



LION-MEN

1949

FOOTBALL BROCHURE

OF

Florence State Lions

SCHEDULE

Athletic Director



H. A. FLOWERS

Opponent

Place

Head Coach

September 29

Jacksonville S. T. C. Jacksonville

October 8

Howard College Florence

October 15

St. Bernard Cullman

October 22

Livingston S. T. C. Florence

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Troy S. T. C. Troy

November 5

Middle Tennessee S. T. C. Florence

November 12

Bethel College McKenzie

November 19

U. of Tenn. Jr. College
(Homecoming) Florence

November 26

Austin-Peay Florence



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State Teachers College, Florence, Alabama

F O R E W O R D--

This is your 1949 football brochure of the Florence State Teachers Lions. This is the first team that Florence has fielded for inter-collegiate participation since 1920.

It is sincerely hoped that the information contained in this brochure will be of use to you and you will keep it handy as a reference throughout the season.

The fact that it is incomplete goes without saying. It is for this very reason that it has been made in file form. Throughout the season you will be furnished with publicity releases, pix, mats, and additional information which may very easily be kept within this brochure.

We realize that this brochure is preseason, but we have tried very hard to make it general. Regular press releases will keep you informed as to positional changes, permanently injured players, disabled players, and other like information.

Florence State is very grateful for the cooperation of the press and radio and we will always try to cooperate.

We will be glad to furnish as promptly as is possible any special stories, pictures, mats, statistics, ticket information, press box tickets, etc. For such material or information please use the following address:

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FACTS ABOUT
FLORENCE STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

LOCATION--Florence, Ala., a city of approximately 27,000 population, at the junction of U. S. Highways 43 and 72, the Southern and L. & N. railroads, 137 miles northwest of Birmingham, Ala., and 116 miles southwest of Nashville, Tenn.

FOUNDED--1830.

ENROLLMENT--Approximately 1200 (750 men, 450 women).

PRESIDENT--Dr. E. B. Norton.

DEAN--Dr. F. E. Lund.

DEAN OF WOMEN--Maurine Sublett.

REGISTRAR--Chester M. Arehart.

TREASURER--R. C. Fuller.

PHYSICIAN--Dr. T. L. Bennett, Jr.

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE--Alabama Intercollegiate.

NICKNAME OF TEAMS--Lions.

COLORS--Purple and Gold.

STADIUM--Coffee Stadium (7500 capacity).

ATHLETIC STAFF

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR--H. A. Flowers (Auburn '26).

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH--Harold "Hal" Self (Alabama '46).

ASSISTANTS--George E. Weeks (Alabama '42); Edmond E. Billingham (Fairmont '41).

BASKETBALL COACH--Edmond E. Billingham (Fairmont '41).

BASEBALL COACH--George E. Weeks (Alabama '42).

TEAM PHYSICIAN--Dr. T. L. Bennett, Jr.

ATHLETIC PUBLICITY DIRECTOR--Kenneth Tice.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN--Dean F. E. Lund.

OTHER MEMBERS--H. A. Flowers, Otis L. Peacock, Charles A. Glock, Homer H. Floyd.

HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE

The State Teachers College at Florence has a very unique history. The original building and grounds of the present college belonged to the Methodist Conference and were the site of Florence Wesleyan University, which had succeeded LaGrange College (Founded 1830). Wesleyan, founded in 1855, maintained a high scholastic standing and was widely patronized throughout the South. This had been true of LaGrange also, which drew its students from all sections of the southern states. After the War Between the States, the church donated the buildings and grounds to the state to be used as a normal school, provided the state would make for it an annual appropriation. The State Teachers College of Florence was organized in 1873, as a Normal School, under an act of the legislature of the preceding year and is the oldest existing active teachers training institute south of the Ohio River.

