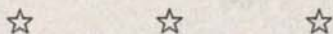


# 1938 SEASON

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## PLAYERS

**Ends:** Erwin T. Warren, Perron Shoemaker, Gene Blackwell, Hal Newman, Jack Gornto . . . .  
**Tackles:** Walter Merrill, Bobby Woods, Fred Davis, Jake Redden, Tom Borders . . . . **Guards:** Lewis Bostick, Ed. Hickerson, Jess Foshee, Grover Harkins, Cullen Suggs . . . . **Centers:** Carey Cox, Warren Averitte . . . . **Backs:** George Zivich, Hershel Mosley, W. L. Waites, Charles Boswell, William Slemmons, Silas A. Beard, Victor Bradford, Hal Hughes, Dallas Wicke, Charley Holm, Alvin Davis.



**SEPTEMBER 24:** Alabama opened the season before 65,000 fans in the Coliseum at Los Angeles by outplaying and defeating the Southern California Trojans by the score of 19 to 7.

In the first quarter, Alabama received, was held and Mosely punted to the Trojans 20 yard line. Punts were exchanged and Alabama, gaining on each exchange, drove to the Trojan 31 as the period ended.

Mosley circled right end for 17 and then went over center for 3 more. Two plays later, Mosley passed to Slemmons for a touchdown and Bradford kicked goal.



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Lansdell returned the kickoff to his 34 and then passed to Peoples, who ran to the Tide 22. Four line plays failed to make a first down by inches and the ball went over. Mosley punted out, the Tide held and Lansell punted over the goal line. Alabama then drove 80 yards for her second touchdown. Zivich made 8, Mosley circled end for 16 and Holm made 8 more in two plays. Zivich and Holm in three plays ran to the Trojan 38 yard line. Mosley's pass to Blackwell was completed for 18 yards. Gornto went in at end and made 18 yards on an end around play. Mosley then passed to Balckwell, who made a leaping, one handed catch for the score. No goal.

In the third period, the Trojans reached the Tide 31 aided by a penalty and a fumble but Foshee intercepted a pass to end the threat.

In the fourth period, Boswell punted out of bounds on the Trojan 8 yard line. Two plays advanced the ball to the Trojan 20 yard line. Day threw a short pass which Hughes intercepted on the run and ran across for a touchdown. No goal.

The Trojans returned the kickoff 26 yards. Alabama held and Day punted 62 yards to Boswell, who fumbled near the Tide's goal, and Kreuger of the Trojans recovered on the one yard line. Day then went over for a touchdown and Gasper kicked goal.

Hoffman, Peoples and Captain McNeil were the stars for Southern California.

Alabama's line play was the feature of the game. Merrill, Woods and Davis, giant tackles, and Cox were outstanding.

**Alabama—Ends:** Warren, Shoemaker, Gornto, Blackwell. **Tackles:** Merrill, Davis, Woods. **Guards:** Hickerson, Bostick, Foshee, Harkins. **Centers:** Cox, Averitte. **Backs:** Bradford, Mosley, Zivich, Holm, Slemmons, Boswell.

**Southern California—Ends:** Fisk, Stanley, Kreuger, Stonebreaker. **Tackles:** Thomassin, George, Stoecker. **Guards:** Smith, Sohn, Phillips. **Centers:** McNeil, Tonelli. **Backs:** Lansdell, Hoffman, Morgan, Peccainti, Day, Anderson, Peoples, Engle.

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**OCTOBER 1:** Alabama defeated Hcward on the campus by the score of 34 to 0.

Davis, fullback, scored two touchdowns, one on a 54 yard run, Zivich scored on a 43 yard run, Holm scored on a play through the line and Slemmons scored on an end run.

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**OCTOBER 8:** Alabama, playing ragged football, defeated North Carolina State on the campus before a Homecoming crowd by the score of 14 to 0.

