

1951 FSU Football Squad

Head Coach: Don Veller



Front Row, Left to Right: Jim Arnold, Wayne Benner, Bob Schmelz, Curt Campbell, Bob Wodrich, Harry Bringger, Ed Lockard, Bill Dawkins (Captain), Mike Sellers, Steve Kalenich, Vic Szcapanik, Earl O'Neal, Nelson Italiano, Preston Bradley, Ernie Huggett

Second Row: Al Woodham, Phil Alvers, Don Linton, Tommy Owen, Tom Sebring, Bob Tully, Charlie Brown, Buddy Bryant, Jimmy Lee Taylor, Dorsey Merritt, Gary Folsom, Ronald King, George Carnes, Dick Turk

Third Row: Marvin Mallnow, Bill Whaley, Gordon Davis, George Graham, Tom Massey, Bobby Walker, John Karlowicz, Al Garrett, Manuel Moshonas, Gene Bridges, Vern Freeze, Bobby Fiveash, Roy Thompson, Charlie Booth

Fourth Row: Mac Huey, Bill Driver, Bob Whitmer, Ernie Nagy, Roger Slaugh, Billy Joe Price, Chuck Sanders, Bill Wren, Jerry Ellenwood, Pat Polak, Gerald Smith, Joe Robinson, Ted Morrill

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THE 1951 FLORIDA STATE FOOTBALL ROSTER

