

# Schedule: 6 one-night stands

They said it couldn't be done.

That the University of Miami would join the list of the hundreds of colleges abandoning intercollegiate sports for the duration, was the popular opinion. The long climb upward of the Hurricanes on the gridiron map would come to an end, what with only six returning lettermen. As if a lack of players wasn't enough, the problem of a schedule was another obstacle in the path of Coach Eddie Dunn's opening of a 1943 campaign. And the youthful mentor even had to worry about lack of coaching assistance.

But hindrance after hindrance was overcome. Two games with Jacksonville's new Naval Air Technical Training Center were arranged. Fort Benning and Camp Gordon were contracted and Charleston Coast Guard was the fifth team to sign, satisfying the minimum number of games Dr. Ashe requested for his approval of a football season. Boca Raton Air base also signed with the Hurricanes, but an Army ruling canceled the contest a week before it was to be played, leaving thousands of tickets already printed for the scrap drive.

From the Navy V-12 program, Coach Dunn managed to get a large enough squad to begin late practice and he was soon aided by Walt Kichefski, former Hurricane grid

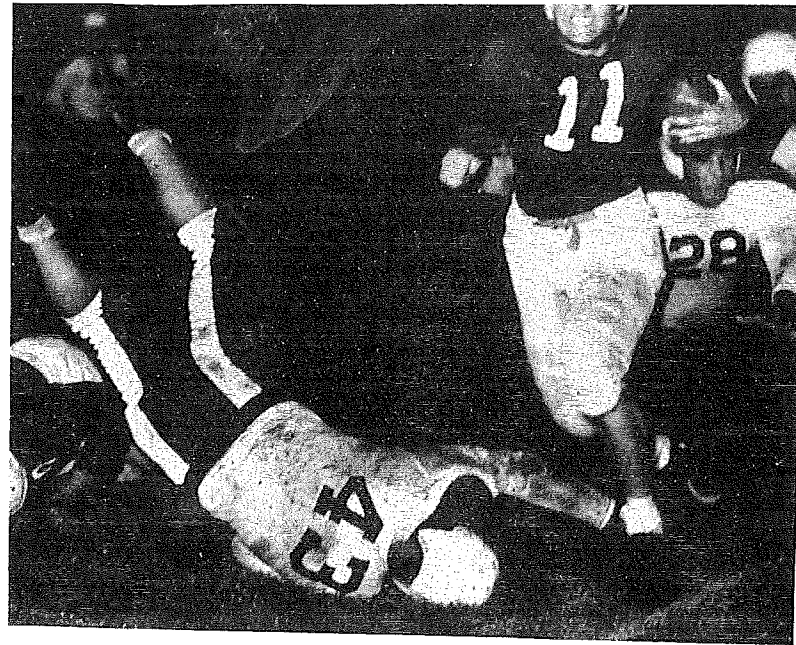
writers throughout the state said Miami didn't have a chance against the mighty collection of former college and pro stars. Yet the Hurricanes played Jacksonville off its feet, and went on to smash Camp Gordon and Charleston Coast Guard before dropping a game to an improved NATTC eleven.

The Orange, Green and White met its only college opponent of the year in a game arranged during mid-season when the surprisingly large crowds made a tilt with Presbyterian financially possible. Despite the fact that the early season games were entirely with service teams whose names meant little to most Miamians, the great football enthusiasm of South Florida provided attendance of 15,000 a game, one of the largest averages in the South.

The power the Hurricanes displayed in their impressive triumphs over P.C. and Fort Benning's 176th was perhaps equal to that of the great teams of 1941 and 1942. Five wins and one defeat in a season

Coaches Kichefski and Dunn discuss tactics with Jock Sutherland





Eisnor tiptoeing down sidelines.

that wasn't supposed to be. And here's the story . . .

#### JAX NATTC UPSET

Miami's wartime football players made their 1943 bow in the gridiron world Saturday afternoon, Oct. 2, by gaining a well-earned 6-0 decision over a heavy, experienced, and favored Jacksonville NATTC eleven before a disappointed crowd of 5,988 marines and sailors who braved a cloudburst at the Raider's field.

A 21-yard pass from Arnold Tucker to N. J. Carden early in the third quarter gave the Hurricanes their margin of victory, but the game was not as close as the score indicates. Miami outplayed the losers all the way, knocking at paydirt in the first and second quarters when they reached the seven- and five-yard stripes. Jacksonville

Ruzomberka with Miami's hard charging line giving Schultz the advantage in the mud-soaked field. End Al Rosen, center Harold Schuler, and guard Phil Kaplan stood out with Chuck Klein, Bull Barwick and Carden not far behind.

