1949

The RAMS



1949 RAMS SCHEDULE

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 11 (Thursday night)..Intra-Squad at San Bernardino
Aug. 17 (Wed. night).Intra-Squad at Gilmore Stadium, L.A.
Aug. 26 (Fri. night).Washington Redskins at L.A. Coliseum
Sept. 5 (Mon. night)..New York Bulldogs at San Antonio
Sept. 10 (Sat. night).....Phila. Eagles at Little Rock, Ark.
Sept. 14 (Wed. night)...New York Giants at Omaha, Neb.

League Games

	Rams	Opps.
Sept. 23—Detroit at Los Angeles (Fri. night)		
Oct. 2—Green Bay at Green Bay		
Oct. 9—Chicago Bears at Chicago		
Oct. 16—Detroit at Detroit		
Oct. 23—Green Bay at Los Angeles		
Oct. 30—Chicago Bears at Los Angeles		
Nov. 6—Philadelphia at Philadelphia		
Nov. 13—Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh		
Nov. 20—Chicago Cardinals at Chicago		
Nov. 27—New York Bulldogs at Los Angeles		
Dec. 4—Chicago Cardinals at Los Angeles		
Dec. 11—Washington at Los Angeles		
Dec. 18—Championship Playoff in West		

All Los Angeles Rams Home Games Played in Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Detroit Night Game Starts at 8:30 p.m. Bear and Packer Games Start at 2:30 p.m. Bulldog, Cardinal and Redskin at 2:15 p.m.



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RAMS' 1948 RESULTS

Pre-Season Games

*Stydahar's Golds 47	All-Star Game	Trafton's Blues 28
*Rams 10	Annual L.A. Times Charity	Wash. Redskins 21
Rams 41	At Honolulu, T.H.	Hawaiian Warriors 20
Rams 42	At Honolulu, T.H.	Hawaiian Warriors 7
Rams 7	At Dallas, Texas	Phila. Eagles 21
100		69

League Games

*Rams 44		Detroit Lions 7
*Rams 28		Philadelphia Eagles 28
Rams 21		Chicago Bears 42
Rams 0		Green Bay Packers 16
Rams 34		Detroit Lions 27
*Rams 22		Chicago Cardinals 27
*Rams 6		Chicago Bears 21
Rams 52		New York Giants 37
Rams 24		Chicago Cardinals 27
*Rams 24		Green Bay Packers 10
Rams 41		Washington Redskins 13
*Rams 31		Pittsburgh Steelers 14
327		269

LEAGUE GAMES: Won 6, Lost 5, Tied 1

FULL SEASON: Won 8, Lost 7, Tied 1

*Home Games

1948 STATISTICS

Ball Carrying

LEAGUE LEADERS	Atts.	Yds. Gain	Long Gain	Ave.	TDs
Van Buren, Philadelphia	210	945	29	4.7	10
Trippi, Cardinals	128	690	50	5.4	6
Angsman, Cardinals	131	638	72	4.9	8
D. Wilson, Detroit	157	612	38	3.9	2
Canadeo, Green Bay	123	589	49	4.8	4
RAMS					
Dick Hoerner	76	354	23	4.7	4
Kenny Washington	57	301	31	5.3	2
Fred Gehrke	56	246	24	4.4	1
Gerry Cowhig	46	206	14	4.5	2
Dante Magnani	38	144	15	3.8	0
Les Horvath	30	118	19	3.9	0
Jack Banta	32	105	14	3.3	0
Bob Hoffman	22	68	8	3.0	4
Bruce Smith	18	59	20	3.3	0
Bob Agler	8	41	12	5.1	0
Joe Corn	11	27	6	2.5	0
Paul Rickards	2	21	11	10.5	0
Tom Keane	7	16	3	2.3	0
Jim Hardy	5	14	9	2.8	0
Bob Waterfield	7	12	10	1.7	0
Tom Fears	2	8	8	4.0	0
Bob DeFruiter	3	4	4	1.3	0
Jim Mello	7	3	4	0.4	0
Larry Brink	1	—3	—3	—3.0	0
Don Currivan	1	—4	—4	—4.0	0

Forward Passing

LEAGUE LEADERS	No. Atts.	No. Comp.	Pct. Comp.	Yds. Gain	TD.P	Long Gain	No. Int.
Thompson, Philadelphia	246	141	57.3	1965	25	70	11
HARDY, LOS ANGELES	211	112	53.1	1390	14	69	7
Conerly, New York	299	162	54.2	2175	22	65	13
Baugh, Washington	315	185	58.7	2599	22	86	23
Mallouf, Cardinals	143	73	51.0	1160	13	54	6
RAMS							
Jim Hardy	211	112	53.1	1390	14	69	7
Bob Waterfield	180	87	48.3	1354	14	80	18
Paul Rickards	2	2	100.0	4	0	3	0
Fred Gehrke	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Bruce Smith	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Kenny Washington	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0

Pass Receiving

LEAGUE LEADERS	No. Rec.	Yds. Gain	Ave. Gain	Long Gain	TDs
FEARS, LOS ANGELES	51	698	13.7	80	4
Pihos, Philadelphia	46	766	16.7	48	11
Kutner, Cardinals	41	943	23.0	71	14
Jansante, Pittsburgh	39	623	16.0	66	3
Swiacki, New York	39	550	14.1	65	10
RAMS					
Tom Fears	51	698	13.7	80	4
Howard Hickey	30	509	17.0	69	7
Dick Hoerner	18	227	12.6	45	2
Fred Gehrke	16	173	10.8	34	1
Jack Zilly	13	169	13.0	30	4
Don Currivan	12	218	18.2	58	3
Tom Keane	11	195	17.7	57	2
Frank Hubbell	10	134	13.4	48	1
Kenny Washington	6	104	17.3	43	1
Bill Smyth	6	66	11.0	21	1
Les Horvath	4	42	10.5	19	0
Larry Brink	4	36	9.0	18	0
Jack Banta	4	34	8.5	14	0
Bruce Smith	4	29	7.3	10	0
Bob Hoffman	3	28	9.3	13	1
Dante Magnani	3	28	9.3	16	1
Gerry Cowhig	3	18	6.0	9	0
Jim Mello	1	17	17.0	17	0
Gil Bouley	1	15	15.0	15	0

Pass Interceptions

LEAGUE LEADERS	No.	Yds. Ret.	TDs	Long Ret.	Ave. Ret.
Sandifer, Washington	13	258	2	54	19.9
Reagan, New York	9	145	0	45	16.1
Lujack, Bears	8	131	0	43	16.4
Compagno, Pittsburgh	7	179	1	82	25.6
Tunnell, New York	7	116	1	43	16.6
RAMS					
Fred Naumetz	4	75	0	68	18.8
Bob Waterfield	4	8	0	5	2.0
Kenny Washington	2	45	0	40	22.5
Tom Fears	2	37	1	35	18.5
Fred Gehrke	2	29	0	21	14.5
Les Horvath	2	14	0	9	7.0
Gerry Cowhig	1	9	0	9	9.0
Dick Hoerner	1	6	0	6	6.0
Hal Dean	1	0	0	0	0.0

Scoring

LEAGUE LEADERS	Td.R	Td.P	Tot. TDs	Ex. Pts.	F.G.	Tot. Pts.
Harder, Cardinals	6	0	6	53	7	110
Kutner, Cardinals	1	14	15	0	0	90
Patton, Philadelphia	0	0	0	50	8	74
Pihos, Philadelphia	0	11	11	0	0	66
Poillon, Washington	2	1	3	33	5	66
RAMS						
Bob Waterfield	0	0	0	38	6	56
Howard Hickey	0	7	7	0	0	42
Dick Hoerner	4	2	6	0	0	36
Tom Fears	1	4	5	0	0	30
Bob Hoffman	4	1	5	0	0	30
Don Currivan	1	3	4	0	0	24
Jack Zilly	0	4	4	0	0	24
Fred Gehrke	2	1	3	1	0	19
Kenny Washington	2	1	3	0	0	18
Gerry Cowhig	2	0	2	0	0	12
Tom Keane	0	2	2	0	0	12
Les Horvath	1	0	1	0	0	6
Frank Hubbell	0	1	1	0	0	6
Dante Magnani	0	1	1	0	0	6
Bill Smyth	0	1	1	0	0	6

Kickoff Returns

LEAGUE LEADERS	No.	Yds. Ret.	Ave.	Long Ret.	TD
Scott, New York	20	569	28.5	99	1
J. Davis, Cardinals	15	437	29.1	83	0
GEHRKE, LOS ANGELES	17	464	27.3	92	1
Sandifer, Washington	26	594	22.8	96	1
Minini, Bears	12	370	30.8	95	1
RAMS					
Fred Gehrke	17	464	27.3	92	1
Jack Banta	6	119	19.8	28	0
Joe Corn	5	112	22.4	22	0
Dante Magnani	3	49	16.3	22	0
Kenny Washington	2	54	27.0	33	0
Dick Hoerner	2	35	17.5	20	0
Les Horvath	2	31	15.5	16	0
Bob Hoffman	2	19	9.5	10	0
Gil Bouley	1	8	8.0	8	0
Gerry Cowhig	1	3	3.0	3	0
Al Sparkman	1	0	0.0	0	0

Punt Returns

LEAGUE LEADERS	No.	Yds.	Ave.	Long	TDs
McAfee, Bears	30	417	13.9	60	1
J. Davis, Cardinals	16	334	20.9	70	2
HORVATH, LOS ANGELES	13	203	15.6	27	0
Pritchard, Philadelphia	24	282	11.8	55	1
Trippi, Cardinals	11	213	19.4	67	2
RAMS					
Les Horvath	13	203	15.6	27	0
Fred Gehrke	19	217	11.4	48	0
Joe Corn	4	49	12.3	22	0
Jack Banta	1	14	14.0	14	0
Kenny Washington	1	12	12.0	12	0
Bruce Smith	1	10	10.0	10	0
Dick Hoerner	1	6	6.0	6	0
Gerry Cowhig	1	3	3.0	3	0

Punting

LEAGUE LEADERS	No.	Ave. Dist.	Long	No. Blk.
Muha, Philadelphia	57	47.2	82	0
Gulyanics, Bears	55	44.2	70	0
Jacobs, Green Bay	69	40.3	78	1
Zimmerman, Boston	51	43.4	67	0
Cifers, Pittsburgh	62	39.6	66	0
RAMS				
Bob Waterfield	43	42.6	88	0
Jack Banta	17	37.6	55	0
Jim Hardy	3	50.3	77	0

Stadium Seating Capacity

Chicago Cardinals—Comiskey Park	49,500
Chicago Bears—Wrigley Field	50,400
Detroit—Briggs Stadium	53,433
Green Bay—City Stadium	24,800
Green Bay—State Fair Park, Milwaukee	31,000
LOS ANGELES—MEMORIAL COLISEUM	101,296
New York—Polo Grounds	48,700
Philadelphia—Shibe Park	40,213
Pittsburgh—Forbes Field	40,000
Washington—Griffith Stadium	33,500

RAMS' ALL-TIME RECORDS

Individual

Ball Carrying

MOST ATTEMPTS

525 John Drake,—1937-1941 (Five seasons)
312 Parker Hall—1939-1942 (Four seasons)
262 Fred Gehrke—1940, 1945-1948 (Five seasons)
*295 Dante Magnani—1940-1943, 1946-1948 (Seven seasons)
*Includes 119 attempts made while Magnani was with Chicago Bears in 1943 and 1946.

MOST ATTEMPTS (one season)

134 John Drake—1940
120 Parker Hall—1939
118 John Drake—1939

MOST ATTEMPTS (one game)

26 Parker Hall—1939 Detroit Lions (gained 58 yards)
19 John Drake—1937 Detroit Lions (gained 33 yards)
19 John Drake—1940 Chicago Cards (gained 61 yards)

MOST YARDS GAINED

1700 John Drake—1937-41 (5 seasons—525 Atts.—3.24 Ave.)
1388 Fred Gehrke—1940, 1945-48 (5 seasons—262 Atts.—5.29 Ave.)
1052 Parker Hall—1939-42 (4 seasons—312 Atts.—3.37 Ave.)
*1409 Dante Magnani—1940-43, 1946-48 (7 seasons—295 Atts.—4.78 Ave.)
*Includes 587 yards gained with Chicago Bears in 1943 and 1946.

MOST YARDS GAINED (one season)

480 John Drake—1940 (134 Attempts—3.58 Ave.)
467 Fred Gehrke—1945 (74 Attempts—6.3 Ave.)
458 Parker Hall—1939 (120 Attempts—3.81 Ave.)
453 John Drake—1939 (118 Attempts—3.84 Ave.)
444 Kenny Washington—1947 (60 Attempts—7.4 Ave.)

