

FOOTBALL



Coach Ralph Bailey and Captain Dean McManus discuss strategy to be used against next opponent.

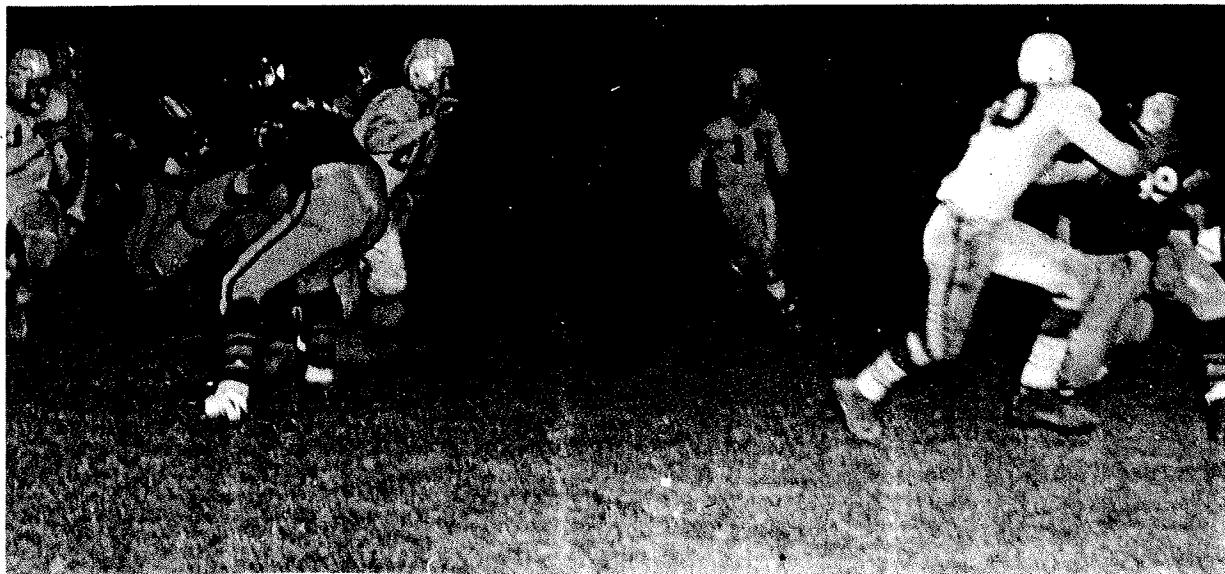
Tom Klinkenberg, Bear fullback, rounds end in tilt with Ladysmith.

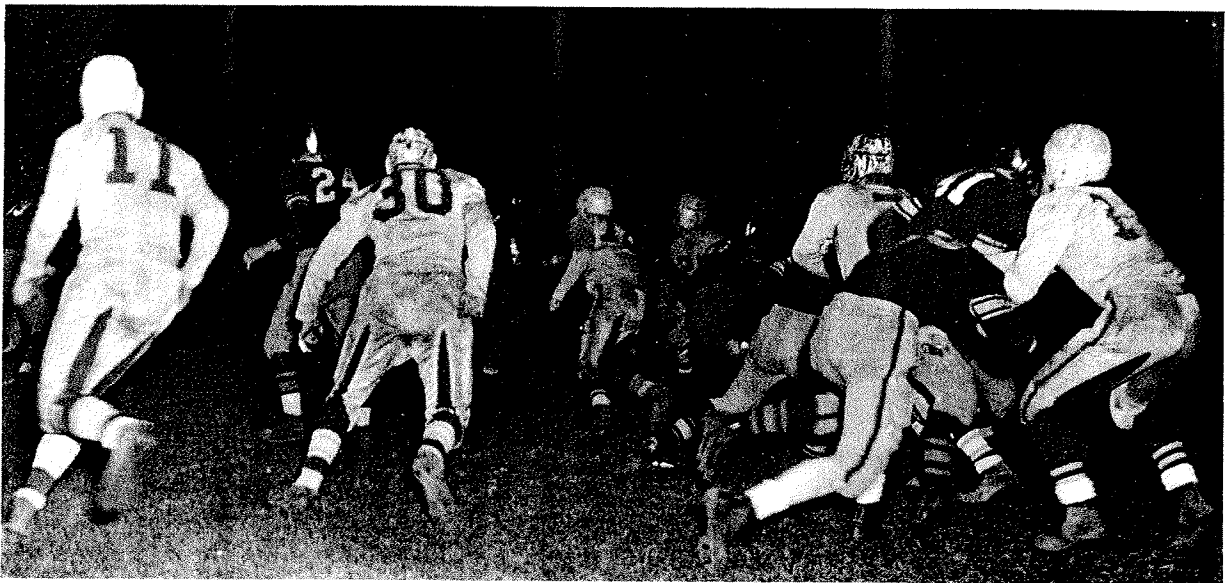


HEART-O'-NORTH CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Bloomer	6	0
Rice Lake	5	1
Hayward	3	3
Spooner	3	3
Ladysmith	2	4
Barron	1	5
Cumberland	1	5