Despite the wet field, Miami fumbled only once to five miscues by the Raiders. The alert Hurricanes fell on three of their rival's fumbles. Miami had a six to three advantage in first downs, gaining 95 yards to 50 for the opposition.

But most of the story of the game lies not in the consistent short gains of Tucker, Jim Leavitt or Eddie Ruzomberka, but in the touchdown play. Schultz crashed through to block Letchas' attempted boot early in the third quarter and the roaring Hurricanes went to the 21. From there Tucker heaved the ball into the pouring sky. Halfback Bob Yanke of Jacksonville deflected the pigskin into the hands of Carden on the 10, and Miami's end scored standing up.

#### GORDON GOES DOWN

The University of Miami's mobile anti-tank legions overwhelmed the mystery team from the Tenth Armored division at Camp Gordon, Ga., Friday night, October 15, in a 51-6 rout that kept the crowd of 15,564 busy with their pencils.

The Hurricanes roared back 88 yards with the opening kickoff and kept going. The Tankers had few chances to use their version of the T formation.

The game was probably the most uninteresting contest of the year as Coach Dunn used his first stringers sparingly, pouring in all his reserves. The crowd, in fact, gave its biggest roar of the evening in the final canto when the Tankers pushed their way for a touchdown.

Gordon rolled 65 yards against the weary Hurricane reserves with Tom Gugliotta going the final four yards over the right side of the line.

Miami came right back with another paydirt drive with less than five minutes remaining in the contest. All in all the game was little better than a scrimmage for the Hurricane regulars, but provided invaluable experience for the reserves.

#### COAST GUARD BOWS

Blowing hot and cold, the Hurricanes downed a fighting Charleston Coast Guard team, 13-6, Saturday, Oct. 23, before 16,305 fans in the Orange Bowl.

The game was the hardest played of the year and Miami was fighting desperately to hold its lead as the fray ended. The Hurricanes caught fire in the second quarter for 63 yards and a touchdown and put

Schuler makes sure foe is down.

on another paydirt drive in the third frame after recovering a fumble.

Charleston tallied in the final period, with Joltin' Jack Taggart making the final three yards of a 45-yard push. The Coasties were back threatening at Miami's goal moments later, and drove to the 27 before Arnold Tucker intercepted a pass as the game neared its close.

The quick kicking of Taggart and the end play of Jim Lancaster kept Coach Eddie Dunn's outfit bottled up most of the night. It was not until midway in the second when the Big Breeze began to blow. Marching from their own 37 the Hurricanes pushed steadily forward until Tucker squirmed nine yards around right end into paydirt.

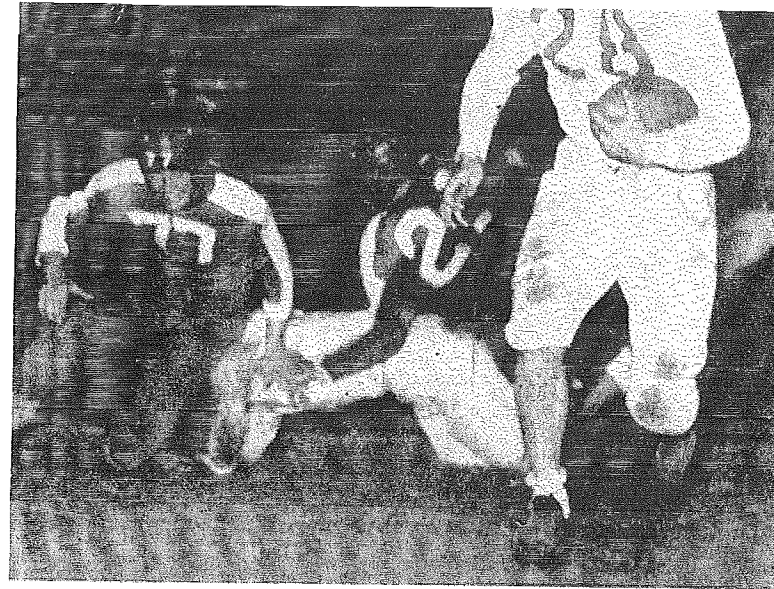
In the third, Flip Rosen's recovery of John Ademic's bobble set up a short drive which Walter Watt climaxed with a two-yard slant off left tackle.

The last quarter was completely dominated by the Coasties, who battered the weary Miami line without mercy.

#### JAX BATTERS 'CANES

Friday night, November 5, cost the 1943 Hurricanes an Orange Bowl bid.





