

Webster upsets University City

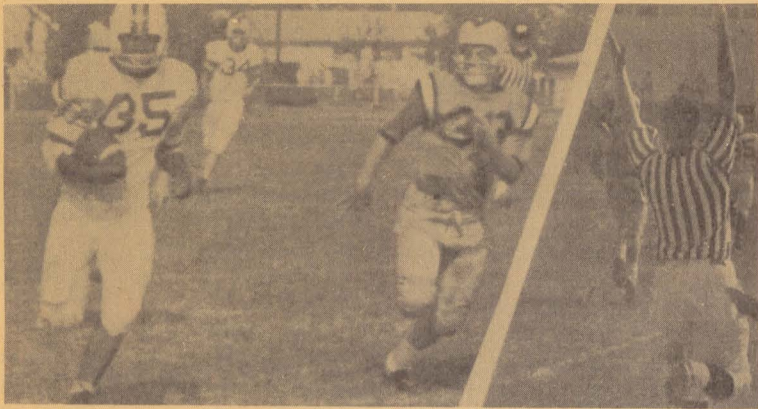


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Left: Walt Smallwood (35) races around a U. City defender. With an open field ahead of him, Smallwood sprinted 60 yards for the score. Right: Official signals touchdown.

Those who said that the University City Indians would have a "breather" from difficult league play when they met Webster were proved wrong as the Statesmen triumphed 24-6 October 12, at Memorial Field. This contest brought forth Webster's best rushing attempt this season with a total of 280 yards gained on the ground and in passing. "I am very pleased", reported Coach Ray Moss. "We played a sloppy first half, but a good second half".

Sophomore quarterback Clarence Thornhill scored one of Webster's four touchdowns and assisted in another by passing to senior Dave Stewart who ran the remaining 35 yards. Walt Smallwood, junior, scored on a spectacular 60 yard run down the right sideline. The Statesmen's final score came when senior tackle Ron Mautz re-

covered a blocked punt and rushed into the end zone.

Throughout the game Webster fought hard to continually push the Indians back and block their passing and kicking attempts. The loss of ground by University City accounted for one of the Statesmen's goals. The hard fight that the Statesmen displayed can be partly attributed to the loss they suffered at the hands of McCluer the week before.

The McCluer Comets outran and outpassed Webster as they raced by the Statesmen 30-14. Webster's two goals were made by juniors Smallwood and John Dunkman. Both attempts for the extra point were good, kicked by Dunkman.

As of the University City game, Webster's record stands at 1 win, 1 loss, and 1 tie in league play, and 2 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie overall.

Eye on Sports

by Roy Harris

The Statesmen's 24-6 victory over U. City, a highly rated team in the Suburban Big Eight, puts a new light on the annual conference battle.

Now the only undefeated team is Ladue with a 3-0 record. McCluer, downed by University City in its league opener, won its next two games, beating Webster and Kirkwood, and has a 2-1 record identical with U. City's.

The victory over the Indians now puts the Statesmen above the Pioneers in the league standings. Kirkwood is 1-2 in Big Eight play, having defeated Ritenour 13-9 for its only conference win. Webster is 1-1-1. The star of the Pioneer attack has been Bernie Kemple, backfield utility man, who led Kirkwood to its victory over the Huskies of Ritenour with his passing.

Walt Smallwood, Webster's speedy halfback, thrilled the fans at the U. City game as he broke loose and scampered 60 yards to the end zone (see picture). Smallwood had returned a kickoff 85 yards against McCluer the previous week, but the Statesmen dropped that contest 30-14, for their only league loss.

Sophomore quarterback Clarence Thornhill with the shotgun arm started against McCluer and U. City, but it was senior Tom Stuber who came through in both games with key passes to halfback Neal Losse. Thornhill's showing against the Indians was impressive, however, as he scored twice.

The Statesmen are far from out of this conference race, and with the continued team effort combined with spectator support, Webster could give the Rams of Ladue a run for the title this year.

B-team defeats Indians; posts 2-1 season record

Scoring two touchdowns in 26 seconds, the Webster B-team topped University City's 6-0 lead in the fourth quarter of the game at U. City, October 11. This brought Webster's record to 2-1.

The first touchdown was scored on a pass play from quarterback Clint Ives to fullback Gary Howran. Then a pass intercepted by halfback Ron Slaten and a ten yard runback tied the score. Herb Whitner, halfback, ran the extra point make the final score 13-6.

Hoffman begins third year as backfield coach

"The team is better than the record shows," said Robert Hoffman, smallest player who ever wore the football uniform of South-



Coach Hoffman

east Missouri State College, referring to the 2-2-1 season of Webster's football squad. Coach Hoffman has been at Webster for two years, serving the grid squad as backfield coach, and says this is where he would like to stay. Before coming to Webster, he spent three years at Perryville High School, Perryville, Mo., where he was head football and track coach.

Playing right halfback at 5'6" and 170 pounds, Mr. Hoffman was on the third ranked team of South-east Missouri as a sophomore. He received a four-year football scholarship. This summer he finished work on his Master's degree.

Coach Hoffman also serves as a driver education instructor at Webster High.

In the battle at McCluer, October 4, the Webster squad was held to one touchdown for a 13-6 setback. Whitner scored the only touchdown on a hand-off on McCluer's three yard line.

"So far we haven't been able to break thirteen," remarked one of the players. The B-team defeated Ritenour in another 13 point game. Joe Graves, fullback, ran the first touchdown and Whitney converted. Ives then took the ball over bringing the final score to 13-7.

Coach Bryant feels the team has been playing very good ball, although the squad was handicapped by the loss of their first string guard with a broken ankle.

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Nov. 2—Normandy	here
Nov. 6—Ladue	there

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A day with the team. . .

Reporter braves grid practice

by Jim Hopson

Sophomore quarterback Clarence Thornhill stood poised over the crouching Webster line. "Alright. This is a 38 crossback, on the first hup!" he barked. Thornhill called his signals and the line unleashed its energy against a token defense on a practice field at Memorial Park.

Coach Ray Moss and his staff supervised and instructed as the starting offensive squad and two alternate squads ran plays against a loose defense on Wednesday afternoon, October 16.

I sat on the sidelines, recovering my strength after a short, brisk workout with the team.

The afternoon started reasonably enough with the players wondering why I was "dressing out" and I myself wondering much the same thing. I only knew that I was supposed to participate in a football practice and give a players' eye view of football.

I didn't have much time to wonder, though, because shortly after I had dragged myself onto the field, tackle Ron Mautz commenced leading the assembled team in calisthenics. With no small expenditure of energy I huffed my way through the exercises. Panting slightly, perspiration dotting my forehead, I watched droopingly as pads, similar to pillows with handles on the back were produced for blocking practice. Each player, in turn, stood holding this pad while

another man threw his body full force against it. I decided to go along with the game and held that meager little pillow before me while Dave Cloud, hard-running fullback, smashed into me, knocking me all over the field. After being buffeted around, my turn came to do the buffeting. I stood before end Dave Stewart who was holding the pad at the time and lashed out against it. The effort I expended couldn't have dented a marshmallow, let alone a 180-pound football player.

I willingly retired to the sidelines while the team ran offensive drills for the next hour.

"It was a snap practice, typical of one the day before a game", said Coach Robert Hoffman in the locker room afterward.

It may have been a snap practice for the players, but not for me. The next morning I found that I had more sore muscles than I thought I had muscles. From now forevermore I shall have the deepest respect, admiration, and heartfelt sympathy for those modern-day gladiators who daily brave the dangers of football practice.

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Nov. 16—Maplewood	here
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