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THE PIGSKIN PILGRIM



94th PILGRIMS
VS
42nd RAINBOWS

1400, SATURDAY, NOV. 10, 1945

SUSICE, Czechoslovakia

94th DIVISION FOOTBALL TEAM ROSTER

HEAD COACH: Lt. Vannie Albanese (Syracuse University, Brooklyn Dodgers)

LINE COACH: Capt. Dudley Pillow (Louisiana State University)

NO.	NAME	RANK	POS.	AGE	HT.	WT.	ORG.	HOME TOWN
10	EMERSON LARSEN	S/Sgt	B	24	6-0	190	919th FA Bn	Lyons, Kansas
11	BOB MULLIGAN	Sgt	E	24	6-1	210	Co M — 301	Uniontown, Pa.
12	TONY CROSS	Pfc	B	26	6-0	198	Co K — 302	Orange, N. J.
13	JIM HOLMES	Pfc	G	25	5-11	190	Co A — 376	Wheeling, W. Va.
14	TIM REGAN	Lt	C	23	5-8	192	919 FA Bn	Union City, N. J.
17	RAY PALADINI	Cpl	B	21	5-9	165	Med Det—302	San Leandro, Calif
18	CLINT MARENGER	Pfc	T	21	6-0	208	Co D — 301	Escanaba, Mich.
19	NORVEL HANSEN	Pfc	E	20	6-0	190	Co M — 302	Logan, Utah
20	GLEN NISWONGER	Sgt	E	28	6-4	215	94th MP's	Jackson, Mo.
21	JACK BRANNIGAN	Pfc	E	19	6-2	190	Can Co.—302	Chicago, Ill.
22	DON POBANZ	Pfc	B	21	5-11	198	Co. F—301	Wakarusa, Ind.
23	JIM HUFFAKER	Sgt	E	24	6-2	190	94th Rcn. Tp.	New Berlin, Ill.
24	AL GLAZIER	Pfc	G	22	5-11	195	319 Engrs.	Indianapolis, Ind.
25	BILL HENDRICKS	Pfc	G	19	5-11	185	Co E—301	Los Angeles, Calif.
26	CH. RATKOWSKY	Pfc	T	19	5-11	190	Co I — 301	Erie, Pa.
27	JACK VORHEES	Pfc	E	28	6-1	180	Co B — 376	Lorain, Ohio
28	BOB BURKE	Lt	B	24	5-9	187	Co G — 376	Evanston, Ill.
29	GEORGE PAVLICK	S/Sgt	B	23	5-7	165	Co I — 301	Benton Harb., Mich.
30	JACK MARTIN	S/Sgt	C	25	6-0	190	Co H — 301	Atlanta, Ga.
31	ROYAL SELLEY	Cpl	B	25	5-7	160	919 FA Bn.	Flint, Mich.
32	NICK FISCHETTI	Capt	B	31	5-7	175	Div. Art'y.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
33	BOB KLEIN	Pfc	T	21	6-2	220	Co M — 301	Huntington, W. Va.
34	DICK LEWIS	Lt	B	22	6-0	220	319 Engrs.	West Orange, N. J.
35	BOB GRAHAM	Pfc	B	21	5-10	185	2nd Bn—301	River Forest, Ill.
36	VERNON NEWTON	Cpl	T	22	5-11	200	Co M — 301	Alhambra, Calif.
37	TOM CHESTNUT	Sgt	G	23	5-10	190	Co H — 301	Stoughton, Mass.
38	VERNON ELLIS	Pvt	G	26	5-10	185	94th QM Co	Youngstown, Ohio
39	PAUL WEAVER	Pfc	B	25	5-9	195	Co H — 301	Coldwater, Mich.
40	JACK HOLLISTER	Sgt	B	20	5-10	185	Co D—301	Cincinnati, Ohio
41	ART JAMIN	Lt	B	25	5-10	190	Co B—376	Hoboken, N. J.
42	FRANK EMERY	Cpl	B	23	6-0	215	794 Ord Co	Milo, Mo.
43	JACK SCHAEFFER	Pfc	B	21	5-11	190	AT Co — 302	Dayton, Ohio
44	JIM MALONEY	Pfc	G	27	6-1	220	Co I—301	Pottstown, Pa.

MANAGERS: Pvt Leonard Braverman and Pfc Jim Browning

TRAINERS: Pfc Raymond Krause, Pfc Bob Marks

PILGRIMS' PROGRESS

By Jim Rosenberg

The Pilgrims' progress so far this year has been marked by sharp irregularities; they have had more ups and downs than a pogo-stick.

