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FOOTBALL -- 1944

Record: Won 5, Lost 4 (Southern Conference Champion)

| | | | | <u>Attend.</u> | |
|------|-----------|---------------------|----------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Duke | 61 | Richmond | 7 | Sept. 23 at Durham | 8,250 |
| Duke | 7 | Pennsylvania | 18 | Sept. 30 at Philadelphia, Pa. | 40,000 |
| Duke | 6 | Carolina Pre-Flight | 13 | Oct. 7 at Durham | 19,000 |
| Duke | 0 | Navy | 7 | Oct. 14 at Baltimore, Md. | 25,000 |
| Duke | 7 | Army | 27 | Oct. 28 at New York, N. Y. | 45,000 |
| Duke | 19 | Georgia Tech | 13 | Nov. 4 at Durham | 30,000 |
| Duke | 34 | Wake Forest | 0 | Nov. 11 at Durham | 28,000 |
| Duke | 34 | South Carolina | 7 | Nov. 18 at Columbia, S. C. | 12,000 |
| Duke | <u>33</u> | North Carolina | <u>0</u> | Nov. 25 at Chapel Hill, N. C. | 20,000 |
| | 201 | | 92 | | |

POST SEASON

DUKE 29 ALABAMA (SUGAR BOWL) 26 Jan. 1, 1945 at New Orleans, La. 73,000

| | <u>DUKE</u> | <u>ALABAMA</u> | |
|------------------|-------------|----------------|--|
| First Downs | 19 | 8 | Touchdowns: |
| Times Rushed | 58 | 25 | Duke -- Clark (2), Davis (2) |
| Net Rushing | 319 | 107 | Alabama -- Hodges (2), Jones, Morrow |
| Passes Attempted | 8 | 8 | Points After Score: |
| Passes Completed | 5 | 8 | Duke -- Raether (3--placements) |
| Yards Passing | 47 | 142 | Alabama -- Morrow (2--placements) |
| Number Punts | 4 | 5 | Hardison and Jones only Duke 60-minute men in this game. |
| Punting Average | 34 | 35 | |

Head Coach (Acting): Edmund M. (Eddie) Cameron, Washington & Lee

Assistants: Ellis P. Hagler, Alabama, line coach; Dennis K. Stanley, Florida, end coach; Bob Cox, Duke, backfield coach; Herschel A. Caldwell, Alabama; Harvey Potter, Williams

Navy Assistants: C/S Bob Adams, Carolina; C/S T. D. Locke, St. Mary's (Texas); C/S Jack Eckdahl, Missouri

Acting Trainer: Robert Chambers

Captain: Gordon Carver

1944 Football Lettermen

| <u>LINEMEN</u> | <u>Hometown</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Service Affiliation</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Ed Austin | Portsmouth, Va. | E | Civilian |
| John Crowder | High Point, N. C. | C | Navy |
| Lloyd Eisenberg | Philadelphia, Pa. | T | Civilian |
| Fred Hardison | Williamston, N. C. | T | Civilian |
| Reece Harry | Greensboro, N. C. | E | Navy |
| Frank Irwin | Raleigh, N. C. | T | Navy |
| Clarke Jones | Richmond, Va. | E | Navy |
| John Kerns | Geneva, Ohio | T | Marine |
| Ernie Knetts | Albemarle, N. C. | G | Navy |
| Bill Leitheiser | Clearwater, Fla. | G | Civilian |
| Ed Perini | New Village, N. J. | G | Civilian |
| Ed Sharkey | Arcadia, Fla. | C | Civilian |
| Harold Raether | Toledo, Ohio | E | Navy |
| Fred O. Sink | Lexington, N. C. | G | Civilian |
| Les Whyte | Princeton, N. J. | T | Navy |
| Garland Wolfe | Greensboro, N. C. | G | Marine |
| <u>BACKS</u> | | | |
| Gordon Carver | Durham, N. C. | | Navy |
| George Clark | Wilson, N. C. | | |
| Tom Davis ✓ | Wilson, N. C. | | Civilian |
| Cliff Haggerty | Cleveland, Ohio | | Navy |
| J. C. Kennard ✓ | Ashland, Ky. | | Navy |
| John Krisza | McKees Rock, Pa. | | Navy |
| Jim LaRue | Clinton, Okla. | | Navy |
| Cliff Lewis ✓ | Cleveland, Ohio | | Civilian |
| Bob Smith | Merchantville, N. Y. | | Navy |
| Lee Spears | Lexington, N. C. | | Civilian |
| Paul ^W Stephanz | Jacksonville, Fla. | | Civilian |