Longest Runs

LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE

92 Kenny Washington—1947 Chicago Cardinals
84 Tom Harmon—1946 Chicago Bears

LONGEST PUNT RETURN

88 Tom Harmon—1947 Detroit Lions
70 Jack Wilson—1946 New York Giants

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN

92 Fred Gehrke—1948 Washington Redskins
92 Tom Farmer—1946 Detroit Lions

Forward Passing

MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED
824 Bob Waterfield—1945-1948 (Four seasons)
721 Parker Hall—1939-1942 (Four seasons)

MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED (one season)
251 Bob Waterfield—1946
221 Bob Waterfield—1947
211 Jim Hardy—1948

MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED (One Game)
53 Jim Hardy—1948 Chicago Cardinals

MOST PASSES COMPLETED
399 Bob Waterfield—1945-1948 (Four seasons)
329 Parker Hall—1939-1942 (Four seasons)

MOST PASSES COMPLETED (one season)
127 Bob Waterfield—1946 (221 Attempts—.505 Ave.)
112 Jim Hardy—1948 (211 Attempts—.531 Ave.)

MOST PASSES COMPLETED (one game)
28 Jim Hardy—1948 Chicago Cardinals (53 Attempts)
22 Bob Waterfield—1946 New York Giants (31 Attempts)

MOST PASSES INTERCEPTED
71 Bob Waterfield—1945-1948 (Four seasons)
67 Parker Hall—1939-1942 (Four seasons)

MOST PASSES INTERCEPTED (one season)
19 Parker Hall—1941 and 1942
18 Bob Waterfield—1947
18 Bob Waterfield—1948

MOST YARDS GAINED PASSING
5964 Bob Waterfield—1945-1948 (Four seasons)
4013 Parker Hall—1939-1942 (Four seasons)

MOST YARDS GAINED PASSING (one season)
1747 Bob Waterfield—1946 (251 Attempts—127 Comp.)
1653 Bob Waterfield—1945 (172 Attempts—89 Comp.)
1390 Jim Hardy—1948 (211 Attempts—112 Comp.)

MOST YARDS GAINED PASSING (One Game)
406 Jim Hardy—1948 Chicago Cardinals

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES
55 Bob Waterfield—1945-1948 (Four seasons)

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES (one season)
18 Bob Waterfield—1946

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES (one game)
4 Bob Waterfield—1948 Washington Redskins.

BEST PASSING EFFICIENCY (500 or more)
48.4% Bob Waterfield—1945-1948 (4 seasons) 824 Atts., 399 Comp.
45.6% Parker Hall—1939-1942 (4 seasons) 721 Atts., 329 Comp.

BEST PASSING EFFICIENCY (one season, 50 or more)
53.1% Jim Hardy—1948 (211 Atts., 112 Comp.)
51.7% Bob Waterfield—1945 (172 Atts., 89 Comp.)
50.9% Parker Hall—1939 (208 Atts., 106 Comp.)

LONGEST PASSING GAIN
84 Bob Waterfield to James Benton—1945
80 Bob Waterfield to Tom Fears—1948 Chicago Cardinals

Pass Receiving

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

275 James Benton—1938-1940, 1942, 1944-1947 (Eight seasons)
*288 James Benton—1938-1940, 1942-1947 (Nine seasons)
*Includes 1943 season with Chicago Bears (13 completions)

MOST PASSES CAUGHT (one season)

63 James Benton—1946
51 Tom Fears—1948
45 James Benton—1945

MOST PASSES CAUGHT (one game)

12 James Benton—1946 New York Giants
10 James Benton—1945 Detroit Lions

MOST YARDS GAINED CATCHING PASSES

4566 James Benton—1938-1940, 1942, 1944-1947 (Eight seasons)
*4801 James Benton—1938-1940, 1942-1947 (Nine seasons)
*Includes 1943 season with Chicago Bears (235 yards)

MOST YARDS GAINED CATCHING PASSES (one season)

1067 James Benton—1945
981 James Benton—1946

MOST YARDS GAINED CATCHING PASSES (one game)

†303 James Benton—1945 Detroit Lions
202 James Benton—1946 New York Giants

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES RECEIVED

42 James Benton—1938-1940, 1944-1947 (Eight seasons)
*45 James Benton—1938-1940, 1942-1947 (Nine seasons)
*Includes 1943 season with Chicago Bears (3 touchdowns)

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES RECEIVED (one season)

8 James Benton—1945
7—James Benton—1939
7 Howard Hickey—1948

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES RECEIVED (one game)

3 James Benton—1944 Card.-Pitt.
3 Howard Hickey—1948 Chicago Cardinals
†National League record

Punting

MOST PUNTS

200 Parker Hall—1939-1942 (Four seasons)
180 Bob Waterfield—1945-1948 (Four seasons)

MOST PUNTS (one season)

59 Bob Waterfield—1947 (Ave. 42.4 yards)
58 Parker Hall—1939

MOST PUNTS (one game)

12 Parker Hall—1939 Green Bay Packers (472 yards)

BEST PUNTING AVERAGE (one season)

44.6 Bob Waterfield—1946 (39 punts)
43.0 Parker Hall—19b0 (57 punts)

BEST PUNTING AVERAGE (one game) (Four Punts or More)

52.5 Parker Hall—1939 Green Bay Packers (6 punts, 315 yards)
51.6 Bob Waterfield—1946 Chicago Bears (4 punts, 206 yards)

LONGEST PUNT

88 yds. Bob Waterfield—1948 Green Bay Packers
86 yds. Bob Waterfield—1947 Green Bay Packers
80 yds. Parker Hall—1939

Scoring

TOTAL POINTS

270 James Benton—1938-1940, 1942, 1944-1947 (Eight seasons)
235 Bob Waterfield—1945-1948 (Four seasons)
*288 James Benton—1938-1940, 1942-1947 (Nine seasons)
*Includes 1943 season with Chicago Bears (18 points)

MOST POINTS (one season)

64 Bob Waterfield—1945 (5 tchdwns., 31 extra pts., 1 field goal)
61 Bob Waterfield—1946 (1 tchdwn., 37 extra pts., 6 field goals)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS

45 James Benton—1939-1940, 1942, 1944-1947 (Eight seasons)
27 John Drake—1937-1941 (Five seasons)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS (one season)

9 John Drake (twice) 1939-1940
8 James Benton (twice) 1939-1945.

Field Goals

MOST FIELD GOALS

20 Bob Waterfield—1945-1948 (Four seasons)

MOST FIELD GOALS (one season)

7 Bob Waterfield—1947
6 Bob Waterfield—1946 and 1948

MOST FIELD GOALS (one game)

2 Bob Waterfield—1947 Pittsburgh Steelers, 1946 Detroit Lions
2 Lou Zontini—1944 Chicago Bears

LONGEST FIELD GOAL

47 Bob Waterfield—1948 Pittsburgh Steelers
46 Chester Adams—1942 Brooklyn
45 Bob Waterfield—1945 Pittsburgh Steelers

Extra Points

MOST EXTRA POINTS

133 Bob Waterfield—1945-1948 (Four seasons)
34 Chester Adams—1940-1942 (Three seasons)

MOST EXTRA POINTS (one season)

38 Bob Waterfield—1948
37 Bob Waterfield—1946
31 Bob Waterfield—1945

MOST EXTRA POINTS (one game)

7 Bob Waterfield—1948 New York Giants
6 Bob Waterfield—1947 Pittsburgh Steelers

Length of Service

MOST YEARS ACTIVE PLAYER WITH RAMS

8 *James Benton—1938-1940, 1942, 1944-1947
8 *Riley Matheson—1939-1942, 1944-1947

*(Benton played with the Chicago Bears in 1943, Matheson played with the Detroit Lions in 1943, giving each 9 years in the NFL)

TEAM RECORDS

Ground Gaining

SEASON

Most yards gained—4576 yards—1948
Most yards rushing—2171 yards—1947
Most yards passing—2748 yards—1948
Fewest yards gained—1794 yards—1937
Fewest yards rushing—798 yards—1938
Fewest yards passing—839 yards—1937

GAME

Most yards gained—460 yards—1948—Chicago Cardinals
Most yards rushing—320 yards—1944—Washington
Most yards passing—406 yards—1945—Chicago Cardinals
Fewest yards gained—58 yards—1942—Chicago Bears

First Downs

SEASON

Most first downs—239—1948
Most first downs rushing—112—1947
Most first downs passing—123—1948
Most first downs penalties—21—1946
Fewest first downs—88—1937

GAME

Most first downs—25—1948—New York Giants
Fewest first downs—2—1937—Washington

Forward Passing

SEASON

Most passes attempted—395—1948
Most passes completed—201—1948
Best pass efficiency—50.9 (395 atts., 201 comp.)—1948
50.2 (253 atts., 127 comp.)—1939
49.7 (199 atts., 99 comp.)—1945
Most passes had intercepted—35—1941
Fewest passes attempted—168—1937
Fewest passes completed—59—1937
Fewest passes had intercepted—20—1937, 1945

GAME

Most passes attempted—54—1948—Chicago Cardinals
Most passes completed—28—1948—Chicago Cardinals
Most passes had intercepted—7—1938, 1942, 1944, 1948, Green Bay
Fewest passes attempted—4—1937—Detroit

Scoring

SEASON

Most points—327—1948
Most touchdowns—45—1948
Most touchdowns rushing—21—1947
Most touchdowns passing—28—1948
Most points after touchdown—39—1948
Most field goals—8—1947
Fewest points—75—1937
Fewest touchdowns—10—1937

GAME

Most points—52—1948—Rams 52, New York Giants 37
Most touchdowns—7—1948—New York Giants
Most touchdowns rushing—4—1945—Chicago Bears
1947—Chicago Cards and N. Y.
1948—Detroit and N. Y. Giants
Most touchdowns passing—5—1948—Washington Redskins
Most points after touchdown—7—1948—New York Giants
Most field goals—2—1947—Pittsburgh and N. Y.; 1946 Detroit;
1944—Chicago Bears

Fumbles

SEASON

Most fumbles—34—1945
Most fumbles recovered—39—1948
Most opponents fumbles recovered—24—1947 and 1948
Fewest fumbles—20—1942

GAME

Most fumbles—7—1940—Chicago Bears
Most fumbles recovered—7—1944—Philadelphia
Most opponents fumbles recovered—5—1944—Detroit; 1938—Chicago Cards

Punting

SEASON

Most punts—77—1942
Best punt average—44.4—1946

GAME

Most punts—12—1938—Chicago Bears; 1939 Green Bay; 1940 N. Y.
Best punt average—54.5—1948—Pittsburgh (5 punts, 263 yards)

Penalties

SEASON

Most penalties—98—1948
Most yard penalized—859—1948
Fewest penalties—29—1941

Defense

SEASON

Fewest points allowed—136—1945; 164—1939
Most points allowed—269—1948
Fewest yards allowed—2520—1945; 2702—1937
Most yards allowed—3794—1948
Fewest opponents passes comp.—67—1937
Most opponents passes completed—163—1948
Fewest opponents passes intercepted—15—1937; 15—1941
Most opponents passes intercepted—28—1945; 27—1944
Fewest yards allowed rushing—1026—1945
Fewest yards allowed passing—739—1937
Most first downs allowed—209—1947
Fewest first downs allowed—116—1944

GAME

Fewest yards allowed—69—1939—Chicago Cardinals
Fewest yards allowed rushing—29—1945—Chicago Cardinals
Fewest yards allowed passing—0—1937—Detroit Lions
Fewest first downs allowed—4—1938—Chicago Cardinals
4—1939—Chicago Cardinals

RAMS' ALL-TIME TEAM STATISTICS

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	Totals
Total Yards Gained	1794	2253	2683	2724	2286	2413	2388	3546	3793	3831	4576	32,287
Yards Rushing	930	798	1260	1142	951	875	1141	1714	1683	2171	1743	14,408
Yards Passing	839	1363	1415	1582	1352	1537	1261	1767	2080	1660	2748	17,604
Total First Downs	88	101	131	113	121	103	104	137	214	206	239	1,557
First Downs Rushing	52	39	60	51	68	36	51	68	102	112	100	739
First Downs Passing	26	55	61	56	44	60	43	60	91	82	123	701
First Downs Penalty	10	7	10	6	9	7	10	9	21	12	16	117
Fumbles	28	23	28	26	25	20	28	34	31	33	32	308
Own Fumbles Recovered.	10	13	16	10	17	12	13	16	11	13	15	146
Opp. Fumbles Recovered.	15	16	14	14	11	10	17	16	15	24	24	176
Passes Attempted	168	245	253	247	285	249	208	199	326	293	395	2,865
Passes Completed	59	88	127	109	123	109	85	99	153	123	201	1,276
Own Passes Intercepted	18	31	21	25	35	27	26	20	24	28	25	280
Opp. Passes Intercepted	15	23	23	25	15	23	27	28	23	24	19	245
Pass Efficiency	35.1	35.9	50.2	44.1	43.2	43.3	40.9	49.7	46.5	42.0	50.9	...
Points	75	131	195	171	116	150	188	224	277	259	327	2,113
Touchdowns	10	18	28	25	16	20	26	35	37	34	45	294
Touchdowns Rushing	6	9	16	13	6	7	13	19	18	21	17	145
Touchdowns Passing	4	9	12	12	10	13	13	16	19	13	28	149
Point After Touchdowns.	10	14	24	16	14	19	20	31	37	31	39	255
Field Goals	1	3	1	1	2	3	4	1	6	8	6	36
Punt Average	36	44	40	42	40.4	40.3	38.7	40.1	44.4	40.0	41.8	...
Penalties	..	..	..	..	29	45	64	67	80	87	98	...
Yards Penalized	228	195	220	260	265	315	441	593	763	800	859	4,939

