Gil Parrish, Memphis; Merdell, Billy Duke, Nashville Titans; Jim Jeffrey, Chattanooga City; Carl Beeson, Memphis; Bruce Sayers, Hills; Bob Jarman, Knoxville Male; Lee Toole, Alcoa; Senny Rhyne, Powell; Danny Robison, Memphis; CMC; Claus Casio, Adams; Golder, Justice, Nashville West; Dave Frazier, Bradley; Jimmy Fager, Rockwood.

Centers—Wesley Gibbs, Memphis Central; Jimmy DeLoete, Jackson; Eugene Kay, Carthage; Jim Ausamus, LaFollette; Norman Turner, Church Hill; Justin Nave, Elizabethton.

Backs—J. C. Inman, South Hazard; Bob Taylor, Johnson City; Billy Keen, Nashville Titans; Jimmy Smith, Franklin; Carl Vance, Hendersonville; Ed Smith, Hills; Crawford, Adams; Franklin; Jim Now; Jefferson City; Danae Webb, Everett; Robert Lyle, Memphis Homes; Tommy Parrish, Nashville North; BUD, Peck, Columbia Hill; Bill Mize, McLeary; Coy Grinstead, Lewis; Don Evans, Chattanooga; Spence City; Bill Adams, Memphis; Treadwell; Roy Lee, Elizabethton; Ripley; Carlton Galbreath, Goodlettsville; Mark Carson, South Pittsburg; Sid Smithfield, Elizabethton; Paul Ed Miller, Bradley; C. J. Johnson, Central; Don Evans, Chattanooga; Albert Graves, Nashville; Warren, Memphis; Treadwell; Paul Little; Billy Bob Garrison, Elizabethton; Sherill Dailor, Bristol; Freddie Edmunds, Sullivan; Gene Hilton, Kingsport; James Aram, Hendersonville; Frazier, Grinstead; Charles Price, Knoxville; Dale Reese, Manchester; W. Frank, Hills; Larry Landi; Bobby Dawson, Carthage; Willy Carr, Livingston; Bobby Kirksey, Bolivar; Jerry Norman, Knoxville; Powell; Don Sheekley, Chattanooga; City; Carlos Springfield, Red Bank.

CENTRAL GETS 2 PLAYERS ON ALL-STATE TEAM

Bridges and Clark Also Win Places; Duchene on 3rd Team

By EDGAR ALLEN
Dimes Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 18.—Chattanooga Central's state championships placed two men on the 19th annual Tennessee All-State high school football team, including the most outstanding player in the state.

The Purple Pounders placed their great halfback, Bobby Hoppe, and guard Hal Bridges. Hoppe was picked as "most outstanding."

Nine others from Chattanooga gained honorable mention. They are: Ends—James Cannon, Central; Howard Black, City; Guards—Richard Cowart, Central; Oakie Crooks, Sodus; Daisy, Jim Jeffrey, City; Center—Moos, Central; Backs—Wayne Hutcheon, Central; Don Sheekley, City; Carlos Springfield, Red Bank.

Hoppe Tops Recommended List for All-Southern

Bobby Hoppe, Central High School's great halfback, tops the list of five Tennessee high school players recommended for the All-Southern football squad by a Tennessee board of selection, which includes the writer.

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Central's Hoppe, Bridges All-State

PURPLE ACE VOTED AS 'OUTSTANDING'

Pounders' Bobby Is Repeater on Squad—Pirate, Bear, City Stars Honored

Chattanooga's Central placed two men and Hixson High one on the 1953 Tennessee All-State football team, announced yesterday by the Nashville Banner board of selection.

The Pounders' Bobby Hoppe was acclaimed the outstanding gridiron in the state as he repeated his 1952 selection on the state-wide glitter squad. Guard Hal Bridges of Central's state Litkenhouse champs, and Hixson's Bill Clark, tackle-fullback, were the other two Chattanoogaans.

