

SPORTS

THE FOOT BALL SEASON OF 1928

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The foot ball season of 1928 has come and gone and now we have the job of taking stock of the entire season.

Starting the season late in September with some fifteen letter men returning and with one of the most dismal foot ball seasons in the history of Smith foot ball behind them the members of the 1928 edition of the "Bull" came out with the spirit of "WE" and Lindbergh, that being to conquer and to place the fortunes of Smith in the same category of the famous base ball team of 1928.

The long and arduous task of conditioning and the learning of fundamentals was the order of the day. The men took hold with a vigor and from chaos a semblance of order and organization appeared which gladdened the hearts of the coaches.

Still in the experimental stage the "Bulls" journeyed to Durham to take on the N. C. State "Eagles." The old bugaboo, the forward pass sent them to their lair in Charlotte a beaten team. The outstanding achievement of the game was a field goal from the 32 yard line from the clever toe of "Red" Williams which saved the "Bulls" from a complete rout. N. C. State emerged from the fray on the long end of the score which was 13-3. The team showed a good defensive potentiality; the offensive was poor.

And now came the test to show just what the "Bulls" would have to offer by the way of a foot ball team for 1928. Bolstering up our line and straightening out this wrinkle here and there, smoothing out the offense and working on a forward pass defense and so the trek to Washington to meet the violent Howard Bisons began. On Thursday evening, October 11, a determined group of twenty-two wearers of the Gold and Blue embarked amid a most wonderful student demonstration for the Capital City. The Bisons were all set for a slaughter of the "Bulls." But when it was all over the Bisons had been completely tamed. Howard won, but what a game! Eastern sport writers still talk of the valiant battle that the "Bulls" displayed in the Howard back yard. Bogle, huge guard, stopped everything that Howard had to offer. It was here that he made his bid that landed him a berth on Bill Gibson's All-American team. Martin, Hall and Foulkes spelled death to all the forward passes that Howard attempted.

The end play of little Charlie Harris was beautiful to watch. Captain Steele was a tower of strength in the line. The "Bulls" line completely outplayed the Howard forwards. Jack Martin intercepted a Howard pass and ran 65 yards for the lone Smith tally. However, two blocked punts turned the gold and blue back and Howard won, score 19-6. It was here that a great Smith team was born which was to mean sure death to all that were to come.

The big "Bull," licking his wounds, returned to its balliwick determined to avenge himself for the two setbacks that he had received. The Shaw "Bears" were the first to suffer. With the offense rolling for the first time smoothly the "Bulls" rolled up three touchdowns and a safety to send the "Bears" down in defeat. A hard charging line opened holes so that the backs could go through for sizeable gains. A smooth working backfield consisting of Martin, Hall, Foulkes and Williams reeled off yard after yard. It appeared from this game that the "Bulls" were going to have a team. Score, 22-0.

State Normal visited us the next week and went home a bitterly disappointed team. The "Bulls" did everything. They ran, they passed, they hit the line with



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a finesse seldom seen on the Smith gridiron. State Normal was no match for the stalwarts of Smith. The game ended with the score, 47-6 with Smith on the long end.

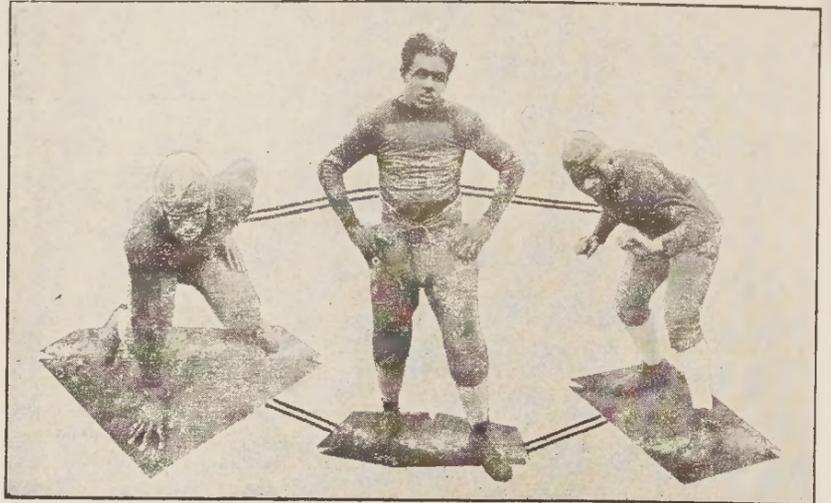
With two wins tucked under their belts the "Bulls" packed their bags and entrained for Orangeburg, S. C., to take on the formidable South Carolina State aggregation. The game resulted in one of the finest exhibitions of offense and defense ever seen on the South Carolina gridiron. Neither team could advance the ball. It was truly a punting duel with the Smith punters, Biggs and "Red" Williams having the edge. The game was dead-locked up until the last five minutes of play; then South Carolina State scored. During the remaining five minutes there was the most furious foot ball that had ever been seen by the South Carolinians. The "Bulls" were determined to score. It was here that Smith suffered the first casualty of the season. Henry, sterling tackle, was injured and his loss was felt in the line. South Carolina State maintained its advantage and the "Bulls" dropped the game by the close score of 6-0.