Arnold Tucker, the big gun of the season, on his way.

The University team just didn't have it as Jacksonville NATTC crushed, crippled and outmanned Miami, 20-0, before 16,000 fans.

It was sweet revenge for Coach Freddy Frink's team—which had bowed 6-0 to Miami a month before—and the sailors really poured it on. The score was 0-0 at the quarter and 7-0 at the half, but the Air Raiders turned the game into a rout in the second half.

Miami narrowly averted two Jacksonville scores in the first period as Arnold Tucker intercepted a pass on the Miami 42 and Harvey James recovered Duke Iverson's fumble on the Hurricanes' 17-yard line. The quarter also marked Miami's deepest penetration of NATTC territory during the night as the Hurricanes pushed from their own 22 to their own 45.

second half. The power-laden Raiders breezed 60 yards through the weary Miami forward wall for another counter, with Iverson plowing over from the five.

In the fourth quarter it was a 50-yard march that scored for NATTC. Gus Letchas swept around right end from the four for a six-pointer, and Williams converted to end the night's scoring at 20 points.

The Raiders were on the Miami 22 a few minutes later only to have Harvey James intercept a pass and race 30 yards to end a threat.

Standout on the Miami line was Bill Levitt, and in the backfield, Jim Leavitt.

#### P. C. DOWNED

Showing their great offensive power for the first time since the Camp Gordon rout, the University sped to a 32-13 victory over Presbyterian college Saturday night, Nov. 20, in their only intercollegiate game of 1943.

More than 10,000 fans watched the Hurricanes unleash a powerful ground attack which more than offset P.C.'s great aerial game. Although Presbyterian deadlocked the tilt at 7-7 in the second quarter and was halted on Miami's seven yard line as the half ended with Miami leading, 13-7, Coach Eddie Dunn's charges had control of the situation most of the way.

Claude Harrison, fullback, and Leon



for one touchdown and passing to Wright in the end zone for another.

Harvey James zoomed 43 yards with an intercepted pass to tally another marker on a beautiful run. Harrison scored his two six-pointers on runs of 15 and 20 yards.

Presbyterian counted twice on aerals with a 48-yarder from Hank Caver to Dick Kaleel in the second canto. Caver connected again late in the game with a 27-yard pass to Adams, but by that time the game was sewed up for Miami.

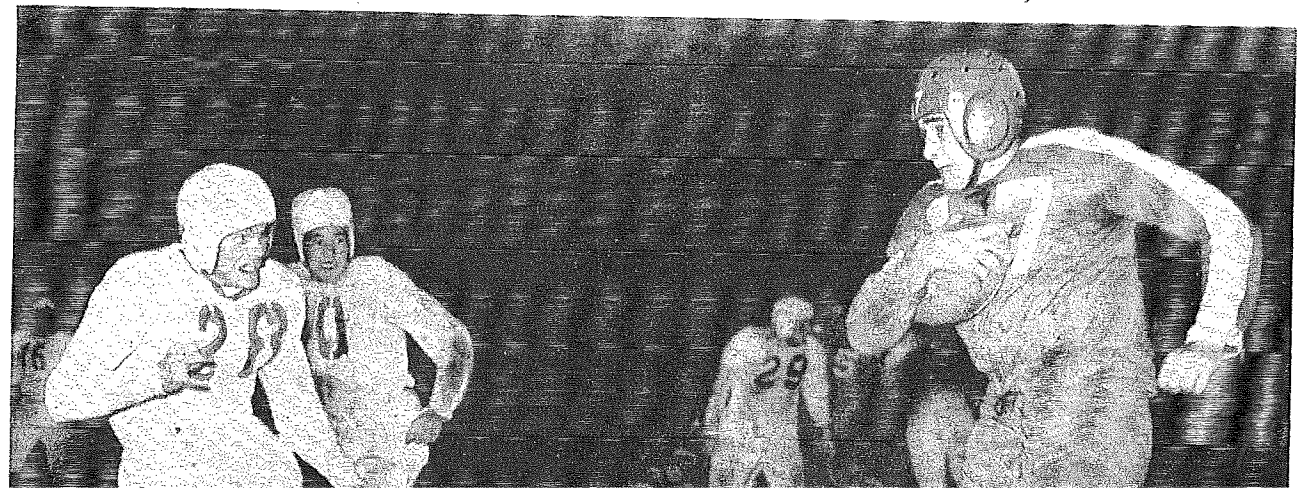
Bill Eisnor sped 77 yards for a touchdown on the second play of the game, but was called back by a penalty. Eisnor played a good game in his first starting role but never got loose again.

