

Phillips' 32 Game Victory Streak Dates Back To Late In '39 Season

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Top schoolboy football winner in the state of Texas is not some large class AA school, but little Phillips High school from right here in the Panhandle.

Enrollment at Phillips is 350, with approximately 160 boys out of which 60 or 26 per cent report for football.

The Phillips Blackhawks have gone through 32 games undefeated, which has given the school two district and two regional championships — and they are well on their way towards their third title in as many years.

Last Defeat In 1939

Honor of last defeating the Phillips eleven goes to White Deer, who turned the trick back in November 1939, when they scored a 36 to 6 victory. In 1940-41-42 the Blackhawks revenged the mar on their record by decisively trouncing the Bucks, 21 to 0; 32 to 7; and 41 to 13.

The record-breaking orange and black gridders began their victory string by defeating Panhandle, 3 to 0 in the middle of November, 1939. Continuing through the 1940 season the Phillips team scored 254 points to their opponents 35, winning all eleven games. They met Hereford in the Bi-District and trounced the District 1-A school, 40 to 0. In winning their first regional banner, the Blackhawks scored a 23 to 0 victory over Palucah, and the now famous Rulph "Doc" Mobley, Hardin-Simmons star, who yesterday set a modern ground gaining record.

Forfeit Victory

Going into the 1941 season Coach H. C. "Chesty" Walker's gridders were awarded a 1 to 0 victory over McLean, after the Biggers had used several ineligible players to previously defeat Phillips, 7 to 6. The Blackhawks from the oil city racked

up 237 points to their opponents 58 during the 1942 fall season, meeting Hereford again in the Bi-District and whipping them 34 to 7 for their ninth straight win that season. In a free-scoring Regional title tilt, Phillips trounced McLean, 24 to 19.

With 24 straight victories under their belt, the Blackhawks charged into the present season by knocking off McLean again 6 to 0. Last Friday afternoon the Orange and Black marked up their 32nd straight game by defeating the tricky White Deer Bucks, 41 to 13.

Coach Walker, who is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons and played football there from 1924-27, came to Phillips High school at the start of the 1939 season from Vernon, where he spent two years as assistant coach.

Main attribute for the success of the Phillips team is the wealth of good material and the splendid football spirit that has been instilled in the boys. The boys begin playing the game in grade school and each fall a squad of between 50 and 60 boys turn out for the teams.

Well Balanced Team

The main first string squad numbers around 30 each season, and to date Coach Walker has played every member in uniform in four of the eight games.

Another reason for the success of the Blackhawks is that Coach Walker has been fortunate enough to have a well-balanced team, with no individual stars.

If one were to pick stars on this year's team, it would be hard to do, but on the flip of a coin — Mack "Cotton" Davis, 133-pound guard, and Co-Capt. Bobby Williams, center, could be called the standouts in the line.

Operating from a double wing-back formation, the ball-carrying falls on the shoulders of the two tailbacks, Co-Capt. Cozel Foster and Clarence Hall.

Coach Walker best states the philosophy of winning with the words:

"We play each game as it comes up, and pick on tough non-conference foes for our warm-up games in the early fall."

Army Gobbles Up Gobblers, 19-7

WEST POINT, N. Y., Nov. 14. —(P)—Army's footballers celebrated Thanksgiving early today by gobbling up the Gobblers of Virginia Polytechnic Institute like so much white meat, 19 to 7, before some 10,000 frozen-toed fans in Michie Stadium.

The Cagers would have picked on some one their own size to snap out of their two-game losing streak, because they completely outclassed the willing workmen from Dixie.

During 1940 there was an average of 14.6 telephones per 100 persons in the United States.

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