

1923 SEASON

WALLACE WADE	Coach
HENRY CRISP, RUSSELL COHEN	Assistant Coaches
W. T. VANDEGRAAFF	Freshman Coach
AL CLEMENS	Captain
CLIFF INGLIS	Manager

PLAYERS

Ends: Al Clemens, Tom Newton, Ben Hudson . . . **Tackles:** Jack Langhorne, Ben Compton, William Buckler . . . **Guards:** Bruce Jones, J. S. Camp, Ben Ennis . . . **Center:** Clyde Propst . . . **Backs:** A. T. S. Hubert, Allen MacCartee, Emile Barnes, W. S. Oliver, Johnny Mack Brown, W. C. Baty, Hulet Whitaker, Graham McClintoch, James Johnston, Andy Cohen, Grant Gillis.



SEPTEMBER 29: Coach Wallace Wade's first edition of the Crimson Tide looked very ragged on offense but managed to score twice in the final quarter to win over Union on the campus by the score of 12 to 0. Hubert scored from the one yard line and Ben Hudson caught a pass for 6 yards and a touchdown in the last 15 seconds of play.

The Union line at times outcharged the heavier Alabama forwards and Alabama lacked cohesion in running her plays.

Baxter, Tate and Hamner were the Stars for Union.



OCTOBER 6: Alabama defeated Ole Miss on the campus by the score of 55 to 0. While the score was larger than expected and does not correctly reflect the difference between the two teams, the Tide took advantage of several breaks to add to the total. On the other hand, the offensive play was very ragged at times.

Alabama scored twice in each of the first two periods and four times in the third quarter. The final period was scoreless.

Touchdowns were made by Barnes 2, Camp 2, Hudson, Hubert, MacCartee and Brown. Compton kicked 7 goals after touchdowns. Camp, sophomore guard, scored two of the touchdowns by falling on the ball over the goal after punts were blocked.

MacCartee's end running was a feature of Alabama's play. Montgomery, back, and Hoff, center, were the stars for Ole Miss.



OCTOBER 13: Alabama did a very creditable job in holding Syracuse to a score of 23 to 0 in the Syracuse University stadium. Syracuse had an experienced team while most of Alabama's starters were first year men and all were playing under an entirely new system inaugurated by Coach Wade. In spite of these handicaps, Alabama made quite a game of it during the first half.

In the first half, a holding penalty set Alabama back to her 5 yard line. Gillis punted. Syracuse drove to Alabama's 18 where McBride kicked a field goal.

In the second period, Alabama gained on punt exchanges. When Bowman fumbled, Propst recovered on the Syracuse 22. Syracuse held and Compton's place kick was just under the cross bar.

In the third quarter, Gillis punted to the Syracuse 38. A few plays later, McBride fumbled and Alabama recovered. Then Barnes fumbled. The ball bounced into McRee's hands and he ran for a touchdown.

In the final period, Gillis punted to Bowman, the American Olympic star, who ran 70 yards for a touchdown.

Later, an intercepted pass by Noble on Alabama's 40 and line plays and end runs carried the ball to Alabama's 3 yard line. McBride went through the line for the last score.

OCTOBER 20: Alabama and the Sewanee Tigers met in Birmingham before 10,000 people. To Alabama, went the victory by the score of 7 to 0. To Sewanee, went the unaffected admiration of all for her gallant effort.

Alabama had all the best of the statistics. But when Alabama threatened to score, an alert defense halted them time and again.

The only score of the game came within the last two minutes of play. And, had not Sewanee tried a pass play, the game probably would have ended in a tie. Harris intercepted an Alabama pass on his 35 yard line. Then, on the first play, Sewanee passed, Mack Brown intercepted it and returned to Sewanee's 48 yard line. Alabama drove straight down the field for a touchdown, Hubert scoring and carrying the ball on every play except three. Compton kicked goal.

Barker then returned the kickoff 20 yards. Miller threw a long pass to Perry who got his hands on the ball but stumbled over the kickoff tee and failed to hold the ball. The game ended on the next play.

Sewanee—Ends: Miller, Haynes, Perry. **Tackles:** Millard, Kent. **Guards:** Shook, Litton. **Center:** Stivers. **Backs:** Barker, Gibbons, Harris, Sanders, Baird.

