

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

1947

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NICKNAME-----Falcons  
COLORS-----Orange and Brown  
UNIVERSITY FOUNDED-----1910  
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### 1947 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 20	Xavier University at Cincinnati (Night)
Saturday, Sept. 27	CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE
Saturday, Oct. 4	University of Dayton at Dayton
Saturday, Oct. 11	Miami University at Oxford
Saturday, Oct. 18	OHIO UNIVERSITY
Saturday, Oct. 25	KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
Saturday, Nov. 1	FINDLAY COLLEGE
Saturday, Nov. 8	St. Bonaventure College at Olean, N.Y.
Saturday, Nov. 15	IOWA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
Saturday, Nov. 22	William and Mary at Williamsburg, Va.

### 1946 RESULTS

EG

0	Central Michigan College	7
13	Ball State Teachers College	0
0	Miami University	6
13	Kent State University	0
13	Canisius College	7
14	Oberlin College	0
9	St. Bonaventure College	13
33	Xavier University	6

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## MEET THE COACH

Robert H. Whittaker, in fielding his 1947 Falcon eleven, is starting his seventh season as head football coach at Bowling Green State University.

The 43-year old Whittaker joined the Bowling Green athletic staff in February, 1941, after compiling one of the most impressive high school records in the state at Sandusky high school. Bob served one year, 1929, as assistant coach before taking over the head man position. From 1932 to 1936 the Blue Streaks won 38 consecutive games--five more than amassed at Massillon high school by the renown Paul Brown. The teams in 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935 and 1938 were undefeated.

At Bowling Green Whittaker has led the Falcons to 32 victories, 15 losses, and 3 ties. In his initial season, 1941, the Falcons enjoyed one of the best seasons with seven wins against one defeat and a tie. Whittaker was nominated as a candidate from Ohio for the "Coach of the Year" award at the end of the season. During the war years Whittaker pieced together some teams composed of Navy V-12 students and a few civilians but he always finished the season above the .500 mark.

Born in Greenville, O., Bob attended high school at Lorain and Norwalk, taking part in four years of football. At Miami University he played halfback where his teammate was Paul Brown, the Cleveland Browns' coach and general manager. Whittaker also took part in track at the Oxford school running the dashes and throwing the javelin to a college record. He worked his way through Miami firing furnaces and waiting table, filling in with summer employment by working on

the state highway and carrying ice.

In 1929 he was graduated from Miami with a degree of bachelor of science in education. He took graduate work at Ohio State but received his masters degree from Bowling Green State University in 1942.

Bob is medium build weighing 164, the same as when in high school, has brown hair and blue eyes. He is married and has two daughters, Jean, 16, and Joan, 14. He acquired the nickname "The Bear" by his boys soon after coming to Bowling Green and it still carries.

With sailboating as his chief hobby, Bob maintains a summer home on Put-In-Bay island on Lake Erie. He participates in the Inter-Lake Regatta every year, winning the top honors in 1940, 1941 and 1943. In the winter he enjoys ice skating and skiing. He also likes handball.

Whittaker is noted for turning out teams that are always in good physical condition. A phrase which can always be found in his opening talk with the candidates is "if we aren't the best team on the field we will be the best conditioned team out there." And they usually are.

Whittaker's coaching record at Bowling Green is:

YEAR	WON	LOST	TIED	BG	OPP	AVG.
1941	7	1	1	173	22	.875
1942	6	2	1	135	55	.750
1943	5	3	1	194	104	.625
1944	5	3	0	133	118	.625
1945	4	3	0	79	81	.571
1946	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>.625</u>
Total	32	15	3	809	419	.680

AND HERE ARE THE ASSISTANTS

George Muellich has been one of Whittaker's assistants for all of the six years that the former Sanduskian has been at the Bowling Green helm.

In 1941 while still teaching at Toledo Macomber, Muellich drove down each afternoon to handle the duties of assistant line coach. The next year he joined the staff on a permanent basis and as Whittaker's chief aide handles the linemen, making all game substitutions.

George is among the outstanding athletes turned out by Toledo Waite. He played three years of football and basketball besides doubling in baseball and track. After his successful career at Waite, he entered Michigan Normal where he starred as an end in football and all-conference guard on the Ypsilanti quintet.

