



LEXINGTON HORNETS rarin' to get started on the new football season are shown here in practice uniforms during pre-season drills. Left to right, front row, Paul Cade, Robert Hammett, Bill Rosamond, Kirk Povall, Chuck Carson, Bill Davis; second row, Jerry Fite, Ed-

ward Chisolm, Alton Parker, Wayne (Red) Ellis, Julian Watson, Walter Sullivan; and back row, Harold Devine, Wyche Hooker, Johnny Self, Danny Pepper, Larry Spell and Shelton Rogers. Staff photos

**1963 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY**

Sept. 21	Howard	Starkville
Sept. 28	Florida*	Gainesville, Fla.
Oct. 5	Tennessee*	Knoxville, Tenn.
Oct. 12	Tulane*	Jackson, Miss.
Oct. 19	Houston	Starkville
Oct. 26	Memphis State	Memphis, Tenn.
Nov. 2	Alabama*	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Nov. 9	Auburn*	Jackson, Miss.
Nov. 16	LSU*	Jackson, Miss.
Nov. 30	Ole Miss*	Starkville

MAJOR RULE CHANGES FROM 1962

1 - If there is fair catch interference during the last timed down of any quarter, the quarter will be extended if the penalty is accepted and it may be extended if the offended team accepts an awarded catch. The offended team has three choices. If the penalty is accepted, the kicking team will be required to replay the down, untimed, in an extension of the period. If the offended team chooses to take an awarded fair catch,

it may make a free-kick, or it may snap the ball for an untimed down during the same period. If the fair catch interference is not during the 2nd or 4th quarter and if the offended team elects, it may put the ball in play by snap or free-kick on the 1st down of the next period. This section has been added to the old rule.

2 - The clock will start following a free-kick (kick-off), when the ball is legally touched. The old rule read that the clock would start with the

kick-off. It should be added that Holmes County is the possessor of five registered football officials. On a team together are Mr. R. W. Almond of Holmes Junior, referee; Mr. Donald McCrory of Pickens, Head Linesman; Mr. Jamie Jones of Goodman, Umpire; and, Wayne Rodgers of Tchula, Field Judge. These four are registered in the East Central Zone with headquarters located in Starkville. Mr. Howard Stubbs of Pickens is registered with the Delta District with headquarters located in Greenwood.

THE MID-STATE CONFERENCE: LAST YEAR'S FINISH - THIS YEAR'S PREDICTION

The 1962 Mid-State Conference season was closed out in its usual fashion with another thrilling Lexington-Durant contest. The Hornets from Lexington won in about as exciting a game as you ever saw, 39 to 34. This was the deciding factor in who finished in second place in the conference standings as Vaiden had already won the championship and closed its regular season play the previous Friday night by defeating North Carrollton. Ackerman, newest member of the Mid-State Conference, was not eligible for conference laurels because of a league rule. They were the only team to defeat Vaiden all season but championship-wise this was to no avail, since they were ineligible. Vaiden's title winning record was 5 wins and no losses. Lexington followed close behind with a four and one record, while Durant's Tigers wound up third with 3 wins and 2 losses. North Carrollton, Ethel, and McAdams rounded out the bottom half.

LEXINGTON HORNETS: Principal: Bill Schneller Head Coach: Woodson Earle Assistants: Hosea Grisham, Johnny Davis 1962 Record: All - Won 6, Lost 3, Tied 1 Conference - Won 4, Lost 1

VAUGHT GAINS ON WILKINSON John Vaught, head football coach at the University of Mississippi for the past 16 seasons, ranks second only to Bud Wilkinson of Oklahoma in winning percentage among coaches now active at major football institutions. Wilkinson's record, which also covers 16 seasons, stands at 137-27-4 for a percentage of 835, while Vaught's record is 130-31-7 for a percentage of .807

expectation by this writer and not a judgment of ability, desire or knowledge of any player, players, coach, or coaches in the Mid-State Conference. Here goes: 1 - Ackerman 2 - Vaiden 3 - Durant 4 - Lexington 5 - McAdams 6 - North Carrollton 7 - Ethel. If I get one out of seven right, I'll be very happy.