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	NO.	NAME	NO. YRS. LETTERED	POSITION	CLASS	WT.	HT.	HOMETOWN	
	10	Russ Sorgen	0	E	Fresh	179	6	Fort Wayne, Ind.	
	10	Al Garrett	0	E	Fresh	168	6	Sarasota, Fla.	
10/26-	11	Roy Thompson	0	HB	Jr.	173	5-10	Wrightsville, Ga.	
	12	Buddy Bryant	1	C	Soph	183	6-3	Perry, Fla.	
	13	George Carnes	0	FB	Fresh	172	5-10½	Tampa, Fla.	
	14	Tom Massey	0	HB	Jr.	168	5-8	Gary, Ind.	
	15	Manuel Moshonos	0	E	Fresh	173	6	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	
	16	Tommy Owen	0	C	Soph	190	6-1	Webster, Fla.	9/12
	17	Tom Sebring	0	QB	Jr.	191	6	Tallahassee, Fla.	
	18	Charlie Booth	0	G	Soph	182	5-11	Lakeland, Fla.	
	19	Phil Alvers	0	HB	Soph	180	5-11	Pomona Park, Fla.	
10/23-	20	Tommy Brown	1	HB	Sr	150	5-10	Tallahassee, Fla.	
	21	Gary Folsom	0	HB	Soph	161	5-10	Jacksonville, Fla.	9/19
11/15	22	Gerald Smith	0	QB	Fresh	175	5-11	Miami, Fla.	
11/8	23	Jim Arnold	1	E	Soph	153	5-8½	Bainbridge Ga.	10/11
10/5-	24	Mac Huey	1	G-T	Soph	213	5-10	Tampa, Fla.	
	25	Joe Robinson	0	E	Fresh	181	6-1	Miami, Fla.	
	26	George Graham	0	HB	Soph	160	5-9	Santa Rosa, Calif.	
9/12-	27	Preston Bradley	1	QB	Jr.	179	5-7	Lake Wales, Fla.	
11/2/51-	28	Bobby Fiveash	0	HB	Soph	175	5-9½	Bainbridge, Ga.	
	29	Ernie Huggett	1	HB	Sr.	181	5-8½	Mishawaka, Ind.	
10/18-	30	Vic Szczepanik	2	T	Jr	186	5-10½	E. Rochester, Pa.	
11/16-	31	Jimmy Lee Taylor	0	QB	Soph	186	5-10	Tampa, Fla.	
	32	Bill Driver	1	E	Sr.	212	6-2	Girard, Ill.	10/15
	33	Bob Wodrich	1	T-G	Soph	203	6-2	Miami, Fla.	
9/17-	34	Dick Turk	1	FB	Jr.	181	5-10	South Bend, Ind.	10/9
	35	Steve Kalenich	1	C	Soph	185	5-11	Barberton, Ohio	9/27
	36	Ed Lockard	1	C	Jr.	193	6	Jacksonville, Fla.	
	37	Al Woodham	0	HB	Jr.	179	5-10	Albany, Ga.	
11/13-	38	Bob Tully	0	G	Jr.	179	5-9½	Tallahassee, Fla.	11/15
11/10-	39	Capt. Bill Dawkins	3	G	Sr.	196	5-11	Miami, Fla.	10/3
	40	Marvin Mollnow	0	C	Jr.	178	6	Jacksonville, Fla.	
	41	Vernon Freeze	0	T	Fresh	186	5-10	Mishawaka, Ind.	
9/27-	42	Nelson Italiano	1	HB	Sr.	186	5-11	Tampa, Fla.	10/23
10/20-	43	Wayne Benner	1	HB	Sr.	190	6	LaPorte, Ind.	
9/29-	44	Mike Sellers	1	FB	Sr.	212	6-1	Barberton, Ohio	11/16
10/10-	45	Curt Campbell	1	E	Jr	171	6-1	Pensacola, Fla.	11/8
	46	Gene Briges	0	E	Soph	206	6-2	Pensacola, Fla.	
	47	Bill Whaley	0	C	Fresh	178	5-11	Ocala, Fla.	
	48	Ronald King	0	FB	Soph	202	6-1	Daytona Beach, Fla.	
	49	Harry Bringger	2	HB	Jr	165	5-11	Winter Haven, Fla.	11/2/51
	50	Nat Polak	0	T	Fresh	188	5-10	Miami, Fla.	
	51	Bobby Walker	0	G	Jr	187	5-9	Augusta, Ga.	
	52	Roger Slabaugh	0	G	Fresh	188	5-9	Mishawaka, Ind.	
	53	Charlie Brown	0	QB-G	Jr	197	5-11	Monogahela, Pa.	10/18
	54	Don Linton	0	T	Jr	190	6	Port St. Joe, Fla.	
	55	Gordon Davis	0	T	Fresh	217	6	Fort Myers, Fla.	
	56	Dossey Merritt	0	T	Fresh	243	6-3	Lakeland, Fla.	
9/9-	57	Earl O'Neal	1	G	Jr	197	6	Valdosta, Ga.	
11-	58	John Karlowicz	0	T	Jr	197	5-11	Fairbank, Pa.	11/16
10/3-	59	Bob Schmelz	3	G	Sr	190	6	Willoughby, Ohio	
	60	BOB WHITMER	0	E	SR	204	6-2	SOUTH BEND, IND	
	61	ERNIE NAGY	0	T	JR	223	6-2	SOUTH BEND, IND	
	62	JERRY ELLENWOOD	0	E	FRESH	178	6	FORT WAYNE, IND	

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63	TED MORRILL	0	E	FRE	174	6-1	MIAMI, FLA.
64	CHAS SANDERS	0	T	FRE	184	6-1	MONONGAHELA, PA.

DUPLICATE NUMBERS

24	GEORGE KIRBY	0	T	FRE	190	6-1	TALLAHASSEE, FLA.
37	AL GARRETT	0	E	FRE	168	6	SARASOTA, FLA.
47	JOHNNY SHEPPARD	0	QB	FRE	175	5-8½	TALLAHASSEE, FLA.
54	JOHN MURCHEK	0	C	FRE	190	6	EAST CHICAGO, ILL.
57	CHARLES CLARK	0	G	FRE	180	5-8	ST. CLOUD, MINN.
58	TOM NADRICH	0	T	FRE	195	6-3	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO
26	EARL BROWN	0	C	FRE	175	5-10	19 TALLAHASSEE, FLA.
27	RALPH ATWELL	0	HB	FRE	170	5-11	18 PENSACOLA, FLA.

