Los Angeles RAMS

FOOTBALL CLUB



BOB Waterfield

Representing

LOS ANGELES

IN THE

NATIONAL

FOOTBALL

LEAGUE

1947 GUIDE FOR PRESS AND RADIO

DICK HYDE

1947 RAMS SCHEDULE

Pre-Season Games

August 27 (Wednesday night) ..... Intra-squad at Gilmore Stadium

September 5 (Friday night) ..... Washington Redskins at L.A. Coliseum

September 10 (Wednesday night) ..... Boston Yanks at Des Moines

September 13 (Saturday afternoon) ... Detroit Lions at Indianapolis

September 17 (Wednesday night) ..... New York Giants at Polo Grounds, New York

League Games

September 29 (Monday night) ..... Pittsburgh Steelers at Pittsburgh

October 5 (Sunday) ..... Green Bay Packers at Milwaukee

October 12 (Sunday) ..... Detroit Lions at Detroit

October 19 (Sunday) ..... Chicago Cardinals at L.A. Coliseum

October 26 (Sunday) ..... Philadelphia Eagles at Philadelphia

November 2 (Sunday) ..... Chicago Cardinals at Chicago

November 9 (Sunday) ..... Boston Yanks at Los Angeles Coliseum

November 16 (Sunday) ..... Chicago Bears at L.A. Coliseum

November 23 (Sunday) ..... Detroit Lions at Los Angeles Coliseum

November 30 (Sunday) ..... Green Bay Packers at L.A. Coliseum

December 7 (Sunday) ..... Chicago Bears at Chicago

December 14 (Sunday) ..... New York Giants at L.A. Coliseum



www.retroseasons.com/library/

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Rams 1947 Schedule.....Inside Front Cover
Table of Contents..... 1
The Rams in 1946..... 2
Rams All-Time Record..... 3
Rams' Record vs. Western and Eastern Clubs..... 3
Inter-Club Game Records..... 4
1946 Statistics..... 6
Championship Playoff Results..... 10
Parade of World Champions..... 10
National League Standings..... 11
All-Star Game Results..... 15
Dan Reeves, Biography..... 16
Bob Snyder, Biography..... 17
Joe Stydahar, Biography..... 18
George Trafton, Biography..... 19
Training Camp Roster..... 20
Player Biographies..... 22
Stadium Seating Capacities..... 44
Most Valuable Player Selections..... 44
The Rams Band..... 45
The Rams Grow Up..... 46
National Football League Schedule..... 48
Club Personnel.....Inside Back Cover

For Additional Information
Write, Wire or Phone
TEX SCHRAMM, Publicity Director
Los Angeles Rams Football Club
237 South Beverly Drive
Beverly Hills, California
Phones: BRadshaw 24597, 23677, 24064

THE RAMS IN 1946

Pre-Season Games

Rams	0	College All-Stars	16
*Rams	16	Washington Redskins	14

League Games

*Rams	14	Philadelphia Eagles	25
Rams	21	Green Bay Packers	17
Rams	28	Chicago Bears	28
*Rams	35	Detroit Lions	14
Rams	10	Chicago Cardinals	34
Rams	41	Detroit Lions	20
*Rams	21	Chicago Bears	27
*Rams	17	Chicago Cardinals	14
Rams	21	Boston Yanks	40
Rams	31	New York Giants	21
*Rams	38	Green Bay Packers	17

League Games—Rams won 6, lost 4, tied one. Scored 277 points, opponents 257.

Full-season Games—Rams won 7, lost 5, tied one. Scored 293 points, opponents 287.

*Home games.

RAMS' ALL-TIME RECORD

Year	Won	Lost	Tied	Rams' Points	Opp. Points
1937	1	10	0	75	207
1938	4	7	0	131	215
1939	5	5	1	195	164
1940	4	6	1	171	191
1941	2	9	0	116	244
1942	5	6	9	150	207
1944	4	6	0	188	224
1945*	10	1	0	259	150
1946	6	4	1	277	257
	41	54	3	1562	1859

* Includes championship playoff game.

RAMS' RECORD vs. WESTERN DIVISION CLUBS

(In Regular League Play Only)

Rams Won 5	Chicago Bears	12	Tied 1
Rams Won 8	Chicago Cardinals	8	Tied 0
Rams Won 5	Green Bay Packers	12	Tied 1
Rams Won 9	Detroit Lions	8	Tied 0
Rams Won 2	Card-Pitt	0	Tied 0
29		40	2

Rams' points—1134. *Opponents' points*—1348.

RAMS' RECORD vs. EASTERN DIVISION CLUBS

(In Regular League Play Only and Not Including Playoff Game)

Rams Won 2	Pittsburgh	0	Tied 1
Rams Won 0	*Washington	5	Tied 0
Rams Won 3	New York Giants	2	Tied 0
Rams Won 4	Philadelphia	3	Tied 0
Rams Won 1	Brooklyn	3	Tied 0
Rams Won 1	Boston Yanks	1	Tied 0
11		14	1

Rams' points—413. *Opponents' points*—497.

*Rams defeated Washington in 1945 championship playoff game, 15-14.

INTER-CLUB GAME RECORDS

(Scheduled League and Championship Playoff Games Only)

WASHINGTON SERIES

1937 — Rams	7	Redskins 16
1938 — Rams	13	Redskins 37
1941 — Rams	13	Redskins 17
1942 — Rams	14	Redskins 33
1944 — Rams	10	Redskins 14
1945 —*Rams	15	Redskins 14
1946 — Rams	16	Redskins 14
	88	145

Rams won 2, Redskins 5, none tied.

*Championship playoff game.

PHILADELPHIA SERIES

1937 — Rams	21	Eagles 3
1939 — Rams	35	Eagles 13
1940 — Rams	21	Eagles 13
1942 — Rams	24	Eagles 14
1944 — Rams	13	Eagles 26
1945 — Rams	14	Eagles 28
1946 — Rams	14	Eagles 25
	142	122

Rams won 4, Eagles 3, none tied.

GREEN BAY SERIES

1937 — Rams	10	Packers 35
Rams	7	Packers 35
1938 — Rams	17	Packers 26
Rams	7	Packers 28
1939 — Rams	27	Packers 24
Rams	6	Packers 7
1940 — Rams	14	Packers 31
Rams	13	Packers 13
1941 — Rams	7	Packers 24
Rams	14	Packers 17
1942 — Rams	28	Packers 45
Rams	12	Packers 30
1944 — Rams	21	Packers 30
Rams	7	Packers 42
1945 — Rams	27	Packers 14
Rams	20	Packers 7
1946 — Rams	21	Packers 17
Rams	38	Packers 17
	286	442

Rams won 5, Packers 12, one tied.

CHICAGO BEARS SERIES

1937 — Rams	2	Bears 20
Rams	7	Bears 15
1938 — Rams	14	Bears 7
Rams	23	Bears 21
1939 — Rams	21	Bears 30
Rams	21	Bears 35
1940 — Rams	14	Bears 21
Rams	25	Bears 47
1941 — Rams	21	Bears 48
Rams	13	Bears 31
1942 — Rams	7	Bears 21
Rams	0	Bears 47
1944 — Rams	19	Bears 7
Rams	21	Bears 28
1945 — Rams	17	Bears 0
Rams	41	Bears 21
1946 — Rams	28	Bears 28
Rams	21	Bears 27
	315	454

Rams won 5, Bears 12, one tied.

DETROIT SERIES

1937 — Rams	0	Lions 28
Rams	7	Lions 27
1938 — Rams	21	Lions 17
Rams	0	Lions 6
1939 — Rams	7	Lions 15
Rams	14	Lions 3
1940 — Rams	0	Lions 6
Rams	24	Lions 0
1941 — Rams	7	Lions 17
Rams	0	Lions 14
1942 — Rams	14	Lions 0
Rams	27	Lions 7
1944 — Rams	20	Lions 17
Rams	14	Lions 26
1945 — Rams	28	Lions 21
1946 — Rams	35	Lions 14
Rams	41	Lions 20
	259	238

Rams won 9, Lions 8, none tied.

CHICAGO CARDINALS SERIES

1937 —	Rams 0	Cardinals 6
	Rams 7	Cardinals 13
1938 —	Rams 6	Cardinals 7
	Rams 17	Cardinals 31
1939 —	Rams 24	Cardinals 0
	Rams 14	Cardinals 0
1940 —	Rams 26	Cardinals 14
	Rams 7	Cardinals 17
1941 —	Rams 10	Cardinals 6
	Rams 0	Cardinals 7
1942 —	Rams 0	Cardinals 7
	Rams 7	Cardinals 3
1944 —	Rams 21	Cardinals 0
	Rams 35	Cardinals 21
1946 —	Rams 10	Cardinals 34
	Rams 17	Cardinals 14
	201	180

Rams won 8, Cardinals 8, none tied

NEW YORK SERIES

1938 —	Rams 0	Giants 28
1940 —	Rams 13	Giants 0
1941 —	Rams 14	Giants 49
1945 —	Rams 21	Giants 17
1946 —	Rams 31	Giants 21
	79	115

Rams won 3, Giants 2, none tied.

BROOKLYN SERIES

1937 —	Rams 7	Tigers 9
1939 —	Rams 12	Tigers 23
1940 —	Rams 14	Tigers 29
1942 —	Rams 17	Tigers 0
	50	61

Rams won 1, Tigers 3, none tied

BOSTON YANKS SERIES

1945 —	Rams 20	Yanks 7
1946 —	Rams 21	Yanks 40
	41	47

Rams won 1, Yanks 1, none tied.

PITTSBURGH SERIES

1938 —	Rams 13	Steelers 7
1939 —	Rams 14	Steelers 14
1941 —	Rams 17	Steelers 14
	44	35

Rams won 2, Steelers 0, one tied.

CARD-PITT SERIES

(Combined Cardinals & Steelers)

1944 —	Rams 30	Card-Pitt 28
	Rams 33	Card-Pitt 6
	63	34

Rams won 2, Card-Pitt 0, none tied.

COMPOSITE

Games — 98	Rams	— 41
	Foes	— 54
	Ties	— 3
Total points:	Rams	— 1568
	Foes	— 1873

1946 STATISTICS

Ball Carrying

LEAGUE LEADERS	Atts.	Yds. Gain	Long Gain	Ave.	TDs.
Dudley, Pittsburgh	146	604	41	4.1	3
Harder, Cardinals	106	545	55	5.1	4
Van Buren, Philadelphia	116	529	58	4.6	5
Gallarneau, Bears	112	476	52	4.2	7
Canadeo, Green Bay	122	476	27	3.9	0
RAMS					
Fred Gehrke	71	371	53	5.2	3
Tom Harmon	47	236	84	5.0	2
Pat West	40	226	72	5.65	0
Mike Holovak	55	211	22	3.8	3
Jack Banta	44	209	25	4.75	0
Bob Hoffman	42	162	19	3.8	3
Jack Wilson	19	120	35	6.3	0
Kenny Washington	23	114	19	5.0	1
Tom Farmer	28	90	17	3.2	1
Steve Sucic	7	18	9	2.7	0
Ralph Ruthstrom	2	— 4	1	—2.0	0
Jim Hardy (*)	10	—10	6	—1.0	0
Bob Waterfield (*)	16	—60	6	—3.75	1

(*) Nearly all of these losses were made when thrown for loss trying to get away a pass.

Forward Passing

LEAGUE LEADERS	Atts.	Comp.	Yds. Gain	TDs. Pass	Pct.	Long Pass	Int.
Waterfield, Los Angeles	251	127	1747	18	.505	57	17
Luckman, Bears	229	110	1826	17	.480	48	16
Governali, Boston	192	83	1293	13	.432	62	10
Christman, Cardinals	229	100	1636	13	.437	82	18
Baugh, Washington	161	87	1163	8	.540	51	17
Dudley, Pittsburgh	90	32	452	2	.355	37	9
RAMS							
Bob Waterfield	251	127	1747	18	.505	57	17
Jim Hardy	64	24	285	2	.375	60	7
Fred Gehrke	1	1	29	0	1.000	29	0
Kenny Washington	8	1	19	0	.125	19	0
Tom Farmer	2	0	00	0	.000	00	0

Pass Receiving

LEAGUE LEADERS	No. Recd.	Yds. Gain	Ave. Gain	Long Gain	TDs.
Benton, Los Angeles	63	981	15.5	57	6
Crisler, Boston	32	385	12	62	5
Bagarus, Washington	31	438	14.1	51	3
Ferrante, Philadelphia	28	451	16.1	48	4
Dewell, Cardinals	27	643	23.8	82	7
Kutner, Cardinals	27	634	23.5	63	5

RAMS					
Jim Benton	63	981	15.5	57	6
Steve Pritko	18	185	10.3	29	2
Fred Gehrke	11	83	7.6	21	2
Tom Harmon	10	199	19.9	45	2
Howard Hickey	8	213	26.6	60	3
Ray Hamilton	8	92	11.4	16	0
Jack Banta	8	81	10.1	32	1
Kenny Washington	6	83	13.8	20	0
Tom Farmer	6	17	2.8	13	0
Bob Shaw	4	63	15.7	28	2
Woody Strode	4	37	9.2	19	0
Jack Wilson	3	30	10.0	15	1
Mike Holovak	2	6	3.0	8	0
Ralph Ruthstrom	1	9	9.0	9	0
Steve Sucic	1	1	1.0	1	0

Lateral Passes Thrown

LEAGUE LEADERS

	No.	Comp.	Yds. Gain	Long Gain
Dudley, Pittsburgh	5	4	13	6
Pritchard, Philadelphia	5	4	6	14
Westfall, Detroit	3	3	23	
Farris, Bears	3	3	18	11
Liebel, New York	3	3	7	4
RAMS				
Bob Waterfield	2	2	19	
Steve Pritko	1	1	15	15
Woody Strode	1	1	15	15

Lateral Passes Received

LEAGUE LEADERS

	Recd.	Yds. Gain	Long Gain
Karnofsky, Boston	2	22	22
Craft, Philadelphia	2	17	16
Castiglia, Philadelphia	2	14	14
RAMS			
Jack Banta	1	15	15
Tom Harmon	1	15	15
Ralph Ruthstrom	1	14	14
Pat West	1	5	5