Graduating in 1931, Muellich found himself back at his alma mater, Waite, as assistant coach in football and basketball. In the latter sport he was helping his present boss, Harold Anderson, BG's athletic director, who was then pacing Waite with some good cage teams.

Muellich switched to the assistant's job at Toledo Scott for two years but returned to Waite in 1934 to take over the head basketball job and assist on the gridiron. In 1938 he moved to Toledo Macomber as chief cage mentor and developed some outstanding teams in the next four years.

In the winter George helps Anderson with the Bee Gee cage team and teaches in the health and physical education department.

Fred Marsh not only handles the Falcon freshman eleven but helps with the varsity linemen and does a good share of the football scouting.

Fred is at home in Bowling Green where he starred with the local high school eleven as guard, being named on the all-sectional squad in his senior year. He captained the basketball team from a guard post and also gained district honors.

Upon graduating in 1928 Fred entered Denison College where he performed for two years on the Big Red gridiron but returned to the hometown university to finish his education. As a member of the Falcon pigskin squad, he was selected as an all-Northwest conference guard for two years. He is still considered one of the best guards ever to wear the Orange and Brown. On the Bee Gee court squad he played a guard for a pair of seasons.

With his degree in education conferred in 1933, he served one year as Falcon freshman coach before joining the Bee Gee high school staff as assistant football and basketball mentor. After 6 years in this capacity, during which time he acquired a masters from Columbia University, Fred returned to the university in 1940 as freshman football and basketball coach and varsity golf chief.

In 1942 he was commissioned a lieutenant in the Navy's physical education program serving four years at Georgia Pre-Flight, Norfolk Naval Air Base, and the Norman and Ottumwa Naval Air Stations. He was discharged a year ago as a lieutenant commander and rejoined the staff in his old position.

James Whittaker is the head coach's younger brother, who as the staff's student assistant aids Marsh with the freshman squad and gives polish to the varsity backs.

Jim starred on the 1935 Sandusky squad as brother Bob's prize quarterback. He was also a Blue Streak track star, taking runnerup honors in the state Class A pole vault in 1935 and 1936, with his brother Don in first place.

After graduating in 1936, he spent one year at Ohio State, taking part in freshman track but left the Columbus institution for a sales position.

World War II found him serving 48 months as a Army first sergeant with overseas duty in the Phillipines. He decided to finish his schooling at Bowling Green last year and is now a junior in the college of education, preparing for a coaching career.

Jim is eligible for varsity competition but is susceptible to service-incurred malaria attacks so restricts his participation to track. At 29 he is the outstanding collegiate pole vaulter in Ohio, taking this honor at the Ohio College meet last June.

#### SEASON PROSPECTS

Without a doubt, the 10-game schedule facing the BG eleven is the stiffest grid slate any Falcon team has attempted. Two opponents, Iowa State Teachers and William and Mary, are new foes, adding some intersectional flavor to the bill which includes six Ohio universities and one college each from Michigan and New York.

Last season Whittaker fielded one of the best defensive elevens in the midwest as they won five of eight outings.



The Falcon's offensive threat wasn't up to the usual Whittaker par as the team lacked a broken field runner and the backfield candidates for the most part were inexperienced in college play.

Looking to this season, Whittaker finds three tackles and two ends left via graduation so line coach Muellich has a building job at these spots. One letterman is among the tackle group with several newcomers and reserves in line for the other post. Co-captain Jim Knierim, who played an end in 1945, will return to the wing post after a year in the backfield. The guard situation is more heartening with five lettermen on hand. Co-captain Wayne Bloker will handle the center tasks but good reserves are lacking.

This season the backfield should function with more finesse and show more scoring punch. Only five men were lost from the '46 backs and with the experience gained, a good deal of improvement should be seen over last season. All-Ohio Max Minnich will lead the ball carrying troupe.

#### THE STYLE OF PLAY

The Falcons running attack this season will feature the balanced "T" with a few Whittaker variations and the short punt. Whittaker used the latter setup to much success at Sandusky but this will be his initial attempt to employ it against college competition.

The forward pass offense with two excellent passers, Russ Maples and Ennis Walker, both throwing them from the signal callers spot, should add a sparkling flavor to the Falcon game.