Tucker on way to stop enemy, with Deas coming up and Klein in background.

#### BENNING TRAMPLED

Rated at least two-to-one underdogs before the game, the Hurricanes closed their limited 1943 football schedule Nov. 26 in the Orange Bowl with an amazing 21-7 victory over the highly vaunted 176th Infantry of Fort Benning, Ga.

One of the best trick plays ever made in the stadium brought the crowd of 11,165 to its feet midway in the first quarter. After Claude Harrison had made a short plunge into left guard, the Hurricanes quickly lined up and End Flip Rosen centered the ball back to Arnold Tucker, who ambled 52 yards down the right sidelines before the dismayed Spirits could run him out of bounds on the ten-yard line. On the next play Miami made two yards. Eisnor scored over right tackle from the eight. Rosen made a perfect placement and the Hurricanes led, 7-0.





Ruzomberka, Watt, Leavitt, and Tucker—starting backfield for early part of season.

Fate again played into the hands of the underdog Miami eleven early in the second period when a blocked punt set up another tally. Bull Barwick rushed Bob Waterfield, former U.C.L.A. star, and blocked Waterfield's fourth down punt. Lonnie Deas recovered on the Benning 42-yard line. Harvey James took a pass from Arnold Tucker and sped to the 15, from where Tucker crashed over right guard for paydirt. Rosen's toe was true and Miami led, 14-0.

The Spirits, paced by Waterfield's passing, marched back for a sustained drive from near midfield to tally just before the half ended. A successful extra point left the 176th trailing, 14-7, as the half ended.

the Spirits all the way to insure victory for Coach Eddie Dunn's eleven.

The extra point was an anti-climax, and even another Hurricane drive to the shadow of Benning's goal posts as the game closed, failed to take the edge off Harrison's electrifying dash.

Miami nearly had another touchdown in the first half when Chuck Klein intercepted a pass and scooted to the Benning 20, where he lateralled, the ball bouncing into the hands of a Spirit to chill the threat.

The contest marked Miami's fifth win in six starts to wind up the third consecutive successful season for the Hurricanes. In three years the Hurricanes have scored 20 victories against five defeats.

#### FOOTBALL FORECAST

The 1944 edition of the football Hurricanes will face one of the toughest schedules in the history of the University of Miami with a squad that will be dotted here and there with returning civilians but will be composed mostly of V-12s fresh from high school.

The completed schedule includes South Carolina, Oct. 7; West Virginia Wesleyan, Oct. 20; Wake Forest, Oct. 27; Florida, Nov. 3; North Carolina State, Nov. 10; Presbyterian college, Nov. 17; Auburn, Nov. 24; West Virginia, Dec. 1; Texas A. & M., Dec. 8. All are home games.

In addition, two Jeanette, Pa. high school stars who saw service in the spring game will be on hand. They are Sam Procida, guard, and Dick Trathen, center. A few of the V-12's who took part in the Quarterbacks' contest will still be here for at least the July trimester, but most will probably depart at the close of the third trimester.

The Navy Department in Washington will control the Hurricanes' fate on the gridiron this fall, deciding which V-12s to take away and which to send here.

Coach Eddie Dunn, despite the uncertainty of the calibre of his team, made a long swing through the nation this spring and came up with a strong enough schedule for the great 1938 and 1941-3 teams.

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## Spring Game

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THE ANNUAL SPRING GAME was played for a purpose this year. It was the opening shot in a \$250,000 drive by the Quarterbacks' club for a University of Miami fieldhouse.

Instead of the pre-war procedure of playing an alumni team or the more recent practice of playing a local service eleven, Coach Eddie Dunn divided his charges into two teams, the Hurricanes and the V-12s. Dunn coached the Hurri-

North Carolina Tarheels and the famed wartime Georgia Navy Preflight team. Comdr. M. P. Bagdonavich, executive officer at Miami NAS and former Annapolis star, also helped.

Walt Kichefski gave free reign in coaching to Lt. Comdr. Jock Sutherland, who is famous for his University of Pittsburgh teams.

The score came midway in the third period when Claude Harrison flipped a 10-yard pass to Jerry Wright in the end zone.

Jim Leavitt was a standout in the Hurricane secondary, backing up the line with peculiar cunning and demonstrating passing skill despite an eye injury, sustained during the game, which required several stitches.

Other players who drew most attention from the coaches and fans were Ferguson, Wiley, Levin, Klein, Scruggs, Hoover, and Salvatore.

Walter Watt taking off on a Sally Rand play.