Pass Interceptions

LEAGUE LEADERS

	No.	Yds. Ret.	TDs.	Long	Ave. Ret.
Dudley, Pittsburgh	10	242	1	80	24.2
J. Davis, Boston	7	129	0	34	18.4
Steinke, Philadelphia	6	72	1	52	12
Rohrig, Green Bay	5	134	0	51	26.8
Liebel, New York	5	117	0	44	23.4
Waterfield, Los Angeles	5	72	0	28	14.4

RAMS					
Bob Waterfield	5	72	0	28	14.4
Riley Matheson	4	11	0	7	2.75
Tom Harmon	3	97	1	85	32.3
Fred Gehrke	3	63	0	41	21.0
Jack Banta	2	44	0	39	22
Jack Wilson	1	32	0	32	32
Roger Harding	1	14	0	14	14
Jim Hardy	1	8	0	8	8
Jake Fawcett	1	5	0	5	5
Fred Naumetz	1	1	0	1	1
Les Lear	1	0	0	0	0

Punting

LEAGUE LEADERS	No.	Ave. Dist.	Long	No. Blk.
McKay, Green Bay	64	42.7	64	1
Waterfield, Los Angeles	39	44.69	65	0
Baugh, Washington	33	45.1	60	0
Cifers, Detroit	30	45.6	73	0
Dudley, Pittsburgh	60	40.0	69	1
RAMS				
Bob Waterfield	39	44.69	65	0
Jim Hardy	5	41.8	47	0
Jack Banta	1	44.0	44	0

Field Goals

LEAGUE LEADERS	No. Made	Atts.	Long
Fritsch, Green Bay	9	17	46
Waterfield, Los Angeles	6	9	37
Lio, Philadelphia	6	11	42
Poillon, Washington	6	16	35
Cuff, Cardinals	5	12	42
Dudley, Pittsburgh	2	7	34
RAMS			
Bob Waterfield	6	9	37
Bob deLauer	0	2	0

Punt Returns

LEAGUE LEADERS	No.	Yds.	Ave.	Long	TDs.
Dudley, Pittsburgh	27	385	14.2	52	0
Bagarus, Washington	18	192	10.7	33	0
Pritchard, Philadelphia	12	166	13.8	26	0
Youel, Washington	13	150	11.5	20	0
Seno, Cardinals	17	176	10.3	21	0
RAMS					
Fred Gehrke	8	59	7.3	20	0
Jack Wilson	5	99	19.8	70	0
Tom Harmon	5	57	11.4	21	0
Tom Farmer	4	40	10.0	13	0
Jack Banta	2	26	13	24	0
Bob Waterfield	1	12	12	12	0
Ralph Ruthstrom	1	2	2	2	0

Kickoff Returns

LEAGUE LEADERS

	No.	Yds.	Ave.	Long	TDs.
Karnofsky, Boston	21	599	28.5	97	1
Seno, Cardinals	13	408	31.3	105	1
Van Buren, Philadelphia	11	319	29.0	63	0
Bagarus, Washington	13	332	25.5	51	0

RAMS

Fred Gehrke	8	186	23.2	28	0
Jack Wilson	6	145	24.1	68	0
Jack Banta	8	142	17.7	33	0
Tom Harmon	6	134	22.3	31	0
Tom Farmer	4	129	32.2	92	0
Pat West	4	49	12.25	19	0
Kenny Washington	2	39	19.5	24	0
Bob Shaw	1	52	52	52	1
Steve Sucic	1	20	20	20	0
Mike Holovak	1	18	18	18	0
Howard Hickey	1	14	14	14	0
Woody Strode	1	6	6	6	0

Scoring

LEAGUE LEADERS

	TDs.	Ex. Pt.	Ext. Pt. Miss	F.G.	Total
Fritsch, Green Bay	10	13	2	9	100
Waterfield, Los Angeles	1	37	0	6	61
Cuff, Cardinals	2	28	2	5	55
Lio, Philadelphia	1	27	0	6	51
Dudley, Pittsburgh	5	12	2	2	48
Gallarneau, Bears	8	0	0	0	48

RAMS

Bob Waterfield	1	37	0	6	61
Jim Benton	6	0	0	0	36
Fred Gehrke	5	0	0	0	30
Tom Harmon	5	0	0	0	30
Howard Hickey	3	0	0	0	18
Mike Holovak	3	0	0	0	18
Bob Hoffman	3	0	0	0	18
Bob Shaw	3	0	0	0	18
Steve Pritko	2	0	0	0	12
Jack Banta, Tom Farmer, Len Levy, K. Washington, Pat West and Jack Wilson	1	0	0	0	6

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF RESULTS

1933 — (Dec. 17 at Chicago): Chicago Bears, 23; New York, 21.
1934 — (Dec. 9 at New York): New York, 30; Chicago Bears, 13.
1935 — (Dec. 15 at Detroit): Detroit, 26; New York, 7.
1936 — (Dec. 13 at New York): Green Bay, 21; Boston, 6.
1937 — (Dec. 12 at Chicago): Washington, 28; Chicago Bears, 21.
1938 — (Dec. 11 at New York): New York, 23; Green Bay, 17.
1939 — (Dec. 10 at Milwaukee): Green Bay, 27; New York, 0.
1940 — (Dec. 8 at Washington): Chicago Bears, 73; Washington, 0.
1941 — (Dec. 21 at Chicago): Chicago Bears, 37; New York, 9.
1942 — (Dec. 13 at Washington): Washington, 14; Chicago Bears, 6.
1943 — (Dec. 26 at Chicago): Chicago Bears, 41; Washington, 18.
1944 — (Dec. 17 at New York): Green Bay, 14; New York, 7.
1945 — (Dec. 16 at Cleveland): RAMS, 15; Washington, 14.
1946 — (Dec. 15 at New York); Chicago Bears, 24; New York, 14.

PARADE OF WORLD CHAMPIONS

1921 — Chicago Bears
1922 — Canton Bulldogs
1923 — Canton Bulldogs
1924 — Cleveland
1925 — Chicago Cardinals
1926 — Frankford, Pa. (Phil.)
1927 — New York Giants
1928 — Providence, R. I.
1929 — Green Bay Packers
1930 — Green Bay Packers
1931 — Green Bay Packers
1932 — Chicago Bears
1933 — Chicago Bears
1934 — New York Giants
1935 — Detroit Lions
1936 — Green Bay Packers
1937 — Washington Redskins
1938 — New York Giants
1939 — Green Bay Packers
1940 — Chicago Bears
1941 — Chicago Bears
1942 — Washington Redskins
1943 — Chicago Bears
1944 — Green Bay Packers
1945 — Cleveland (now Los Angeles) Rams
1946 — Chicago Bears
1947 — ? ? ? ? ? ?

Chicago Bears have won 7 championships; Green Bay Packers 6

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Year 1946

EASTERN DIVISION

Team	W.	L.	T.	TP.	OP.	Pct.
New York	7	3	1	236	162	.700
Philadelpia	6	5	0	231	220	.545
Washington	5	5	1	171	191	.500
Pittsburgh	5	5	1	136	117	.500
Boston	2	8	1	189	273	.200

WESTERN DIVISION

Team	W.	L.	T.	TP.	OP.	Pct.
Chicago Bears	8	2	1	289	193	.800
Los Angeles	6	4	1	277	257	.600
Green Bay	6	5	0	148	158	.545
Chicago Cardinals	6	5	0	260	198	.545
Detroit	1	10	0	142	310	.091

YEAR 1945

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
*Cleveland	9	1	0	.900
Green Bay	6	4	0	.600
Detroit	7	3	0	.700
Chicago Bears	3	7	0	.300
Chicago Cardinals	1	9	0	.000

*Now Los Angeles

Eastern Division

Washington	8	2	0	.800
Philadelphia	7	3	0	.700
New York	3	6	1	.300
Boston	3	6	1	.300
Pittsburgh	2	8	0	.200

Cleveland (now Los Angeles) Rams defeated Washington Redskins in sub-zero weather in Cleveland for the championship, 15 to 14.

YEAR 1944

Western Division

Green Bay	8	2	0	.800
Chicago Bears	6	3	1	.667
Detroit	6	3	1	.667
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400
Card-Pitt	0	10	0	.000

Eastern Division

New York	8	1	1	.889
Philadelphia	7	1	2	.875
Washington	6	3	1	.667
Boston	2	8	0	.200
Brooklyn	0	10	0	.000

Green Bay defeated New York in New York for the championship 14 to 7.

YEAR 1943

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Chicago Bears	8	1	1	.889
Green Bay	7	2	1	.778
Detroit	3	6	1	.333
Chicago Cards	0	10	0	.000

Eastern Division

New York	6	3	1	.667
Washington	6	3	1	.667
Phil-Pitt	5	4	1	.556
Brooklyn	2	8	0	.200

Washington defeated New York in Eastern division playoff, 28 to 0. Chicago Bears won championship by defeating Washington, 41 to 21.

YEAR 1942

Western Division

Chicago Bears	11	0	0	1.000
Green Bay	8	2	1	.800
Cleveland	5	6	0	.455
Chicago Cards	3	8	0	.273
Detroit	0	11	0	.000

Eastern Division

Washington	10	1	0	.909
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.636
New York	5	5	1	.500
Brooklyn	3	8	0	.273
Philadelphia	2	9	0	.182

The Washington Redskins defeated the Chicago Bears in Washington for the championship, 14 to 6.

YEAR 1941
Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Chicago Bears	10	1	0	.909
Green Bay	10	1	0	.909
Detroit	4	6	1	.400
Chicago Cards	3	7	1	.300
Cleveland	2	9	0	.182

Eastern Division

New York	8	3	0	.727
Brooklyn	7	4	0	.626
Washington	6	5	0	.546
Philadelphia	2	8	1	.200
Pittsburgh	1	9	1	.090

The Chicago Bears defeated Green Bay in Chicago for the Western Division championship, 33 to 14, and defeated the New York Giants in Chicago for the league championship, 37 to 9.

YEAR 1940
Western Division

Chicago Bears	8	3	0	.727
Green Bay	6	4	1	.600
Detroit	5	5	1	.500
Cleveland	4	6	1	.400
Chicago Cards	2	7	2	.222

Eastern Division

Washington	9	2	0	.818
Brooklyn	8	3	0	.727
New York	6	4	1	.600
Pittsburgh	2	7	2	.222
Philadelphia	1	10	0	.091

The Chicago Bears defeated Washington in Washington for the championship, 73 to 0.

YEAR 1939
Western Division

Green Bay	9	2	0	.819
Chicago Bears	8	3	0	.728
Detroit	6	5	0	.546
Cleveland	5	5	1	.500
Chicago Cards	1	10	0	.091

Eastern Division

New York	9	1	1	.900
Washington	8	2	1	.800
Brooklyn	4	6	1	.400
Philadelphia	1	9	1	.100
Pittsburgh	1	9	1	.100

Green Bay defeated New York in Milwaukee for the championship, 27 to 0.

YEAR 1938
Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Green Bay	8	3	0	.727
Detroit	7	4	0	.636
Chicago Bears	6	5	0	.545
Cleveland	4	7	0	.364
Chicago Cards	2	9	0	.182

Eastern Division

New York	8	2	1	.800
Washington	6	3	2	.667
Brooklyn	4	4	3	.500
Philadelphia	5	6	0	.455
Pittsburgh	2	9	0	.182

New York defeated Green Bay in New York for the championship, 23 to 17.

YEAR 1937
Western Division

Chicago Bears	9	1	1	.900
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636
Detroit	7	4	0	.636
Chicago Cards	5	5	1	.500
Cleveland	1	10	0	.091

Eastern Division

Washington	8	3	0	.727
New York	6	3	2	.667
Pittsburgh	4	7	0	.364
Brooklyn	3	7	1	.300
Philadelphia	2	8	1	.200

Washington defeated Chicago Bears in Chicago for the championship, 28-21.

YEAR 1936
Western Division

Green Bay	10	1	1	.909
Chicago Bears	9	3	0	.750
Detroit	8	4	0	.667
Chicago Cards	3	8	1	.273

Eastern Division

Boston	7	5	0	.583
Pittsburgh	6	6	0	.500
New York	5	6	1	.455
Brooklyn	3	8	1	.273
Philadelphia	1	11	0	.083

Green Bay defeated Boston in New York for the championship, 21 to 6.

Western Division
YEAR 1935

	W	L	T	Pct.
Detroit	7	3	2	.700
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667
Chicago Cards	6	4	2	.600
Chicago Bears	6	4	2	.600

Eastern Division

New York	9	3	0	.750
Brooklyn	5	6	1	.455
Pittsburgh	4	8	0	.333
Boston	2	8	1	.200
Philadelphia	2	9	0	.182

Detroit Lions defeated New York Giants for the championship, 26 to 7.

YEAR 1934

Western Division

Chicago Bears	13	0	0	1.000
Detroit	10	3	0	.769
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538
Chicago Cards	5	6	0	.454
St. Louis	1	10	0	.090

Eastern Division

New York	8	5	0	.615
Boston	6	6	0	.500
Brooklyn	4	7	0	.363
Philadelphia	4	7	0	.363
Pittsburgh	2	10	0	.166

New York Giants defeated Chicago Bears for the championship, 30 to 13.

YEAR 1933

Western Division

Chicago Bears	10	2	1	.833
Portsmouth	6	5	0	.545
Green Bay	5	7	1	.418
Cincinnati	3	6	1	.333
Chicago Cards	1	9	1	.100

Eastern Division

New York	11	3	0	.786
Brooklyn	5	4	1	.556
Boston	5	5	2	.500
Philadelphia	3	5	1	.375
Pittsburgh	3	6	2	.333

Chicago Bears won the playoff for the championship by score of 23 to 21.