From the Chattanooga area came the selection of four performers on the second team—Billy Burnett, South Pittsburg end; Ted Smith, Bradley back; James Smith, Homesteads guard, and Grubbs' High Hill, a back.

LeRoy Duchene of City High made the third squad.

Oak Ridge's Jim Grubb, back, also made the second team and Don Spencer, Everett center, was named to the third eleven.

Chattanooga boys on honorable mention were James Cannon, Central, and Howard Black, City.

Seniors, Richard Covart, Central, Oakie Crooks, Saddy-Daisy, and Jim Jeffery, City, guards; Ray Moss, Central, center; Wayne Hitcheson, Central; Don Shockley, City; Carlos Strimfield, Red Bank.



SHORT SHOTS

By GEORGE SHORT

The Winning Central Pattern

A football writer, like the fan, all too often does not see the forest of effort put into a gridiron victory for the huge trees that sprout swiftly with the game's result.

Such a conclusion comes forcefully to the alleged mind of a reporter trying to do a little brainwashing of schoolboy football in time for Christmas.

Looking back on Central's 21-14 conquest of Miami Senior High a week ago tonight, the Purples' first triumph ever in the eternal sunshine city, the pattern of victory unfolds slowly but surely.

In winning and staking the strongest claim on a Southeastern high school championship any Chattanooga school has ever had, Central coaches made the little things count.

Starting with the early morning arrival at Lovell Field here, the picture began to take focus in the most minute detail when Coach Red Etter showed concern over the chartered plane not being gassed and ready for takeoff at 8 sharp as planned. Fidgeted the astute mentor.

"We can't make everything on a tight schedule such as we've got today (the day of the game) if we get started late; it's only 12 hours until game time and we're 800 miles away."

Farmer, Pill-Peddler

That seemed a minor item to most everyone, especially since flying weather was reported ideal and flying time was estimated at just under four hours. But not to Coach Etter and aides Stan Farmer, Les Newton and Jacob Seaton.

Getting aloft was not the first worry planned against, at that. In the bustling airport lobby before takeoff Coach Farmer was busy passing out the second installment of some airsickness preventive pills especially prescribed by a local physician.

The first dose, it turned out, was taken by those most susceptible to airsickness the night before at their homes.

Airborne 30 minutes late, the uneasiness about getting off schedule continued somewhat in the calm blue yonder. But things were going smoothly; no one was getting sick and the boys seemed relaxed.

However, a little knot of players jamming the aisle around a couple of seats in the rear of the plane attracted Coach Etter's attention and he took a stroll and came up with a little strategem few would think a second time about.

Hitting the Deck

The huddle back there was playing a small-stake game of cards, Etter took the cards, told the boys they could have them back after the game and explained:

"I don't mind you playing a little cards, but you who lose money will get that on your mind and football won't have a chance in your thinking."

A stop in Jacksonville for fuel was brief and the boys were not allowed to leave the plane, fearing for another delay reboarding or tiring the gladiators as warmer weather was being felt.

The next detail was not little at that. It concerned the feeding schedule that had been arranged. Upon landing in Miami and debarking intense heat, the boys were hustled onto busses and hurried over to Miami Senior High's 2,600-student building where lunch had been waiting for well over an hour.

Before the meal Coach Etter put the boys on their own about what they'd eat. "If you want to eat yourself out of a ball game, go ahead; but we'll have our pregame meal on schedule back at the hotel in Miami Beach." Mrs. Berg, the genial Miami High cafeteria manager, reported not a player took a desert and no one but team officials and writers overloaded their plates.

Principal Left

After the meal Coach Etter set a time of 2:05 for departure of the bus for Cadillac Hotel on the beach. At 2:05 the last of the gridiron came rushing up, but Principal W. Hobart Millsaps was not back from a visit in the school with Prof. Webb, the principal of the sprawling, three-grade institution with 710 senior students.

So, what happened? The principal was left at the school, so important was the getaway time to Coach Etter and staff.

