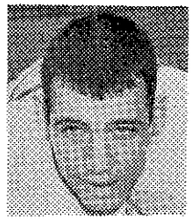


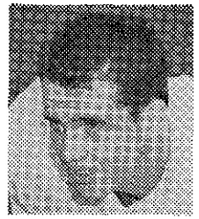
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The Tackles

Kovanda Is Big Name At Tackle . . . Kellam Otte May Help . . . Frosh Can Move Up Fast

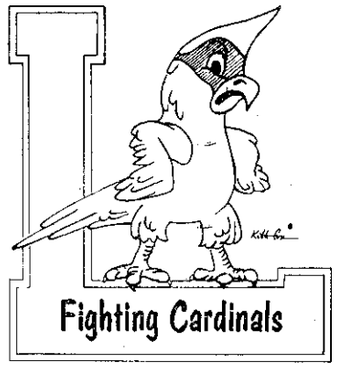
FIRKINS, CURTIS . . . sophomore . . . one of standout tackles in spring drills . . . local boy from Louisville Southern . . . may see more action this fall.

KELLAM, JOHN . . . sophomore . . . Kellam hails from Washington, Indiana . . . moved up to second string tackle late in '53 season . . . big enough at 210.

KOVANDA, DICK . . . senior . . . Louisville's best tackle during '53 season . . . good offensive man where he is tackles best blocker . . . fastest of tackles . . . should be one of mainstays of '54 line.

OTTE, FRANK . . . sophomore . . . switched from center to tackle during spring practice . . . may push some of veteran tackles for their jobs . . . local boy from Louisville St. Xavier . . . he was outstanding high school player.

The Freshmen Tackles: Rex Robinson, K. Schnarre, Bob Donnelly, Joe Unitas and Ken Law.



Louisville's

Fighting

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1953 FOOTBALL STATISTICS

McDonald Led Runners with 336 Yards Gained

Rushing Player	Time Carried	Yards Gained	Yards Lost	Total	Average
McDonald, Mike	67	362	26	336	5.0
Wibbels, Gerry	17	148	2	146	8.6
Boyd, Don	27	130	7	123	4.6
Schaftlein, Ray	27	121	0	121	4.5
Houser, Jim	17	120	53	77	4.6
Kriever, Hugh	36	88	11	77	2.1
Desenberg, Bill	14	64	1	63	4.6
Purcell, Don	13	58	0	58	4.4
Kessenger, Ted	16	68	20	48	3.0
Cooper, Don	18	47	14	33	1.8
Chrestensen, George	10	31	6	25	2.5
Slechter, Rex	5	25	0	25	5.0
Howard, Ted	8	26	3	23	2.8
Olmstead, Jim	1	4	0	4	4.0
Nicoletti, Joe	15	19	22	-3	-.2
Unitas, John	42	78	117	-39	-.9
Totals	333	1389	282	1107	3.3

Unitas Completed 52% of Passes During 1953

INDIVIDUAL FORWARD PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Tds.	Yards	%
Unitas, John	95	49	7	3	470	52%
Houser, Jim	17	7	3	0	119	41%
Nicoletti, Joe	15	2	0	0	45	14%
Totals	127	58	10	3	634	46%

17 Shared Reception

INDIVIDUAL PASS RECIEVING

Player	Caught	Yards	Touchdown
McDonald, Mike	9	101	0
Becker, John	8	102	1
Smith, Clarence	7	93	2
Olmstead, Jim	5	63	0
Daniels, Jim	5	40	0
Boyd, Don	4	58	0
Kriever, Hugh	4	22	0
Howard, Ted	3	49	0
Fults, Jim	2	22	0
Cooper, Don	2	21	0
Wibbels, Gerry	2	21	0
Schaftlein, Ray	2	15	0
Farmer, Ray	1	11	0
Currin, Tom	1	9	0
Phillips, Charlie	1	7	0
Purcell, Don	1	0	0
Desenberg, Bill	1	0	0
Totals	56	634	3

Unitas Led Scoring

Player	Touchdown	P.T.A.		Total
Unitas, John	3	0		18
Kessenger, Ted	2	2		14
Smith, Clarence	2	0		12
McDonald, Mike	2	0		12
Wibbels, Gerry	1	1		7
Becker, John	1	0		6
Houser, Jim	1	0		6
Smith, Bill	0	1		1
Currin, Tom	0	1		1
Totals	12	5		77

Kriever Top Punter

Player	Times	Yards	Average
Kriever, Hugh	26	961	37.0
McDonald, Mike	14	408	29.1
Unitas, John	4	120	30.0
Nicoletti, Joe	1	26	26.0
Slechter, Rex	1	26	26.0
Totals	46	1541	33.4