YEAR 1932

	W	L	T	Pct.
Chicago Bears	7	1	6	.875
Green Bay	10	3	1	.767
Portsmouth	6	2	4	.750
Boston	4	4	2	.500
New York	4	6	2	.400
Brooklyn	3	9	0	.250
Chicago Cards	2	6	2	.250
Stapleton	2	7	3	.222

YEAR 1931

Green Bay	12	2	0	.857
Portsmouth	11	3	0	.786
Chicago Bears	8	4	0	.667
Chicago Cards	5	4	0	.556
New York	6	6	1	.500
Providence	4	4	3	.500
Stapleton	4	6	1	.400
Cleveland	2	8	0	.200
Brooklyn	2	12	0	.143
Philadelphia	1	6	1	.143

YEAR 1930

Green Bay	10	3	1	.769
New York	13	4	0	.765
Chicago Bears	9	4	1	.692
Brooklyn	7	4	1	.636
Providence	6	4	1	.600
Stapleton	5	5	2	.500
Chicago Cards	5	6	2	.455
Portsmouth	5	6	3	.455
Frankford	4	14	1	.235
Minneapolis	1	7	1	.125
Newark	1	10	1	.091

YEAR 1929

Green Bay	12	0	1	1.000
New York	12	1	1	.923
Frankford	9	4	5	.692
Chicago Cards	6	6	1	.500
Boston	4	4	0	.500
Stapleton	3	4	3	.429
Orange	3	4	4	.429
Providence	4	6	2	.400
Chicago Bears	4	8	2	.333
Buffalo	1	7	1	.125
Minneapolis	1	9	0	.100
Dayton	0	6	0	.000

YEAR 1928

Providence	8	2	1	.888

Detroit	7	2	1	.778
Frankford (Phil.)	10	3	2	.729
Chicago Bears	7	4	1	.636
Green Bay	6	4	3	.600
N. Y. Giants	4	6	2	.400
N. Y. Yanks	3	8	1	.273
Pottsville	2	8	0	.200
Chicago Cards	1	5	0	.167
Dayton	0	7	0	.000

YEAR 1927

N. Y. Giants	11	1	1	.917
Green Bay	7	2	1	.778
Chicago Bears	9	3	2	.750
Cleveland	8	4	2	.667
Providence	8	5	1	.615
N. Y. Yanks	7	8	2	.467
Pottsville	6	8	1	.429
Frankford (Phil.)	6	9	3	.400
Chicago Cards	3	7	1	.300
Dayton	1	7	1	.125
Duluth	1	8	0	.111
Buffalo	0	5	0	.000

YEAR 1926

Frankford (Phil.)	14	1	1	.933
Chicago Bears	12	1	3	.923
Pottsville	10	2	1	.833
Kansas City	8	3	0	.727
Green Bay	7	3	3	.700
Los Angeles	6	3	1	.667
New York	8	4	0	.667
Duluth	6	5	2	.545
Buffalo	4	4	2	.500
Chicago Cards	5	6	1	.455
Providence	5	7	0	.417
Detroit	4	6	2	.400
Hartford	3	7	0	.300
Brooklyn	3	8	0	.272
Milwaukee	2	7	0	.222
Dayton	1	4	1	.200
Akron	1	4	3	.200
Racine	1	4	0	.200
Columbus	1	6	0	.144
Canton	1	9	3	.100
Louisville, Hammond				.000

YEAR 1925

Chicago Cards	11	2	1	.846
Pottsville	10	2	0	.833
Detroit	8	2	2	.800
New York	8	4	0	.667
Akron	4	2	2	.667
Chicago Bears	9	5	3	.643
Philadelphia	12	7	0	.632
Rock Island	5	3	3	.625
Green Bay	8	5	0	.615
Providence	6	5	1	.545
Canton	4	4	0	.500
Cleveland	5	7	1	.417
Hammond	1	3	0	.250
Kansas City	2	5	1	.228
Buffalo	1	6	2	.147
Duluth, Rochester, Milw., Dayton, Columbus				.000

YEAR 1924

Cleveland	7	1	1	.875
Chicago Bears	6	1	4	.856
Philadelphia	11	2	1	.846
Duluth	5	1	0	.831
Rock Island	7	4	0	.636
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636
Buffalo	6	4	0	.600
Racine	4	3	3	.571
Chicago Cards	5	4	1	.555
Columbus	4	4	0	.500
Hammond	2	2	1	.500
Milwaukee	5	8	0	.385
Akron	2	6	0	.250
Kansas City	2	7	0	.222
Dayton	2	7	0	.222
Kenosha, Minn., Roch				.000

YEAR 1923

Canton	11	0	1	1.000
Chicago Bears	9	2	1	.818
Green Bay	7	2	1	.777
Milwaukee	7	2	3	.777
Cleveland	3	1	3	.750
Chicago Cards	8	4	0	.667
Duluth	4	3	0	.571
Columbus	5	4	1	.556
Buffalo	5	4	3	.556
Racine	4	4	2	.500
Toledo	2	3	2	.400
Rock Island	2	3	2	.400
Minneapolis	2	5	2	.286
St. Louis	1	4	2	.200
Hammond	1	5	1	.167
Dayton	1	6	1	.143
Akron	1	6	0	.143
Louisv., Roch., Ourang, Ind.				.000

YEAR 1922

Canton	10	0	2	1.000
Chicago Bears	9	3	0	.750
Chicago Cards	8	3	0	.727
Toledo	5	2	2	.714
Rock Island	4	2	1	.667
Dayton	4	3	1	.571
Green Bay	4	3	3	.571

Racine	5	4	1	.556
Buffalo	3	4	1	.429
Akron	3	4	2	.429
Milwaukee	2	4	3	.333
Marion	2	6	0	.250
Minneapolis	1	3	0	.250
Rochester, Hammond, Col., Louisville, Evansville				.000

YEAR 1921

Chicago Bears*	10	1	1	.909
Buffalo	9	1	2	.900
Akron	7	2	1	.778
Green Bay	6	2	2	.750
Canton	4	3	3	.571
Dayton	4	3	1	.571
Rock Island	5	4	1	.556
Chicago Cards	2	3	2	.400
Cleveland	2	6	0	.250
Rochester	2	6	0	.250
Detroit	1	7	1	.125
Columbus, Cincinnati				.000

*Staley's.

ALL-STAR GAME RESULTS

CHICAGO

1934 — Chicago Bears, 0; College All-Stars, 0
1935 — Chicago Bears, 5; All-Stars, 0
1936 — Detroit, 7; All-Stars, 7
1937 — All-Stars, 6; Green Bay, 0
1938 — All-Stars, 28; Washington, 16
1939 — New York, 9; All-Stars, 0
1940 — Green Bay, 45; All-Stars, 28
1941 — Chicago Bears, 37; All-Stars, 13
1942 — Chicago Bears, 21; All-Stars, 0
1943 — All-Stars, 27; Washington, 7
1944 — Chicago Bears, 24; All-Stars, 21
1945 — Green Bay, 19; All-Stars, 7
1946 — All-Stars, 16; Los Angeles, 0

PRO-BOWL

*1938 — New York, 13; All-Stars, 10
*1939 — Green Bay, 16; All-Stars, 7
*1940 — Bears, 28; All-Stars, 14
†1941 — Bears, 35; All-Stars, 24
‡1942 — All-Stars, 17; Washington, 14

*—Played in Los Angeles
†—Played in New York
‡—Played in Philadelphia

NEW YORK

1936 — New York, 12; All-Stars, 2
1937 — New York, 14; All-Stars, 0
1938 — New York, 6; All-Stars, 0
1939 — New York, 10; All-Stars, 0
1940 — All Stars, 16; New York, 7
1941 — New York, 23; All-Stars, 3
1942 — Army, 16; New York, 0

DAN REEVES, OWNER



Daniel F. Reeves, 35-year-old owner of the Los Angeles Rams, was born in New York City on June 30, 1912. Although he is a scion of the Reeves grocery family which sold a chain of 900 stores to Safeway in 1939, Mr. Reeves has been more interested in football, professional football in particular.

He first became directly connected with the pro version in 1939 when he purchased the Jersey City Giants, a team in the American League which he still owns. His only brother, Edward, who died three years ago, owned 25% of the Washington Redskins. The widow still owns this share.

In 1941, Mr. Reeves purchased the Rams from a group of leading citizens in Cleveland who had obtained a new franchise from the National Football League in 1937. Following the war's end, Mr. Reeves moved the team to Los Angeles where he believed a great future was in store for major league football. His faith in Southern California paid off. In the Rams first year in Los Angeles, the 1946 season, the transplanted club boasted the second highest attendance in the League.

Mr. Reeves also moved his stock brokerage business from New York to Los Angeles. As members of the New York Stock Exchange, Daniel Reeves & Co. now holds forth next door to the Rams' home offices on Beverly Drive in Beverly Hills.

Mr. Reeves played football himself at Newman Prep School in Lakewood, N. J., where he was captain of the team. He graduated from Georgetown University.

Mr. Reeves entered the Army Air Forces as a Second Lieutenant in 1942 and received his discharge with rank of Captain in 1945.

In the first game Mr. Reeves witnessed after purchasing the club in 1941, Dante Magnani, a member of this year's squad, gathered in the opening kickoff and galloped to a touchdown. His elation, however, was short lived. After the club won two games, they dropped nine straight to finish in the cellar of the Western Division.

Determined to build a strong organization, Mr. Reeves established an extensive scouting system and spared no expense in signing outstanding players. This policy paid its first dividend in 1945 when the Rams won the World Championship. Like all good investment bankers, Mr. Reeves is still sparing no expense or energy to see that similar dividends are declared in the future, preferably 1947.

Married and the father of four daughters and one son, he lives in the former Bel-Air home of Basil Rathbone.

BOB SNYDER, HEAD COACH



Bob Snyder, the youngest head coach in the veteran National Football League, was born in Fremont, Ohio, on February 6, 34 years ago. At the age of four, he moved to Toledo where later he won 13 letters at Libby High School, four each in football, baseball and basketball and one in track. As an all-state back in 1930 and '31, he was Ohio's top scorer both seasons and captained both the football and basketball teams his senior year.

After playing freshman ball at Ohio University in 1932, he went on to set an amazing iron-man record as Ohio's regular left halfback in 1933-34-35. During those three years he missed but nine minutes of playing time and was an All-Ohio back in 1934 and 1935. His teams also registered victories over Indiana, Illinois and Navy.

Following his graduation, he played professional ball in Pittsburgh in 1936 before joining the Cleveland Rams in 1937. In 1939, the Chicago Bears purchased Snyder from the Rams and the husky back went on to become one of the games' greatest placement kickers. In all, he set four records that still stand. These records include three field goals against the New York Giants in the 1941 championship game; eight extra points in one game, Bears vs. Giants in 1943; most extra points in championship game, five against Washington in 1943, and most extra points in one season, 39 in 1943. During his six years in the National League, Snyder missed but two conversions, one that missed the mark in 1938 and one that was blocked in '41. For the entire season of '43, he hit 12 out of 12 field goals.

Snyder was with the Bears in 1939, '40, '41, and '43. In 1942, when Frank Leahy wanted to install the T-Formation at Notre Dame, he asked George Halas, coach of the Bears, to recommend a man. Halas replied that was easy — Bob Snyder.

While working at the Thompson Aircraft plant in 1944, he helped his old friend, Bill Orwig, coach his alma mater, Libby High School, to the state championship.

In 1945, however, he moved back into the National League as the Rams' backfield coach and the team climbed out of the second division to capture the world's championship. Following the 1946 season, Snyder was named head coach of the Rams, succeeding Adam Walsh.

Now in his first year as a head coach, Snyder is considered one of the outstanding teachers of the intricate T-Formation, especially the functions of the all-important quarterback. His first student, Bob Waterfield, is now considered one of the outstanding T-formation quarterbacks in the game.

Married and the father of two daughters and one son, he now lives in the Cheviot Hills district of Los Angeles.

JOE STYDAHAR, ASST. COACH



Joe Stydahar, one of football's all-time greats, was born in Kaylor, Pa., March 3, 1912. When he was four, the Stydahar family moved to Shinnston, West Virginia, where Joe became one of that state's greatest athletes. During his high school career, he was not only an all-state selection in football two years — once as a tackle, once as a fullback — but also gained the same honor three straight years as a center in basketball. He played third base on the baseball team, but they didn't pick all-state teams in that sport.

In 1932, he entered the University of Pittsburgh, but after a month of training camp, became homesick and headed for the University of West Virginia. His senior year at that institution, he was named to the All-Eastern, Little All-America and All-America squads. He played in the East-West Game and the Chicago All-Star classic before joining the Chicago Bears in the Fall of 1936.

Stydahar immediately became one of the National League's greatest tackles, just missing All-League honors his freshman season (he tied with Ernie Smith in the voting but Smith was awarded the spot because of his field goal kicking) but making the mythical team in 1937-38-39-40. He played with Bears until 1942, entered the service where he became a Lieutenant in the Navy, and then returned to his old stand at the tail end of the 1945 campaign and completed his active playing role with the 1946 season. In all, he played on five Western Division Championship clubs and three World Championship teams in his 8½ years with the pros.

When Bob Snyder was named head coach, he immediately went after his old teammate and signed him up as an assistant coach although he was sought after by practically every team in the National League.

He is married and lives in Southern California.

Tex Schramm, Jr., Publicity Director

Tex Schramm, Jr., son of former California Golf Association President Tex Schramm, Sr., was born in Los Angles on June 2, 1920. Played football at Alhambra High School but turned to journalism at the University of Texas.

Schramm enlisted as a private in the Army Air Corps in December of 1941 and received his discharge with rank of Captain in 1945. Was Sports Editor of the Austin (Tex.) Statesman before joining the Rams in the spring of this year.

GEORGE TRAFTON, ASST. COACH



George Trafton, one of the legendary linemen of the National League, was born in Chicago on December 6, 1896. As a Notre Dame center in 1918-1920, he played with George Gipp, Hunk Anderson and Clipper Smith.

He started with the Chicago Bears in the early days when they were called the Staleys. He was an All-League center eight of his 13 seasons with the Bears and captained the team. In fact he became so much a part of the Bears that at one time he owned 25% of the club.

In 1930, he opened his own gymnasium in Chicago where fighters and business men worked out. He didn't devote full time to this activity, however, until he gave up active playing following the 1932 season. A boxer himself once — he knocked out Art (Whattaman) Shires and fought Primo Carnera — he managed Willie Joyce and Oscar Rankin and when the war forced him to lock up his gym in Chicago, he brought Joyce to Los Angeles. It was this move that was eventually to draw Trafton back into football. In 1944, Curly Lambeau of the Green Bay Packers, who was summering on the West Coast, signed George up as his line coach. That season, the Packers won the World Championship and when the Rams started their rebuilding program the following year, one of the first men they went after was Trafton. And with Trafton handling the line and Bob Snyder masterminding the backfield, the Rams jumped from the second division to the championship.

Now a confirmed Californian, Trafton makes his home in Brentwood. He is married and has one daughter and in the short space of a year, has become one of the most popular after-dinner speakers in Southern California. His Nesser stories and glimpses of the National League when a right cross was the best block in the game are becoming as legendary as Trafton himself.