The Bears started out the season with a strong first string, but lacked experience in their reserves. We were looking for a successful season barring injuries but the roof fell in. Four of the players that started out the season as first string failed to finish due to severe injuries. These players were Bob Thorsbakken, Dave McDonald, Howard Whitmore, and Lester Cobb.





Bears action in last conference game at Ladysmith.



OUR BEARS

Row 1: D. Crisler, B. Rogers, D. Kurschner, N. Hubbard, C. Nyht, V. Etlicher, L. Fornell, J. Kilmer, P. Etlicher, C. Bishop.

Row 2: M. Weber, B. Fraley, E. Elkin, T. Klinkenberg, J. Ayrea, B. Nelson, D. McManus, R. Hartzell, D. Kirkman, M. Gardner, D. Dimick, E. Church.

Row 3: D. Carr, G. Stetzel, D. Hazeltine, L. Syndergaard, D. Knowlton, D. McDonald, B. Thorsbakken, L. Flygstad, L. Lightner, D. Orn, J. Schmitz.



LYLE FLYGSTAD
Tackle



DENIS KIRKMAN
Center



EUGENE ELKIN
Tackle

BEAR GRIDDERS

TOM KLINKENBERG

Tom Klinkenberg brought recognition upon Barron and Barron athletics by being elected to the All-Northwest football team. The team was elected by football coaches in the area and Tom won the left tackle berth. Tom was further rewarded by being picked for honorable mention on the All-State team composed of players from the entire state.

This year was Tom's third at tackle, but midway through the season, he was switched to fullback because of the team's many injuries. Although he lacked experience, he filled the job well, and by the end of the season, he became a marked man in the Barron backfield. He still played tackle on defense and his 210 pounds held up more than his share of the line.

TOM KLINKENBERG
Tackle



BARRON: 0 RICE LAKE: 7

The Bears dropped their first home game of the season to the Warriors from Rice Lake in a hard-fought contest. It was an even-fought battle for three of the four periods, but in the third stanza, the Bears suffered a defensive lapse. Hard running by Warrior backs shoved across a score.

BARRON: 6 SPOONER: 25

Barron traveled to Spooner for their second game only to be beaten by a strong Railroader eleven. The first half was nearly even, but an 80 yard punt return in the closing minutes of the second quarter broke the game wide open. The only moment of glory for the Bears was when Bob Nelson passed to Dean McManus on the five who scampered over for the first touchdown of the season for the Maroon and Gold. The try for the extra point failed.

BARRON: 0 CHIPPEWA McDONELL: 34

It was a long trip to Chippewa and a much longer one home as the Bears were out-classed, out-fought, and out-run by a veteran McDonell club. The home team took control of the game at the opening gun and the Bears never seriously threatened.

BARRON: 0 BLOOMER: 21

The Bears played one of their best games of the year against a strong Bloomer team and made the Heart-O'-North conference leaders work for every point they got. The score didn't show the closeness of the game. It was 7 to 0 until the final five minutes when the Blackhawks completed two long passes which went for touchdowns. Barron's big threat came right before the end of the half, when a pass from Bob Nelson to Tom Klinkenberg netted 20 yards and the big fullback carried the ball for thirty more yards to the Bloomer 30 yard line before being stopped. Time ran out before another play could be called.

DAVE McDONALD
End



JOE AYREA
Tackle



RUSSELL HARTZELL
End





MERLIN GARDNER
Halfback



BOB THORSBAKKEN
End



NORMAN HUBBARD
Guard

BARRON: 27 CUMBERLAND: 20

Barron finally came through with a win in conference play as they beat the Beavers with their best scoring effort of the season. Bob Nelson, Tom Klinkenberg, and Dean McManus ran for scores for the Bears and tackle Joe Ayrea recovered a fumble for the fourth counter. Another beautiful 70 yard run by Captain McManus was called back by a clipping penalty. Cumberland scored on the Bears three times, making the game close until the final gun. Their big threat was passes to their end, Youngberg.