So far as is known he didn't squawk a bit, especially after the final whistle blew. For he got a ride to the beach with Prof. Webb in a station wagon and Central won the ball game.

That Pre-Game Meal

The players were allowed some two hours of relaxation around the hotel before the 4:30 pregame meal.

It consisted of a cup of hot tea, a big baked potato with butter, two pieces of dry toast and a big bowl of jello.

By that time the boys' personal baggage had arrived at the hotel and there was just time to get it unpacked and prepare for boarding the bus for the Orange Bowl, departure to which was set for 6:35—two hours before game time.

To lessen the long drag through town by bus a motorcycle escort was arranged and the swift trip, instead of a long, tedious journey through heavy traffic, was figured a factor in conditioning the body and mind for the game.

Sirens of the patrol screamed the bus right up to the south stands dressing room where ankle-wrapping and dressing began immediately.

Extra Light Jerseys

Central was prepared for the heat, something most teams are not when they play in Miami, and donned extra lightweight jerseys just purchased for the occasion and for the future.

They were white and light, or lighter, than those used by Tennessee in its Florida game this year.

Too, Central slowed its pace entering the field for pregame warmup and for the kickoff. Fans here have long noted the Stingarees just walk on the field. The Pounders didn't walk, but they didn't sprint. They loped to conserve energy.

Extra-Special Play

And at the half when a Christmas tableaux took more time than usual Central used the intermission to advantage resting and planning strategy.

That was when Coach Etter diagrammed on the blackboard the kickoff lane play that was to be the deciding touchdown.

Bobby Hoppe hopping down the perfect corridor 89 yards. "We had only worked on it three times before (on Thursday before the game), but we went through it two more times for a college coach to see before we knocked off that final practice," Red said, and we thought they might finish strong and tie us; so we figured on using it if they scored."

They (Miami's Stingarees) did finish strong, and it was the game. The Purples used the play and it worked beautifully.

Perhaps Central should give Scrapy Moore a vote of thanks for wanting to see the play set-up and run those last two times.

For it was the final touch in Central's victory pattern; a most important coaching victory against a team that had everything to gain by beating an earlier conquerer it now had draped on the psychological ropes.

Bobby Hoppe, Rated Best in State, on All-Southern

CENTRAL HALFBACK GETS TOP ACCLAIM

Greer of Heights, Reed of Albertville on Pick—Clemmer Mentioned

ORLANDO, Fla., Dec. 19 (AP)—Thirty-one backs and 29 linemen comprised the 60 players named today to positions on the 34th annual All-Southern football squad, Dixie's top interscholastic gridiron honor.

The 60-man All-Southern squad, plus 72 honorable mention players, were drawn from a 12-state area, five players from each state. A panel of 132 coaches and sports-writers participated in the 1953 poll, with 10 scouts assisting each state chairman.

The squad was announced by Bob Howard, sports editor of the sponsoring Orlando Sentinel-Star Southern selection board.

This year's squad honored more linemen than last season when 37 backs and only 23 linemen were named.

Breaking it down further, there were 11 tackles, nine guards, seven ends and two centers.

Three Place 2 Men

Only three schools managed to place two men on the All-Southern team. They were Little Rock, Ark., Lanier of Macon, Ga., and Rock Hill, S.C.

Typical comment on some of the prep stars ran like this:

"Start Perry, the outstanding player, is regarded as one of the best linemen to come out of Little Rock Central High School in several seasons, and is considered a top-notch college prospect."

"Billy Kitchens sparked Lanier of Macon to an undefeated regular season of 10 straight. He paced Region 1-A.A. in scoring with 78 points on 13 touchdowns, which was third in the state. He gained a net of 704 yards in 10 games and has signed a grant-in-aid with Auburn."

"Doug Shively of Lexington LaFayette (Ky.) had the unusual distinction of playing with three state championship teams in eight months. He was a regular with the LaFayette basketball team that won the state title in March. LaFayette won the track crown in May, Shively winning the quarter-mile. In November LaFayette was undefeated in 10 games and won 10 games and won the football title. He is the son of the athletic director of the University of Kentucky, Bernie Shively."