Alabama—Ends: Whitaker, Clemens, Newton, Hudson, Hinton. **Tackles:** Compton, Langhorne, Thomas. **Guards:** Camp, Buckler, Jones, Ennis. **Center:** Propst. **Backs:** Hubert, Baty, Brown, Gillis, Barnes, MacCartee, Oliver.



OCTOBER 27: Alabama had no trouble in winning over the light Springhill team in Mobile by the score of 59 to 0, scoring nine touchdowns. Touchdowns were made by Hubert 3, Barnes 2, Hudson, Baty, Gillis and Cohen.

Brinkselle and Pat Browne were the stars for Springhill, Browne's passes to McEvoy being effective for a number of gains.



NOVEMBER 3: Playing in a driving rain, which kept the crowd down to 10,000, Tech and Alabama played a scoreless tie in Atlanta. Tech made 18 first downs to none for Alabama. Alabama never advanced the ball any closer to the Tech goal than Alabama's—not Tech's—27 yard line. Hubert made one run for 15 yards but that did not result in moving the chain as, on the previous play, Gillis lost 10 yards when he fumbled the slippery ball.

Between the two twenty yard lines, Tech was poison but, as she neared the Alabama 20, it was a different story. Alabama's line would hold, the secondary defense led by Hubert would bolster the forward wall and the ball would go over on downs. Gillis would then kick out of danger only to see Tech come storming back. Five times Gillis punted that rain soaked ball from behind or close to his own goal. Not once did he falter and not once did Shorty Propst fail to make a good pass. Gillis' kicks were long and high ones, one or two going for 60 yards and his average was 40 yards.

The only offense that Alabama showed was the dependable right foot of Gillis. Sixteen times he kicked during the game. In the first period, he averaged 37 yards on four kicks; in the second quarter, he averaged 40 yards on three kicks; in the third, he also averaged 40 on five kicks and in the last period, he made an average of 43 yards on five punts. On his last kick in the fourth quarter with the ball on the Alabama 17, he boomed one through the air for 60 yards to the Tech 23 just before the final whistle.

Five times Alabama stopped Tech within her twenty yard line, once on the two yard line, one on the eight and once on the eleven.

Captain Al Clemens was the defensive star for Alabama along with Camp and Jones. Baty's tackling was outstanding.

The playing of Wycoff featured for Tech.



NOVEMBER 10: Alabama defeated Kentucky before a large Homecoming Day crowd at Tuscaloosa by the score of 16 to 8.

In the first period, Barnes punted 55 yards to Kentucky's 3. Kentucky then punted to MacCartee on Kentucky's 33, where Ben Compton kicked a field goal.

Kentucky received, Alabama held and Hughes punted to the Alabama one yard line. Gillis punted

back to Alabama's 40. Propst intercepted a pass on the Tide 42. Gillis and Baty made 12. Gillis circled right end for 21. MacCartee made 6 and then passed to Gillis for 7. Kentucky was penalized 15 yards. Three plays later, Hubert scored.

In the third quarter, Compton missed a field goal from the Kentucky 30. Hughes of Kentucky punted straight up and the ball came down behind the line of scrimmage and Propst downed it on the 13 yard line as the period ended.

Kentucky held and Hughes punted. Later, Gillis intercepted a pass on Kentucky's 35 and ran to the 3 yard line. He then scored and Compton kicked goal.

Kentucky received the kickoff and, two plays later, Tracy, halfback, made a brilliant broken field run of 60 yards to score. Goal was missed.

Later, Bruce Jones, of Alabama, intercepted a pass on the Alabama 25 and ran 75 yards for a touchdown but Alabama was offside. Later, as McClintoch was behind his goal to punt, the pass was low and McClintoch was tackled for a safety.

Gillis was the star for Alabama while Ramsey, tackle, and Tracy, halfback, were outstanding for Kentucky.



NOVEMBER 16: The game between Alabama and the L. S. U. Tigers coached by Mike Donahue, formerly of Auburn, was played in Cramton Bowl, Montgomery, on Friday so as not to conflict with the Auburn-Centre game in Birmingham the following day. Alabama won 30 to 3.

L. S. U. scored in the first period when Pilcher drop kicked a field goal from the Alabama 27 yard line. A few minutes later, Compton made a place kick from the 20 yard line.

L. S. U. then fumbled the kickoff. Alabama recovered and marched to the Tiger 22 where the ball went over on downs. Bourgeois, Tiger center, made a bad pass to Pilcher, who fumbled and Compton recovered for a touchdown.