~~Bob~~ Hudson 0 HB Soph 160 5-11 19 Sarasota, Fla. -TR
~~Jim~~ Eady 0 HB Soph 175 5-10 19 Kalamazoo, Mich -TR
 Bob Swire
 Bill David
 Jerry Cigarran
 Dave Stinson

DON VELLER, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL COACH WHO
ALREADY HAS THE REPUTATION OF A WORRIER, WILL HAVE PLENTY TO W
WORRY ABOUT WHEN HE GOES TO REPLACE HIS STAR PUNTER AND STAR
EXTRA POINT KICKER.

TOMMY BROWN WILL BE LOST TO THE TEAM THROUGH GRADUATION
AND HE DID MOST OF THE PUNTING. ~~XXXX XXXXXX~~ ^{IS} TOMMY/A GRADUATE
OF LEON HIGH SCHOOL OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA. HE PLAYED ON THE
ARMY TEAM BEFORE COMING TO FLORIDA STATE. ~~SCENCE~~ ^{Since} COMING TO
FLORIDA STATE TOMMY HAS PLAYED VERY GOOD FOOTBALL. TO REPLACE
TOMMY, COACH VELLER HAS BEEN LOOKING AT A BOY WHO ALSO GRADUATED
FROM LEON HIGH SCHOOL, TOM SEBRING. TOM HAD THE REPUTATION OF
BEING A FINE PUNTER IN HIGH SCHOOL AND WITH A LITTLE HARD WORK
HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO A FINE JOB OF REPLACING TOMMY IN THE
PUNTING ~~POSITION~~ ^{Position}

ERNIE HUGGETT, WHO ALSO GRADUATES, WAS THE EXTRA POINT KICK-
ER. ERNIE COMES TO FLORIDA STATE FROM MISHAWAKA, INDIANA.

ERNIE, ~~BECAUSE~~ ^{has} BECAUSE OF PHYSICAL DISABILITY, ~~UNABLE~~ ^{is} UNABLE TO PLAY
REGULAR. ^{by} TO ~~THE~~ COACH VELLER HAS NOT YET FOUND A ^{replacement}

~~for the season.~~
LOST TO THE SQUAD OTHER THAN THESE BOY'S ARE A GOOD MANY OTHER
PLAYERS WHO HAVE HELPED THE TEAM A GREAT DEAL. CAPTAIN BILL
DAWKINS, WHO ~~XXXXXXX~~ CAME TO FLORIDA STATE FROM MIAMI,
IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH AS ONE OF THE FINEST ~~GAURDS~~ ^{GUARDS}
IN FOOTBALL. ANOTHER FINE BALL PLAYER IS FULLBACK MIKE SELLERS
WHO COMES TO US FROM BARBERTON, OHIO. KNOWN ~~XXXX~~ TO THE TEAM
AS ONE OF THE FINEST PASS RECEIVERS IS A BOY FROM SOUTH BEND,
INDIANA, BOB WHITMER. JIMMY ARNOLD, WHO WAS A VERY FINE DEFENSIVE
END, WAS LOST TO THE NAVY. END BILL DRIVER, WHO BECAUSE OF
INJURIES WAS OUT MOST OF THE SEASON, COMES FROM GIRARD, ILL.

TWO MORE BOYS WHO PLAYED FINE BALL THIS YEAR ARE GUARD BOB SCHMELZ
DEFENSIVE HALFBACK
AND WAYNE BENNER. BOB IS FROM WILLOUGHBY, OHIO AND WAYNE IS FROM
LA PORTE, INDIANA.

THE TEAM ALONG WITH COACH VELLER HATES TO LOSE THESE FINE
PLAYERS BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER FINE PLAYERS ON THE TEAM ~~AND~~

~~THEY ARE ALL FINE PLAYERS.~~ BUT COACH VELLER IS STILL WORRIED
ABOUT HOW TO REPLACE THESE FINE BALL PLAYERS

The questionnaire requested information on these indices: (1) Five "Big" All-American nominees; (2) Five All-American nominees from the specific college's league or group; (3) three best opposing players met by the specific college. The returns were signed by coaches or publicity and athletic directors.