With excellent runners like Minnich, Tom Inman, and Jack Woodland, the Bowling Green running attack will display more deception and plenty of power.

OPPONENTS: 1946 RECORDS AND 1947 SCHEDULES

1946 Record

1947 Schedule

XAVIER

Xav	0	St. Ambrose	3
	0	Kentucky	70
	7	John Carroll	6
	6	Miami	28
	26	Arkansas State	0
	6	Dayton	33
	0	Cincinnati	39
	6	BOWLING GREEN	33
	6	Ohio University	25
	27	Marshall	21

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Sept.	20	BOWLING GREEN
	26	WESTERN MICHIGAN
Oct.	4	KENTUCKY
	10	JOHN CARROLL
	18	MIAMI
	25	CINCINNATI
Nov.	1	Dayton
	15	MARSHALL
	22	Ohio University

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

CM	0	Ohio Wesleyan	13
	7	BOWLING GREEN	0
	20	Eastern Kentucky	7
	60	Northern Michigan	0
	26	Michigan Normal	13
	58	Northern Illinois	7
	21	Western Michigan	27
	41	Great Lakes	0

W 6 L 2

Sept.	19	Detroit University
	27	Bowling Green
Oct.	3	Northern Illinois
	11	WESTERN MICHIGAN
	17	NORTHERN MICHIGAN
	24	Youngstown
Nov.	1	MICHIGAN NORMAL
	8	GREAT LAKES
	15	Milwaukee Teachers

DAYTON

Day	21	Wichita	0
	0	Miami	35
	0	Cincinnati	19
	20	Toledo	13
	20	Western Reserve	6
	33	Xavier	6
	7	Chattanooga	34
	14	Ohio University	7
	29	Marshall	7

W 6 L 3

Sept.	27	SCRANTON
Oct.	4	BOWLING GREEN
	11	Cincinnati
	18	TOLEDO
	24	Chattanooga
Nov.	1	XAVIER
	8	Miami
	15	OHIO UNIVERSITY
	22	ST BONAVENTURE

On the 1947 schedules all games in CAPS are home games on that respective schedule.

## 1946 Record

## 1947 Schedule

## MIAMI

Miami	7	Purdue	13
	42	Memphis NTS	0
	35	Dayton	0
	6	BOWLING GREEN	0
	28	Xavier	6
	23	Ohio University	14
	25	Bradley Tech	6
	17	Miami (Fla.)	20
	20	Western Michigan	0
	7	Cincinnati	13

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Sept.	27	MURRAY STATE TEACHERS
Oct.	4	Kent State
	11	BOWLING GREEN
	18	Xavier
	25	OHIO UNIVERSITY
Nov.	1	Bradley Tech
	8	DAYTON
	15	Wichita
	27	Cincinnati

## OHIO UNIVERSITY

OU	27	Murray State	7
	25	Western Michigan	7
	38	Muskingum	0
	0	Cincinnati	19
	14	Miami	23
	49	Ohio Wesleyan	7
	21	Baldwin Wallace	14
	7	Dayton	14
	25	Xavier	6

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Sept.	27	OHIO NORTHERN
Oct.	4	BUTLER
	11	Western Reserve
	18	Bowling Green
	25	Miami
Nov.	1	CINCINNATI
	8	OHIO WESLEYAN
	15	Dayton
	22	XAVIER

## KENT STATE

KS	40	Hiram	0
	20	John Carroll	7
	39	Bluffton	0
	0	BOWLING GREEN	13
	12	Baldwin Wallace	21
	12	Kalamazoo	0
	7	Ohio Wesleyan	0
	13	Akron	6

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Sept.	27	MT. UNION
Oct.	4	MIAMI
	11	Wooster
	18	KALAMAZOO
	25	Bowling Green
Nov.	1	JOHN CARROLL
	14	AKRON
	21	Youngstown

## 1946 Record

## 1947 Schedule

## FINDLAY

Fin	0	Mt. Union	12
	27	Wooster	6
	24	Ohio Northern	0
	6	Defiance	7
	13	Adrian	0
	41	Bluffton	0
	40	Ashland	0
	58	Cedarville	0