National League Standings

1948

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Points Own	Points Opp.
Philadelphia	9	2	1	.818	376	156
Washington	7	5	0	.583	291	287
New York	4	8	0	.333	297	388
Pittsburgh	4	8	0	.333	200	243
Boston	3	9	0	.250	174	372

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Points Own	Points Opp.
Chicago Cardinals	11	1	0	.917	395	226
Chicago Bears	10	2	0	.833	375	151
Los Angeles	6	5	1	.545	427	269
Green Bay	3	9	0	.250	154	290
Detroit	2	10	0	.167	200	407

1947

Eastern Division

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Pittsburgh	8	4	0	.667
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667
Boston	4	7	1	.364
Washington	4	8	0	.333
New York	2	8	2	.200

Western Division

Chicago Cardinals	9	3	0	.750
Chicago Bears	8	4	0	.667
Green Bay	6	5	1	.545
Los Angeles	6	6	0	.500
Detroit	3	9	0	.250

1946

Eastern Division

New York	7	3	1	.700
Philadelphia	6	5	0	.545
Washington	5	5	1	.500
Pittsburgh	5	5	1	.500
Boston	2	8	1	.200

Western Division

Chicago Bears	8	2	1	.800
Los Angeles	6	4	1	.600
Green Bay	6	5	0	.545
Chicago Cardinals	6	5	0	.545
Detroit	1	10	0	.091

1945

Western Division

*Cleveland	9	1	0	.900
Detroit	7	3	0	.700
Green Bay	6	4	0	.600
Chicago Bears	3	7	0	.300
Chicago Cards	1	9	0	.100

*Now Los Angeles

Eastern Division

Washington	8	2	0	.800
Philadelphia	7	3	0	.700
New York	3	6	1	.333
Boston	3	6	1	.333
Pittsburgh	2	8	0	.200

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

1943

Western Division

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

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

1941

Western Division

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

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

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

1938

Western Division

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

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

SERIES HISTORY

Chicago Bears

SERIES HISTORY

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
1947 —	Rams 21	Bears 41
	Rams 17	Bears 14
1948 —	Rams 21	Bears 42
	Rams 6	Bears 21

Rams Won 6, Lost 15, Tied 1

1948 FIRST GAME

Rams		Bears
82	Yards Rushing	170
218	Yards Passing	243
33	Passes Attempted	28
15	Passes Completed	20
4	Passes Intercepted	1
315	Yds. Rushing-Passing	413
19	First Downs	24
64	Yards Lost Penalties	143
1	Ball Lost Fumbles	1

Rams	0	0	14	7	—21
Bears	0	21	14	7	—42

SECOND GAME

117	Yards Rushing	204
125	Yards Passing	124
32	Passes Attempted	16
12	Passes Completed	7
1	Passes Intercepted	0
242	Yds. Rushing-Passing	323
16	First Downs	16
60	Yards Lost Penalties	120
0	Ball Lost Fumbles	2

Rams	0	0	6	0	— 6
Bears	7	0	0	14	—21

WRIGLEY FIELD, OCTOBER 10

Three rapid touchdowns in second quarter—60-yard punt return by McAfee, and two TD passes from Luckman to Boone—give Bears 21-0 lead which is too much for Rams . . . In third quarter, Gulyanics plunges to make it 28-0 before Rams get first tally on eight yard pass, Waterfield to Zilly . . . Both teams score twice more, Rams on 25-yard pass and lateral, Hardy to Fears to Currivan, and five yard drive by Hoerner . . . Bears on 21-yard dash by Mullins and 20-yard pass, Lujack to Mullins . . . Luckman completes 13 of 16 tries for 108 yards.

LOS ANGELES COLISEUM, NOVEMBER 7

On first play from scrimmage, Bears score on 64-yard pass, Lujack to Kavanaugh . . . Teams spar until end of third period when Rams pull within one point, 7 to 6, on 20-yard pass, Hardy to Currivan . . . Bears, however, retaliate on 36-yard TD romp by Boone and one yard plunge by Boone. Mr. Boone has big day, gaining 100 yards in 10 tries. Of seven TDs Boone scored in 1948, four were against Rams . . . Gehrke leads Ram backs with 34 yards.

Chicago Cardinals

SERIES HISTORY

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
1947 —	Rams	27	Cardinals	7
	Rams	10	Cardinals	17
1948 —	Rams	22	Cardinals	27
	Rams	24	Cardinals	27

Rams Won 9, Lost 11, Tied 0

1948 FIRST GAME

Rams		Cards
54....	Yards Rushing	178
406....	Yards Passing	299
54....	Passes Attempted	32
28....	Passes Completed	16
2....	Passes Intercepted	0
460.	Yds. Rushing-Passing	.477
19.....	First Downs	25
72..	Yards Lost Penalties	..55
1....	Ball Lost Fumbles	1

Rams	3	0	7	12	—22
Cards	3	10	14	0	—27

SECOND GAME

92.....	Yards Rushing	170
323....	Yards Passing	216
35....	Passes Attempted	25
18....	Passes Completed	13
1....	Passes Intercepted	0
415.	Yds. Rushing-Passing	.386
14.....	First Downs	22
30..	Yards Lost Penalties	..20
2....	Ball Lost Fumbles	2

Rams	0	17	0	7	—24
Cards	7	10	3	7	—27

LOS ANGELES COLISEUM, OCTOBER 31

Hardy, playing his first complete game as a pro, stages brilliant passing display . . . Completes 28 of 53 attempts for 406 yards to smash all Ram all-time records . . . Cards, however, also ramble for total of 477 yards to Rams 460 . . . Waterfield and Harder match field goals in first quarter but Cards nab 13 to 3 halftime lead on 15-yard pass, Mallouf to Dimancheff and second Harder field goal . . . Chicagoans spurt to 27-3 lead in third stanza on one-yard plunges by Angsman and Harder . . . Three Hardy to Hickey TD passes, 11, 35 and 69 yards, narrows gap to 27-22, but time runs out. Referees call back two Ram scores on disputed plays.

COMISKEY PARK, NOVEMBER 21

Late Ram surge again falls short . . . Cards move to 10-0 second period lead on 26-yard pass, Mallouf to Kutner, and Harder field goal . . . Rams narrow gap on 80-yard strike, Waterfield to Fears, but Cards make it 17-7 when Trippi goes 11 to score . . . Rams snap back on Waterfield's 40-yard field goal and 58-yard pass, Waterfield to Currivan to make it 17 to 17 at halftime . . . Cards make it 27 to 17 on another Harder field goal and one yard smash by Harder . . . Rams again bounce back on 16-yard tally, Hardy to Fears, but last minute drive fails when Kutner intercepts pass on own 20 . . . Waterfield passes net 265 yards as Rams out-gain Cards . . . Angsman leads ball carriers with 62 yards.

Detroit Lions

SERIES HISTORY

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
1947 —	Rams 27	Lions 13
	Rams 28	Lions 17
1948 —	Rams 44	Lions 7
	Rams 34	Lions 27

Rams Won 13, Lost 8, Tied 0

1948 FIRST GAME

Rams		Lions
216	Yards Rushing	108
191	Yards Passing	168
25	Passes Attempted	29
10	Passes Completed	12
2	Passes Intercepted	4
407	Yds. Rushing-Passing	270
23	First Downs	14
69	Yards Lost Penalties	24
2	Ball Lost Fumbles	3

Rams	7	14	3	20	—44
Lions	0	0	7	0	— 7

SECOND GAME

121	Yards Rushing	66
264	Yards Passing	224
40	Passes Attempted	22
24	Passes Completed	15
1	Passes Intercepted	2
385	Yds. Rushing-Passing	304
19	First Downs	16
124	Yards Lost Penalties	25
1	Ball Lost Fumbles	4

Rams	0	0	13	21	—34
Lions	9	21	0	6	—27

LOS ANGELES COLISEUM, SEPTEMBER 22

Shaughnessy's debut as head coach in NFL a success as favored Detroit tumbles, 44 to 7 . . . Waterfield passes along with two Lion fumbles and eight yard punt net Rams 21-0 halfime lead, Hoffman scoring twice, Gehrke once . . . Lions narrow game to 21-7 on 32-yard strike, Enke to Margucci . . . Waterfield boots 14-yard field goal, Hardy passes 16 yards to Hickey and four yards to Fears, and Fears ambles 35 yards on interception to complete scoring . . . Enke's debut success, getting 71 yards on ground, 148 in air but Dudley held to 29 yards in 10 tries . . . Gehrke nets 70 on six attempts.

BRIGGS STADIUM, OCTOBER 24

LeForce stuns Rams when three TD passes—19 yards to Dudley; 27 yards to Green; 59 yards to Mann—give Lions 21-0 halftime lead . . . Rams hold secret dressing room conclave and behind Hardy's brilliant passing and inspired line play, rebound for 34-27 nod . . . Cowhig bulls for two TDs, Hardy hits Keane—16 yards and 10 yards—for other pair, and Hoffman adds clincher on one-yard plunge with 55 seconds remaining . . . Lions had tied score at 27-27 on pass, Enke to Grimes . . . Hardy connects on 21 of 34 attempts for 62 pct. and 241 yards . . . Keane's receiving spectacular . . . Dudley injured on second play of third quarter.

Green Bay Packers

SERIES HISTORY

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
1947 —	Rams 14	Packers 17
	Rams 10	Packers 30
1948 —	Rams 0	Packers 16
	Rams 24	Packers 10

Rams Won 6, Lost 15, Tied 1

1948 FIRST GAME

Rams				Packers
84....	Yards Rushing			157
244....	Yards Passing			132
38....	Passes Attempted			15
20....	Passes Completed			 6
7....	Passes Intercepted			1
328.	Yds. Rushing-Passing			.289
17.....	First Downs			16
68..	Yards Lost Penalties			..81
2....	Ball Lost Fumbles			3
Rams 0	0	0	0— 0	
Packers 6	7	3	0—16	

SECOND GAME

239....	Yards Rushing			 97
206....	Yards Passing			100
28....	Passes Attempted			34
18....	Passes Completed			14
3....	Passes Intercepted			3
445.	Yds. Rushing-Passing			.197
23.....	First Downs			 8
60..	Yards Lost Penalties			..59
2....	Ball Lost Fumbles			2
Rams 7	7	7	3—24	
Packers 0	10	0	0—10	

CITY STADIUM, GREEN BAY, OCTOBER 17

Although Waterfield connects on 19 of 35 passes for 240 yards and the Rams gain 328 yards, the fine-inspired Packers still manage to hand the Rams their first shutout since 1942 and the first of their long series . . . A freezing gale, seven interceptions and four fumbles contributed to the Rams downfall . . . Jacobs passes 64 yards to Earhart for first score, Schlinkman plunges three for second. Fritsch winds it up with 43 yard field goal into teeth of wind . . . Canadeo running—106 yards in 16 tries—keeps Rams off balance . . . Hoerner tops Rams with 64 yards . . . Waterfield punts one 88 yards for new NFL record.

LOS ANGELES COLISEUM, NOVEMBER 28

The Rams jump to brief 7-0 lead on 37-yard pass, Waterfield to Hickey, but Canadeo evens it up on 15-yard jaunt and Fritsch puts Packers ahead on 31-yard field goal . . . Hardy and Hoerner, however, engineer 55-yard drive to give Rams 14-10 lead at halftime . . . Hoerner drives one yard for TD . . . Washington rambles seven yards to make it 21 to 10 in third quarter and Waterfield boots 37-yard field goal to wind up scoring . . . Waterfield and Hardy combine to connect on 17 of 27 passes for 203 yards . . . Hoerner and Cowhig lead ground attack.