By an act of the State Board of Education in 1929 the Normal School was made a State Teachers College. In accordance with this act, four-year curricula in elementary education were formulated leading to the bachelor of science degree May 29, 1931. The State Board of Education authorized the college in 1939 to prepare teachers for the secondary schools and in 1947 added the liberal arts A.B. degree and non-teaching B.S. degree. At this time the curricula of the college were considerably expanded. The college now offers full four-year degrees in subject matter fields leading to the A.B. and B.S. degrees, both for teachers and non-teachers.

HISTORY OF FOOTBALL

This season marks the first time in 29 years that Florence State Teachers College has fielded a football team for intercollegiate participation.

In 1920 it was decided that football would be discontinued at this institution. At that time the team averaged only 135 pounds and there were only twelve members on the squad. In fact, there were only 25 male students enrolled here.

The topic of football at FSTC has long been a very debatable subject and with the renewal of intercollegiate football at this institution student enthusiasm has reached a new high.

Not only have the students reacted very favorable to their new gridiron prospects, but the townspeople have met the new program with wholehearted approval and support.

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1949 ROSTER

name: pos: age: ht: wt: class: home town:

ENDS--

Allen, Robert Maxwell	RE	19	6-5	183	Fresh.	Athens
Free, Aubrey Allen	RE	19	6-2	185	Fresh.	Decatur
Graham, Jones Raymond	LE	22	6-1	175	Soph.	Florence
Hargrove, Dudley Harold	LE	19	6-1	170	Fresh.	Florence
Morris, Billy Gene	RE	20	6-1	176	Fresh.	Ashland
Sanford, Herbert C.	LE	20	6-2	190	Soph.	Manchester

TACKLES--

Beard, Charles Leonard	RT	20	5-11	180	Jr.	Sheffield
Hollingsworth, Caldwell	LT	18	5-10	207	Fresh.	Fayette
Hollis, Baker	RT	20	6-4	226	Soph.	Vernon
Hyde, Orion Jackson	LT	21	5-11	201	Soph.	Nauvoo
Turner, Gene F.	LT	21	6-2	187	Fresh.	Jasper
Wade, Bobby Neal	RT	18	6-4	186	Fresh.	Sheffield

GUARDS--

DeWeese, Thomas Peter	RG	21	5-10	175	Soph.	Carbon Hill
Doty, William Stone	LG	20	5-6	170	Soph.	Hackleburg
Gray, Lelton Frank	RG	21	5-7	176	Fresh.	Parrish
King, Jack W.	LG	22	5-10	210	Soph.	Kingston Sprs., Tenn
Lentz, Gene H.	RG	20	5-8	185	Jr.	Decatur
Mock, Durell	LG	18	6	184	Fresh.	Talladega
Sanders, William Ervin	RG	20	6-1	182	Soph.	Nashville

CENTERS--

Braswell, John O., Jr.		19	6-1	183	Soph.	Decatur
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Graham, Glen Wilford	19	6	185	Fresh.	Florence
Jones, Brooks	24	6-2	195	Sr.	Vernon
Wade, William H.	21	6-2	215	Fresh.	Moulton

QUARTERBACKS--

Brewer, Joe Frank	19	5-11	180	Fresh.	Decatur
Hall, John B.	22	5-10	172	Jr.	Tuscumbia
Whitten, Jack Kermit	19	5-11	178	Fresh.	Florence

LEFT HALFBACKS--

Boley, Carl Merle	20	5-9	170	Jr.	Decatur
Burrows, Edward Marvin	20	5-11	160	Fresh.	Ht. Payne
Poole, Bimol Arnold	20	6	170	Fresh.	Florence
Smith, William Edward	19	5-11	160	Fresh.	Florence

RIGHT HALFBACKS--

Hamilton, Dale, Jr.	20	5-9	160	Soph.	Kewanee, Ill.
McBrayer, Max Everett	24	5-9	155	Sr.	Marietta, Ga.
Parker, William Donald	21	5-8	156	Soph.	Hillsboro
Pollard, Richard Dowdy	21	6-1	178	Soph.	Florence
Whitten, L. L.	21	5-8	160	Fresh.	Florence