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Sept.	18	Cedarville
	27	Edinboro State Teachers
Oct.	3	WOOSTER
	10	OHIO NORTHERN
	18	Defiance
	25	Bluffton
Nov.	1	Bowling Green
	7	WILMINGTON
	11	Adrian
	14	MT. UNION

## ST. BONAVENTURE

St. B.	14	Youngstown	20
	33	Scranton	7
	29	Niagara	7
	26	St. Vincent	0
	13	Canisius	0
	13	BOWLING GREEN	9
	26	Kings Point	0

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Sept.	21	ST. VINCENT
Oct.	4	Cincinnati
	11	KINGS POINT
	19	Canisius
	26	ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY
	31	Niagara
Nov.	8	BOWLING GREEN
	16	SCRANTON
	22	Dayton

## IOWA STATE TEACHERS

Ist	6	South Dakota State	6
	18	Iowa State	20
	46	Hamline	6
	0	Western Michigan	0
	38	Morningside	0
	21	North Dakota State	0
	46	Drake	0

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Sept.	20	Iowa State
	27	NORTH DAKOTA
Oct.	3	North Dakota State
	11	KANSAS STATE TEACHERS
	18	Western Michigan
	25	MORNINGSIDE
Nov.	1	Drake
	8	AUGUSTANA
	15	Bowling Green

WILLIAM AND MARY

WM 61	Ft. McClellan	0	Sept. 27	Davidson
3	Miami (Fla)	13	Oct. 4	THE CITADEL
51	Citadel	12	11	V.P.I.
49	Virginia Tech	0	18	NORTH CAROLINA
34	Washington and Lee	18	25	Boston University
41	Maryland	7	Nov. 1	WAKE FOREST
7	North Carolina	21	8	V.M.I.
20	George Washington	0	15	Washington and Lee
40	Richmond	0	22	BOWLING GREEN
41	V.M.I.	0	27	Richmond

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RECORDS WITH 1947 OPPONENTS

	W	L	T	BG	Opp.
Xavier	2	0	0	73	6
Central Michigan	5	2	0	94	53
University of Dayton	0	1	0	0	41
Miami University	2	4	0	29	111
Ohio University	1	0	0	6	0
Kent State University	6	5	4	108	103
Findlay College	8	2	5	343	46
St. Bonaventure	0	1	0	9	13
Iowa State Teachers	-	-	-	---	---
William and Mary	-	-	-	---	---
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Total	24	15	9	662	373

## BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY ROSTER--1947

	High School	Hometown	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Class
Ends						
	Depetro, Robert	Nashwauk, Minn.	21	175	5.11	2
	**Dunham, Vernon	Norton Center	20	180	6	3
	Foley, Gene	Harding	21	170	5.10	2
	*Franks, Richard	West Salem	25	194	6	4
	***Knierim, James	Woodward	21	180	5.10	4
	Mooney, Douglas	Bowling Green	18	165	5.9	2
	Polce, Charles	Rochester, Pa.	25	180	5.10	3
	*Schmidt, George	Valley City Public	23	200	6	4
	Schnelker, Robert	Upper Sandusky	18	190	6.3	2
	Shuck, Jack	Bucyrus	21	175	6.1	2
	Smith, vernon	Waite	24	186	6	4
Tackles						
	Antonelli, Anthony	Jefferson	21	200	5.11 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
	Catanese, Joe	Rochester, Pa.	25	180	5.11	3
	Crump, George	Lorain	23	210	6	2
	Kistler, John	Central	21	185	5.9	2
	Kuntz, Edward	Mineola, N.Y.	24	205	6.	2
	Mason, Robert	Bellefontaine	23	200	6.1	2
	Matteson, Robert	Ravenna	19	205	6.4	2
	**Rideout, Lester	Waite	26	200	5.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	4
	Tigges, Don	Woodward	21	195	6.3	2
	Verduin, Donald	Butler, N.J.	21	210	6	1
	Wirick, William	DeVilbiss	21	195	6.1	2
Guards						
	*Barnes, Rolland	Swanton	25	175	5.6 $\frac{1}{2}$	4
	**Bellard, Bruce	Central	24	186	5.8 $\frac{1}{2}$	4
	*Dunham, Donald	Norton Center	26	175	5.9 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
	*Lewis, Jack	Garfield Heights	22	175	5.9 $\frac{1}{2}$	4
	Niehm, Raymond	Sandusky	19	190	5.11	3
	*Sheldon, John	Elyria	24	185	5.10	3
Centers						
	*Babcock, Joseph	Sandusky	22	195	5.11	3
	**Blokler, Wayne	Sandusky	24	198	5.9	4
	Kimpon, Charles	Waite	22	190	5.10	1
	Secor, Willis	Imlay City, Mich.	22	200	5.11	2
	White, John	Shelby	19	170	5.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	3