Bill John, Business Manager

Bill John is in his fourth year as business manager of the Rams. He formerly managed and handled tickets for hockey games, ice shows and harness race meetings in Ohio. He was box office treasurer of the Cleveland Arena, and also handled all ticket sales for Station WJW in Cleveland. Married and the father of two sons Bill is a resident of West Los Angeles.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, he has in two short years become an enthusiastic devotee of the Southern California way of living.

1947 TRAINING

Name	School	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Previous Exp. in NFL
Centers					
Harding, Roger	Univ. of Calif.	6' 2"	215	24	2
Martin, John	Princeton, Navy	6' 3½"	235	25	
Naumetz, Fred	Boston College	6' 2"	220	25	1
Sommers, Jack	U. C. L. A.	6' 3"	245	28	
Guards					
Dean, Hal S.	Ohio State	6'	205	24	
Eason, Roger	Oklahoma	6' 1"	225	29	2
Ellis, Thad	N. Carolina	6'	220	26	
Finlay, Jack	U. C. L. A.	6' 1"	205	25	
Lazetich, Milan	Michigan	6' 1"	215	26	2
Lear, Butch	U. Manitoba	5'11"	227	29	3
Matheson, Riley	Texas Mines	6' 2"	210	31	8
Pavelec, Teddy	Detroit	6'	230	28	3
Redding, Ken	N. Carolina State	6'	250	33	
Stone, Harvey M.	Oklahoma	5'11"	210	26	
Thomas, Jack	Tulsa Univ.	6' 2"	202	22	
Tackles					
Bouley, Gil	Boston College	6' 2"	235	25	2
Chase, Ben	Navy	6' 3"	230	23	
Fawcett, Jake	So. M. U.	5'11"	220	28	4
Huffman, Dick	Tennessee	6' 2"	230	22	
Johnson, Clyde	Kentucky	6' 6¼"	265	30	1
Kane, Roger	Iowa	6' 3"	240	23	
Levy, Leonard	Minnesota	6'	260	25	2
Pasqua, Joe	So. M. U.	6' 1½"	225	27	3
Schultz, Eb	Oregon State	6' 4½"	260	29	7
Sikich, Rudy	Minnesota	6' 1"	215	26	1
Smyth, Bill	Cincinnati	6' 3"	234	24	
Strojny, Ted	Holy Cross	6' 2"	212	24	

CAMP ROSTER

Name	School	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Previous Exp. in NFL
Ends					
Benton, James	Arkansas	6' 3"	206	31	8
Dante, Anthony	Pittsburgh	6'	210	27	
Hamilton, Ray	Arkansas	6' 4"	210	31	7
Hickey, Howard	Arkansas	6' 2"	215	30	3
Hightower, Ben	Sam Houston	6' 2"	185	26	2
Hubbell, Frank	Tennessee	6' 2"	198	25	
Pritko, Steve	Villanova	6' 2"	210	25	1
Shaw, Robert	Ohio State	6' 4"	225	25	2
Strode, Woody	U. C. L. A.	6' 3"	205	32	1
Zilly, John	Notre Dame	6' 2"	206	26	
Backs					
Bagarus, Steve	Notre Dame	5'11"	171	28	2
Banta, Jack	So. California	5'11"	192	29	1
Bleeker, Mel	So. California	5'10½"	188	27	3
Cowhig, Gerry	Notre Dame	6' 2½"	210	25	
Gehrke, Fred	U. of Utah	5'11"	190	29	3
Hardy, James	So. California	6'	185	24	1
Harmon, Tom	Michigan	6' 1"	197	27	1
Hoerner, Dick	Iowa	6' 4"	220	24	
Hoffman, Wayne	U. So. California	6' 1"	210	29	3
Horvath, Les	Ohio State	6'	170	25	
Ksionzyk, John	St. Bonaventure	5'10"	180	26	
Magnani, Dante	St. Mary's	5'11"	183	27	1
Pacewic, Vincent	Loyola, U.S.F.	5'11"	205	26	
Reese, Kenneth	Alabama	5'10"	180	26	
Washington, Kenny	U. C. L. A.	6' 1½"	200	29	1
Waterfield, Bob	U. C. L. A.	6' 1½"	200	27	1
West, Pat	So. California	6'	200	24	2
Wilson, Jack	Baylor	6'	200	28	1

BIOG-RAMS

CENTERS

ROGER HARDING — No. 15

Age—24. *Height*—6 ft. 2 in. *Weight*—215.
College—University of California, 1941-45. All-American.
Service Record—Private in U.S. Army Ski Troops in 1943. Given medical discharge.
Professional Record—Played through 1945 and 1946 seasons with Rams.
General Information—Roger Harding was born in Oakland, Calif., on June 11, 1923. An All-American at University of California, he was the Rams' fifth choice in the player selections for 1944. His big thrill of the 1944 season occurred in game against U.C.L.A. when he broke through to block and recover a punt which he returned 30 yards to the game's only touchdown. The kicker was his present teammate, Bob Waterfield. Is married and lives in Walnut Creek, Calif. Plays center.

JOHN MARTIN

Age—25. *Height*—6 ft. 3½ in. *Weight*—235.
College—Princeton University and U. S. Naval Academy.
Service Record—Ensign in the Navy. Saw duty in Japan.
Professional Record—None.
General Information—John Martin, called 'Jack' or 'Chief', was born in Flint, Michigan, April 10, 1922. He was captain of the Waite High School team in Toledo, Ohio, which won the state championship in 1939. After entering Princeton in 1940 and playing under Tad Wieman, he transferred to the Naval Academy. In 1943, he was named to the New York Sun's all-America team. He is married, making his off-season home in Toledo. Fast and aggressive for a big man, he plays both offense and defense.

FRED NAUMETZ — No. 22

Age—25. *Height*—6 ft. 2 in. *Weight*—220
College—Boston College. Graduated in 1943. Played in Sugar Bowl and Orange Bowl.
Service Record—Lieut. (j.g.) in Naval Amphibious Forces in the Pacific. Served on an attack transport in China, Japan and Philippines. Entered service in 1942, discharged in February, 1946.
Professional Record—Played 1946 season with Rams.
General Information—Fred Naumetz was All-American center and member of one of the great eastern teams of recent years. He was on the same team with Gil Bouley, Ram tackle. Naumetz is a vicious blocker and tackler. He was the Rams' third choice in the player draft of 1943. He is married and has one child. His home has been in Newburyport, Mass., but he now lives in Los Angeles and plans to make this his permanent home. Plays center.

JACK SOMMERS

Age—28. *Height*—6 ft. 3 in. *Weight*—245.

College—University of California at Los Angeles 1937 to 1941.

Service Record—Lieutenant in the Navy. Served in the Pacific Theater.

Professional Record—None.

General Information—Jack Sommers migrated to Southern California from Norriston, Pennsylvania where he was a football and swimming star at Norriston High School. He held the national interscholastic 50 and 100 yard breast stroke records and added a collegiate 50-yard breast stroke mark to his record at UCLA. While with the Bruins, he also earned three varsity football letters. When not playing football, he is in the export sales business. He is married and has one daughter.

GUARDS

HAL S. DEAN

Age—24. *Height*—6 ft. *Weight*—205.

College—Ohio State University, 1941-42 and 1946.

Service Record—Captain, Infantry Parachute Battalion. Served in Asiatic and Pacific Theaters.

Professional Record—None.

General Information—Hal graduated from Ohio State in the early part of 1947. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. Plans to continue his education either at Ohio State or Stanford. Made three letters in football at Ohio State. Was All-Big Nine guard in 1942. Played in East-West Shrine game. Started every game with Ohio State's national championship team of 1942. Home is in Wooster, Ohio. Presently living in Gardena, Calif., with his wife.

ROGER EASON — No. 43

Age—29. *Height*—6 ft. 1 in. *Weight*—225

College—Oklahoma University, 1938-42.

Service Record — Sgt. with the 193d Field Artillery of the American First Army. Was in England, France and Germany from August, 1944, to September, 1945. Entering service in February, 1942, he was discharged September 26, 1945.

Professional Record—Played with Rams in 1945 and 1946.

General Information—Born in Paul's Valley, Oklahoma, on July 31, 1918. Attended Central High School in Oklahoma City. Was All-Big Six tackle at Oklahoma University and was a member of the West squad in the 1941 All-Star game. Plays guard on offense, is often used at left tackle on defense. Is one of the best linemen in the game and has an excellent future. Married and father of one child. Family now resides in Oklahoma City. Plays guard or tackle.

JAMES T. ELLIS

Age—24. *Height*—6 ft. 1 in. *Weight*—225.

College—University of North Carolina, 1940. Duke University, 1941-44.

Service Record—First Lieutenant Marine Corps. Pacific Theater. Silver Star and Purple Heart.

Professional Record—Charlotte Clippers 1946.

General Information—Played tackle in college, but was switched to guard he played with the Charlotte Clippers. Made All-Southern tackle in 1944 playing with Duke. Won college letters in boxing and football. Captained the Duke boxing team. Works for an auto finance company during the off season in Atlanta, Georgia. Jimmy is single.

JACK FINLAY — No. 17

Age—25. *Height*—6 ft. 1 in. *Weight*—205.

College—University of California at Los Angeles, 1940-43.

Service Record—Lieut. (j.g.) in U. S. Navy. Played for Del Monte Preflight in 1943.

Professional Record—Played the 1946 season with L.A. Bulldogs.

General Information—Jack Finlay while at U.C.L.A. was one of the better linemen in Pacific Coast football. He started at left tackle in the 1943 Rose Bowl game in which Ram Bob Waterfield played against Frankie Sinkwich and Charlie Trippi of Georgia. Finlay was one of the main reasons why the U.C.L.A. line was able to hold a highly favored Georgia eleven to a narrow 9 to 0 victory. He was recommended to the Rams by Waterfield himself. He has played tackle in the past but the Rams plan to try him at guard.

MILAN "SHERIFF" LAZETICH — No. 27

Age—26. *Height*—6 ft. 1 in. *Weight*—215

College—University of Michigan, 1944. Played freshman football in 1941 at Montana University.

Service Record—Seaman 1/c in Navy, 1941 until given medical discharge in 1943.

Professional Record—One of the best linemen in the National League in 1945 and 1946.

General Information—Milan Lazetich was born in Anaconda, Montana, on August 27, 1921. He attended Anaconda High School. After his freshman season at Montana was interrupted by his trick in the Navy he entered the University of Michigan where he was a star tackle on the 1944 Wolverine eleven. He was chosen on all of the Big Ten honor teams for that year. He was converted into a guard by Ram coaches in 1945 and has played fine football. While at Michigan his teammates learned that Milan had been a deputy sheriff of Deer Lodge County, Montana, and he has been nicknamed "Sheriff" ever since. He is a younger brother of Bill Lazetich, a Ram halfback of a few years ago. Milan is single and spends the off season working on his family's 1200-acre ranch in Montana. Plays guard.

LESLIE "BUTCH" LEAR — No. 41

Age—29. *Height*—5 ft. 11 in. *Weight*—227

College—University of Manitoba, Canada.

Service Record—Cpl. in Canadian Army with Winnipeg Rifles.

Professional Record—The Ram coaching staff heard of Lear's prowess in the Canadian League and in 1944 brought him to Cleveland as the first Canadian player ever imported across the border to play in the National Football League. Played three years with the Rams both at guard and tackle.

General Information—Les Lear was born in Grafton, North Dakota, on August 22, 1918, but has lived most of his life in Canada. His home was in Winnipeg where he was an agent for the Sun Life Assurance Company and where in the winter he coached an amateur hockey team, but after the 1945 season he married a Winnipeg girl and brought her to Long Beach, California, where they now make their home. As a player Lear was good enough to make the All-Canadian League team three years in a row. When he first joined the Rams he was told about the big, tough Americans he would have to beat out for his spot on the team. His answer: "They breathe just like me, don't they?" Feeling that the best way to make an impression was to start tearing everything apart, he was so rough and rugged in training camp that he gained the nickname of "Butch" as he tried to wade through slaughter to his "throne". He was finally calmed down, taught a few things he hadn't known before about football and became a fine lineman. As a hobby he trains Leonard (Butch) Levy for the latter's wrestling matches. Plays guard and tackle.

LEONARD "BUTCH" LEVY — No. 76

Age—25. *Height*—6 ft. *Weight*—260

College—University of Minnesota, 1938 to graduation in 1942. Won honors as All-American guard two years.

Service Record—Chief Specialist in Navy, 1942-45. Received medical discharge in October, 1945. Was stationed at Camp Farragut, Idaho, and later at Long Beach Naval Hospital where he worked with disabled veterans on conditioning, rehabilitation and physical training program. Played with Great Lakes in 1942.

Professional Record—Levy was Rams' fourth choice in 1941 player selection. He joined the club during the middle of the 1945 season and immediately became one of the strongest linemen in the league. He had no peer in holding down the center of a five-man line on defense. Plays both guard and tackle.

General Information—"Butch" Levy is a product of West High in Minneapolis, where he played in 1935-38. At the University of Minnesota he became the most powerful guard in the Western Conference and in addition became National Intercollegiate wrestling champion in 1941. In 1942 he was National A.A.U. heavyweight wrestling champion and now during the off season he wrestles in main events and featured spots on professional wrestling cards all up and down the Pacific Coast as well as in Mexico. "Best young heavyweight wrestler I have ever seen," is the tribute paid Levy by Tony Stecher, brother-manager of the great Joe Stecher. Levy is being groomed for a future shot at the heavyweight championship of the world. He is married and lives in Long Beach, California, where he trains for his mat matches with his friend, teammate and neighbor, Leslie "Butch" Lear. Plays guard or tackle.

RILEY "SNAKE" MATHESON — No. 11

Age—31. *Height*—6 ft. 2 in. *Weight*—210.
College—Texas School of Mines (El Paso). Graduated 1938.
Service Record—None.
Professional Record—Played with Rams in 1939, 1940, 1941 and 1942, for Detroit in 1943 when Rams had no team; for Rams in 1944, 1945 and 1946.

General Information—Riley Matheson was born in Shannon, Texas, December 6, 1915. Before the Rams moved to Los Angeles, Riley lived on his own ranch at Las Cruces, New Mexico. Now he is a converted Californian and has his ranch near Redding, Calif. He got his nickname as the result of having twice been bitten by rattlesnakes.

