

# W&M Upset Express Heads West For Bearcat Tilt

## Tribe Holds Highly-Favored Middie Eleven To 6-6 Tie At Annapolis As Grieco Sparks Late Offense That Almost Nets Triumph

By Dave Heinrich  
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The William and Mary Iron Indians stunned the football world as well as Navy, by battling the Middies to a 6-6 tie before 13,000 fans at Thompson Stadium, Annapolis, last Saturday.

Coach Jackie Freeman's charges weren't rated any better than a two touchdown underdog, but once again they upset the experts and put on a great show of courage and top-flight football.

The sparkplug of the Indian squad was diminutive Al Grieco, sophomore reserve quarterback who came off the bench in the second half to lead his team to glory. It was Grieco, with his accurate passing and brilliant running, who took the Navy defenses, up to this point unyielding, by complete surprise.

After the Middies had grabbed a 6-0 lead in the third quarter and threatened to add to their margin, a fumble and a 15 yard penalty set up the tying marker for the Indians early in the final stanza. Navy's star fullback, Joe Gattuso, fumbled on his own 30 where Grieco recovered for the Tribe. An unnecessary roughness penalty against the Middies moved the ball to the 15.

### Martin Scores

On third down from the 15, Grieco threw a pass to Tommy Martin who ran into the end zone almost unmolested. Hadaacol Hines' attempt for the extra point never materialized as a bad pass from center was fumbled by Grieco. Hines, nevertheless, picked up the ball and tried to run it over but was brought down on the five yard line.

After this touchdown, the Indians had two more opportunities to score but were unsuccessful. Navy punted to the Big Green's 33 from where the Indians moved to the Middies' 28 but Martin then fumbled a pass which was recovered by Navy's Bob Hepworth.

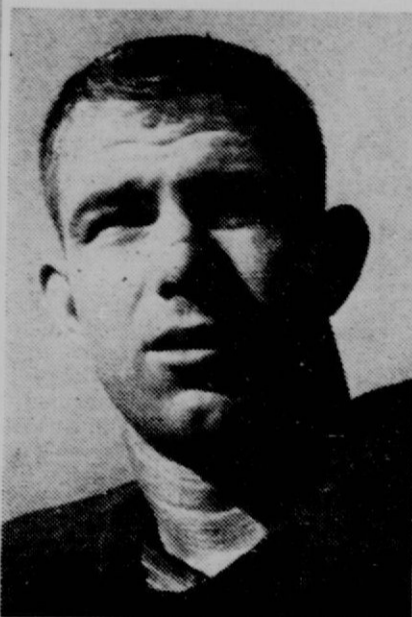
A few minutes later, a fumble by Gattuso was recovered by Bill Marfizo on the Navy 47. With Grieco's passes and the running of Shorty Herrmann and Doug Henley, the Tribe moved the ball to the Navy 17 yard line where Hines attempted a field goal. His effort went for naught as a Navy lineman blocked the kick.

Marfizo almost won the game

for the Indians a minute later when he rushed in attempting to block a Middie punt near the goal line. He got there a second too late and received a kick in the stomach for his noble efforts.

The Indians had a break in the opening minute of the game when Herrmann recovered a Navy fumble on the Middie 31. The Tribe was unable to move the ball however and the first of many excellent punts by Charlie Sumner went out of bounds on the Navy six.

The Middies moved the ball from here to the Indians' 33 before they were stopped. The balance of the second quarter resembled the first; long, high punts by



Tommy Martin

Sumner continually keeping the Indians out of danger.

The first time Navy got their hands on the ball in the second half they scored. Jack Garrow, who led all ground gainers with 115 yards in nine carries, ran over right tackle for 62 yards and a touchdown. The try for the extra point was wide and gave Navy a 6-0 margin.

The Middies came roaring back the next time they had the ball to reach the Tribe five yard line before Herrmann intercepted a pass in the end zone for a touchdown.

From the 20 yard line the Tribe moved to the Navy 14 before the drive bogged down at the close of the third quarter.

The game was an inspiring,

moral victory for the Tribe. Coming on the heels of last week's upset of Wake Forest, many experts are calling the Indians the "miracle team."

Almost every member of the Tribe played well although Bill Bowman was stopped cold by the Navy line. Steve "Ike" Eisenhauer, Navy's All-American, was a big factor in their line although he did not play a spectacular game. But the dominant factor in the contest Saturday was that William and Mary courage and never-say-die attitude which they displayed throughout the afternoon.

### Basketball Meeting

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, September 30, at 8 o'clock in Blew Gym for all those interested in either Freshman or Varsity basketball; also anyone interested in being a manager for the team report to the meeting or see Coach Baird or Jerry Harris.

## Indians Seek To Surprise Strong U. C. Team In Third Straight Away Contest

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Fresh from their startling tie game with Navy last week, the Indians of the College of William and Mary travel to face the University of Cincinnati Bearcats this Saturday night at Nippert Stadium.