Hoppe

"Bobby Hoppe, 175-pound half-back, has been called the finest runner to come out of Chattanooga's scholastic ranks since Eddie Prokop over a decade ago. Hoppe gained over 1,400 yards rushing and scored 114 points, including touchdowns runs of 87, 95, 89, 87 and 80 yards."

"Carl Schlemeyer, Odessa (Tex.) quarterback, is outstanding player. This was a season where outstanding players were plentiful in Texas, but Schlemeyer tops the field. He's hailed as the greatest passer in the schoolboy history of Texas and that includes Sammy Baugh, Bobby Layne and Doyle Traylor."



—Times Staff Photo by Wolf Leboritz.

BOBBY HOPPE, ALL-SOUTHERN—Bobby Hoppe, Central High's glittering fullback, was named to the 1953 All-Southern football squad announced last night. The Purple Pounder is pictured as he takes a lunch hour break in another tough assignment, but this time not on the gridiron. He's sorting mail at the main postoffice during the peak of the Christmas rush.

ALABAMA—Jimmy Phillips, 206, end, Alexander City; Ben Preston, 216, tackle, Enfield; Neal Reed, 206, tackle, Albertville; Jimmy Lottin, 206, back, Dothan; Keith Wilson, 148, back, West End of Birmingham.

HONORABLE MENTION: Hiddman Wall, end, Kennesaw of Birmingham; Tim Baker, guard, Decatur; Tommy Jones, guard, West End of Birmingham; Robert Thorndyke, back, Leeds; Tommy Lerino, back, Bessemer; Jimmy Travis, back, Ramsay of Birmingham.

ARKANSAS—Jimmy Perry, 189, guard, Little Rock; Richard Bennett, 195, tackle, Little Rock; Bobby Bates, 170, back, El Dorado; Jerry Ferguson, 194, fullback, Rogers; Bobby Rogers, 155, halfback, Jonesboro.

HONORABLE MENTION: Jeff Smith, back, Camden; Jimmy Clark, end, Little Rock; James Duckworth, guard, North Little Rock; Bill Egan, back, Texarkana; Bobby Hamm, back, St. Anna's of Port Smith; Bob Childers, back, Rutherford.

FLORIDA—Ed Sears, 198, fullback, Pensacola; Bill Anderson, 186, end, Manatee of Bradenton; Jim Roundtree, 170, quarterback, Miami Jackson; Watson Bailey, 202, guard, Haines City; Paul Smith, 245, tackle, Miami Senior.

HONORABLE MENTION: Dick Whitington, fullback, Jacksonville; Jack Egan, Charles Gill, guard, Tampa Point; Jimmy Brewster, fullback, Gaines City; Albert Carter, back, Sarasota; Jon May, halfback, Citrus; Bud Bernoldo, fullback, West Palm Beach.

GEORGIA—Billy Kitchens, 170, fullback, Lanier of Macon; Mike Anderson, 220, guard, Murray of Atlanta; William Sanders, 175, guard, Lanier of Macon; Don Brewster, 208, guard, Albany; Joe Delav, 182, halfback, North Fulton of Atlanta.

HONORABLE MENTION: Jimmy Dery, halfback, Americus; Alan Kerr, guard, Lanier of Macon; Paul Wrenell, tackle, Seaford; Donnie Witherington, end, Valerita; Wesley Melvin, halfback, Ft. Valley; Ken Cooper, end, Milton.

KENTUCKY—Doug Shively, 175, end, Lexington LaFayette; Don East, 185, end, Thomas of Paducah; Jim McInnis, 206, tackle, Lynch; Duke Gray, 184, end, Clark of Georgetown; Don McInnis, 181, halfback, St. Xavier of Louisville.