A story about the career of Riley Matheson might well be entitled "The Life of Riley." He is now starting his ninth season in the National Football League and after a hunting trip with Matheson, Rams' Coach Bob Snyder swears "Snake" can play another nine years if he wants to. It seems Riley invited Snyder and Bob Waterfield on an extended hunting trip but when the pair arrived at Riley's ranch preparatory to packing into the mountains, they discovered there were but two horses available. Matheson, however, wasn't bothered. He put Snyder on one horse, Waterfield on the other, and he took off afoot and proceeded to lead them all over the Sierra Nevadas. And it wasn't Riley who was looking for liniment when they returned.

An All-League guard for three seasons, Matheson is rated by many the greatest defensive lineman in the history of the league. He calls the defensive signals for the Rams and herds the line around like a mother hen. He was such a favorite with Cleveland fans that a special "Riley Matheson Day" ceremony was held in which the fans gave him $1225 and a gold watch. He is married and has three children.

TEDDY PAVELEC

Age—28. *Height*—6 ft. *Weight*—230.
College—University of Detroit, 1937-40.
Service Record—Marine Corps for seven months.
Professional Record—Played three years with the Detroit Lions.

General Information—Teddy Pavelec was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan and played for St. Augustine High School in that city. Later, while attending the University of Detroit, he kicked a 43-yard field goal to win Gus Dorais' 100th victory at that school. Later, while with the Lions, he kicked 67 out of 69 conversions. Teddy is single and works in the motion picture studios during the off-season.

KENNETH REDDING

Age—33. *Height*—6 ft. *Weight*—250.
College—North Carolina State, 1934-38.
Service Record—None.
Professional Record—None.

General Information—Born and raised in Decatur, Illinois, he attended Decatur High School before entering North Carolina State. Tiny, as he is called, is married and manages a restaurant.

HARVEY M. STONE

Age—27. *Height*—5 ft. 11 in. *Weight*—205.

College—University of Oklahoma, 1940.

Service Record—Was in Navy for six years. Entered in 1941, discharged in February of 1947.

Professional Record—None.

General Information—During the off season Harvey Stone is a "rough-neck" in the oil fields near his Cushing, Oklahoma, home. During the season he's a "rough-neck" on the football field. Likes the going when it's toughest. He was an outstanding guard on the freshman team at Oklahoma U in 1940 and then went into the Navy. Was on the Navy Service team in Miami, Florida, in 1944. Is married and the father of a two-year-old son.

JACK THOMAS

Age—21. *Height*—6 ft. 2 in. *Weight*—202.

College—Baylor University 1943. Tulsa University 1944-45-46.

Service Record—None.

Professional Record—None.

General Information—Jack Thomas was awarded three varsity letters at Tulsa after being switched from center to guard upon his switch from Baylor to Tulsa. He played in the Oil Bowl against Georgia, the Orange Bowl against Georgia Tech and the Sugar Bowl against Georgia Tech on January 1 of 1945, 1946 and 1947. Has a B.S. degree in Business Administration and works for the Standard Oil Company during the off season. Jack is single, makes his off-season home in San Marcos, Texas.

TACKLES

GIL BOULEY — No. 66

Age—25. *Height*—6 ft. 2 in. *Weight*—235

College—Boston College, 1940-43. All-American in 1941 and 1942.

Service Record—Lieut. in Army Air Corps. Received medical discharge in 1945.

Professional Record—Joined Rams in 1945 just before discharge from Army and played all through the season as the team's regular right tackle. Gil and Tackle Eberle Schultz were the only Rams in 1946 who started every league game.

General Information—Gil Bouley was born in Plainfield, Conn., on November 15, 1921. He attended high school in Norwich, Conn. Frank Leahy, who was coach at Boston College when Gil was a freshman, early predicted a brilliant college and professional career for this husky youngster and he has more than made that prediction come true. In his junior year at Boston College he was chosen on most of the All-America teams and during that season he blocked and recovered three punts for touchdowns. He is a vicious blocker and tackler. He is ambitious to become a football coach. Plays right tackle.

BEN CHASE

Age—23. *Height*—6 ft. 3 in. *Weight*—230.

College—U.S. Naval Academy, 1942-45. Captain of 1944 team.

Service Record—Ensign, Navy. Saw duty in the Atlantic and played for the Little Creek Amphibious team at Norfolk, Virginia.

Professional Record—None.

General Information—Ben Chase, a rugged tackle who can also play end or guard, was born in Bisbee, Arizona but did his early footballing at Herbert Hoover High School in San Diego. An all-around athlete at the Naval Academy, he earned three letters in football and two each in boxing and track. He now makes his permanent home in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is married and has one child.

JAKE FAWCETT — No. 42

Age—28. *Height*—5 ft. 11 in. *Weight*—220

College—Southern Methodist, 1937-41.

Service Record—Seaman 1/c in U. S. Navy. Played with San Diego Navy in 1945. Inducted following 1944 season.

Professional Record—Played with Rams in 1942, '44 and 1946, with Brooklyn in 1943.

General Information—Jake Fawcett is from Hillsboro, Texas, where he played high school football. In 1943 Brooklyn was reputed to have the strongest line in the National Football League. Fawcett was shifted to guard and was good enough to make a regular spot for himself at that position in this rugged forward wall. In 1945 he was instrumental in the decisive victory of San Diego over the University of Southern California. Plays right tackle or guard.

DICK HUFFMAN

Age—24. *Height*—6 ft. 2 in. *Weight*—240.

College—University of Tennessee, 1941-42 and 1946. All-American.

Service Record—Pfc. in the Marines. Played with the Fleet Marine Force team under Cliff Battles at Pearl Harbor in 1945.

Professional Record—None.

General Information—Played football and track at Charleston High School in Charleston, West Virginia. Makes his home in Charleston during the off season and engages in construction work to keep in shape. One of the best tackles to come out of the Southeastern conference. Dick is married and at the time we went to press the Huffmans were expecting an heir. This is his first year of professional ball.

CLYDE JOHNSON — No. 8

Age—30. *Height*—6 ft. 6¼ in. *Weight*—265.

College—University of Kentucky, 1939-43. All-American.

Service Record—Lieut. in Infantry, stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Professional Record—With Rams in 1946.

General Information—Clyde Johnson is one of the biggest men in football today, and the biggest player on the Ram squad. He was born at Ashland, Ky., on August 22, 1917. During his years at the University of Kentucky he won great renown as one of the most powerful linemen in collegiate football and was named All-American in 1943. He is married, has one child and lives at Ashland. Plays left tackle.

ROGER M. KANE

Age—23. *Height*—6 ft. 3 in. *Weight*—230.

College—University of Iowa, 1941-42 and 1946.

Service Record—Infantry Sergeant in European Theater. Received Purple Heart twice for wounds received in action.

Professional Record—None.

General Information—Kane says his high school coach, Arthur "Dutch" Bergstrom, former Notre Dame great, did most for him to further his football career. He played tackle and center while in high school and was switched to tackle by Dr. Eddie Anderson when he went to Iowa. Also played basketball and threw the shot in track. Made two varsity letters in college football, majored in Economics. Is married, has one daughter. Lives in Mundelein, Illinois, during off season.

JOE PASQUA — No. 65

Age—27. *Height*—6 ft. 1½ in. *Weight*—225.

College—Southern Methodist, 1939-41.

Service Record—Pfc. in Army Air Forces, stationed at Mitchell Field, New York.

Professional Record—Played with Rams in 1942. Was regular right tackle on lend-lease with the Eastern Division champions, the Washington Redskins, in 1943. Signed to play with Rams first season after his discharge from the Army which was the 1946 season.

General Information—Joe Pasqua lives in Dallas, Texas, and was one of the top tackles in the Southwest Conference when he played for Southern Methodist University of that city. He is big and rough and a willing mixer. He plays right tackle.

EBERLE H. SCHULTZ — No. 40

Age—29. *Height*—6 ft. 4½ in. *Weight*—260.

College—Oregon State, 1935-41. All-American.

Service Record—Merchant Marine. Joined the U. S. Maritime Service early in 1945 and did not expect to play football that season but V-J Day caused a change in his plans. Duty in South Pacific.

Professional Record—Played in the National Football League seven years, first with the Philadelphia Eagles and then with the Pittsburgh Steelers until acquired by the Rams in the summer of 1945. He and the Rams' other great tackle, Gil Bouley, were the only members of the squad to start every league game in 1946. He is the Rams' captain.

General Information—Eberle Schultz comes from Oregon City, where he played high school football, but now makes his home in Hollywood. He lost his wife in the spring of 1946 after they had had four small children. In May of this year, Eberle married Irene Kezsely, the Rams' efficient secretary, and they all are now living happily in a bungalow in the suburbs of Hollywood. Schultz was boxing champion at Oregon State but hasn't donned the gloves since. He is one of the strongest men in football and was the Rams' No. 1 tackle during the 1945 championship season and followed it up with a great season in 1946. He plays on the left side.

RUDOLPH SIKICH

Age—26. *Height*—6 ft. 1 in. *Weight*—218.

College—University of Minnesota, 1941-42-44.

Service Record—Pfc. in Marines, 1943-44.

Professional Record—Played with Rams in 1945. Was traded to Boston and later to Pittsburgh but did not play in 1946.

General Information—Rudy was born in Hibbing, Minnesota, and played high school football there. He was an outstanding high school player and it was no surprise when he showed up on Bernie Bierman's 1941 Minnesota team. He was named All-Big Nine tackle in 1944. He is married and makes his home in Minnesota. During the off season he's a miner.

BILL SMYTH

Age—25. *Height*—6 ft. 3 in. *Weight*—240.

College—Notre Dame, 1940-42. University of Cincinnati, 1942-43 and 1946.

Service Record—Corporal, Marines. Pacific.

General Information—Played end and tackle while in high school and college. When Bill went to Cincinnati after three years in the service Ray Nolting switched him to tackle. He played on Cincinnati's great team of last year which upset Indiana, 1945 Big Nine champs. Played football, baseball, basketball and track in high school in St. Bernard, Ohio. Graduated with a B.S. degree in Physical Education this year. Is a teacher during the off season. Bill is married and makes his home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

TED STROJNY

Age—24. *Height*—6 ft. 2 in. *Weight*—212.

College—Holy Cross, 1942, '45 and '46.

Service Record—Sgt. in the Army Air Forces. Served in European Theater.

Professional Record—None.

General Information—Of Polish decent, Ted Strojny was born in Tauton, Massachusetts where he also attended high school, playing football and basketball. A rough blocker and determined line backer, Strojny earned three letters at Holy Cross and played in the 1946 Orange Bowl game. In his final season with the Crusaders, he broke his leg after being tabbed one of the East's top linemen. He lives in Tauton.

ENDS

JIM BENTON — No. 49

Age—31. *Height*—6 ft. 3 in. *Weight*—206.

College—University of Arkansas, 1935-37. All-American.

Service Record—None.

Professional Record—Played with the Rams in 1938-39-40-42-44-45 and 1946, with the Chicago Bears in 1943. All-League end last four seasons.

General Information—Jim Benton is second only to the amazing Don Hutson of Green Bay among the all-time pass catching ends of National Football League history, and in 1945 the big Arkansas Traveler succeeded in lifting two League records from the brow of Hutson who, like Benton, comes from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. In the Ram-Detroit game at Detroit, Benton caught ten passes from Bob Waterfield for 303 yards and both figures set new League records for one game. Also in 1945, Benton caught 45 passes for 8 touchdowns and a league-leading record of 1,067 yards, second highest yardage total in the history of the league. All were thrown by Waterfield. He was second to Hutson in the pass receiving department in 1944. In 1946, however, Benton took over the top spot with a record of 63 completions for 981 yards and six touchdowns.

Benton was born in Carthage, Arkansas, on September 25, 1916. He is a sure receiver of anything thrown near him and Ram coaches insist that the only thing Hutson has on him is speed. Benton, they claim, is superior even to Hutson in faking a defensive back out of position so that he can break into the clear to snare a pass. Big Jim is married and the father of twin boys. He lives in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where he owns a combination bowling alley and roller rink. He plays left end.

ANTHONY "TONY" DANTE

Age—27. *Height*—6 ft. *Weight*—210.

College—University of Pittsburgh.

Service Record—None.

Professional Record—Played with the Hollywood Bears for three seasons before being called up to the Rams.

General Information—Tony Dante played football under Dr. Jock Sutherland at Pittsburgh for three years in addition to earning three baseball and two basketball letters. He was also an outstanding track star in high school but was forced to give up this sport at college so he would have some spare time to earn spending money. Although Tony was born in New York, he has switched his allegiance to Southern California. During the off season, he is a free-lance actor.

RAY HAMILTON — No. 44

Age—31. *Height*—6 ft. 4 in. *Weight*—210

College—University of Arkansas, 1934-38.

Service Record—Captain in the Infantry.

Professional Record—Played with the Rams in 1938, was traded to Detroit and also played with the Philadelphia Eagles before joining the Army. Rejoined the Rams in 1944 and has been with them ever since.

General Information—Born in Sheridan, Ark., on January 21, 1916, Ray Hamilton played prep school football at Sheridan High and later was a teammate of Jim Benton's at University of Arkansas where he held down the right wing as Benton played left. Hamilton is a big, rugged player who blocks out a tackle with extreme vigor and who is a hard man to handle on defense. He lives with his wife and child in Lonoke, Ark., where he is an assistant purchasing agent with the state highway department and operates 1900-acre farm. Plays right end.

HOWARD "RED" HICKEY — No. 53

Age—30. *Height*—6 ft. 2 in. *Weight*—203

College—University of Arkansas, 1937-41.

Service Record—Lieut. (j.g.) in U. S. Navy. Entered service on February 13, 1942. Sea duty 13 months as gunnery officer on tanker and Liberty ship. Played with Great Lakes in 1942 and Bainbridge Navy in 1943. All-America Service team 1943.

Professional Record—Selected by Philadelphia in 1940 player draft. Purchased by Rams in 1940 from Pittsburgh, which club had acquired his contract, and played with Rams in 1941. After release from the Navy he played with the Rams in 1945 and 1946.

General Information—Born in Clarksville, Ark., on February 4, 1917, Red Hickey played at Clarksville High School and then entered University of Arkansas where he was in school just behind Benton and Hamilton whom he later followed to the Rams. In his first season in the National League (1941) Red finished in sixth place among the league's pass receivers. Hickey is married and has a son and lives in West Los Angeles. Plays left end.

BEN HIGHTOWER

Age—26. *Height*—6 ft. 2 in. *Weight*—185

College—Sam Houson of Texas, 1939-41.