Cincinnati has beaten the University of Tulsa and has lost to Marquette this season. In defeating the Golden Hurricanes, 14-7, the Bearcats broke the Oklahoman's 22 game home winning streak. Marquette, a very heavy and fast team, romped over the Ohioans, 31-7, on Saturday night.

This encounter will mark the second time that the Tribe has faced the Midwesterners, having beaten them, 20-14, in 1950. According to Assistant Coach Boyd Baird, "Cincinnati is a rough, heavy club which is three deep in most positions."

The men from the Ohio valley have 24 returning lettermen on their squad, led by co-captains Don Del Bene and Don Fritz. They also boast one of football's finest head coaches, Sid Gillman. His teams have won the amazing total of 64 games while losing only 16 and tying two for an outstanding .800 winning percentage.

In Gillman's four years stay at the Ohio school, the Bearcats have always ranked among the top fifty teams in the nation. A thorough technician of just about every phase of the game, Gillman has stressed perfection football. He

is recognized as the founder of the two platoon system in most quarters.

Leading the home forces from the quarterback slot will be Sophomore Mike Murphy. He is one of the most widely heralded players to come up from the frosh in many years. Murphy has been tabbed as a future Gene Rossi. Rossi was Cincinnati's honorable mention All-American quarterback last year.

The halfback positions will be filled by two veteran running stars, Harry Andreadis and Del Bene. "Hustling Harry" turned in a fine 5.7 yards per try rushing average in his last five games last year. Del Bene is a fine starter and was first in pass receiving with 28 caught for 372 yards.

The Bearcats employ a combination of the spinning and split T attacks. Their passing game will not be as strong as last season due to the loss of Rossi, one of the nation's top air men. The loss of John Mooth, one of the finest booters in Cincinnati's history, will be a severe loss to their punting game.

"Hadaacol" Hines is going to be challenged in this game by Ralph Pisanelli. He ranked ninth in the country last year with 29 conversions in 39 attempts. Hines was ranked seventh with 28 PAT's in 32 tries.

### Fine Ends

Cincinnati has two fine performers at the end posts. Glen Dillhoff and Don Fritz are seasoned veterans of many grid campaigns and should provide good targets for quarterback Murphy. Both boys were popular choices on the All-State team last season and Fritz is definite All-American material in 1953.

Pisanelli at left tackle, Ken Wolf at left guard, Dave Faulkner at the center slot, Bob Marich at right guard and Noel Guyot at right tackle comprise the middle of the Bearcat forward wall. Each of these men weigh over 192 pounds.

The starting fullback in the Marquette game was Joe Miller, a veteran who was discharged from the service last summer. While a freshman he was a winner of the Frank Rostock award as the outstanding back of the undefeated 1949 team, beating such former stars as Rossi, Glen Sample and Jack Delaney.

A fine runner, strong blocker and good defensive player, Joe should be an outstanding two-way player. Joe Concilla is also available for duty at fullback. He was first string last year and was the Bearcat's leading ground gainer.

Last year Cincinnati was seventh in the nation in total offense with 388.2 yards average per game. They were also fifth in the country in passing offense with 186 yards per game.

### Grads Make Good

In Sunday's pro football clash between Baltimore's Colts and the Chicago Bears, two stars of last year's football team played against each other.

The tallest man on the field was big John Kreamcheck, defensive tackle for last year's team and now playing the same position for George Halas' Bears. At defensive halfback for the Colts for part of the game was Ed Mioduszewski, the Tribe's 1952 All-American quarterback.

## INDIAN OF THE WEEK

For the second time in two weeks, the Indian of the Week award goes to a back. Unlike last Tuesday, however, it goes to a reserve back. Al Grieco, who wasn't even a starter in the Navy game, richly deserves this time.

The Navy defense was tight during the first half since they knew that Charlie Sumner would not be passing too often and that most of the Tribe's offense would be on the ground. The Navy line held the Indians to 41 yards on the ground during the first half.

When Grieco was put into the game in the second half, he immediately loosened the Navy defenses with his passes. When this was accomplished, the Indian's powerful running game was able to get started and for most of the second half it was William and Mary in control.

It was Grieco who recovered a fumble early in the fourth quarter to set up the Tribe's touchdown which he himself had a hand in when he passed 15 yards to Tommy Martin for the score. Grieco completed 10 of 13 passes for 85 yards and ran nine times for 39 yards to lead the Indians in both departments.

Al is a sophomore from Newark, New Jersey. He is only five foot eight inches tall and weighs but 160 pounds. A mathematics major, Grieco is a member of Sigma Nu.

Charlie Sumner, Bill Marfizo, Shorty Herrmann and Aubrey Fitzgerald all receive honorable mentions this week. Sumner's punts and his work at defensive safety were helpful in keeping Navy at bay for their entire first half.