Quarterbacks

**Baxter, James	Columbus Grove	Columbus Grove	22	175	5.11	4
Lash, Rodney	New London	New London	19	170	5.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
*Mapes, Russell	Imlay City, Mich.	Imlay City, Mich.	22	190	5.10	2
Mercurio, Joseph	T. R. Proctor	Utica, N.Y.	22	150	5.6	3
Puchalla, Robert	Central	Euclid	22	189	6.	2
Randels, Robert	DeVilbiss	Toledo	27	185	5.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
**Walker, Ennis	Central	Lima	26	180	5.11	4

Halfbacks

Augenstein, Melvin	Napoleon	Napoleon	20	175	5.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
Baker, Clifford	Blanchard	Gilboa	23	185	6.	4
*Freitas, Jack	Sandusky	Sandusky	22	180	5.11	2
*Ingraham, Robert	Bowling Green	Bowling Green	23	180	5.10	2
*Inman, Tom	Waite	Toledo	22	190	6.1	4
Reis, Richard	Perrysburg	Perrysburg	21	170	5.8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
*Minnich, Max	Napoleon	Napoleon	21	185	6.1	3
Schmidt, Peter	Bluffton	Bluffton	24	164	5.9	2
Simmons, Edward	Glenville	Cleveland	24	172	5.9	2

Fullbacks

Hersland, John	Libbey	Toledo	24	170	5.10	4
Schaetzke, Howard	Waite	Toledo	22	165	5.10	3
**Van Atta, Richard	Green Springs	Green Springs	19	200	5.11 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
Woodland, Jack	Fostoria	Fostoria	21	190	5.9	2

\*One Letter

\*\*Two Letters

\*\*\*Three Letters

1946 Letterman

Barnes  
Bellard  
Baxter  
Blokler  
Dunham, D.  
Dunham, V.  
Freitas  
Inman  
Knierim  
Maples  
Minnich  
Rideout  
Sheldon  
Van Atta

1945 Letterman

Ingraham  
1944 Letterman  
Lewis  
Schmidt, G.

1943 Letterman

Babcock  
1941 Letterman  
Franks

## INTRODUCING THE FALCONS

### ENDS

DUNHAM, VERN--This is Vern's third season of varsity ball...Played guard in 1945 gaining all-Ohio honorable mention...Last year saw action as defensive center. An excellent linebacker...Fast... Handles some of the kickoff duties...Also plays on the Falcon quintet...Starred in three sports at Norton Center High near Barberton.

FRANKS, DICK--Won his monogram as a sophomore in 1941...The war took him as an infantryman through the principal battles of Europe where he earned the Purple Heart...Returned last year but saw only limited action as injuries kept him sidelined...Likes defensive play...Played six-man ball at West Salem.

KNIERIM, JIM--As co-captain Jim will be earning his fourth gridiron award... In 1945 he earned all-Ohio honors at end...Played both end and halfback last season...Excels on both offense and defense. Most polite man on campus...Respected by all who play against him...Has played three years of basketball and baseball... Will probably graduate as a 12 letterman...Will join a Cleveland Indian farm club next June for a try at pro baseball. A gridiron and court star at Toledo Woodward.

SCHNELKER, BOB--Tallest end on squad at 6'3...Can catch passes with the best. Played with the varsity in '46 but saw only reserve action... A member of the junior varsity cage team last winter...A four sport athlete at Upper Sandusky where he garnered all-state honors in football and track.

### TACKLES

CRUMP, GEORGE--Earned his numeral as a varsity sub last year...One of the hardest workers on the squad...Showed well in spring drills and pre-school practice...Should improve as season progresses. Participated in football and basketball at Lorain...Works in hometown steel mills in the summer.