HONORABLE MENTION: Vance Hanks, tackle, Danville; Gene Terry, center, Covington; Holmes, Billie Graham, halfback, Lexington; Bob Bonner, quarter-back, Lynch; Gil Stewart, tackle, St. Xavier of Louisville; Ken Kuhn, quarter-back, Louisville State.

MISSISSIPPI—Tommy Jones, 194, back, Greenwood; Bobby Honea, 190, center, Greenwood; Ken Moore, 194, back, Meridian of Winston-Salem; Jack Lineberger, 204, guard, Gulfport; Halbert Martin, 202, 185, quarterback, Harding of Oklawaha.

HONORABLE MENTION: Paul Sullivan, back, Pine of Greenville; Benjie Ayles, center, Greenwood; Rondo Taylor, tackle, Meridian; Willie Dorton, guard, Greenwood; Bill Patis, halfback, Gaines; Homer Neal, fullback, Greenville.

TENNESSEE—Bobby Hoppe, 175, half-back, Chattanooga; Carl Egan, center, Central of Memphis; Jim Livette, 192, tackle, Central of Columbia; Dave Emory, 175, halfback, Central of Knoxville; Harold Greer, 177, guard, Oakliff Heights Military Academy, Lebanon.

HONORABLE MENTION: Benjie Wood, halfback, Tennessee; Neal Wright, tackle, Paducah; Jimmie Tribble, halfback, Johnson; Hugh Clemmer and Melville of Chattanooga; Tommie Walker, halfback, Chattanooga; Jimmy Harrington, guard, Knoxville.



Hoppe All-America



—Times Staff Photo by Wolf Lebovitz.

HOPPE, ALL-AMERICA—Bobby Hoppe, right, was named to the Wigwam Wiseman's seventh annual high school all-America football team announced yesterday. The Central High School star halfback is pictured above with Purple Pounder head Coach E. B. (Red) Etter and Maurine Reid, his high school girl friend.

Central Halfback Is Chosen For Wigwam Tilt; 3rd Team

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 10 (AP)—Bobby Hoppe, Chattanooga Central's classy backfield ace, won his second high school all-America mention tonight when he was picked as one of 77 players to compete in the Wigwam Wiseman's annual contest in August.

There were 2,233 prep school stars nominated for the contest by newspapers, radio and television stations, and athletic and game officials.

The game sponsored by the benevolent sports promotion organization has been held in Memphis for the past four years. From the past games have come many college all-America stars, and Hoppe, headed for Auburn, is considered an outstanding possibility to continue this record.

Hoppe, a 160-pounder, was placed on the third team, according to an announcement by Mose Simms, chairman of the Wiseman's football committee.

The first team is headed by 205-pound Kenneth Hall, a bruising do-everything fullback from Sugarland, Tex., who scored 395 points last season and rewrote the scoring records in the Lone Star State.

Hoppe scored 114 points and gained over 1,500 yards in leading Central to the mythical state championship and a victory over Miami High in a post-season game in the Orange Bowl.

Earlier this year, Hoppe was named to the 77-man all-America squad picked by Scholastic Magazines, a group of five national school weeklies, and won all-city, all-state and all-southern honors.

In addition to Hall, others picked for the Wiseman's first team back-

Central Grid Banquet In Cafeteria Tonight

The Central High School football banquet will be held in the school's cafeteria tonight, starting at 6:00 o'clock.

Next year's grid schedule will be announced and letters awarded lettermen. Special guests will be players from the 1943 Central team, cheerleaders and junior high school athletics.

field were halfbacks Stan Flowers of Memphis Central and Ed Sears, Pensacola, Fla., and quarterback Raymond Brown, Greenville, Miss.

The line is anchored by center Al Francis, San Jose, Calif., who weighs 237. Guards are Don Braswell, 201, Albany, Ga., and Ralph Erdman, 235, Milwaukee, Wis.; tackles are John Geraghty, 220, Boston, Mass., and Benton Ladd, 215, Oklahoma City; and ends are Dave Bowers, 199, Traverse City, Mich., and Bill Melnik, 220, Brooklyn, N.Y.