In any analysis of the Black Knight's playing this season, the mental condition of the team, however, should be taken as a prime factor, and — in this respect — the turning point of the whole campaign came early in the second game of the season, when Bob Cone received the back injury which permanently shelved him.

Up until that time the Pilgrims were a high-stepping, smooth-clicking outfit, unbeaten and unscored-upon. They had plenty of polish, plenty of spirit, and — above all — plenty of confidence. That confidence disappeared like air from a bursting balloon when Cone was packed off the field on a stretcher; all too obviously most of the players on the squad felt that their chances were gone with the "sparkplug" of the team gone.

Five days later the awful reckoning came. The Pilgrims were already a beaten club when they took the field against the 90th Division at Amberg, Germany. The 32-0 final score was merely a minor incident in the afternoon's activities. The Pilgrims played like a disorganized second-rate high-school team. The Tough 'Ombres played like a combination of the Chicago Bears, the all-time All-Stars, and a few Gods from Olympus. The peculiarity of the whole game was forcibly brought out later in the season, as the not-so-tough 'Ombres turned in several performances that were (to put it bluntly) downright mediocre.

Meanwhile, Coach Vannie Albanese found himself faced with the task of "re-tooling" his team. His "QT" system had been built around a left halfback who could pass 'em with slingshot accuracy, boot 'em long and high, run fast and far. That was Cone. No less than a half-dozen Pilgrims were given "auditions" at the tailback spot, in an effort to find a reasonably accurate facsimile of the injured Wisconsin flash. None was found. The result was that the team's basic method of attack had to be changed, right in the middle of the campaign. In Bob Burke and Tony Cross, Albanese had a couple of top-flight fullbacks — human battering-rams who could pound an opposing line to pieces with their sheer driving power. Accordingly, the main burden of the attack was shifted to the fullback,

and the Pilgrims concentrated their offense on power inside the tackles.

Meanwhile, the Pilgrims' aerial attack was conspicuous by its absence. The few timid attempts they DID make at launching an overhead attack usually boomeranged into interceptions by the opposition. All too often the Pilgrims would pound down the field in a steady drive — all of it on the ground — only to come to a grinding stop inside the opposing team's 20 when the enemy massed a seven-or eight-man line to stop that inexorable running attack, and the Pilgrims were unable to take to the air and keep the touchdown drive rolling.

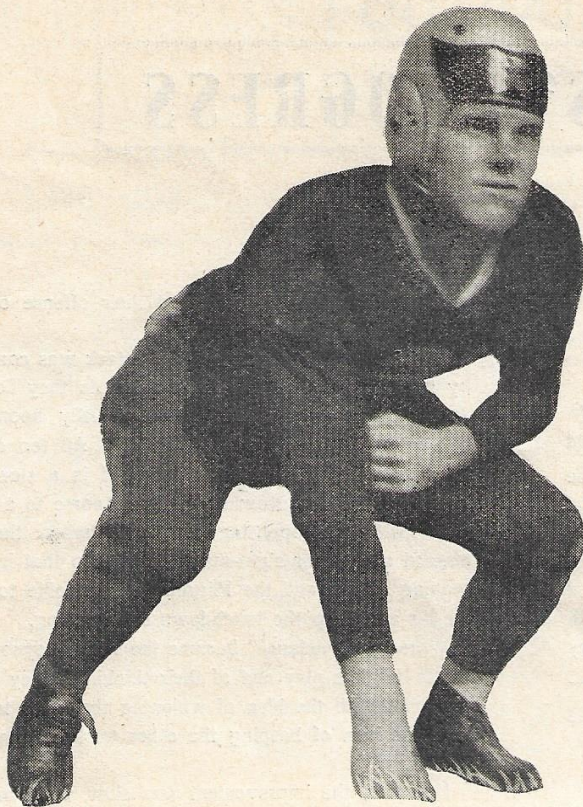
Worse yet, "defense" became the whole keynote of the Black Knight's play and of their thinking. They took the field, not with the idea of whipping the other team, but with the idea of keeping the other team from whipping THEM.

However, the improvement was slow, but sure. While the tough job of reconversion was going on, and while they were recovering from the psychological shock of that 32-0 humiliation at Amberg, the Pilgrims were battling a highly-touted 1st Division club to a scoreless tie, then outfighting a powerhouse 71st Division team for three quarters before succumbing 20-0. Confidence was slowly returning; gradually — very gradually — a passing attack was being polished and perfected.

