

Tag Football

Make No Mistake, It's Rough

This year, the boy's gym class is no picnic. Even though the boys are playing that sissy old game of tag football, there are almost as many casualties in all the gym classes combined to equal those of the football squad who play tackle.

Coach Lundy has the first three gym classes while Coach Whitley has fourth and fifth periods and sixth period being coached by Coach Wiggins. Most of these periods have enough boys to divide them up into four squads or at least three but fifth and sixth have most of the football players, therefore only leaving enough for just two. This many teams produces tough competition for the glory of being the "unbeatables" in that

particular class plus that ego builder of beating the number one team.

The boys seem to enjoy getting out there and bumping heads and getting up hurting a little but one the less smiling if he made a substantial gain or better yet, if he has made a touchdown. But sometimes, boys get up finding out that they have gained a badge of honor being either a sprain or a scrape. These are the ones that really get a lot out of tag football. They get out there and put almost their all for the glory of their teams and for the simple thrill of competing against each other while learning how to work with a team.

The periods start out by doing various kinds of calisthenics

just to warm up with. Just a few of these are the side-straddle hop (or jumping Jack), the killer, push-ups, sit-ups and squat-thrusts. These are the exercises that warm them up for the grand finale of matching for the option of either kicking or receiving. From then on end it is only a matter of who has the biggest players, the fastest, and has the most breaks. If the teams are evenly divided like they are supposed to be, then it is going to be a pretty good game.



BILL ROBBINS looks for a receiver behind the protection of his defenders in a gym tag football contest. (Photo by Killebrew)

Jayvee Stars Boost Varsity

Seven outstanding sophomore gridders have been brought into the varsity squad for the remainder of the season as the Jayvees have already finished theirs.

They are Tommy Cox, the only defensive specialist, at defensive back; Bill Griffin, who has already seen some

varsity quarterback action; La Mont McNeil, end; Mike Viverette, end; Nick Wicker, halfback; Tim Ballou, end; and Wayne Fredericks, guard.

These players have been broken into the varsity line-up after showing outstanding talent in the J.V. season and in some cases, players were considered good enough to be brought up before their season was through.

Hopes are high that these new additions will be a real asset to the squad against Durham here tonight in our annual homecoming game.

Jr. Varsity Closes Out '65-66 Season With A Tie And A Loss

Plagued by injuries, the Babybirds have taken on two tough opponents in the last few weeks. In the recent Raleigh game, the Jayvees, after playing an excellent first half, gave way to the force of the Broughton squad in a game that resulted in a 29-6 win for Broughton.

The half time score showed the teams locked at 6-6. The Babybirds scored on a quarterback sneak by Tommy Smith from one yard out. Raleigh also managed to score on a punt return by halfback Curin.

In second half play, the Raleigh Jayvees showed their color, exploding with 23 points. The touchdowns came with one in the third quarter and two in the fourth quarter. The Caps also managed a safety in the third quarter.

Offensive standouts for the Babybirds included quarterback Smith, and halfback Nick Wicker. Defensively Tom Cox and Vernon Potter showed impressive play.

In other action, the Babybirds fought to a 6-6 tie with Jacksonville.

Crippled with bad calls and penalties totaling 125 yards, Rocky Mount managed to cross the goal line only once and that was in the first quarter.

Nick Wicker went over after a 60 yard drive. Jacksonville tied the score with no less than one minute left in the game. They romped 70 yards with the help of four 15-yard penalties. The Babybirds threatened late in the first half, driving down to the one-foot line but drew a penalty.

Coach Stott seemed pleased with the boys. "Our blocking, running, and passing was better than in any other game, but these penalties killed us," he said.

Offensively, Nick Wicker and Rob Pitt led the running attack while Tommy Smith had a fine passing game. Defensively, Tommy Cox, Tommy Smith, Bobby Morgan, Phil Combs, Mike Viverette, and Jimmy Clayton were standouts. As the 1965-66 J.V. football

season came to an end with a 2-3-3 record, some of the outstanding players have been promoted to the varsity squad, not only to offer their assistance but also to help keep themselves in shape for next year's football season.

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