FULLBACKS--

Benton, John Lloyd	18	5-10	165	Fresh.	Florence
Bradley, Karl Walton	19	5-8	150	Soph.	Sheffield
Hamilton, Homer Clinton, Jr.	22	6	190	Soph.	Sheffield
Segers, James Allen	18	5-8	153	Fresh.	Jasper
Snoddy, James A.	20	5-10	186	Fresh.	Rogersville

T H U M B N A I L S K E T C H E S

ENDS-----

Robert Maxwell Allen--19, 183, 6-5, Freshman, Athens, Ala.....the tallest of the pass receivers.....is a graduate of Athens high school where he played from 1946 through '48.....played under Self in '47 and '48.....received Honorable Mention for All-State in '48.....is known to teammates and friends as Bobby or "Catfish."

Aubrey Allen Free--19, 6-2, Freshman, Decatur, Ala.....a physical education major.....born and raised in Decatur.....played ball in '45, '46, and '47 under Shorty Ogle.....arrived late for fall practice, but has made a very good showing since then at his right end post.....is more familiarly known as Aubrey or "Jake."

Jones Raymond Graham--22, 6-1, 175, Sophomore, Florence, Ala.....is one of the veterans on the squad, having served in the European and African theaters of operation.....was in Navy for 2 years attaining the rank of Seaman, First Class.....has younger brother, Glen, on squad.....played high school at Coffee (Florence) where he was All-Tri-Cities in '46.....is known to friends as Raymond.

Dudley Harold Hargrove--19, 6-1, 170, Freshman, Florence, Ala.....the lightest of the ends he has proven himself to be a scrapper.....another of the many physical education majors on varsity.....played three years of high school football at Coffee (Florence).....was captain in baseball and basketball in high school, one of their few three-letter men.....a local boy, his home is across the street from practice field.....known to all who have met him as Harold.

Billy Gene Morris--20, 176, 6-1, Freshman, Ashland, Ala.....one of the four freshmen ends on squad,.....served in Army Infantry for 18 months as corporal.....was in Pacific theater of operation.....played only one year of high school football but has shown himself as a comer.....played his high school ball under George Weeks, now assistant coach at FSTC..... is a business administration major.....known to all as Bill.

Herbert C. Sanford--20, 190, 6-2, Sophomore, Manchester, Ala.....a freshman in football eligibility.....is heaviest of end candidates..... arrived a week late for fall practice but has made up for lost time with steady and dependable play.....attended Union University (Jackson, Tenn.) in '48 but did not play football.....works on left side of line.....goes by the moniker of "Hub."

TACKLES-----

Charles Leonard Beard--20, 5-11, 180, Junior, Sheffield, Ala.....played freshman ball at the University of Alabama as a guard in '47.....high school gridiron playing was at Sheffield.....is a business administration major minoring in accounting.....plans to enter bottling business with father upon graduation.....is known by all as Leonard.

Caldwell Hollingsworth--18, 5-10, 207, Freshman, Fayette, Ala.....one of the youngest members on the squad.....graduated from Hubbertville high school this spring.....played three years high school football as guard while there.....captained football team in '48.....too young for armed services.....looks to be a comer within another year.....teammates and friends call him Caldwell.

Baker Hollis--20, 226, 6-4, Sophomore, Vernon, Ala.....the biggest man on the squad....."Bake" promises to be one of the outstanding linemen.....a rugged man to run over at his right tackle position.....is a

Navy veteran with a hitch of three years time served in Pacific theater of operation.....was a seaman at time of discharge.....he and Bill Doty, smallest member of squad are great buddies.....Mutt and Jeff of Lion varsity.....is known to everyone as "Bake" or Baker.

Orion Jackson Hyde--21, 5-11, 201, Sophomore, Nauvoo, Ala.....a full-back who was converted to his tackle post early this fall by coach Self..lllhas shown up very well at new position.....is a graduate of Carbon Hill high school where he played three years of football....received Honorable Mention for all-State both in '44 and '45.....a scrapper in his play.....never gives up the ship.....is known to everyone as Sam.

