Hilltoppers Edge Cards 7-6 As Vibert’s Conversion Decides Hard-Fought Game

In the hardest fought-game of the season, Trinity extended its undefeated, untied string by edging Wesleyan, 7-6, for the first victory over the Cardinals this thirteen years.

The battle, decided by Bill Vibert’s conversion, was featured by outstanding line play and stonewall defense, with both teams taking to the air for markers.

The play-by-play account of Ellen Smith and Bob Ebin follows.

Allen kicked off to Wesleyan’s midfield stripe and it returned it to its 35-yard line. Lucas of Wes ran it for a first down, but Wes dug deep with Hicks kicking to Sam Nanako on Trinity’s six. Trinity moved the ball by means of plunges to its 33 with Magnoli doing most of the toting. The Hilltoppers are kick, Dick Alexander, booted the ball to Schliemann of the Cardinals, who blasted it all the way back to the 47 of the home team.

Using a new formation, in which Quarterback Charlie Meld of the Cards moved to wingback, Hicks of Wesleyan threw a pass which Lucas snared. No first down resulted, however, and Trinity took possession of the ball on its 47. This was the key move for the game’s first real thriller of a run, as an生效地 of both teams was ignored and the Trinmen deep into their own territory. The Bantams came running back, with Hicks handing his first pass 36 yards to the brilliant Allen. Schliemann again saved the day for the Wesmen, as he intercepted another pass intended for Allen.

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A kickoff out of bounds on the tape was followed by a punt back into kick formation, but Hicks received via the ground, what was intended to be a center and never moved a muscle. Trin swung into action on the Wes’ 33. Goralni plunged to the 10, with another. A Hicks to Robertson pass was good, and then a seniors gained five yards on a perfect field goal attempt.

The lineplay on both sides was top-notch, with Lawlor, Odbey, Schliemann, and Garrison of Trinity, spelling the safety shot.

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By Ellen Smith

A Different Story Now

Now Trinity has won this year’s battle . . . It means more to us than remaining undefeated, because it makes up in part for all the disappointments of the previous years . . . In winning this game the Trinity team of 1949 has accomplished something that no Trinity team has been able to do since 1935 . . . You can be sure that every member of every squad since that time was mentally on the players’ bench today doing his best along with the players on the field to bring victory to the Blue and Gold . . . However, this club was not limited in its membership to one-time Trinity players . . . All the alumni, whether they were able to see the game or not, were in Trinity’s corner today . . . This has been the big one for the squad all year long . . .

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A native of Grove, Oklahoma, Norman Hays graduated from Grove High School in 1935. The following year he entered Oklahoma A&M, where he majored in engineering; also took public speaking.

Active in national 4H Club work while in college, he helped organize its statewide activities, won a national 4H championship in Public Speaking. In 1940 he received his BS degree in engineering.

Sent to an RAF Navigation School in Canada, he graduated with the highest possible rating of Specialist. Norman served overseas for 18 months in the Aleutians, Italy and Saipan.

Accepting a regular commission after the war, he was assigned to development of navigation instruments; navigated the B-29 "Pacuman Dreamboat" on its famed Hawaii-Cairo non-stop flight in 1946.

A month later he began navigator training as an Aviation Cadet. In 1943, he received his navigator’s wings and a commission as Second Lieutenant ... married his college sweetheart.

Typical of college graduates who have found their place in the U.S. Air Force, Major Hays is Chief, Navigation Section, at Headquarters in Washington ... with a secure career ... a promising future.

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