Assistant Coach Hosea Grisham and Head Coach Woodson Earle keep a sharp eye on team during pre-season workouts.

**1963 ROSTER
LEXINGTON HORNETS**

Pos.	Name	Grde.	Wght.
QB	Robert Autry	12	130
WB	Walter Sullivan	12	135
E	Shelton Rogers	12	150
E	Jerry Fite	12	160
T	Larry Spell	12	140
T	Gray Brock	12	135
G	Julian Watson	12	150
G	Wayne Ellis	12	230
C	Edward Earl Chisolm	12	175
CB	Harold Devine	11	150
QB	Wyche Hooker	11	130
TB	Danny Pepper	10	130
TB	Johnny Self	10	130
E	Billy Marshall	11	120
G	Tommy Haffey	10	120
T	Bill Rosamond	9	150
G	Kirk Povall	9	160
C	Alton Parker	10	170
T	Chuck Carson	9	140
BB	George Bell	8	140
BB	Bill Davis	8	140
WB	Robert Hammett	8	100

**1963 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE
LEXINGTON HORNETS**

Sept. 6	Ackerman*	Home
Sept. 13	No. Carrollton*	Home
Sept. 20	Vaiden*	Home
Sept. 27	McAdams*	There
Oct. 4	Drew	Home
Oct. 11	Kilmichael	There
Oct. 18	Ethel*	Home
Oct. 25	Tchula	There
Nov. 8	Ruleville	There
Nov. 15	Durant	There

* Denotes conference games

Lexington report

By Wayne Rodgers

The Lexington Hornets open the 1963 season tomorrow night by playing Ackerman on the same field they defeated the Durant Tigers in the final game of the 1962 season. Ackerman will be strong and tough once again with a lot of depth. But it must be said that you can never count the Hornets out of any game as Earle and Grisham always seem to come up with a good team every year. They are the veteran coaches in the Mid-State Conference as well as Holmes County, Earle hav-

ing been in Lexington 13 years while Grisham has been a Hornet coach for over half that many. The Hornets have twenty-two men listed on their roster but injuries and sickness have decreased the number of active players. The main loss to the Lexington squad is Robert Autry, a senior quarterback who weighs only 130; but is a whale of a field general. He will miss at least the first three games due to a case of Hepatitis. This could be a very damaging blow to the Hornets. The quarterback position will be manned by Wyche Hooker, a junior who also weighs 130. Hooker has had limited experience, but this will give him a chance to

prove himself. The Hornets lack the three essentials in forming a good team in that they do not have size, depth, or experience. However, this will give them a chance to prove their ability, hustle, and desire. As was said previously, you can never count a Hornet team out, and I doubt that this season will be an exception. The wingback position will be manned by one of the few experienced members of the team, Walter Sullivan, a 135-pound senior, is the most likely starter at that position. He is backed by Johnny Lee Self, a 130 pound sophomore, and Robert Hammett, an eighth grader who weighs all of 100 pounds. The blocking

back position is being fought for by two eighth graders without any varsity experience. They are George Bell and Bill Davis, both weighing in at 140. Harold Devine, a 150 pound junior letterman, is the most likely candidate for tailback. Backing Devine is 130 pound sophomore Danny Pepper. The line is probably the Hornets' strongest point with the majority of letter winners being linemen. At ends are Shelton Rogers, 150, and Jerry Fite, 160. Both are seniors and lettermen. They are backed by junior Billy Marshall, who weighs 120. The tackle positions are manned by seniors Larry Spell, 140, and Gray Brock, 135. Both are two

1962 LEXINGTON HORNETS SEASON SCORES

Lexington	7
Ackerman	21
No. Carrollton	6
Ethel	8
McAdams	6
Kilmichael	6
Drew	0
Vaiden	0
Tchula	0
Ruleville	27
Durant	39

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