The line play of Marfizo and Fitzgerald was superlative as both of them, sophomore reserves, came in time and time again to thwart Navy advances. Herrmann was on the opposite end of several of Grieco's passes besides doing a fine job at defensive halfback.



Al Grieco

## Papooses Fumble First Game To Baby Spiders

William and Mary's freshman football team, some 36 strong, opened their 1953 season on a rather sour note as they dropped a 13-0 decision to Les Hooker's invading Richmond Baby Spiders. Coach Boyd Baird's squad, however, was operating under the handicap of having never run their plays on anything but a blackboard.

The game was featured by an aerial duel most of the afternoon between Dick Clark of Richmond, who hit on four of 12 and two touchdowns, and Jim Smerczynski of the Papooses who completed seven out of nine, five to W&M receivers and two to Richmond interceptors.

Junior Duff tipped the crowd (which was quite sizeable for a freshman encounter and included President Chandler) off on what to expect when he fumbled on the first play. Richmond immediately returned the favor and the crowd settled back to enjoy a quarter of constant mistakes.

Finally Smerczynski went one way and the rest of the backfield went another. The result was a fumbled pitch-out which was re-

covered by the Spiders on the Tribe's 17 yard line.

George Poor smashed through for the score after a Clark to Dziezak pass had carried to the two yard line. Harkins concerted and the little Spiders led, 7-0. After three running plays proved unsuccessful, Papoose Rod Elliott booted one 40 yards to Harkins who promptly returned it 13 yards farther than he punted it.

From here Clark took to the airways and pitched it to Beck for a 27 yard touchdown play. The try for the extra point was no good.

On the ensuing kickoff the Papooses uncorked a whirlwind passing attack led by Smerczynski and left end John Sprock. They rolled up gains of 15, 15, and 14 yards, but the rally died as the Spiders threw John Pryor behind the line of scrimmage on fourth down.

After leaving the field at half-time trailing, 13-0, the Papooses came back a great deal stronger on defense the second half. Smerczynski got two good drives going but, pass interceptions ended both of them. A 20 yard pass to Sprock was the big gainer on their most serious threat.



## Defensive Ace Sumner Shines In New Position



Charlie Sumner

By Dick Rowlett  
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"We've got a wonderful team—those boys really put out" was the first comment that Charlie Sumner offered when our roving reporter asked him about the 1953 edition of the Big Green grid machine. Charlie is the Indians' first string quarterback-halfback.

The 185 pound Salem, Virginia, junior is one of the jacks-of-all-trades that are so noticeable on the Tribe eleven this year. Charlie is, according to the situation, either a quarterback or a halfback on offense, and is the center man in William and Mary's three-man defensive secondary.

In addition to all this Charlie does the kicking, both on kick-offs and punts. He didn't get a real opportunity to practice punting before the Wake Forest game, but the surprised Middies spent a lot of their time last Saturday afternoon watching him really get away some beauties.

Charlie came to the Reservation from Dublin High School in Salem, where he was an all-district selection and had earned letters in basketball and baseball as well. In his sophomore year here, 1951, he was the first string defensive safety in the days of two-platoon football.

That year Charlie had the honor of being a hero in one of the ranking hours of grid history at William and Mary. He was the man who returned the kick-off 89 yards as the Indians handed Pennsyl-

vania University a stunning 20-12 defeat at Franklin Field.

This year Charlie found the switch to quarterback "tough!" The main idea was to utilize his tremendous running power on option plays. Coach Jackie Freeman's intricate offense and Charlie have become friends, however, judging from his performance at Annapolis.

Charlie's presence in the line-up this year has been more noticeable in the defensive secondary than anywhere else. Last year the Indians' pass defense resembled an orange juice strainer. This year all that has been corrected and the Tribe seems to have, in Sumner, "Shorty" Herrmann, Al Grieco and Jack Place as good a pass defense as we've seen.

It was the same story at Annapolis last week as it was at Richmond the week before. Our defensive backs hit the Navy receivers so hard and so often that they were looking harder for tacklers than they were for the passes at the end.

Charlie remarked this year's Big Green was the most adaptable team he has ever played on. "Everybody plays two or more positions," he said, "and they never stand around saying they don't know what to do—they do it."

A government major, the 22 year old Sumner will be back for another year and Coach Freeman can feel comfortable in the thought that if two-platoon football returns he has the best safety-man in the Conference ahead of time.

## Intramural Notes

Play begins this Tuesday in the Independent Touch Football League. This season a six team league is shaping up and it is entirely possible that we may see another race as torrid as last year's, when three teams ended up tied for second behind the O. D. Underdogs.