Service Record—Specialist 1/c in U. S. Navy. On Okinawa.

Professional Record—Selected by Rams in 1942 player draft and played with club that season. Loaned to Detroit in 1943.

General Information—Ben Hightower is a great pass receiver. He is fast and aggressive. His home is in Huntsville, Texas. He plays either end on offense and halfback on defense.

FRANK HUBBELL

Age—25. *Height*—6 ft. 3 in. *Weight*—210.

College—University of Tennessee.

Service Record—Captain in the Army Air Forces. In the service 33 months, Hubbell flew 26 missions in the European Theatre where he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf clusters.

Professional Record—None.

General Information—Born in Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 19, 1922, Bud, as he has been tagged, was a football and swimming star at Central High School in Bridgeport before following an older brother to Tennessee. He was a three year letterman for the Vols before graduating with a degree in business administration. A father of two girls, Bud and family live in Knoxville during the off season.

STEVE PRITKO — No. 30

Age—25. *Height*—6 ft. 2 in. *Weight*—210

College—Villanova, 1939-43.

Service Record—Pfc. in the Marines. Given medical discharge.

Professional Record—This will be Pritko's fifth year in the National Football League. He played with the Rams in 1944, 1945 and 1946, with the New York Giants in 1943 on lend-lease from the Rams. He was an all-league end in 1945.

General Information—Steve Pritko in 1945 was almost unanimously selected as the greatest defensive end in the National football League. Every all-league selection that was made named either Pritko or his teammate, Jim Benton, at one end. Don Hutson was the other. No other ends were considered. Pritko was born in Northampton, Pa., on December 25, 1921, and Coach Bob Snyder considers the rugged Villanova athlete one of his most highly prized Christmas presents. In addition to his defensive ability Pritko is one of the best pass receivers on the club. In 1945 he caught 19 passes for 255 yards and 4 touchdowns. In 1946, he snagged 18 for 185 yards and two touchdowns. He comes from Northhampton High School of Northhampton, Pa. He played for three seasons at Villanova and was a member of the East squad in the 1943 East-West Shrine classic. He caught eight touchdown passes in one season at Villanova. Pritko has a B.A. degree from Villanova and his Master's in Physical Education from Columbia. He is at his best when the going is toughest. In the Rams' second game of the 1944 season he received a broken nose but did not miss a contest. In the Chicago Bear game at Wrigley Field in 1945 while attempting to field one of Bob Waterfield's passes he banged into a goal post so hard that he broke two ribs but he was still in there on the next play. He lives in Englewood, N.J., and has a wife and son. Plays right end.

BOB SHAW — No. 38

Age—25. *Height* 6 ft. 4 in. *Weight*—225

College—Ohio State, 1940-43. All-American.

Service Record—Corporal in the 104th Infantry. Went into the Army in January, 1943, and was overseas 11 months in the European Theatre. He served in Holland, Belgium and Germany as personal bodyguard for a Regimental Commander. Discharged in October, 1945.

Professional Record—Finished 1945 season with Rams after his discharge from the Army on October 25. Had good year in 1946.

General Information—Bob Shaw comes from Fremon Ross High School of Fremont, Ohio. He was a brilliant end at Ohio State, where he won Big Nine and All-American recognition in 1941-42. He is particularly noted for his pass catching. He is married and lives in Columbus, Ohio. Plays left end.

WOODROW WILSON "WOODY" STRODE — No. 34

Age—32. *Height*—6 ft. 3 in. *Weight*—205.

College—University of California at Los Angeles, 1936-39.

Service Record—Pfc. in Army Air Forces. Enlisted in 1942, discharged in November, 1945. Played with the Fourth Air Force team in 1942-43-44-45 and for three years was named to the Service All-Coast.

Professional Record—Played with the Hollywood Bears and the Rams in 1946.

General Information—At U.C.L.A., and with the Hollywood Bears, Woody Strode and his great fellow Negro, Kenny Washington, formed what was probably the greatest man-to-man passing combination in Pacific Coast football history. Strode is rated one of the game's great all-around ends, due to the fact that where most ends are specialists in pass receiving, blocking or defensive play, Strode is a stand-out in all three departments — something rarely found in an end. Strode was also a fine shot putter and discus thrower with marks of 51 ft. 6½ in. for the shot and 161 ft. 10 in. for the discus. Strode is reputed by artists and art critics to have one of the finest physiques of any athlete in the world. He comes from Jefferson High School in Los Angeles, makes his home in that city and is married. Plays right end.

JOHN L. ZILLY

Age—25. *Height*—6 ft. 2 in. *Weight*—206.

College—University of Notre Dame, 1942-43-46.

Service Record—Lieutenant (jg) Navy 2 years. Pacific Theater.

Professional Record—None.

General Information—John Zilly graduated from the Notre Dame School of Journalism. He played with Notre Dame's championship team of 1943 and it was just coincidence that he was also on the Irish starting lineup when they again won the national championship in 1946. Went out for track at Notre Dame but did not earn a letter. He is the type end that can do anything and do it well. Called by Coach Frank Leahy one of the best ends to play at Notre Dame. Named on most All-American teams last year. Is single and lives in Soothington, Conn., during the off season.

BACKS

STEVE BAGARUS

Age—28. *Height*—5 ft. 11 in. *Weight*—171.

College—Notre Dame, 1938-40.

Service Record—Entered the Army in 1940 and was stationed at Camp Callan in San Diego where he played four seasons with the San Diego Bombers in the Pacific Coast Professional League.

Professional Record—One of the National League's outstanding running and pass catching backs for two years, 1945-46, while with the Washington Redskins. Traded to the Los Angeles Rams following the 1946 season for Backs Tom Farmer and Ralph Ruthstrom. Before joining the Redskins, he gained All-League honors four straight years with the San Diego Bombers in the Pacific Coast Pro League.

General Information—Steve Bagarus was born in South Bend, Indiana, so it was no surprise when the swift, cat-like back entered Notre Dame in 1938. After three years with the Irish, he joined the army and was sent to San Diego's Camp Callan. While stationed at the Border City, he set the Pacific Coast pro loop afire with his dazzling open field running and pass snagging ability. Three straight years — 1941, 1942, and 1943 — while with the San Diego Bombers, he led the loop in scoring. In 1944, he missed the honor by a scarce 2 points.

On being separated from the service, the Redskins quickly gathered Steve into the Tribe. With the 'Skins, Bagarus immediately became one of the National League's most feared backs.

He led all League backs for two seasons in pass receiving, trailing only Ends Don Hutson and Jim Benton in '45 and Benton and Boston's Crisler in '46. He was also runner-up in punt returns both years and was third and fourth in kickoff returns.

With Bagarus now a Ram, National League Clubs are faced with a puzzling situation. As Green Bay Coach Curly Lambeau puts it, "They have had to play two men on Jim Benton to keep him from catching them all over the lot. They had to do the same thing with Steve Bagarus when he was with Washington. Now Benton and Bagarus are on the same club and there aren't enough men in the defense to go around." He is single and makes his home in La Jolla, California.

JACK BANTA — No. 33

Age—29. *Height*—5 ft. 11 in. *Weight*—192

College—University of Southern California, 1937-41.

Service Record—Lieutenant (j.g.) in U. S. Navy. Piloted blimp on sub patrol in Atlantic. Played with Lakehurst Naval Air Station in 1942.

Professional Record—Acquired by trade from the Philadelphia Eagles, with which club Banta played in 1941-44-45. In 1941 his punts led the league with an average of 47.5 yards. In 1944 he again topped the league kickers with nine punts averaging 44.2 and for the entire season including non-league contests he kicked 12 times for a 46 yard average. During the 1944 season he averaged 5.2 yards in 38 plays from scrimmage, ran 60 yards to one touchdown, returned seven punts for 81 yards and ran back three kickoffs for a total of 54 yards. An injury kept him out of many 1945 games but he helped the Eagles mete out to the Rams the only defeats suffered by his present teammates. In 1946, he carried the ball 44 times for 209 yards and a 4.7 average.

General Information—Jack Banta, from Los Angeles High School, was one of the best players Coach Howard Jones had in the last years of his life as coach of the Southern California Trojans. A 10 flat man on the track, Banta starts fast and hits the line with terrific impact. He goes for every last inch of ground and has to be sat on to be stopped. He is married and lives in Beverly Hills, California. He owns his own photo supply and sporting goods business in Los Angeles. Has played fullback and is listed as a right halfback in the T-formation.

MELVIN BLEEKER

Age—27. *Height*—5 ft. 10½ in. *Weight*—188.

College—University of Southern California, 1940-43

Service Record—Private in Army

Professional Record—Philadelphia Eagles, 1944, 1945, and 1946. Rams obtained Bleeker, whose home is in Southern California, from the Eagles in a trade that saw Guard Art Mergenthal go to the East Coast club.

General Information—Mel Bleeker, who was to become a six-letter winner at Southern California, was born in Los Angeles August 20, 1920. He attended Fremont High School where he established an enviable record as a broad jumper in track and a football player. At the Trojan stronghold, he lived up to his schoolboy reputation by lettering three years in track under famed Dean Cromwell and gaining a like number of sweaters for his football prowess. An outstanding broad jumper, he captained the track team. He is single and lives in Huntington Park, California.

GERARD COWHIG

Age—25. *Height*—6 ft. 2½ in. *Weight*—210.

College—Notre Dame, 1941-42 and 1946.

Service Record—Corporal in Army. Served 36 months, earning five battle stars in Belgium, Germany and France.

Professional Record—None.

General Information—Gerry Cowhig, or Gerard Finbar Cowhig, was the youngest yet first of four Cowhig brothers to attend Notre Dame. Two went to Boston College and one to Fordham. Gerry, however, chose the Irish after earning four letters in football and baseball and two in track in Boston where he also was named all-city fullback. In his sophomore year at South Bend, he soared into the spotlight when he scored two touchdowns from his fullback spot to lead the Irish to an upset 28-0 victory over the highly-favored Iowa Seahawks. After a three-year hitch in the service, he returned to Notre Dame last year to become a hard-driving halfback and one of the Irish's most effective ground gainers. Coach Bob Snyder plans to switch Cowhig back to the fullback spot where his weight and tremendous drive can be used to the fullest advantage. He is single and makes Dorchester, Mass., his off-season home.

FRED GEHRKE — No. 18

Age—29. *Height*—5 ft. 11 in. *Weight*—190

College—University of Utah, 1936-39. Little All-American.

Service Record—None. Did war work as a technical illustrator in the engineering department of Northrop Aircraft where he helped design the "Black Widow" night fighter and the new "Flying Ram". Still works at Northrop in the off season.

Professional Record—In 1940 played with Rams as sub for Parker Hall. During war years while frozen to his job at Northrop he played for several Los Angeles and Hollywood teams in the west coast minor leagues. Returned to the Rams in 1945 when he led all National Football League backs in average yards gained per try, gaining 467 yards in 74 plays for an average of 6.3 yards. His longest run was 72 yards to a touchdown. The first time he carried the ball in the 1945 curtain raiser against Pittsburgh, Gehrke scampered 54 yards to a touchdown. He scored 7 touchdowns in 1945 league play. In 1946, he was again up among the leaders, packing the ball 71 times for 371 yards for a 5.2 average and three touchdowns. His longest run was 53 yards.

General Information—Fred Gehrke comes from Salt Lake City, Utah, where he attended South High School. In his 1938-39 seasons with University of Utah he was spark plug of the team and made several Little All-America selections. He sparked the 1939 eleven to a tie with Santa Clara. Gehrke possesses great leg drive and an ability to cut sharp corners while leaning far over and going at top speed. He was a great javelin thrower with a mark of 216 feet. He once placed third in the National A.A.U. championships and also in the National Intercollegiate title meet. Gehrke was born in Salt Lake City on April 24, 1918, is married, has three children and lives in Inglewood, Calif. Plays left halfback.

JIM HARDY — No. 21

Age—24. *Height*—6 ft. *Weight*—185

College—University of Southern California, 1941-46. All-Coast.

Service Record—Ensign in U.S. Navy. In V-12 program at Southern California while he played for the Trojans.

Professional Record—Was Bob Waterfield's understudy with the Rams in 1946.

General Information—Jim and Don Hardy formed one of the great brother acts of the western gridiron, Jim as quarterback in the T-formation and Don as an end. Both were commissioned in the U.S. Navy while they were in school. Because he has had three varsity seasons, because he wants to finance his way through law school and because he must support a wife and a son born on St. Patrick's Day, Jim decided he wanted to play professional football in 1946 rather than wait for the Pacific Coast Conference to decide a technicality covering his problematical eligibility for another season at U.S.C. This was Hardy's own decision and he personally went to George Marshall, owner of the Washington Redskins who had drawn him in the player selections, and asked that arrangements be made so that he could play his pro ball in Los Angeles rather than in Washington. Marshall obliged by trading Hardy, Bob Hoffman and Walter Ziemba to the Rams in return for "Indian" Jack Jacobs.

Jim Hardy as a Trojan was contemporary with Bob Waterfield as a Bruin of U.C.L.A. and both saw action in the Rose Bowl. Jim played there against Washington in the 1944 game and a year later against Tennessee. In the Washington game Hardy tied Russ Saunders' Rose Bowl record of throwing three touchdown passes. In 1945 he threw two more touchdown passes and ran for another. In being responsible for six touchdowns in two games, Hardy set an all-time Rose Bowl record. In both games his great punting also stood out among the immortal moments of Rose Bowl history. Jim closed his collegiate career in the Rose Bowl by throwing a touchdown pass to Doug MacLachlan while the gun was being fired ending the Tennessee game. Jim is also a fine baseball player and held down third base on the great Trojan nine of 1946. In football he plays quarterback.

TOM HARMON — No. 98

Age—27. *Height*—6 ft. 1 in. *Weight*—197.

College—University of Michigan 1937-40.

Service Record—Captain Air Forces. Pilot. Bailed out twice, thought lost each time but came back. Won Silver Star and Purple Heart.

Professional Record—Played one game for New York Yanks in American League in 1941. Drafted by Philadelphia Eagles in 1940, traded to Chicago Bears. In July, 1946, traded to Los Angeles Rams.

