

Miami Hits The Big-Time

Head Coach Jack Harding.



HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN could never have written a tale of make-believe to compete with the unbelievable saga of the 1945 Hurricanes—a little-known Miami eleven that won the right to national acclaim as the 1946 Orange Bowl victor.

When you are asked to recount the story of a football team there are things that come to mind which even a fairy-tale vocabulary fails to bring out. So you say that it was a fighting team. That's the word that characterized 1945's edition of the Hurricanes. Fight enabled Jack Harding and Hart Morris to mold a young, inexperienced ball club, that was at best touted to win three or four games, into the greatest Miami eleven of all time with a record of eight wins, one loss, and one tie. Fight made this ball club come from behind or break a tie to win in six of its games. Fight kept the club on its toes with less than a minute to play on a warm New Year's Day. It was that same fight that took us out of the category of a "little" team and put us in the big-time from here on.

An important chapter of the tale tells of individual stars. There were a couple of senior linemen named Cameron and Levitt who were picked on the Associated Press Little All-American. There was a fullback called Ghaul, who was fourth in the nation in scoring, with an even 100 points that established a new University record, and who was given honorable Little All-American mention. There were two other linemen—Frantz and De Marco—who received that same Little All-American honorable mention.

But the story always highlighted a team of eleven men—every Friday throughout the season found a different halfback cast in the starring role.

It was a great season that was culminated in what many called the greatest finish of all time, when Al Hudson went pounding down the right sideline of the Orange Bowl field to bring victory in a game that ended as Al hit the 20 on that historic 89-yard run.

It was more than fitting that the Cinderella team justified its having been chosen as the South's representative in the Orange Bowl with a story-book finish. You see, it was a story-book team.

Miami 27-Chattanooga 7

Chattanooga was the scene, as two young, untried ball clubs met in the season's opener.

The Hurricanes were off to an early lead as Vic Mell charged in fast from his end position to block a Moccasin punt deep in their territory, after only two minutes of playing time had elapsed. A few plays later Harry Ghaul plunged over for the first touchdown of the 1945 campaign.

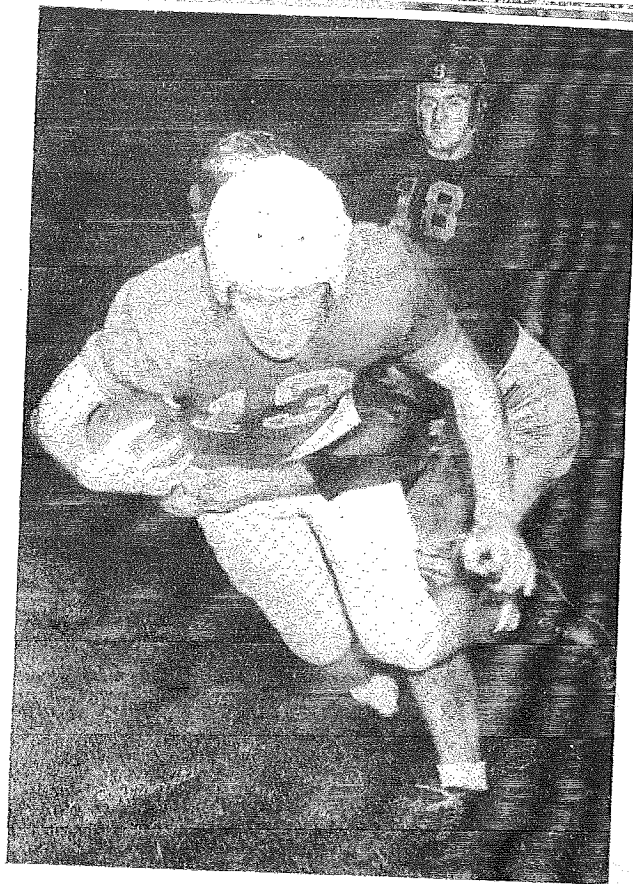
In the third period Joe Krull intercepted a Chattanooga pass and a few plays later he went 21 yards off tackle for a tally. In the last quarter Joe dashed 41 yards to set the stage for a touchdown plunge by Sid Zucker. Then Zucker grabbed a 'Nooga fumble in mid-air and raced 70 yards before he was hauled down. One play later he scored. The final count was 27-7 Miami.

The team looked very sluggish in the first half and, although the offense was clicking better in the final stanzas, it was obvious that the Hurricanes would need plenty of polish before they tackled their big-league opposition.

Georgia 27-Miami 21

A highly-touted Georgia Bulldog team came down from Athens and was established as a 30-point favorite. But the Hurricanes were not impressed by pre-game dope and they gave an overflowing crowd of some 24,000 a great thrill as they took a 14-point

Frantz opens the hole for a Ghaul touchdown.

