

The W. H. S. Football Team of 1951, slated to be the cellar-dwellers in the P.H.S.L., surprised everyone by finishing the campaign with a 3-3-2 record and grabbed off the fourth-place berth behind Western Hills.

Two of the victories were registered in the P.H.S.L., and the other was a surprising upset over Portsmouth, in the season opener. Our boys were held to a 6 to 6 deadlock by Western Hills, and knotted up to a thriller with Washington Court House, the favored team, 13 all. Suffering defeats at the hands of Central Vocational, Withrow, and Hamilton Catholic, they bounced back to finish the season by walloping Walnut Hills.

The team consisted of a large number of vets; in fact, there were eleven of them.

The major part of those returning to the team were seniors, who were playing their final season of football at Woodward. Seniors dominated the backfield positions, with the exception of the right halfback spot. This was filled by fleetfooted Adolph Frazier, a junior, who did a wonderful job of carrying the pigskin all season long. He is expected to shoulder the burden of the backfield next season.

The average weight of the team was low as compared with their opponents; the boys proved that this was not very important. Perseverance, courage, fighting spirit and sportsmanship were more important. These qualities weld a team from a group of individuals, and our boys proved that they had what it took.



Left to right, first row—J. Golightly, W. Lewis, R. Kelly, S. Broughton, B. Miles, J. Wise, B. Jackson, H. Birks, B. Caldwell. Second row—B. Neal, D. Cesler, B. Routt, W. Alfred, J. Somori, G. Eastham, D. Cox, J. Moran, B. Sharp, A. Kien. Third row—B. Johnson, A. Frazier, B. Wilburn, F. Hargrove, C. Wright, R. James, R. Claunch, L. Spivey, W. Morris. Fourth row—N. Foster, E. Ware, R. Carson, C. Shears, J. Williams, W. Burress, J. Brown, J. Smallwood, P. Orloff.