



Fullback Ronnie Hartline lived up to a reputation for playing his heart out in every game.

Saturday's Heroes

downing pittsburgh took a host of heroics
from some fired-up sooners

BUD Wilkinson has put more polished powerhouses on Owen Field than the team which took ponderous Pittsburgh 15 to 14 on an afternoon in October—but for sheer heroics, jot this game down on the unforgettable list alongside that 1950 hair-raising Texas A. & M. classic.

The first thrill came early when Quarterback Jimmy Carpenter faked to his fullback, Hartline, on the Pitt 30, then passed to Left End Ronnie Payne standing all alone on the 10 with clear sailing to the goal line.

Sophomore Halfback Billy Meacham, making his first varsity start, was a welcome addition to the offense but even more

impressive in his defensive work breaking up the pass receiving of Pittsburgh's glue-fingered Mike Ditka, who seemed headed for a sure TD late in the first quarter.

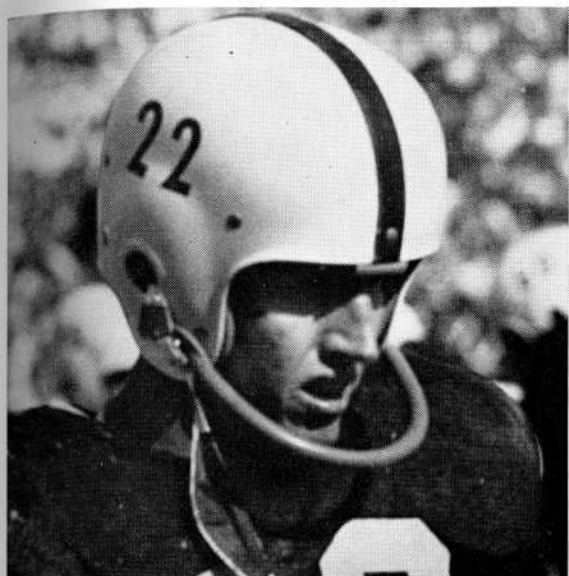
Pitt did score in the first half but an all-out effort by Iron Mike McClellan saved an attempted 2-point conversion. When Pitt Quarterback Jim Traficant tried to sweep around right end, McClellan hit him at the sidelines with such force that the Sooner halfback was knocked cold and was out of action until the fourth quarter.

The Big Red fell behind 14 to 7 when Pitt scored in the third period and Traficant passed for the extra 2 points. But late

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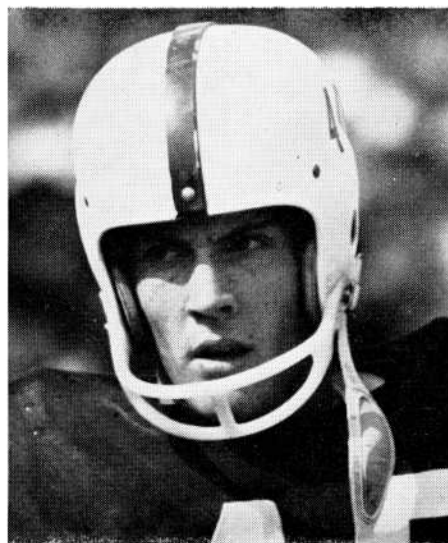
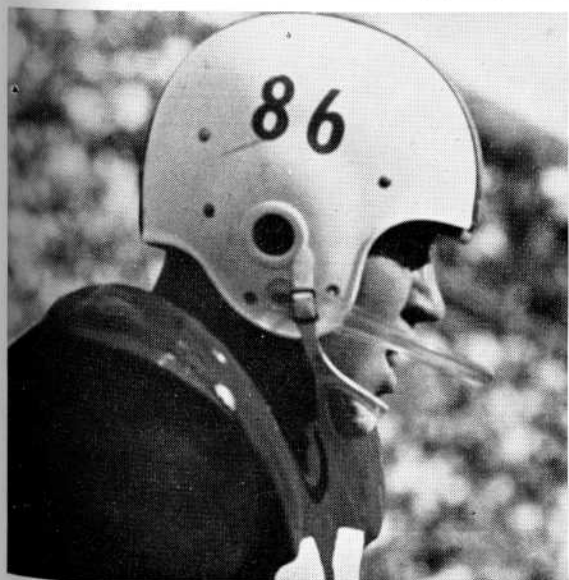
the offense made headlines
with every point that was scored



Oklahoma ball on the Pittsburgh 30 . . . Quarterback Carpenter (22) faked to the fullback, sent a pass . . .