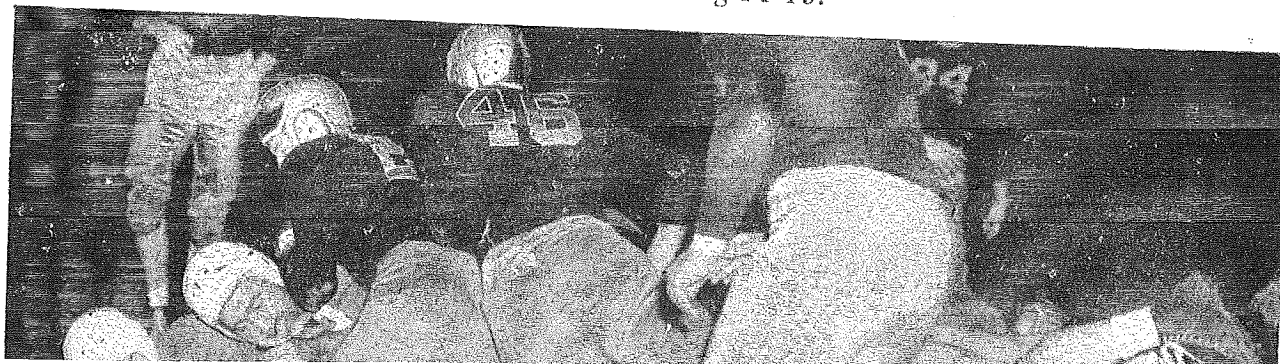


Dermigny makes 9 yards.

lead in the first ten minutes and then fought valiantly until they finally succumbed to a superior passing game.

Two beautiful runs by Don Jones set the stage for Ghaul, who plunged over for the initial score. A few minutes later, Eddie Del Grande broke through, blocked a Georgia punt, and recovered on their ten-yard line. With Ed Cameron and Bill Frantz opening holes in the Bulldog line, Pete Lipchik went over in two plays.

The Bulldogs pepped up and started throwing the pigskin. The aerial attack netted results in the form of two touchdowns, but a Miami line that was out-charging the vaunted Georgia forward wall came in and blocked the try for extra point after the second touchdown. The half ended with the H'canes leading 14-13.



In the third stanza Moseley snatched a touchdown pass to put the Bulldogs ahead 20-14. But the locals were not through yet. Bill Levitt hit a Georgia boy so hard that he fumbled and from there Miami rolled to a score with Ghaul passing to Dermigny from eight yards out. "Automatic Harry" came through with the all-important extra point and once again Miami led 21-20.

Once more Moseley got behind the Miami secondary and grabbed what proved to be the

for the marker. Harry's kick was good and it was 7-0.

St. Louis took to the air to produce their only threat of the evening. Krull completed two long passes to take the ball down to the H'cane 12, but the improved Miami pass defense broke up three aerials to end the threat.

The second half opened with the Hurricanes marching some 64 yards to a score. Lipchik, Krull, and Bowman shouldered the brunt of the attack with Lipchik going three



game-winning pass. The extra point was good and we had lost a heart-breaker 27-21.

Miami 21-St. Louis 0

An intermitten rain held attendance down to 14,000 fans, who watched a powerful Miami line pave the way for some fine full-back play as the locals scored once in each of the last three stanzas to down the Billikens 21-0.

Held deep in their own territory by Ghaul's fine kicking, the Missouri club attempted to kick out from their own ten, but Eddie Del Grande broke through to block his second kick of the evening and Moyer recovered on the ten. Ghaul and Mazejka alternated to the three and then Ghaul battered over guard

LEFT: Coming In for the Kill. RIGHT: Better get on the Ball!!!

yards from the fullback slot for the tally.

The first plays of the fourth quarter netted nine yards and then Mazejka turned in the longest run of the game. Hard-running Inky went off right tackle, cut back to his left, and sped some 46 yards to pay dirt. Ghaul came in and converted for the third time and that's the way it ended—Miami 21-St. Louis 0.

Miami 7-Florida 6

A capacity crowd saw the Hurricanes take the opening kickoff, march 64 yards to a touchdown, and then hold on for some 53 minutes to take the state championship from the University of Florida 7-6.

Miami's margin of victory was the result of some heads-up ball playing. Harry Ghaul had gone back to attempt to convert his eighth consecutive extra point of the year. The Gators broke through and blocked Harry's try, but Inky Mazejka grabbed the ball in mid-air and headed for the sideline. As he was about to be tackled, Inky lateralled the ball to Ghaul, who carried it over. He was injured on the play.

The defensive play was good enough to

the ball inside Miami's 20-yard line on three different occasions, but the Miami line braced three times and took over on downs.

Miami 27-Miami 13

'Twas the battle of confusion between the Hurricanes and Miami University of Oxford, Ohio. A homecoming crowd of some 20,000 was on hand to watch the invaders take a 13-0 lead at the half, but the Hurricanes, with Harry Ghaul leading the way, roared back for four touchdowns in the last half.



thwart all of Florida's scoring thrusts except one, which resulted from a 49-yard punt return in the third period with Angus Williams toting the pigskin.

Then, while Hurricane fans begged "Block that kick," Miami's forward wall broke through and did just that. The Hurricanes were offside and the Gators had another golden opportunity. Dupree started around end and was stopped.