KUNTZ, ED-----Played with '46 junior varsity...Packs a powerful block on offense...Has the potentialities of a fine tackle...Served in European theater as aircraft engineer in army airforce... One of three New York state residents on roster...Played two years as guard at Mineola High.



MATTESON, BOB--Changed from end to tackle in spring drills. . .Tallest man on squad at 6'4. . .Will be more valuable as season moves along. A rugged and hard tackler. . .Captain of his high school football and basketball squads, Bob hopes to be at his best against Kent State, his neighboring town. . .Earned numerals last year as a freshman on both the gridiron and court.

RIDEOUT, LES--Only letterman among the tackle candidates. . .Was a mainstay on the 1942 eleven and then saw regular action last year. . . Won all-state and all-city honors at Toledo Waite. . .Learned his football from Jack Mollenkopf, new Purdue line coach. . .A good blocker. . .Earns extra change as a barber for the athletes. . . Will coach and teach industrial arts upon graduation.

VERDUIN, DON--One of the two frosh ex-servicemen on the squad. . .Looks good on offense. . .Big and rugged and should see more action after some experience under fire. . .Starred at Butler, N.J., Captaining the squad for two years and earning all-state mention. Married.

#### GUARDS

BARNES, ROLLEY--The shortest man on the squad but makes up for lack of height with plenty of fight and determination. . .Hard man to move from the guard hole. . .A good submarine charger. . . Earned his first grid letter last season after playing as a reserve on the 1941 squad. . .Made 8 out of 13 conversion points last fall. . .Will do some kicking this season. . . A member of the Falcon wrestling team in '41. . .Co-captain of the Swanton eleven in high school.

BELLARD, BRUCE--Started most of the games last season. . .Probably the best all-around guard on the squad. . .Likes it rough and plays his best when the opponent gets inside the 20. . .Earned his first letter in '42. . .Was a naval aircraft mechanic in the Pacific. . .Also a wrestler and track man. . .Now lives in Cleveland Heights but played football for 3 years at Bellevue Central.

DUNHAM, DON----Older brother of Vern giving the Falcons the first brother combination in years. . .Won his initial BG as a reserve last year. . .Will see more action this year with his speed increased. . .Played only football at Norton Center, captaining the squad in '40. Served in the Pacific with the field artillery of the 24th Division. . .Married.

SHELDON, JOHN--A fast charger, John usually is on the bottom of the pile on defense...Will probably start a number of games this fall...Another one who likes the going rough...Made his first letter as a sophomore last season...Keeps the squad in good spirits with his keen wit and humorous remarks...Is handy with woodworking tools...Married.

#### CENTERS

BLOKER, WAYNE--"Bloke" is the other co-captain...Played on the '42 squad, earning his first award...Alternated with V. Dunham at the center post last year...Considered tops on ball snapping...Defensive play has improved over last season...Good down field blocker...The only ex-Sandusky man who played high school ball under Whittaker...Performed with 4th Marine Division in the Pacific...Will graduate at mid-year with a major in physical education.

SECOR, BILL----A Michigander who played with junior varsity last fall...Needs game experience before he can be counted on as steady relief for Bloker...Played center and tackle for 3 years at Inlay City... Another Marine with duty in the Pacific.

#### QUARTERBACKS

BAXTER, JAMES--"Red" is playing his third year of varsity ball... Won his first monogram in 1943 as a V-12 student... One of the better punters on the squad and left-footed at that...Smart signal caller...Good at diagnosing opponent plays...Active in campus organizations, holding fraternity presidency...High schooled at Columbus Grove where he was a four sport man...Served as naval officer in war.

MAPLES, RUSS---Earned the first string quarterback job last year as a frosh...Handled most of the punting with a 39 yard average...Does well on passing...A good field general...Works the "T" with good deception... Hails from Inlay City, Michigan where he played four years at halfback...As an army airforce pilot, he played with Maxwell Field eleven...Then trotted off to Italy to fly bombers..Likes baseball but doesn't play in college.

