

Cambridge City Wampus Cat 1959 football team

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First row, left to right: Lee Collins, Paul Close, Charles Carlson, Brent Bundy, Jim Raby, Larry Stanley, Larry Waskom, John Patterson and Sylvan Schwegman.

Second row, left to right: Dave Ervin, manager; Doug Eckart, Billy Buckland, Carl Collins, Ralph Werner, Bill Swigart, Don Healton, Paul Schneider, Ron DeWeese, Jerry Thompson, Steve Briar, Alan Gollither, Ron Ellsbury and Dave Dunavent - quarterback but was injured this season.

Third row left to right: Bob Moore, manager; Ronnie Jackson, Charles Irvin, Ray Mohler, DeWayne Montgomery, Frank Schwegman, Lester Bryant, Eddie Hauk, Steve Derrick, Jim Eckart, Warren Fields, Dick Craig and Gary Smith.

Fourth row, left to right: Lee Felton, assistant coach; Jack Copeland, assistant coach; Gary Jordan, Jim DeWeese, Jim Vallandingham, Dave Gethers, Larry Fink, Ronnie Frazer, Larry Worl, Gene Raby, Mark York, Dennis Keihn , Jack Jarvis, Jerry Colvin, Jim Bachman and Calvin Duff, head coach. Terry Jarvis and Ronnie Lammott were absent when the picture was taken.

By Jim Thompson

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CAMBRIDGE CITY. - If Wampus Cat coach Calvin "Buzzy" Duff can find replacements for six graduated regulars in his flock of underclassmen, Cambridge City stands to improve on its 4-4 football record of last season.

The Wampus Cats have an adequate backfield, built around quarterback Brent Bundy, halfbacks Charles Carlson and Paul Close and fullback Larry Stanley, but lack depth at the guard and tackle posts.

Only nine seniors are on the Wampus Cat 49-man varsity roster, although sophomore Dave Dunavent must now be scratched due to a knee injury. He was a bright quarterback hope.

Duff has other lettermen available at center in John Patterson, 5-7, 147 pounds, at tackle in Jim Raby, 6-3, 205; at end, Jerry Thompson, 6-2, 154, and at guard, Larry Waskom, 5-10, 157.

Use Multiple Attack

Duff, starting his third year at the helm of the Wampus Cats, again will employ both the "T" and single-wing formations, using an unbalanced line.

He considers Lawrenceburg and defending champion Brookville among the toughest teams in the Eastern Indiana Athletic conference. He won't count out his own school, however.

Assisting Duff as the opener with Anderson Highland nears are Lee Felton and Jack Copeland. Felton is starting his first year here, moving from Union township of Randolph county.

Anderson Highland, Greensburg and Lakota, Ohio, are the new foes on the Cambridge City football schedule, with Fairmount being dropped from last season. The Ohio school is located near Hamilton and is in its first year of the grid sport.

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Wampus Cats To Meet Highland Friday In Season Opener

Cambridge City's football team is expected to be in good condition when it opens the 1959 grid season at home Friday night against a visiting Highland eleven.

The Highland school, located just outside Anderson, Ind., will provide the first opposition in a nine-game schedule for the Wampus Cats. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the gate.

Wampus Cat Coach Calvin Duff reports that no serious injuries have hampered the squad, which has been undergoing the usual strenuous pre-season conditioning since August 15. All conference

back, Brent Bundy, has had flu during the last few days but is recovering and is expected to start the game Friday.

Duff takes his aggregation into the current season bolstered by eight returning lettermen and hopes to better the 4-4 record of the 1958 season.

Lost from the 1958 team are eight lettermen, including five starters. A big hole to plug will be the tackle spot occupied last year by Garth Fisher.

Line A Question Mark

The 1959 starting lineup numbers only three returning lettermen in the line, but several other newcomers are coming along fine, according to Duff.

Returning lettermen. Besides Bundy, are Charles Carlson, halfback, Paul Close, halfback, Larry Stanley, fullback, Jerry Thompson, end, Jim Raby, tackle, Larry Waskom, Guard and John Patterson, center.

Probable starting line-up for Friday's game , as announced by Duff is:

Ends - Bill Swigart and Thompson; tackles - Raby and Sylvan Schwegman or Carl Collins; guards - Wascom and Jimmy Eckart or Don Heulton; center - Patterson or Duane Montgomery; quarterback - Bundy; halfbacks - Close and Carlson; fullback - Stanley.

Others To See Acton

Although not probable starters, two other boys whom Coach Duff says are sure to see action are Paul Schneider and Lee Collins.

Good weather has helped the local squad shape up into better-than-average condition. Recent drills have stressed work on Coach Duff's system of using a multiple offense, with unbalance line. The Cats will operate from a split T and single wing formation. At the end of last week, Jim Raby, who along with Larry Waskom was named last year to the all-conference second team, was elected captain by his team mates for the coming season.

Schedule Listed

Coach Duff announced this week that the October 2 open date has been filled by Lakota, Ohio, a new school in that locality who will travel here for a game on the Lincoln high school field. Two other schools, Highland and Greensburg, are also new to the schedule this year.

Duff said the October 16 open date will remain open.

The schedule of four home and five away games is as follows:
Sept. 4- Highland, here; Sept. 11 - Brookville. there; Sept. 18 - Batesville, there; Sept. 25 - Greensburg, there; Oct. 2 - Lakota, Ohio, here; Oct. 9 - Lawrenceburg, there; Oct. 16 - open; Oct. 20 - Aurora, here; Oct. 27 - Hagerstown, here.