Then came the 4th Armored game, and with it a 94th team was unveiled which bore a remarkable resemblance to those Pilgrims of the early part of this season. With Bob Burke on the bench, big Tony Cross took over at fullback and smashed through the Tankers' line for consistent gains; when the armor-clad boys massed their defenses to stop Cross, halfback Georgie Pavlick faded back and tossed strikes into the Tankers' scattered secondary defenses. The team began to click, like the proverbial well-oiled machine. It had poise and confidence, and — most amazing of all — it seemed to be convinced that it was going to win that ball-game.

That is the team that is going to take the field today against the 42nd Division, in quest of its fourth victory of the year — the team that all 94th fans will be cheering for this afternoon.

It is a team that plays hard, clean, fast-moving football; a team that believes in itself and that plays to win; and it is a team—something tells us — which is going to bear watching from here on in!



PROBABLE STARS

94th Division

Hansen
Newton
Maloney
Regan
Chestnut
Marenger
Mulligan
Emery
Larsen
Pobanz
Cross

"Pilgrims"

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| 10 Larsen | 28 Burke |
| 11 Mulligan | 29 Pavlick |
| 12 Cross | 30 Martin |
| 13 Holmes | 31 Selley |
| 14 Regan | 32 Fischetti |
| 17 Paladini | 33 Klein |
| 18 Marenger | 34 Lewis |
| 19 Hansen | 35 Graham |
| 20 Niswonger | 36 Newton |
| 21 Brannigan | 37 Chestnut |
| 22 Pobanz | 38 Ellis |
| 23 Huffaker | 39 Weaver |
| 24 Glazier | 40 Hollister |
| 25 Hendricks | 41 Jamin |
| 26 Ratkowski | 42 Emery |
| 27 Vorhees | 43 Schaeffer |
| | 44 Maloney |

SCORE BY

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PILGRIMS		
RAINBOWS		

PILGRIM SCORE

Nov. 18 — 60th Anniversary
 Nov. 25 — 25th Anniversary
 Dec. 2 — 9th Anniversary

TING LINEUPS

42nd Division

Dean
 Hoefer
 Solloff
 Wilke
 Haynes
 Zokan
 Minden
 Glassock
 Henke
 Longjohn
 Sherwood

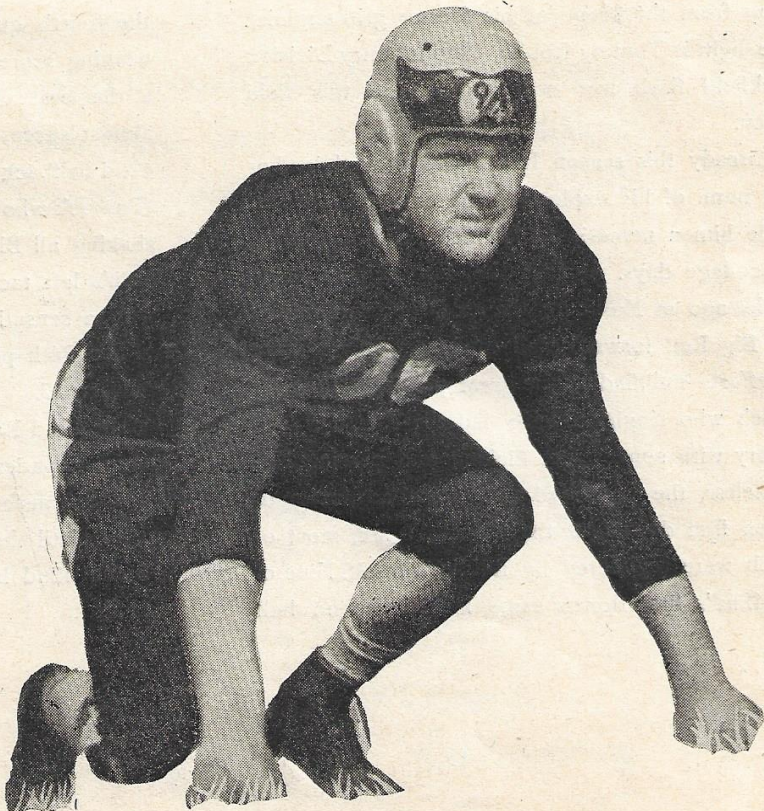
"Rainbows"

PERIODS

3	4	Total

SCHEDULE

Div. at Susice
 Div. at Linz Austria
 Div. at Munich



RAINBOW RAMBLINGS

By Stan Kunzman

In 1943 the University of Oregon had a mediocre football team but there was one shining light that gave the webfoot aggregation enough punch to make them a dangerous threat for each of their Pacific Coast Conference opponents that season.

This year that light is again shining 8000 miles away from the scene of his former grid exploits. The light is Tommy Roblin, 42nd Infantry Division backfield flash who will perform on this field today.