WALKER, ENNIS--Known as "Pop", Ennis is playing his third and final year of varsity ball...Came to BG via V-12 program...Best passer on the team...Does a good job of calling plays...One of the faster backs... Can handle points-after-touchdown...Performed at end for Lima Central for three years...Captain of the '47 Falcon golf team...Saw naval service at Anzio on LST.

#### HALF BACKS

AUGENSTEIN, MEL--Has possibilities of developing into a fine broken field runner...Played with junior varsity most of '46 season...Saw his only varsity action in the waning minutes of last game, carrying the ball once for 40 yards and a TD...Starred at Quarterback for Napoleon and won all-league honors. A gunners mate in the Navy.

FREITAS, JACK--Garnered a monogram as first year man last fall... Threw 3 passes all season, two were good for touchdowns...One of these was freak pass against Canisius, with his receiver on the ground in end zone...Has more drive in carrying the ball...Blocks well... Can punt if called upon...Ran from quarterback spot at Sandusky for two seasons...A Navy man.

INMAN, TOMMY---Another Toledo Waite man who played his first collegiate ball last fall...Earned the starting right half post in latter part of season...Runs like a deer...Good faker...Holds down a job on the famed Bowling Green cage team...And takes care of centerfield duties on Falcon nine...Hard worker and very consentaneous...Played with Toledo entry in the national softball loop this summer.

MINNICH, MAX---The Falcons' all-Ohio back of '46...Carried ball 77 times for 314 yards, a 4 plus yards per effort... Counted 5 of the 14 touchdowns...Shows more finese and power this year...A good punter and does a fair job at throwing...Came to BG in Navy program in '43 and made cage team...Was counted on for basketball last year but after great showing on gridiron, decided to concentrate on football...Hardest running back...Good change of pace runner...An end at Napoleon high school, gaining all-league recognition ...Father is sports editor of weekly paper in Napoleon.

SCHMIDT, PETE--Served as varsity sub last fall..But is expected to see more action this season...Shows promise of of being a good ball carrier...Runs hard and is difficult to bring down...Attended Bluffton high with activity in football and basketball...Has a brother who was all-state in football and basketball at Bluffton this past season...Married.

SIMMONS, ED----A Cleveland man who worked part time with the varsity in '46...Shows plenty of promise and eagerness to play...An improved blocker and ball carrier...Can pass well...May play some at fullback...An aerial gunner with ETO service.

#### FULLBACKS

WOODLAND, JACK-Will be one of the most valuable men on squad this season...Took over in fine style for injured Stan Yoder last season as first string full...Can run off tackle with the best of company...A demon as defensive linebacker...Runs hard with a good stiffarm...Wears a special shoe because of such broad feet (EE or F width)...A good team man...Gained all-Buckeye and all-Ohio honors as Fostoria's fullback in '42 and '43 ...An army sergeant.

VAN ATTA, DICK-Earned award in '45 as regular and last year as Woodland's relief...Hits the line hard...Played six-man football in high school...Can pass and kick...Now lives in North Baltimore where father is school superintendent.

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HERE 'S HOW TO PRONOUNCE THE NAMES

Antonelli-----AN-ton-EL-lee

Augenstein-----AW-gen-steen

Bellard-----BAL-urd

Bloker-----BLOW-ker

Catanese-----CAT-tan-ees

DePetro-----De-PEA-tro

Dunham-----DUN-um

Freitas-----FRAY-tus

Hersland-----HERZ-land

Ingraham-----ING-grah-ham

Kuntz-----KOONTS

Knierim-----Ku-NEAR-um

Matteson-----MATTA-son

Mercurio-----Mur-KUR-io

Minnich-----MIN-nik

Niehm-----NEEM

Polce-----POLS

Puchalla-----Poo-HAH-la

Reis-----REES

Secor-----SEA-ker

Schaetzke-----SHAT-skee

Tigges-----TIG-ges

Verduin-----Ver-DOON

Wirick-----WY-rik

Two of the Bowling Green games will be broadcast this year. WHDL will air the Falcon-St. Bonaventure game on November 8, from Olean, N.Y. On November 15, Buzz Hassett of station KAYX in Waterloo, Iowa will setup in Bowling Green to give the Cedar Falls and Waterloo area listeners a play-by-play of the Bowling Green-Iowa State Teachers contest.