The perennially strong Underdogs will again be favored for their second straight crown. Last year they lost the All-School Championship to Sigma Nu by a narrow 13-7 count. All-League Wayne Begore will again spark the O. D. entry from the tailback slot. Paul Duvol, Andy Becoverakis and "Comrade Bea" are other stand-outs in the Underdog cast.

The other five teams are of unknown quality, if any. The one that will command the largest following on campus and certainly in the Flat Hat office are the Marilyn Monroes. They are "all blond and beautiful, representing Monroe." Beware boys: we saw Lubasch with a bottle of peroxide heading for the intramural field. Dan Wood captains the MM's.

Another outfit to be reckoned with according to the pre-season form sheet is the Braves. The Braves are composed of upper-classmen, mostly transfers, and feature such performers as Jim Singlitary and Fred Malvin.

### Eager, But Young

From the remotest wilds of the campus come two eager, but green aggregations from Bryan Hall. The Conquistadors are of unknown stock, but with the capable William Wingate at the helm it is difficult to envision a second division finish.

Bryan Boys sound as if they're in a little over their heads in a "man's" league, but are operating under the capable tutelage of Doug Massen. Little is known about O. D. Danny's, but don't sell them short just on account of Danny's height.

Place kicking is just around the corner with entries opening on the 28th of September and closing the following Monday. Last year's winner, Hardy Cofer, has departed to the happy hunting grounds, but the 1951 victor, Pete Freehauf, has returned from exile to defend his laurels and that elevates SAE into the role of favorite.

First round play in the horseshoe and tennis tournaments must be completed by October 8th. One hundred and two are entered in the tennis tourney, while 109 will compete in horseshoes.

### Golf Meeting

Golf Coach Allen Stewart has announced that there will be a meeting for all freshman interested in the golf team. It will be held Friday night, October 2, at 6:30 in Blow Gym.

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# THE PRESS BOX

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It was quite an afternoon last Saturday for the followers of the William and Mary football team who were at Annapolis. They saw a team which played an inspired brand of football thoroughly surprised a powerful Navy club which was rated as a power of the East by the pre-season experts.

I left Saturday morning with the William and Mary band which made the trip to Annapolis for the contest. To all those who couldn't make it to the game, let me tell you that this is the best band the College has had for quite a few years. It made a big hit with the crowd, although it was obvious that the Midshipmen preferred the five majorettes led by Barbara Crosset to the music itself.

I spent the first half of the game in the press box spotting for Navy's address system. The second half I was in the radio booth spotting for the broadcasters on WBAL, Baltimore, when their original spotter failed to show up.

Both the writers in the press box and the broadcasters were impressed by the "intestinal fortitude" displayed by all the Indians. Examples of this which stood out were Quinby Hines' attempt to run for the extra point after a bad pass from center, and Bill Marfizo's vain attempt to block a punt in the last seconds of the game. If either one had succeeded in his efforts, the Tribe would have walked off with a victory.

A game-saving play occurred late in the second quarter. Charlie Sumner got off a punt which was taken by Bob Hepworth in the end zone. Hepworth reversed to quarterback John Weaver who ran 76 yards before Sumner caught him from behind. This turned out to be a play which preserved the eventual tie.

After the game was over, the male band members and myself were taken on a guided tour of the Academy by three midshipmen who were most cordial. In fact, the hospitality shown by the Academy comes close to rivaling if not exceeding the cordiality of William and Mary.

Everyone was impressed by famous Bancroft Hall, in which the Middies dine. The food was plentiful and delicious. The big feature was when the stewards, that's right, no cafeteria style service, brought big bowls of banana ice cream to each table. When the bowls were emptied, they brought more.

Steve Eisenhower, Navy's all-American, and pre-season pick as Lineman of the Year, looked good on defense but did not look that much better than some of the Indian linemen, especially George Parozzo and Bill Marfizo.

The best summation of the Indian team after their first two games was stated by Shorty Herrmann in the dressing room after the game. To Coach Freeman, who is doing top-notch work with this small squad, he said, "Coach, this is a great team."

Although the Indian's had the edge in the second half, the Middies had the better of the statistics. After piling up a 9-1 edge in first downs in the first half, they were held to only four while William and Mary racked up eight. Navy out rushed the Tribe 241 yards to 195.

Surprisingly enough, the Braves outpassed the Middies 88 yards to 83. It was the first time in many games that the Indians have had as excellent a passing game as they did. The Green completed 12 of 18 passes while Navy completed only six of 17.

Several familiar faces to William and Mary fans were seen around Thompson Stadium. Two former Indian players, Tom Koller and Don Layne, were present at the game. Koller was recently cut from the Hamilton team of the Canadian Football League while Layne is a Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

An interesting note on the Indian's first two games. Hugh De Samper of the Virginia Gazette picked us to defeat Wake Forest 28-26 two weeks ago. His two point margin proved to be correct. He also picked the score of the Navy game to be 7-7. Need any more be said?

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