The nominations were far less "local" in character than ever before in the 19 years of the System's annual polling. That was a splendid reaction to a growing appreciation of the fact that A-1 football has spread to every nook and crannie of the nation.

Note that the System's compilation avoided the dodge of putting all the highest point-getters on the first three teams. Some of the honorable-mention quarters and fullbacks gained more points than some of the halves on the second and third teams.

Only in that way did the Williamson System bow to specialization. Otherwise these players are presented as all-round All-Americans.

Richard Kazmaier of Princeton won the Williamson System's recognition as being the most valuable player of the 1951 grid season. His total of 1968 "voting points" was clearly out in front. Bill McColl, Stanford's phenomenal end, with 1843 voting points, was Williamson's top lineman of the season.

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WILLIAMSON'S 1951 MID-BRACKET BALANCED ALL-AMERICANS

E. Curt Campbell, Fla.State 182	Norman, Gus.Adolphus 150	Currin, Dayton 126
E. Lou McClelland, MemphisSt.153	Aplin, Tampa 137	Glazier, Arizona 108
T. Chester LaGod, Chattanooga332	Jennings, So.Dakota U. 198	Musmeci, Miss.South.175
T. Les Wheeler, Abilene Chr. 215	Scheider, Ohio U. 187	Dublinski, Utah 171
G. Chas.Salmon, Williams 238	Dawkins, Fla.State 204	Pocius, Maine 164
G. Skip Jobson, Trinity Tex. 212	Kochevar, Brig.Young 187	Makovitch, West.Md. 159
C. Quincy Armstrong, No.Texas185	Archer, Coast Guard 165	Rubino, Citadel 97
Q. John Unitas, Louisville 278	Beeler, Wofford 242	Etcheverry, Denver 201
H. John Pont, Miami Ohio 495	Preston, San Diego St. 237	Aplanalp, San Jose 200
H. Robt. Miller, Em.& Henry 312	Pahr, Valparaiso 206	Byrne, Montana 196
F. Pete Retzlaff, S.Dak.St. 252	McElroy, Miss.South. 178	Connelly, N'Eastern 166

HONORABLE MENTIONS: ENDS: Staples, Abilene Christian; David, Colorado A&M; Zelinski, Citadel; Cooper, Denver; Howard, Emory & Henry; Rush, Miami Ohio; Callender, Louisiana College; McKellar, Miss.Southern; Swann, North Texas; Kirven, Presbyterian; Hanson, South Dakota U.; Matesic, Tempe State; Patridge, Texas Western; Walker, Texas Western; Hotchkin, Utah State; Knopick, Wichita TACKLES: Achziger, Colorado A&M; Sotier, Connecticut; Neblet, Emory & Henry; Meadows, Memphis State; Green, Miami Ohio; Mann, Miss.Southern; Richardson, Maine; Bishop, North Texas; Neeley, Presbyterian GUARDS: Donarski, Arizona U.; Chai, Denver; Newsome, Lenoir Rhyne; Brewer, North Texas; Neeley, Presbyterian; Pollard, Wofford CENTERS: McCoy, Morris Harvey; Carpenter, San Jose State; Edwards, Utah State; Gardner, Utah U. QUARTERS: Brady, Bradley; Ledyard, Chattanooga; Burroughs, Colorado A&M; Davis, Emory & Henry; Garret, Lenoir Rhyne; Sturgeon, Maine; Anania, Morris Harvey; Thompson, San Diego State; Johnson, Stetson; Lahosky, Tampa HALVES: Sitton, Abilene Christian; Oliverson, Brigham Young; Mamajek, Citadel; Ruth, Davidson; Mancos, Kent State; Shelton, Louisville; Trugnak, Lenoir Rhyne; Bahnsen, North Texas; Hill, New Mexico U.; Renfro, North Texas; Hallada, No.Dakota U.; Mendonsa, San Jose; Brende, South Dakota U.; Hoff, South Dakota State; Marks, Stetson; Morrison, Tempe State; Cooper, Tempe State; Dublinski, Utah; Richmond, Wayne U. FULLBACKS: Hinson, Abilene Christian; Westover, Brigham Young; Spadafora, Coast Guard; Akau, Dayton; Sellers, Florida State; Brewer, Louisville; Romino, Morris Harvey.