Coach Thomas started his second team and there was no scoring in the first quarter. In the second period, with the regulars playing, Alabama climaxed a march of 62 yards with a touchdown from State's 28 yard line on a pass from Mosley to Warren. Bradford converted.

Later in the same quarter, it was Alabama's ball on her own 42. A series of end runs and line plunges resulted in a touchdown by Mosley. Bradford again kicked goal.

Fry and Coon, tackles, were the stars for North Carolina State. Coon was one of the finest tackles ever to play on the University campus. These two players were responsible for Alabama being stopped so regularly.

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**OCTOBER 15:** Tennessee presented one of her best teams before 25,000 spectators in Birmingham and Alabama lost by the score of 13 to 0.

In the first quarter, following an exchange of punts, it was Tennessee's ball on her 32 yard line. Here the methodical and relentless offensive of Tennessee was exhibited. Cafego, Fox and Coffman made two first downs in four plays. Foxx then ran 16 on a reverse. Cafego drove off tackle for 9, was injured on the play and replaced by Wood. Three plays later, Wood ran to the Tide 15 yard line. Four plays moved the ball to Alabama's 4, where Coffman scored. No goal.

Wyatt's kickoff went over the end zone. Penalties stopped Alabama and Moseley punted to the Vols 19 as the quarter ended.

After an exchange of punts, Alabama started on her 33. Zivich circled end to midfield. Short gains moved the ball to the Vol 30 where the ball was lost on downs just before the half ended.

Cafego returned the kickoff to the Vol's 27. Cafego went off right tackle for 48 yards to the

Alabama 22. A few plays later, Tennessee tried for a field goal which was wide. Later, an exchange of punts and an offside penalty gave Tennessee the ball on the Tide 45. Cafego passed to Wyatt for 12 yards. Cafego ran through left tackle for 32 yards to the Alabama one yard line. Coffman then scored through the line and Wyatt kicked goal.

In the closing minutes of the game. Alabama marched from her 22 to the Tennessee 25 but the Vols held again as the game ended.

Cafego was the outstanding back of the game. The Tennessee line, led by Captain Wyatt, was probably the difference between the two teams.

**Tennessee—Ends:** Wyatt, Hunter, Coleman, Cifers. **Tackles:** Shires, Woodruff, Clay, Luttrell. **Guards:** Molinski, Suffridge, Smith, Steiner. **Center:** Rike, Little. **Backs:** Bartholomew, Foxx, Cafego, Coffman, Duncan, Andridge, Wood, McCarren, Wallen.

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**OCTOBER 22:** Alabama defeated Sewanee on Denny Field by the score of 32 to 0. Alabama started the game with the second team and was held scoreless for the first period. Bradford scored in the second quarter and the half ended with Alabama leading 7 to 0.

In the third period, a 43 yard run by Holm carried the ball to the Tiger's 7 yard line. Two plays later, Holm scored.

In the last quarter, Alabama drove 61 yards to score with Wicke and Boswell carrying the ball and Boswell going over. Later, Wicke ran 35 yards to Sewanee's 4 yard line where Boswell scored. Warren scored the final touchdown with Boswell passing to him over the goal.

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**OCTOBER 29:** Before a crowd of 15,000 fans in Lexington, Alabama defeated Kentucky by the score of 26 to 6.

In the first quarter, a short punt and an intercepted pass gave Alabama the ball on the Wildcat 33. Holm, Zivich and Mosley gained 26 yards in six plays. Three plays later, Holm scored and Bradford kicked goal.

After Alabama kicked off, Holm intercepted a pass from Coombs on the Kentucky 33. Mosley's pass to Bradford was completed for 18 yards. Holm made a first down on the 5 and Mosley scored through right guard. Bradford kicked goal.

In the second period, Hinkebein, Kentucky's center, recovered Wicke's fumbled on the Wildcat 29. Zoeller, halfback, ran to his right, cut back over right tackle and outdistanced the field for a 71 yard run and a touchdown.