Roster

Name	Class	Position	Height	Weight
Bachman, Jim	Fr.	G	5-3	104
Briar, Steve	Jr.	HB	5-7	128
Bryant, Lester	So.	E	6-3	158
Buckland, Billy	Jr.	HB	5-6	130
Bundy, Brent	Sr.	QB	5-8	155
Carlson, Charles	Sr.	HB	5-8	148
Close, Paul	Sr.	HB	5-5	120
Craig, Dick	Fr.	HB	5-6	146
Collins, Carl	Jr.	T	6-0	193
Collins, Lee	Sr.	FB	5-9	155
Colvin, Jerry	Fr.	E	5-10	138
Derrick, Steve	So.	G	5-8	121
DeWeese, Jimmy	Fr.	HB	5-2	97
DeWeese, Ronnie	Jr.	HB	5-4	113
Dunavent, Dave	So.	QB	5-8	139
Eckart, Jim	So.	G	5-9	157
Eckart, Doug	So.	HB	5-10	130
Ellsbury, Ron	Fr.	E	5-8	139
Fields, Warren	So.	QB	5-7	130
Fink, Larry	Fr.	FB	5-6	142
Frazer, Ronnie	Fr.	HB	5-5	116
Gethers, Dave	Fr.	QB	5-4	111
Golliher, Alan	Jr.	G	5-11	148
Hauk, Eddie	So.	E	5-10	156
Heulton, Don	Jr.	T	5-10	182
Irvin, Charles	So.	F	5-9	149
Jackson, Ronnie	So.	E	5-9	132
Jarvis, Jack	Fr.	G	5-6	118
Jarvis, Terry	Jr.	T	5-10	161
Jordan, Gary	Fr.	E	5-8	117
Keihn, Dennis	Fr.	HB	5-8	145

Name	Class	Position	Height	Weight
Lammott, Ronnie	Fr.	T	5-6	152
Mohler, Ray	So.	G	5-10	150
Montgomery, DeWayne	So.	C	5-9	162
Patterson, John	Sr.	C	5-7	147
Raby, Gene	Fr.	G	5-5	122
Raby, Jim	Sr.	T	6-3	205
Schneider, Paul	Jr.	HB	5-8	144
Schwegman, Frank	So.	T	5-11	178
Schwegman, Sylvan	Sr.	T	6-0	261

Name	Class	Position	Height	Weight
Smith, Gary	Fr.	HB	5-5	121
Stanley, Larry	Sr.	FB	5-11	174
Swigart, Bill	Jr.	E	6-2	155
Thompson, Jerry	Jr.	E	6-2	154
Vallandingham, Jim	Fr.	E	5-7	129
Waskom, Larry	Sr.	G	5-10	157
Werner, Ralph	Jr.	G	5-8	140
Worl, Larry	So.	T	6-0	190
York, Mark	Jr.	HB	5-7	128

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How 'time marches on' – ten years ago the Cambridge City Wampus Oats under coach Floyd (Butch) Peters played their first football game in the modern history of the school. They defeated Brookville 30-0 in the opening game. It was the first season for Brookville, too. The Cats won 2 and lost 5 in 1950; the other victory was a 39-6 win over West

Alexandria, Ohio. Losses were to Seven Mile, Ohio, Batesville, Royerton, Knightstown Memorial and Winchester Did you know that there are six sets of brothers on the Cats football squad this fall? - namely: Carl and Lee Collins, Jimmy and Ronnie DeWeese, Jim and Doug Eckart, Jack and Terry Jarvis, Gene and Jim Raby, Frank and Sylvan·Schwegman.

Wampus Cats Trim Anderson-Highland Romp Over Visitors By 38 To 7, Thompson Gets Three Touchdowns

CAMBRIDGE CITY. - Calvin "Buzz" Duff and his Cambridge City Wampus Cats roared away to a glowing start here Friday night by romping over consolidated Anderson-Highland, 38-7.

Outstanding offensive play of Brent Bundy and Jerry Thompson and excellent defensive work by Jim Raby and John Patterson paved the way for the victory.

Thompson intercepted two passes for two touchdowns and added a third on a seven-yard catch from Bundy.

Charles Carlson also took laurels for the night with a 25 yard touchdown run following an interception and a three-yard plunge.

In fact it was Carlson that started matters off in the first period with his plunge. The point after touchdown try was good on a plunge

by Bundy and it was 7-0 before the capacity crowd had fully settled in their seats.

Bundy To Thompson

Moments later Bundy hit Thompson and it was 13-0 but this time the point-after try went astray.

In the second period the Wampus Cats continued to roll with two more scores. Thompson got the first on a -45-yard interception and Carlson the second after snaring a pass 25 yards out.

In the third period, Thompson grabbed his second interception and romped 27 yards for the TD.

And finally Anderson-Highland dented the Wampus Cat defense for a score. It was Jay McCarron getting the TD from 11 yards out on a sweep. He also added the point-after and scoring for the visitors was ended for the night.

The final Cambridge tally was from nine yards away with Bundy going off tackle. Paul Close plunged for the second point-after of the night for the winners and it was all over.

Duff highly praised the work of Raby and Patterson on defense. Raby collected 15 tackles for the evening at his tackle position with Patterson getting 10 as a linebacker.

The Wampus Cats, who ended with a 4-4 record last season, head into Brookville next Friday night for a match with the tough Greyhounds.

Score by periods:

Anderson - Highland	0	0	7	0	7
Cambridge City	13	12	6	7	38

Touchdowns:	Anderson - Highland	
	McCarroll	1
	Cambridge City	
	Thompson	3
	Carlson	2
	Bundy	1

Points after touchdowns:	Anderson – Highland
	McCarroll (plunge)
	Cambridge City
	Bundy (plunge)
	Close (plunge)