Already this season Roblin has proved he has lost none of his explosive, line cutting drive that made him a nemesis to Western elevens during his college days. Against the 1st Division three weeks ago at Nurnberg the ex-Oregonian ripped the Big Red forward wall to shreds, only to have his efforts nullified by the great playing of Fowler Welch who singlehandedly led the 1st to a 7-0 victory with some great kicking and passing. Nevertheless, the 42nd had a statistical advantage of fifteen first downs to the Onemen's six, most of which were registered by Roblin himself. Nine of the 42nd's first downs came in the second half

as they pounded the 1st's line for consistent gains, but ran out of gas on reaching scoring territory. The 94th battled the 1st to a scoreless tie in their tilt with the Reds this year.

In another heartbreaker, the 24nd lost to the 80th division at Marienbad by a field goal from the 22 yard line with two minutes left to play in the fourth quarter. Immediately after that game winning score by the 80th, the Rainbows began a desperate last minute aerial attack that was almost successful in overhauling the Blue Ridgers. 42nd halfback Bob Prindle tossed a pass to Harold Glassock who dashed into the open for 35 yards, shaking all Blue Ridge tacklers except one. The 80th's left tackle McGinley brought him down with a sensational shoestring tackle.

The 94th plays the 80th division Saturday November 17.

The 42nd Rainbows from Salzburg, Austria, have a big, experienced squad. They were augmented by the transfer of a complete former 66th division team. Until they were beaten by the 80th October 15 the 42nd had a winning streak of two straight games.

HEADQUARTERS 94TH INFANTRY DIVISION

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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U. S. ARMY

1, November 1945

TO: Members of the 94th Division Football Team.

I am immensely pleased with your brilliant victory over the 4th Armored Division last Saturday, and desire to congratulate the entire football squad.

I appreciate the great difficulties under which the players have labored due to the unavoidable situation created through redeployment. However, the old fight is still there and you are all a definite credit to the Division as well as an important morale factor.

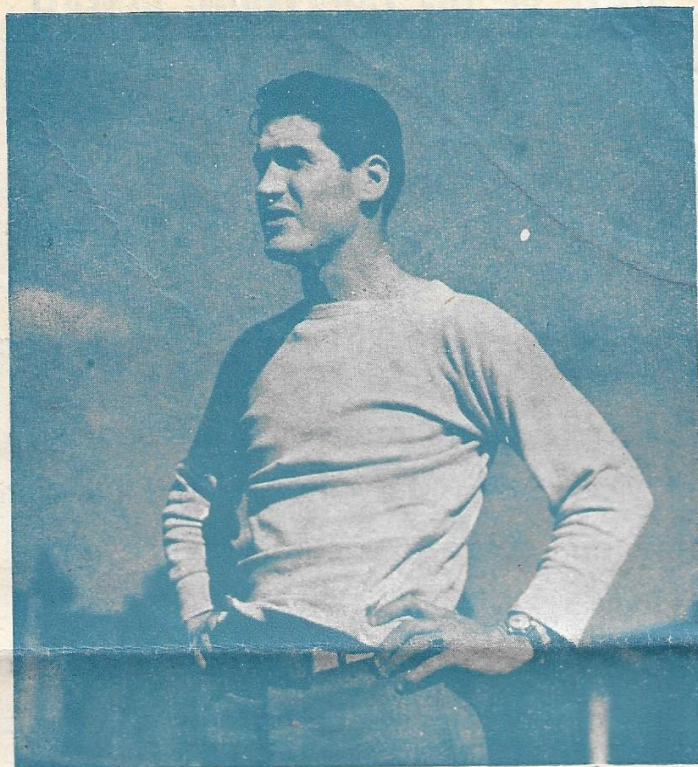
The best of luck to you in the remaining games.

A. J. Barnett

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Major General

Commanding



Lt. Vannie Albanese, head coach of the Pilgrims, earned a spot in the Football Hall of Fame as an All-American fullback at Syracuse University in 1936. Following his graduation from Syracuse, he signed a lucrative contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National Professional Football League, and throughout the seasons of 1937-38-39 he continued the sensational brand of play which had brought him the highest acclaim during his undergraduate days. In 1940 he was signed on as head football coach at Brooklyn High school and enjoyed two successful seasons there before Pearl Harbor temporarily interrupted his brilliant gridiron career. Albanese served with the 94th Division during combat and shortly after V-E Day, when plans for a division football team were first being formulated, he was called on to take over the reins. Instilling in his players the same fight and drive and gridiron wizardry which characterized his own playing days, he has guided the Pilgrims through a highly successful campaign, and they come up to today's game occupying one of the top spots in 3rd Army standings.