Gene F. Turner--21, 186, 6-2, Freshman, Jasper, Ala.....another of the many freshman members of squad.....is married.....has no children.....was married only 2 weeks before the start of fall practice.....a graduate of Curry high school.....an Army Air Corps veteran who served 18 months in Alaska.....had rank of staff sgt.....is known by everyone as Gene.

Bobby Neal Wade--18, 6-4, 186, Freshman, Sheffield, Ala.....a tall string bean tackle.....has a lot to learn but is expected to improve within this season and be ready to give some one a run for their money on next year's squad.....is a Sheffield high graduate where he got his high school footballing under the wise Walton Wright.....played both end and tackle in high school.....teammates and friends know him as Bobby.

GUARDS-----

Thomas Peter DeWeese--21, 5-10, 175, Sophomore, Carbon Hill, Ala.....a workhorse guard, Tom is expected to play some ball this season.....a physical education major.....a husky well built lad.....played two years

of high school ball.....one as end and his last as a guard.....goes by name of Tom.....has extreme dislike for use of full name.

William Stone Doty--20, 5-6, 170, Sophomore, Hackleburg, Ala.....the shortest man on the squad.....Doty is one of the fiercest scrappers on the squad.....called "Birdog" by his teammates because of his knack of picking out the way the play is coming.....had unusual honor in high school of being president of all his classes from 8th grade through 12thplayed high school football at Hamilton for four years under as many coaches.....is known as Bill by everyone.

Lelton Frank Gray--21, 176, 5-7, Freshman, Parrish, Ala.....another of the lighter members of the squad.....makes up for lack of weight in quick thinking and fast reaction.....played center during first two years of high school football.....was converted to guard during senior year.....served as pfc. in Army Airborne Infantry for 11 months.....one of few servicemen on squad who played football while in armed forces.....played as guard for 504th Parachute Infantry while at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Jack W. King--22, 210, 5-10, Sophomore, Kingston Springs, Tenn..... an inheritance from Cumberland University.....Jack has proven himself to be one of the most capable performers available at a position that is considered to be one of the Lions strongest.....should prove to be a very valuable man in the Lions den and will probably develop into one of the outstanding men on the squad.....a married non-serviceman.

Gene H. Lentz--20, 185, 5-8, Junior, Decatur, Ala.....another ex-Cumberland U. lad.....did his high school playing under Decatur's wizard of the T formation, Shorty Ogle.....played three years on Decatur High's top notch teams.....captained squad of '46.....was chosen as first string All-Tennessee-Valley guard, also in '46.....a fast moving and quick think-

er.....should prove to be a very valuable asset.....one of few who are not P. E. majors.....majoring in English and History.

Durell Mock--18, 6, 184, Freshman, Talladega, Ala.....a rough and ready man who works from the left guard slot.....asks for no quarter and gives none.....a graduate of Talladega high where he played three different positions.....was switched to guard during senior year.....seems well adapted to this position.....one of the top contenders for a number one berth.

William Ervin Sanders--20, 6-1, 182, Sophomore, Nashville, Tenn.....another of our inherited grid players.....played last season at Tennessee Poly under the tutorship of Hooper Eblen.....should be in the running for a top bracket position.....two years of high school football at Nashville's Hume-Fogg Tech.....goes by the moniker of Bill.....played his high school grid career under Lucky Knox, former Union University star.

CENTERS-----

John O. Braswell, Jr.--19, 183, 6-1, Sophomore, Decatur, Ala.....another Decatur High School product who did his high school playing under "Shorty" Ogle.....was a center on Decatur's squads of '45, '46, and '47.....is a non-veteran majoring in veterinary medicine.....a ready man at the center post.....loves scrimmages, especially when they are rugged ones.....attended Auburn in 1948-49 term.....did not play ball while there.....is known by everyone as John or "Bras."