Philadelphia Eagles

SERIES HISTORY

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
1947 —	Rams 7	Eagles 14
1948 —	Rams 28	Eagles 28

Rams Won 4, Lost 4, Tied 1

1948 GAME

Rams		Eagles
108....	Yards Rushing	138
295....	Yards Passing	142
50....	Passes Attempted	21
21....	Passes Completed	13
1....	Passes Intercepted	1
403.	Yds. Rushing-Passing	.280
20.....	First Downs	12
89..	Yards Lost Penalties	..57
1....	Ball Lost Fumbles	1

Rams	0	0	7	21—28
Eagles	7	14	7	0—28

LOS ANGELES COLISEUM, OCTOBER 3

Thriller of the year . . . Trailing 28 to 0 with but 17 minutes remaining, Rams stage amazing rally to tie game, 28 to 28 . . . Eagle touchdowns: Thompson to Pihos, 40 yards; Thompson to Pihos, 36 yards; Thompson to Armstrong, 13 yards; Pritchard circles left end, 52 yards; Ram touchdowns: Waterfield to Zilly, 27 yards; Waterfield to Smyth, 3 yards; Hoffman off right tackle, 1 yard; Waterfield to Zilly, 29 yards (30 seconds remaining) . . . Thompson completes 13 of 18 for 142 yards . . . Waterfield hits 17 of 35 for 263 yards . . . Pritchard, a former Ram, tops ball carriers with 92 yards.

New York Giants

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
1947 —	Rams 34	Giants 10
1948 —	Rams 52	Giants 37

Rams Won 5, Lost 2, Tied 0

New York Bulldogs

(Formerly the Boston Yanks. Franchise moved to New York this year. Team will share Polo Grounds with Giants.

1945 —	Rams 20	Yanks 7
1946 —	Rams 21	Yanks 40
1947 —	Rams 16	Yanks 27

Rams Won 1, Lost 2, Tied 0

Chicago All-Star Game Results

1934—Chi. Bears, 0; All-Stars, 0
1935—Chi. Bears, 5; All-Stars, 0
1936—Detroit, 7; All-Stars, 7
1937—All-Stars, 6, Green Bay, 0
1938—All-Stars, 28, Wash., 16
1939—New York, 9; All-Stars, 0
1940—Gr. Bay, 45; All-Stars, 28
1941—Chi. Bears, 37; All-Stars, 13
1942—Chi. Bears, 21; All-Stars, 0
1943—All-Stars, 27; Wash., 7
1944—Chi. Bears, 24; All-Stars, 21
1945—Gr. Bay, 19; All-Stars, 7
1946—All-Stars, 16, L. A., 0
1947—All-Stars, 16; Chi. Bears, 0
1948—Chi. Cards, 28; All-Stars, 0
1949—Phil. Eagles, 38; All Stars, 0

Pittsburgh Steelers

SERIES HISTORY

1938 —	Rams 13	Steelers 7
1939 —	Rams 14	Steelers 14
1941 —	Rams 17	Steelers 14
1947 —	Rams 48	Steelers 7
1948 —	Rams 31	Steelers 14

Rams Won 4, Lost 0, Tied 1

1948 GAME

Rams		Steelers
208	Yards Rushing	111
113	Yards Passing	166
18	Passes Attempted	21
9	Passes Completed	13
0	Passes Intercepted	2
321	Yds. Passing-Rushing	277
20	First Downs	16
65	Yards Lost Penalties	75
2	Ball Lost Fumbles	1

Rams	0	14	7	10	—31
Steelers	0	0	7	7	—14

LOS ANGELES COLISEUM, DECEMBER 12

Rams made it four victories in final five games . . . After scoreless first quarter, 26-yard pass, Hardy to Hickey, breaks ice early in second period . . . Rams increase margin to 14 points at halftime on eight yard pass, Hardy to Hubbell . . . Steelers use 20 plays to march 86 yards to make it 14-7, Papach scoring from one . . . Rams, however, remove any doubt with two touchdowns and a field goal to make it 31 to 7 late in the fourth period . . . Waterfield passed 29 yards to Fears, Hardy 16 yards to Magnani, and Waterfield's 47-yard field goal was longest in Ram history . . . Evans' 28-yard TD pass to Papach concluded scoring.

Rams' Record vs National League Clubs

	Rams Won	Rams Lost	Tied	Rams' Points	Opp. Points	Pct.
Rams vs. Detroit	13	8	0	392	302	.619
Rams vs. Cardinals	9	11	0	284	258	.450
Rams vs. Packers	6	15	1	334	515	.286
Rams vs. Bears	6	15	1	380	572	.286
EASTERN DIVISION						
Rams vs. Pittsburgh	4	0	1	123	56	1.000
Rams vs. Giants	5	2	0	165	162	.714
Rams vs. Philadelphia	4	4	1	177	164	.500
Rams vs. Yanks-Bulldogs	1	2	0	57	74	.333
Rams-vs. Washington	1	5	0	98	130	.167
DISCONTINUED						
Rams vs. Card-Pitt	2	0	0	63	34	1.000
Rams vs. Brooklyn	1	3	0	50	61	.250
Totals	52	65	4	2123	2328	.445

Washington Redskins

SERIES HISTORY

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
1948 —	Rams 41	Redskins 13

1945 Championship Playoff

Rams 15 Redskins 14

Los Angeles Times Series

1946 —	Rams 16	Redskins 14
1947 —	Rams 20	Redskins 7
1948 —	Rams 10	Redskins 21

Rams Won 1, Lost 5, Tied 0

1948 GAME

Rams		Redskins
199	Yards Rushing	79
196	Yards Passing	188
21	Passes Attempted	33
13	Passes Completed	21
0	Passes Intercepted	2
395	Yds. Rushing-Passing	267
23	First Downs	19
78	Yards Lost Penalties	25
2	Ball Lost Fumbles	1

Rams	7	20	14	0	—41
Redskins	0	7	6	0	—13

GRIFFITH STADIUM, DECEMBER 5

The Redskins caught the full impact of a Ram team that had started rolling . . . After feeling out foe in the first quarter and getting one score in the process—a 16-yard TD pass from Waterfield to Hoerner—the Rams drowned the 'Skins with a flood of touchdowns, leading 27 to 7 at halftime and 41 to 7 midway in the third period . . . At that point, the reserves took over and coasted in for the 41 to 13 victory . . . Ram touchdowns: Waterfield to Hoerner, 17 yards; Waterfield to Zilly, 16 yards; Hardy to Washington, 26 yards; Gehrke returns kickoff, 92 yards; Waterfield to Gehrke, 4 yards; Waterfield to Hoffman, 7 yards. Redskin scores: Baugh to Todd, 7 yards; Baugh to Taylor, 32 yards.

RAMS 10-YEAR RECORD

Year	Won	Lost	Tied	Rams' Points	Opp. Points	Pct.
1937	1	10	0	75	207	.090
1938	4	7	0	131	215	.363
1939	5	5	1	195	164	.500
1940	4	6	1	171	191	.400
1941	2	9	0	116	244	.181
1942	5	6	0	150	207	.454
1944	4	6	0	178	224	.400
1945*	10	1	0	259	150	.909
1946	6	4	1	277	257	.600
1947	6	6	0	259	214	.500
1948	6	5	1	327	269	.545
Total	53	65	4	2138	2342	.449

*Includes championship playoff game

Centers

NAME		Hgt.	Wgt.	Age	Prev. NFL Exp.
John Martin	Navy	6'3"	240	27	2
Fred Naumetz	Boston College	6'1"	223	27	3
Don Paul	U. C. L. A.	6'1"	230	24	1

Guards

Jon Baker	California	6'1"	210	26	0
Hal Dean	Ohio State	6' "	205	26	2
Roger Eason	Oklahoma	6'1"	230	31	4
Jack Finlay	U. C. L. A.	6'1"	215	28	2
Milan Lazetich	Michigan	6'1"	214	28	4
Bob Levenhagen	Washington	6'	215	24	0
Joe Westenkirchner	U. S. F.	6'1"	220	23	0
Ray Yagiello	Catawba	6'	220	26	1

Tackles

Gil Bouley	Boston College	6'2"	235	27	4
Ed Champagne	L. S. U.	6'3"	240	26	2
Dick Huffman	Tennessee	6'2"	256	26	2
Joe Repko	Boston College	6'	240	28	3
Al Sparkman	Texas A & M	6'6"	265	23	1

Ends

Larry Brink	No. Illinois State	6'5"	230	26	1
Tom Fears	U. C. L. A.	6'2"	216	25	1
Frank Hubbell	Tennessee	6'2"	222	27	2
Tom Keane	West Virginia	6'1"	196	23	1
William Pearson	Occidental	6'2"	210	24	0
Bob Shaw	Ohio State	6'4"	225	27	3
John Smith	Arizona	6'1"	190	22	0
Bill Smyth	Occidental	6'3"	245	27	2
Jack Zilly	Notre Dame	6'2"	209	27	2

Quarterbacks

Jim Hardy	U. S. C. .....6'	179	26	3
Robert Thomason	V. M. I. .....6'1½"	198	21	0
Norm Van Brocklin	Oregon .....6'1"	190	23	0
Bob Waterfield	U. C. L. A. .....6'1½"	200	29	4

Halfbacks

Fred Gehrke	Utah .....5'11"	190	31	5
Elroy Hirsch	Wisconsin .....6'2"	190	25	0
Tommy Kalmanir	Nevada .....5'8½"	170	23	0
Dante Magnani	St. Mary's .....5'11"	193	30	7
Max Minnich	Bowling Green .....6'1"	185	23	0
George Sims	Baylor .....5'11"	170	21	0
V. T. Smith	Abilene Christian ....5'8"	180	25	0
Willie Steele	San Diego State .....5'11"	170	26	0
James Wade	Okla. City U. .....5'11"	175	23	0
Jerry Williams	Washington State ....5'10"	165	25	0

Fullbacks

Bob Agler	Otterbein .....6'1½"	210	25	1
George Buksar	U. S. F. .....6'	200	23	0
Gerry Cowhig	Notre Dame .....6'2½"	214	28	2
Dick Hoerner	Iowa .....6'4"	220	27	2
Paul Younger	Grambling .....6'3"	216	21	0

The Top Side

Daniel F. Reeves

Daniel F. Reeves, majority stockholder and active director of the Los Angeles Rams, was born in New York City on June 30, 1912. He attended Newman Prep and graduated from Georgetown University. Mr. Reeves is a member of the Reeves grocery family of New York which sold a chain of 900 stores to Safeway in 1939. In 1941, he purchased the Cleveland Rams. Following the war, during which he served as a Captain in the Army Air Forces, Mr. Reeves moved his club to Los Angeles. He also moved his stock brokerage business west. He is married and the father of five daughters and one son.

Fred Levy, Jr.

Fred Levy, Jr., was born in Louisville, Ky., on April 8, 1902. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He was partner with Reeves at time of original purchase of Rams in 1941, sold his interest to Reeves in '43 and re-entered the partnership in 1947. He served as a Colonel in the Air-Force during th war. Owns varied business interests. He makes his permanent home in Los Angeles and moved here from Kentucky. Is married and has two daughters.

Edwin W. Pauley

Edwin W. Pauley was born in Indianapolis, Ind., on Jan. 7, 1903. His parents moved to Pasadena in 1919 and Mr. Pauley attended Occidental College for two years and then the University of California, graduating in 1923. He was a tackle on the Oxy grid team and a member of the crew of California. Mr. Pauley, along with brother Harold, has long been associated with West Coast oil interests. He is the father of three sons and one daughter and lives in Beverly Hills.

Harold Pauley

Harold R. Pauley was born in Birmingham, Ala., on June 1, 1909. He attended Stanford University, graduating in 1928. He lives in Los Angeles and is the father of three daughters. Both Pauley's were tackles in their football days.

James "Hal" Seley

James H. Seley was born at Conneaut Lake, Penn., April 19, 1906. He attended Manual Arts High School and the University of Southern California, graduating in 1929. Mr. Seley is president of the Pacific Processing Co. He is the owner of the crack three-year-old, Duplicator, that ran in the Kentucky Derby.

Clark Shaughnessy, Head Coach

The Goddess of Destiny must have a particular affection for Clark Shaughnessy. Call it coincidence or what you will, she always manages to have him present when major steps are being taken in the world of football.

The string started in 1925 when Shaughnessy's undefeated Tulane team, acclaimed the national champions, became the first Southern team to be invited to the Rose Bowl. When Tulane's president declined the invitation, Shaughnessy recommended Alabama and the Tide's acceptance started the flood of Southern teams to play in Pasadena. Shaughnessy also envisioned the present Sugar Bowl production. As coach of Loyola of the South, he originated a Christmas holiday series with Loyola of Chicago. That series is believed to be the forerunner of the present Sugar Bowl fixture.

Then up to Chicago University, just in time for the famed de-emphasis program and the final death of organized football at that once proud Big Ten power. But the Goddess had a spot all picked for her man, Stanford University, and Shaughnessy delivered with the re-birth of the T Formation. It is doubtful if any single man or team ever had such a pronounced effect on the game of football. In 1940, when Shaughnessy's Indians T'eed their way to the Rose Bowl, you probably could have counted the major teams using the T on one hand. Five years later, you could almost use the same hand to count pro, college and high school teams not using the T.