In the third period, Mosley returned a punt to the Tide 47. Mosley and Holm went through the line three times for a total of 16 yards. Holm made 10 and then ran to the Wildcat 8 yard line. Mosley made 5 yards and then passed to Bradford for the score.

In the final period, Alabama rolled 80 yards for the last touchdown. Alternate runs by Mosley, Slemmons and Holm advanced the ball to the Kentucky 9, where Mosley passed to Warren for the score.

Holm and Bostick were the Alabama stars. Captain Hinkebein, Wildcat center, lived up to advance reports. But for his fine playing, the score would have been much larger.

**Kentucky—Ends:** Hardin, McCubbin, Scott, McCarthy, Spears, Gholson. **Tackles:** Brown, Reid, Jacobs. **Guards:** Palmer, Spickard, Willoughby, Vires. **Centers:** Hinkebein, Bailey, Black. **Backs:** Shepherd, Coombs, Mason, Ishamel, Davis, Carnes, Zoeller.

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**NOVEMBER 5:** Alabama and Tulane met in Birmingham before a crowd of 19,000 people and Alabama won again by the margin of a field goal, the score being 3 to 0. Last year, Sandy Sanford kicked one to break a 6 and 6 tie. This year, Vic Bradford did the honors. In the closing moments of the final period, the ball was on Tulane's 9 yard line, fourth down and six yards to go. With Mosley holding the ball, Bradford's place kick was right through the middle.

The score does not begin to indicate the difference between the two teams. Tulane stopped Alabama on four occasions deep in her territory, taking over on her 10, 5, 15 and 2 yard lines. Tulane invaded Alabama territory only once during the game and that march carried only to the Tide 46 yard line.

In the first period, Alabama started from her 35. A 30 yard run by Mosley aided in a drive that carried to the Tulane 10 where the ball was lost on downs. Later, Cox recovered a fumble on the Tulane 9 but the Tide was stopped on the 5 yard line.

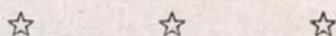
In the second quarter, Golomb of Tulane knocked the ball out of Mosley's hands as the latter tried to pass and McCullom recovered on Tulane's 46. Alabama held, there was an exchange of punts and Blackwell recovered a fumble by Hays on Tulane's 44. Mosley then passed to Holm on Tulane's 15 where Alabama again lost the ball on downs.

In the third period, Alabama returned the kickoff to her 36. Three passes for gains of 12, 18 and 9 yards were completed in a drive that placed the ball on the Tulane 8 yard line. Three plays made 6 yards and a pass play failed.

Late in the fourth period, Cassibry punted to the Tide 35. On a corkscrew play, Zivich made 4 yards. Boswell made 18 and Zivich made 3. Boswell's pass to Newman gained 8 yards. A few plays later, Boswell passed to Holm on Tulane's 13. Blackwell gained 5 and Newman lost 4 on end around plays. Boswell drove off tackle for 5 and it was fourth down and 6 yards to go. Mosley and Bradford replaced Boswell and Hughes. Everyone knew what was coming. Bradford made the kick good and Alabama won by the score of 3 to 0.

Wenzel, Golomb, Bodney and Brinkman, Tulane's ends, played brilliantly as they stopped Alabama's running attack time and again. Alabama's line play again was a feature of the game.

**Tulane—Ends:** Bodney, Wenzel, DeFraitres, Golomb, Brinkman. **Tackles:** White, Kirchem, McCollum, Brekke. **Guards:** Dailey, Graves, O'Boyle, Clay. **Center:** Smith, Flower. **Backs:** Nyhan, Bruner, Banker, Golden, Hays, Payne, Cassibry, Butler.



**NOVEMBER 12:** On Grant Field in Atlanta before a crowd of 25,000 fans, Alabama came from behind in the last period to gain a 14 and 14 tie with Georgia Tech.