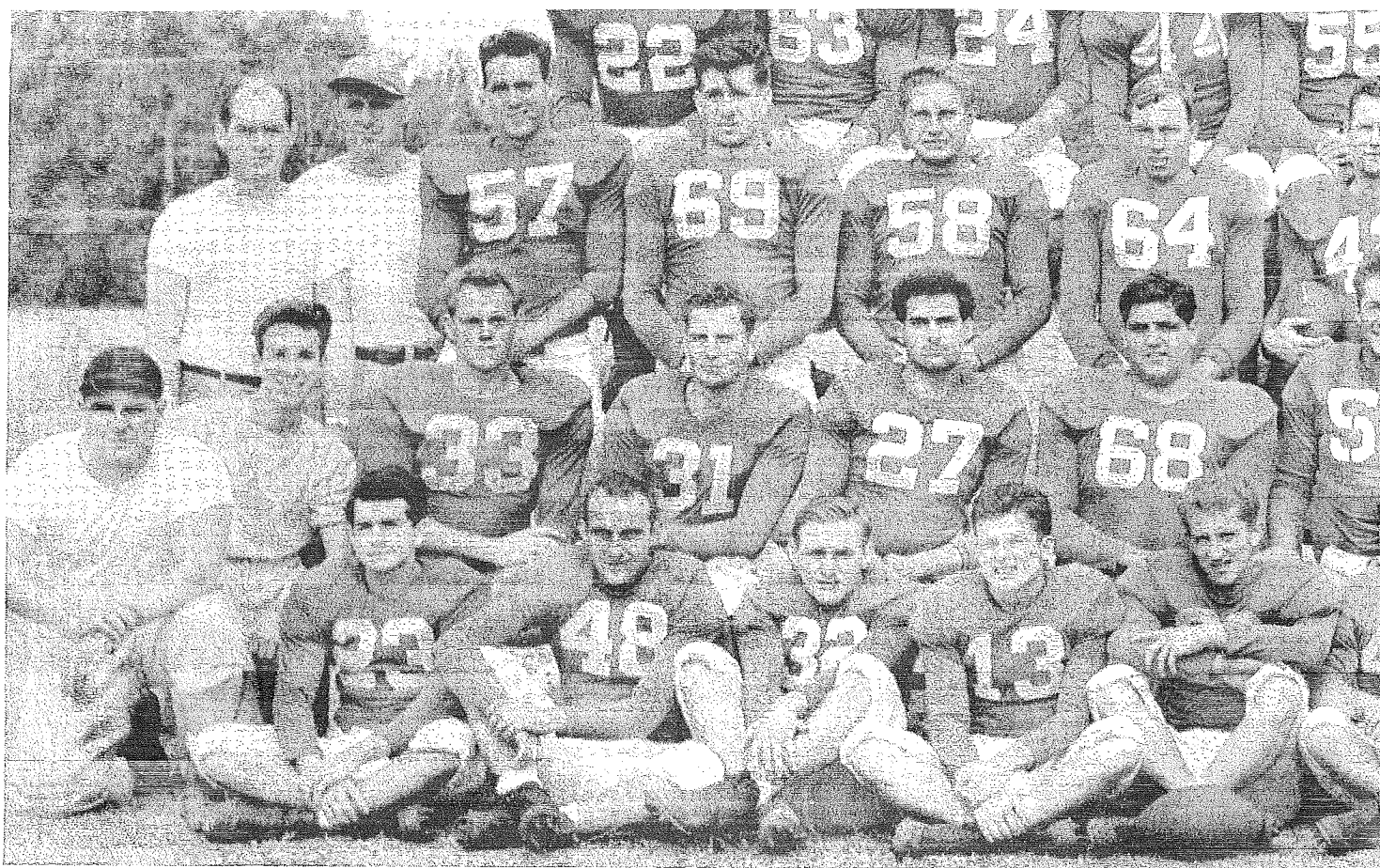
Ghaul, Mazejka, and Bowman bore the brunt of the Hurricane victory march with "Automatic Harry" carrying the ball 12 yards over left guard for the tally.

The Gators weren't beaten yet by any means. Their fast, hard-running backs carried

LEFT: If Teeth were only legal! RIGHT: Stacked up for a Touchdown.

The Indians were a fast, well-coached eleven, and they scored early in the first period. In the second quarter, the visitors recovered a fumble and capitalized to score again. The conversion made it 13-0 at the half.

The Hurricanes were a rejuvenated club as they came out for the second half. Frantz recovered a fumble on the Ohio 19. Mazejka went around end for ten, a penalty moved the ball to the one, and he scored. Ghaul came through and it was 13-7. Harry then sparked the H'canes on a 54-yard drive that was climaxed by his plunge over as the fourth period



began. As the alumni and everyone else roared excitedly, Harry did it again and we were in front 14-13.

In the fourth period Hancock went around end for 25 to the Ohio 19. Four plays later found Ghaul on pay dirt. The try for the point was blocked, ending Harry's string at nine straight. A few plays later a pass was intercepted by Jones on the 15 and he returned to the three. Ghaul plunged for his third extra point of the game.