—Times Staff Photo by George Hull.

CENTRAL LEADERS—Central leaders of the past and future at the Purple Pounders' football banquet in the school cafeteria last night, talk during a break in the program. From the left, retiring captain Bobby Hoppe, co-captain-elect Ray Moss, captain-elect Larry Clingan, and Coach Red Etter.

Clingan and Moss Elected Purple Pounder Captains

By GENE HUNT

Larry Clingan, Times All-City tackle, and Ray Moss, Times All-City center, were elected captain and co-captain of Central's 1954 football team at the Pounders' annual banquet last night.

Clingan, who was probably the most improved lineman in Chattanooga last fall, is 5 feet tall, weighs 178 pounds. Moss, son of a former Central and major-league baseball star, is 6-foot-2, weighs 185.

That was the big news of the evening, though a casual visitor to the banquet, which covers both football and basketball and has become almost a tradition at the Dodds avenue school, might have figured it was Bobby Hoppe Appreciation Night.

Robert the Rabbit, sometimes called Hippy-Hoppe, and even sometimes Robert Hoppe, well-nigh wore out the floor between his seat and the speakers' stand as he advanced and retreated for awards.

The Northside Express received the Krystal Awards for the best performance by a Central player in the Litton game and the Kingsport game, the Thom McAn-News-Free Press Award for the outstanding football player of the area, tied with Hal Bridges for the Templeton Award for the best team man, and received a special cup from Central Alumni Assn. President Bill Penney for making the Wigwam Wisemen of America's All-America team.

And that's not all. Coach Red Etter told the estimated 220 present that Hoppe has done as well for Central as the most publicized Pounder before him—Bob McCoy.

Schedule

Etter announced the '54 schedule, with eight home games, as follows:

Charlotte Central of Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 3 at Charlotte; Memphis Central, Sept. 10, Chamberlain Field; Henry Grady of Atlanta, Sept. 17, Chamberlain Field; Kingsport, Sept. 24, Chamberlain Field; Red Bank, Oct. 1, Chamberlain Field; Miami, Oct. 8, at Miami; Oct. 15, open; Bradley, Oct. 22, Chamberlain Field; Jacksonville of Jacksonville, Oct. 29, Chamberlain Field; Isaac Litton of Nashville, Nov. 5, Chamberlain Field; Baxter, Nov. 13, Chamberlain Field.

Grady and Charlotte, annually two of the top teams in Georgia and North Carolina, were dubbed for Atlanta Marist and Little Rock of the 1953 schedule.

Etter awarded sweaters and jackets with "Tennessee State Champs, 1951-52-53," on the back to lettermen.

Bill Ballinger presented a wrist watch to Tommy Thompson as the player with the highest scholastic average in four years at Central.

Hal Bridges received the Bill Penny Coaches' Trophy, and, of course, shared the Templeton Award with Hoppe.

Wayne Hutcherson won the Krystal Award for the most outstanding player in the Jacksonville Landon game.

Hoppe, as captain, gave principal Hobart Millsaps the Kiwanis Trophy from the Orange Bowl game which Central won from Miami.

Reuben Smith, longtime janitor and friend of Central athletes, was given a purple letter sweater, as was Judge Wilkes T. Thrasher, who was made an honorary member of the "C" Club.

Frank Smith, captain of Etter's first Central team, that of 1943, told what had happened to each member of that squad. Members of the team were special guests, and Etter said it was planned to similarly honor the 1944 team next year, and so on.

The lettermen

Robert Hoppe (captain), James Cannon, Wayne Hutcherson, Robert Tate, Sherman Anderson, Neil Barr, Hal Bridges, Richard Cowart, Albert McShaffer, Max Parry, Tom Thompson, Larry Clineas, Roy Moss, John Brown, George Collins, Robert Cope, Bill Beaton, Stanley Howarth, Fred Osborne, Ray Warren, W. H. Green, Ted Olinick, John Kimbrough, Eddie Lorch, Jampa McClain, Robert McCluskey, Earl Hatcher, Robert Baker, Charles Campbell, Charles Cobb, Paul Elliott, Paul Hutcherson, Robert Rutledge, Gene Elmer, Managers Bill Bilylock, Terry Bridgman, Cheerleaders Vencie Fry, Dixie Dixon, Joe Mosteller, Jane Wilson.

