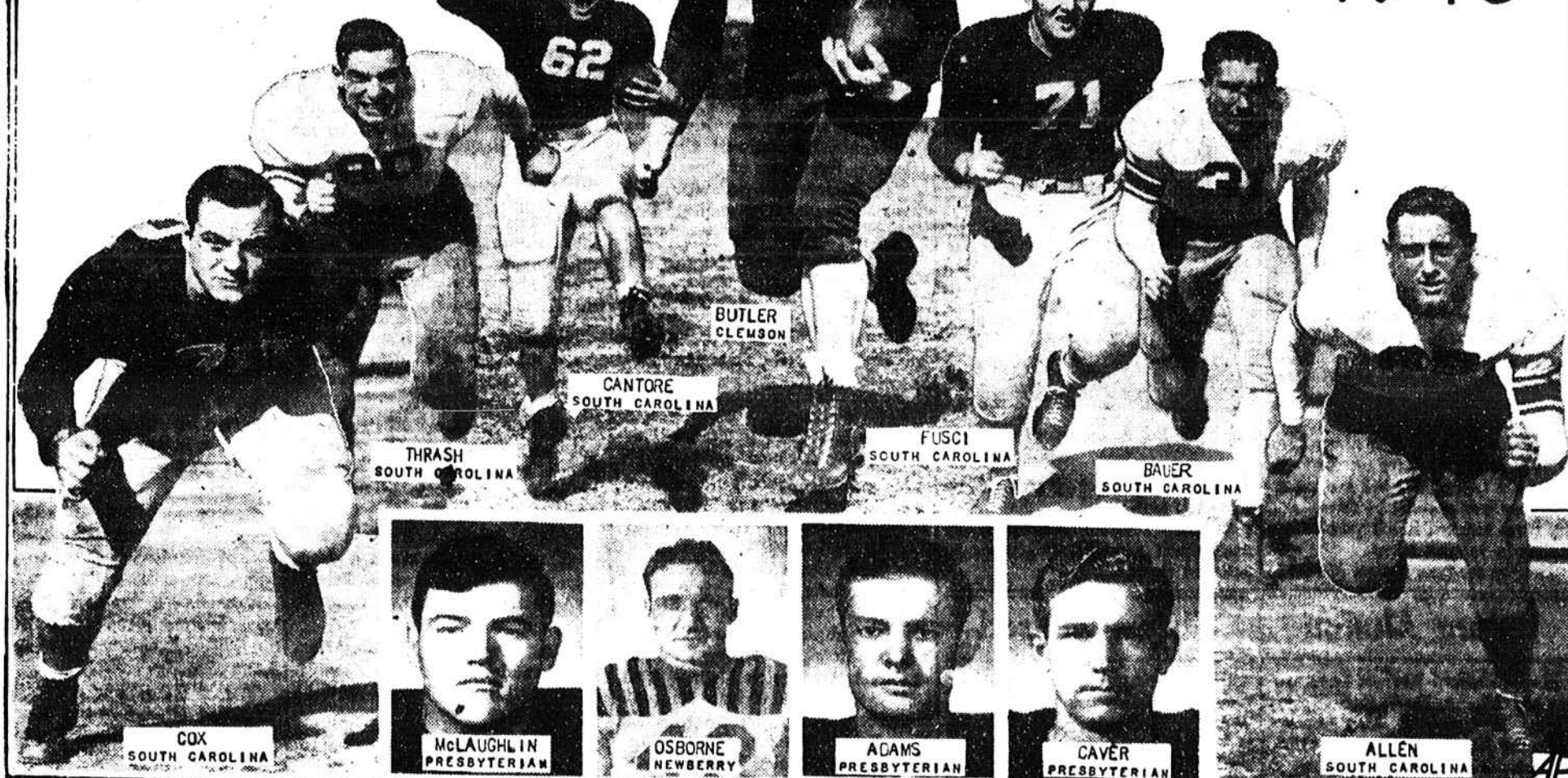


Gamecocks Pace All-State

ALL SOUTH CAROLINA 1943



Pictured above is the Associated Press 1943 South Carolina mythical all-star team. Six of the chosen men hail from the University of South Carolina. Carey Cox, Pat Thrash, Dom Fucci, Ernie Bauer, and Neil Allen are Gamecock contributions to the all-State line while Phil Cantore, brilliant Bird halfback, was elected to the big teams backfield by AP. Other schools, Presbyterian College, Newberry College, and Clemson placed three, one, and one men respectively on the squad. Clemson's contribution, Marion "Butch" Butler, was chosen the captain of this year's all-star eleven.