Miami 7-Clemson 6

"Automatic Harry" Ghaul's twelfth conversion in thirteen attempts gave the Hurricanes a margin of victory as they nosed out Clemson 7-6.

The Tigers opened the ball game with a snarl and nearly scored on the first play after the kick-off. Billy Poe started from his 46, went around left end 32 yards, and was in the clear before Gene Hancock pushed away a blocker and brought him down. A few plays later a long Clemson pass was complete on the Miami six due to interference and Tiger

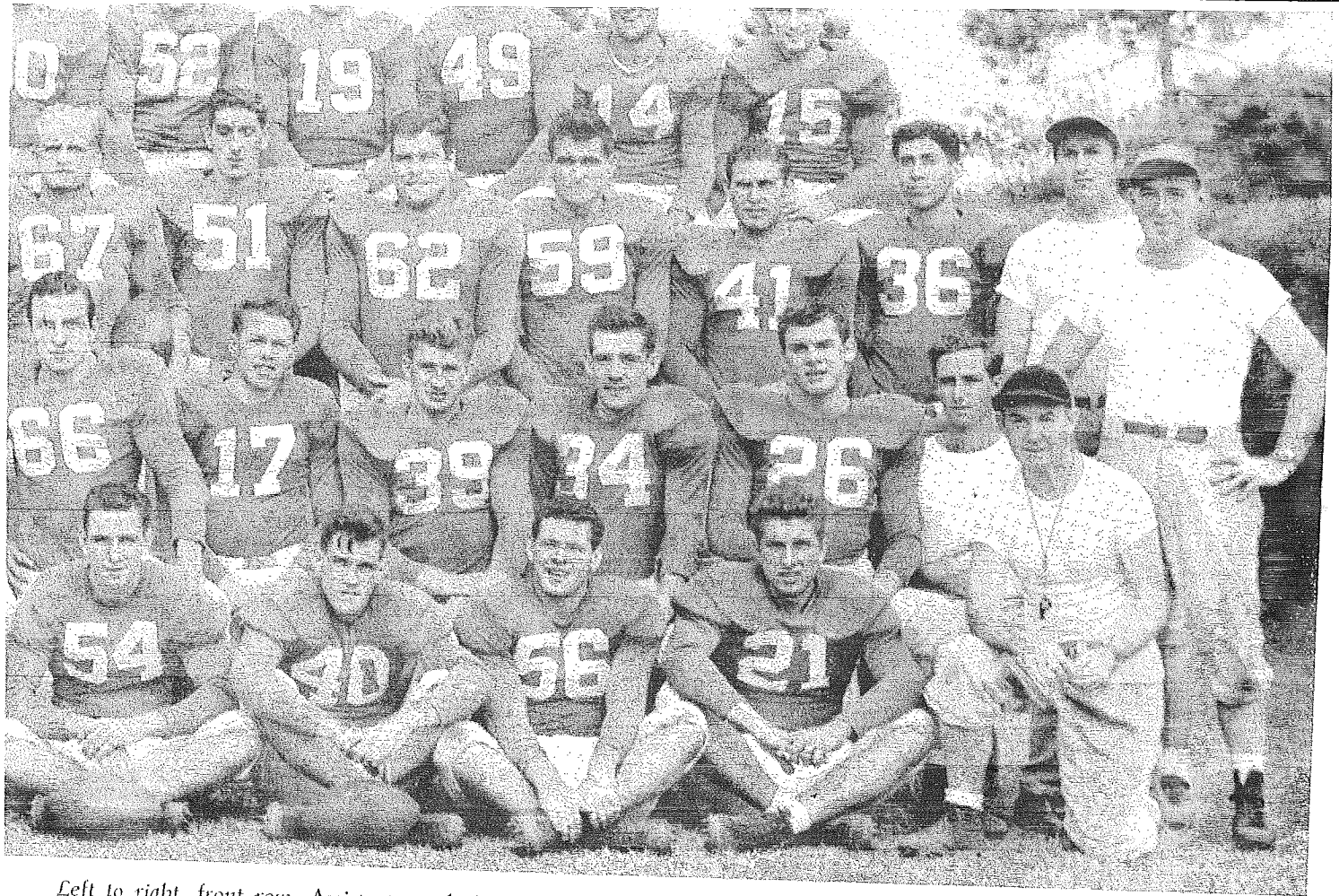
Fullback Jim Reynolds plunged for the score. The try for the extra point was wide.

Gene Hancock made a great catch of a quick kick late in the first period and brought the ball back 14 yards to the Clemson 41. Hancock gained ten on the Statue of Liberty and then broke loose around left end for 27 yards and the touchdown. Ghaul split the up-rights with what proved to be the game-winning point.

The Tigers came roaring back in the second quarter with an aerial threat that almost scored twice. On the receiving end of a long pass from Butler deep in Miami territory, Eddie Freeman was unable to hang onto the ball in the end zone and Miami took over. Ghaul kicked to the Clemson 38 and then two successful Tiger aerials put the ball on the Miami 28.

A holding penalty slowed the Tigers considerably and the half ended before they could produce a score.

