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● As once again the last remnants of summer vanished, carrying with them cherished, carefree holidays, Football, idolized king of sports, assumed the rein of public interest. On gridirons throughout the country, coaches worked feverishly to shape up teams for the keen competition which is to be found in football today. Every player, from the star halfback to the freshman guard, worked a little harder, sweated a little more, to prepare for the crowning glory of all—an undefeated season. In Tigertown, too, such was the case. Coach Bill Gilliland was rapidly producing from a wealth of material a squad, the like of which had not been seen at Withrow for many seasons. With keen anticipation, coaches, team, and students alike awaited the opening tilt with Reading High which would give the boys their first sample of actual engagement. On the allotted day, Tiger gridsters proved themselves equal to the task and came from behind in the second half to wallop the Reading boys 28-13. Having thus bagged a relatively easy opener, the ever-improving Orange and Black aimed for a highly-touted Xavier team the following week under the Mazdas. To the surprise of all, the Tigers stopped Stan Schneider and company cold, to the tune of 25-0 with speed merchant Dick Ernst racking up all four tallies in an action-packed thriller. Justly elated over shattering the Bomber win streak, Bill Gilliland's warriors then journeyed out of the state to try their talents on the boys from Shortridge, Indiana. Both teams used power to best advantage and, after the first half, things re-

mained all locked up. Finally Tiger speed broke through and the boys sewed it up in the fourth quarter 27-12. The team then returned under the lights the following week to break the Purcell Cavaliers. Lanky end Benny Duncan intercepted a pass and sped to pay dirt, which yanked the game out of the fire. Withrow won 14-6. With one sizzling victory after another the red-hot Tigers steamrollered their oldest rival, Hughes, 27-13, in the annual double header at U.C. stadium. Behind Jim Neison's reliable passing arm the boys chalked up another in the win column by downing a mediocre Woodward eleven 35-0. The sad story began on a rainy, soggy afternoon when an obviously under-par Tiger team allowed the Walnut Hills Eagles to eke out a 7-6 victory. The defensive play of all-star Carl Eschenback was the only redeeming feature of the day. With hopes for another PHSL title considerably dampened, the Orange and Black entered into the fray with Western Hills as slight underdogs, but nobody expected the Maroons to slash through the Tiger line to a 27-7 triumph as they did. Although the strategical advantage was close, Frank Sutton was the only Withrow back who managed to reel off much ground. The boys hit their stride again and downed the Central Hornets 34-7 in the final tilt of the season. Although the Tigers did not wind up the season undefeated, they undoubtedly had a successful gridiron campaign; so we spectators doff our hats in admiration to those boys who gave their best and look forward eagerly to next year.