Glen Wilford Graham--20, 185, 6, Freshman, Florence, Ala.....is a scrappy center.....was known in high school mainly for his line backing chores.....has older brother on squad.....another who is a cheerleader.....played at Coffee High school (Florence) as tackle in '47 and center

in '48.....was All-Tri-Cities both yearsis known to everyone as
Clen.

Brooks Jones--24, 6-2, 195, Senior, Vernon, Ala.....is one of the eldest
members of squad.....a veteran of four years service in the U. S. Marines
.....was in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of operation and fought in the battles
of Marshall Islands.....received Purple Heart for wounds suffered in Marshall
Islands battle.....was shot in left hip and arm.....also received Good Con-
duct medal and Presidential Unit Citation.....played high school ball at
Lamar County High School.....played for East Mississippi Rebels in '48.....
has shown up exceptionally well in drills.....is first string material.....
is known as Brooks or "Jonesy."

William H. Wade--21, 6-2, 215, Freshman, Moulton, Ala.....another fresh-
man candidate who is expected to develop greatly in the next years.....is
now one of roughest of center post men.....is very adept at moving outside
in backing up line.....ks a veteran of three years service in the Air Corps
in Pacific theater of operation.....played high school ball at Lawrence
County High from '42 through '45.....played service football for the 20th
Air Corps Ramblers.....was a sergeant at time of discharge after three years
length of service.....goes by moniker of Bill.

QUARTERBACKS-----

Joe Frank Brewer--19, 180, 5-11, Freshman, Decatur, Ala.....a stellar
quarterback at Decatur High School.....well remembered in Tennessee Valley
for high school grid career.....a smart signal caller--also good defensive
player.....is a top-rate performer in kicking department.....can get off
long high punts which enable ends to get down on top of the play.....is

not as adept at short punting at sideline stripes as for distance..... will probably alternate at quarterback slot for first two years before becoming a regular 1st string performer.....is known by name of Joe or Jo-Jo.

John B. Hall--22, 172, 5-10, Junior, Tuscumbia, Ala.....from all appearances in drills to date he will probably alternate with Brewer at QB slot.....a trekking troubadour he has played football for four teams other than FSTC.....prep ball at Deshler (Tuscumbia) and Columbia Military Academy and college ball at the Univ. of Ala. (freshman) and Memphis State.....a 2 year veteran of the Army, he served in European theater of operation.....is known to all as John or "Hairless."

Jack Kermit Whitten--19, 5-11, 178, Freshman, Florence, Ala.....an outstanding member of Coffee High's 1948 gridiron squad.....has brother who is a right half on Lion squad.....a good blocker and average play caller.....with experience he should give the Lions another top-notch quarterback.....is also a boxer.....won several state titles as middleweight..... is known by all as Jack.

LEFT HALFBACKS-----

Carl Merle Boley--20, 5-9, 170, Junior, Decatur, Ala.....is an outstanding back from the school of Decatur High.....played past two seasons on Cumberland University team.....returned to Florence this year when they fielded a grid squad.....is single and a non-veteran.....expected to be one of the if not the outstanding Lion back this year.....a shifty runner, not too fast, but deceptive.....sparseness of hair has earned his nickname of "Baldy".....is otherwise known as Carl.

Edward Marvin Burrows--20, 5-11, 160, Freshman, Ft. Payne, Ala.....a youngster who is expected to develop in next few seasons.....a fair runner and passer.....with this seasons experience he should be ready for a lot of ball playing next season.....a serviceman, he served with the Army Water Transportation Corps for 18 months.....played service ball with 8115 Service Detachment eleven.....is known by moniker of Ed.

Bimol Arnold Poole--20, 170, 6, Freshman, Florence, Ala.....a local product where he played high school ball for four years at Coffee High (Florence).... .was end for first two seasons, switched to halfback in '47.....made All-Tri-Cities in both '47 and '48.....a non-veteran.....one of many physical education majors on squad.....is known to all as Bimol.