Student Manager: Ray Jordan, Charlotte

Final Statistics of Duke Players for 1944

| | RUSHING | | | PASSING | | | | RECEIV- ING | | PUNTING | | | SCORING | | | Total Points |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | Times Carried | Net Gain | Average | Number Attempted | Number Completed | Had Intercepted | Net Gain | Number Completed | Yards Gained | Times Kicked | Yards Kicked | Average Yards | Touch- downs | Conver- sions Att. | Con. Com. | |
| *BALITSARIS, FB | 20 | 80 | 4.0 | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 12 |
| CARVER, WB | 43 | 125 | 3.0 | 1 | | 1 | | 13 | 252 | 25 | 647 | 26.0 | 4 | | | 24 |
| CLARK, TB | 89 | 528 | 6.4 | 18 | 10 | 3 | 137 | | | 2 | 47 | 23.5 | 6 | | | 36 |
| CORRIGAN, T | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| DAVIS, FB | 137 | 461 | 3.4 | 21 | 10 | 3 | 153 | 4 | 5 | 36 | 1350 | 39.0 | 8 | | | 48 |
| DiGIOVANNI, TB | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| HAGGERTY, WB | 4 | 33 | 8.2 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 6 |
| HARDISON, T | | | | | | | | | | | | | † | | | 2 |
| JONES, E | 3 | 6 | 2.0 | | | | | 3 | 14 | | | | 1 | | | 6 |
| *KENNARD, TB | 23 | 93 | 4.0 | 16 | 4 | 2 | 37 | | | 1 | 52 | 52.0 | | | | |
| KNOTTS, G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KRISZA, BB | | | | | | | | 1 | 13 | | | | | | | |
| LARUE, WB | 10 | 76 | 7.6 | 1 | | | | 1 | 54 | | | | 1 | | | 6 |
| LEWIS, TB | 30 | 258 | 8.6 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 111 | | | | | | 2 | | | 12 |
| McMILLAN, TB | 3 | -1 | | | | | | 1 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| RAETHER, E | | | | | | | | 5 | 99 | | | | 2 | 27 | 18 | 30 |
| RESSLER, FB | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *REYNOLDS, WB | 2 | 26 | 13.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SHARKEY, C | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 6 |
| R. SMITH, BB | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 6 |
| SPEARS, FB | 26 | 84 | 3.2 | | | | | 3 | 24 | | | | 1 | | | 6 |
| STEPHANZ, BB | 3 | 26 | 8.7 | | | | | 1 | -3 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| WATERMAN, FB | 3 | -6 | | | | | | | | 1 | 37 | 37.0 | | | | |
| TOTALS..... | 397 | 1790 | 4.5 | 73 | 29 | 12 | 438 | 32 | 462 | 65 | 2133 | 32.8 | 30 | 30 | 19 | 201 |

*Transferred After Army Game, November 28. †Safety.

| Net Yards | |
|-------------|------------|
| Rush | Pass |
| 418 | 79 |
| 99 | 48 |
| 143 | 26 |
| 51 | 30 |
| 57 | 20 |
| 263 | 73 |
| 262 | 21 |
| 330 | 73 |
| 167 | 68 |
| 1790 | 438 |

| Captain | |
|---------|------------|
| Duke | 61 |
| Duke | 7 |
| Duke | 6 |
| Duke | 0 |
| Duke | 7 |
| Duke | 19 |
| Duke | 34 |
| Duke | 34 |
| Duke | 33 |
| | 201 |

| Net Yards | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Rush | Pass |
| 13 | 103 |
| 143 | 86 |
| 190 | 97 |
| 101 | 32 |
| 314 | 29 |
| 134 | 150 |
| 96 | 72 |
| 57 | 92 |
| 10 8 | 105 |
| 1093 | 766 |

| Pass Interceptions | No. | Yds. Returned |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Carver | 3 | 20 |
| Clark | 1 | 30 |
| Crowder | 3 | 21 |
| Davis | 2 | 3 |
| LaRue | 1 | 26 |
| Lewis | 1 | 13 |
| Sharkey | 3 | 41 |
| Spears | 1 | 0 |
| Stephanz | 1 | 0 |
| | 16 | 154 |

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Opponents | 92 |
| Duke First Downs | 1040 |
| Rushing | 61 |
| Passing | 13 |
| Penalty | 7 |
| | 81 |
| Opp. First Downs | |
| Rushing | 55 |
| Passing | 23 |
| Penalty | 7 |
| | 85 |

Longest Runs: By Cliff Lewis for 56 yards against Richmond; 72 yards by Clark on a kickoff return against Pre-Flight; 95 yards by Clark for touchdown against Wake Forest on a punt return; 54 yards by Davis on a running play to score against Wake Forest; 69 yards by Clark for score against Georgia Tech.

Longest Forward Pass: Clark to LaRue for 54 yards against Richmond.

Longest Lateral Pass Play: Clark to Davis for 52 yards for score against Wake Forest.

Point Per 100 Yds

1 17
4 111
17 335 to 10 296
2 22 3 63
5 51 3 65
1 14
1 20
10 102 0 0
1 15
2 41
1 0
36 518 26 644

HONORARY TEAMS - 1944

Tom Davis: United Press All-America honorable mention; Associated Press All-Southern and All-America third team; CP All-America second team.

Garland Wolfe: UP All-America honorable mention; AP Southern Conference honorable mention; Pig (Harry Wismer) second team.

Ernie Knotts: UP All-America honorable mention; AP All-Southern Conference and All-America honorable mention; CP All-America third team; Grantland Rice squad. *Sports Digest All-America 5-4-44 2017*

John Kerns: UP All-America honorable mention; AP All-Southern Conference and All-America honorable mention.

Frank Irwin: All-America honorable mention; AP Southern Conference second team.

Gordon Carver: AP All-Southern Conference and All-America honorable mention.

Clarke Jones: AP Southern Conference second team.

John Crowder: AP Southern Conference second team.

George Clark: AP Southern Conference second team.

Cliff Lewis: AP Southern Conference honorable mention.