SPORTS SQUINTS



By WALLY DINSMOOR

★ Around The Campus

It wasn't until we began to scout around for sports news for this issue that we discovered how little sport activity is going on here at Carolina at the present time. Football season is buried with the exception of the All-Something or others. Basketball is in the air and that is about all. Minor sports such as boxing, swimming, bowling, and the like aren't heard of. We realize that it is no easy task to start a sports program nowadays since everybody is very busy. However, it is our opinion that intra-mural activity of some sort is needed very badly. True, the V-12 unit started an intra-mural program with softball as one of the sports but the cooperation with this activity was poor since the time deprived the men involved of liberty time. Yet we come back to the original contention, that there is a need for competitive sports on the campus.

We don't know what the powers that be are planning for sports. We know that there is probably a very good reason why an active program hasn't been pursued. Possibly there is a plan in the making. At any rate this matter of having more competitive sports program bears looking into and deserves some action.

★ A Bit Of Explanation

Last week we picked an All-State team and PURPOSELY left Marion "Butch" Butler and Carey Cox off of the team. Obviously both were standouts at their positions while they were on hand to play but both went to the service during the season and could not finish out the season. This also explains our failure to place Phil Cantore on our All-Stater and explains the choice of Bill McMillan. We also stick to our choice of Ralph Hodges over McLaughlin of Presbyterian.

★ Sorry To Hear That . . .

Johnny Gill, one of our sports writers and one of the 1943 cheerleaders has been placed in the Charleston Naval Hospital for treatment to his knee. It seems that "Long John" had a knee injury dating back to high school days and that now it is bothering him again. He will be confined to the hospital for quite a while so we hear. At any rate, we all hope that he has a very speedy recovery and is back with us soon.

★ They Tell Me That . . .

George Plamann, V-12 trainee at the University played a little semi-pro and professional baseball. It seems that he has pitched ball not only for a Navy ball club in Miami but also for Class D and Class C teams in the northern states. He is under contract with the St. Louis Cards and expects to work with them again after the war. He has played on teams with such men as Johnny Mize, Johnny Rigney, Ernie Andres, Frank Croucher, and Joe Grace. One of his best records was compiled at Miami where he won 13 and lost 1 in intra camp competition.

★ Bill McMillan's

Choice as best blocker in the state for the year 1943 was no surprise to us. Bill certainly is the unsung hero of the team if there ever was one. He played in every one of Carolina's games this year, which no other back was able to do. In addition to being a top notch blocker Bill is one of the better field generals in this area. A truly good selection.

★ After Looking Over The All-American Teams

Chosen by the Associated Press and Bill Stern, we had a good laugh. Where AP felt that Creighton Miller of Notre Dame was one of the top four backs in the country, Stern, the nation's foremost authority on sports felt that Miller didn't even rate. Such was the case of the selection of Bob Gantt of Duke to the first team All-America by Stern. AP didn't even put Gantt on the All-Southern second team. AP and Stern both felt that Bill Daley, Ralph Heywood of Southern Cal, Bob Odell of Pennsylvania, and that center from Army, whose name I couldn't spell in a thousand years were definitely of All-American calibre. One disappointment comes from not seeing Jim White's name on the first team. White definitely was the sparkplug of the N-D line this year and it was hard to leave him off of the team. Oh well, we didn't do it. AP and Stern did it and it's their fault.

Carolina Men Gain Post Season Honors

McMillan Awarded Jacob Grid Trophy For Best Blocking

One of the greatest honors in Southern football has been bestowed upon Carolina's Bill McMillan.

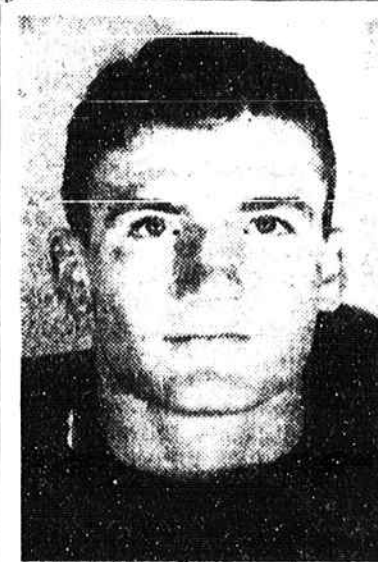
Each year the most outstanding blocker in the State of South Carolina is chosen by a select group of sports experts. To this man goes the coveted Jacobs Trophy, in recognition of his outstanding teamwork and topnotch play.