William Edward Smith--19, 160, 5-11, Freshman, Florence, Ala.....another home grown gridster.....is an exceptional passer and also shifty runner... ..will give Boley a run for his money for starting position before season is over.....with protection can heave passes accurately for long yardage gains.....went to Auburn on scholarship, but didn't like school and returned to home territory.....is called Bill by everyone.

RIGHT HALFBACKS-----

Dale Hamilton, Jr.--20, 5-9, 160, Sophomore, Kewanee, Ill.....one of the few lads from out of the district on the Lions roster.....he attended Florence during the past term.....was a member of the Lions freshman basketball squad.....served in U. S. Marines for 1 year.....played at Wethersfield High in Kewanee.....a good back and hare runner.....is known to teammates and friends as Dale or "Yankee."

Max Everett McBrayer--24, 5-9, 155, Senior, Marietta, Ga.....one of the

very few Seniors on the roster.....was a student here last year.....is one of the more popular members of the squad.....is President of the Student Council this year.....an all-round performer his only holdback is the fact that he only has this one year to play.....a veteran of air-combat over the Rhineland, Balkans, and Austria with Air Corps.....is known to all as Max.

William Donald Parker--21, 156, 5-8, Sophomore, Hillsboro, Ala.....Dynamite Don is a high stepping youngster who will undoubtedly see lots of action in the Lions den this season.....Don was off to a poor start this summer during tryouts but has shown vast improvement.....he is also a returned serviceman, having served with the U. S. in the Japanese Occupation for one year..... is known to all as Don.

Richard Dowdy Pollard--21, 178, 6-1, Sophomore, Florence, Ala.....one of the married members of squad.....is married to the former Jessie Liles..... has one daughter named Donna Leigh.....served with Army in Japan for 15 months.....was All-Tri-Cities in '46.....was Honorable Mention for All-State in '46, also.....is known as Dick by all of his teammates and friends.

L. L. Whitten--21, 5-8, 160, Freshman, Florence, Ala.....a married veteran member of the squad.....L. L. is another of the better right half candidatesa hard runner and shifty, he is not too deceptive, but makes up for this in hustling play.....he played service ball with the Marine Corps' 13th Service Battalion.....was Middle Weight Champion of the West Pacific in both 1947 and '48.....is known as L. L. or "Daddy."

FULLBACKS-----

John Lloyd Benton--18, 5-10, 165, Freshman, Florence, Ala.....John has been on the sick list and is not expected to see much action until later on

in the season.....was in hospital recently with case of double pneumonia
.....is a hard runner and very good line smasher.....graduated from Coffee
(Florence).....is known to all as John.

Karl Walton Bradley---19, 150, 5-8, Sophomore, Sheffield, Ala.....a small
lad for college ball, he is a terrific scrapper.....loves football very much
and even enjoys scrimmage sessions.....graduated from Sheffield High where
he played four years under Walton Wright.....a non-veteran.....he is one of
the few squad members not majoring in P. E.....is a Business Administration
major, minoring in Economics.....is known as Karl.

Homer Clinton Hamilton, Jr.--22, 190, 6, Sophomore, Sheffield, Ala.....
is the largest of fullback candidates.....a hard hitting line plunger.....
will see much action this season for the Lions.....has two more seasons left
.....a veteran of 18 months service with U. S. Navy.....is known as Clint by
one and all.

James Allen Segers--18, 153, 5-8, Freshman, Jasper, Ala.....is one of the
freshmen members of aggregation who is expected to be a standout in the next
three years.....small but very determined.....is a hard runner and rougher
man than he appears to be.....a Walker County High graduate.....is known as
Jim or Jimmy.

James A. Snoddy--20, 5-10, 186, Freshman, Rogersville, Ala.....another
fullback who is expected to develop into an outstanding performer.....is
out of action for first part of year because of an injury, but will still
be in for lots of work this season.....a graduate of Lauderdale County High
where he played three years.....is known to teammates as Arlee.