BARRON: 6 Hayward: 12

Homecoming proved to be a bad night for the Bears as the Hurricanes from Hayward outlasted them for the win. Klinkenberg scored first on a plunge from the one yard line set up by a 34 yard dash by McManus. Hayward knotted the score up soon after the second half opened, and then with only a few minutes left they scored again. The Bears came back, but time ran out with the ball on the Hayward 35 yard line.

BARRON: 2 LADYSMITH: 5

The last conference game of the season was lost by the Bears not being able to deliver the scoring punch when it was needed. Several times they were within the Ladysmith 15 yard marker but could not shove the ball over. A brief lead was gained by the Bears when Dave Dimick tackled a Lumberjack halfback in the end zone. The fourth stanza proved the fatal time again when a pass interception and a roughing penalty put the ball on the Barron 18 yard stripe. After a series of downs, the ball lay on the one and the Bears put up a strong defense, but on the fourth down Ladysmith shoved the ball across for the winning margin.

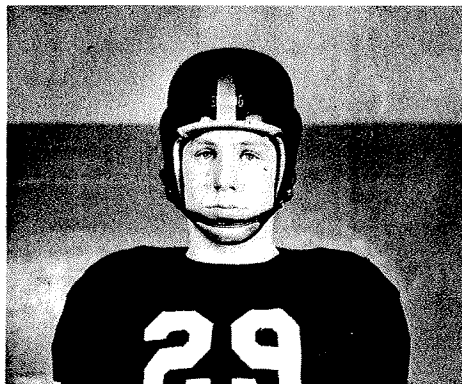
BARRON: 13 LUCK: 0

The Barron Bears ended the season with a non-conference win over Luck on Halloween night. After Merlin Gardner and Bob Nelson scored in the first half, the game came to a standstill with each team exchanging punts for the rest of the game. Many of the underclassmen, or those who are returning next year, were given a chance to play and showed up very well.

MARVIN WEBER
End



BOB NELSON
Quarterback



HOWARD WHITMORE
Guard



DEAN McMANUS

Dean McManus, captain of the Bear football team, was considered by many as the best player on the team. Dean, also playing his third year on the team, was one of the best backs in the conference. Despite his lack of size (he never weighed more than 145 pounds during the entire season), he was the Bear's spark on offense and an excellent halfback on defense. Dean was a real triple threat and could run, kick and pass with equal effectiveness. His ability as an all-around back has not been seen at Barron high in a long time.

DEAN McMANUS
Halfback



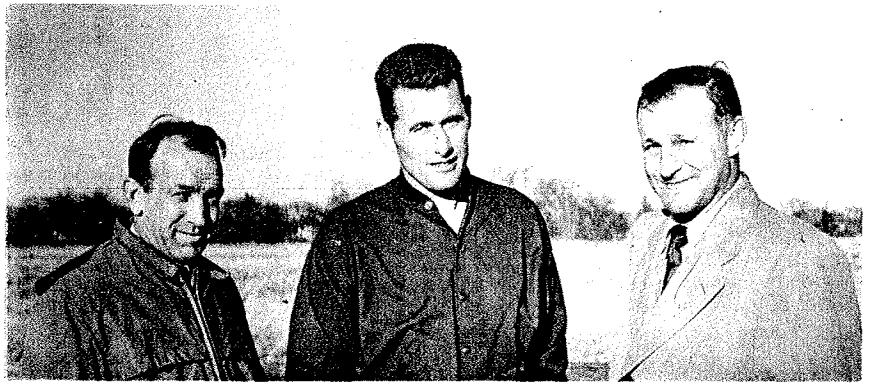
FRESHMAN FOOTBALL



Row 3: C. Splittstoesser, B. Kuchenmeister, M. Mills, D. Kahl, B. Oliphant, K. Mullikan, J. Smith, G. Smith, V. Dowd, D. Blum, B. Jackson.

Row 2: M. Etlicher, B. Manor, W. Espeseth, B. Hall, J. Bilse, G. Hunt, L. Gropp, S. Coon, K. Miller.

Row 1: G. Severson, R. Kurschner, J. Snydergaard, D. Millerman, D. Schmitz, J. Nelson, Z. Davis, R. Kurschner, B. Manor, J. Mullen, G. Thompson, R. Deyo, D. Timblin.



Coach Ralph Bailey flanked by assistants Fred Switzenberg and Ed Warwick.



Managers Lowell Weber and Warren Rogers examine a torn jersey.