Tech received and Cavette punted to Mosley, who returned to the Tide's 28. Alabama was penalized for clipping and the ball was placed on the Alabama 8 yard line. Mosley punted 54 yards and Gibson returned 21 to Alabama's 43. Page made 27 yards. After three plays made but three yards, Gibson passed to Smith for a touchdown. Shaw's drop kick for the extra point was good.

In the second quarter, Mosley gained 10 yards, fumbled and Anderson of Tech recovered about midfield. Ector and Gibson made a first down on the Tide 36. Alabama held and Gibson punted out of bounds on the Alabama 3 yard line. Mosley punted 41 yards to Gibson who made a sensational return to the Tide 3. Alabama held for three downs but Ector scored on the last down and Shaw again drop kicked goal.

Later, Chivington intercepted a pass thrown by Boswell on Tech's 37 and returned 57 yards to Alabama's 6 yard line. Three plays made only two yards and a place kick by Anderson was wide by two feet.

Early in the third quarter, Holm went out with injuries and many thought Alabama's hopes went with him. But "Pig" Davis came in to replace Holm and turned the tide in Alabama's favor. It was Alabama's ball on her own 43 yard line. From this point, Alabama drove 57 yards to a touchdown. Davis, a fast and powerful runner, gained 33 of the yards and scored from the Tech 3 yard line. Bradford kicked goal. Tech 14, Alabama 7.

In the final period, it was Tech's ball on her own 20. Cavette pnted to Boswell, who returned to the Alabama 34. Boswell passed a short one over the line to Bradford, who lateralled to Davis, who ran the remaining distance for a touchdown. Bradford kicked goal to tie the score. The Tech coaches protested that the pass to Bradford was a "screened pass" and illegal but the officials did not agree with their contention.

Bradford kicked off and Hickerson tackled Ector on the Tech 8. Gibson punted to Tech's 41. Zivich caught Boswell's pass on the Tech 13 but Alabama was penalized and the drive ended.

Chivington, Page and Gibson were the Tech stars while Merrill, Cox, Pig Davis and Newman were outstanding for Alabama.

**Georgia Tech—Ends:** Allen, Smith. **Tackles:** Cavette, Cushing. **Guards:** Anderson, Brooks. **Center:** Chivington. **Backs:** Murphy, Gibson, Page, Ector.

**NOVEMBER 24:** Alabama outplayed and defeated Vanderbilt in Birmingham by the score of 7 to 0. Carey Cox, Charlie Holm and Perron Shoemaker, Alabama regulars, were all out with injuries. Warren Averitte, sophomore center, played the entire game in place of Cox, turning in a brilliant performance and was the star of the game with his passing and fine defensive play.

Alabama made 13 first downs to Vandy's 2, gained 179 yards rushing against 25 and averaged 44 yards on punts to Vandy's 37 yards. Passing on both side was negligible.

Late in the third period, Marshall punted out of bounds on the Tide 28. In 17 plays, with Boswell and Davis carrying the ball and with no long runs intervening, the ball rested on the Vandy two yard line as the period ended.

Bradford scored on a quarterback sneak. His attempt for extra point was blocked by Hausman but Ziyich recovered the ball and circled end for the extra point.

Vanderbilt had one chance to score. Bradford attempted a field goal from the Vandy 10. The kick was blocked and bounded to midfield with McElreath and Captain Franklin, ends, in pursuit. Franklin recovered the ball but failed to realize his opportunity and did not run with the ball. Vandy advanced the ball well into Alabama territory where Joe Agee missed a try for a field goal.

**Vanderbilt—Ends:** Franklin, Hinton, McElreath. **Tackles:** Holdgraf, Smith, Gauldon, Rainey. **Guards,** Henderson, McLemore, Ellis, Dunkerly. **Backs:** Plunkett, Reinschmidt, Keene, Ford, Marshall, Perry, Hausman, Huggins.



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