The H'canes threatened several times in



Left to right, front row: Assistant coach, Tony Cianci; Charles Angelus, halfback; Ed Zatorski, halfback; Dick Vlasic, guard; Samuel Dermigny, quarterback; Pete Lipchik, fullback; Joseph Krull, halfback; Edward Injaychock, halfback; Robert Bowman, halfback; George Hammell, quarterback; Charles Skalaski, tackle; head coach, Jack Harding. Second row: Mgr., Jimmy Chappas; Donald Deerwester, fullback; Vincent Pinckney, guard; Julian Sastre, tackle; Ernest Settembre, tackle; Sidney Weiner, tackle; William Corrigan, tackle; Alvin Hudson, halfback; Ernest Mazejka, quarterback; Kirk McQuain, end; John Sobeck, guard; mgr., Sylvan Marler; line coach, Hart Morris. Third row: Trainer, Bill Dayton; assistant coach, Walter Kichefski; Arthur Hagan, end; Vincent Spinelli, tackle; Phil Sistik, center; George Smith, tackle; Edward Cameron, guard; William Levitt, center; Ed Moyer, end; William Frantz, tackle; Bill Krasnai, fullback; Keith Doyle, center and quarterback; Francis Coury, guard; assistant coach, Eddie Dunn. Back row: James Vaccaro, fullback; Harry Ghaul, fullback; Paul Cancelleri, end; John Mell, end; Shelton Whittle, guard; Mario DeMarco, guard; Glenn Schlice, halfback; Don Jones, halfback; Dusty Simkunis, tackle; Carlo DiBuono, end; Eddie Del-Grande, end.

the second half, but injuries to Ghaul and Hancock slowed down the offensive attack. When Ghaul and Hancock returned in the

last period, the Hurricanes drove to the Tiger them.

18 before a bad pass from center stopped

The H'canes appeared to be about two touchdowns better than the score would indicate, but every time a Miami scoring drive began, some costly Hurricane bobble throttled it.

Miami 13 - S. Carolina 13

A last-minute attempt for a field goal by Harry Ghaul was short and culminated the seventh scoring threat the Hurricanes made.

Five times previously the Hurricanes had penetrated to within 10 yards of pay dirt but on only two of those occasions did they tally. Tackle Ernie Settembre set the stage for the first touchdown by blocking the first Carolina kick, Di Buono recovered on the one, and Krull went over for the score. The try for the point was wide, marking Ghaul's second failure to convert in fifteen tries.

Early in the third quarter Guard Ed Cameron blocked a quick-kick attempt and Harry Ghaul broke through center, powered his way



Inky clears ground for Krull.

19 yards past tacklers for the touchdown. His try for the extra point was good, which gave Miami a 13-0 lead.

That just started the Gamecocks, who moved 77 yards via aeriels to chalk up their first tally. With Haralson on the throwing end the Birds went from their own 23 to the Miami 20. Once more Haralson faded back and pitched to Riggs for the touchdown. Joe Krull managed to get his hands on the ball, only to knock it into Riggs' waiting arms.

Then in the final period, the fighting Gamecocks came back with a forward-lateral that gained 54 yards and a score. The extra point try was wide and the game was all tied up.

Ghaul's unsuccessful try for a field goal ended the game with the board reading 13-13.

Miami 21-N. C. State 7

Don Jones teamed up with Harry Ghaul and some great play by the Miami forward wall. Net result: a 21-7 victory for an underdog H'cane team over N.C. State's Wolfpack.

Jones scored the first Miami touchdown, set up the second on a 70 yard jaunt, and passed to Al Hudson to set up the last score.

The Wolfpack recorded the first tally of the evening when Ghaul fumbled as he hit

the line and Courts of Carolina grabbed the ball in mid-air and raced 55 yards for the score.

The Hurricanes stormed back for a marker in exactly nine plays that covered 65 yards. Jones carried the last 29 yards on a reverse.

Early in the second period Jones went off-tackle and dashed down the sideline for 69 yards before being forced out on the three. Ghaul carried over and converted. In the third period Jones pitched a 31-yard stride to Hudson, who was downed on the N.C. 19. Ghaul, Hudson, and Jones alternated for the remaining yardage with Ghaul going over. He was good for the conversion and the game ended with the Hurricanes on the long end at 21-7.

Miami 21-Michigan State 7

Michigan State's Spartans came down with a fine record and a big team, but neither of these facts seemed to impress the Hurricanes, and when it was all over the scoreboard read 21-7 with Miami on the long end.

The H'cane forward wall, led by Bill Levitt, Red Cameron, and Mario DeMarco, out-charged the visitor's line throughout the ball game and paved the way to victory.

The first Hurricane score climaxed a 43-yard drive. Ghaul, Jones, and Krull alternated in short stabs through the line with Ghaul plunging over from the one for the tally. Ghaul's place-kick was right where it belonged and the score was 7-0.

Hancock brought a punt back to the Spartan 25 and the H'canes were threatening. A 19-yard aerial from Jones to Mell put the pigskin in pay dirt, but a pushing penalty nullified the score. However, the locals came right back when Hudson intercepted a pass on the Miami 23 and sprinted 53 yards before he was tackled. Krull heaved another one to Mell. This time it was good and when "Automatic Harry" converted, it was 14-0.