Shaughnessy was born on March 6, 1892, in St. Cloud, Minn. He played fullback for the University of Minnesota in 1911, '12 and '13.

Shaughnessy opened his coaching career at Tulane in 1915 where he remained through 1926. In 1925, the Tulane eleven was recognized as the National Champions. In 1927, Shaughnessy moved to Loyola of the South where he stayed through the 1932 season.

In 1933, he arrived at the University of Chicago. There he found a kindred spirit in George Halas of the Chicago Bears. Shaughnessy started working with Halas in 1936 and the teamwork continued until 1940 when Shaughnessy took over at Stanford.

What happened at Stanford has long since become a glowing page in football's history book. With virtually the identical personnel that had finished in the cellar of the PCL the year before, Shaughnessy led the Indians through an undefeated and untied season, climaxed by a Rose Bowl victory over Nebraska. It marked the introduction of the modern T to collegiate football.

With the war on and Stanford discontinuing football, Shaughnessy moved to Maryland in 1942 and after one year, became head coach at Pittsburgh where he remained through the 1945 season. In 1944, he became an Advisory Coach with the Redskins, a job he held until joining the Rams in the same capacity last year.

On September 3, 1948, he was appointed head coach of the Rams. Although he took over the reins a month late, the team showed amazing improvement, winning four of its last five games.

This year, the Rams are wondering what the Goddess of Destiny has in store for her favorite subject. The championship game is to be played in the West—the stage could be set.

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 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. 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.

Now a confirmed Californian, Trafton makes his home in Westwood. He is married and has one daughter and one young son. George is in his fourth year with the Rams. Specializing in center play, he has developed Fred Naumetz into one of the NFL's best.

Joe Stydahar, Line 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-American and All-American 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 honor his freshman year 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 1945 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.

In 1947, his first year as a coach with the Rams, Joe produced an All-Pro tackle in Rookie Dick Huffman. He is married, the father of a son, and lives in Southern California.

Howard "Red" Hickey, End Coach

Red Hickey, the Rams' new end coach and a member of last year's team, was born in Clarksville, Ark., Feb. 4, 1917. He earned letters in four sports at Clarksville High School—football, basketball, baseball and track. Upon graduating in 1937, he entered Arkansas where he played four years of football, basketball and track. He earned All-Southwest Conference honors in both football and basketball, captained the football team in 1940 and played in the East-West Shrine game in San Francisco the same year. He joined the Rams in 1941 after being purchased from the Pittsburgh Steelers who selected him in the annual draft. His first year in the big time he finished in sixth place among the National League's pass receivers. Following the '41 season, however, Red became a Lieutenant in the Navy and played with Great Lakes in 1942 and Bainbridge Navy in 1943, making the All-Service team in '43. Thirteen months as a gunnery officer on a tanker and Liberty ship followed, Red finally rejoining the Rams in 1945. A smart and ellusive pass receiver, Hickey was the Rams' top touchdown producer last year with seven TDs. He now lives in West Los Angeles with his wife and young son.

William H. Spaulding, Advisory Coach

William H. "Bill" Spaulding, former UCLA football coach and one of the most popular sports figures in Southern California, is the latest addition to the Rams coaching staff. Spaulding, however, is senior member of the staff in years spent on the gridiron. Born in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, he attended Union High School where he played football, baseball and track. He first entered Lawrence College but after one year, transferred to Wabash College where he was a star halfback from 1904 through the 1906 season. In 1905, they defeated Notre Dame "when they had Irishmen on the team," as Spaulding puts it.

From 1907 to 1922, he coached four sports—football, baseball, basketball and track—at Kalamazoo State Teachers College. In 1925, following three years at Minnesota, he was named head coach at UCLA.

On his arrival at the Bruin campus, he was told that UCLA officials would be highly satisfied if he could beat Pomona and Occidental within the next ten years. He beat both schools his first year and won a share of the Pacific Coast Conference his tenth season.

Spaulding gave up active coaching in 1938 after 14 years at the Bruin helm. He remained as Athletic Director until 1948 when he resigned to devote full time to the Spaulding Macaroni Company and dried fruits concern. At the time of his retirement, Spaulding was the subject of a "man bits dog" celebration. Members of the Southern California press and radio held a banquet in honor of Spaulding, and not only paid tribute to their long time friend, but also picked up the tab and presented him with a watch.

BIOG-RAMS

Centers

John Martin

Navy **Hgt: 6 ft. 3 in.** **Wgt: 240** **Age: 27** **With Rams: 1947-48**

"Jack" was born in Flint, Mich., April 10, 1922 . . . Captained State Champion Waite High School team in Toledo, Ohio, 1939 . . . Entered Princeton 1940, played under Tad Wieman, then transferred to Navy . . . There he made New York Sun All-American in 1943 . . . Served as Ensign in Navy in Pacific and Japan, joining Rams in 1947 . . . Shared center assignments with Naumetz in '47 and Naumetz and Don Paul in '48 . . . Used primarily on offense . . . Is an especially good blocker and a consistent performer.

Fred Naumetz

Boston College **Hgt: 6 ft. 1 in.** **Wgt: 223** **Age: 27** **With Rams: 1946-48**

Born in Newburyport, Mass., Mar. 28, 1922 . . . A ball player's ball player . . . One of Newburyport High's greatest all-around athletes . . . Lettered there in football, basketball, baseball and track . . . Went to Boston College under Frank Leahy in 1939 . . . Concentrated on football in college . . . Played in Sugar and Orange Bowls, made International News Service All-American in 1942 . . . Served on attack transport in Navy in China, Japan and Phillipines during war, discharged as Lieutenant (j.g.) in 1946 . . . Has been with Rams since . . . Backs up right side of line on defense and captained team in 1948 . . . A vicious tackler and adept blocker . . . Received INS All-Pro honors in 1948 . . . Married, two daughters, lives in Los Angeles during off season . . . Knee operation during interval between '48 and '49 seasons rid him of troublesome injury.

Don Paul

U.C.L.A. **Hgt: 6 ft. 1 in.** **Wgt: 230** **Age: 24** **With Rams: 1948**

Native of California, born in Fresno Mar. 18, 1925 . . . Played for Bert La Brucherie at Los Angeles High and later at UCLA . . . With Bruins 1943-47, played in two East-West Shrine games, Rose Bowl, and named All-Pacific Coast center two years . . . Twice co-captain of team . . . Named most valuable Bruin with Ram team mate Tom Fears in senior year . . . Plays both offense and defense for Rams, and is fine all-around performer . . . Works in movies, sells life insurance in off season . . . Married, no children.

Guards

John Baker

U. of Calif. Hgt: 6 ft. 1 in. Wgt: 210 Age: 26 With Rams: Rookie

Born in San Francisco, June 14, 1923 . . . Participated in football, track, swimming and basketball at Polytechnic High School, graduating in 1941 . . . First entered California in 1941 . . . Served three and a half years as Ensign in Navy before returning to Bears . . . In all, played five seasons for California along with three years of rugby and one crew . . . Gained both All-Pacific Coast and All-American honors . . . California's line coach, Bob Tessier, says Baker is the best guard he has coached . . . He played outstanding game against Northwestern in Rose Bowl . . . He is single.

Hal Dean

Ohio State Hgt: 6 ft. Wgt: 205 Age: 26 With Rams: 1947-48

Born in Wooster, Ohio, Oct. 30, 1922 . . . Lightest lineman on squad . . . Lettered in three sports at Wooster High School, where he was fullback . . . Entered Ohio State 1940, gained All-Western Conference honors in 1942 at guard . . . Played in East-West Shrine game same year . . . Returned to OS after 41 months in army in Philippines, Okinawa and Japan as a Captain in Parachute Infantry . . . Played '46 season at Ohio State, joined Rams in '47 . . . One of League's best guards in both seasons he's played . . . Backs up middle of line on defense and has few peers as a blocker on offense, Ram coaches say . . . Married and a fine geologist with a future in that field.

Roger Eason

U. of Oklahoma Hgt: 6 ft. 1 in. Wgt: 230 Age: 31 With Rams: 1945-48

Born in Paul's Valley, Okla., July 31, 1918 . . . Attended Central High in Oklahoma City . . . All-Big Six tackle at Oklahoma . . . Played in '41 Chicago All-Star game . . . Served fours years in Army after graduating in '42 . . . As Field Artillery Sergeant, he saw service in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxemburg, Battle of the Bulge, Rhineland and Germany . . . Joined Rams immediately after discharge in September, '45, and was member of the World Championship team . . . Plays right guard now, alternated at guard and tackle first two years . . . Married, one child.

Jack Finlay

U.C.L.A. Hgt: 6 ft. 1 in. Wgt: 215 Age: 28 With Rams: 1947-48

An Angeleno, born in Los Angeles Sept. 8, 1921 . . . All-City and All-League tackle at Fairfax High in 1938 . . . Entered UCLA in '39, played one year frosh and three years varsity football . . . With Bob Waterfield, he played in the '42 Rose Bowl . . . Gained All-Pacific Coast honors that year . . . Served in Navy three and a half years, was Lieutenant (j.g.) . . . Played with Los Angeles Bulldogs in 1946, joined Rams in '47 . . . Shifted from tackle to guard, caught on quickly . . . He's Ram kickoff specialist . . . Married, and does movie work in off-season.

Milan Lazetich

U. of Mich. Hgt: 6 ft. 1 in. Wgt: 214 Age: 28 With Rams: 1945-48

Born in Anaconda, Mont., Aug. 27, 1921 . . . Frosh year at Montana interrupted by Navy hitch, and he then entered Michigan . . . Made All-Big Nine squad in 1944 as tackle . . . Joined Rams in 1945 and was converted to guard . . . Has been one of best in loop since . . . Nicknamed "Sheriff" by teammates because he was a deputy in Montana for a while . . . Plays right guard, good all-around player but a demon on defense . . . Spends off season on family's 1200-acre Montana ranch . . . He's single.

Robert Levenhagen

Washington Hgt: 6 ft. Wgt: 215 Age: 24 With Rams: Rookie

Born in Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 2, 1924 . . . Attended Olympia High School where he was a sprinter in track, a baseball pitcher and combination fullback-tackle on the gridiron . . . Served close to three years in the Navy as an Ensign . . . Played four years at Washington, earning All-Pacific Coast in both 1947 and '48 and was named to the All-Players team in '48 along with gaining All-America mention . . . Earned two letters in wrestling . . . He is single . . . Considered a fine prospect.

Joseph Westenkirchner

S.F.U. Hgt. 6 ft. 1 in. Wgt: 220 Age: 23 With Rams: Rookie

Born in Toledo, Ohio, April 23, 1926 . . . Earned All-State honors on the gridiron at Waite High School along with playing basketball . . . Played for Notre Dame in 1944 as part of Navy's V12 program . . . Joined Ed McKeever at San Francisco University in 1947 and was named to the All-Coast team in 1948 along with making numerous all-opponent teams . . . Played both guard and tackle . . . He is married and the father of one son . . . Plans to follow coaching or teaching as a career.

Ray Yagiello

Catawba Hgt: 6 ft. Wgt: 220 Age: 26 With Rams: 1948

Born in Orange, N.J., Sept. 21, 1923 . . . Lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track at Kearny High in Kearny, N.J. . . . Entered Catawba in 1941, played four years for the Tribe . . . Unanimous All-Conference choice in '46 and '47, most valuable in conference in '47 . . . On AP Little All-America second team in '46 and '47 and only small college player on All-State team in 1947 . . . During War served three and a half years in Navy, discharged as Lieutenant (j.g.) after South Pacific duty . . . Has done graduate work at University of North Carolina . . . Has played both guard and tackle, may be moved to latter for aggressive play . . . He's single.

Tackles

Gil Bouley

Boston College Hgt: 6 ft. 2 in. Wgt: 235 Age: 27 With Rams: 1945-48

Born in Plainfield, Conn., Nov. 15, 1921 . . . Captained grid and track teams at Norwich High in Connecticut . . . Entered Boston College in '40, All-American tackle in '41 and '42 . . . Captain-elect in '43, but entered service before season . . . He and Fred Naumetz were on BC squad which escaped Coconut Grove fire in Boston when Holy Cross upset them . . . Holy Cross took over reservations team had made at Coconut Grove and several members of Crusader team lost lives in the famous fire . . . Bouley joined Rams in '45 after service in Army Air Corps and was regular right tackle on championship team . . . Played there ever since . . . Does movie work in off season . . . Married, has two boys . . . Plans to coach, has done so as assistant at Arizona State during spring training.