General Information—Tom was one of the greatest athletes in the history of the State of Indiana during his high school days at Horace Mann of Gary. He still holds many high school track records made during his prep days from 1934-37. He was an all-state basketball and football player, a track star, and pitched three no-hit baseball games. At the University of Michigan he became the most feared ball carrier since Red Grange. Tom, in his three-year varsity career at the Wolverine school, became one of the most publicized — and well worth his publicity — football players in the game's history. In 1940 he broke Red Grange's record of 31 touchdowns when he scored 33, and piled up 237 points. In his three years of varsity competition he gained 2292 yards rushing and passed for 1300 yards. He completed 101 passes out of 231 attempted. In 1939 and 1940 he was the unanimous choice of every All-American team named. In 1940 he won the Heisman Trophy, the Walter Camp Trophy, Maxwell Trophy and the Knute Rockne Trophy. He won several Most Valuable Player Awards in 1940. He played on the East team in East-West Shrine game in San Francisco in 1941. Played with the College All-Stars against the Chicago Bears in 1941 and with the All-Stars against Green Bay in 1945. At Michigan Tom was nicknamed "Terrible Tommy" and "The Hoosier Hammer." In 1939 his long runs to touchdowns included 95 yards against Iowa; 44, 58 and 12 vs. Chicago; 90 vs. Marquette; 58 each against Yale and Northwestern. In 1940 he ran to touchdowns 94, 72, 86 and 8 yards through California, 20 against Illinois, 95 against Iowa, and 68 against Penn. He scored all 27 points against Iowa in the only game Iowa lost. His four-touchdown spree against California was achieved on his twenty-first birthday. In his last college game he scored three touchdowns against Ohio State, passed for two more and kicked four conversions. Such great coaches as Fielding Yost, Fritz Crisler, who coached Tom in college, Bob Zuppke, Charley Bachman and Amos Alonzo Stagg have called Harmon one of the greatest players of all time. Tom is married to screen star Elyse Knox and with their two-year-old daughter Sharon lives in North Hollywood. Tom studied radio broadcasting in college and after graduation he turned down a huge offer from the Chicago Bears so that he could devote full time to broadcasting as sports director of Detroit's WJR. Last year he continued his broadcasting as he had a national transcribed show which didn't interfere with his play with the Rams. He is continuing his radio work with a coast-to-coast show this year, plus being signed as a regular on the coast-to-coast Jimmy Durante show.

LESTER "DICK" HOERNER

Age—24. *Height*—6 ft. 4 in. *Weight*—220

College—University of Iowa, 1941-42 and '46.

Service Record—Corporal in the Artillery. Saw service in France, Germany and Austria. Won two battle stars, one Bronze Star.

Professional Record—None.

General Information—Lester J. "Dick" Hoerner was one of Iowa's greatest high school athletes. Hailing from Dubuque, Dick was an all-state gridder two years in addition to being the state shot put champion in 1941 and gaining high-point honors in the state track meet. At Iowa

in 1942, he averaged 3.8 yards per try, tying for the Iowa scoring leadership with 30 points. Exceedingly fast for a six-four, 220-pounder, Hoerner returned a kickoff 90 yards against Michigan in '42, along with cutting off runs of 53 and 46 yards in other games. In 1946, many considered the fleet fullback on a par with Army's famed 'Doc' Blanchard and some thought he was even a better hand. Clarence 'Doc' Spears, veteran coach who tutored the great Broncho Nagurski at Minnesota, has been quoted as saying Hoerner is a better fullback than Blanchard. Notre Dame's Frank Leahy, whose Irish tangled with Hoerner and Iowa last fall, also lauded the big fullback when he said Hoerner was "one of the greatest fullbacks of the season." He also punts and kicks off. In track, he has put the 16-pound shot over 52 feet. He took a liberal arts course in Iowa, and on completion of his professional playing career, wants to coach or become a construction engineer.

WAYNE "BOB" HOFFMAN

Age—29. *Height*—6 ft. 1 in. *Weight*—210

School—University of Southern California, 1936-40. All-Coast.

Service Record—Corporal in Army Air Forces. Stationed at Lowry Field and also First Motion Picture Unit at Culver City.

Professional Record—Played with Washington Redskins in 1940 and 1941. With Hollywood Bears and Hollywood Rangers in 1943-44-45 under Paul Schissler for the Bears and Bill Sargent for the Rangers. Was acquired by Rams in summer of 1946 in trade which sent Jack Jacobs to the Washington Redskins in return for Bob Hoffman and Jim Hardy. Had successful season with Rams in 1946.

General Information—Bob Hoffman played prep school football at Montebello High. The rugged, lantern-jawed, hard-socking Hoffman became famed up and down the Pacific Coast as one of the greatest blocking backs Howard Jones ever had at Southern California, and on defense his play was mentioned in the same breath with that of Erny Pinckert, Jones' most famous blocking back. Jones never used Bob as a ball carrier, but as a fullback he proved that he could sock a line for a six-yard gain in the very best traditions of fullback play. In private life Bob is a cameraman at Warner Bros. studios and he lives in Burbank near that studio. He is married. He plays fullback.

LES HORVATH

Age—25. *Height*—6 *ft. Weight*—165.

College—Ohio State University, 1940-'42 and '44.

Service Record—Lieut. (j.g.) in Navy. In service two years. Stationed in Honolulu.

Professional Record—None.

General Information—Les Horvath is one of Ohio State's all-time greats. He won virtually every honor open to a college football player. Born in South Bend, Indiana, he soon moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended Rhodes High School. Entering Ohio State, he gained his first big thrill in 1940 when as a substitute, he tackled the great Tom Harmon after the Michigan flash had broken into the open. He soon, however, was to scale the same heights as did Harmon and this year the two are team

mates. In 1942, with Horvath the big spark, the Buckeyes captured the National Championship, losing but a single game to Wisconsin. A part of the Army program in 1943, Horvath was not allowed to play, but in '44 he was back in the harness for his greatest season. When the shooting had subsided in December, the Buckeyes had gone through the season undefeated and Horvath was acclaimed the nation's greatest footballer.

He was named on every major All-America team, was awarded the Chicago Tribune Trophy for being the most valuable player in the Big Nine, the Nile Kinnick Trophy, the Christy Walsh Trophy for being named the captain of Walsh's all-America squad, and was feted at a special Les Horvath Day in Cleveland at which time Ohio Governor Lausche awarded Les a special trophy, to be known in ensuing years as the Les Horvath Trophy. And climaxing all honors, he was awarded the Heisman Trophy by the New York Downtown Athletic Club, presented each year to the nation's outstanding football player. In the summer of 1945, he graduated with a Doctor of Dental Surgery diploma and was immediately called to active duty as an Ensign in the Navy. He was stationed at Great Lakes where he helped his old coach, Paul Brown, tutor the sailor eleven. Sixteen months with the Marines in Hawaii followed, at which time he coached the Marine team to the runner-up spot in the Hawaiian Service League, his team winning eight games and losing one. His club also captured the Marine Corps championship. His Navy discharge became effective in July of 1947.

Only 165 pounds when at his best playing weight and standing five feet ten inches, Horvath makes up for his lack of beef with speed, a fast start, and plenty of game savvy. Although he does not consider himself fast, he has turned the 100 in 10.2. He also does not consider himself a good passer, but his record at Ohio State in 1944 tells a different story. He boasted better than a .600 average. He also plays safety and calls signals. Coach Bob Snyder plans to use Horvath in a dual role, dividing his time between the quarterback and left halfback spots. He is single and may make his home in Southern California.

JOHN KSIONZYK

Age—26. *Height*—5 ft. 10 in. *Weight*—180.

College—*St. Bonaventure,* 1938-41.

Service Record—Sgt. in the Army. Served in Pacific. In four years.

Professional Record—Healani, Honolulu one year, and the Scranton Miners, 1946.

General Information—John Ksionzyk, pronounced 'Sun-check', was born and brought up in Binghampton, New York. Attended high school in Binghampton and entered St. Bonaventure where he earned letters in football, baseball and basketball. While in the service, he played for the Healani professional team in Honolulu and then returned to the States to star for the Scranton Miners in the American Football League. His passing was the sensation of the League, the marksman completing 100 aerials in 215 attempts for 1439 yards and 13 touchdowns. Hearing of his prowess, the Rams paid a fancy price for Ksionzyk's contract and brought the great prospect to Los Angeles. Married and the father of one child, Ksionzyk is a social welfare worker during the off season.

DANTE MAGNANI

Age—27. *Height*—5 ft. 11 in. *Weight*—183.

College—*St. Mary's*, 1938-39.

Service Record—Navy. Played with Bainbridge. Served on Guam.

Professional Record—Played with Cleveland (now Los Angeles) Rams in 1940, '41 and '42. Loaned to Chicago Bears for 1943. Traded to Chicago Bears in 1946 in deal that sent Magnani and Tackle Fred Davis to Chicago for Tom Harmon. Fullback Mike Holovac traded to Bears for Magnani following '46 season.

General Information—Dante Magnani, tabbed as one of the truly great backs in the National League today, caused little notice in his early football days. He played for Slip Madigan at St. Mary's two seasons and then played with the Rams for three more, but few knew of the lithe back's deer-like ability. He hit the headlines, however, when loaned to the Chicago Bears in 1943. The Rams did not field a team. Along with Sid Luckman and the Rams' present coach, Bob Snyder, Magnani sparked the Bears to the World Championship while averaging 6.1 yards per try, second only to New York's Ward Cuff that year. A 79-yard gallop from scrimmage was also the longest of the year. Following his Navy service, he was back with the Bears again in 1946 and again had a great year, although hampered a great deal of the time by injuries.

VINCENT PACEWIC

Age—26. *Height*—5 ft. 11 in. *Weight*—205.

College—Loyola, 1940-42. San Francisco University, 1946.

Service Record—Staff Sergeant in the Army. In 'Battle of the Bulge'.

Professional Record—None.

General Information—Vince Pasewic, a 205-pound breakaway runner, was born in Collinsville, Illinois but played his high school football and basketball at Gillespie, Illinois. When college time came, he journeyed to Los Angeles and Loyola University where he became one of the coast's greatest stars in 1942, being named to the Little All-America eleven, the Catholic and Lithuanian all-American teams. He also gained all-service honors during the war and upon being discharged went to San Francisco to play under Clipper Smith. He will play fullback. He is single and lives in Los Angeles.

KENNETH E. REESE

Age—25. *Height*—5 ft. 11 in. *Weight*—175.

College—University of Alabama, 1941-42.

Service Record—Three years Marine Corps, Staff Sergeant.

Professional Record—Played with Charlotte Clippers 1946.

General Information—If he hadn't turned to professional football, Reese would have played professional baseball. He scored three touchdowns in the first varsity game he took part in playing with Alabama. Played with Cherry Point, N. C., Marine team and played with El Toro Marines, here in California. His brother, Ray Reese, played with Alabama in 1937-39. Kenny is married, makes his off-season home in El Dorado, Arkansas.

KENNY WASHINGTON — No. 13

Age—29. *Height*—6 ft. 1½ in. *Weight*—200.

College—U.C.L.A. Varsity 1937-38-39. Graduated in 1941 with B.A. degree in letters and science. Was backfield coach in 1940.

Professional Record—Hollywood Bears 1941-42-45. San Francisco Clippers 1944. Rams 1946.

Service Record—U.S.O. shows on tour of CBI Theater with Henry Armstrong.

General Information—Kenneth Stanley Washington had been playing tailback in the single wing for 14 years. He had never played the T-formation until last year when he came up with the Rams. His speed is average but he runs with great power, dodging or running right over tacklers. It is hard to get a shot at him, as he has a strong straight arm. He passes with great accuracy, both long and short passes. He is especially adept at hitting on long passes as he has completed six passes of 60 yards or over. He was chosen All-Pacific Coast conference quarterback for three years. He is still considered the greatest high school player in South California history. He was named All-Pacific Coast halfback as a professional star for the four years he played in the PCL. Kenny was also quite a baseball player while in college. He was a far better hitter than Jackie Robinson with whom he played on the same team.

Last year, his first with the Rams, Kenny was the first Negro player to be signed by a National Football League team in 13 years. Kenny had trouble with his knees. However, an operation performed on them has brought the pins around to good condition. He has been working out and says his legs are as good as they were when he was in his peak in college. Kenny will be used at quarterback and at halfback. Kenny was an officer in the Los Angeles police department last year, working in the juvenile department. He is married and the father of a five-year-old son.

BOB WATERFIELD — No. 7

Age—27. *Height*—6 ft. 1 in. *Weight*—190.

College—U.C.L.A. (Entered in 1940, did not play freshman football. Played varsity football in 1941 and 1942. Returned to U.C.L.A. and played on varsity in 1944.)

Service Record—Joined the Army in 1943 and was sent to Infantry OTS, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant. Injured himself and was given a medical discharge shortly thereafter.

Professional Record—Joined the Rams in 1945 — then the Cleveland Rams. In his first season was named Most Valuable Player in the National Football League, unanimous choice on All-League football team. Sparked the team to World Championship. Scored 64 points (third in league), completed 89 of 172 passes for 1653 yards and 15 touchdowns to rate third in passing, and was fourth in punting with an average of 40.7 on 39 kicks, one of which was blocked. Last year Bob led the league in passing, completing 127 of 251 tosses for 1747 yards and 18 touchdowns. He was second in punting, with an average of 44.69 in 39 kicks. He was actually ahead of McKay, who led the league in punting, but the Green Bay star punted 64 times. Bob was second in the league in field goals, making six out of nine attempted. He also finished second in league, scoring with 61 points on one touchdown, six field goals and 37 consecutive point after conversions.

General Information—Robert Stanton Waterfield was born in Elmira, New York, and his family moved to Van Nuys when Bob was a youngster. Bob married his boyhood sweetheart, Jane Russell the film star. They have no children. Bob has always worn No. 7 on his jersey. He wore it playing basketball and retained it when he made the high school varsity football team. One day in the Los Angeles Coliseum, Bob was taking part in a huge prep carnival called the "Milk Bowl." Bob played wearing another player's jersey and when he ran wild and completed many passes the press gave credit to the boy whose name appeared opposite the number in the program. Since then there has been no doubt as to who was doing all those things with a football. Waterfield played in the 1943 Rose Bowl game against Frank Sinkwich and Charley Trippi of Georgia. His passes and runs accounted for both of the West's touchdowns in their 13-6 victory over the East in the Shrine game at San Francisco in 1945. He is the only quarterback in the league who runs for touchdowns from the T formation. In the championship playoff game in 1945, Waterfield kicked the conversion that gave his team a 15-14 win. The ball hit the crossbar, rolled along before dropping over. This same thing happened in the 1944 S.C.-U.C.L.A. game when the Bruins scored a last minute touchdown and Bob kicked the tying conversion point. Only one other player in the NFL has kicked more conversions in one year, his coach, Bob Snyder.