Just before the half ended, the Hurricanes counted again. After Krull returned a punt to the 25, Hudson went around left end for 15. Three plays later Hudson sliced off tackle for

let go to Brennan in the southeast corner of the field for the tally. The try for the point was bad.

The game settled down into a kicking duel between Kozlowski—named the outstanding player on the field—and Harry Chaul. Both teams threatened a few more times but on each occasion the defense was adequate. Then came Hudson's moment. It was a great run, and it made an average ball game a great game. Al was the right man, in the right place, at the right time. Who could ask for more?

The Orange Bowl committee spread a hearty buffet supper that night at the Coral Gables Country Club for members of both teams, and twenty-five co-eds were on hand to play hostess to the visiting team.

Then followed the presentation of gold and silver footballs to the guests of honor, plus speeches praising the invaders and the Hurricanes. Many of the visitors from Boston declared that they hoped to come back again soon, just for fun, if not for study.

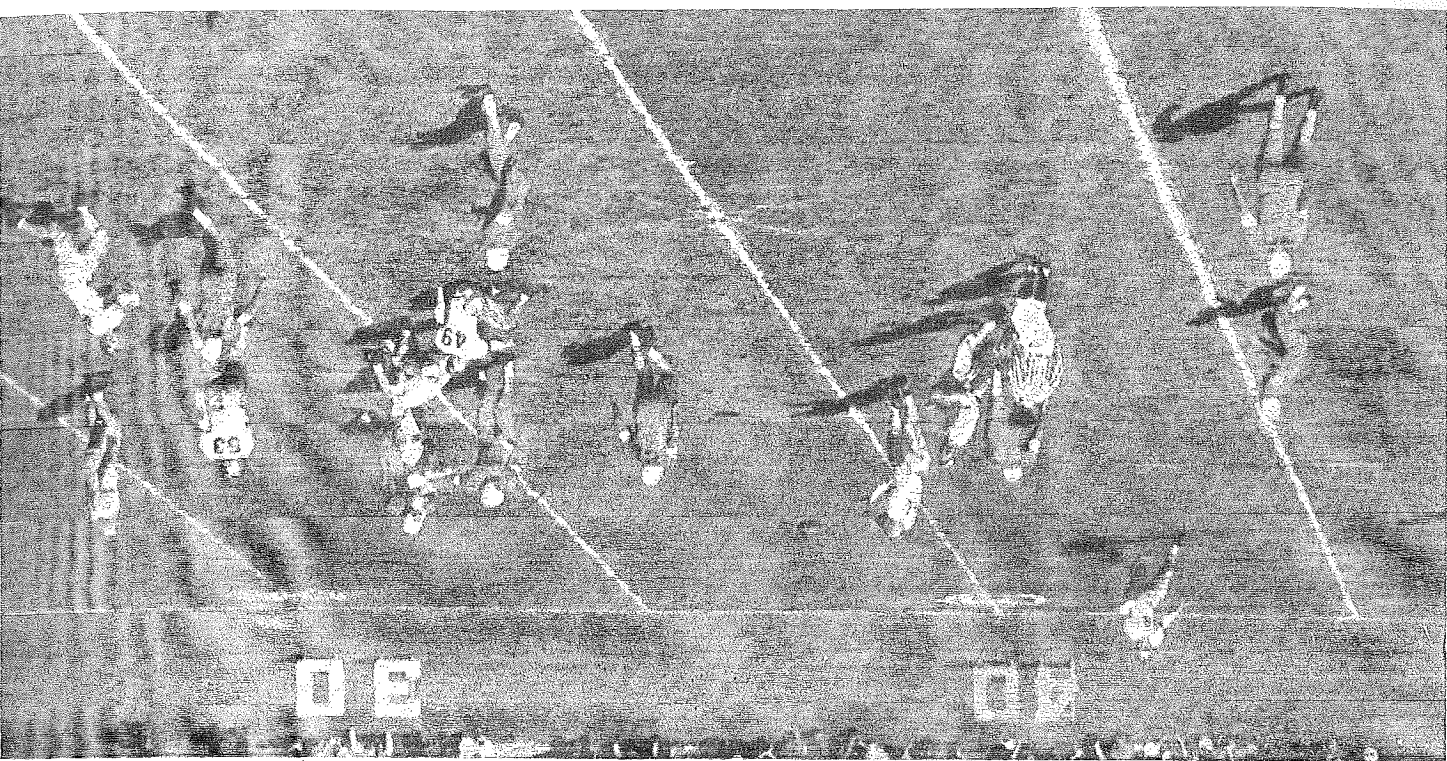
Conversation kept leading back to the game's finale until Coach Harding settled the matter by asserting, much to the delight of the audience, that he had "been working for weeks on that last play."