Edward Champagne

Louisiana State Hgt: 6 ft. 3 in. Wgt: 240 Age: 26 With Rams: 1947-48

Born in New Orleans, La., Dec. 4, 1922 . . . Played football, basketball, baseball and track at St. Peter's High . . . Entered LSU in '41, played two years varsity after year's frosh football . . . Sandwiched in three years in service . . . All-Southeastern tackle behind Ram teammate Dick Huffman in 1946 . . . Gained All-America mention, too . . . Injured his knee in '47 intra-squad game, out nearly all season . . . Right tackle, came into his own in '48 . . . Aggressive, especially strong on defense . . . He's single.

Dick Huffman

U. of Tenn. Hgt: 6 ft. 2 in. Wgt: 256 Age: 26 With Rams: 1947-48

Born in Charleston, West Virginia, Mar. 27, 1923 . . . May be one of pro football's all-time greats . . . Entered University of Tennessee in '41, played varsity ball in '42 and '43 before joining Marines . . . Saw action at Saipan, Tinian and the Northern Marianas in three year service . . . Named to nine All-American teams in '46 upon return to Tennessee . . . Joined Rams after Rice-Tennessee Orange Bowl classic . . . Accomplished a feat many of game's all-time greats missed when he made All-Pro tackle as a freshman . . . Exceptionally fast despite weight in excess of 250 . . . He's the bulwark of the left side of the Ram wall . . . Savage and heady on defense and a vicious blocker . . . Married, one boy.

Joe Repko

Boston College Hgt: 6 ft. Wgt: 240 Age: 28 With Rams: 1947

Another great football player from the heart of the coal belt . . . Born in Lansford, Penna., March 15, 1921 . . . Played football and tossed the shot at Lansford High School . . . Attended Seton Hall for one year and then transferred to Boston College where he lettered four years on the gridiron and two in track . . . Was teammate of Fred Naumetz, Gil Bouley and Don Currivan . . . Gained All-Eastern and All-American honors . . . Played with the Pittsburgh Steelers two years before joining the Rams last fall . . . Used at tackle last year but may be moved to guard . . . Married with one daughter.

Al Sparkman

Texas A & M Hgt: 6 ft. 6 in. Wgt: 265 Age: 23 With Rams: 1948

Born in Baltimore, Md., Feb. 17, 1926, but moved to Texas soon after . . . Played football, basketball, track at Thomas Jefferson High and set state discus record of 155 feet . . . Played one season of football at Texas A&M, two on Navy service team . . . Has exceptional speed for size and needs only experience.

Ends

Lawrence Brink

Northern Ill. Hgt: 6 ft. 5 in. Wgt: 230 Age: 26 With Rams: 1948

Born in Milaca, Minn., Sept. 12, 1923 . . . Attended Foley High, Foley, Minn., and lettered in football, basketball, baseball . . . Served two and a half years in Air Force in European Theatre before entering college . . . Made All-Conference squad at Northern Illinois in '45, '46 and '47 . . . Captained team senior year . . .

Great on defense since he's big, rough and tough . . . One of big surprises of '48 training camp . . . Unheralded and conceeded but slim chance of making team, his vicious end play finally gained berth . . . Now considered potentially one of greatest in business . . . Has gained 20 pounds since '48 . . . A real comer . . . He's married.

Tom Fears

U.C.L.A. Hgt: 6 ft. 2 in. Wgt: 216 Age: 25 With Rams: 1948

Born in Los Angeles, Dec. 3, 1923 . . . All-Southern League, All-City and All-Southern California end at Manual Arts High . . . Played with Santa Clara Broncs in '41 and '42 . . . Entered UCLA after three year hitch in Army Air Forces as First Lieutenant . . . All-Pacific Coast in '46 and '47, made New York Sun All-America in latter year . . . Played in East-West Shrine game in '47 . . . Co-captain of UCLA squad with teammate Don Paul and shared most valuable honors with Paul in senior year . . . Led NFL ends in pass receiving in freshman year, a remarkable accomplishment . . . Caught 51 for 698 yards and four touchdowns . . . Should be even better in '49.

Frank Hubbell

Tennessee Hgt: 6 ft. 2 in. Wgt. 222 Age: 27 With Rams: 1947-48

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 19, 1922 . . . Starred in football, basketball, baseball and swimming at Central High in Bridgeport . . . Followed brother to Tennessee in 1940 . . . Lettered three years, played in Sugar and Orange Bowls for Vols . . . Served 33 months in air force, flew 26 missions in European Theatre and was awarded DFC and Air Medal with three clusters . . . Made All-Southeast Conference team in '46 and Grantland Rice All-America . . . One of Rams' outstanding rookies in 1947, and a fine, consistent end in 1948 . . . One of the team's most dependable performers on defense . . . Lives in Knoxville, Tenn., with wife and two girls during off-season . . . He's in the furniture business there.

Thomas Keane

West Virginia Hgt: 6 ft. 1 in. Wgt: 196 Age: 23 With Rams: 1948

Born in Belleaire, Ohio, Sept. 7, 1926 . . . Younger brother of Jim Keane, Chicago Bear end . . . Played football, basketball and track at Linsly Military Institute in Wheeling, West Virginia, before entering Ohio State in 1944 . . . earned one letter at Ohio State, two at the University of West Virginia . . . Played halfback and quarterback, but most famous as T quarterback at West Virginia . . . Played halfback with Rams last year, but will be used at end this season to take advantage of speed and pass-receiving ability . . . Served two years in Navy in China, Japan and the Philippines . . . He's single.

William Pearson

Occidental Hgt: 6 ft. 2 in. Wgt: 210 Age: 24 · With Rams: Rookie

Southern California product . . . Born in Oxnard, Jan. 17, 1925 . . . Attended Fillmore High School, participating in football, basketball and track . . . First entered Occidental in 1942 and then returned in 1946 after serving three years with the Air Force in the Pacific . . . Earned four grid letters, being named on the All-Southern California Intercollegiate Conference eleven in 1948 . . . Caught two touchdowns in Oxy's 21 to 20 Raisin Bowl victory over Colorado A&M . . . For '48 season, received 26 passes for 640 yards and seven touchdowns . . . Competed in four events—high hurdles, high jump, discus, javelin—on Oxy track team.

Robert Shaw

Ohio State Hgt: 6 ft. 4 in. Wgt: 225 Age: 27 With Rams: 1945-47

Born in Richwood, Ohio, May 22, 1922 . . . Starred in football, basketball and track at Fremont High . . . Holds state shot put record . . . Earned Big Nine and All-America honors in 1941 and '42 at Ohio State as an end . . . Served three and a half years in the army . . . Joined Rams in October, 1945, immediately upon discharge . . . Great receiver, but played defense in '46 with Jim Benton handling offense . . . The tough luck kid since then . . . Cracked vertebra in an early exhibition game sidelined him for 1947 season . . . Injured neck in training camp in 1948, and out another season . . . Completely recovered now . . . Assistant coach at Loyola in 1949 . . . Married, lives in Los Angeles, Calif., during off-season.

John Smith

U. of Arizona Hgt.: 6 ft. 1 in. Wgt. 190 Age: 22 With Rams: Rookie

Jackrabbit Smith was born in Oklahoma, Sept. 8, 1927 . . . Attended Glendale High School in Arizona where he participated in football and track . . . Entered Arizona in 1945 . . . Played three years of football and track . . . In 1947, was the nation's leading ground gaining end with 568 yards, was second in touchdowns with 6 and fourth in completions with 31 . . . His pitcher was Fred Enke, currently with the Detroit Lions . . . Border Conference 220-yard sprint champion in 1948 . . . Has times of 9.9 for the 100, 21.5 for the 220 . . . Arizona Assistant Coach Carl Mullenaux describes Jackrabbit as another Don Hutson . . . Mullenaux played with Hutson on the Green Bay Packers . . . He is single.

Bill Smyth

U. of Cincinnati Hgt: 6 ft. 3 in. Wgt: 245 Age: 27 With Rams: 1947-48

Born in Batavia, Ohio, April 8, 1922 . . . Earned letters in football, basketball, baseball and track at Roger Bacon High in St. Bernard, Ohio . . . Attended Notre Dame from '40 to '42, Univer-

sity of Cincinnati in '42 and Pennsylvania State College in '43 . . . Spent three years in the Marines as a machine gunner in the Marshalls, Bonins and Marianas . . . Back to Cincinnati U in '46 . . . Started at tackle with the Rams, moved to end and will probably play both this year . . . Teaches in Cincinnati during off-season . . . Married, has one young daughter.

John Zilly

Notre Dame Hgt: 6 ft. 2 in. Wgt: 209 Age: 27 With Rams: 1947-48

Born in Waterbury, Conn., Nov. 11, 1922 . . . Played football, baseball and track at Lewis High and Cheshire Academy in Cheshire, Conn. . . . Set discus mark of 136 feet for Class B schools . . . Entered Notre Dame 1941, played on '42 varsity before entering Navy for three year hitch . . . Returned to Irish to play on '46 National Championship team and gain All-America honors . . . Scored one of the touchdowns for the College All-Stars in 1947 to help beat Chicago Bears . . . Plays both offense and defense, and fine on both . . . Works in movies during off-season and makes his home in Southern California . . . He's married, has one son.

Quarterbacks

James Hardy

U.S.C. Hgt: 6 ft. Wgt: 179 Age: 26 With Rams: 1946-48

A native of Los Angeles, born here April 24, 1923 . . . Attended Fairfax High before entering the University of Southern California in 1941 . . . He and brother Don formed one of the great brother acts on the Western gridiron . . . Jim played quarterback, Don end . . . At USC, Jim lettered three years in football and baseball and led the Trojans to two Pacific Coast Conference titles and two Rose Bowl victories . . . Tied Russ Saunders' record of throwing three touchdown passes in '44 Rose Bowl game against Washington . . . Next year, against Tennessee, he threw two more and ran a touchdown over, setting an all-time Rose Bowl record of being responsible for six touchdowns . . . Joined Rams in 1946 after trade with the Washington Redskins . . . Came into his own last year after understudying Bob Waterfield two years . . . Second ranking passer in NFL and only eyelash behind leader, Tommy Thompson of Philadelphia . . . Expected to take place again among top passers in league this year . . . Married and has son and daughter . . . For past two years has worked as backfield coach during spring, aiding at Santa Clara in 1947, at USC in 1948.

FORWARD PASSING

	Atts.	Comp.	Pct. Comp.	Yds.	TD	Long Gain	No. Int.
1946.....	64	24	.375	285	2	60	7
1947.....	57	23	.404	388	5	64	7
1948.....	211	112	.531	1390	14	69	7
All-Time.	332	159	.479	2063	21	69	21

RANKING IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

1948 2nd Forward Passing

Bob Waterfield

U.C.L.A. Hgt: 6 ft. 1½ in. Wgt: 200 Age: 29 With Rams: 1945-48

Born in Elmira, N.Y., July 26, 1920 . . . Family moved to Van Nuys, Calif., and Bob starred in football and basketball at Van Nuys High . . . Started wearing famous No. 7 in basketball, carried over into football . . . Entered UCLA in '40, but did not play freshman football . . . Made varsity as sophomore in '41 and led Bruins to Pacific Coast Championship following year . . . Played in Rose Bowl against Georgia, sparked by Charlie Trippi . . . Joined Army in '43, attained rank of Second Lieutenant, then injury gave him medical discharge . . . Returned to UCLA in '44 and starred in East-West Shrine game in San Francisco . . . Accounted for both West scores with passes and runs for 13-6 victory . . . Named outstanding player in game . . . Joined Rams in 1945, and as a rookie, led his club to World's Championship . . . Named Most Valuable Player in League and was unanimous choice for All-League team . . . Scored 64 points, completed 89 of 172 passes for 1653 yards and 15 touchdowns, and averaged 40.7 yards punting . . . Ranked third in scoring and passing and fourth in punting . . . Kicked conversion which gave Rams championship, 15-14 . . . Ranked as one of the all-time greats at a T quarterback . . . Married to movie star Jane Russell, his boyhood sweetheart . . . Spends most of off-season fishing and hunting, and helps out coaching at Occidental in spring training.

FORWARD PASSING

	No. Atts.	No. Comp.	Percent Comp.	Yds. Gained	TD	Long Gain	No. Int.
1945.....	172	89	.517	1653	15	*84	16
1946.....	*251	*127	.505	1747	*18	57	17
1947.....	221	96	.434	1210	8	45	18
1948.....	180	87	.483	1354	14	80	18
All-Time.	824	399	.484	5954	55	84	69

PASS INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds. Ret.	Ave. Ret.	TD	Long Ret.
1945.....	6	92	15.3	0	29
1946.....	5	72	14.4	0	28
1947.....	5	56	11.2	0	35
1948.....	4	8	2.0	0	5
All-Time...	20	228	11.4	0	35

PUNTING

	No.	Ave. Dist.	Long	No. Blkd.
1945.....	39	40.7	68	1
1946.....	39	44.69	65	0
1947.....	59	42.4	*86	1
1948.....	43	42.6	*88	2
All-Time.....	180	42.7	88	2

SCORING

	TD.R.	TD.P.	Tot. Td.	Ex. Pt.	Pt.M.	F.G.	F.G.A.	Tot, Pts,
1945.....	5	0	5	*31	3	1	3	64
1946.....	1	0	1	*37	0	6	9	61
1947.....	1	0	1	27	3	*7	16	54
1948.....	0	0	0	38	*6	6	10	56
All-Time..	7	0	7	133	12	20	38	235

FIELD GOALS

	No.	Atts.	Long
1945.....	1	3	28
1946.....	6	9	37
1947.....	*7	16	45
1948.....	6	10	*47

*Outstanding performance of season in National League.