. . . to Left End Payne (86) on the 10, not a Pittsburgh man within reach . . . a clear field to the touchdown.

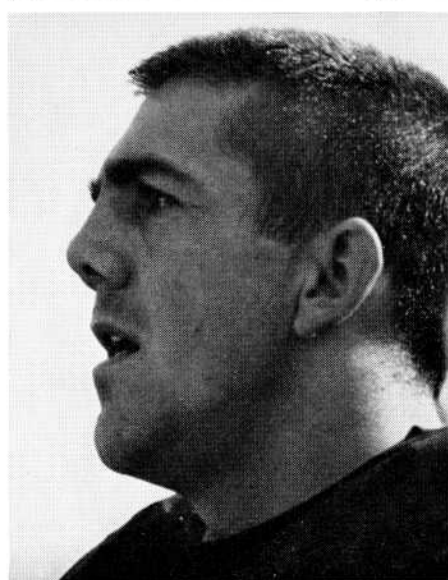


The alternate unit added the second TD after a blocked punt and carries by Gary Wylie (40) . . .

. . . and Halfback Don Dickey (38), who brought the Sooners within a point of Pittsburgh, 14-13.



A kick would have tied, but Watts (15) took the pass from center and went for 2 winning points.



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but it was also a big day for defenders

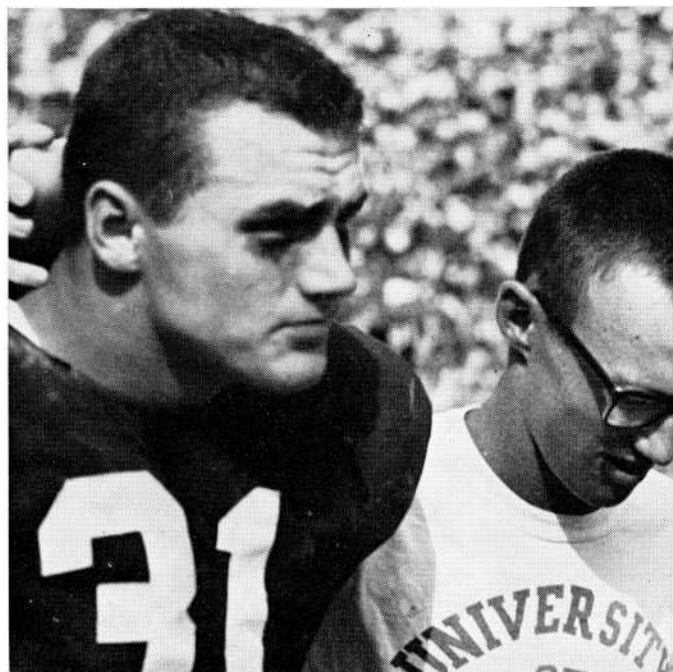
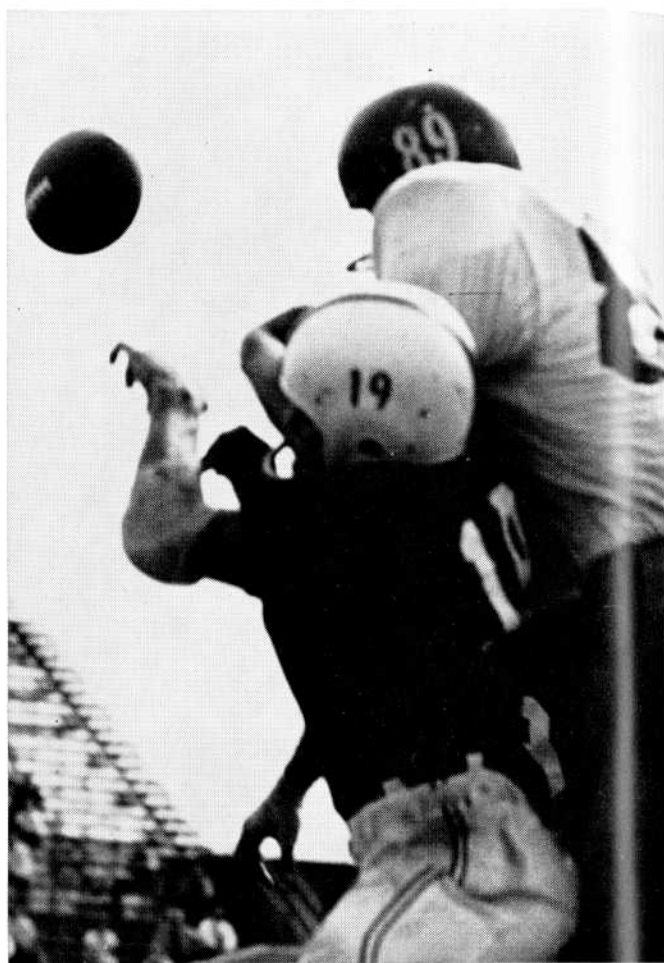
in the quarter O.U. chilled a Panther scoring drive on the Oklahoma one-yard line, and the stage was set for a fiction-style comeback.