PAT WEST — No. 36

Age—24. *Height*—6 ft. *Weight*—200

College—Pittsburgh, 1941-42; Southern California, 1944.

Service Record—Cadet in Army Air Forces. Given medical discharge and enrolled at U.S.C. in 1944.

Professional Record—Joined Rams in 1945 and played such a tough, hard, rugged game on defense that he became recognized as the club's best line backer. He recovered four opponents' fumbles to finish second in the league in this art of alertness. He also did most of the kicking off. Played well in 1946.

General Information—Patrick Michael West was born in Florence, Pa., on February 21, 1923. Member of an athletic family, his brother Walter having starred at University of Pittsburgh before joining the Rams in 1944, Pat played football at Burgettstown (Pa.) High School and played briefly for Pitt before joining the Army Air Corps. After receiving his medical discharge he enrolled at Southern California where he proved to be a reliable ball carrier and a bearcat on defense. He started at fullback for the Trojans against Tennessee in the Rose Bowl game of 1945. Was noted as a placekicker. Pat is single and lives at the Theta Xi House on the campus of the University of Southern California, where he is continuing his education until he receives his degree. He plays fullback.

JACK WILSON — No. 50

Age—28. *Height*—6 ft. *Weight*—200

School—Baylor University, 1938-42. All-American.

Service Record—Staff Sergeant in Army's 8th Special Service Co. Overseas in Pacific. Played on All-Army team in 1942. Discharged this year.

Professional Record—Signed contract with Rams in 1942 but entered service before start of season. Signed another contract in July, 1945, for first season available following discharge. Although bothered by injuries most of the 1946 campaign, he finally got rolling at the end of the season to turn in two great ball games. Coach Bob Snyder predicts Jack will be one of the league's best halfbacks in 1947.

General Information—Jack Wilson was one of the best triple-threat backs seen in the Southwest Conference in the past 10 years. He was a brilliant safety man and performed such other chores as packing the ball from scrimmage, throwing passes, punting, kicking off and place kicking. He also called signals. He was the Rams' No. 1 choice in 1942. He was captain of the Baylor team in 1942 and captained the West team in the Shrine game of 1943. Wilson comes from Paris, Texas, where he played high school football and which is still his home. He is married. He plays left halfback.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STADIUM SEATING CAPACITIES

Boston—Fenway Park	41,000
Chicago Cardinals—Comiskey Park	49,500
Chicago Bears—Wrigley Field	41,500
Detroit—Briggs Stadium	53,433
Green Bay—City Stadium	24,800
Green Bay—State Fair Park, Milwaukee	30,000
LOS ANGELES—MEMORIAL COLISEUM	101,296
New York—Polo Grounds	48,700
Philadelphia—Shibe Park	32,500
Pittsburgh—Forbes Field	40,000
Washington—Griffith Stadium	33,500

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER SELECTIONS

1938 — Mel Hein, New York Giants
1939 — PARKER HALL, RAMS
1940 — Ace Parker, Brooklyn
1941 — Don Hutson, Green Bay
1942 — Don Hutson, Green Bay
1943 — Sid Luckman, Chicago Bears
1944 — Frank Sinkwich, Detroit Lions
1945 — BOB WATERFIELD, RAMS
1946 — Bill Dudley, Pittsburgh Steelers

THE RAM BAND

Remember last year when practically everybody in the Coliseum was looking for "Dr. Gull"? Or several years back when genii in band uniforms sprang right out of the ground at the same Coliseum in an "Aladdin's Lamp" stunt? Johnny Boudreau was behind those shennagins.

Or perhaps you better recall "The Clock," the "Three Little Pigs," and the "Hawaiian Steamship" stunts, while the band played on? Those, too, were Johnny Boudreau ideas.

And then there was the Loyola band on ice skates at the hockey games, and of course there was the time when the official Olympic Games band of the 1932 Games at Los Angeles opened the aquatic championships by donning bathing suits and parading in the Olympic Swimming Stadium without missing a beat, a note, or a trumpet player. Johnny Boudreau again.

We don't know exactly what Johnny has cooking for the 1947 National League football season in Los Angeles, but we do know he will have his famed Los Angeles Rams band, plus the Ramettes, three gals who are tops in baton twirling among other things, and a brand new surprise for Rams fans. Just what this new twist will be Johnny wouldn't divulge, but he did say there would be plenty to go out on a limb about. It all adds up to one thing — You can expect just about anything from Johnny Boudreau, and your only guarantee is that it will be tops.

You have this because John T. Boudreau, who directed the 1932 Olympic Games band as well as the student bands of Loyola University and the University of Southern California, is the Musical Director of the Los Angeles Rams Football Club. Boudreau has also directed the 160th Infantry and the 370th A.A.F. bands, and he has done a lot of musical things for Hollywood motion pictures.

Looks like the Rams are about to go on a toot.

THE RAMS GROW UP

Still a youngster in the 28-year-old National League, the Los Angeles Rams Football Club was born in Cleveland, Ohio, ten years ago, February 13, 1937. At that time, Homer Marshman, representing a prominent group of Cleveland businessmen, was granted a franchise for Cleveland by the National League.

Although the Club was launched with great hopes, the first season was a disappointing one. Coached by Hugo Bezdek, a former Penn State great, and Carl Brumbaugh, Chicago Bears standout, the Club won one game, lost ten, and finished in the cellar of the Western Division. Stars of the club were Johnny Drake, Stan Pincura and Robert Snyder, the same Bob Snyder who this year takes over as the Rams head coach. The one game the Rams won, a 21-3 decision over Philadelphia, Snyder passed to Drake for all three touchdowns and kicked the extra points himself to have a hand in all 21 points.

The same trend continued in 1938, the Rams losing four straight before Art Lewis, who had been Bezdek's assistant coach, took over the reins as head coach. Pincura and Snyder doubled as players and assistant coaches under Lewis and the Club took on new life. Their first time out, the Rams knocked over Detroit, 23-19, and then followed up with two straight victories over the Chicago Bears.

After passing to one touchdown in the first victory over the Bears, a 14-7 upset, Snyder really had a day the following Sunday, passing to three touchdowns, kicking two extra points, and booting the game-winning field goal for a 23-19 win. That was too much for the Bears and the following fall, Snyder was a member of the Chicago team.

Following these three victories, however, the Rams cooled off and lost three before registering a 14-7 victory over Pittsburgh. Just prior to this game, Jim Benton's wife gave birth to twin boys and Jim wanted to get one touchdown for each son. Snyder and Benton connected for the pair.

The Rams closed the season with a won four, lost seven record, and were one spot from the cellar.

One of professional football's immortals, Earl "Dutch" Clark, took over as head coach in 1939 and Art Lewis stayed on as his assistant. The same year, a freshman named Parker Hall joined the club and after a sensational season, was named the National League's most valuable player. The Club also enjoyed improved success, winning five and losing a like number.

Cleveland started taking an interest in the club in 1940 because of the improved record in 1939 and the presence of Parker Hall, who had become a local favorite. The team started fast, winning their opening games which included victories over heavily favored Detroit and New York teams. But midway in the season, Brooklyn overcame a 14-0 lead to trounce the Cleveland lads 29-14. The Club was never the same again and wound up the year winning four, losing six and tying one.

In June of 1941, Daniel F. Reeves and Frederick Levy, Jr., purchased the Cleveland franchise from Homer Marshman and associates. Reeves' first move was to name Billy Evans, former sports columnist, American League umpire and general manager of the Cleveland Indians, as the Rams General Manager. The same coaching staff was retained.

The Rams started fast, defeating the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Chicago

Cardinals, then lost nine straight to wind up in the Western Division cellar. It was a bitter pill for Reeves and Levy. Evans resigned. Determined to build a strong organization, Reeves established an extensive scouting system and spared no expense in signing outstanding players.

A host of top players were headed for the Rams in 1942 but what looked like a great club in mid-June dwindled to a skeleton by September as Uncle Sam exercised prior rights to the ball club.

Nevertheless, the Club again took the field under Head Coach Clark while Charles "Chile" Walsh succeeded Art Lewis as assistant coach. By this time, Reeves and Levy were in the Army and Bob Kelley, Cleveland sports announcer, was named Club secretary.

Despite the makeshift team and unsettled conditions, the Rams had a fairly successful season, winning five, losing six, for third in the Western Division.

With the conclusion of this campaign, however, Co-Owners Lt. Reeves and Major Levy were granted permission to suspend operations for one season, the 1943 season, and Major Levy transferred his stock in the Rams to Lt. Reeves. Dutch Clark also resigned and Chile Walsh became a head coach without a team and also took over the administrative duties.

When 1944 arrived, Reeves appointed Walsh general manager who in turn appointed Aldo "Buff" Donelli as head coach. The pick-up team started fast but faded faster and finally won four and lost six in League play.

In 1945, however, it was a different story as the extensive scouting system established by Reeves started to pay off. Prewar and wartime draft choices started signing up as Walsh beat the trails to every corner of the country. Chile also brought brother Adam Walsh in as head coach after Buff Donelli was inducted into the service.

To assist Adam Walsh, Chile obtained George Tafton to coach the line and Bob Snyder to handle the backfield. The previous season Trafton tutored the line at Green Bay and the Packers won the World's championship. Snyder was returning to the city where he broke into the National League.

Also joining the Club was a recruit from the West Coast, a lad named Bob Waterfield.

Although success didn't come easy, nevertheless it came, and the Rams piled up nine victories against one defeat to cop the Western Division title and then on a frozen field, edged out the Washington Redskins, 15-14, for the World's Championship.

Waterfield, the hero of the season, was voted the League's most valuable player and Adam Walsh was named Coach of the Year.

Immediately following the championship, Reeves realized a long time desire when the National League approved the transfer of the franchise and the Club to Los Angeles. The move was made and the 105,000-seat Memorial Coliseum became the home of the Los Angeles Rams.

Walsh, Snyder and Trafton were again at the helm when the Rams opened the defense of their title in 1946, but fortune was not with the Club this year and they won six, lost four and tied one to finish second to the Chicago Bears in the Western Division.

The Walsh brothers both resigned following this campaign and Bob Snyder was named head coach. George Tafton stayed on to assist Snyder and Joe Stydahar, all-time great of the Chicago Bears, was also named assistant coach. Reeves, who moved to California with the team, personally assumed the duties of general manager.

1947
NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 21
Detroit at Pittsburgh

Sunday, September 28
Washington at Philadelphia
Chicago Bears at Green Bay
Detroit at Chicago Cards

Monday, September 29
New York at Boston (night)
LOS ANGELES AT PITTSBURGH (night)

Sunday, October 5
LOS ANGELES RAMS vs. GREEN BAY PACKERS AT MILWAUKEE
New York at Philadelphia
Pittsburgh at Washington
Detroit at Boston
Chicago Bears at Chicago Cards

Sunday, October 12
LOS ANGELES RAMS AT DETROIT
New York at Washington
Pittsburgh at Boston
Philadelphia at Chicago Bears
Chicago Cards at Green Bay

Sunday, October 19
CHICAGO CARDS AT LOS ANGELES RAMS
Boston at New York
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
Detroit at Chicago Bears
Washington vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee

Sunday, October 26
LOS ANGELES RAMS AT PHILADELPHIA
Pittsburgh at New York
Chicago Bears at Washington
Boston at Chicago Cards
Detroit at Green Bay

Sunday, November 2
LOS ANGELES RAMS AT CHICAGO CARDS
New York at Detroit
Philadelphia at Washington
Chicago Bears at Boston
Pittsburgh vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee

Sunday, November 9
BOSTON AT LOS ANGELES RAMS
Philadelphia at New York
Washington at Pittsburgh
Green Bay at Chicago Bears
Chicago Cards at Detroit

Sunday, November 16
CHICAGO BEARS AT LOS ANGELES
New York at Pittsburgh
Washington at Detroit
Boston at Philadelphia
Green Bay at Chicago Cards

Sunday, November 23
DETROIT AT LOS ANGELES RAMS
Green Bay at New York
Pittsburgh at Chicago Bears
Chicago Cards at Washington
Philadelphia at Boston
Thanksgiving Morning, Nov. 27
Chicago Bears at Detroit

Sunday, November 30
GREEN BAY AT LOS ANGELES RAMS
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia
Chicago Cards at New York
Washington at Boston

Sunday, December 7
LOS ANGELES RAMS AT CHICAGO BEARS
Washington at New York
Boston at Pittsburgh
Chicago Cards at Philadelphia
Green Bay at Detroit

Sunday, December 14
NEW YORK AT LOS ANGELES RAMS
Boston at Washington
Green Bay at Philadelphia
Chicago Cards at Chicago Bears

Sunday, December 21
World Championship Playoff on home field of Western Division winner.

CLUB PERSONNEL

Daniel F. Reeves	Owner
Bob Snyder	Head Coach
George Trafton	Assistant Coach
Joe Stydahar	Assistant Coach
Daniel J. Fortmann	Team Surgeon
Warren Clemens	Head Trainer
Buddy Leininger	Assistant Trainer
Bill John	Business Manager
Tex Schramm	Director of Publicity
Paul Schissler	Advisory Assistant
Edward Kotal	Chief Scout
Leo Ward	Legal Counsel
Bob Kelley	Radio Announcer
John T. Boudreau	Musical Director

Club Offices: 273 So. Beverly Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif.

Phones: BRadshaw 24597, 23677, and 24064.

Home Field: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Training Camp: Loyola University of Los Angeles.

Colors: Royal Blue, Gold and White.



LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM
HOME OF THE RAMS

FAMED Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, situated in historic Exposition Park on the outskirts of the City of the Angels, is the home of the Los Angeles Rams, first major league team in any sport to entrust its future with the growing West Coast metropolis.

Seating 105,000 spectators with ease, Memorial Coliseum is one of the world's best known and largest stadiums. Steeped in tradition after hosting the Xth Olympiad and most of this era's greatest individual competitors and teams, it is a fitting site for the 28-year-old National Football League's Far Western games.

Efficiently managed by William H. Nichols under the direction of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission, the 24-year-old concrete bowl is still growing. Latest addition was the best lighting system in the nation. Things to come—a completely new and modern press box and a 21,000 car parking lot.

The Rams are proud to call it their home.