RANKING IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

1945 2nd Forward Passing
2nd Pass Interceptions
3rd Scoring
3rd Punting
1st Conversions

1946 1st Forward Passing
4th Pass Interceptions
2nd Punting
2nd Field Goals
2nd Scoring
1st Conversions

1947 1st Field Goals

Robert Thomason

V.M.I. Hgt: 6 ft. 1½ in. Wgt: 198 Age 21 With Rams: Rookie

Bobby was born in Palos, Ala., March 26, 1928 . . . Attended Leeds High School in Leeds, Ala., where he was outstanding in football, basketball and baseball . . . Entered Virginia Military Institute in 1945, earning four letters in football, three in baseball and

two in basketball . . . Captained baseball team his final year and a regular on the basketball team . . . Considered one of greatest passing prospects since Sammy Baugh . . . Ranked third in nation in 1948 with record of 95 completions in 177 attempts for 1252 yards and 14 touchdowns . . . Second team All-Southern three years and United Press first team All-Southern in 1948 . . . Voted outstanding player in Virginia three straight years and played in the annual North-South game last December . . . Opposing coaches have this to say of Thomason, J. H. Rowland, George Washington: "I believe that Bobby Thomason is as good a passer as I have ever seen in college . . . I consider Thomason a better college passer than Sid Luckman was." Henry Frnka, Tulane; "He is one of the finest passers I have ever had to meet . . . I predict a future for him with such greats as Sammy Baugh, Sid Luckman and others of that caliber." R. C. McNeish, Virginia Tech: "I consider Bobby Thomason an outstanding prospect for any professional football team using the T formation . . . he is an exceedingly fine passer." Fred Land, The Citadel: "Passers with his ability are rare, believe me . . . He was the most polished operator in this league . . . I believe he will become one of the great pro stars in the next few years" Dick Esleeck, Richmond: "In all the years that I have been around the Southern Conference, Bobby Thomason is by far the best passer I have ever seen in this conference . . . In spite of the publicity accorded Charlie Justice of North Carolina, Bobby Thomason received my vote as the most valuable player in the conference . . . I don't see how he can miss in pro ball." Gordon A. Kirkland, Catawba: "I would say he is the best passer the South has had in years . . . I think he can possibly throw as well as anybody playing in the pro league today." . . . Has been nicknamed "The Arm" . . . Associated Press sportswriters voted him the Virginia "Athlete of the Year" . . . Graduated with degree in civil engineering and ranked in top third of his class . . . Received reserve commission in Air Force . . . Was the Rams' No. 1 draft choice.

THOMASON'S COLLEGE PASSING RECORD

	Atts.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	Ave.	TDs
1945	114	46	10	593	.404	4
1946	126	66	4	833	.524	10
1947	99	50	5	754	.505	4
1948	177	95	10	1252	.531	14
Total	516	257	29	3432	.498	32

Norman Van Brocklin

Oregon **Hgt: 6 ft. 1 in.** **Wgt: 190** **Age: 23** **With Rams: Rookie**

Although born in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, March 15, 1926, he attended Acalanes High School in Walnut Creek, Calif. . . . Graduated in 1943 . . . Played football, basketball and pitcher on the baseball team . . . Served three years in Navy with major time spent in Pacific . . . Entered Oregon April 1, 1946 . . . Completed required

work in three years and received degree in physical education in June, 1949 . . . Enjoyed no great success as halfback in single wing in 1946, playing but 11 minutes and failing to letter, but blossomed into star in 1947 with coming of head coach Jim Aiken and the T formation . . . In his first year as T quarterback, led Pacific Coast Conference in passing and named to the All-Pacific Coast team . . . Repeated both honors in 1948 along with adding All-America laurels . . . Led Oregon to first undefeated conference season in history and first share of Pacific Coast Conference championship since 1933 . . . Oregon was first conference team to play in Cotton Bowl, losing 21 to 13 to Southern Methodist . . . In 1948 he had a record of 139 attempts, 68 completions for 1010 yards and seven touchdowns . . . He had but seven intercepted . . . A great team player . . . Regarded as the finest passer to be seen on the Coast or in th Midwest in recent years, Van Brocklin was often critized for not passing more. His answer always was: "We're winning, aren't we? What more do you want?" . . . Also a fine punter, he averaged 40.1 yards on 66 punts in 1947 to rank in the nation's top ten . . . Considered an excellent signal caller . . . Allowed free hand in running Oregon team and always had right to turn down suggestion by Aiken . . . Aiken ranks Van Brocklin as the greatest player he has ever coached . . . USC Coach Jeff Cravath rates him one of the greatest passers and 'I' quarterbacks ever to play on the Pacific Coast . . . Other quotes: Bennie Oosterbaan, Michigan coach, "In my opinion Van Brocklin handles the T better than any quarterback we faced." George Svendsen, Minnesota scout: "A crown jewel." Clark Shaughnessy, Ram coach: "I consider Van Brocklin one of the most promising T quarterbacks ever to graduate from the college ranks." . . . His wife, Gloria, was a former member of the Oregon faculty and at one time was Van Brocklin's instructor in a biology class . . . He plans to become a coach.

VAN BROCKLIN'S COLLEGE PASSING RECORD

	Atts.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	Ave.	TDs
1946	9	0	3	....	.000	..
1947	168	76	12	939	.453	9
1948	139	68	7	1010	.488	7
Total	316	144	22	1949	.456	16

Halfbacks

Fred Gehrke

U. of Utah Hgt: 5 ft. 11 in. Wgt: 190 Age: 31 With Rams: 1940, 1945-48

Born in Salt Lake City, April 24, 1918 . . . Entered University of Utah in 1936, earned three letters each in football, track and swimming during next four years . . . Sparked Utah in '38 and '39 and made several Little All-America squads . . . Fine javelin thrower, with 216 foot heave to his credit . . . Once placed third in National

AAU in this event . . . Played with the Rams in '40, then was frozen to job at Northrup Aircraft in Los Angeles during war . . . Returned to Rams in '45 and led the League in gain average with 6.3 yards per carry . . . Has averaged over 5 yards per try during pro career . . . With Dante Magnani, he has been designated as a player-coach this year, working with rookie backs . . . Married and lives in Sherman Oaks, Calif., during off season . . . Works as technical illustrator in engineer department of Northrup Aircraft . . . Designed this Press and Radio Guide cover.

Elroy Hirsch

Wisconsin. Hgt: 6 ft. 2 in. Wgt: 190 Age: 25 With Rams: Rookie

Born in Wassau, Wis., June 17, 1924 . . . Played football, basketball, baseball at Wassau High . . . Made All-State team in senior year as halfback . . . entered Wisconsin in 1941, made All-American in '42 as sophomore . . . moved to Michigan in V-12 program in '43 and repeated as All-American there . . . In '44 was at Camp Lejaune with Marines, didn't play football . . . In '45 starred with El Toro Marines and was one of greatest halfbacks in service football . . . drafted by the Rams in '45, but played against them with College All-Stars in '46 . . . scored both All-Star touchdowns to beat Rams, one on 68-yard run, other on 62-yard pass play . . . Married, makes his home in Milwaukee during off season . . . Played past three years with Chicago Rockets.

Tommy Kalmanir

Nevada Hgt: 5 ft. 8½ in. Wgt: 170 Age: 23 With Rams: Rookie

"Cricket" was born in Jerome, Penn., March 31, 1926 . . . Football, basketball and track star at Conemaugh High School in Davidsville . . . Played under his present coach, Clark Shaughnessy, at Pittsburgh in 1943 . . . Served in the Air Corps before entering Nevada in 1946 . . . Played three years for the Reno eleven . . . Let nation in pass receiving and touchdowns in 1946, in kickoff returns in 1947 . . . Averaged 6.8 yards per try rushing in 1948 along with scoring 11 touchdowns . . . Earned two letters as sprinter on track team with official time of 9.8 seconds for 100-yard dash . . . Is single and plans to become a coach.

Dante Magnani

St. Mary's Hgt: 5 ft. 11 in. Wgt: 193 Age: 30 With Rams: 1940-2, 1947-8

Born in Vallejo, Calif. . . . Played football at St. Vincent's High and entered St. Mary's in '36 . . . Played with Galloping Gaels in '38 and '39, but really hit sports headlines in first year with the then Cleveland Rams in '40 . . . Played with Rams three years, then went to Chicago Bears on loan in '43 when Rams did not field a team . . . Averaged 6.1 yards per carry that year for the World Champion Bears, second in League . . . Served in Navy, then returned to Bears in '46 to help win another championship . . . Returned to Rams in '47, and, ironically, played a big part in Rams'

17-14 victory over Bears which knocked Chicago team out of title . . . . He, with Fred Gehrke, is a player-coach this year, devoting some of his time to working with rookie backs . . . Single, lives in Southern California.

Max Minnich

Bowling Green Hgt: 6 ft. 1 in. Wgt: 185 Age: 23 With Rams: Rookie

Excellent defensive halfback . . . Born in Liberty Center, Ohio, December 20, 1925 . . . Participated in football, basketball and track at Napoleon High School . . . Served three years in Navy . . . Lettered three years at Bowling Green, 1946-48 . . . First team All-Ohio in 1948 . . . Second in punting in small colleges in 1946 . . . Intercepted 12 passes last fall . . . Played both T quarterback and halfback . . . Is single.

George Sims

Baylor Hgt: 5 ft. 11 in. Wgt: 170 Age: 21 With Rams: Rookie

"Gabby" was born in Afton, Texas, Oct. 23, 1927 . . . Played football and basketball at Seymour High School, graduating in 1945 . . . Gained All-Southwest Conference honors at Baylor in 1948, his fourth season . . . Didn't come into his own until '47 when coach Bob Woodruff took over team . . . Led nation in pass interceptions in '47 with eight, which he returned 208 yards . . . Intercepted same number in '48, just one short of nation's best . . . Regarded as top broken field runner in Southwest . . . Had best punt return average in nation in '48, running back 15 for 375 yards and a 25.0 average . . . Considered greatest safety man in recent history of Baylor . . . Fine pass receiver, catching 13 for 139 yards and one touchdown . . . The Rams' No. 2 draft choice . . . Single.

V. T. Smith

Abilene Christian Hgt: 5 ft. 8 in. Wgt: 180 Age: 25 With Rams: Rookie

Verda T. Smith, Jr., was born in Sweetwater, Texas, Oct. 30, 1923 . . . Became part-time Californian, attending Ventura High School where he participated in football, basketball, baseball and track . . . Served 35 months in Army before entering Abilene Christian in 1946 . . . Was unanimous All-Texas Conference choice three straight years . . . Placed on Associated Press Little All-America first team, Williamson's Middle All-America in 1948 . . . Voted Texas Conference outstanding player . . . Terrific broken field runner with amazing speed . . . Won Texas Conference 100-yard dash title in 1948 with time of 9.6 seconds . . . Has repeatedly run 100 in 9.8 seconds . . . Lettered three years in track . . . Texas Conference javelin champion three straight years . . . Holds Conference record at 194 feet, 4 inches . . . High point man in '48 Texas Conference meet with firsts in 100 yard dash, javelin and member of record

setting 440-yard relay team . . . In three years on gridiron, carried ball 349 times for 2,409 yards and a 6.9 average per rush . . . Scored 162 points and led Texas Conference three straight years in scoring . . . Once returned three consecutive kickoffs for touchdowns . . . Although team hopelessly outmanned, returned punt 71 yards to touchdown against Arkansas . . . Returned punts for 272 yards in 1948 . . . Ranked ninth in nation among small colleges in rushing in 1948 with 951 yards in 129 attempts for 7.4 average . . . He is married and has one child, Vety Smith III.