—ROSALIE HILL and DICK GERSTEIN

faded back to try for the completion of a pass which would mean victory for Holy Cross. End Frank Parker was open down the field when De Filippo passed—he reached into the air, but the ball bounced off his hands into the waiting left hand of Al Hudson. Al juggled the pigskin momentarily, and then the former Edison high school track champion was on his way down the right sideline. There wasn't a man on the crusader squad who could have caught Hudson on that 89-yard sprint to fame. The game was over as Al hit the 20-yard line but he kept on going. When Harry Chaul kicked the extra point, it was anti-climatic . . . but it made the final count read 13-6.

There were other runs—in the second period, Krull went for 9 yards from the Holy Cross 26-yard line following a partially blocked punt Chaul banged down to the 5. Injayeck carried the ball almost to the goal. Then the Hurricanes pulled a reverse that sent Krull over standing up. The kick was blocked and we were in front, 6-0.

Kozlowski and Holy Cross bounced right back. Joe Byers got off on a 54-yard run following the kickoff and carried the invaders to Miami's 26. "Koz" passed twice for 6 yards, and a couple of running plays made it a first down on the 16. Kozlowski faded back and





Bowman picks up 7 yards

the marker. Ghaul was good and it was 21-0.

The Spartans drove 77 yards after the second half kick-off to record their only score. The Michigan tally came on a pass to Contos, who scored standing up. The play carried seven yards.

Miami 33-Auburn 7

Auburn came to town and bowl fever ran high. Georgia held a 35-0 victory over the Plainsmen and the Hurricanes knew that they had to come close to that score in order to receive the Orange Bowl bid.

Auburn took a one-touchdown lead; then Ghaul put Miami in a hole when he fumbled

Inky says "This to you!"

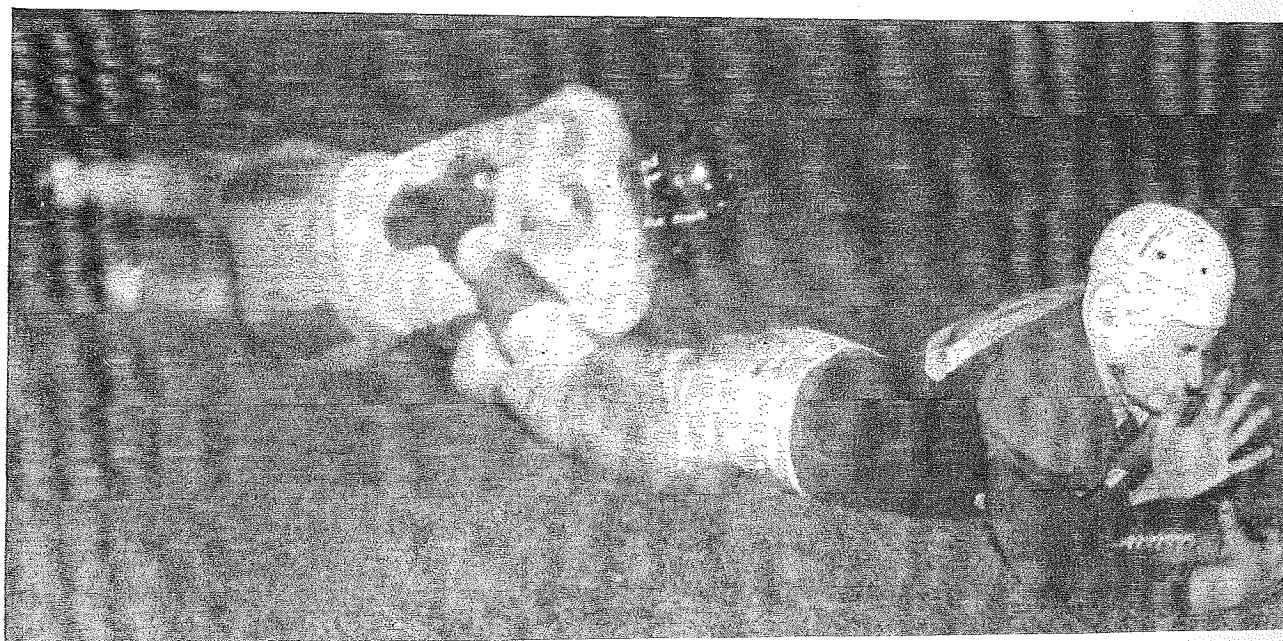
bled on Miami's 29 but on the next play he rectified his miscue by snatching a pass and coming back some 82 yards behind savage blocking to score. "Automatic Harry" kicked the extra point and the game was all tied up.

