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FOOTBALL



Coach Odle

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY



Bob Pieschke

Christ Their Captain

Taylor University has proved over a long period that intercollegiate athletics and Christian living not only can go along together, but that they actually supplement each other.

Every Monday night from 9:30 to 10:30, the boys on the football team meet for devotions in their clubhouse. The average attendance is twenty-five. Many of the players are preparing for full time Christian service, and others who are majoring in physical education will keep Christ as one of the major powers in their coaching careers.

Don Granitz is a triple threat man who excels at kicking and passing and who can carry the ball

when called upon. Don has been active in church work for several years in his home town of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, and he plans to be a missionary in French West Africa.

Bob Pieschke, Detroit, Michigan, is one of the many men who plan to coach. This 180-pound end came to Taylor from a fine Christian family, and his clean play is an inspiration to his fellow gridmen.

The team launched a project this fall in which its members contact children in the rural areas and make it possible for them to attend Sunday School. Their coach, Don J. Odle, is the superintendent of the campus Sunday School and has been the leading factor in the spiritual growth of his proteges.

As the President Sees Football

Now that football has been introduced as a part of our intercollegiate athletic program, and we have had a few games to observe, it is possible to appraise the results to some extent. The fact is that the innovation of football on any college campus begets the most enthusiasm and student interest of any athletic contest that can be engaged in by college athletes. Our interest at Taylor has not been to engage in the least in any device to induce and inveigle outstanding athletes to come to the school with no other thought in mind than the contribution they might make to the athletic program.

1948 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Friday	September 24	Huntington	Home
Saturday	October 2	Wilmington	Away
Saturday	October 9	Ohio Northern	Home
Saturday	October 16	Canterbury	Away
Saturday	October 23	Hillsdale	Away
Friday	October 29	Bluffton	Home
Saturday	November 6	Rio Grande	Away

Rather, we have added a sport with the same relationship to the total program of the school that other athletic events maintain.

Athletics in the Taylor University program are a wholesome part of student development and contribute to the participants and observers in the areas of physical, spiritual, and social development. In this respect it becomes evident that Taylor's athletic program is different from that of many schools engaged in intercollegiate athletics, and this is true because Taylor herself is different. Our thought is to merge intercollegiate football into Taylor's traditional pattern. If this were not possible, then football could not have been introduced.

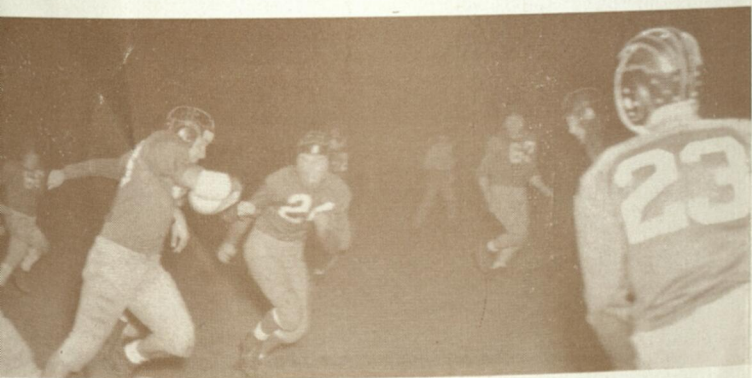
—Clyde W. Meredith

Trojans On The Gridiron

Taylor University has athletic facilities for football and for other sports that would be difficult to duplicate in any other college of its size. Trojan gridmen practice on a regulation size field on the campus, and they play their home games at Memorial Field, Marion. This field can accommodate about 6000 fans, and it is lighted for night games.

The decision to take the home games to Marion resulted in a real football atmosphere with crowds ranging up to four thousand and a resulting wide coverage by local papers and by the press associations. For Taylor's initial encounter with Huntington College, the Trojans not only displayed a good brand of football, but school officials put on a big-time show with a Homecoming Queen and attendants, a 200-piece band, and the world's champion baton twirler.

Drawing from many states, Coach Odle has assembled a line this year that averages slightly over 200 pounds and a backfield that approaches an average of 180. This poundage has to some extent offset the handicap of a team which has never played together as a unit before. Although he had to build from the bottom up this year, the coach is counting on experience gained during the current season to produce a team that will take most of the 1949 schedule.





Homecoming Queen Candidates

After 102 Years

One of the reasons why Taylor University introduced football was to bring to its campus in the fall the color, action, and thrills that accompany this great game. In providing its students with these indispensable elements of American college life, Taylor teams carry their tradition of hard, clean intercollegiate sports into a new field.

After years of competition on the track, basketball floor, baseball diamond, and tennis court, Taylor has grown large enough to justify football. Intercollegiate athletics at this school have resulted in a closer tie with other schools of higher education in Indiana and the middle west.

Taylor is a member of the Indiana Intercollegiate Athletic Association but meets teams from Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, and other states. Under the leadership of Don J. Odle, Director of Athletics, and R. Edgar May, Director of Physical Education, Taylor will continue to gain respect in the field of intercollegiate athletics.

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