Willie Steele

San Diego State Hgt: 5 ft. 11 in. Wgt: 170 Age: 26 With Rams: Rookie

Olympic broad jump champion . . . Born in El Centro, Calif., July 14, 1923 . . . Participated in track and basketball at Herbert Hoover High School in San Diego . . . Parents would not allow him to play football . . . Entered San Jose State in middle of 1944 football season . . . Joined grid squad and first time he carried ball in first game of his career, he ran 47 yards for touchdown and the second time he went 65 yards . . . Opponent was San Francisco University . . . Ran 74 yards against Coast Guard . . . Played but four games that season, and with exception of one game in service, has not played football since . . . Following 29 months in army, entered San Diego State College where he became NCAA, AAU and Olympic broad jump champion . . . Currently holds NCAA record of 26 feet, 6 inches, the second best jump in history and only two and a half inches short of Jesse Owens' world record . . . Twice timed in 9.7 seconds for 100 yards, consistent at 9.8 seconds . . . Went out for football in '48 at San Diego State but broke leg in first scrimmage . . . His coach, Bill Schutte, says he has great future in football . . . He is married and has one son.

James Wade

Okla. City U. Hgt: 5 ft. 11 in. Wgt: 175 Age: 23 With Rams: Rookie

Of Indian descent, Jim was born in Talihina, Okla., Feb. 14, 1926 . . . Attended Talihina High School where he earned four letters in football, basketball and baseball . . . Continued his three sport activities at O.C.U., captaining the football and basketball teams and lettering twice in baseball. Has been timed in 9.9 for 100 yards . . . Served three years in the Air Force as Second Lieutenant . . . Married and father of daughter.

Jerry Williams

Washington St. Hgt: 5 ft. 10 in. Wgt: 165 Age: 25 With Rams: Rookie

Born in Spokane, Wash., Nov. 11, 1923 . . . A four-sport star—football, baseball, basketball and track—at North Central High School in Spokane . . . Entered University of Idaho in 1942 but after serving 39 monts in Air Force as First Lieutenant in Pacific, enrolled at Washington State in 1946 . . . Played '46-'47-'48 seasons, earning All-Pacific Coast honors last fall . . . Was third in nation in kickoff returns with 478 yards on 16 carries for a 29.9 average, also a new Pacific Coast Conference record . . . Played in Shrine East-West game and 49th State Bowl game in Hawaii . . . Lettered one year in boxing, two in baseball . . . Single and plans to become a coach.

Fullbacks

Robert Agler

Otterbein Hgt: 6 ft. 1½ in. Wgt: 210 Age: 25 With Rams: 1048

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Mar. 13, 1924 . . . Played football, baseball and basketball at Mittlin High in Columbus before entering Otterbein in '41 . . . Lettered three years in football and one each in basketball and track . . . College career interrupted by two and a half years in Navy . . . Captained grid team his senior year, 1947 . . . Power runner who is expected to blossom this year . . . He's married.

George Buksar

U.S.F. Hgt: 6 ft. Wgt: 200 Age: 23 With Rams: Rookie

Although born in St. Jo, Mich., Aug. 12, 1926, Buck attended Clark High School in Hammond, Ind., graduating in 1944 . . . Participated in four sports, football, basketball, baseball and track . . . Played a year for Purdue in 1946 and then transferred to the University of San Francisco in 1947 . . . Handled punting for Dons past two seasons along with being workhorse ball carrier and pass receiver . . . Is excellent basketball player.

Gerard Cowhig

Notre Dame Hgt: 6 ft. 2½ in. Wgt: 214 Age: 28 With Rams: 1947-8

Born in Dorchester, Mass., July 5, 1921 . . .Earned four letters in football and baseball and two in track at Mechanics Arts High . . . Named All-City back in Boston . . . Entered Notre Dame in '41, lettered in '42, then took off three years for Army duty in Europe, returning with five battle stars . . . Regular on the '46 Nore Dame National Championship eleven . . . Played Halfback, and was a mem-

ber of the '47 College All-Stars who defeated the Chicago Bears . . . Came to Rams in '47 and played outstanding ball at fullback until a shoulder injury in third league game . . . Another strong runner.

Dick Hoerner

U. of Iowa Hgt: 6 ft. 4in. Wgt: 220 Age: 27 With Rams: 1947-8

Born in Dubuque, Iowa, July 25, 1922 . . . One of Iowa's greatest schoolboy athletes . . . All-State gridder two years, state shot put champion, basketball star . . . Earned All-Big Nine and All-America honors at Iowa in 1942 and 1946 . . . Clarence "Doc" Spears said Hoerner was better fullback than Doc Blanchard in final year . . . Frank Leahy called him "one of greatest fullbacks of the season" . . . Earned two track letters at Iowa, heaving 16-pound shot over 52 feet for school record . . . Spent three years in Army, as a Corporal in Field Artillery in Europe . . . Joined Rams in '47, fractured wrist in training camp, but recuperated in time to shine in league opener against Pittsburgh . . . Fractured ankle three games later and was out for season . . . One of best fullbacks in NFL last year, running with tremendous speed for his size . . .

Paul Younger

Grambling College Hgt: 6 ft. 3 in. Wgt: 216 Age: 21 With Rams: Rookie

"Tank" Younger was born in Grambling, La., June 25, 1928 . . . A football and basketball player at Grambling High School . . . Entered Grambling College in 1945 where he had a fabulous career on the gridiron . . . In four years of play, scored 60 touchdowns—25 in 1945, 10 in '46, 18 in '47, and 7 in '48—completed 43 of 73 passes for 11 touchdowns; led nation in rushing in 1947 with 1207 yards and a 9.8 average; picked up 2313 yards for the four years; named to the Negro All-America team in both 1947 and '48; played in three bowl games, Vulcan, Flower and Lions; led Grambling to runner-up spot in national Negro championship race in 1948.

Championship Playoff Results

1933—Chicago Bears, 23; New York, 21. At Chicago, Dec. 17.
1934—New York, 30; Chicago Bears, 13. At New York, Dec. 9.
1935—Detroit, 26; New York, 7. At Detroit, Dec. 15.
1936—Green Bay, 21; Boston, 6. At New York, Dec. 13.
1937—Washington, 28; Chicago Bears, 21. At Chicago, Dec. 12.
1938—New York, 23; Green Bay, 17. At New York, Dec. 11.
1939—Green Bay, 27; New York, 0. At Milwaukee, Dec. 10.
1940—Chicago Bears, 73; Washington, 0. At Washington, Dec. 8.
1941—Chicago Bears, 37; New York, 9. At Chicago, Dec. 21.
1942—Washington, 14; Chicago Bears, 6. At Washington, Dec. 13.
1943—Chicago Bears, 41; Washington, 18. At Chicago, Dec. 26.
1944—Green Bay, 14; New York, 7. At New York, Dec. 17.
1945—RAMS, 15; Washington, 14. At Cleveland, Dec. 16.
1946—Chicago Bears, 24; New York, 14. At New York, Dec. 15.
1947—Chicago Cardinals, 27; Philadelphia Eagles, 21. At Chicago.
1948—Philadelphia, 7; Chicago Cards, 0. At Philadelphia, Dec. 19.

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THE RAMS, 1937 to 1949

Homer Marshman, representing prominent group of Cleveland businessmen, granted franchise by National League on Feb. 13, 1937 . . . Coached by Hugo Bezdek, former Penn State great, team wins one game in first year . . . Johnny Drake, Stan Pincura and Bob Snyder stars of team . . . Assistant Coach Art Lewis takes over ball club after four straight losses in 1938 and team wins four of remaining seven games . . . At close of season, Chicago Bears obtain Snyder in trade . . . Earl "Dutch" Clark, one of pro football's immortals, becomes head coach in 1939 and Art Lewis remains as assistant . . . Parker Hall joins team and is voted League's most valuable player . . . Rams win five, lose five to hit .500 for first time . . . Cleveland starts to take interest in club in 1940 but after great start, falters in stretch, and winds up with four victories and a tie in eleven games . . . In June of 1941, Daniel F. Reeves and Fred Levy, Jr., purchase Cleveland franchise from Marshman and immediately hire Billy Evans, former sports columnist, American League umpire and general manager of the Cleveland Indians, as the Rams' General Manager . . . The coaching staff is retained . . . Team wins first two games in '41, then drops nine straight to finish in cellar . . . Evans resigns . . . Reeves establishes extensive scouting system but war blocks flood of stars heading for Cleveland in 1942 . . . Team enjoys moderate success, winning five and losing six . . . Charles "Chile" Walsh has replaced Art Lewis as Assistant Coach and Radio Announcer Bob Kelley is acting as Club Secretary . . . Lieutenant Reeves and Major Levy are with Uncle Sam . . . Chile Walsh becomes Head Coach in 1943 when Clark resigns, but the team is given permission to suspend operations for a season . . . Levy sells his interest in club to Reeves . . . Ram players loaned to other clubs for '43 season . . . Walsh appointed General Manager in 1944 and he in turn names Aldo "Buff" Donelli head coach . . . Pick-up team loses six, wins four . . . Donelli inducted into service prior to '45 season and Walsh brings in brother Adam Walsh as head coach . . . George Trafton signed to handle line, Bob Snyder returns to old team as backfield coach . . . Also joining the club was a rookie from the West Coast, Bob Waterfield. Rams strike bonanza, win nine games, lose one and defeat Washington Redskins on frozen field, 15 to 14, for championship . . . Waterfield named League's most valuable player . . . Adam Walsh named Coach of year . . . Reeves moves franchise to Los Angeles in 1946 and 101,296 seat Memorial Coliseum becomes new home of Rams . . . Success doesn't follow, however, and Rams drop four, tie one and win six . . . Adam and Chile Walsh both resign . . . Bob Snyder named head coach, Joe Stydahar of Bear fame becomes assistant coach . . . Reeves assumes duties of general manager . . . Injuries topple big hopes for 1947 and team wins six, loses six . . . Edwin and Harold Pauley, along with Fred Levy, purchase interests in the club . . . Early in 1948, Clark Shaughnessy joins staff as Advisory Coach and appointed head coach Sept. 3 when Bob Snyder resigns . . . Team wins four of last five games for season record of six wins, five losses and one tie.

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National League Schedule

THURS, SEPT. 22 (NIGHT)
Philadelphia at N. Y. Bulldogs
FRIDAY, SEPT. 23 (NIGHT)
Detroit at Los Angeles
SUNDAY, SEPT. 25
Chicago Bears at Green Bay
N. Y. Giants at Pittsburgh
MONDAY, SEPT. 26 (NIGHT)
Washington at Chi. Cardinals
FRIDAY, SEPT. 30 (NIGHT)
N. Y. Giants at N. Y. Bulldogs
SUNDAY OCT. 2
Chi. Bears at Chi. Cardinals
Los Angeles at Green Bay
MONDAY, OCT. 3 (NIGHT)
Philadelphia at Detroit
Washington at Pittsburgh
FRIDAY, OCT. 7 (NIGHT)
Green Bay at N. Y. Bulldogs
SATURDAY, OCT. 8 (NIGHT)
Detroit at Pittsburgh
SUNDAY, OCT. 9
Chi. Cardinals at Philadelphia
Los Angeles at Chicago Bears
N. Y. Giants at Washington
SUNDAY, OCT. 16
Chi. Cardinals vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee
Los Angeles at Detroit
N. Y. Bulldogs at Washington
Philadelphia at Chi. Bears
Pittsburgh at N. Y. Giants
SUNDAY OCT. 23
Chi. Bears at N. Y. Giants
Detroit at Chi. Cardinals
Green Bay at Los Angeles
N. Y. Bulldogs at Pittsburgh
Washington at Philadelphia
SUNDAY, OCT. 30
Chi. Bears at Los Angeles
Detroit vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee
N. Y. Giants at Chi. Cardinals
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
Washington at N. Y. Bulldogs
SUNDAY, NOV. 6
Chi. Cardinals at Detroit
Green Bay at Chi. Bears
Los Angeles at Philadelphia
N. Y. Bulldogs at N. Y. Giants
Pittsburgh at Washington
SUNDAY, NOV. 13
Chi. Cardinals at N. Y. Bulldogs
Detroit at Chi. Bears
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh
N. Y. Giants at Green Bay
Philadelphia at Washington
SUNDAY, NOV. 20
Chi. Bears at Washington
Detroit at N. Y. Giants
Los Angeles at Chi. Cardinals
N. Y. Bulldogs at Philadelphia
Pittsburgh vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee
THURSDAY, NOV. 24
(Thanksgiving Day)
Chi. Bears at Detroit
SUNDAY, NOV. 27
Green Bay at Chi. Cardinals
N. Y. Bulldogs at Los Angeles
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia
Washington at N. Y. Giants
SUNDAY, DEC. 4
Green Bay at Washington
Chi. Cardinals at Los Angeles
N. Y. Bulldogs at Detroit
Philadelphia at N. Y. Giants
Pittsburgh at Chi. Bears
SUNDAY, DEC. 11
Chi. Cardinals at Chi. Bears
Green Bay at Detroit
N. Y. Giants at Philadelphia
Pittsburgh at N. Y. Bulldogs
Washington at Los Angeles
SUNDAY, DEC. 18
World's Championship Playoff on home field of Western Division winner.