An exchange of downs finally forced the Panthers to kick from their own 12. The punt was blocked by Center Phil Lohmann, recovered by Tackle Marshall York, and the Sooners were on the move. Two carries by sophomore backs Gary Wylie and Don Dickey and the alternate unit had made the score 14-13. Karl Milstead was sent in to kick the extra point for a tie—at least that's the way it looked to a groaning crowd and a wary Pittsburgh. Quarterback Bennett Watts took a low pass from center, rolled to his right and charged into the end zone for the game-winning two points.

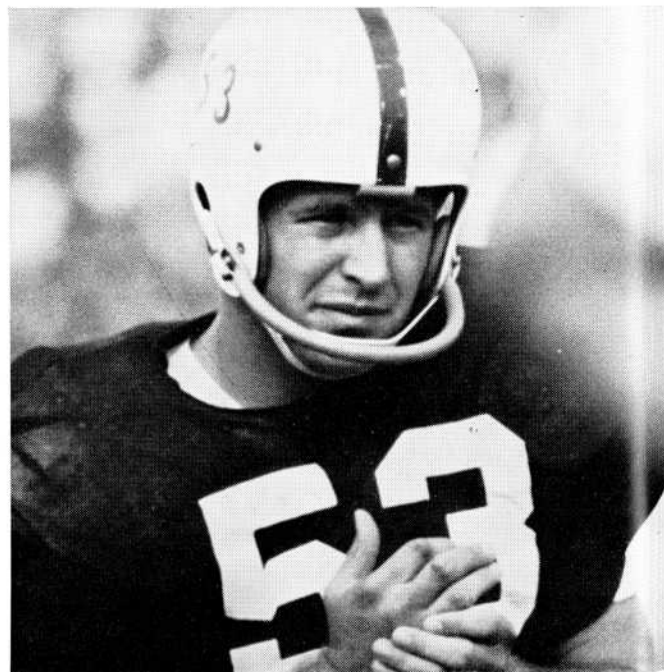
Sparkplug Fullback Ronnie Hartline led the rushing attack with 91 yards on 15 carries, followed by Meacham with 49 yards in 13 tries and McClellan with 42 yards in 5 times out.

It had been a rainy morning with the sun breaking through shortly before game time. Many of the less stalwart fans had probably debated braving a dismal day for the game in light of the disappointing showing against Northwestern the previous week. Those who did stay home will never know what they missed. As for the 52,000 who witnessed this gridiron spectacle, October 1, 1960, will be remembered as the Saturday with no shortage of heroes.

Foiling Mike Ditka's pass-catching plans was a specialty of the afternoon for Soph Halfback Billy Meacham (19), making varsity debut.



Halfback Mike McClellan (31) had to be helped off the field after his jarring tackle robbed Pittsburgh of a 2-point conversion in the first half.



A Pitt attempt to kick out of trouble ended when O.U. Center Phil Lohmann (53) broke through, blocked the punt, set up winning drive.