In the second period, Abramson of L. S. U. passed while in his own territory. Jones of Alabama tipped the ball and it fell in the arms of Newton who ran 40 yards to score.

In the third period, Hubert intercepted a pass on the Tiger 17. After Alabama was penalized 15 for holding, Cohen passed to Barnes for 15 and, on the next play, Hubert scored.

Alabama received and drove 68 yards for the final touchdown. Baty, Barnes, Hubert and Cohen alternated in carrying the ball with Baty going over.

Baty and Barnes were the Alabama stars along with Captain Ewen and Campbell for the Tigers.



NOVEMBER 24: Everything Alabama attempted seemed to work and Georgia was defeated in Montgomery by the score of 36 to 0.

After a scoreless first quarter, which ended with Alabama in possession of the ball on the Georgia 39, MacCartee passed to Gillis, who jumped high in the air for the ball, juggled it but held it and ran for the first score. Compton kicked goal.

Alabama received and drove to the Georgia 25 yard line where Compton kicked a field goal.

In the third period, Bennett of Georgia punted 50 yards over the Alabama goal. Alabama drove to Georgia's 5 only to lose the ball on downs. Weihrs then fumbled and Propst recovered for Alabama. On the second play, Hubert scored and Compton converted.

In the fourth quarter, Fletcher returned the kickoff to the 20 yard line. Alabama held and Bennett punted to Gillis who returned 20 yards to Georgia's 36. Barnes made 28 yards in two plays and then went off tackle for the score. Compton kicked goal.

Alabama kicked off again, held and Bennett punted 40 yards to Gillis who returned 45 yards. Georgia held and Barnes punted over the goal. On a triple pass in the backfield, Georgia fumbled, Propst recovered and ran across for the score.

Just before the end of the game, it was Georgia's ball on her own 20. Alabama held and Bennett's punt was blocked by Propst and Whitaker. The ball rolled into the end zone where Whitaker recovered for a touchdown.

Gillis and Propst were the stars for Alabama. Taylor, tackle, and Randall, halfback, were Georgia's outstanding players, Taylor playing a splendid defensive game until injured.

NOVEMBER 29: Alabama lost her only game of the season to a conference opponent as Florida won in Birmingham by the score of 16 to 6. The south end of the field at Rickwood resembled a lake after a 24 hour rain but it was just as wet for Florida as it was for Alabama.

Florida received in the lake and Newton punted only 12 yards to his own 37 yard line. Alabama couldn't gain consistently, losing the ball frequently on downs and on fumbles and Newton would punt. The entire quarter was played in the shadow of Florida's goal. It was Alabama's ball on the Florida 11 as the period ended.

Florida held Alabama twice for downs inside her 5 yard line. Newton punted 30 yards to Gillis who returned 22 yards to Florida's 8 yard line. Hubert then went over for a touchdown. Compton kicked goal but the point was not allowed because Alabama had only six men on the line of scrimmage.

The rest of the period was scoreless. Gillis did some remarkable punting with four kicks of 52, 62, 48 and 47 yards.

Florida received the kickoff in the lake and Newton punted to about Alabama's 35. Propst passed over Gillis' head as the latter was back to punt and the play lost 18 yards. Gillis lost 5 more on an end run. Gillis punted 17 yards out of bounds on his own 36. Then Middlekauff made 3. A pass from Newton to Brown made 12 and Brown circled end for 9 to Alabama's 12 yard line. After Middlekauff made 1, Jones ran right end for a touchdown but missed goal.

Florida received, Alabama held and Newton punted. Gillis promptly kicked back 45 yards to Florida's 20. Newton then punted 79 yards, the ball stopping on the Alabama 1 yard line. Gillis was rushed and his punt went out of bounds on the Alabama 8. On fourth down, Jones kicked a field goal from placement.

Newton made punts of 65 and 57 yards in the remaining minutes of this period. He also tried a place kick from Alabama's 43 yard line which was about two feet short.

In the fourth quarter, Newton tried another place kick from Alabama's 45. The kick was partially blocked, bounced in the air into the arms of Merrion, Florida's end, who was downed on the Alabama 21. Two plays later, Jones, Florida's quarterback, circled right end for a touchdown and kicked goal.

Edgar Jones, who scored all of his team's points, and Newton, with his punting were the stars for Florida while Gillis, Hubert and Baty were standouts for Alabama.