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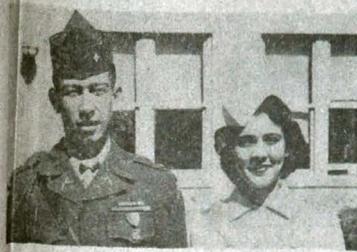
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Lt.-Col. John Dyer, Regimental Executive Officer, and Miss Bebe Rogers



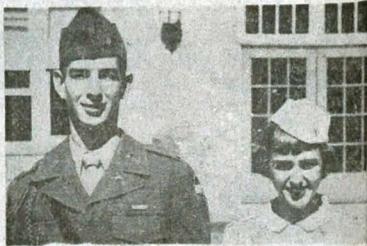
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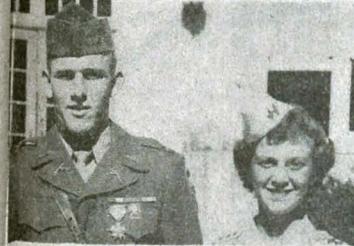
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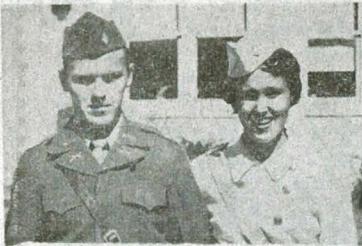
Maj. Larry Putnam, operations officer, and Miss Emily Napier



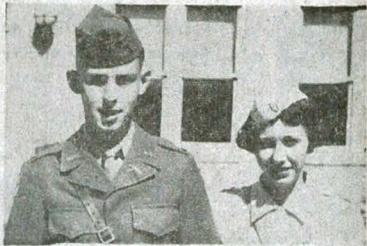
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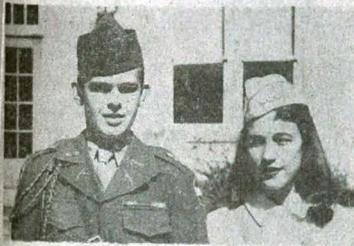
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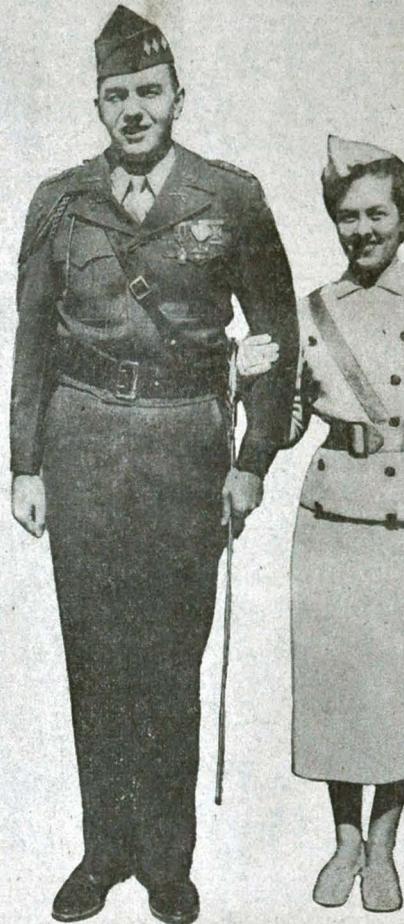
Maj. Lamar Eaton, executive officer, first battalion, and Miss Sarah Sands