Dr. William P. Jacobs, president of Presbyterian College established this award in 1925 to honor those forgotten men on every team who through expert blocking in the line and open field enabled their teammates to make those toughdown runs and spectacular breaks.

This year's championed forgotten man is USC's own 175 pound firebrand quarterback, "Boho" McMillan. Bill was born 21 years ago in Mullins, S. C. His elementary school days were filled with sling shots, marbles, baseball bats, and girls' pig tails. When Bill entered Mullins High School his interests turned to sports. He played baseball, basketball, and football. While competing in his favorite, football, Bill was known to his teammates as "Old Dependable." Bill could always be counted upon to give his own in every game.

After three years of prep ball, Bill came to USC. He has played football for the Gamecocks during three seasons. It is needless to say that this was his most successful year. Bill feels that this year's Gamecock gridmen have met and bested some very tough opponents. The North Carolina team, led by Barney Poole, Jack Teague, and Hosea Rodgers was in Bill's opinion the most elusive eleven the Birds have come up against this season.

McMillan, who had played all season without thought of public



Bill McMillan, USC quarterback, winner of the Jacob Award for outstanding blocking.

recognition was surprised and happy to hear that he had gained the award. Bill, an engineering student, will receive his commission in February. He hopes to be assigned to a destroyer. The Jacobs Award is considered one of the most desirable honors that a football player can be given. In recent years, many fine athletes have gained this distinction. Carolina's Louis Sossoman, who played with Bainbridge Navy's football team this year was at one time holder of the trophy.

At a recent meeting, the football squad chose Bill McMillan, quarterback, and Neil Allen, veteran guard, as co-captains for 1943.

The election came as a result of the vacancy left when Earl Dunham, quarterback on the '42 squad, left for the armed forces.

Both McMillan and Allen are seniors, and are in the NROTC unit here at Carolina. Allen won AP All-state honors recently, while McMillan won the Jacobs Trophy, awarded to the state's outstanding blocker.

Six Gamecock Men On All - State Team

The Associated Press' All South Carolina football team for 1943 wrote another chapter of glory for the 1943 Carolina Gamecocks, since six of their number were included on the mythical squad. Only four colleges were represented on the wartime team.

Marion "Butch" Butler, of Clemson was the only holdover from last year and easily gained every sports writers' first team vote. Butler left Clemson mid-season to fight a greater game in the United States Army.

Pat Thrash, Gamecock end and Jack Adams, P-C wingman were definitely "in" for the end positions. Adams missed a first team position by only a few votes last year, while Thrash was yet a freshman.

Dynamite Dom Fucci of USC was matched with Buddy McLaughlin of PC who was a 60-minute man this year.

Those twins, Ernie Bauer and Neil Allen were beyond all doubt the outstanding guards in the state. Bauer had already been selected on the AP All-Southern second team. Carey Cox, former Clemson Tiger, gained the pivot post even tho he missed the last two games of the season.

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Phil Cantore Honored By AP Grid Recognition

Phil Cantore, one of the University of South Carolina's brilliant backs received last Wednesday honorable mention on the Associated Press All-American 1943 college team.

This 22-year-old NROTC student from New Brunswick, N. J., tips the scales at 180 and stands 5-11" tall. He has been hampered by injuries all of this season, as he was last year, but on the occasions that he was able to play he proved to be a very capable ball carrier and defensive player. His whirlwind dash style of open field running made him a hard man to stop once he got underway.

The left-footed kicking and left-handed passing of Cantore has attracted wide attention to this Gamecock back. He ends his third season of college football this year.

Cantore likes music and plays the violin. Not unlike many another goby he is attracted by the fair sex. He will graduate next October and when he receives his commission as an ensign, he hopes to be assigned to a destroyer.

Cantore was one of two men selected on AP All-American from South Carolina. The only other man chosen from this State was Jack Adams, Presbyterian College end.

Included on the backfield with Butler were PC's spectacular passer Hank Caver, Sam Osborne, Newberry's hard running fullback, and Carolina's brilliant open field runner, Phil Cantore.

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Pictured above is Phil Cantore, Gamecock backfield ace whose brilliant play gained him top honors this season.

Cantore, an NROTC student in his junior year was recently given a birth on the All-State team and awarded an honorable mention by the Associated Press in a national selection.

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