Two new stars appeared for Smith as a result of this game. Ellis and Baker, a pair of men playing their first year at end gave an exhibition of end-play that compared favorably with the best in the game. Time and again these men saved the tottering "Bulls" from disaster.

With all the bad foot ball out of their systems the "Bulls" pounced upon the Paine College team and soundly trounced them to the tune of 37-18. Ellis, Baker, Biggs, Martin, Hall and Bogle were the scintillating stars in this affray. The mighty Morehouse Tigers were just around the corner. The "Bulls" began to prep for the game. With "Red" Williams, Henry and Walker definitely out of the line-up, the "Bulls" were in a crippled condition.

The "Bulls" opened the game playing inspired foot ball. They gored, they fought, they trod all over the gallant Tigers. The game was tied at 13-13 until three minutes of play when the Tigers completed a most daring pass and this play resulted in a score. The game ended with Smith on the short end, 19-13.

And now for the battle of the gods. The Annual game between Livingstone and Smith on Turkey Day. Livingstone had been playing good foot ball all season and they were at the top of the heap in the race for State Championship. It was two determined elevens that clashed when they met to decide the supremacy in the State. Smith entered the game without the services of "Red" Williams, Baker or Henry. But this did not stop the "Bulls." They set about in a systematic way to turn back the Livingstone Horde and when the smoke of battle cleared the Smith "Bulls" had vanquished the Livingstone "Bears." Hall, half-back, was the outstanding hero of the game. He reeled off yard after yard in his scintillating runs through the line. He



Left of right: "Bigun" Steele, "Jack" Martin and "Bus" Hall.

knocked down pass after pass. In fact he was in every play of the game. Bogle justified his claim to All-American by his sterling line play. Summersett played the line like a veteran. Biggs punted and passed with the ease of a Benny Friedman. The "Bulls" amassed the total of 19 points to 6 for Livingstone.

I would like to pay my personal tribute to the following men: Captain Steele, Bogle, Hall, Martin, Ellis, Baker, Jones, Foulkes,

Livingstone	6	"	19
	87		147

Final Standing of Individual Scores

Hall	7	0	0	0	42
Martin	5	1	0	0	31
Williams	2	1	1	0	16
Foulkes	2	0	0	0	12
Jones	2	0	0	0	12
Biggs	1	4	0	0	10
Ellis	1	4	0	0	10
Baker	1	0	0	0	6
Lyerly	1	0	0	0	6
Steele	0	0	0	1	2

BULLS AND LIVINGSTONE TIED FOR TITLE

"Big Boy" Bogle Selected as All-American—Martin, Steele and Hall Given Honorable Mention—Basketeurs Drilling.

Johnson C. Smith's Blue Horde trounced Livingstone College's Eleven in their own back yard Thanksgiving Day by a score of 19-16 to tie the Livingstonians for the State title. It was a nerve racking game, featured by Livingstone's 78 yard march down field in the first quarter, "Bus" Hall's spectacular runs and Somersett's hard tackling.

Captain Steele, who will graduate in June, wore Smith's colors on the gridiron for his last time. This victory was a fitting climax to the glorious career of this warrior. His work in this game was no exception to the rest, playing hard sixty minutes.

Bogle Wins All-American Berth.

"Big Boy" Bogle, stellar guard on Randy Taylor's fighting horde of '28, was selected as All-American guard by Billy Gibson, noted sport writer, of Baltimore.

Bogle's playing all the season was outstanding. He was a bulwark of strength on the defense. In the Howard-Smith game Bogle made half of Smith's tackles and his defensive playing against Morehouse was also outstanding.

Bogle was also a power on the offensive. His ability to dent a line and move the opposition was marvelous. It was a big year for this hefty guard and he will be a terror to Smith's opposition for the next three years.

Captain Steele, Martin and Hall were given honorable mention. These three lads also played stellar ball throughout the past season.

Basketeurs Drilling

Twenty-one basket ball prospects are drilling six days each week in preparation for the '28-'29 season. Practices were light up until last week when Coach Tay-

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Frank Bogle
All-American Guard

Biggs and Henry. It was the play of these stalwarts that kept the "Bulls" in the running and landed for them their first North Carolina State Championship. Their never-say-die spirit carried the Gold and Blue to the top.

Bill Gibson of the Afro-American, picked Big Bogle as a guard on his first All-American team. Hall, Martin and Captain Steele were given honorable mention.

Summarizing the assets of the season, the "Bulls" have won the championship of North Carolina. They scored 147 points to their opponents' 87. They won four games and lost four. Losing only one man next year the outlook for one of the best teams of the year is Smith's in the gridiron campaign of next fall.

Final Standing of Team

Opponents	Smith
N. C. State	13 " 3
Howard	19 " 6
Shaw	0 " 22
State Normal	6 " 47
S. C. State	6 " 0
Paine	18 " 37
Morehouse	19 " 13