Maj. Bill Henderson, battalion staff, and Miss Charlotte Brown

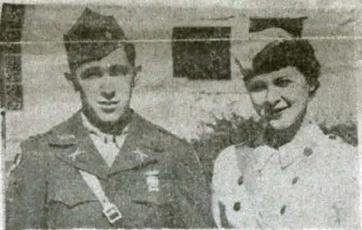


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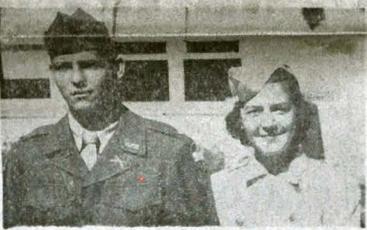


Col. Kenneth Baker, Regimental Commander, and Miss Charlyne Harris

CENTRAL HIGH ROTC OFFICERS and SPONSORS

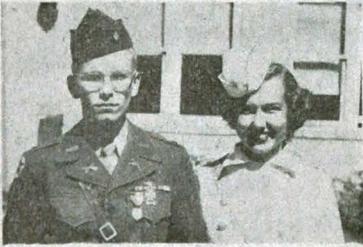


Lt.-Col. Billy Heaton, commander, second battalion, and Miss Iona Finnell

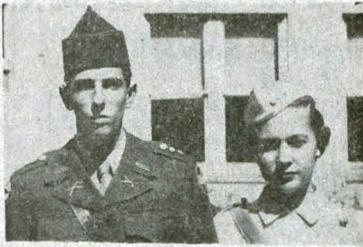


Maj. Ray Warren, executive officer, second battalion, and Miss Gail Britt

What could be more impressive than a ceremonial parade, complete with crisp new uniforms, military drums and flower-laden sponsors? The Central High School ROTC Cadet Regiment will don its full regalia Friday evening for just such a parade. Featured in the limelight of course will be the sponsors, as they are formally presented to their unit commanders. Today we introduce them along with the Central ROTC officers for the 1953-54 school year. Maj. George J. Kronenberger is professor of military science and tactics of the Chattanooga High Schools, and Capt. Thomas G. Knight Jr. is assistant professor in charge of Central High School. Instructors for the group are M/Sgt. Eugene H. Grooms and SFC William H. Green. Mrs. Margaret Hammack is faculty sponsor for the girls and Morris Bales is band director.



Maj. J. N. Howard, battalion staff, and Miss Sue Broadway



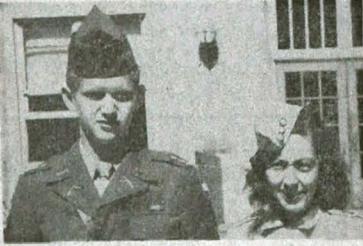
Capt. Harry Huntoon, battalion staff, and Miss Janet Parker



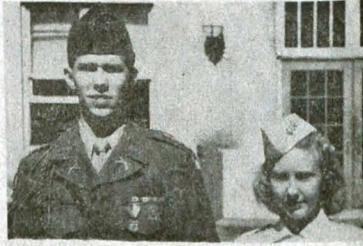
Capt. Hubert Shuptrine, band captain, and Miss Marilyn Green



Capt. Neil Barnes, Company A, and Miss Carolyn



Capt. Norman Tallaferro, Company B, and Miss Betty Jo Worley



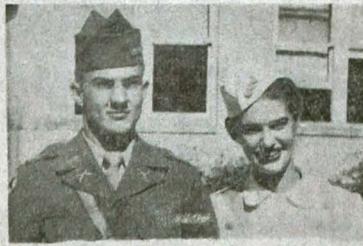
Capt. Johnny Hayes, Company C, and Miss Carolyn Barnes



Capt. Robert McLaughlin, Company D, and Miss Mary Alice Bass



Capt. Max Parris, Company E, and Miss Edna



Capt. Wayne Hutcheson, Company F, and Miss Maurena Reed



Capt. Hal Bridges, Company G, and Miss Jane Wittenberger



Capt. Fred Osborne, Company H, and Miss Dianna Campbell

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