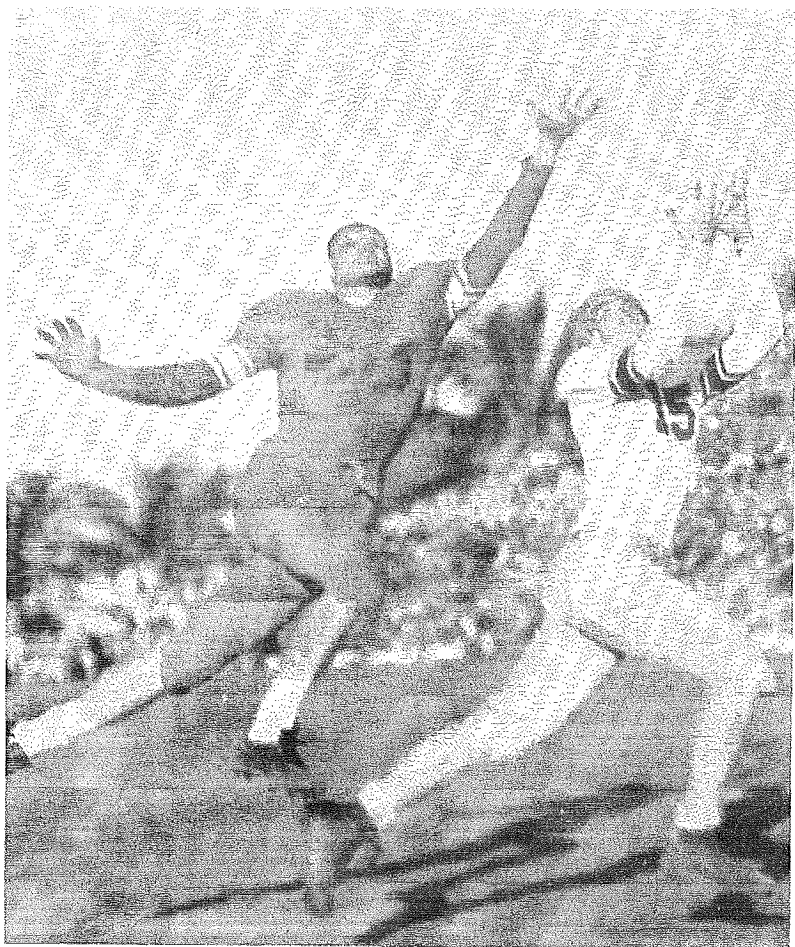
Three times in the second quarter Auburn drove deep into Miami territory but the Hurricane line, led by Cameron and De Marco, was playing its finest game and the Plainsmen were unable to score.

With just 22 minutes left to play and the score still tied up at 7-7, the Hurricanes got hot. Led by "Porky Joe" Krull who scored once on a ten-yard sprint, tossed to Bob Bowman for another tally and raced 68 yards on a brilliant punt return, the Hurricanes racked up 26 points and ran the score up to 33-7. The last ten minutes of the game found the entire student body chanting, "We want the Orange Bowl."

It was an inspired Hurricane team that rolled over the Plainsmen in the final quarter. Halfback Joe Krull appeared to be the individual star, but it was obviously a team of eleven men with one thought in mind—to roll up that score and stay in the running for the Orange Bowl bid. There were few in the capacity throng that filed out of Burdine Stadium who did not realize that here was a ball club capable of reaching great heights.

—DICK GERSTEIN.





"Fleetfoot Al" noses out Dickleman of H. C.

Photo Finish

"FLEETFOOT" HUDSON'S 89-yard sprint to fame was the grand finale to weeks of excitement and celebration shared by students and Miami residents alike.

After the victory over Auburn a joyous University of Miami student body began chanting "We want the Orange Bowl" and the shouts echoed until the Bowl committee extended the bid the following Monday.

No "blue Monday" for Miami . . . it was a never-to-be-forgotten day on the University calendar. School was officially in session, but after 11:30 a.m. classrooms were deserted by profs and students alike. While some were busy decorating their cars with orange, green and white streamers lined up in the cavalcade, others tried to squeeze into some two hundred jam-packed vehicles. When the Miami gang

got rolling, all other traffic in its pathway was stopped. The honking, singing, motorized snake-dance wended its way down Flagler street and on to the El Comodoro hotel where the decision was to be announced.

With touchdown Tommy on guard, a crowd of determined students collected outside. Mark Brown's, "It's unofficial but we're in," was the signal for a mob display of happy hysteria combined with dancing.

The motorcade returned to school for Dr. Ashe's official approval. He appeared before his exuberant audience and declared, "After thinking it over for about 30 seconds . . . we accept the bid to play in the Orange Bowl." Coach Jack Harding prophetically added, "We won't let you down."

The first annual New Year's Eve parade to be held since the war did an incomparable job of ushering in lusty little 1946. Although Florida's centennial celebration was the theme of many of the elaborate floats sponsored by local concerns, the pending football game was not forgotten in the tableaux, posters, and flying banners.

Resplendent in an electrically-lit drum majorette's uniform, Muriel Smith assumed her usual position at the head of the parade.

Dawned the new day and new excitement. A special place in section "C" on the north side of the stadium was reserved for University students who had practiced for weeks on cheers especially designed to lure the roving cameramen. Twenty-five rooters, each dressed in white, wore green gloves with which they pantomimed their songs and carried paper squares for performing card stunts.

University drum majorettes strutted onto the field under the direction of Muriel Smith, who made her final bow after performing at over sixty games. Majorettes included Phyllis Arnold, Mickie Gerhardt, Janice Greenfield, Martha Foster, and Edith Shier.

With some ten seconds remaining in the Orange Bowl game, halfback Gene De Filippo