✓ This is NOT a "Little" All-American group of football elevens. It consists of players from 4-year schools with final 1951 Williamson ratings of mostly between 85.0 and 78.0. Naturally the college questionnaire information from which these selections emerged was more "localized" than in the case of the so-called "Big" All-American group. However, intersectional play among mid-bracket teams enabled the System to winnow out an intelligently fair national picture here.

John Pont, outstanding back of Miami U. of Ohio, with a highest total of 495 "voting points" in his group, won the distinction of most valuable 1951 grid player in Mid-Bracket circles. Chester LaGod, devastating tackle of Chattanooga, with 332 voting points, gained top honors in the 1951 Mid-Bracket line.

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WILLIAMSON'S 1951 LITTLE ALL-AMERICAN BALANCED POLL

E. Jack Bighead, Pepperdine 315	Cahill, Northern Ill. 240	Steffoff, Kalamazoo 210
E. Dale Bruce, Ohio Wesleyan267	McCormack, East Texas 225	Lee, Millsaps 210
T. Bruno Ashley, E.Texas 183	Lehman, Calif.Aggies 165	Duca, Flagstaff 135
T. James Webers, Lawrence 168	Williamson, S.Fran.State150	Vuzzelli, Buffalo 128
G. Howard Dubois, Neb.Wesley184	Cox, Lewis & Clark 129	Saxon, Linfield 106
G. Wm. Chai, Emporia Col. 158	Provenzano, St.Michaels 114	Havel, Washburn 111
C. James Hazlette, Susqhanna222	Spencer, St.Lawrence 151	Bahnsack, Iowa Tch.131
Q. Robt.Heimerdinger, No.Ill.452	McDonald, Central Mich. 345	Gustafson, Augustana330
H. Ed Mulkin, SEWanee 315	Brown, East Texas 310	Brabo, Calif.Poly 210
H. Robt.Flanagan, St.Ambrose340	White, N.Mex.Western 295	Carpenter, Lamar 185
F. Ralph Dimicco, Alfred 363	Romine, Florence State 287	Fairman, Knox 277



CAPT. BILL DAWKINS
GUARD



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY'S 1951 FOOTBALL SQUAD
WON 6, LOST 2, TIED 0



DR. DON VELLER
HEAD COACH

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TOM ROBBERSON
ASST. COACH



BILL ARMSTRONG
ASST. COACH



CHARLIE ARMSTRONG
ASST. COACH



BOB HARBISON
ASST. COACH



RALPH MATHERLY
GRAD. ASSISTANT



MAC HUEY
QUARTERBACK



NELSON ITALIANO
HALFBACK



PRESTON BRADLEY
GUARD



ERNIE HUGGETT
HALFBACK



BOB SCHMELZ
GUARD



JIMMY TAYLOR
END



JOHN KARLOWICZ
TACKLE



CHARLEY BROWN
GUARD



HARRY BRINGER
HALFBACK



ROY THOMPSON
HALFBACK



BOB WHITMER
END



CHARLEY BOOTH
GUARD



TOMMY BROWN
HALFBACK



BOB TULLY
GUARD



VIC SZCZEPANIK
TACKLE



MIKE SELLERS
FULLBACK



WAYNE BENNER
HALFBACK



DICK TURK
FULLBACK



JOE LONG
MANAGER



STEVE KALENICH
CENTER



BOB WODRICH
TACKLE



EARL O'NEAL
GUARD



BILL DRIVER
END



BOBBY FIVEASH
HALFBACK



CURT CAMPBELL
END



JIM ARNOLD



EDDIE KNEIST
TRAINER

1951

Seminoles