

The First Football Team



The Trojan football team placed third in conference in 1949 gaining statewide attention. Among their wins was the defeat of the 1948 co-champions and a 20-18 win in which all 20 points were scored in the 4th quarter.



Taylor University joined the world of intercollegiate football in the fall of 1948.

Taylor had touch football programs prior to 1948, but this was the beginning of the true college tackle football program that we know today. Taylor's first game was against Huntington and took place on September 24 at the home field of Memorial Stadium in Marion. During this time, the team was coached solely by Don Odle, head of the Physical Education Department. On September 16, 1949, under the leadership of Paul Williams, with assistance from Coach Odle, the Trojans achieved their first victory when they succeeded in beating Huntington at Memorial Stadium in the first game of the season with a 12-0 win.